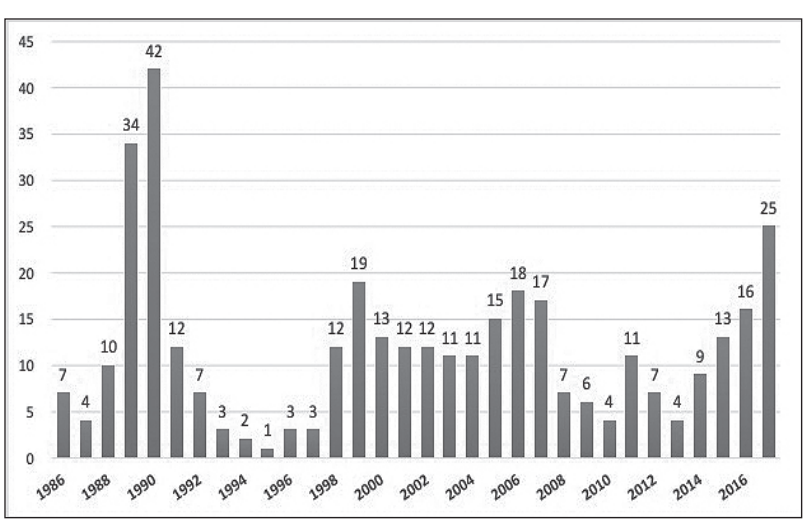
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UNITS: Number of Ellised buildings by year withdrawn for residential uses.

Ellis act evictions driven by new owners

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica could halt the loss of its housing supply by prohibiting developers from replacing rent-controlled apartment buildings with single-family homes and small condominiums, according to a new City of Santa Monica report.

Developers are buying small rent-controlled buildings and making swift use of the Ellis Act, a 1985 state law that allows landlords to evict tenants if they want to get out of the rental business, to replace them with single-family homes, duplexes or triplexes, capitalizing on Santa Monica's skyrocketing home prices and eroding the city's housing stock.

Speculators are moving quickly: 41 percent of Ellis evictions in Santa Monica were filed by property owners who have owned their buildings for less than one year, and an additional 23 percent came from landlords who owned their

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Beachfront veterans' memorial attacked on Memorial Day

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Volunteers working on the Arlington West veterans' memorial were attacked on Memorial Day by a homeless man who destroyed part of the display and sent one volunteer to the hospital.

David Wilfong, 36, homeless, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse and mayhem for the May 27 incident. He was arrested at the scene by the Santa Monica Police Department and is being held on $100,000 bail.

The memorial is a weekly tradition in Santa Monica with a

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Courtesy photo

SUSPECT: David Wilfong was arrested for attacking a veteran.





Oskar Zinnemann

GALA: Heal the Bay held its annual Gala last week where green honorees were joined by ocean-loving celebrities at the Jonathan Beach Club. Reflecting the eclectic nature of devoted ocean lovers, the nonprofit recognized the eco-accomplishments of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and "The World Famous KROQ".


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What's Up Westside

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Wednesday, May 29

A Lego Building Afternoon

Join us for fun with LEGO building. Ages 4-11. Ocean Park Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd 3 - 5 p.m.

70th Annual Student Music Awards

The public is invited to the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica's 70th Annual Student Music Awards. The Awards and Scholarships are awarded to recognize outstanding musical achievement within the SMMUSD. There will be performances from the 1st place winners in each category. This free event will take place at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th Street, Santa Monica. 5 p.m. - Awards and Performances, 6:30 p.m. Reception. Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica was established in 1922 to serve children and families in the community. www.kiwanisclubsm.org

Thursday, May 30

Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd 1:00pm-2:30 pm.

LEGOS and Games

Get creative with LEGOs, try our fun tabletop games, or some coloring! Ages 4-10. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd Children's Activity Room 3:45 - 5 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Guest House open

Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Saturday, June 1

Tie-Dye for Adults with Laura of Griffin Dyeworks

Learn techniques with procion dye to create sophisticated, colorfast projects. We'll cover how to use fiber reactive dyes, basic color theory for planning your project, and folding and tying techniques to create mandala and sunburst patterns, along with time-honored favorites like the vortex spiral. Bring 1-4 garments (how many you can do will depend on their size) and clothes you don't mind getting drips on - aprons and gloves provided. Cost: $38 + $5 cash material fee. 3 - 5 p.m. 1450 Ocean. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/73205

Celebrate Ramadan

Celebrate the end of Ramadan with stories and a craft. Main Library, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. 'A Piece of the World' by Christina Baker Kline. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Memorial Park Master Plan Info Booth

Visit the information booth at Memorial Park on Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. where you can view the proposed master plan materials. City staff will be available to explain elements of the plan and answer questions. Further details about this community outreach package, including other opportunities to provide input and view the materials.

Sunday, June 2

Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday, June 3

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. 7 p.m.

The Disabilities Commission Regular Meeting

The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Ken Edwards Center, 6:30 p.m.

Social Media and The Job Search

Learn how to maximize social media to enhance your marketability and obtain employment. Pico Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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ELLIS

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buildings for less than five years.

"One of the trends we've seen is someone knocking down a four-unit building and replacing it with a house," said Jim Kemper, the City's housing program manager. "There's an overall loss of housing stock."

To counter that trend, the City is considering requiring property owners to construct four-unit buildings when they redevelop buildings in low-density residential (R2) areas, such as Wilmont and Pico, according to the report.

"The whole point of an R2 zone is to have fourplexes and triplexes," Kemper said. "Building a one-unit dwelling is contrary to the whole point of that zoning area."

With a minimum density requirement, new projects would be subject to the City's requirement that multi-family housing includes units for low-income households. Kemper said developers typically build triplexes, duplexes and single-family homes in R2 areas because a fourplex must include an affordable unit. Smaller developments pay an in-lieu fee.

"If you're on a parcel that only allows you to build four units, most developers say 'Why not build three larger luxury units and just pay the fee?'" he said.

The report from consultants Keyser Marston Associates (KMA) also proposes requiring development on an Ellised property to include at least the same number of units as the rent-controlled building or charging an impact fee for each rent-controlled unit lost. Both proposals would require studies to determine if they would make new development financially infeasible.

The report follows a 2017 KMA study of Ellis activity in Santa Monica. The original report concluded that Ellis evictions have followed changes in property values over the last 30 years and most are occurring in south Santa Monica, Wilmont and downtown.

The report released Thursday found that 429 rent-controlled units on 63 properties have been Ellised in the last three decades and converted to offices, stores, restaurants, hotels and other businesses. Local zoning changes have had no effect on that development, KMA found.

