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Matthew Hall

CPR: A woman suffering from a suspected drug overdose died yesterday on the 1600 block of 5th Street. Employees of the Santa Monica Daily Press saw the victim lying on the sidewalk across from the SMDP office and found her in the midst of a seizure. Police officers arrived on scene to administer CPR before firefighters arrived to take over care. After about 30 minutes, she was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Nativity returns to Calvary Baptist in December



SMDP file photo

CHURCH: The annual scenes have a home at a local church.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's famed Nativity Scenes are returning to their most recent home at Calvary Baptist Church for their annual display between Dec. 11 and Jan. 3.

The event features 14 dioramas in the display that depicts scenes from the New Testament, including The Annunciation, Joseph's dream, and Herod's court as well as the manger. The display this year will begin along Broadway, and it will end along 20th Street.

Locals began the tradition in the 1950s and the scenes became a significant draw for residents and visitors alike however, in 2011, a

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Meet the Press Film Fest to get people the 'right kind of uncomfortable' about tough topics

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

Hourlong TV news specials have long provided discussion into pressing issues, but in the streaming and social media age they've had to find new ways to get their message heard, which is part of how the Meet the Press Film Festival came to be.

As America's longest running TV series with 72 years of consecutive programming, Meet the Press has solidified its place in history, but is now turning its eyes to the future. The Meet the Press Film festival, currently in its 5th iteration, aims to get a wide range of viewers to focus on hard-hitting documentary shorts that both address pressing issues of the day and turn a critical eye on events of the past.

The festival will take place on Nov. 11 with in-person screenings at the TCL Chinese Theater and virtual screenings as part of the broader AFI FEST.

"I'm a believer that you can't just expect everybody to come to you where your one hour is, you've got to be everywhere," said Meet the Press moderator Chuck Todd in an interview with The Daily Press. "It's another way to reach a younger audience, reach a broader audience, and also scratch our own itch to try to delve into topics we don't feel like we have the time to do on just our one hour of linear television on Sunday."

The topics covered by the documentary shorts run the gamut from homelessness to homophobia, immigrant detention centers to Israeli soldiers and lynchings to legal injustices. The one thing they have in common is a goal to unsettle the viewer.

From Todd's perspective, this is a

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Guard stabs unruly customer in grocery store

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A security guard at a downtown grocery store stabbed a man this week after a fight inside the location.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, the guard is cooperating with the investigation and the injuries to the customer are not life-threatening.

In a statement, SMPD said officers were called to the Vons Market on Lincoln and Broadway at about 10:35 p.m. on Nov. 8.

When officers arrived, they found a male customer in front of the market with multiple stab wounds. Officers provided first aid until paramedics arrived and transported him to the hospital.

The guard told officers the maskless customer entered the store and "started to cause a scene" that included assaulting a staff member

"The security guard intervened

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Interim Zoning Regulations Establishing Increased Thresholds for Administrative Review of 100% Affordable Housing Projects and Tier 2 Housing Projects Subject to the Housing Accountability Act**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending interim zoning regulations established by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2633 (CCS) and extended by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2645 (CCS).

The interim zoning regulations amend Chapter 9.39 and Section 9.40.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to increase thresholds for administrative review of: 1) 100% affordable housing projects; and 2) housing projects subject to the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65589.5, that do not exceed Tier 2 maximums. For projects with rental units, the interim zoning regulations require an applicant to agree, prior to issuance of a building permit, to record a deed restriction against the property ensuring that (i) all leases shall be made only to a tenant who is a natural person, or to tenants who are natural persons; (ii) all leases shall be made only to a tenant or tenants who, regardless of the term of occupancy, intend to make the rental unit the tenants' primary residence; (iii) all leases shall be in writing and provide for a minimum initial term of one (1) year; and (iv) all units shall be leased as unfurnished units.

The interim zoning regulations require applicants to conduct a community meeting prior to submitting an application and further requires the City to post project plans and approvals on the City's website for additional public noticing.

The proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance would extend the interim zoning regulations to allow for updates consistent to with the 6th Cycle Housing Element to be implemented.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in at 1-800-520-9950 (PIN: 9553446#).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the November 23, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Process Thresholds IZO

MORE INFORMATION
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ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341

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Santa Monica Daily Press office **(310) 458-7737**

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 254 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 8

Person Down 1100Blk 5th St 12:19 a.m.
Person Down 3100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:44 a.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Princeton St 1:00 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1400Blk 2nd St 1:14 a.m.
Loud Music 1900Blk Ocean Ave 1:39 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 3:16 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 200Blk Broadway 3:43 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:26 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:22 a.m.
Encampment 1500Blk 4th St 5:46 a.m.
Encampment 2200Blk The Beach 6:30 a.m.
Encampment 1100Blk Palisades Park 6:30 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:32 a.m.
Arson 1200Blk 23rd St 6:49 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:05 a.m.
Encampment 2800Blk The Beach 7:06 a.m.
Encampment 700Blk Ozone St 7:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk 3rd St 7:55 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500Blk 17th St 8:00 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300Blk 26th St 8:18 a.m.
Lewd Activity 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:18 a.m.
Encampment 700Blk Ozone St 8:21 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 8:22 a.m.
Encampment 2200Blk 26th St 8:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 900Blk 9th St 8:44 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:00 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:04 a.m.
Burglary Report 2200Blk Colorado Ave 9:11 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1100Blk Oak St 9:14 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2500Blk Marguerita Ave 9:20 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Ozone Ave 9:22 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1200Blk 6th St 9:25 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 200Blk San Vicente Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 3100Blk 6th St 9:35 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:45 a.m.
Truant Juvenile 500Blk 9th St 9:45 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200Blk 20th St 9:59 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 400Blk Marguerita Ave 9:59 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 3000Blk Pico Blvd 10:16 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 14th St / Colorado Ave 10:29 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2700Blk 3rd St 10:30 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk 16th St 10:34 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Copeland Ct 10:42 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2900Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:02 a.m.
Assault Now 1600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700Blk Broadway 11:12 a.m.
Encampment 900Blk 3rd St 11:14 a.m.
Loitering 2500Blk Kansas Ave 11:22 a.m.
Expired Registration 3100Blk 6th St 11:22 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2100Blk 20th St 11:44 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:51 a.m.
Burglary Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 12:14 p.m.
Person Down 2100Blk Main St 12:28 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 800Blk 7th St 12:37 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600Blk Wellesley Dr 12:38 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100Blk 24th St 12:43 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:55 p.m.
Found Property 900Blk Palisades Beach rd 12:57 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 1400Blk Franklin St 1:03 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2200Blk 29th St 1:04 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Grant St 1:07 p.m.
Expired Registration 1500Blk 9th St 1:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 600Blk Navy St 1:47 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1700Blk Ocean Front Walk 1:50 p.m.
Identity Theft 1900Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:05 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1500Blk 10th St 2:14 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk 4th St 2:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:28 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2900Blk 31st St 2:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 300Blk Civic Center Dr 2:55 p.m.
Encampment 1500Blk 5th St 3:04 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1300Blk 2nd St 3:08 p.m.
Burglary Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 3:12 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2500Blk 20th St 3:51 p.m.
Battery Now 700Blk Ocean Ave 3:54 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400Blk 12th St 4:06 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400Blk 16th St 4:40 p.m.
Encampment Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 4:50 p.m.
Lost Property 900Blk 3rd St 5:44 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800Blk Pearl St 6:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:07 p.m.
Burglary Report 2900Blk 31st St 6:09 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 6:17 p.m.
Encampment 5th St / Arizona Ave 6:20 p.m.
Prowler Report 100Blk Strand St 6:43 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:09 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000Blk 2nd St 7:33 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:11 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 4th St 8:17 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:08 p.m.
Encampment 10th St / Pico Blvd 9:19 p.m.
Loud Music 2400Blk 6th St 9:48 p.m.
Battery Now 2300Blk Michigan Ave 10:21 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 700Blk Broadway 10:36 p.m.
Fight 1100Blk 12th St 10:39 p.m.
Grand Theft Report Highland Ave / Pier Ave 10:53 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1300Blk Yale St 11:26 p.m.

