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Council protests being grouped with Valley cities in draft Congressional District map

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

City Council is uniformly opposed to the draft Congressional District map that would divide Santa Monica from much of the Westside and lump it into a district with large portions of the San Fernando Valley.

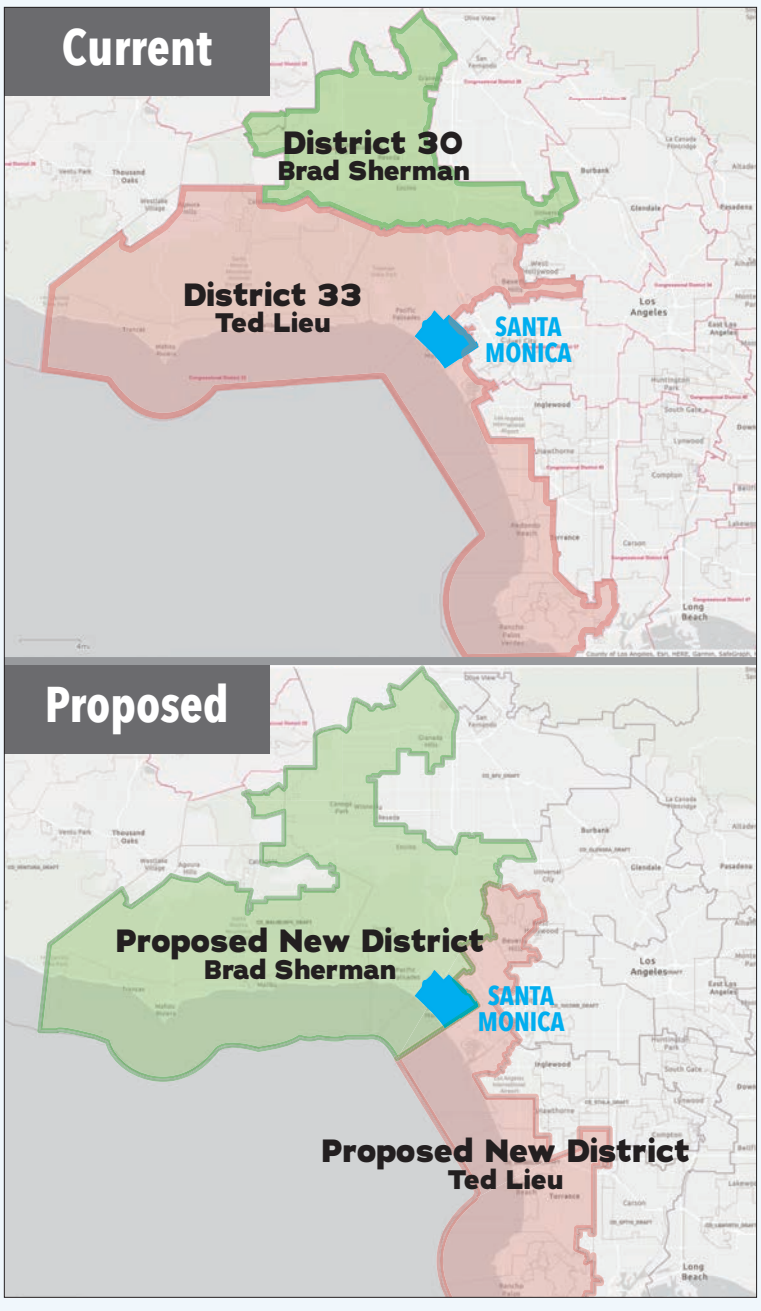
In a Nov. 23 Council meeting, members voted unanimously to send a letter to the California Redistricting Commission requesting that Santa Monica remain grouped with beach and Westside cities that align with its issues, challenges and values.

While the letter will reference proposed Congressional, Senate and Assembly Districts, the key concern is the draft Congressional District Map.

This map would remove Santa Monica from Congressman Ted Lieu's district and place it under the purview of current San Fernando Valley Congressman Brad Sherman. Malibu is grouped with Santa Monica in the proposed new district as well as the Valley areas of Encino, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Chatsworth and Granada Hills.

"I don't think that's an appropriate alignment for us. It's not the alignment we've ever been in before. I think that we have much more (of a) community of interest... with the Westside cities, for instance we're in a COG with the beach cities," said Mayor Sue Himmelrich, who submitted the request to send a letter to the Redistricting Commission.

Santa Monica is currently in the 33rd Congressional District, which encompasses all beach cities from Palos Verdes through Malibu as well as Calabasas and Agoura Hills. Santa Monica is also in a Council of Governments (COG) with several Westside Cities including Beverly Hills, Culver City and West Hollywood.



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DISTRICT: Santa Monica could become part of a redrawn Congressional district sharing territory with much of the San Fernando Valley.

Councilmember Christine Parra raised concerns about how the proposed redistricting would affect Santa Monica's mutual aid relationships, as Santa Monica is currently in mutual aid

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Police find guns and drugs in crashed vehicle

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department is searching for a suspect who escaped from an overturned vehicle following a brief police chase over the weekend.

According to SMPD, officers received a call of a suspicious vehicle on the 900 block of Ocean Ave. at about 7:15 p.m. Officers located the vehicle and witnessed it commit several vehicle code violations.

"When the officer was about to initiate a traffic stop the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and crashed a short distance later striking several parked vehicles and a tree," said Lt. Rudy Flores. "The two occupants fled on foot and one was located a short time after."

Officers found a loaded short barrel AR-type rifle and a loaded 9mm handgun along with individually packaged narcotics inside the crashed vehicle.

Flores said a 22-year-old male suspect was arrested on weapons and narcotics charges. The outstanding suspect is a 20-25-year-old black male wearing dark clothing.

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13 SMMUSD employees fired after refusing vaccinations

HANS LAETZ
Special to the Daily Press

Fourteen employees of the Santa Monica Malibu school district were fired during the Thursday, Nov. 18, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

On Friday, spokesperson Gail Pinsker confirmed nearly all of the terminations were due to employees' non-compliance with vaccine mandates that went into effect on Oct. 1 for staff of the Santa Monica-based school district.

"I can confirm that 13 dismissals were due to refusal to be vaccinated, which is now a term of employment," Pinsker wrote in an email.

According to information disclosed during the meeting, the 13 were charged with violating the state education code, which allows a school district to fire staff for cause.

The terminations included a Malibu High School groundskeeper who was let go over the mandatory vaccination requirement.

One teacher was also let go, though there was no word on what caused that.

A representative for the Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers' Association, which represents "the employee groups: Child Development Teachers, Early Childhood Teachers, K-12 Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologists, Counselors, Librarians, Adult Education Teachers, Substitute Teachers, Nurses and other non-administrative positions within the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District," wrote that the dismissals were "classified employees"—not teachers.