Developers are increasingly converting rent-controlled apartments to commercial buildings, however. 59 units in two buildings were Ellised in 2016, the largest spike since 68 units in 1990.

An additional 320 units across 45 properties with commercial zoning are vulnerable to Ellis evictions, according to the report.

Residential conversions follow a similar pattern. The three years with the most Ellis activity were 1988, 1990, 2000 and 2017. Between 2013 and 2017, the number of Ellised units increased almost sevenfold to 101 dwellings after years of decline.

"In general, the withdrawal rate declined between 2009 and 2014, although there was a spike in 2011," the report said. "This period generally corresponds to the economic recession that seriously impacted the real estate market."

Two-thirds of rent-controlled buildings were converted to single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes. That's a pattern unique to Ellised properties; total new development in Santa Monica produced buildings with five or more units 81 percent of the time.

"If the majority of Ellis withdrawals are happening in the R2 zone, the maximum number of units you could build back up is four," Kemper said. "A lot of new development is downtown or along commercially zoned boulevards, where more density is allowed."

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Venice Art Crawl x FlowerFest blossoms on Saturday, June 1, and everything will be coming up flowers, food, and art on Rose Avenue from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Venice Art Crawl has harvested the best in local art and filled the sidewalks and walls of the trend-setting restaurants and boutiques that line the street. Plus, two hubs featuring multiple artists will anchor the event at both ends: The Venice Ale House's Rose Room at Oceanfront and Venice Community Housing near Lincoln. This joint effort by Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Rose Avenue Merchants Association is free and open to the public.

Enjoy the chance to meet top artists, engage with the Venice community, and taste VAC x FF happy hour specials at host restaurants. This collaboration only happens once a year and you don't want to miss the fun. Round up your friends and family and join in as we kick off the summer season in true Venice style, with art, food, and flowers.

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The Venice Art Crawl is a Venice Chamber of Commerce Hosted Event. The VAC's mission is to preserve the arts in Venice, a place that has historically been known as a vibrant and dynamic art community. They are an all-volunteer run non-profit organization which is a committee of the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Learn more at www.veniceartcrawl.com. To learn more about the Venice Chamber, visit www.venicechamber.net

The Rose Avenue Merchants Association represents the businesses on Rose Ave. The mission of RAMA is to celebrate, promote and preserve an understanding and an appreciation of Rose Ave, Venice.

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Citywide

Meals on Wheels West Honors Two SoCalGas Employees with 2019 Community Champion Award

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) announced that it has received the 2019 Community Champions by Meals on Wheels West (MOW West). Two employees, John Thompson, storage operations manager for SoCalGas, started delivering meals every Friday in 2004, and Sam Kunemoto, principal engineer for SoCalGas, joined the effort in 2005.

MOW West's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was hosted by The Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows in Santa Monica today. The organization recognized SoCalGas for its support through their corporate philanthropy program and Thompson and Kunemoto for their more than 14 years of service. A photo is available here.

"For more than a decade, Thompson and Kunemoto have steadfastly supported our mission each week by delivering meals to home-bound individuals living in Santa Monica," Kevin McNulty, Chief Administrative Officer for Meals on Wheels West. "There is hidden hunger even in the most affluent communities. In 2018, MOW West served nearly 122,000 meals to more than 460 individuals and the need will continue to grow. Meals on Wheels West is grateful for the support and friendship of John, Sam and SoCalGas."

"SoCalGas is proud of Thompson and Kunemoto for generously giving their time and energy volunteering in the community," said Mike Harriel, regional public affairs manager for SoCalGas. "In addition, our company supports their volunteer efforts through the Volunteer Incentive Program, a corporate philanthropic program."

"Sam and I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the great work at MOW West," said John Thompson. "Volunteering is an enjoyable activity, we get to meet people, make new friends and deliver food that is essential to living. It doesn't take too much time, plus it feels good to support such an important mission."

In 2018, SoCalGas invested more than $7.5 million to nearly 1,000 organizations across its service territory, benefiting in part underserved community groups in African American, Hispanic American, Asian Pacific American, and Native American communities. For more information about SoCalGas' charitable giving, please visit the 2018 Community Giving Report.

Since 1974, MOW West has provided home-delivered meals to the veterans, disabled, ill, mobility impaired and seniors who are homebound and unable to provide for themselves. Home delivered meals reduces hunger and isolation for our homebound neighbors. MOW West serves residents living in Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Venice and Marina Del Rey. It is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization. Our Mission Statement: Meals on Wheels West provides community-based services that nourish and enrich the lives of our home-delivered neighbors, of all ages, by providing nutritious meals, emergency preparedness and referrals to other services that promote independent living and wellbeing.

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Happy Memorial Day?

SHOOTING IN THE DARK

I imagine most columnists feel that way sometimes. Who's reading? Is anybody reading?! Are the people who can make a difference right away reading? Am I persuading them at all or do they just hate and ignore what I write?

It may surprise you to know that I rarely hear from the haters. I think they call or write to my editor instead, lucky him. The less digitally-inclined of them sometimes write me actual letters (though my email is at the bottom of every column), and every couple of months I pick up the pile of not-a-fan mail. I say that because of the words and drawings scrawled on the envelopes. Not love notes. I still haven't opened the latest batch because I haven't dug out the rubber gloves and hazmat suit yet. If I find white power I will assume it is not a gift of cocaine.

It still always delights me that a week doesn't pass without my hearing from one or more readers who are very supportive and from whom I've never heard before. Often they write that they've been reading the columns for years.

It is, of course, a privilege to be given space in print in this great city's leading newspaper. Since high school I've been writing for publication, and educating myself since pre-teens about politics and music, the two things that interest me most.

SO WHAT?

Well, yeah, right. Here's the thing, in Santa Monica. While I do seem to get a lot of support for speaking out as to what and who's ruining this city (not ruined yet but well along the path with no brakes being applied), are those hundreds of people that I hear from — it? Are they the only ones who agree with me? Are they my bubble? Do the other 90,000 think everything is just peachy and what we really need is more development, bigger taller buildings with little or no parking, more gridlock, more crime, a bigger homeless population, higher taxes, less law enforcement, and spending our money twice as fast? Maybe.

It's impossible to tell. I've never felt I speak for the majority of Santa Monicans, because the majority don't have the time or inclination to become informed on these matters. A certain number of those just don't care.

Here's my sense: that I speak for a great many, if not a majority, of the residents who want to proudly call Santa Monica home and not just a way station on their life's journey. They care about its unique, cherished history and its future. They could be young or old, they could be 40-year residents or just arrived, but they care, deeply. This is their home, they love it, they know about it, and they plan to stay.