Are you vaxxed? Some families face fraught divide over jabs

LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

Thanksgiving is Jonatan Mitchell's favorite holiday, usually spent with his wife co-hosting up to 20 loved ones. He'd been looking forward to the gathering this year after calling it off in 2020 due to the pandemic, but one of the most pressing issues of the times got in the way: Who's vaccinated and who's not?

Mitchell, 35, in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, has a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome and a smattering of related health issues that leave him at high risk should he contract COVID. Two relatives — his father-in-law and a brother-in-law — won't get vaccinated.

Rather than laying down an ultimatum doomed to fail, the Mitchells called off Thanksgiving, choosing instead to host a Friendsgiving the following day. Mitchell's vaccinated wife will catch up with her family on Thursday.

The situation, which Mitchell said is upsetting and frustrating, resonates with many families navigating the vaccination divide for the holidays. Thanksgiving is a bellwether for how the rest of the season will go among those facing family conflict over the shot.

"This is a line in the sand I'm willing to draw with others," Mitchell said of the choice not to confront his unvaccinated relatives. "I've cut off a handful of friends and acquaintances that are staunchly anti-vaccine, but you can't do that with family."

That sentiment, echoed by others, points to a transition in the pandemic from abject fear over public safety to a more long-term and intimate reshaping of social norms, said Karla Erickson, a professor of sociology at Grinnell College.

"Families often kind of mute conflicts and, because we paused in a way that's really rare for families, the restarting of ritual gives us a moment to reconsider things," she said. "There will be new hesitancy. A lot of people who are vaccinated might not be willing to go to an event where the host hasn't asked or doesn't know."

Carrie Verrocchio, 55, in Binghamton, New York, is a long-haul COVID survivor still struggling with a loss of taste and smell 10 months after testing positive. She's hosting about 11 for Thanksgiving. Five are unvaccinated. All have been informed, she said.

"You just want people to be happy and be together, and it feels like there is constant friction. No matter what we do, there's constant friction these days," said Verrocchio, who took the vaccination after contracting the virus. "We're handling it by letting everyone make their own decisions. It isn't ideal, but it is a plan."

Lizzie Post is the great-great-granddaughter of etiquette legend Emily Post. Her famous relative wrote her first book, "Etiquette," in 1922, not long after the Spanish flu took its deadly toll. Emily made no mention of how to navigate such a threat in that first edition, but the subject today is hard for her etiquette standard bearers to ignore.

"It's a really delicate subject, and it's not going to go well for everybody," said Post, who is co-president of the Emily Post Institute, host of the Awesome Etiquette podcast, and author and co-author of several books on etiquette.

"A lot of us have gotten used to general entertaining since vaccinations have been in play. That means we actually have experience with it and we know where our standards are for ourselves. But there are some really good reasons to back off and say, you know, maybe the big family thing isn't worth it if it's going to be so fraught," she said.

The avoidance of fraught is exactly the approach Eva Keller and her husband are taking for Thanksgiving. He has been vaccinated. She has contracted COVID twice and has no plans to get the shot. There was no talk of Thanksgiving with her husband's kin.

"My husband's family has made it clear that I'm not allowed inside any of their homes until I'm fully vaccinated," said Keller, 27, in Anaheim, California. "My husband only got vaccinated because of his parents insisting. He was concerned his mother would worry herself to death if he didn't."

The two will spend Thanksgiving at home together.

Erickson sees other pandemic strands at play heading into the holiday season.

"There are also questions," she said, "like how did this person or this family navigate the pandemic more generally? Do we share values about what this last year has meant for our families? Did we stay in touch? Have we reconnected enough to share the holiday?"

August Abbott answers etiquette questions at JustAnswer.com, a help line that has just over 10 million unique monthly visitors. Of late, she has been responding to a barrage of questions about holiday gatherings and vaccinations. Among them: Is it rude to ask for a guest's vaccination status? Can I disinvite somebody who isn't vaccinated?

"It's kind of like Typhoid Mary. Do you invite her to dinner knowing she's Typhoid Mary, or do you explain to Mary, `I'm sorry, we can't take a chance. We love you, but we can't take that chance.' That's what you've got to do with unvaccinated people when it comes to COVID, most especially if someone in your household is elderly or immunocompromised. This is just a matter of health and respecting each other, not political," she said.

Tone, Abbott said, is everything.

"So it's not unreasonable to say to Uncle Jack, you know, you haven't been vaccinated. That's your prerogative. I respect that. I love you. We can't take the chance. So, Uncle Jack, do you want to come to this dinner via video? There are options like that, but you can't

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jeopardize health to be polite," she said.

Frederick Brushaber, 36, in Cincinnati will be gathering for Thanksgiving with 13 family members at his mother's house in Knoxville, Tennessee. The group includes his husband and their 15-month-old son, Freddie, who has Down syndrome, which puts him at higher risk for complications should he catch COVID.

Brushaber's 88-year-old grandmother, who lost her husband this year, was supposed to be driving from Florida to Knoxville with an aunt and uncle. They're not vaccinated. They won't be coming after his mother had the Thanksgiving vaccination talk with them. That means grandma must board a plane alone for the first time without her husband.

"I'm not thrilled about that but I'm just happy I get to be the winner of this," he said. "I get to have grandma and Freddie be there and I won't have to worry about anything. The numbers for people with Down syndrome are really bad. I just wish people knew that like, yeah, you have a choice to do things, but some of the most vulnerable people don't have a choice."

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

Gandara Park Playground Rubberized Surface Replacement
SP2655

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, ProcureNow or https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via ProcureNow immediately after bid close time.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Monday, November 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart Street, Santa Monica

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $50,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 60 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $100.00 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B or Appropriate Class C** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

California's Newsom picked Halloween with kids over U.N.