"The reality is that we did not lose that many members due to the vaccine mandate," Claudia Bautista-Nicholas, SMMCTA president, wrote in an email on Wednesday. "I think the total number may be four out of more than 500 teachers. I know that each person that leaves a site seems like a big blow, but

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Letter to the Editor

Wally Grayson — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I love the palm trees. They give us some of the charm that Santa Monica exudes as a semi-desert city. But when the strong winds blow (as they did this week), the palms shed a mass of fronds and dead branches over streets and sidewalks. These droppings are ugly and unsafe, and could harm walkers and autos that step and drive over them. And they hang around for weeks! Why can't city vehicles pick them up or require property owners to remove them promptly?

Wally Grayson, Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CALLING FOR BIDS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as:

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

The Contractor is required to have a CSLB C-17 license and CADIR registration at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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States, cities running out of rental assistance monies

MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

Several large states and cities have exhausted their federal rental assistance, the Treasury Department said Monday, in a sign that spending on a massive program aimed at averting evictions has picked up speed.

The federal government is forecasting that upwards of $30 billion or about two-thirds of money allocated for rental assistance will be disbursed or allocated by the end of the year. That is a dramatic change from this summer when housing advocates were complaining about the slow pace of distribution.

But with the improved outcome of the $46.5 billion program has come concerns that some tenants will not get help. The first tranche of emergency rental assistance funds, known as ERA1, is for $25 billion and the second, known as ERA2 and meant to be spent over a longer period of time, is $21.5 billion.

Texas has stopped accepting new applicants because it has allocated all its funds, while Oregon has stopped taking new applicants for now, the Treasury Department said. The state of New York has spent or committed nearly all of its money, as has Philadelphia. California has indicated it will soon exhaust its funds, while Atlanta has closed its program to new applicants.

More than 100 other state and local entities have indicated they have gone through almost all their ERA1 money and are beginning to spend down their ERA2 funds, Treasury said.

"There is a lot of work still to do to get funds out in a timely way to prevent avoidable evictions, but we are in a new phase." Gene Sperling, who is charged with overseeing implementation of President Joe Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package, said in an email interview.

"We now have the three largest states and many cities saying they have run through or will soon run through all of their ERA funds," he continued. "Treasury is using the reallocation process to spur weak performers to up their game and to get more funds into the hands of those who can help the most vulnerable the fastest."

Texas officials said its program had disbursed $1.5 billion and another $109 million was in the process of being paid. Over 263,000 households have gotten the funds, and another 21,000 have payments that are on the way.

"We have not received word of any additional funds being sent to us for distribution but we have asked Treasury for funds that may be redistributed from those that were not disbursed through other state, county or city programs," Kristina Tirloni, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, said in an email.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services announced earlier this month that nearly all the $289 million in federal emergency rental assistance has been committed.

During a recent Senate Interim Committee On Housing and Development, Margaret Salazar, the director of Oregon Housing and Community Services, said that the "harsh reality" is that Oregon "just did not get enough resources to meet the needs" of the state to respond to the immediate crisis.

Although officials say that all the rental assistance has been requested, a significant chunk of the funds — $159 million — has yet to actually reach renters. The state has received nearly 51,000 complete applications for rental assistance but so far, just 43% of those who have applied have received funding.

New York has spent or committed $2 billion out of $2.4 billion after spending almost only $200 million through August.

But it also faces a challenge of getting money into the hands of tenants, with nearly $1 billion still held up over missing paper work. One big problem is matching the state is having trouble matching applications submitted by tenants with the landlords who own the property.

Congress has authorized $46.5 billion in emergency rental assistance in a bid to thwart what was expected to be a wave of pandemic-related evictions.

The initial rollout of the federal program was plagued by slow disbursement, with administration officials publicly blaming state and municipal partners for bottlenecking the process with excessive bureaucracy often aimed at preventing fraud.

The more recent problem has been some parts of the country expending all their monies while others especially in parts of the South lagging behind.

That prompted Treasury to announce in October that it would soon start reallocating unspent monies.

Those entities that have not obligated 65% of their ERA1 monies or are found to have an expenditure ratio below 30% as of Sept. 30 based on a Treasury formula will face having the money reallocated. Grantees can avoid losing the money if they submit a plan by Nov. 15 showing how they will improve distribution or are able to get their distribution numbers above the 65% or 30% threshold.

There will also be the option of entities voluntary returning the money, with the goal that it could be redistributed to the same state, territory or tribal area. Treasury officials have not identified any places that could lose money.

Associated Press writers Jamie Stengle in Dallas and Sara Cline in Portland, Oregon, contributed to this report.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 236 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 28

Loud Music 800Blk Pacific St 12:01 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 12:03 a.m.
Party Complaint 1500Blk Princeton St 12:11 a.m.
Loud Music Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 12:12 a.m.
Lewd Activity 300Blk Civic Center Dr 12:21 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 12:46 a.m.
Party Complaint 1800Blk 9th St 1:16 a.m.
Loud Music 14th St / Olympic Blvd 1:30 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:09 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:45 a.m.
Trash Dumping 600Blk Colorado Ave 3:29 a.m.
Public Intoxication 800Blk 3rd St 4:01 a.m.
Arson 1500Blk 4th St 5:34 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 17th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:37 a.m.
Traffic Hazard Ocean Ave / California Incline 6:33 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100Blk 23rd St 7:00 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:06 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:15 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 7:25 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1800Blk 12th St 7:55 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:23 a.m.
Burglary Report 1900Blk Ocean Ave 8:36 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1900Blk 20th St 9:03 a.m.
Lost Property 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:22 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 300Blk Washington Ave 9:27 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1700Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:46 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300Blk Centinela Ave 9:57 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 700Blk Broadway 10:15 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now Main St / Pacific St 10:40 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1800Blk Euclid St 10:44 a.m.
Burglary Report 300Blk California Ave 11:00 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 11:01 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 400Blk California Ave 11:46 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 800Blk Montana Ave 12:02 p.m.
Fight 600Blk Broadway 12:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 12:15 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 12:16 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 2400Blk La Mesa Dr 12:17 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 200Blk Broadway 12:25 p.m.
Found Person 1800Blk San Vicente Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 12:34 p.m.
Found Person 1700Blk 4th St 12:34 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2300Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:55 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 2600Blk 23rd St 1:08 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:15 p.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Report 2100Blk 3rd St 1:23 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 700Blk Palisades Park 1:29 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk Ocean Ave 1:29 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:40 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500Blk Harvard St 1:59 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000Blk Euclid St 2:17 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Pine St 2:21 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 7th St / California Ave 2:30 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Barnard Way 2:41 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:46 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 2:51 p.m.
Encampment 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:12 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1800Blk Main St 3:20 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 100Blk Hollister Ave 3:29 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 5th St / Idaho Ave 3:36 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 900Blk Colorado Ave 3:44 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1900Blk Pico Blvd 3:52 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 4:08 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 4th St 4:13 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk Euclid St 4:46 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:48 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk 4th St 4:50 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1900Blk Ocean Ave 4:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1000Blk 7th St 5:06 p.m.
Encampment 1800Blk 11th St 5:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300Blk 10th St 5:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2600Blk 7th St 6:07 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1400Blk Princeton St 6:08 p.m.
Overdose 1400Blk Ocean Ave 6:21 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300Blk Yale St 6:22 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 900Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:28 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1900Blk 17th St 6:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 23rd St / Pico Blvd 6:37 p.m.
Loud Music 1400Blk Ocean Ave 6:58 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 37 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 28

