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SMMUSD school board postpones facilities agreement with SMC

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Two separate facilities use agreements between SMC and the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District were tabled this week due to concerns over contract language and community concern.

At a Thursday, June 6 SMMUSD board of education meeting, the district was presented with approving a facilities agreement between SMC's school district and SMMUSD's.

The agreement was two-fold; the Master Use Agreement would see SMC and SMMUSD continue to share facilities — such as Corsair Field and John Adams Middle School's softball field — for ten years, while the Facilities Use Agreement would see SMC contribute $20 million to a $35 million performance arts center at JAMS, with SMC potentially having 36 days of usage at the performance arts center.

Carey Upton explained the background of the agreement, noting JAMS had seismic damage at its theater. After an investigation, his team discovered that replacing the theater would be more cost-effective than rebuilding the damaged theater. Concurrently, SMC received bond money through Measure R and agreed to partner with SMMUSD on the site.

After Upton spoke, public speaker Nikki Kolhoff expressed dissatisfaction with the district's

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Ross Furukawa

SMASH: **Luca Trevellin, an outgoing 8th grader, gives his commencement speech at the Santa Monica Alternative School House on Tuesday.**

The Gallery will open five new restaurants this summer



Courtesy image

SOCIALEATS: **Several food concepts will occupy a single space inside the Gallery on the Promenade.**

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Third Street Promenade will soon be home to a Russian doll of food halls.

The Gallery is opening several restaurants on its ground floor this summer in a space called SocialEats — a food hall within a food hall. Fuku, a fried chicken restaurant from celebrity chef David Chang, will anchor the lineup, which also includes Supertoro, a build-your-own bento concept, Adelaide, a daytime cafe and nighttime wine bar, Street Noods, an Asian street noodles restaurant, and Cada Vez, a tapas counter. Another farmers market-driven restaurant will be announced soon, said K2 Restaurants founder John Kolaski.

Fuku will mark Chang's third restaurant in Los Angeles. Known for his Momofuku restaurant group and Netflix series "Ugly Delicious," Chang opened upscale eatery Majordomo in downtown Los Angeles in January 2018 and is planning to open a Momofuku Noodle Bar location in West Hollywood this year.

"Momofuku restaurants bring a big following and are reliably exciting and delicious," said Andrea Korb, economic development manager at Downtown Santa Monica, Inc (DTSM). "We think it will attract both locals and visitors."

The quick-serve fried chicken joint is the most affordable of Chang's restaurants and has four locations in New York and Boston. In Santa Monica, Fuku will serve spicy fried chicken sandwiches, chicken fingers and slushies.

"We're honored to bring the very first Fuku to the West Coast market within our flagship location and provide food enthusiasts with a variety of other exciting concepts to experience," Kolaski said.

K2 Restaurants, which owns half of the current restaurants in The Gallery, is launching a second SocialEats in Las Vegas and plans to expand across the United States, Kolaski said. The group is exploring locations near universities.

"It's a small-format food hall world where a family of four or a couple on a date night can have completely different experiences," he said.

The new suite of offerings will be centered around Adelaide, which will transition from a daytime coffee shop that serves the Australian brand Vittoria's Coffee into a wine and beer bar, Kolaski said. From there, customers can make their way to Cada Vez for jamón ibérico, cheese plates and croquetas.

"We see as very communal and interactive," Kolaski said. "It's meant to be the central meeting point when you come to SocialEats."

Korb said DTSM wants more nightlife options like Adelaide and Cada Vez on the Promenade.

"We want this to be a place that is exciting all day and can go from day to night," she said. "We have a lot of tech companies here, young people working here and new residential units being built, and we want people working and

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The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public budget hearing on June 25, 2019. The Council meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's entire proposed budget. At the meeting on June 25, the City Council will also adopt a resolution for the determination of the Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2019-20. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed on the internet at http://finance.smgov.net.

The FY 2019-21 Proposed Biennial Budget can be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or viewed on the Internet at http://finance.smgov.net. Unless otherwise noted, City Hall is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On alternate Fridays, City Hall is open for limited services only. A copy of the FY 2019-21 Proposed Biennial Budget is also available to view at the City's Main Library located at 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 12

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Above Suspicion

Rookie homicide detective Anna Travis who, during her first case, tracks a serial killer who has transitioned from prostitute victims to innocent students, a murderer who may possibly be a famous actor. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 7 p.m.

SaMo Pride Movie: Love, Cecil (2017)

In this sumptuous documentary on the life of artist Cecil Beaton, director Lisa Immordino Vreeland uses extensive film clips and narration from Beaton's own diaries to capture his dazzling story. A photographer, writer, painter, and Oscar-winning set and costume designer, Beaton made a mark on history that few could ever replicate. (98 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dads Rock!

Drop by and paint a rock for Father's Day. For ages 2-10. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 2 - 3 p.m.

Rainbow Family Story Time

An inclusive story time and craft for LGBTQ and ally families. All are welcome to join the fun. Pico Branch Library, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4 p.m.