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said he chose to take his children trick or treating on Halloween instead of discussing climate change with world leaders in Scotland, explaining the decision to abruptly cancel his trip and then recede from public view for nearly two weeks was driven by the simple desire of a working parent to spend more time with his kids.

Newsom's comments, delivered Tuesday at an economic summit in Monterey, came after increasing media coverage and criticism from Republicans about his whereabouts and what he was doing. His last public event had been Oct. 27 when he got a coronavirus booster shot and then two days later his office issued a brief statement saying he was canceling his travel plans for unspecific "family obligations."

His staff would not answer questions about where he was or what he was doing for much of that time. However, photos over the weekend published in Vogue showed Newsom attending the wedding of Ivy Love Getty, the granddaughter of the late billionaire oil tycoon J. Paul Getty whose family members have been major donors to Newsom's campaigns.

By Monday, Newsom's absence had prompted speculation about his health, mostly among conservatives on social media who rallied around the hashtag #wheresgavin. Newsom's wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, added to the intrigue on Sunday night with a since-deleted tweet telling people to "please stop hating and get a life."

But Tuesday, Newsom said his absence was nothing more than a chance to recharge with his family after a frenetic three years in office that included an unprecedented pandemic, record-breaking destruction from wildfires, a drought and fighting for his political life in only the second gubernatorial recall election in state history. Newsom beat back the recall in September and then spent the next several weeks considering hundreds of bills passed by the Legislature.

Climate change is a signature issue for Newsom, who many believe has aspirations of running for president some day. Attending the conference would have given him the opportunity to tout his climate change initiatives, which include banning sales of new gas-powered cars and trucks by 2035 and raise his profile with world leaders.

But as the trip neared, his children took the initiative.

"I've been on this damn treadmill, we've gone from crisis to crisis," Newsom said. "The kids, literally, they kind of had an intervention. They said they couldn't believe that I was going to miss Halloween."

Newsom said for his kids, who range in age from 5 to 12, missing Halloween is worse than missing Christmas. "I had no damn choice; I had to cancel that trip," he said.

Newsom's comments earned applause from the audience and praise from his fellow Democrats in the state Legislature, many of whom blamed the governor's political opponents and the media for blowing the story out of proportion.

Assemblyman Ash Kalra tweeted that had Newsom attended the conference, he would have been criticized "for traveling overseas instead of staying home attending to the state."

"He just can't win," Kalra said.

Wesley Hussey, a political science professor at Sacramento State University, said Newsom could have prevented much of the fuss if he had simply said at the outset why he wasn't attending the conference and taking a step back from public appearances.

"I think this is an example of where the governor and his press operations need to be aware of social media and distortions and always being in front of the story," he said. "I think we should know what the governor is up to and give the governor space when he needs family time. And I think that those can go together."

Neither the governor nor his representatives said why they didn't offer details about Newsom's whereabouts before this week. On Monday, Newsom's office said the governor had been working in the Capitol on "urgent issues, including COVID-19 vaccines for kids, boosters, ports, the forthcoming state budget and California's continued economic recovery."

Newsom routinely has multiple public appearances each week. He relishes his role as leader of the nation's most populous state, which if it were its own country, would have the world's fifth-largest economy. That's what made his absence following his sudden withdrawal from the climate conference so curious.

"A governor's absence is always a matter of public concern. That's especially true for a governor claiming sole authority to control people's lives through a 'State of Emergency,'" tweeted Republican Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, who ran for governor in the recall election. Kiley has repeatedly tried and failed to convince his colleagues in the Democratic-controlled state Legislature to limit Newsom's emergency powers during the pandemic.

Newsom's allies quickly came to his defense on social media. Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, a San Diego Democrat, tweeted that Newsom "is a husband & father of 4 young children who worked his butt off nearly every day during this pandemic & was rewarded by facing a ridiculous partisan recall election. I don't care what he's taking time to do with his family, he deserves time off."

When he emerged Tuesday, Newsom added details of his week out of the spotlight. He went to his kids' soccer tournament and took them trick-or-treating, having quickly obtained a pirate costume to join them. He said he brought his children to the Capitol last week, participating for the first time in tourist traditions like taking a selfie with the statue of a grizzly bear — the animal that appears on the state flag — outside of the governor's office.

The children also got coloring books that are regular handouts from the Senate president pro tempore's office.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Who The Heck is Will Ryan?

THE MAN OF 1000 VOICES?

No, that's the sobriquet of the revered voice actor Mel Blanc. A Master. But Will Ryan has Mel's piano (one of three in his Santa Monica home of 15 years), bought at auction, and while Blanc is now recording in the studio in the sky, Will is still with us and could yet zoom past "1000 voices." Um — what day is it? But Ryan seems to also have 1000 other talents.

He claims no mastery of piano but does compose songs there. But he can play almost anything with strings, favors the ukulele for its portability and modest profile, and can create a new song on the spot, music and words.

HE'S THE VOICE OF PETRIE IN "LAND BEFORE TIME"

"There's a whole generation who grew up loving that film," said a friend, "and I've seen people go nuts when they find out he's Petrie."

Ryan grew up in Cleveland enraptured with comic books, and still is. He has quite a collection. "Will is so old school in everything," a friend related. "He's always loved writing letters and people love getting them. I heard that when he was a kid he wrote to Marvel Comics about how much he loved this new character Spiderman, signed Billy Ryan, and they printed it, I think in issue #2."

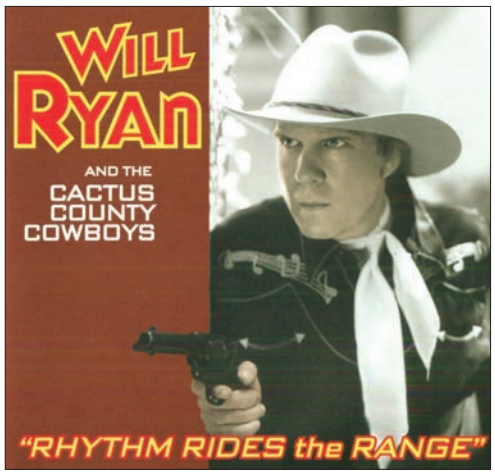
He formed a duo there with Phil Baron, Willio and Phillio. They wrote and recorded whacky songs that came to the attention of KMET's Dr. Demento, who at his peak was carried by every major radio station in the country, plus overseas. He liked "Goin' Quackers," and seasonally played "I Wish It Could be Christmas All Year Long." W& P have two albums and three EPs/singles.

A friend told me Ryan was aching to go to Disneyland as a kid, but it was explained to him that it was too far away, a plane trip, too expensive. Not long after he landed in LA he got friendly with some Disney animators (he's an accomplished artist) and soon was composing songs for "Disney's," some really good ones, he says (which they own the rights to, he adds), and soon also became one of their top voice actors. And — his voice was put on the Pinocchio ride at Disneyland. Made it!