Structure Fire 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 3:35 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk La Mesa Dr 2:02 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 600Blk Colorado Ave 3:29 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:45 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:48 a.m.
EMS 2600Blk 31st St 3:53 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1100Blk 3rd St 4:20 a.m.
EMS 600Blk Pico Pl 6:15 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 7:17 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Sunset Ave 7:40 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 500Blk 22nd St 10:12 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk Main St 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk Arizona Ave 12:15 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ashland Ave 12:33 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 16th St 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Neilson Way 2:30 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300Blk Brentwood Ter 2:47 p.m.
Broken Water Main 900Blk Colorado Ave 3:45 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1300Blk Euclid St 4:11 p.m.
EMS 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:41 p.m.
EMS 900Blk Euclid St 4:43 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 4:57 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 4:58 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:14 p.m.
EMS 2700Blk Main St 5:44 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Broadway 7:47 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 700Blk Cedar St 8:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1000Blk 2nd St 8:15 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk La Mesa Dr 8:46 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1700Blk 18th St 9:18 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 7th St 9:26 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:24 p.m.
EMS 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:29 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Georgina Ave 11:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Possible mob smash/grab robbery thwarted

The Santa Monica Police Department is crediting the keen observation skills and quick thinking of downtown security services personnel in preventing a "smash/grab" crime.

On Friday, Nov. 26 at approximately 5:30 p.m., an observant security team member at the 200 block of Broadway near Nordstrom at Santa Monica Place, took note of seven vehicles (containing approximately a total of 28 individuals) parked in the fire lane in front of the store.

The advent of recent "flash mob robberies" in surrounding communities, West Los Angeles and California have placed all public safety and security services personnel on high alert. The security team member radioed for police assistance while noting vehicle descriptions and the license plate information. The vehicle's occupants noticed his behavior, became antagonistic and left the area before officers arrived.

"The success in our city's ability to curb criminal behavior is dependent on our partnership with one another," said police chief Ramon Batista. "Collectively, we are all a part of the fabric of safety that makes up our great city. You are our extra eyes and ears of the community - residents and businesses alike, are a key component to crime prevention. The Santa Monica Police Department applauds the security services team member for being a GOOD WITNESS."

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City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #301 BILL REDESIGN, PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline is December 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor's Note: Laughing Matters is running off-schedule this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Bright Future of "Kryin'" Kyle Rittenhouse

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving with the indigenous population. (It's likely, however, if the Indians had known where this was going they might have suggested the Pilgrims order out.)

A little more than a week ago, on November 19th, 18-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was found not guilty by a jury of eleven white people and one person of color, of all five charges including murder, stemming from a deadly street protest in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on August 25, 2020. The day before Jacob Blake, a black man, was shot four times in the back and three times on the side as he opened the driver's door to his girlfriend's SUV.

Amazingly, Blake survived though he required numerous surgeries. But the white cop who fired the shots faced no charges. This led to angry protests in the streets that included considerable looting. TV coverage and social media apparently inspired Rittenhouse, then 17, to drive from Antioch, Illinois to Kenosha. Unfortunately, he was carrying his trusty assault rifle. (Despite being under age to have any gun, much less such the deadly the AR-15.)

So it was Rittenhouse killed two men and permanently paralyzed a third but claimed self defense. In what some labeled an Oscar worthy performance, in his trial testimony Rittenhouse broke down crying. It was rather odd, however, because there were no tears. (To be fair, he didn't have the benefit of tear-inducing glycerin that actors and actresses use.)

Kyle got an "A" for effort as he squeezed his face and squinted his eyes over and over hoping to open the flood gates but it only released a tiny drop. At one point he sneaked a peek at the jury to see if they were buying it. (Spoiler alert: They were!)

Yes, "Kryin' Kyle" got off scot free and is the darling of the right wing gun rights activists. Ted Nugent, the over the hill rocker, reportedly has offered to provide Rittenhouse a lifetime's worth of ammunition. (What could go wrong there?)

The history of unarmed black men being killed by white men goes back to slavery that began in this country in 1619 when 20 enslaved Africans arrived in Jamestown. But in the public eye where an unarmed black man is killed by someone who claims self defense, that may have started with George Zimmerman.

On February 26, 2012, in Sanford, Florida, George Zimmerman fatally shot Travon Martin and was also found not guilty. I could list dozens, maybe hundreds of similar cases but I'm only allowed 800 words.

Such is the current case in Georgia of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year old black man who went jogging and tragically he wound up dead. The three white men who were charged with his murder claimed self defense. Thankfully, they were all found guilty.

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Twitter CEO steps down, leaves company at a crossroads

BARBARA ORTUTAY, MICHELLE CHAPMAN AND TALI ARBEL
AP Business Writers

Jack Dorsey is out of his post as Twitter's chief executive for the second time in his career — this time, he says, by choice.

Dorsey, who co-founded the company, offered no specific reasons for his resignation Monday beyond an abstract argument that Twitter, where he's spent 16 years in various roles, should "break away from its founding and founders." Dependence on company founders, he wrote, is "severely limiting."

He will be succeeded by Twitter's current chief technology officer, Parag Agrawal, a choice Wall Street analysts seemed to welcome, seeing him as a safe choice who will usher the company into what's widely seen as the internet's next era — the metaverse. Investors were less sure, sending Twitter's stock 3% lower.

Dorsey was the social platform's first CEO in 2007 until he was forced out the following year, then returned to the role in 2015. He is known for his relaxed demeanor, for his sometimes massive beard that's the subject of several parody Twitter accounts and for Silicon Valley eccentricities that include dabbling in silent retreats, intermittent fasting, cryptocurrencies and blockchain.

He leaves Twitter at a crossroads. The service changed American politics, journalism and culture.

"But it also, it turns out, had a darker side and has been exploited for years by people who want to harass other people and spread falsehoods about other individuals, about groups of individuals, about the state of democracy," said Paul Barrett, deputy director at the New York University Stern Center for Business and Human Rights.

In a letter posted on his Twitter account, Dorsey said he was "really sad...yet really happy" about leaving the company and that it was his decision.

Dorsey sent the first tweet on March 21, 2006, that read "just setting up my twttr." Twitter went through a period of robust growth during its early years, but as its expansion slowed, the San Francisco company began tweaking its format in a bid to make it easier and more engaging to use. While it never rivaled Facebook in size, Twitter became a primary conduit for political discourse and journalism, for better and for worse.