Craft, Swap, or Create

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

QuickLook Legal Research Class and Office Hours

An LA Law Library legal research specialist teaches a monthly QuickLook class, a 45-minute overview of legal information search tools and techniques. The QuickLook class takes place in the Main Library's Community Room from 1:30 to 2:15 pm, followed by drop-in office hours in Study Room 7 on the 2nd floor, from 2:15 to 5 pm. June class topic: Evictions.

Saturday, June 15

West Coast Rising: Gay Liberation in the Golden State

Celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month with a special screening of 6 short documentary films exploring the early days of the Gay Liberation movement in Southern California. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with filmmaker Gregorio Davila, as well as a preview of his upcoming feature length documentary "L.A. A Queer History". Main Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Malibu to Conduct Test of Disaster Notification System

The City will conduct a full-scale test of Everbridge, Malibu's Disaster Mass Notification System, on Wednesday, June 26 as part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve disaster preparedness and to test an improvement of the system that dramatically increases the City's ability reach residents via cell phones.

"We are already applying lessons learned from the devastating Woolsey Fire, as well as the historic wildfires that have ravaged California in recent years, to keep improving our emergency communications for future disasters," Mayor Jefferson "Zuma Jay" Wagner said. "This test will help us refine the system and raise awareness among the community of this important tool so that we are all better prepared."

Everbridge recently reached an agreement with cellphone companies to provide government agencies, including Malibu, the cellphone numbers of account holders with addresses in the City so that they can be entered into the system database.

Until now, the only way the City had access to people's cell phone numbers was if they registered themselves on the Everbridge system and added their cell number. Previously, only landline numbers were provided to the City by the phone companies. Now, the City will be able to increase the number of cellphones in the Everbridge database from about 3,600 to about 12,000. All information will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Following the test of the system on June 26, the City will analyze the effectiveness of the system and will conduct additional outreach to register more residents.

While there are still major challenges that were revealed by the Woolsey Fire, such as cellphone infrastructure being destroyed and widespread power outages, the expansion of cellphone numbers in the Disaster Notification System is a major improvement in the City's ability to get timely, relevant, actionable information out to the public during emergencies.

The City is exploring ways to overcome the issues of power outages and the vulnerability of cellphone infrastructure, which are problems that every government and public safety agency in the state are grappling with. The City is already installing repeaters for handheld radios that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team members and Sheriff's Volunteers on Patrol (VOPs), staff and other volunteers can use to distribute information out into the community.

The City is also considering loudspeaker siren towers, which can be solar or battery powered and can be programmed remotely to broadcast audio messages when other methods are down. A system of information distribution points is also being planned. Pop-up booths with bulletin boards displaying printed material would be placed at logical gathering places such as shopping centers and gas stations, across the length of the City, and near the City's emergency supplies storage containers. Printed public information would be brought out to the boards one or more times a day, and the City would conduct public outreach so that community members would know to go there to find public information when electronic communications have been knocked out.

Users can download a free, optional Everbridge mobile app for use on Android or Apple devices. The system will work without the app. To find the app, search for "ContactBridge" in the app store or iTunes.

To sign up for the City's disaster and evacuation alerts through Everbridge, visit www.MalibuCity.org/DisasterNotifications. For more information or assistance with signing up for Everbridge, call Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas at 310-456-2489 ext. 313 or email SDuenas@MalibuCity.org.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MALIBU MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

Los Angeles

Top Internet Seller of Narcotics Sentenced to 10 Years

An Irvine resident who sold narcotics on one of the darknet's largest marketplaces has been sentenced to 120 months in federal prison for illegally distributing drugs.

Tyler Reeves, 29, who sold narcotics under the moniker "Platinum45," was sentenced on Monday by United States District Judge James V. Selna. In addition to the 10-year prison term, Judge Selna ordered Reeves to pay a $15,000 fine.

The 10-year sentence resulted from Reeves pleading guilty in March to distributing methamphetamine and money laundering.

From mid-2017 until September 2018, Reeves illegally sold narcotics – including prescription painkillers, stimulants and sedatives, as well as methamphetamine – on the dark web marketplace that was known as Wall Street Market, a now-defunct online bazaar that was operated by three German nationals who currently face charges in the United States and in Germany.

Reeves – who was one of the top five vendors on Wall Street Market – sold narcotics to nearly 300 customers around the globe and offered to sell as much as a kilogram of methamphetamine. Reeves' customers included undercover law enforcement officers, who made six purchases from Platinum45, including one transaction in which Reeves shipped two ounces of methamphetamine in exchange for $2,230 in virtual currency, a sale that forms the basis of the first charge he admitted.

The money laundering charge stems from Reeves accepting Bitcoin as payment and converting that cryptocurrency into fiat U.S. money.