SADLY

Too many of them have given up on their City government changing course, and have moved out. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates for the last three years show Santa Monica's population decreasing, if only slightly. We always used to use the rounded figure of 94,000, now it's closer to 91,000. You can dispute the figures, but — it is the U.S. Census Bureau, and while Trump is trying to politicize them too with his citizenship question, they're still a reliable, nonpartisan institution.

So, for whom is all this construction and development you see around you? Decreasing population, 9 percent vacancy rate (that's very high) — who's benefiting from all this?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

I don't mean to be annoying but isn't "have a happy Memorial Day!" off the mark? Even insensitive? I know most people think only of a long weekend, backyard barbecues and way too many margaritas. All swell and good. This past weekend, when the occasion came up, I found myself wishing folks "a great Memorial Day weekend" — open to interpretation.

Veterans Day in November honors all who served in our military but Memorial Day honors those who made the greatest sacrifice. They died, for their country, often suffering terribly and far away from home. Their families and friends forever torn. There are still brothers and sisters waiting for an MIA body to come back from Nam. And now you have yet another Republican draft dodger president rattling the sword of war, and his party blocks all bills to take care of the veterans they've already created. What have we become, to allow this in our names?

To add to it all, you had the incident here Sunday where a man, probably mentally ill, attacked the Arlington West display of flags on the beach, just north of the Pier, that volunteers have been painstakingly erecting and taking down every Sunday for the last 15 years. One of the volunteers was injured and required stitches. Something like this doesn't come out of thin air. It's a reflection of where we are as a nation and as a city.

The Arlington West people are a very interesting group. Veterans for Peace, "exposing the true costs of war and militarism since 1985." Check out their website.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime." — Ernest Hemingway

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Sanders 2020 looks like Sanders 2016, challenges and all

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Associated Press

It was supposed to be different this time.

But three months into his second presidential campaign, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is struggling with some of the same challenges that sank his last bid: doubts about his electability, worries about support from minority voters and an opponent with deep ties to the party establishment.

The 77-year-old entered the Democratic race with an organized donor base, name recognition and experience earned from 2016, giving him an instant edge over his rivals. His front-runner status, however, proved short-lived.

Former Vice President Joe Biden's surge to the top of the pack has exposed Sanders' struggle to expand his appeal. Polls have shown the senator with a grip on a significant slice of Democrats, but there are few signs yet that he is building support.

Sanders is not alone in the stasis. Many in the 23-candidate field are looking for ways to break out of the pack, and Sanders, at least, appears to have an edge over all but Biden. But perhaps more than most others, Sanders and his team have signaled they will not relaunch his campaign or tweak his strategy.

As some of his frustrated rivals made changes, Sanders has stuck close to the message, stump speech and campaign style that powered his failed underdog bid in 2016. His 2020 effort may test whether Democrats are hungry for that do-over or want a new face to rally the left wing of the party against the more moderate Biden.

Plowing past such questions, Sanders projected confidence as he faced New Hampshire voters on Monday. He predicted strong showings in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada and California.

"We have a very strong path to victory," Sanders said.

He and his team vowed to run a bigger and stronger campaign this time. And, in many ways, he has — charting an aggressive national travel schedule backed by a larger and more diverse campaign team. His team also says it has modest plans to reach African American voters in key early states. He recently finished a tour of the Deep South, bringing his liberal economic message to black voters who largely backed Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Yet Sanders himself sits at the center of any campaign strategy, and the white-haired self-described democratic socialist is well past the point of reinventing himself or his approach. Example A: As he launched his bid, his campaign told reporters he would adopt a more personal tone on the campaign trail, but Sanders quickly returned to his familiar promises to transform a rigged system that favors the rich at the expense of the working class.

"One thing they can say about him across the board is he has been authentic, and he has been consistent," said Nina Turner, a co-chair for Sanders' campaign.

"This time around, the senator has more time," Turner added. "He got into the race late last time, and not only does he have more time, he has almost 100% name recognition as well. The combination of those two things gives him the synergy that he needs to win the primary."

Biden, since launching his campaign a month ago , has emerged as a problem for the entire Democratic field. Polls show that the former vice president is popular among every key demographic, including African Americans and the white working class people who defected to Donald Trump in 2016.

Sanders' advisers expect Biden to struggle under the weight of his front-runner status once debates begin next month . They view Biden's record on trade, in particular, as problematic among working-class voters in the Midwest. Biden voted to support the North American Free Trade Agreement as a senator and supported several trade deals in the Obama administration that are deeply unpopular with union workers.

Sanders, by contrast, has spent the last quarter century railing against NAFTA and consistently opposed more recent trade deals such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

At the same time, Sanders' team knows his standing with black voters could be a problem, particularly in South Carolina, the first Southern state on the presidential primary calendar and one where Clinton bested Sanders by 47 percentage points in 2016.

Armed with a more diverse staff in his downtown Washington headquarters, Sanders has quietly launched a paid media campaign in several South Carolina newspapers that target African Americans.

"You know better than I do that the system is rigged," a smiling Sanders says in a full-page ad that ran in the Carolina Panorama, the Charleston Chronicle and the Black News.

"Racism has been used to divide us up and undermine the power of our working-class majority," Sanders continues in the ad. "Let me be clear: There is no freedom without racial, social and economic equality."

Sanders' liabilities with black voters were clear last month at a forum in Houston dedicated to women of color , where he was booed by the overwhelming black and Hispanic audience when he offered a vague answer about what he would do for black women if elected. Later, there were audible groans when he recounted his youth activism in the civil rights movement.

Some in the audience were disappointed that Sanders offered his standard stump speech and not specific solutions aimed at the audience.

"I'm not really clear on talking point, talking point, talking point, didn't necessarily feel like it came from the heart," Cherisse Scott, 44, of Memphis, Tennessee, said after the forum. "I know that he's been in the game a long time so maybe it's just second nature, but I want to see more. ... When there is a question asked to you directly about black women, I want you to answer the question."

Meanwhile, Sanders faces new headwinds in New Hampshire, a state he dominated in 2016.