He will remain on the board until his term expires in 2022. Agrawal joined Twitter in 2011 and has been CTO since 2017. Dorsey expressed confidence in Agrawal and new board Chairman Bret Taylor, who is president and chief operating officer of the business software company Salesforce.

Twitter was caught up in the heated political atmosphere leading up to the 2020 election, particularly when it banned former President Donald Trump following his incitement of the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. Dorsey defended the move, saying Trump's tweets after the event resulted in a risk to public safety and created an "extraordinary and untenable circumstance" for the company.

Trump sued the company, along with Facebook and YouTube, in July, alleging censorship.

Critics argued that Twitter took too long to address hate speech, harassment and other harmful activity on its platform, particularly during the presidential campaign.

Publicly, Dorsey has signaled that he understood Twitter's need to change. In a series of tweets in 2018, he said the company was committed to "collective health, openness, and civility of public conversation, and to hold ourselves publicly accountable towards progress."

"We have witnessed abuse, harassment, troll armies, manipulation through bots and human-coordination, misinformation campaigns, and increasingly divisive echo chambers. We aren't proud of how people have taken advantage of our service, or our inability to address it fast enough," he wrote.

The company adopted more stringent content-moderation standards and other changes, Barrett said. "And that's all to the good, but it's not perfect, and it's nowhere close to perfect."

Dorsey has faced several distractions as CEO, starting with the fact that he's also founder and CEO of the payments company Square. Some big investors have questioned whether he could effectively lead both companies.

Since Twitter went public in 2013, its stock has been sluggish. It closed at $41 on its first day of trading eight years ago. On Monday, it ended the day at $45.78. Square has enjoyed far greater financial success with Dorsey at the helm. Its stock, which began trading in 2015 around $13, closed Monday above $212.

Last year, Twitter came to an agreement with two of those activist investors that kept Dorsey in the top job and gave a seat on the company board to Elliott Management Corp., which owned about 4% of Twitter's stock, and another to the Silver Lake private equity firm.

Agrawal is a "'safe' pick who should be looked upon as favorably by investors," wrote CFRA Research analyst Angelo Zino, who noted that Elliott had pressured Dorsey to step down. Elliott released a statement Monday saying Agrawal and Taylor were the "right leaders for Twitter at this pivotal moment for the company."

While Twitter has high-profile users like politicians and celebrities and is a favorite of journalists, its user base lags far behind old rivals Facebook and YouTube and newer ones such as TikTok. It has just over 200 million daily active users, a common industry metric.

Agrawal is far less known than Dorsey. He previously worked at Microsoft, Yahoo and AT&T in research roles. At Twitter, he's worked on machine learning, revenue and consumer engineering and audience growth. An immigrant from India, he studied at Stanford University and the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay.

As CEO, he will have to step out from his largely technical background and confront social and political issues, including

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

As L.A. County Prepares to Deal with the Possible Threat of a New Variant of Concern, Evidence Accumulates on the Protection Offered by the Vaccines

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reports that cases among staff and residents living in skilled nursing facilities have decreased significantly between October 22 and November 14. This coincides with 98% of skilled nursing facilities in L.A. County administering booster doses to eligible residents and staff over this same period.

During the week of October 22, 92 new cases were reported among staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities. For the week ending November 14, 34 people tested positive for COVID-19 at skilled nursing facilities: 13 new cases were among skilled nursing facility residents, and 21 new cases were among skilled nursing facility staff. This is a 63% drop in new cases during a time when cases across the county declined by only 6%.

Boosters for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, the brands administered to the majority of skilled nursing facility residents, became available on October 22, 2021. Out of the 341 skilled nursing facilities in L.A. County, 336 completed their rollout of booster vaccines. Public Health is working with the remaining skilled nursing facilities to offer County mobile vaccine team assistance to ensure all eligible residents are offered their booster dose this upcoming week.

In addition to the quick administration of boosters to residents, all skilled nursing facilities staff are required to be fully vaccinated as of September 30, 2021 according to the state health officer order; all eligible staff were offered boosters as well.

Skilled nursing facilities report that 96% of staff and 90% of residents are fully vaccinated.

Public Health confirmed 10 new deaths and 794 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths reflect reporting delays over the weekend. Of the 10 new deaths reported today, four people who passed away were over the age of 80, one person who died was between the ages of 65 and 79, three people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64, and two people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49. To date, Public Health has identified 1,526,272 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 27,138 deaths.

There are 568 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 9,413,000 individuals, with 15% of people testing positive.

The recent test positivity rate is 2.45%, an increase from last week's same-day rate of 1.0%. The increased test positivity rate likely reflects a significantly reduced volume of testing associated with schools being closed.

As the County prepares to deal with the possible threat of Omicron, a new variant of concern, the most important strategy remains making sure that everyone 5 years and older gets fully vaccinated or receives their booster dose as quickly as possible to reduce transmission of COVID-19. Given that there continues to be substantial transmission of COVID-19 and the uncertainty about the level of vaccine efficacy against this new variant of concern, all residents and workers need to be sure to adhere to vaccination verification and masking requirements and wear a mask when indoors or at large outdoor mega events regardless of vaccination status.

"To everyone who has lost a friend or loved one to COVID-19, we send you our deepest condolences," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Over the course of our month long drive to roll out boosters in skilled nursing facilities, cases and hospitalizations dropped among the residents of these facilities far more dramatically than they did among the population at large. Clearly boosters, along with very high vaccination coverage with two doses among staff and residents, make a difference by enhancing protection. We encourage all adults 18 and over eligible for booster doses to go ahead and get that booster dose as an important way to protect from getting infected and spreading the virus; since transmission remains substantial across the county, this additional boost makes a difference."

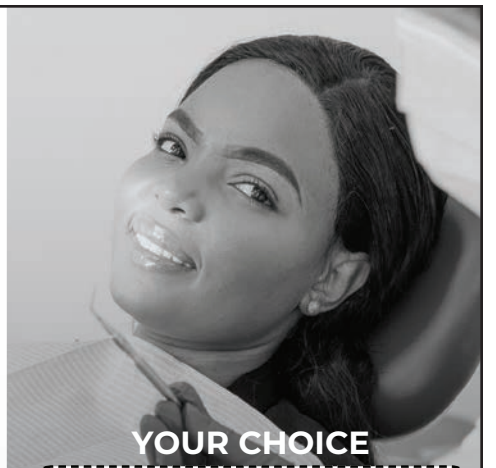
COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 5 years old and older to help protect against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites and many community sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

To find a vaccination site near you, or to make an appointment, please visit:
www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) or www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish).
If you need assistance you can also call 1-833-540-0473 for help:
Finding an appointment
Connect to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or
Schedule a home-visit if you are homebound.