"On September 20, 2018, law enforcement executed a search warrant at defendant's residence. At his residence, [Reeves] possessed not only illegal controlled substances, such as methamphetamine and oxycodone (prescribed to defendant), but he also possessed 13 un-serialized firearms, and 14 un-serialized silencers, which are used to suppress the sound of a gunshot," prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memorandum. "Defendant purchased the parts for these firearms online and manufactured these silencers and firearms. In addition to the drugs and firearms, defendant possessed extensive computing equipment, a Trezor hardware wallet (used for storing cryptocurrency), and gold and silver bars."

This matter was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and IRS – Criminal Investigation. The Irvine Police Department provided assistance.

The case against Reeves was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Ryan White, Chief of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section, and Puneet Kakkar of the International Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Racketeering Section.

SUBMITTED BY THOM MROZEK, USDOJ, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS

Los Angeles

L.A. Councilmembers Propose Penalty For Vacant Housing

In a bold step to confront one of the root causes of the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, City Councilmembers Mike Bonin, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Paul Koretz and David Ryu today called for the city to begin penalizing landlords who keep habitable housing units empty while tens of thousands of Angelenos are forced to live on the streets because of the high cost of housing.

Legislation proposed at today's council meeting instructs the Housing and Community Investment Department to work with the City Attorney to report to the council with options for creating a charge for landlords who keep housing units empty. In other jurisdictions where similar efforts have been implemented, not only have vacancy rates declined, but millions of dollars have been generated by the charges to help create new affordable housing.

"No bed in this city should be empty when people are being forced to sleep on pavement," Bonin said. "Empty home penalties encourage landlords to keep people housed, and they help raise needed funds to create more affordable housing. This is an important tool for addressing one of the root causes of homelessness in LA, and it is a step we desperately need to take."

"Working class Angelenos are struggling to make ends meet and keep a roof over their heads." said Councilmember Marqueece Harris Dawson "With the latest homeless count numbers, we have to work harder to find as many solutions as possible to open up more housing units as well as funding for them."

An estimated 111,810 housing units in the City of Los Angeles are vacant, according to Census data, and with the 2019 LAHSA Homeless Count showing an increase in homelessness despite housing more people than ever before, it is clear that the housing crisis and homelessness crisis are inexorably linked. Vacancy penalties already exist in cities like Oakland, Washington DC, and Vancouver, B.C., and voters San Francisco are likely to soon consider a similar measure.

The legislation won widespread support from both housing and affordability advocates, including some organizations that typically find themselves on opposing sides of local debates about development.

"We believe everybody deserves a safe, decent affordable home," said Bill Przylucki of People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER) - a tenant's rights and anti-eviction community organizing group. "Considering a vacant homes penalty demonstrates the City's commitment to put the right to housing above the right to profit, and is an important piece of a strategy to ensure the human right to housing in Los Angeles. We hope the City Council will pass this motion, consider the results of the study carefully, and take the strongest actions possible based on the results."

"Abundant Housing LA applauds the efforts to use every weapon in our arsenal to fight for LA's homeless residents and relieve our housing shortage," said Nick Burns, Westside Advocacy Coordinator for Abundant Housing Los Angeles. "We hope this is just the first step of many going forward that our leaders will take to finally put an end to LA's housing crisis."

"The recent soaring homeless numbers requires new, creative and immediate actions to address this growing travesty," said Larry Gross, Executive Director of the Coalition for Economic Survival. "Clearly more, much more is needed, but, this City can't stand by while speculators and others hold needed housing units off the market as masses huddle on our sidewalks. Hopefully, this effort can provide the incentive for them to open their doors to renters who need a roof over their heads. If not, then they have a responsibility to help pay for efforts to address our crisis."

Vacancy has become especially problematic in Los Angeles as luxury apartments are built and sold to investors - usually who live far from LA - and then kept off the market for investment purposes. Bonin's legislation asks the Housing Department to focus part of the requested report on properties that are intentionally left vacant by absentee owners solely for investment purposes.

"Investors who keep housing units vacant are letting their greed contribute to a humanitarian crisis on our streets," added Bonin. "Housing is a human right and we have a responsibility to make sure landlords are filling every available housing unit and getting people off the streets for good. There is no way to end our homelessness crisis without measures like this to expand opportunities for people to live in affordable housing, and I am enormously grateful for the work of dedicated community activists who have helped bring this idea forward."

The legislation was referred to the city council's Housing Committee will be heard at the discretion of the committee's chair.

SUBMITTED BY DAVID GRAHAM-CASO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN

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Consumer Corner

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Every Month Must Be Fair Housing Month



Eden Craig

POSTER: **Eden Craig designed a Fair Housing month poster for the City of Santa Monica.**

Two months ago, as part of its ongoing efforts against housing discrimination, the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office (CAO) celebrated April as National Fair Housing Month. Approximately 100 tenants, landlords, and community members gathered to hear from local and regional fair housing experts at the Santa Monica Library at a forum we co-hosted with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Santa Monica Renter's Rights, the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, and the Action Apartment Association.

More than 350 students participated in our "Fair Housing Opens Doors" poster contest, including Eden Craig, a fifth grader at Grant Elementary School, whose vibrant work accompanies this column. Two of the students' posters became part of a month-long public service advertising campaign in the Daily Press and on social media.