His campaign acknowledged the state is a "must win." But recent polls suggest he's trailing Biden while a handful of other

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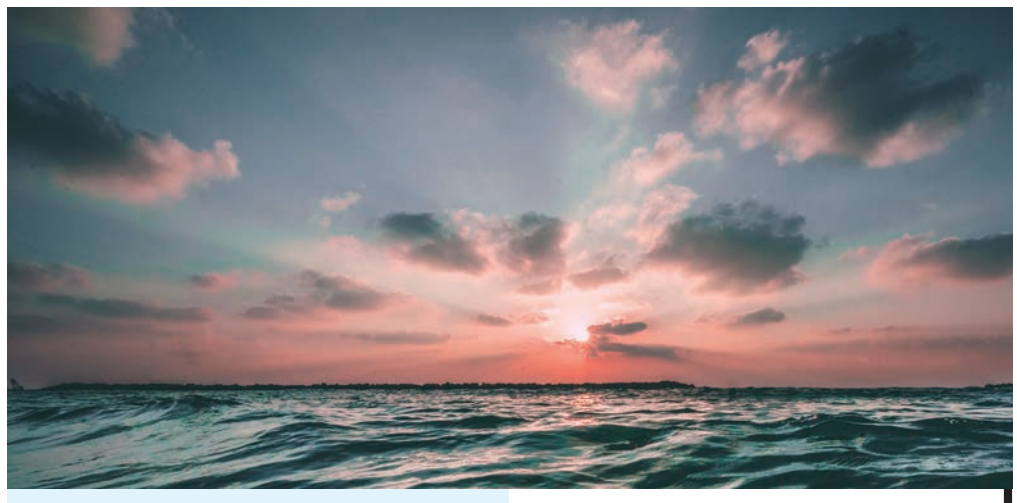
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group of volunteers planting crosses and other religious symbols in the sand to represent veterans killed in the line of duty. It is built every week by Veteran's for Peace, a national organization with chapters around the country that works to increase public awareness about the cost of war, oppose military intervention in international affairs, eliminate nuclear weapons and support veterans and victims of war.

According to volunteer Greg Foisie, the memorial had been set up as usual on Sunday but on holiday weekends, the group keeps the memorial in place over night with a candlelight vigil. He said that at about 4 a.m. he heard a commotion in the crosses and saw Wilfong knocking down memorial signs, tearing out crosses and swearing at the volunteers.

"I heard this guy shouting," he said. "He was screaming and yelling and tearing up the memorial, saying he hated the government, hated the military and veterans."

Foisie said Wilfong then began throwing crosses at people. Each wooden cross has a pair of metal stakes attached to anchor them into the sand and Foisie said they are dangerous when thrown at an individual.

"Then (Wilfong) repeatedly screamed at the veterans while attacking them physically with a shovel, swinging it at the vets," he said in an email. "He injured one veteran, VFP President Michael Lindley – hitting him in the head. Lindley was taken to the St. John's Hospital by paramedics where he received stitches."

Lindley said he woke up to Wilfong throwing crosses.

"I have never seen rage like that," he said. "He was crazy, then he came round and grabbed a shovel."

Lindley took several blows to the head before Wilfong was restrained.

"It could have gotten worse," he said. "If Greg didn't tackle him and take him down, he would have continued to do that, he wouldn't have stopped, I feel fortunate."

Lindley said he was taking the day on Tuesday to rest but that his injuries weren't severe enough to keep him down for long and that he would be back at Arlington West this weekend.

"There's no way I wouldn't be out there unless I couldn't get up on my feet," he said.

Lindley said volunteers frequently encounter individuals on or near the beach who are disruptive but they rarely approach the memorial and have never attacked anyone before.

"The incidents towards the memorial aren't that frequent and not that serious," he said. "A lot of people pass it by taking pictures, but they don't necessarily come up to the table and communicate with us but that's the idea of the memorial. We want conversation, not confrontation."

Foisie is not a veteran but volunteers at the memorial in memory of his many family members who have served. He and another volunteer were able to restrain Wilfong at the scene and Foisie said the attack was representative of a larger misunderstanding regarding its purpose.

He said Arlington West is about honoring veterans while also opposing military conflict and working towards peace. He said the hatred expressed by Wilfong is an extreme but still related to the larger cultural failure to understand the purpose of Arlington west.

"These veteran volunteers get up at 3:30 a.m. on Sundays to set up the Arlington West Memorial in Santa Monica," he said. They have done so every Sunday for over 15 years. The memorial is reverential, yet illustrates very serious human problems and pronounces important messages that do not seem to be appreciated and understood by the public at large. If this were not the case, we would be solving these problems as a society by now. Instead we are effectively ignoring or acting indifferently to what the veterans' memorial portrays and symbolizes – issues of life and death. This Memorial Day attack at the Arlington West Memorial is merely the most extreme example of misunderstanding and/or indifference to what these remarkable veterans have undertaken for the past 15 years."

The memorial is established every Sunday and volunteers begin setting up the installation at dawn, tend it throughout the day and take it down at dusk, a massive job done every week, rain or shine. For more information about Arlington West Santa Monica, Veterans for Peace, visit www.arlingtonwestsantamonica.org.

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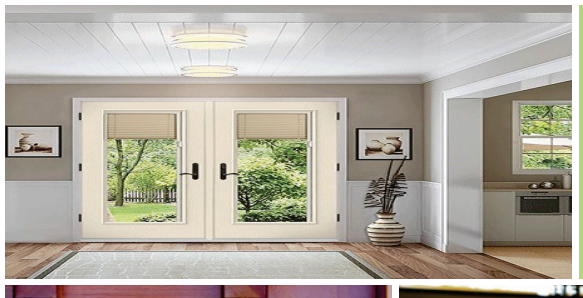
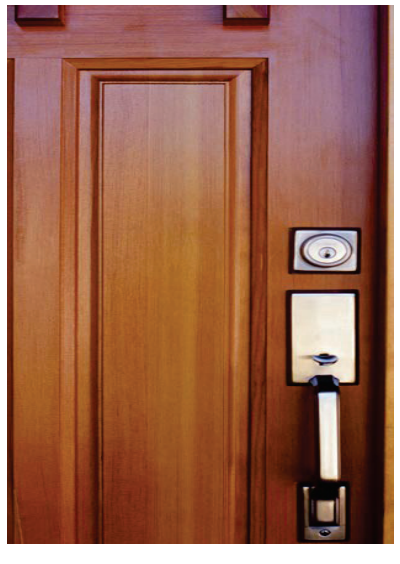
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SANDERS

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Democrats, including Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, are within striking distance.

Local Democrats have noticed that Sanders has paid less attention to the state than virtually all his competitors so far; his Monday visit was only his third this year. And as of Monday, he had fewer paid staff on the ground there than little-known former Maryland congressman John Delaney, although more staff announcements are expected soon.

Advisers note that Sanders has been particularly focused on the states that will host primary contests on the first Tuesday in March, so-called Super Tuesday. He heads to one of them, California, for a multiday swing late next week.

It was all about New Hampshire on Monday, however. Sanders returned to the state with an ice-cream-social-themed event in Warner, New Hampshire, where he preached for a half-hour to a crowd of hundreds from a stage at the bottom of a hill.