For more information regarding COVID-19 in LA County you can also visit the Public Health website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov here you will find information on:
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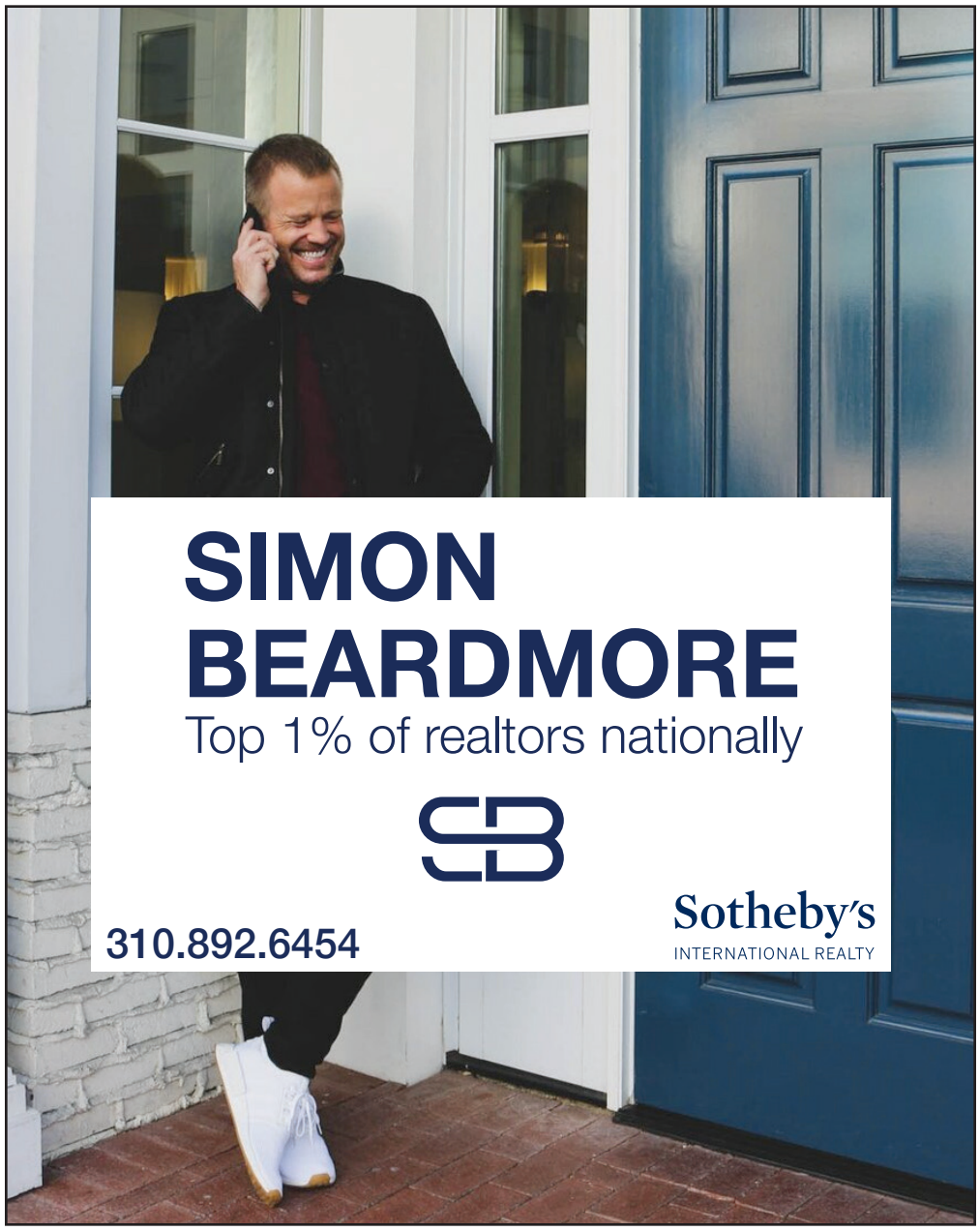
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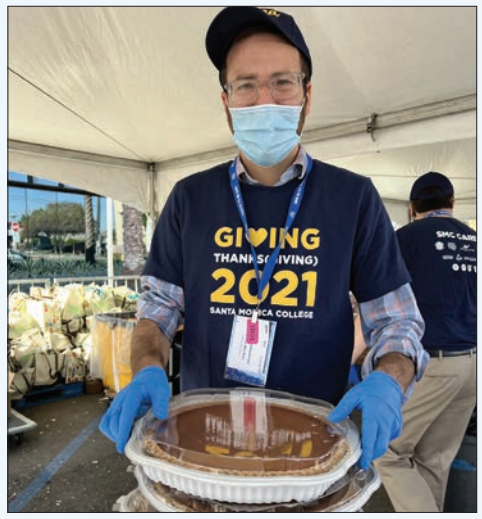
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Losing three straight has McVay, Rams in unfamiliar position

DAN GREENSPAN
Associated Press

The Los Angeles Rams didn't win a game in November.

That puts a team that was regarded as a Super Bowl favorite coming into the month in the same company with New Orleans, which has been dealing with injuries at quarterback, and Detroit, which is in a total rebuild.

To be fair to the Lions, they at least managed a tie among their three games this month, while the Rams went 0-3 after losing 36-28 to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

"We have guys that are way too good for us to be losing games like this and losing games in a row," Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey said Sunday. "We just got to get it right. We got to play better. Everything has to be better, because we're too good to be losing games like this. But we're not playing like we're that good right now."

The shocking fall despite bringing in the likes of outside linebacker Von Miller and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. is just the second three-game losing streak for Los Angeles since Sean McVay became head coach in 2017.

The Rams (7-4) dropped three straight in Weeks 4 to 6 of the 2019 season, McVay's lone campaign that did not reach the postseason, but tight end Tyler Higbee said there is no panic.

"It's about going back to work, find out what we need to do to fix it and attacking it that way," Higbee said Monday. "Putting your head back down and going back to work, and see how we fix some of these mistakes that we're making, and do what we need to do to get back in the win column."

There are plenty of problems to choose from, be it the glut of turnovers from Stafford, including throwing a pick-6 for the third straight game, breakdowns in pass protection, an ineffective ground game or struggles stopping the run.

The Rams' strong start gave them some margin for error to work through these issues, as they currently hold the first wild card in the NFC, and a home game against Jacksonville (2-9) this Sunday should be the perfect opportunity to get back on track.

McVay said it is important to find a balance between honestly assessing what is going wrong and keeping confidence up.

"You want to just continue to fight your way out of this rut, and we're gonna go right back to our process. We're going to look inwardly. ... And I think we've got the right kind of guys to be able to fight out of this thing the right way," McVay said.

WHAT'S WORKING

On a day where little went right, the defense stepped up in the red zone and on its fringes to give the Rams a chance to make things interesting late. They forced two field goals to start the second quarter, the first coming after Darrell Henderson Jr. was stopped on fourth-and-1 at their 29. There was another hold at the 11-yard line to make the Packers kick a short field goal in the third.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Take your pick. The most glaring concern is ball security, as two lost fumbles and an interception led to 16 points for the Packers. Stafford has thrown five picks and lost a fumble over the three-game skid, accounting for nearly half of the Rams' 14 total giveaways this season during the losing streak.