DEMENTO DARLINGS

I did a memorable interview with the good Dr. in the mid-'80s, at his large Woodland Hills house that served as a receiving and storage depot for his unbelievable record collection. There was no kitchen accoutrement in the kitchen; the cabinets and drawers were all filled with records. Several young acolytes were constantly scurrying around opening packages and filing the mass of vinyl that he received every day from around the world, onto rows of floor-to-ceiling shelves. My vinyl collection (7,000) would have fit into a bathroom. It never occurred to me that I would one day become friends with one of the guys whose records were among Dementos's 250,000. (I'm sure that number is much, much higher now.)

Decades later Ryan indulged his love of Western music by forming the Cactus County Cowboys combo, and enlisted mother-daughter singers he dubbed the Saguaro Sisters. Mid-'60s British hitmaker and



Courtesy photo
WILL RYAN: Rides the Range in SM.

authority on American music Ian Whitcomb ("You Really Turn Me On") was a longtime friend and recorded on those CCC albums (on accordion). Will, of course, wrote all the songs. I think if you can find a dictionary somewhere, with the word "prolific," his smiling face will be there.

MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY

— you know, the Oscars, for many years now. No mean feat. You have to not only have substantial credits, but continue to produce. He also was voted president of ASIFA, the international animation organization. His "Elmo Aardvark: Outer Space Detective" received the prestigious Annie Award for best web animation series. But Will never sees any project as finished; he then wrote and recorded two albums of music for it, sung by VaVa LaVoom (Diane Michelle), Captain of the Starship Salubrious. Ryan created an entire backstory for Elmo, as though he were a longtime animation star, rivaling Mickey Mouse (but he had better PR).

VOICES OF POOH, TIGGER, EEYORE

He's Hero in "Thumbelina." Peg Leg Pete (one of my favorites). Digit in "American Tail." Willie the Giant in "Mickey's Christmas Carol." Seahorse, in "Little Mermaid." Footloose in "G.I. Joe." And more than 30 years as Eugene in "Adventures in Odyssey."

Can you know a person by the company they keep? Will's worked directly with so many big names, including the inimitable Hal Smith (you'd recognize his face), Christopher Plummer, Joan Cusack, Linda Ronstadt, Brendan Fraser, Mr. T, George Gobel, Timothy Dalton, Dom DeLuise, Steve Martin, Stan Freberg, Madeleine Kahn, Phyllis Diller, Casey Kasem, Buddy Hackett, Charo, Mark Hamill, Carol Channing, Charles Nelson Reilly, Clarence Nash (Donald Duck), Bill Farmer (Goofy), Nancy Cartwright (Bart Simpson), Ron Perlman, Mary Woronov, and the mad comic genius Jonathan Winters.

It's a good bet that every single person in Santa Monica has heard the voice, acting or singing, of Will Ryan.

Legend June Foray was his longtime close friend, working well into her 90s. Rocky the Flying Squirrel, plus Natasha plus Nelle. 'Nuff

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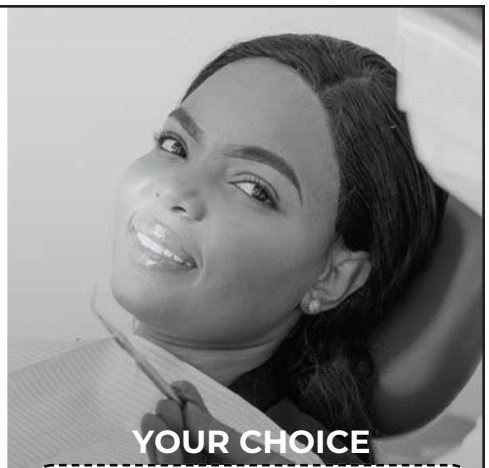
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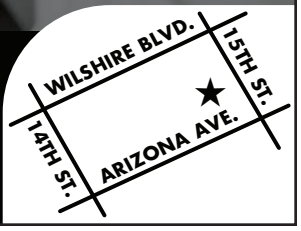
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Beach Bike Path Ramp Connection to Santa Monica Pier Project
Project No. SP2447-R

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing design and development services for the, Beach Bike Path Ramp Connection to Santa Monica Pier Project

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant experienced in the design and development of bicycle facilities and structures to provide civil engineering design services for a Class I bicycle path new ramp connecting the Beach Bike Path (also known as the Marvin Braude Bike Trail) and the Santa Monica Pier. This project, the Beach Bike Path Ramp Connection to Santa Monica Pier Project (SP2447), utilizes federal Congestion Air Quality Mitigation (CMAQ) funds and Prop C and Measure M local return funds.

RFP questions to be submitted to **via ProcureNow**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021**

Proposers shall upload RFP **via ProcureNow**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on December 27, 2021. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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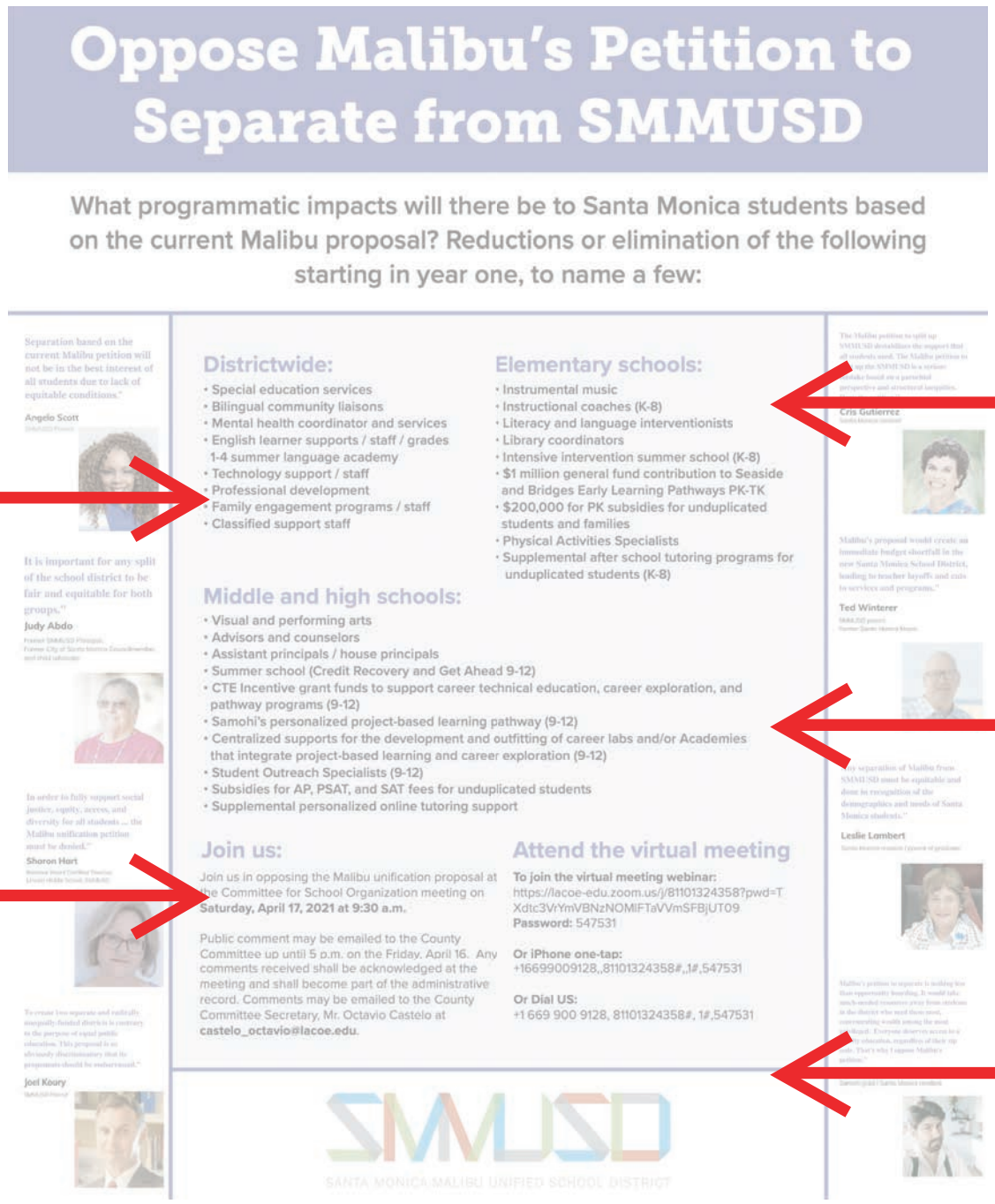
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DON'T BE FOOLED BY THIS SM-MUSD SCARE TACTIC