Finally in April — and perhaps in response to the ads and forum — tenants were bringing forth new complaints for review by our investigators.

Two months later, the work goes on full speed here and everywhere else. Our office continues to investigate and litigate housing discrimination cases while new and old fair housing issues also rear up their ugly heads across the country.

Many of these cases involve new strains of discrimination. For over fifty years, the fair housing laws have prohibited discrimination by landlords, realtors, banks, cities, and insurance companies. Classic cases of discrimination include refusing to rent to people who are a different race or religion. Or denying a tenant with a disability her request for a reasonable accommodation (nearby parking space) or modification (wheelchair ramp). Or turning away a family with two children from a vacant two-bedroom apartment.

But for a good look at discrimination's relentless variety, here are the allegations in four fair housing cases that our office is litigating in court this month:

- A Santa Monica landlord rented exclusively to young female students, then regularly used his key to walk into their home without notice.
- A property manager engaged in a campaign of unfair demands and rules to make life exceedingly difficult for a single mother and her severely disabled daughter.
- A Santa Monica landlord threatened to report her tenants to the police based on their immigration status if they did not pay a higher rent or leave.
- A local landlord has refused to allow her disabled, senior, and severely rent-burdened tenant to use a Section 8 voucher to help pay the rent.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Salute to Veterans, D-Day, Every Day



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D-DAY: Last week marked the anniversary for the famous WWII battle in France.

I HOPE YOU NOTICE

This is the second CURIOUS CITY in a row that doesn't castigate our City Council or City Manager and doesn't whine about how our once-fair city is going to hell in a handbasket.

Columnists often have a favorite topic, one they feel is pressing. I wonder how many consecutive times Jack Neworth has gone without mentioning Trump in his Laughing Matters column? Even at one week off he starts to get the heebie jeebies and feels like he is not doing his part, and usually gives in.

Well Jack, you can take this week off (if you wish). I'll go after the Mango Mussolini, because it's been quite a while for me and because recently he crossed a line, again, that was too much for me.

For all the depraved, horrid things he's said and done, when he disrespected our veterans — again — on the blood-soaked beaches of Normandy, it was too much for this veteran.

If he did and said all these churlish things as a private citizen, as he has all his miserable life, it would still be odious but easier to ignore. But when he does it as our President, our representative to the world, our Commander-in-Chief with the lives of our military men and women in his hands, I am sickened.

WHAT A SAD TWIST OF HISTORY

That for the sacred, emotional 75th anniversary of D-Day, with American veterans of that bloody campaign, now in their 90s, making the effort to get to France, some even parachuting again onto the Normandy Beach, the very beach they so valiantly and successfully invaded at such great cost on 6/6/1944 — the U.S. "president" overseeing it is the guy who Kremlined his way into the Oval Office, is a total narcissist who doesn't care about anyone but himself and certainly not about long-gone American heroes who saved the world from fascist enslavement.

We knew all this already, of course. At this point we don't expect anything different. I know that what he did over there with his disgraceful rhetoric does not measure up to the human cost of his heartless, deadly immigration and climate change policies. But it got to me.

I was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1966 at 19, released in '68, and through crazy chance wound up in Germany, not Nam. But many who became my friends did go there, at that most deadly time, and surely some of those did not come back. Perhaps one of them was the one who had to go because Donald Trump didn't. Maybe my best friend from high school, Dave Baca, best man at my wedding a year after he returned from Nam, alcoholic and shattered inside, took Trump's place. My father served during WWII, and I doubt there are many even today who didn't have a family member serve then, or in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan or Iraq.

THE D-DAY COMMEMORATION

Should have been all about that history-changing event to which so many Americans gave their very lives, in a horrifying hail of bullets and bombs. For every other world leader there, it was. By all accounts the actual staged ceremony was moving and Trump's speech respectful. But for Trump, it is always only about him.

He gave an interview to Laura Ingraham of Faux News, with the endless rows of graves as a backdrop, in which he viciously attacked his political opposition back home. "Nancy Pelosi is a nasty, vindictive, horrible person." Asked what he took away from this trip, he spoke mostly of his visit with the Queen in England, just prior. Ingraham tried to pin him down: "Imagining the invasion, 150,000 Allied troops, climbing these cliffs, landing on these shores — what's going through your mind?"— and he spoke at length about the great weather. She asked him about NATO