STOCK UP

WR Van Jefferson got loose for a 79-yard touchdown catch and finished with 93 yards on three grabs after totaling 95 yards on six receptions the previous two games. With Beckham still getting comfortable in McVay's offense, Los Angeles needs Jefferson to be that reliable second option to Cooper Kupp.

STOCK DOWN

Henderson rushed for 55 yards on 16 carries and didn't have a run longer than 7 yards. He struggled in short yardage, continuing a troubling trend of the Rams not being able to run the ball when necessary.

INJURIES

Henderson is dealing with a quad strain that could limit him in practice this week. ... Beckham's back checked out fine, but he does have a hip pointer that will need treatment. ... LB Justin Hollins should resume practicing this week after having surgery in September for a partially torn pectoral muscle, starting the 21-day clock to activate him off injured reserve.

KEY NUMBER

9 — Stafford has been sacked nine times in the past three games. He was dropped just seven times through his first eight games with the Rams.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Jaguars making the trip out west might be exactly what the Rams need to get their confidence back. Jacksonville is 0-4 on the road this season, averaging 16.5 points in those games.

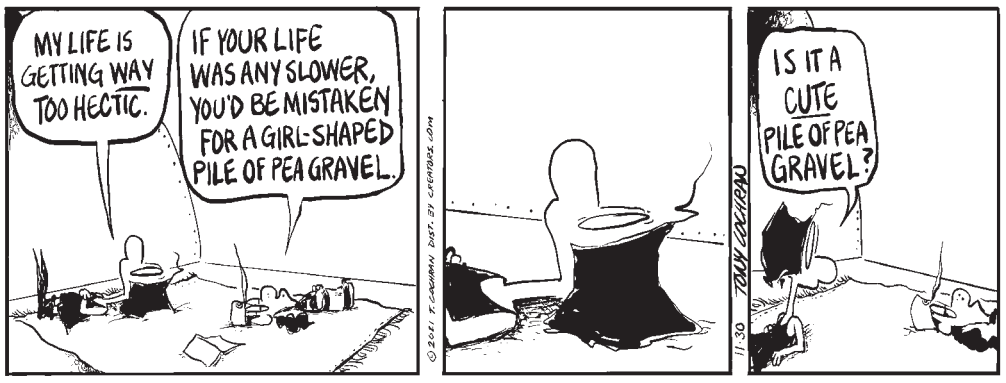
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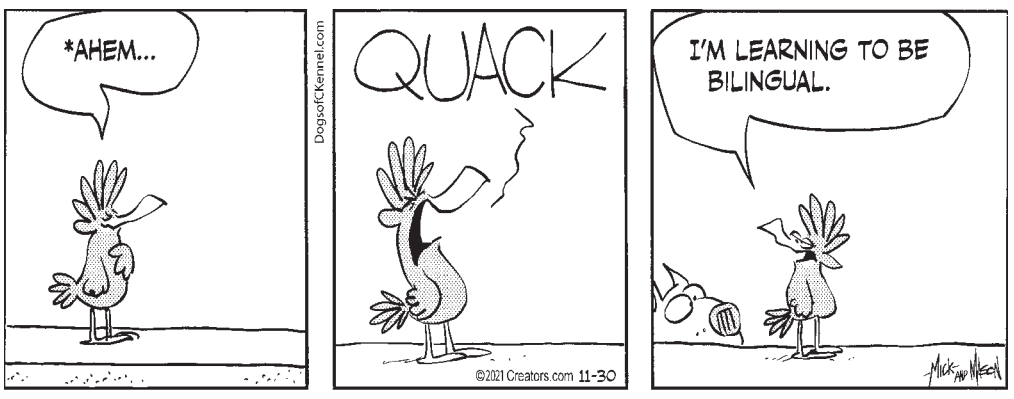
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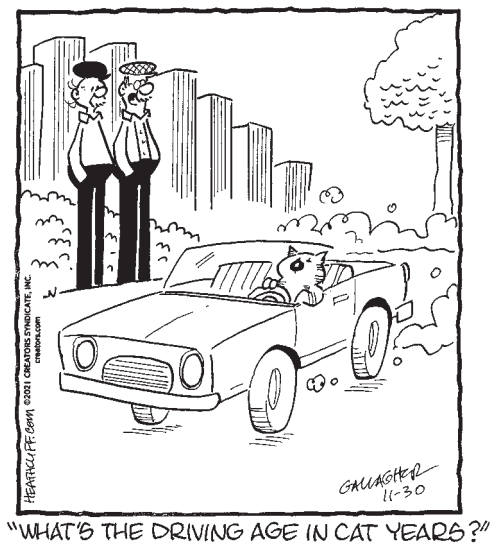
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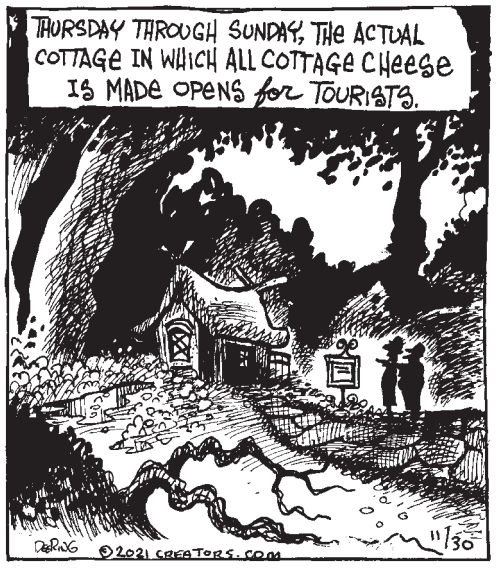
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.6°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to waist high
Refresh of NW swell mix could see the surf trend from minor through the AM high tide to borderline fun for the afternoon tide push at west facing exposures. Wind may stay light into the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
WNW swell holds early then eases through the afternoon, some small SSW swell mixing in. Early high tide slows most of the region but wind could remain light into the afternoon.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 56. Southwest wind around 5 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have restricted yourself. Now, it's tempting to lift that restriction, break the rule or change the plan. Something's got to give -- you still get to choose exactly what.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In some ways, you grew up fast. Gaps in your development, steps that got missed when you were leaping into adulthood, can still be filled in. Anything that inspires a childlike glee in you will help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are drawn to success stories, and you'll enjoy hearing of impressive achievements. You're starting to get the sneaking suspicion that you have what it takes to do the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to question who you are and what you stand for because you understand, at a deep level, that these things can change. You're always developing and growing, which is why new wonders will keep opening to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It feels like you keep having to find your own way over and over. This lack of role models can be remedied. There are many who would beautifully support you if they only knew what you needed. Reach out and talk about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you relax and enjoy yourself, will your appetite for enjoyment grow? Yes. It will, and it should. Can you name a good reason why your life shouldn't be a pleasure?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You love to see them smile, but there's a point in which this would require you to sacrifice your own. Don't let it happen. There's only one smile you're really responsible for, and the others are all add-ons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Oversharing is a symptom of the times, though one to avoid now as it runs counter to the mysterious persona that is working so well for you. Keep your cards close to the vest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You tend to see anger as a negative emotion, and it can be, but it can also be a driving force -- the energy needed to fuel a swift change, learn a lesson or erect a boundary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To maintain an open mind, one door, the door of possibility, must be kept open. It's a heavy door and if there's nothing stopping it, it will close on its own. Optimism makes a solid doorstop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Humanity is the virtue you are most known for. They won't always tell you, but the way you flow love, kindness and social intelligence through your days makes for a fuller experience for all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Certain individuals are hard to relax around. This makes them difficult to read, which could put you at a disadvantage. Calm yourself so nervous, self-conscious energy can't interfere with your awareness.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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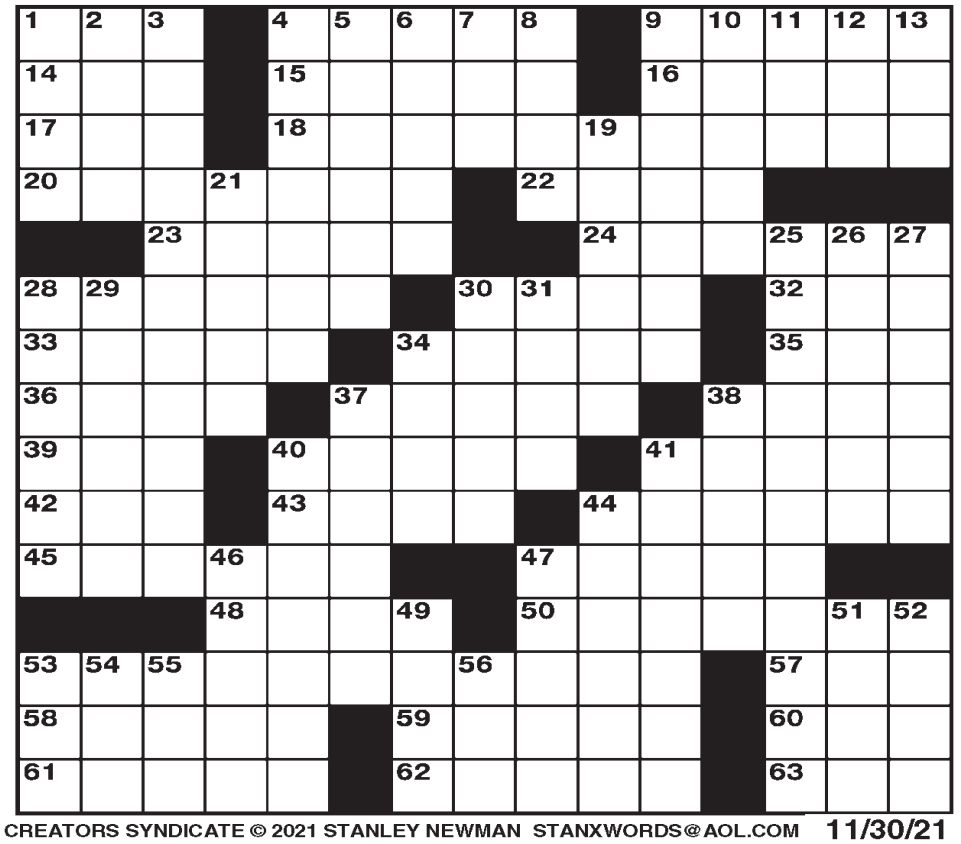
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32 "__ moment please"
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39 Scientist's workshop
40 Make amends
41 Dad's brother
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43 Engrossed
44 Slots for stallions in stables
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57 Bikini portion
58 Charitable benefactor
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61 In a bad mood
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63 Sandwich bread