SM-MUSD continues to try to scare you with lies and exaggerations. Under no scenario will the District have to make this level of cuts—except possibly as result of its own ongoing fiscal mismanagement. They don't tell you the City proposal holds the district fiscally harmless for 10 years. Ironically, many of the programs they allege will be cut aren't even offered in Malibu now.

SM-MUSD never replaced Malibu's only ESL teacher after she retired 21 years ago.

Malibu HS would love to have a project-based learning program, but has been denied such resources.



Malibu doesn't have a summer language academy.

Malibu students have a limited music program and no art teachers.

In Malibu, after-school tutoring is done by the Boys and Girls Club, not the District.

Join your MALIBU NEIGHBORS and support the City's Petition for an independent Malibu USD

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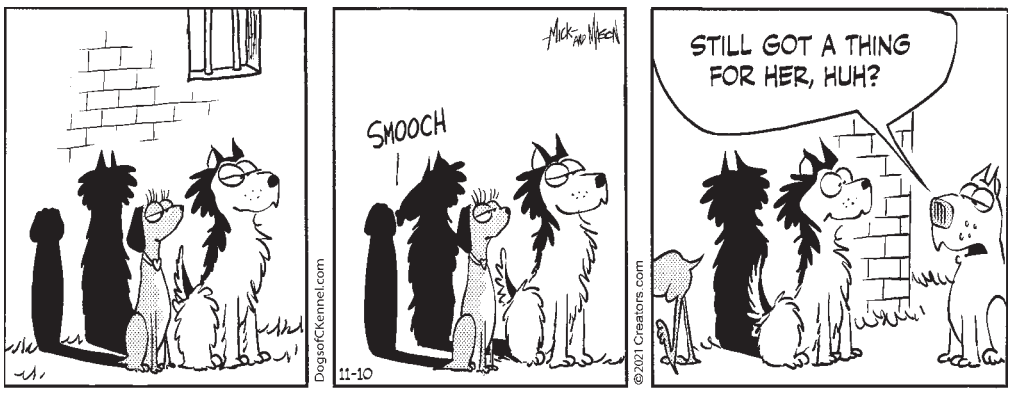
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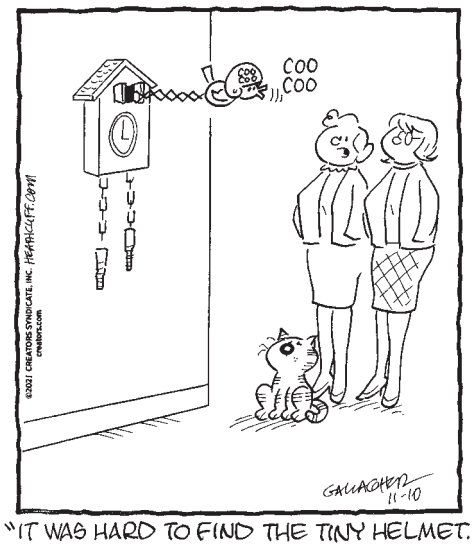
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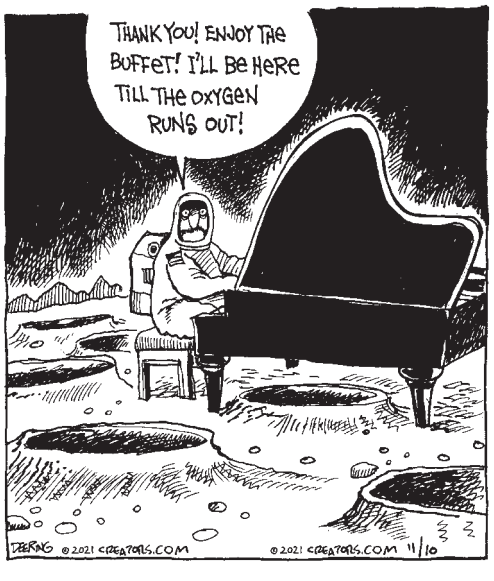
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"IT WAS HARD TO FIND THE TINY HELMET."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.3°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Peaks for combo spots. Modest WNW swell peaks as SSW swell from start of the week eases. Conditions looking cleanest in the morning – WNW wind could blow pretty good through the afternoon.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Leftover peaks at combo breaks. WNW swell mix drops off through the day along with older SSW swell. Full tide limits some of the morning options as size comes down. Offshore flow early.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81. North wind around 10 mph

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/11/10	Wed	03:14 AM	3.74	H
2021/11/10	Wed	06:54 AM	3.25	L
2021/11/10	Wed	1:07 PM	5.14	H
2021/11/10	Wed	9:03 PM	-0.13	L
2021/11/11	Thu	04:25 AM	4.09	H
2021/11/11	Thu	09:13 AM	3.12	L
2021/11/11	Thu	2:43 PM	4.73	H
2021/11/11	Thu	10:10 PM	0.02	L
2021/11/12	Fri	05:14 AM	4.49	H
2021/11/12	Fri	10:47 AM	2.55	L
2021/11/12	Fri	4:11 PM	4.55	H
2021/11/12	Fri	11:04 PM	0.18	L
2021/11/13	Sat	05:51 AM	4.87	H
2021/11/13	Sat	11:49 AM	1.89	L
2021/11/13	Sat	5:22 PM	4.47	H
2021/11/13	Sat	11:47 PM	0.40	L
2021/11/14	Sun	06:22 AM	5.21	H
2021/11/14	Sun	12:37 PM	1.28	L
2021/11/14	Sun	6:21 PM	4.42	H
2021/11/15	Mon	12:23 AM	0.69	L
2021/11/15	Mon	06:49 AM	5.49	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/8
21 46 47 57 62
Power#: 8
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Jackpot: 45 M