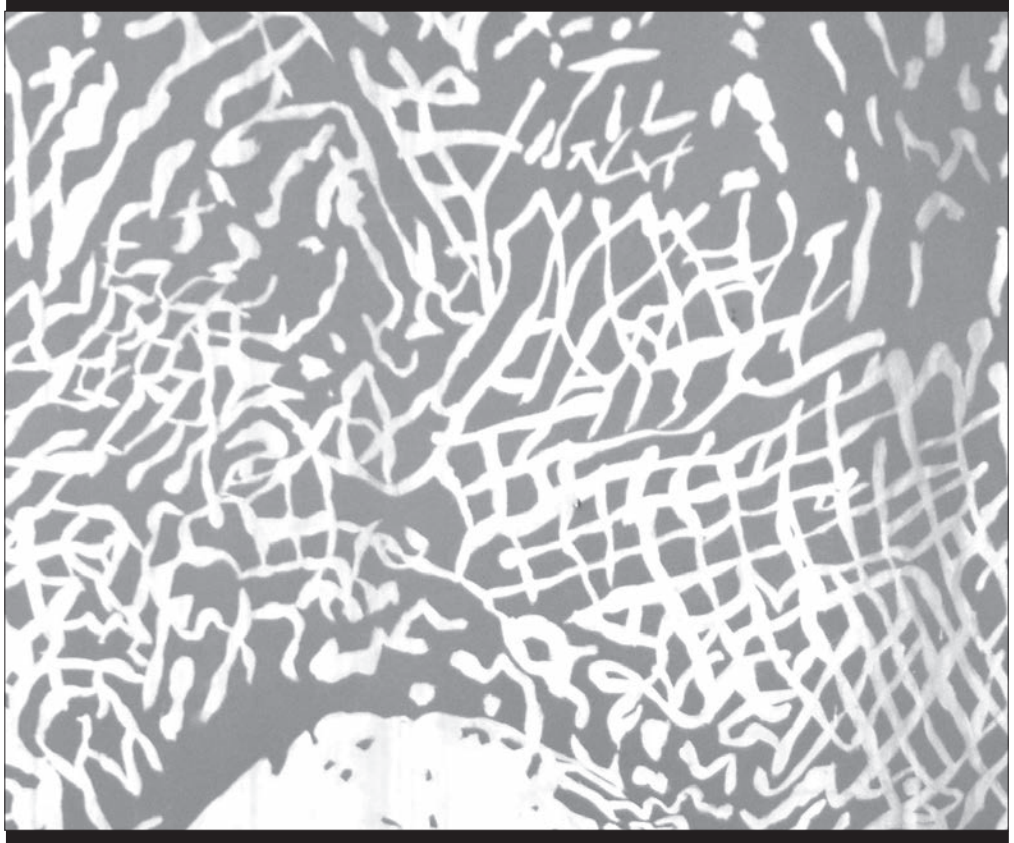
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THE GALLERY

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living here to stay and have fun at night."

For those who want a quicker meal, Street Noods will offer hearty, Southeast Asian fare and Supertoro will provide lighter, customizable bento boxes.

"What we're looking to do is recreate the food we've had at late night street markets in Singapore," Kolaski said. "They're meant to be noodles in a box you can grab at lunch or pick up late at night with a cold beer."

SocialEats will bring the total number of eateries in The Gallery to 10 following the recent departure of Sumo Dog and Everytable. Michelin-starred restaurant Dialogue sits on the second floor along with fast-casual offerings Azulé Taqueria, Paperboy Pizza and STRFSH. Sloan's Ice Cream is currently the only tenant on the first floor.

"The Gallery has taken a lot of care to curate their tenants," Korb said. "Now that they're pulling in five new spots which will make the space feel more filled, they'll see a lot more people coming in."

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FUKU: The chef from Momofuku will open a chicken restaurant as part of a multi-eatery concept inside the Gallery..



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States sue to stop $26.5 billion Sprint-T-Mobile deal

BY TALI ARBEL AND MAE ANDERSON
AP Technology Writers

A group of state attorneys general led by New York and California filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday to block T-Mobile's $26.5 billion bid for Sprint, citing consumer harm.

The state attorneys general said the promised benefits, such as better networks in rural areas and faster service overall, cannot be verified, while eliminating a major wireless company will immediately harm consumers by reducing competition and driving up prices for cellphone service.

New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement that combining the two companies would reduce access to affordable, reliable wireless service nationwide and would particularly affect lower-income and minority communities in New York and other urban areas.

Other attorneys general joining Tuesday's lawsuit are from Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Virginia and Wisconsin. All 10 attorneys general are Democrats. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in New York.

The lawsuit is an unusual step by state officials ahead of a decision by federal antitrust authorities. The Justice Department's decision is pending. The Republican majority of the Federal Communications Commission supports the deal , though the agency has yet to vote.

Too many "mega mergers have sailed through the governmental approval process," so it's up to the states to "step up," James said at a news conference.

"There's no rule or regulation that we have to wait for the DOJ," she said. She added the attorneys general will "continue to litigate whether the DOJ approves the merger or not."

Diana Moss, the president of the American Antitrust Institute and an advocate for tougher antitrust enforcement, said the states' lawsuit could signal to other potential merger partners that there would be tougher enforcement from states even if the federal government permitted deals to go through.

James said Tuesday that her office's renewed focus on mergers and anti-competitiveness goes beyond the tech industry, though she did not elaborate.

T-Mobile and Sprint have argued that they need to bulk up to upgrade to a fast, powerful "5G" mobile network that competes with Verizon and AT&T. The companies are appealing to President Donald Trump's desire for the U.S. to "win" a global 5G race.