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40 Bow-and-arrows sport
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44 Devious plan
46 "This __ a drill"
47 Facing the pitcher
49 Undersea vessels
51 Military ground force
52 Overdue
53 Seattle summer hrs.
54 Weed-chopping implement
55 Walk-__ (minor roles)
56 1,051, in Roman numerals



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

TUESDAY | NOV 30

WINTERLIT LIGHTS
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) brings the holidays to the Third Street Promenade with the return of Winterlit, transforming the downtown district into an immersive, festive experience. Tens of thousands of colorful lights, decor and garland will deck the Third Street Promenade, 2nd and 4th Streets, illuminating convenient shopping and cozy outdoor dining experiences. Santa Clause will be in town and available for photos. WInterlit runs through the holiday season.

WEDNESDAY | DEC 1

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Arizona Ave & 2nd St

MYSTERY WINDOW ART PROJECT
Help an art project come to life! Bring friends and family to create window art at the Library using post-its. What will it be? Come create and see! For ages 7 and up. Main Library. 3 - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY | DEC 2

COCKTAILS AND ALL THAT JAZZ
from November 25th to January 6th, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel has created the best of holiday cheer, seasonal cocktails, live entertainment, culinary creations, and more for the whole family to enjoy. Listen to live jazz this holiday season, by the beach, every Thursday night beginning December 2nd, 2021 in our lobby lounge from 5pm to 9pm. Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel 1700 Ocean Ave.

NOMA MEETING
The North of Montana Avenue Association will be giving residents the opportunity to meet new City Manager David White and our newly-appointed Chief of Police Ramon Batista at NOMA's meeting this Thursday, December 2, at 7 p.m. and to discuss issues of neighborhood concern and prospects for the city. The session will be on Zoom and the public is invited to attend at smnoma.org till capacity is reached.

FRIDAY | DEC 3

THE PRACTICE OF DISGUISE - BEHIND THE SCENES
An experimental video trailer by Taiwanese artist Ling-lin Ku, produced under the framework of her solo show entitled The Practice of Disguise, features a behind the scene look at her time as an AiR at 18th Street Arts Center. The video will present footage around her studio and process, interviews with staff members and artists, the exhibition, as a visual collage along with other researched images. Streaming online at Facebook Live (@18thstreetarts) at 12 p.m. to 1p.m. For more information visit https://18th-street.org/event/thepracticeofdisguise/

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR
Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House! Discover the site's rich history from the 1920s to present day. Our free 20-minute guided tours are available on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Please wear a mask as it is required indoors at City of Santa Monica facilities. Reservations not required. 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

SEASIDE CINEMA AT LOEWS SCREENS THE GRINCH
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel announces its third annual holiday program, Seaside Holidays. Tis the season for FREE holiday movies... beachside. Seaside Cinema Holidays features timeless classics, seasonal culinary treats, and more.Movies show from 6pm-8pm.