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EVENING: 9 6 9
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/8
1st: 06 - Whirl Win
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:40.46

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 10)

You have many powerful ideas, and your thought patterns can be strong enough to motivate you through weather fair and foul. However, it's action you'll be known for. You'll impress as you muscle and maneuver your way through mazes. You'll win hearts answering need. You'll move fast and make money. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 44, 30, 28 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will align yourself with a timeless strength as you call on the ideas of admired thinkers and brave ones who paved the way for what you want to accomplish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you follow your muses, but today, they follow you, tugging at your sleeve, whispering in your ear, pulling your attention to the things with most creative potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've given slightly more than you had to give, which put you in a deficit. So if you find yourself struggling in some way, the answer is to stop and replenish. This will keep you from getting in way over your head.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is so much that is at least somewhat true, you will need to narrow the criteria to move efficiently through the day. Instead of asking, "What is true?" ask, "What will help me move forward?"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've the urge to wander and take in new views. No need to plan the excursion, as the agenda could only get in the way of following your felicitous impulses — of which you'll have many!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Playing around is a good way to figure out what might work, but the only way to know what (SET ITAL)will(END ITAL) work is to go in for the real deal. You're ready, and the world is also ready for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Believe those seeking answers but doubt those who claim to have found them. Their solutions won't necessarily be false or wrong, but you need a custom-fitted result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Could you contribute to the elevation of the collective spirit of humanity? Of course! The spiritual tides rise with every gesture you make to uplift yourself and others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Question your level of daring. Is it enough? You haven't made very many mistakes, which is a sign you may not be leaning into your adventurous spirit at the level you could be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll deal with people whose values are similar but not the same. Creating mutually satisfying solutions will be easier when you stay curious and make no assumptions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An heirloom, family story or genetic inheritance will affect the way your plot moves, making you aware of the influence of a lineage. You've a talent for working with or building on whatever you're given.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Making things pretty in your home will make them pretty in your mind. Whether visitors see the end result is irrelevant. You see it, and your self-image improves with every upgrade.

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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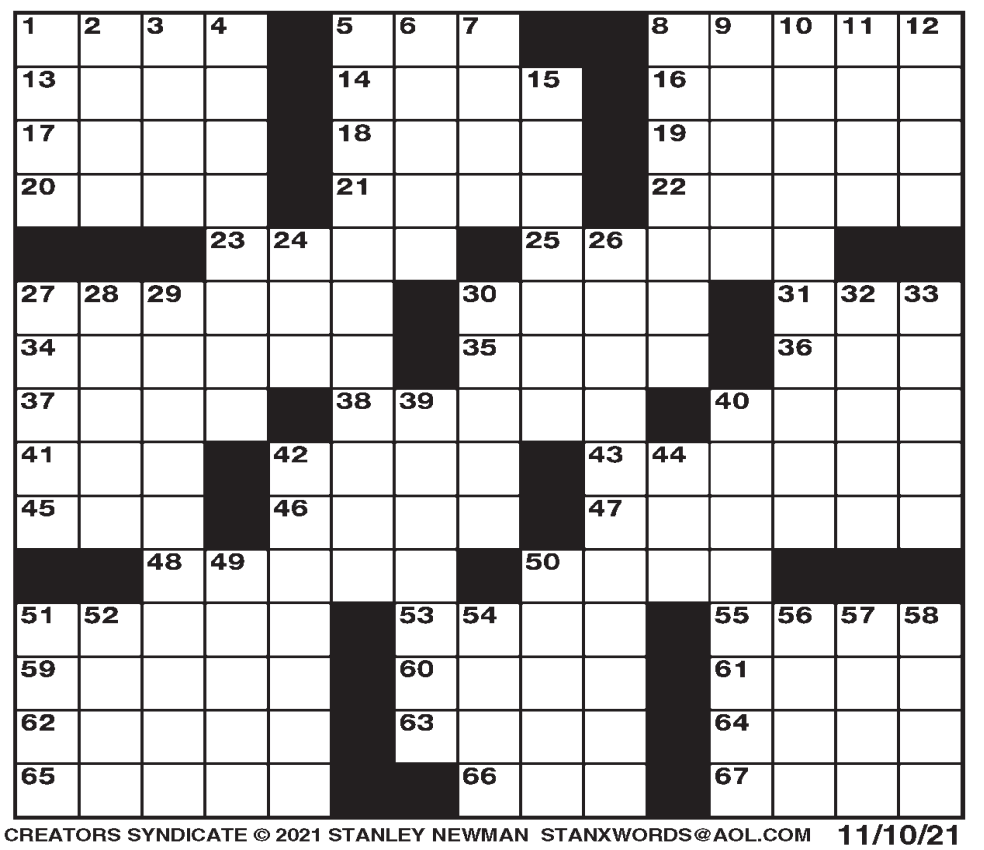
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Newsday Crossword

LOW DOWNS by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Medieval laborer
5 NBA game segment
8 Coffee sweetener
13 Transport by truck
14 *Exodus* author Leon
16 Kitchen range brand
17 Largest continent
18 Very small amount
19 High-calorie, due to animal fat
20 Bistro list
21 Israeli airline
22 Stock up on
23 Countrywide: Abbr.
25 "We're __ trouble now!"
27 "Enough already!"
30 Angler's spool
31 Suffix for differ
34 Narrate again
35 Initial poker payment
36 Take a look at
37 Partial poker hand
38 Our home planet
40 Sunrise
41 Film director DuVernay
42 Keep for the future
43 Submitted tax returns electronically
45 Do some stitching
46 Computer owner
47 Nomads
48 Less decorated
50 Great joy
51 "You __" ("I'll collect from you later")
53 Prefix meaning "trillion"
55 Grab with a fork
59 Bush in a hedge
60 Smooth (out)
61 Of great height
62 Steed or stallion
63 Homeowner's document
64 Convention center show
65 Up to now
66 MDs' coworkers
67 Checker or puck

DOWN
1 Dishonest imitation
2 Lighten up on
3 Make worthless
4 Displayed shamelessly
5 "Keep your voices LOW!"
6 Gnomelike creature
7 Tequila cocktail, for short
8 OK to be marketed
9 Savory taste
10 Neighborhood event with LOW prices
11 "No ifs, __ or buts!"
12 Sunbeams
15 Worth noting
24 Early ISP
26 Nation whose name means "LOW country"
27 Dolphin's black-and-white cousins
28 Throw with difficulty
29 LOW-calorie fruit
30 Harder to find
32 More up-to-date
33 Is inclined (to)
39 Staved off
40 Got rid of
42 Complete certainty
44 Hostile opponent
49 Cheer up a bit
50 Shamrock shade
51 Workplace watchdog org.
52 "__ been sleeping in my bed?"
54 At any time
56 Metered auto
57 Swiss mountains
58 Political alliance



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | NOV 10

CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN COMMITTEE MEETING
A remote special meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee. An agenda will be posted online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx-?id=9480 6:30 p.m.