Consumer advocates, labor unions and many Democratic lawmakers worry that the deal could mean job cuts, higher wireless prices and a hit to the rural cellphone market.

Amanda Wait, an antitrust lawyer and former Federal Trade Commission lawyer, said states are acting because they disagree with what they have seen the federal government doing.

"They see the FCC accepting certain remedies and concessions that don't, in their minds, solve the problem," she said.

T-Mobile declined comment. Sprint and the Justice Department did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

One famous example of when the states and federal government diverged on a big antitrust case was in the fight against Microsoft, although that was not a merger case. Several states dissented from the Justice Department's settlement roughly 20 years ago, pushing for tougher sanctions to curtail Microsoft's ability to use its dominance in the Windows operating system to thwart competition in other technologies.

More recently, in the Bayer-Monsanto agribusiness merger, five states last year criticized the federal government's approval.

T-Mobile and Sprint previously tried to combine during the Obama administration but regulators rebuffed them. They resumed talks on combining once Trump took office, hoping for more industry-friendly regulators.

T-Mobile has a reputation for consumer-friendly changes to the cellphone industry. T-Mobile and Sprint led the return of unlimited-data cellphone plans, for example.

T-Mobile, trying to reassure critics, promised the FCC it would build out a 5G network and invest in rural broadband on a specific timeframe or pay penalties. It also promised to sell off Sprint's prepaid Boost Mobile brand and keep price increases on hold for three years.

That was enough for FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to back

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Grand theft auto 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000blk Broadway 1:11 a.m.
Drinking in public 00blk Pico Blvd 2:41 a.m.
Armed robbery 1700blk Expo Line 2:48 a.m.
Vandalism 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:04 a.m.
Vandalism 200blk Broadway 4:26 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk The Beach 4:48 a.m.
Encampment 2100blk The Beach 5:55 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:00 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 7:11 a.m.
Grand theft auto 700blk 11th St 7:18 a.m.
Petty theft 2500blk 6th St 7:30 a.m.
Petty theft 800blk Princeton St 7:37 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 19th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:03 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 3rd St Prom 8:08 a.m.
Battery 400blk Euclid St 8:09 a.m.
Petty theft 10th St / Montana Ave 8:14 a.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:49 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 800blk Pico Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Petty theft 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 9:12 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Ocean Ave 9:14 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:43 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 900blk 4th St 9:50 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2700blk 3rd St 10:57 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:03 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1100blk 17th St 11:10 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2300blk Oak St 11:11 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk Cedar St 11:14 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 2400blk 5th St 11:17 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 11:27 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:36 a.m.
Burglary just occurred 200blk 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 11:41 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Ocean Ave 11:47 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 3rd St Prom 11:48 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 4th St 11:55 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:16 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1100blk 21st St 12:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk Colorado Ave 12:34 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk Cedar St 12:35 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 12:50 p.m.
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Traffic collision - no injuries Centinel Ave / Pico Blvd 1:30 p.m.
Vandalism 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:35 p.m.
Fraud report 300blk Olympic Dr 2:10 p.m.
Critical missing person 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:14 p.m.
Fraud report 900blk 3rd St 2:21 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 2300blk 2nd St 2:32 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:37 p.m.
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Petty theft 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:44 p.m.
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Elder abuse 2500blk 26th St 2:56 p.m.
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Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2900blk Pearl St 8:05 p.m.
Burglary 2900blk 31st St 8:15 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 32 CALLS FOR SERVICE ON JUNE 10

Emergency medical service (EMS) 900blk Euclid St 1:08 a.m.
Hydrant shear 6th St / California Ave 3:53 a.m.
EMS 600blk 16th St 5:16 a.m.
Elevator rescue 300blk Civic Center Dr 6:53 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 11st St 8:04 a.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 8:55 a.m.
Wires down 2300blk 18th St 8:58 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Ashland Ave 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:31 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 10:52 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:15 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:37 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:59 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 12:06 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 12th St 12:19 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 12:24 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th St / Pico Blvd 12:31 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Pacific St 12:57 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900blk 2nd St 12:58 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600blk 7th St 1:07 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:24 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Franklin St 1:30 p.m.
EMS 700blk Arizona Ave 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:51 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:54 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 5:21 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 5:50 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:55 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 6:26 p.m
EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:26 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 8:25 p.m.

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 MAY 29 AT 7:45 A.M.

In the 1700 block of Ocean Ave, officers responded to Shutters Hotel for complaints about a subject who was on the beach side of the hotel threatening to kill people. Officers detained the subject. Two women made contact with the officers on scene and said they were walking their dogs when the suspect came towards them and started yelling profanities. They walked away but the suspect continued to yell at them, threatening to kill them. Maximilian Salvador Velasquez, 31, homeless, was arrested for criminal threats. Bail was set at $50,000.



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MAXIMILIAN VELASQUEZ

SMMUSD

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vetting process as well as her problems with the contract's language.