Not everyone in the crowd was a Sanders loyalist. Bobbi Slossar, a 47-year-old librarian, backed Sanders in 2016 and remains excited about him, though she's "also interested to see what the rest of the field holds."

"I was 100 percent committed (to Bernie) last time, and I was a little disillusioned by the process," she said. "And so we'll see what this time holds."

Others, like 55-year-old Elvena Anderson, are still wowed by Sanders despite some disappointments.

"He hasn't been here enough," she said. "I think he should come more."

Woodall reported from Warner, New Hampshire.



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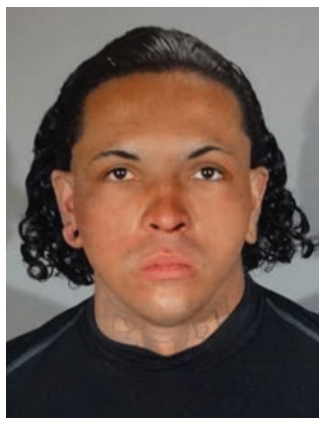
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON 05/12/19 AT 5:40 P.M.

Officers responded to a Strong Arm Robbery at the Vons Market in the 700 block of Broadway. Store security had observed a male subject enter into the store with a purple backpack and place items into the backpack. The suspect walked past the cashiers not making any attempt to pay for the items they had placed inside the backpack. One outside, store security approached the suspect and advised him to go back into the store to pay for the items. The security guard attempted to grab the backpack and a struggle ensued. Other transients in the area came to assist the suspect. The suspect was able to gain free and run from the location. He was later found in the 1400 block of 7th Street and positively identified as the suspect. Cruz Francisco Galan, 23, from Hawaiian Gardens was arrested for robbery and disobeying a court order. Bail was set at $50,000.



File Photo
CRUZ FRANCISCO GALAN

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

HUNTINGTON BEACH

California beach tribute for Dick Dale, King of Surf Guitar

Family members, friends and fans attended a Southern California beach memorial for Dick Dale, the late King of the Surf Guitar.

The Orange County Register says a crowd gathered Sunday at the Huntington Beach Pier to remember Dale, who died in April at age 81.

A group of surfers then took to the water for a "paddle-out," the traditional ceremony held for fellow surfers when they die.

Dale played pounding, blaringly loud power-chord instrumentals in the 1960s on songs like "Miserlou" and "Let's Go Trippin."

An avid surfer, Dale began built a devoted fan base across greater Los Angeles starting in the late 1950s.

Dale says he developed his style by trying to merge the sounds of crashing ocean waves with rockabilly melodies.

Quentin Tarantino selected "Miserlou" as the theme of his 1994 film "Pulp Fiction."

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EL SEGUNDO

Beyond Meat opens first production plant outside US

Plant-based meat company Beyond Meat is opening its first production facility outside the U.S.

The El Segundo, California-based company is partnering with Dutch meat producer Zandbergen World's Finest Meat. Zandbergen will make Beyond Meat products starting next year at a new facility in the Netherlands.

Beyond Meat shares rose nearly 8% to $85.85 Tuesday morning. Its share price has more than tripled since its initial public offering earlier this month.

Europe is seeing growing demand for meat alternatives. The region accounted for nearly 40% of global sales of plant-based meats in 2017, according to Allied Market Research. Allied expects European sales to grow 7% each year through 2025.

Still, Beyond Meat could face some trouble from European Union regulators, who are considering banning plant-based meat producers from using words like "meat" and "burger."

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LOS ANGELES

LA police arrest suspect after shooting, pursuit, standoff

A suspect has been taken into custody by police after a shooting in downtown Los Angeles that led to a pursuit to the west side of the city and a standoff in a residence.

Police Sgt. Barry Montgomery says officers responding to downtown gunfire just before midnight Monday saw someone who had been shot and a vehicle speeding away.

A pursuit ended with a crash in the Del Rey area where the suspect got into a home.

Residents in the home got out, and in the meantime, police found a wounded passenger in the crashed car.

The suspect finally surrendered shortly after sunrise Tuesday.

The person shot downtown died. The wounded passenger was hospitalized.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 361 CALLS ON MAY 27

Suspicious circumstances 1400blk Princeton St 12:23 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:27 a.m.
Domestic violence 2100blk Marine St 2:19 a.m.
Assault w/ deadly weapon 1500blk The Beach 4:42 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1200blk 14th St
Burglary 2100blk La Mesa Dr 7:38 a.m.
Fight 2200blk Virginia Ave 7:39 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 7:45 a.m.
Threats 500blk Olympic Blvd W 8:16 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000blk 20th St 9:03 a.m.
Health & safety code violation 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Pico Blvd 9:43 p.m.
Death investigation 700blk Hill St 10:00 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 600blk Washington Ave 10:22 a.m.
Suspicious person 1000blk 14th St 10:22 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 600blk Hill St 10:24 a.m.
Indecent exposure 700blk Strand St 10:28 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle 2400blk 30th St 11:02 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1600blk Washington Ave 11:04 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:12 a.m.
Hit and run 4th St / Bay St 11:37 a.m.
Hit and run 2100blk Yorkshire Ave 11:59 a.m.
Burglary 1800blk Stanford St 12:14 p.m.
Public intoxication 2900blk Main St 12:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 700blk 18th St 12:16 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk 9th St 12:18 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2300blk California Ave 12:26 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances 1800blk 10th St 12:28 p.m.
Public intoxication 1900bk Ocean Way 12:32 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances 1300blk 4th St 12:44 p.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Pico Blvd 12:46 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1400blk 2nd St 12:57 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:00 p.m.
Suspicious person 100blk Alta Ave 1:06 p.m.
Burglary 2000blk 14th St 1:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 4th St 1:16 p.m.
Health & safety code violation 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:18 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2400blk 3rd St 1:30 p.m.
Suspicious person 1100blk 7th St 1:37 p.m.
Drunk driving 1100blk 11th St 1:42 p.m.
Out of order traffic signals Ocean Ave / California Ave 1:45 p.m.
Traffic collisions with injuries 500blk Ocean Ave 1:56 p.m.
Burglary 1300blk 14th St 1:56 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500blk Broadway 1:59 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 2:06 p.m.
Drinking in public 3100blk Main St 2:32 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1900blk Delaware Ave 3:30 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 20th St 3:26 p.m.
Suspicious person Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 3:31 p.m.
Speeding Euclid St / Ocean Park Blvd 3:35 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 3:38 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2900blk Main St 3:42 p.m.
Grand theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:49 p.m.
Battery 1000blk 12th St 4:46 p.m.
Domestic violence 1400blk 2nd St 5:04 p.m.
Prowler 2300blk 14th St 5:10 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd St Prom 5:28 p.m.
Bike theft 300blk Santa Monica 5:46 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 800blk Broadway 6:26 p.m.
Indecent exposure Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 6:28 p.m.
Drunk driving 2000blk 6th St 6:59 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:05 p.m.
Hit and run Main St / Hill St 7:29 p.m.
Loitering 1700blk 17th St 7:34 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1600blk Appian Way 7:52 p.m.
Threats 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:54 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1800blk 22nd St 7:54 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Broadway 8:01 p.m.
Drunk driving 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:14 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1500blk 4th St 8:46 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 9:03 p.m.
Identity theft 800blk 3rd St 9:20 p.m.
Public intoxication 2900blk Pico Blvd 9:20 p.m.
Healthy & safety code violation 1700blk Expo Line 10:00 p.m.
Armed robbery 4th St / Idaho Ave 11:10 p.m.
Traffic hazard 31st St / Pico Blvd 11:18 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 2nd Ave 11:35 p.m.
Burglary 2200blk 29th St 11:35 p.m.
Person with a gun 300blk Arizona Ave 11:40 p.m.
Suspicious person 2200blk Stewart St 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON MAY 27