SAT |DEC 4

CELEBRATE PICO
Save the date for a free, fun family event at the Pico Farmer's Market at Virginia Park from 9am - 1pm! A 10-ft Wishing Tree will be up at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield, and kid's can spin a prize wheel for candy or toys, and enjoy a spectacular framed kids art project sponsored by the charming new Creative Roads Kids Enrichment Center. We'll hang your child's mural art in a Pico merchant's shop! The Pico Branch librarians have Storytime planned for 10:15am and 11:15am and Pico Improvement Org has some fabulous canvas totes to surprise lucky visitors.

MONTANA AVENUE HOLIDAY WALK
Find wonderful gifts, have your photos taken with Santa, listen to live music, indulge in great food and drinks. This is a fun night for all! 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Montana Ave.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Time for brunch

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REDISTRICTING

FROM PAGE 1

agreements with the cities in its COG.

"Mutual aid goes across police to police, fire to fire, emergency management to emergency management," said Parra. "What that means is that we train together, we provide mutual aid when there's an event at one of our respective cities, we come out and unite forces and we share plans… so it really, really is extremely beneficial that we continue that liaison with each other."

The California Constitution stipulates that the Redistricting Commission should draw lines uniting communities of interest, however Himmelrich said she does not believe this is what led to Santa Monica's proposed redistricting with San Fernando Valley cities. The Constitution defines a community of interest as a population which shares common social and economic interests and should be in a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation.

"This is true politics and not about a community of interests with any particular group, but rather who's going to be our person, who's running for this, who's running for that. There's a lot of jockeying around that has nothing to do with what an appropriate district would be for us," said Himmelrich.

City Council will now submit a letter signed by the Mayor that outlines its position on the proposed redistricting. Redistricting is completed every ten years following the census to ensure that each Senate, Assembly and Congressional District includes a similar number of people to protect equal representation in government.

The California Redistricting Commission released its draft maps on Nov. 10 and must submit its final maps by Dec. 27.

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SMMUSD

FROM PAGE 1

teachers are great supporters of the vaccines. As a Union, we support vaccines for all that are eligible, masking at school and testing. This has kept most of our students healthy and learning in person and that is what we all want in the end."

At the Thursday meeting, no move was made to require vaccines for kids—a topic of continuing debate in the district.

SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati again urged parents of kids ages five and up to get their children vaccinated.

The school district has hired nurses to administer COVID-19 vaccines. The school district will offer the shots to anyone in the community, no matter if they have kids in the schools or not. SMMUSD clinics will be held on Nov. 30 at McKinley and Dec. 1 at Malibu High School (visit https://myturn.ca.gov/index.html to make appointments at SMMUSD or other clinics).

Public schools are still requiring students to wear masks, whether they are vaccinated or not, in line with countywide mask mandates. The district will soon be sending out a survey on safety protocols to middle and high school parents.

Originally published in the Malibu Times.

TWITTER

FROM PAGE 4

misinformation, abuse and effects on mental health.

Agrawal got a fast introduction to life as CEO of a company that's one of the central platforms for political speech. Conservatives quickly unearthed a tweet he sent in 2010 that read "If they are not gonna make a distinction between Muslims and extremists, then why should I distinguish between white people and racists."

As some Twitter users pointed out, the 11-year-old tweet quoted a segment on "The Daily Show," which was referencing the firing of journalist Juan Williams, who made a comment about being nervous about Muslims on an airplane. Twitter did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment on the tweet.

Barrett said Dorsey's founder-CEO peers — notably Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg — should take heed.

"It would be wise for the founding generation to actually give up control on a day-to-day basis of these entities sooner than they tend to do. I think there's a natural tendency to want to hold on to your baby and guide and shape it," he said. "But it's a very different role coming up with the idea in the first place and refining it in its very earliest years and then running it when it becomes something that has hundreds of millions of users."

POLICE LOG

FROM PAGE 3

Auto Burglary Report 1400Blk 14th St 7:12 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 7:21 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2700Blk Arizona Ave 7:26 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:30 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 400Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2000Blk Virginia Ave 8:14 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000Blk 2nd St 8:15 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Ocean Ave / Broadway 8:26 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Stanford St / Colorado Ave 8:51 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1500Blk Broadway 9:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1700Blk 15th St 9:39 p.m.
Rape Report 1000Blk Hill St 10:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200Blk Delaware Ave 10:32 p.m.
Found Person 1400Blk Marine St 10:42 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 10:52 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 2nd St 11:18 p.m.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 4

Arbery, a seemingly model citizen, died as a result of the twisted belief that citizens need to become vigilantes. If the three defendants were found not guilty I dreaded the possibility of more violence. That brings me back to Kyle, who in some circles, is the toast of the town. (Whereas his poor victims it could be said just wound up toast.)

The day after his non-guilty Kyle received an offer to be an intern in a congressman's office. The Congressman is the infamous Matt Gaetz (R-Florida) who is being investigated for sex trafficking of a 17-year-old girl and having paid for her travels with him. (On the other hand, Kyle is only 18 so he might be an excellent conduit for Gaetz.)

If Kyle works out well with Gaetz but Gaetz winds up going to prison maybe he could pass him on to Donald Trump who appears to be getting ready for a 2024 presidential run. Remember when Trump bragged, "I could shoot someone on 5th Avenue and I wouldn't lose a vote." Forget just one person, Kyle shot three, killing two and leaving the third paralyzed for life. Rittenhouse could be a perfect minion for Trump and has already visited the former president in Mar-a-Lago.

And Trump, who is a lifelong philanderer, could help Kyle who some have suggested is an "Incel." That's a term to describe an online community of young men who consider themselves unable to attract women sexually, typically associated with views that are hostile toward women and men who are sexually active.

Though I hope not, Kyle could learn at the feet of the master. Because if Trump is good at anything it's cheating, including: The IRS, kids cancer charity, vendors, lawyers, golf, Trump University and, of possible prurient interest to Rittenhouse, women as Trump not only cheated on all three wives but his mistresses, too. (Maybe I should have changed "master" with "monster?")

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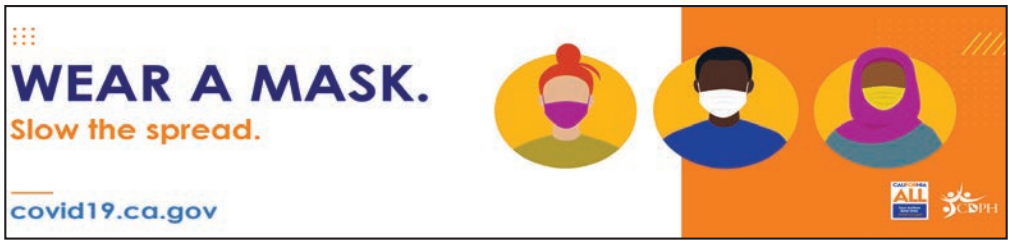
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