"I know it didn't come before the Financial Oversight Committee and can confirm it didn't go before the Facilities Committee. I'm wondering how this jumped to an action item without oversight ... I don't think this anyone has been vetted with proper oversight committees, the community, or anyone else, with respect to the final terms."

Kolhoff also expressed concern over the 36 days of usage SMC would get, wondering how JAMS would be affected if SMC chose to pick consecutive weekends.

Boardmember Oscar de la Torre shared Kolhoff's concern, feeling the details of the contract weren't clear. "Could there be a possibility that they want consecutive weekends and lock in a big chunk of time that we couldn't use for our students or school?"

Upton answered that from his talks with SMC, the number of days they intended to use was lower than 36 and that a discussion to find all needs had already been met.

Boardmember Laurie Lieberman noted that before each academic school year that blackout dates for the schools are picked and assumed that would be the same. She stressed that SMC is a clear partner — putting up more than half of the cost for the site — but that the contract's language could be clearer.

Boardmember Ralph Mechur noted that 36 days out of a 180-day school year was a small percentage, but De la Torre wasn't satisfied.

"Part of the problem is it's a major action item— this hasn't been properly vetted with facilities committee or other committees that might be impacted, VAPA or our elementary schools. I'm a big supporter but what I would prefer is we vetted this with all of our stakeholders and we have priority and we bring those concerns to negotiations with SMC."

De la Torre asked for the item to be brought back before the board, noting his concern of schools within close proximity of the site, saying tabling the item would be a preventative measure.

"We should be able to have a better agreement for our students and school district."

Boardmember Jon Kean agreed with sentiments shared, saying the item should be postponed due to the intent of the agreement being clear but not the agreement's wording.

"It's going to be a very nice facility," de la Torre began, "A lot of our schools will want to host a bunch of different things there. I just want to make sure that we give priority to our students that use those facilities to have priority, I'm sure the college will understand that.

"I'm also concerned we haven't had those discussions in terms of the calendar with the other elementary schools within proximity and that we haven't really vetted this with facilities DAC or VAPA DAC, and it's important to do that."

The board came into agreement that the item would be tabled and return to the board once the agreement language is more clarified.

The following discussion, based on sharing facilities, was tabled and asked to return under the same circumstances.

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL (calottery)
Draw Date: 06/08
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Power#: 18
Jackpot: $66 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/07
17 19 27 40 68
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $40 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 06/08
6 9 18 33 38
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: $52 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/10
3 5 7 15 23

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 06/10
Midday: 1 9 0

Draw Date: 06/10
Evening: 3 2 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 06/10
1st: 01 - GOLD RUSH
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
RACE TIME: 1:49.61

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.6°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft ankle to knee high
Small NW windswell. S swell eases for exposures outside of the South Bay.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Small S/SW swell. Minor NW swell blends in.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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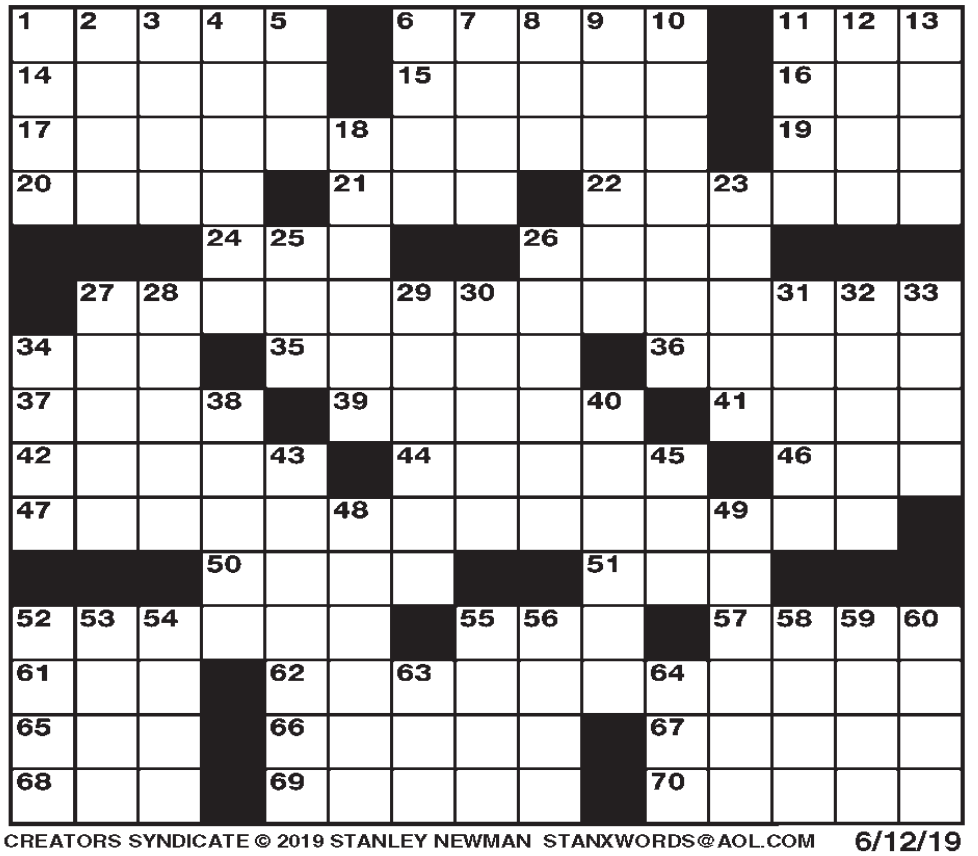
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Newsday Crossword