NEW STATE LAWS ON ORGANIC WASTE
This meeting is designed for food service businesses, in particular restaurants and hotels, to understand new state requirements for recycling or donating food and other organic waste. Those requirements will require, among other things, Santa Monica businesses to recycle organic materials (food scraps, landscape materials) and recover and donate edible food, where applicable. A presentation and questions on complying with California state laws AB 1826 and SB 1383, est practices for recycling organic materials, resources for donating edible food. 10 - 11 a.m. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/new-state-laws-on-organic-waste-18549.

SPLITTING SMMUSD
The County Committee will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal from the City of Malibu to form Malibu Unified School District (USD) out of territory in the Santa Monica-Malibu USD. 6 p.m. Online at: https://lacoe-edu.zoom.us/j/86227392616?pwd=M2ZxaHVQSXV-Fa1UwVW1za2RzUDlEQT09
Password: 980033

THURSDAY | NOV 11

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
Trevor Mizrahi, college advisor and President of Premier College Guidance, shares everything you need to know about the admissions process at selective schools and how to land scholarships to help cover your tuition. Register for this virtual workshop at: shorturl.at/bnAOQ . 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

RENT CONTROL REGULAR BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m. CITY TV: Cable Channel 16 or Streaming at https://www.smgov.net/content.aspx-?id=4292
LIVE STREAM (https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/rbehrueg

FRIDAY | NOV 12

SANTA MONICA MYSTERY QUEST
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. in partnership with Santa Monica Mystery Quest have launched a free scavenger hunt series on the Third Street Promenade. Lovers of mystery and adventure will enjoy this real-world, immersive experience to solve the case of the missing Promenade dinosaur. Participants will follow clues, collaborate with teammates, collect points and win prizes. Free registration required. https://www.santamonicamysteryquest.com/

JACOB JONAS THE COMPANY'S AT WORK
In association with The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Jacob Jonas The Company's dance and live music series, ACTIVATE LA, will take place at the Water Garden in Santa Monica, November 12-13. 7:30 p.m. $50. https://thewallis.org/WaterGarden

SATURDAY | NOV 13

INTO THE LABYRINTH
The Annenberg Community Beach House has commissioned artist Lars Howlett to create two temporary site-specific walkable labyrinths in the sand and one on hardscape for Out-of-the-Blue, a program of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs. Labyrinths cultivate peace and bring the community together by providing a container for a reflective experience in a focused and sacred space. Join them at the Beach House on November 13 and 14 to experience the potential of labyrinths to create and hold space for stress reduction, healing, reflection and community building through art. Annenberg Community Beach House.

PAINT-OUT
Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore will conduct a Paint-Out at Will Rogers State Beach, 17700 Pacific Coast Hwy. Pacific Palisades 90272. Accomplished watercolorist and popular instructor Timothy Kitz will conduct a demo at 9am. Facilities and beach parking lots, located near the intersection of Temescal Canyon and PCH.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5294

Baking a pie

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T M A C E R A T E A P M E S P
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DOCUMENTARY

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positive thing and one of the benefits of using documentary shorts as a medium.

"Don't get me wrong, a great feature length documentary is great," said Todd. "But in some ways with the more heady issues, controversial issues, a 20 to 40 minute range I think is a really good sweet spot for many viewers."

One of the films that made the strongest impression on Todd was Christine Turners' "Lynching Postcards: 'Token of a Great Day'," which packs a powerful punch while clocking in at just 16 minutes. The documentary examines the horrifying history of African American lynchings through the lens of souvenir postcards that were created to celebrate and commemorate these events.

"People like to look away because they don't want to deal with the race issue, right? That's been part of our problem in this country," said Todd. "This is one of those where you need to see it, have to see it... you need to get uncomfortable and this one gets you uncomfortable, I think in the right kind of way."

Other documentaries that made a strong impact on Todd were Ryan White's "Coded: The Hidden Love Of J.C. Leyendecker" and Pedro Kos and Jon Shenk's "Lead Me Home."

Coded explores the phenomenon of coded advertising through the life of legendary early-20th century illustrator J.C. Leyendecker, whose works featured hidden messages to the gay community that was forced to live in the closet. Lead Me Home presents the epidemic of American homelessness through unfiltered testimonials from the unhoused.

On Nov. 11 these three documentaries and twelve others will all be screened at the AFI FEST and a special episode of Meet the Press Reports showcasing select festival films will be released on NBC News Now and Peacock.

NBC News correspondents and anchors, including Chuck Todd, Andrea Mitchell, Jacob Soboroff, Shaq Brewster, Ali Vitali and Morgan Radford, will moderate conversations with filmmakers following each program for both virtual and in-person audiences. Tickets and more information can be found at FEST.AFI.com.

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CURIOUS CITY

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said. However… we might just have to throw in Talking Tina/Twilight Zone "Living Doll" - a terror classic!

HE WAS ALSO FRIENDS WITH HUGH HEFNER

And was often a guest at the Playboy Mansion, where they had lively discussions about movies and music. And friends with Milt Larsen and could often be found at the Magic Castle. Can Will Ryan perform magic?

I think his whole creative life has been magic. He pieced together a unique, top notch, long lasting and most unusual career. But he shines many times more brightly for the beloved human being he is.

There's the trick. In cutthroat showbiz, no less. They don't award statues for that, but all who have had the good fortune to kick tumbleweeds with this Cowboy or shoot into space with VaVa LaVoom or slap their overalls guffawing with Klum and Rooby, know they have been privileged, and probably inspired by a very different, remarkable, rare Hollywood dude. When you've done all that, and hung with all them, but your friends all remark first on your kindness and generosity, your humility and elfin smile, and how your most important mission seems to be helping others make their mark in show business — you've done it right.

One friend thought long to find the right words. "He's a real gentleman," she finally declared, simply. Will Ryan is a vegetarian who doesn't smoke or drink or do drugs or even curse ("heck" is the only **ck word you'll hear out of him), even though he is passionate about politics and many other things, like the environment and health care for all. And he has always insisted on paying everyone who works on any project of his.

NAME DROPPER

Another close friend said, "Will has been the biggest name dropper I ever knew, but he doesn't do it for ego, he has a great personal story about every name."