Automatic alarm 1500blk 2nd St 1:12 a.m.
Smoke investigation 2900blk 4th St 1:51 a.m.
Emergency medical service (EMS) 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:33 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 3:58 a.m.
EMS Main St / Colorado Ave 4:59 a.m.
Vehicle fire 1300blk 18th St 6:44 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 7:45 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:08 a.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:59 a.m.
Flooded condition 2200blk 22nd St 10:41 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:12 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Highland Ave 11:41 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Montana Ave 12:45 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 1:36 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 1:55 p.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 1:56 p.m.
EMS 400blk San Vicente Blvd 2:43 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 5:42 p.m.
EMS 400blk Montana Ave 6:10 p.m.
EMS 800blk Broadway 6:24 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 6:28 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:41 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 6:58 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300blk 4th St 7:59 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 8:16 p.m.
EMS 800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:21 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:38 p.m.
EMS 800blk California Ave 8:55 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Expo Line 9:31 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Expo Line 10:17 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:05 p.m.
EMS 600blk Bay St 11:23 p.m.

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Draw Date: 05/25
4 10 32 36 43
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: $48 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/27
1 12 18 30 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 05/28
Midday: 0 9 1
Draw Date: 05/27
Evening: 4 7 0

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Draw Date: 05/27
1st: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
2nd: 3 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.6°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
SW/SSW swell builds further, peaks late. Minor NW swell.

THURSDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-4 ft + waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
SW/SSW swell holds steady. Minor NW swell.

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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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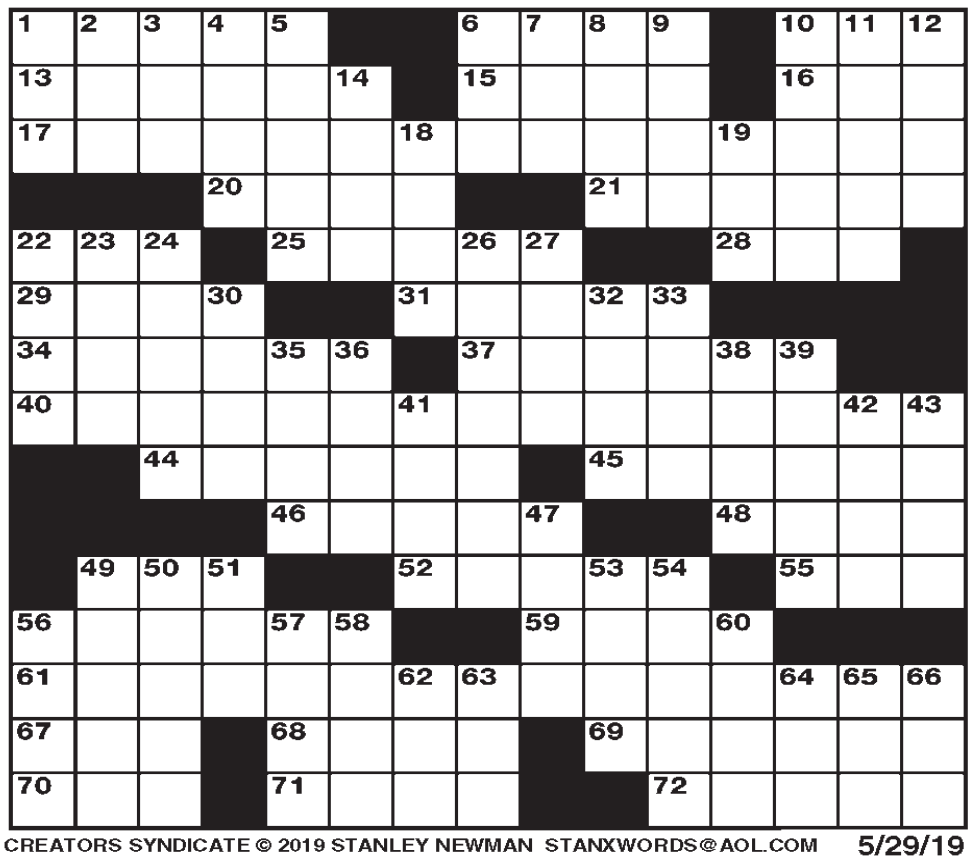
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Newsday Crossword

ON THE LEVEL by Charles Slack
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ACROSS
1 Makes a fool of
6 Headed for overtime
10 Tire pressure meas.
13 Passes, as legislation
15 Display of anger
16 Clinic staffer: Abbr.
17 Easiest-to-do objectives
20 Woodwind instrument
21 Decorative plaster
22 Secret agent
25 Hard slaps
28 __ out a living
29 Be told of
31 Designer Lauren
34 Take into custody
37 "That didn't work"
40 Fifty-something's weight gain
44 Reporter's informant
45 House of worship
46 Demeanors
48 Southern Arizona city
49 Cow's chew
52 Slows, as flows
55 __ for the course (normal)
56 Defeat soundly
59 Cow's sounds
61 Voltage conduit
67 Early afternoon
68 Buffalo's lake
69 Pageant crowns
70 Battleship letters
71 Big name at Disneyland
72 Assists in a crime

DOWN
1 It's south of Penna.
2 Numero __ (the boss)
3 Dog's foot
4 Reverberate
5 Attempts, informally
6 Two less than penta-
7 007 creator Fleming
8 "Scrambled" servings
9 Nimble
10 Pull guitar strings
11 Nutmeg, for instance
12 Bump __ (encounter)
14 Wintry precipitation
18 Equipment
19 Be regretful
22 Pretense
23 Prefix with scope or meter
24 Football distances
26 Go off on a __ (digress)
27 Plumlike fruit
30 Make over, to modernize
32 "Hey you!" whisper
33 Have optimism
35 Area for urban renewal
36 Actress Hatcher
38 West Point team
39 Invigorate
41 Hotshot fighter pilots
42 __ mater
43 Cherished
47 Highway hauler
49 Does pull-ups
50 Instinctive impulses
51 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-__"
53 No longer worth arguing about
54 Justice Sotomayor
56 Biblical pronoun
57 Fret (over)
58 Wife of Zeus
60 Nautical mop
62 Nothing at all
63 All ready
64 Anger
65 False friend
66 Superman's insignia



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29)

The solar return fashions spiritual glasses for you, allowing your third eye a more vivid and vibrant focus. This enhances your sensual experience, enlivens your body and invigorates your personal life. You'll connect more meaningfully and often. Notable moment: when you gladly pay the way for a loved one in September. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 8, 18, 30 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A long walk has healing power for the body and mind. A few miles in, and what will start to kick in will be benefits that are better than could be brought through medicine, expert advice or special treatments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be surprised by what another person knows. It's only going to take one excellent question to crack open the vault and get some good stories flowing. This question will be casual, though astute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Bring up the positive. Build on what you're doing right. Make a good thing great. Your time is better spent in this direction than in the direction of trying to fix things. Start anew.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). And now for something new. You haven't experienced the phenomenon, so you might not see it coming or know what to do with it. That's what guides are for. They'll show up; you'll listen up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life gets instantly better when you widen your circle of compassion, and the improvements won't stop there. Note that being more compassionate doesn't automatically mean being more accommodating or compliant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is endlessly more to know, but knowing things never made anyone smarter. It's applying intelligence well that matters. Stop thinking about it and dive in to get physical proof of your ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most people need a reason, but you've been known to, unbidden by external need or encouragement, reach inside yourself to take stock of the resources available in the depths. And here you go again...

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people give easily, it implies they have much more to share, establishing a magnetic charisma. Those who give less freely are indicating their limits. The erosion of mystery renders the gift and the giver less attractive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you were the same to everyone, those close to you would feel undervalued. So you make sure that there are perks to being part of your inner circle that do not extend to the outer rings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The amount of honesty each person is willing and able to accept has to do with ego and emotional need. If a person needs to feel that something is true, they will, despite any evidence to the contrary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Generosity energizes you. Though the help you give is substantial and much appreciated, the act of giving it is still worth more to you than the considerable value of the help itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be aware of how your individual daily operations reflect the world at large. Every small move you pull off will represent the coming together of an incomprehensibly large-scale dance number.

On Sky Squares and Service

The Mercury/Neptune square speaks to the nature of service: To give superior service is to be quietly invisible, lulling the served into an illusion of their own accomplishment. The invisible is also forgettable. What's forgotten ceases to exist. So wake up. Appreciate. Take extra measures to pay homage to the grace of quiet things.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I'm a Virgo with a Virgo moon. I've often felt socially awkward. I read books on how to "act normal" socially. But I never fail to always stick my foot in my mouth in some way and go home thinking about what I could have said. Sometimes, I can't sleep after a social event because I'm thinking about all I did wrong. Whether I drink alcohol or not doesn't seem to matter, except maybe I'm a little more obnoxious with a drink. Will I ever learn to have fun?"

What you may not realize is that most people have some degree of social anxiety. Even the people who look very much in control have secret doubts. And absolutely everyone says the wrong thing at times. There are dozens of misses in even the best and briefest social encounters, but that's not the point. It's the overall affect that matters – how people feel. Don't focus on what went wrong. Just try again. Being a Virgo, you are so self-critical that you never have to worry about offending anyone more than you already offend yourself. Your own psychic wrath is more punishment than any social situation could inflict on you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

The rumor is that Daniel Tosh's tour rider includes the usual the usual food and drink items with an added request of a book that Tosh might like to read. Curious Gemini's crave constant mental stimulus. Tosh's natal Mercury in Gemini and Aquarius moon suggest a voracious intellectual appetite. Mars and Jupiter in Aries embolden Tosh against any backlash of his deliberately offensive comedic style.