When he made a series of vaudevillian movies starring Biffle and Shooster (Ryan), it played at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood, and Leonard Maltin came. How many films and videos? How many books? Original songs? Sorry, I just can't count high enough. You really should look him up on IMDB and several other places. But keep in mind they have his age really wrong and he has been stymied in changing it. Help, anyone?

Santa Monica's own Will Ryan may not have a name like Jackson Browne or Tom Hayden or Sean Penn. But he is a bright comet still shooting across the creative universe, and we are all lucky to have him here. Sorry, Cleveland.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 8

EMS 1100Blk 5th St 12:19 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1300Blk Interstate 10 12:57 a.m.
EMS 3300Blk Olympic Blvd 6:19 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 6:30 a.m.
EMS 400Blk 21st St 6:37 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2200Blk Colorado Ave 9:09 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 2nd St 10:40 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 11:03 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 11:15 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk Ocean Ave 11:26 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk Main St 12:28 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Delaware Ave 12:40 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 2nd St 12:41 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Arizona Ave 1:02 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1500Blk 6th St 4:11 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:20 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 4:27 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Michigan Ave 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1800Blk Ocean Ave 5:10 p.m.
EMS 400Blk 23rd St 5:27 p.m.

NATIVITY

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group of atheists began applying for the spots allotted by the City for December displays, effectively crowding out the nativity scenes.

In response to the controversy, the City Council banned unattended displays in public parks. City staff argued the ban protected Palisades Park from wear-and-tear, preserved ocean views and saved hundreds of hours of staff time that went into administering the program.

A lawsuit intending to keep the displays went all the way to the 9th U.S. with the court ruling in the City's favor which forced the displays to find a new home.

"I am pleased to report the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes will hold its 69th annual display from December 11th to the week of January 3rd, 2022, presenting life-size scenes depicting biblical and traditional events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ," said Zachary M. Scribner, Chairman of the nativity committee in an email announcing this year's show. "We are deeply thankful to the people of Calvary Baptist Church, their Church Council, and their pastor for providing a home for the Nativity Scenes for another year."

He said the event is funded entirely through donations and community support is needed to keep it alive.

"The past year has created challenges for everyone in our community, and our hope and prayer is that we could be a beacon of hope, to those that are feeling hopeless," he said. "The past year's struggles have impacted the Nativity Scenes in a significant way. Financially, we need your help to continue this timeless tradition. Contributions are strictly used to meet display expenses, which include: setup and takedown, transportation, liability insurance, and storage during the offseason. We sincerely thank all who have given in the past, and we ask for your continued (or first-time) donation."

To see this year's display, drivers can head East on Broadway from 19th Street. The display will be on your right hand side, and if you turn right on to 20th Street you can see the remaining scenes. To park and walk past – metered parking is available on the street and limited parking in the church parking lot.

Donations can be made on their website at www.santamonicanativityscenes.org or by check via mail. Checks payable to the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee can be sent to P.O. Box 0648, Santa Monica, CA 90406-0648.

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STABBING

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and attempted to escort the customer out of the location," said the statement. "A struggle and then fight ensued between the two. At one point during the fight, the security officer pulled out a small pocket-knife and stabbed the customer multiple times. At the conclusion of the fight, the customer exited the main entrance where he was located by officers."

SMPD said the customer is recovering at a local hospital and has been listed as stable. At the hospital, he refused to identify himself or provide any statements of the incidents. At this time, no arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with additional information can contact SMPD's Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-8451 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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Oppose Malibu's Petition to Separate from SMMUSD

What programmatic impacts will there be to Santa Monica students based on the current Malibu proposal? Reductions or elimination of the following starting in year one, to name a few:

Districtwide:

- Special education services
- Bilingual community liaisons
- Mental health coordinator and services
- English learner supports / staff / grades 1-4 summer language academy
- Technology support / staff
- Professional development
- Family engagement programs / staff
- Classified support staff

Elementary schools:

- Instrumental music
- Instructional coaches (K-8)
- Literacy and language interventionists
- Library coordinators
- Intensive intervention summer school (K-8)
- $1 million general fund contribution to Seaside and Bridges Early Learning Pathways PK-TK
- $200,000 for PK subsidies for unduplicated students and families
- Physical Activities Specialists
- Supplemental after school tutoring programs for unduplicated students (K-8)

Middle and high schools:

- Visual and performing arts
- Advisors and counselors
- Assistant principals / house principals
- Summer school (Credit Recovery and Get Ahead 9-12)
- CTE Incentive grant funds to support career technical education, career exploration, and pathway programs (9-12)
- Samohi's personalized project-based learning pathway (9-12)
- Centralized supports for the development and outfitting of career labs and/or Academies that integrate project-based learning and career exploration (9-12)
- Student Outreach Specialists (9-12)
- Subsidies for AP, PSAT, and SAT fees for unduplicated students
- Supplemental personalized online tutoring support

Join us:

Join us in opposing the Malibu City Council's petition to form a Malibu school district at the Committee for School Organization hearing tonight, **Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at 6 p.m. Via Zoom.**

Let us know you oppose! https://bit.ly/OpposePetition111021
Attend the virtual meeting – public comments can be made and will be explained at the beginning of the meeting.

For info and to join the virtual webinar visit:

https://www.lacoe.edu/Business-Services/News-Announcements/ID/867/Public-Hearings

SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Separation based on the current Malibu petition will not be in the best interest of all students due to lack of equitable conditions."

Angela Scott
SMMUSD Parent



"It is important for any split of the school district to be fair and equitable for both groups."

Judy Abdo
Former SMMUSD Principal,
Former City of Santa Monica Councilmember,
and child advocate



"In order to fully support social justice, equity, access, and diversity for all students ... the Malibu unification petition must be denied."

Sharon Hart
National Board Certified Teacher,
Lincoln Middle School, SMMUSD



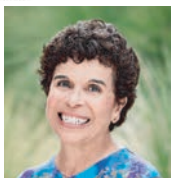
"To create two separate and radically unequally-funded districts is contrary to the purpose of equal public education. This proposal is so obviously discriminatory that its proponents should be embarrassed."

Joel Koury
SMMUSD Parent



"The Malibu petition to split up SMMUSD destabilizes the support that all students need. The Malibu petition to split up the SMMUSD is a serious mistake based on a parochial perspective and structural inequities. Deny the petition."

Cris Gutierrez
Santa Monica resident



"Malibu's proposal would create an immediate budget shortfall in the new Santa Monica School District, leading to teacher layoffs and cuts to services and programs."

Ted Winterer
SMMUSD parent
Former Santa Monica Mayor



"Any separation of Malibu from SMMUSD must be equitable and done in recognition of the demographics and needs of Santa Monica students."

Leslie Lambert
Santa Monica resident / parent of graduate



"Malibu's petition to separate is nothing less than opportunity hoarding. It would take much-needed resources away from students in the district who need them most, concentrating wealth among the most privileged. Everyone deserves access to a quality education, regardless of their zip code. That's why I oppose Malibu's petition."

Jason Islas
Samohi grad / Santa Monica resident