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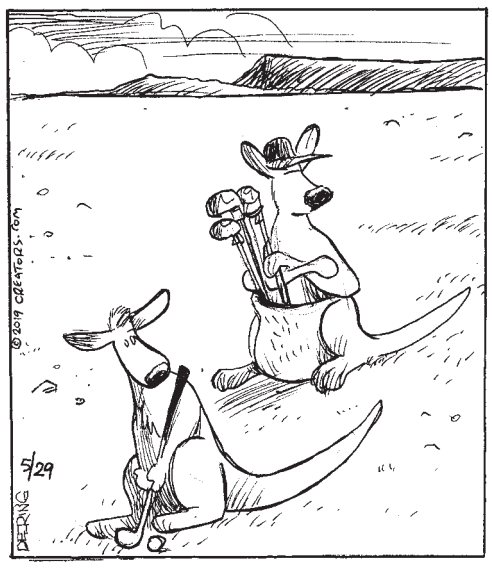
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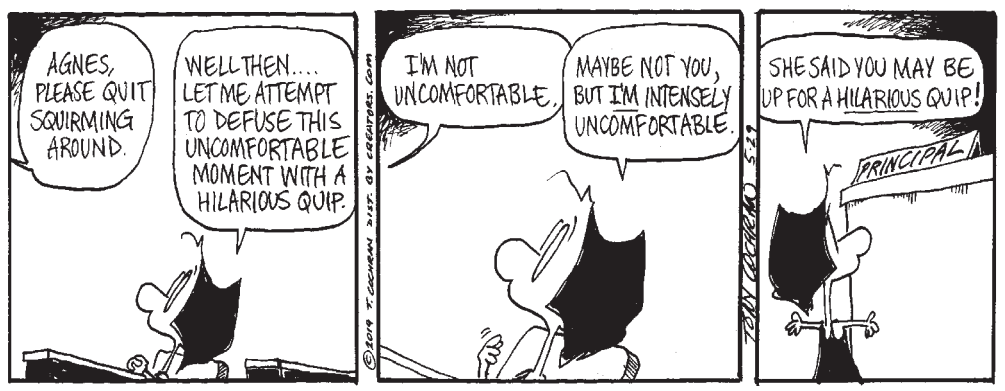
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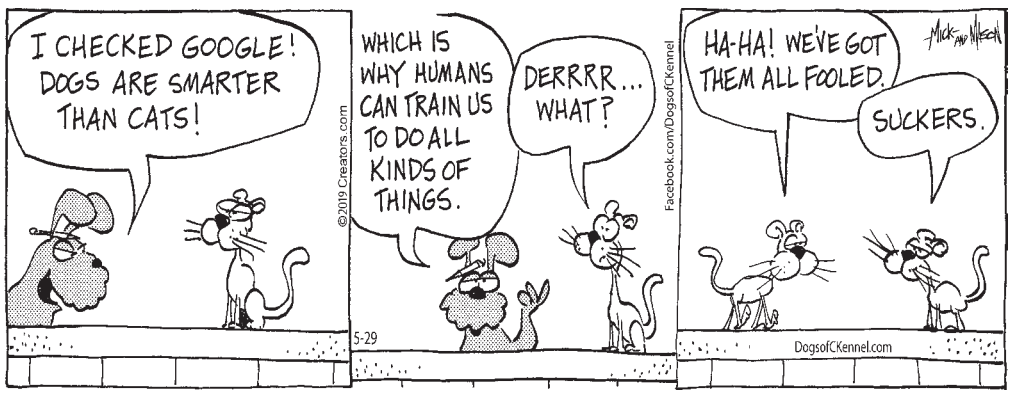
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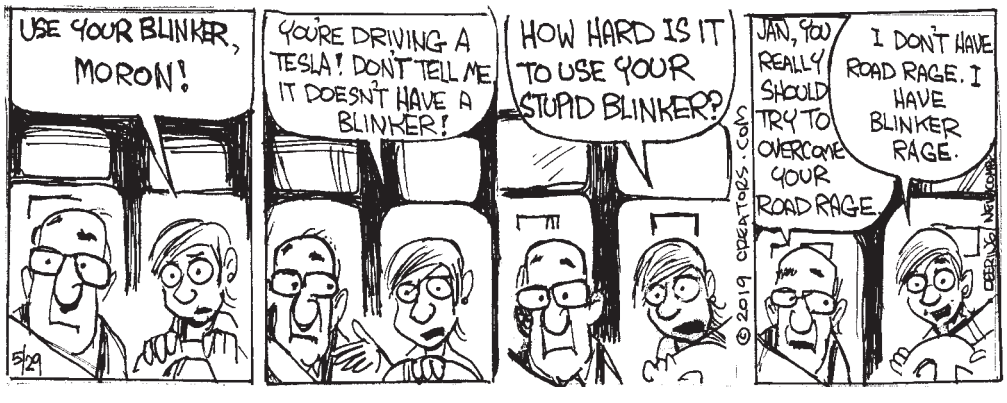
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Study suggests e-cigarette flavorings may pose heart risk

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — E-cigarettes aren't considered as risky as regular cigarettes, but researchers have found a clue that their flavorings may be bad for the heart.

Longtime smokers who can't kick the addiction sometimes switch to e-cigarettes, in hopes of avoiding the cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke.

But cigarette smoking doesn't just cause lung cancer. It's a leading cause of heart attacks, too, and little is known about e-cigarettes and heart disease. Chemicals in the inhaled vapor may pose unique risks that are important to understand, especially as more and more teens take up vaping.

"It's not possible for me to go into a patient and strip their artery and test it" for a reaction to vaping, said Dr. Joseph Wu, director of Stanford University's cardiovascular institute.

So his team tried the next best thing for a study published Monday: In laboratory dishes, they grew cells that normally line healthy human blood vessels. They exposed the cells to six different e-cigarette flavorings, testing if the flavors — and not just the nicotine — caused any effects.

They also tracked what happened when those cells were bathed in blood taken from people right after they had an e-cigarette, the way chemicals from vaping would make their way to the cardiovascular system. They also compared the cells' exposure to blood from nonsmokers and people who smoked a regular cigarette.

Vaping and some flavorings, even without nicotine, triggered blood vessel dysfunction that can increase the risk of heart disease, the researchers reported in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Cinnamon and menthol seemed the most toxic. But overall, cells showed signs of damage and were inflamed, less able to form new blood vessels or heal wounds.

Small laboratory studies like this one can't prove vaping really does harm, cautioned Dr. Jane Freedman of the University of Massachusetts, who wasn't involved in the research. But she said the work should spark additional safety testing.

The findings "suggest that even without the smoke of combustible cigarette products, there may be a smoldering fire of adverse health effects," she wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Another study at a recent heart meeting looked at health records to conclude e-cigarette users had a higher risk of heart attack than people who neither vape nor use tobacco products, but that, too, was only a clue, not proof.

Wu's team plans additional studies. The researchers are working with so-called "iPS cells," ordinary cells taken from healthy volunteers and reprogrammed into a state where they can be grown into any type of tissue. Next up are tests of heart and brain tissue.

U.S. public health officials are alarmed by an explosion of underage vaping, but Wu said it's not just a question for teens. He worries about people who already have heart disease and may think switching from tobacco to e-cigarettes is enough protection.

"This is really a warning shot that people should not be complacent and think that these e-cigarettes are completely safe," Wu said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Assault arrest

On May 10, at 11:40 p.m., Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 3000 block of Airport regarding an Assault that occurred in the street. The victim was followed by the suspects after an altercation. The suspects blocked the victim's path with their vehicle preventing him from getting away. The suspects exited their car, assaulted the victim and vandalized his vehicle. The suspects then took the victim's vehicle. The car was later recovered.

The Santa Monica Police Department's Criminal Investigation's Division were able to identify the suspects after a lengthy follow up investigation.

On May 24, 2019, both suspects were located in Los Angeles and arrested by Detectives for the Santa Monica Police Department. Jeffrey Wilson-Boykin and Taylor Simone Sims were booked for 215(a) PC - Carjacking, 245(a)(1) PC - Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 459 PC - Burglary and 530.5 (a) PC - Identity Theft.

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LOS ANGELES

Conservation groups sue over Los Angeles County development

Two conservation groups are suing Los Angeles County over a project that would build 19,000 homes in a fire hazard area north of downtown.

Tuesday's suit contends that the Board of Supervisors ignored environmental concerns on April 30 when they approved the Tejon Ranch Centennial Project.

The project would be located in the Antelope Valley between Bakersfield and Los Angeles. It would include housing, business, industrial and open space.

The Center for Biological Diversity and the California Native Plant Society say it would destroy some of the largest native grasslands left in the state, harm wildlife, increase traffic and bring 57,000 new residents into a high fire hazard area.

The lawsuit contends supervisors violated the California Environmental Quality Act.

An email seeking comment from the county counsel wasn't immediately returned.

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