ELVIS REMIX by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Fill with wonder
6 Platoon nickname
11 Task
14 Jazz genre
15 City-related
16 Tribute in verse
17 Wedding shop array
19 False statement
20 Play's first part
21 Donkey
22 Shiny finish
24 Tablet download
26 French father
27 Unpleasant-but-mandatory tasks
34 That guy
35 Hollow rock
36 Evil spirit
37 Enthusiastic
39 Wander aimlessly
41 Canceled, at NASA
42 Ancient artifact
44 Get set for a golf drive
46 Solemn pledge
47 Long-running soap opera
50 Musical staff symbol
51 Hockey surface
52 "Strange! Who knew?"
55 Door knock
57 Mardi Gras city nickname
61 Historic chapter
62 Ladies' rodeo wear
65 Dust-mop alternative
66 Right Guard rival
67 Rafters and girders
68 Grand __ Opry
69 Wet, as weather
70 Early synthetic fabric

DOWN
1 "Waterloo" singers
2 Bygone Ford make, informally
3 Just slightly
4 Astrological group
5 Energy Star org.
6 Many GM models
7 Greek war god
8 Slugger's stat
9 Ship's kitchen
10 Made certain
11 Bump hard
12 Garfield's dog buddy
13 Frat party beverage
18 Ran out, as a subscription
23 Maximum World Series game count
25 Violin pin
26 Would rather have
27 Olay competitor
28 Poet Dickinson
29 In a way
30 French farewell
31 Parliamentary proposal opening
32 Corporate images
33 What some plows move
34 Challenging
38 '70s dance music
40 Flowers from bulbs
43 '60s diplomatic conflict
45 Snapshot, for short
48 Felt hat
49 Thin outer layer
52 Medal getter
53 By-mouth
54 Regular pay
55 Stagecoach driver's strap
56 Artist Warhol
58 Racetrack shape
59 VIP's vehicle
60 Special interest grp.
63 Hi-tech med. scan
64 Type of Wall St. takeover



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 12)

This year shows you learning yourself better than ever, and that's knowledge that will create both welcome ease and thrilling challenge in a life that feels custom fit to you. You attract the people you need to serve and the people who will fortify you. The financial picture lines up in a new way for you in October. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 11, 20 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It would be a shame to let that interesting person walk out of your life without so much as a hello. Don't worry about what you'll say. You could spout exquisite nonsense and still forge a connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ben Franklin claimed that three people could keep a secret if two of them were dead. It's something to keep in mind before you tell even one trusted person your classified information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Where you set the bar will determine your satisfaction with what happens today. Go low. Set your expectation somewhere around "tolerable" and let anything above that come as a delightful surprise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's natural to burn out on something you've been doing a long time. It's just as natural to move through the fire and keep going until you reach a different perspective and reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what you care about. Actually, a lot of people care about it. The way you're different from many is that you direct the care you feel in an abiding, steadfast and loyal way. This is how you'll make a difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Now that it's getting easier for you to manage your own expectations (you're practically a master), it's time to apply the skill where it will make an incredible difference – managing the expectations of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're the great harmonizer, the peace ambassador, the spreader of "chill." Your ways of diffusing the tensions around you are subtle (it all starts inside of you) but powerful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you think in terms of making memories, your priorities will shift. If you could accomplish one thing that would make this day go down in the records, what would it be? That's the thing to do first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Appearances can and will be manipulated, perhaps not on purpose, but people are so conditioned toward presenting a certain image that they will do so unthinkingly and regardless of the truth of the matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because you lived a scenario doesn't mean you understand it. Your own life and your role in it can sometimes mystify you as though it wasn't even you who was living it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Use your imagination to look into the future. It's about the best tool there is for the job. Furthermore, when it comes to predicting the move that will bring you the best outcome, none are more prescient than you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Humans are never satisfied, which is why they spend so much time unhappy, and which is also to credit for the survival of the species. On a personal level, today helps you appreciate what spiritual hunger has done for your life.

Cosmic Combination Lock

As the sun and Venus in Gemini harmonize with the Libra moon, magic words will open doors and hearts. It's not only the words themselves that matter; the timing and emotion behind them are as important as the words themselves. Each element is one number of the combination lock. You need all three to be correct before things unlock.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"What are nodes in astrology? My north node is in my 10th house, in Virgo, and my south node is in my fourth house, in Pisces." When we refer to the moon's nodes in astrology, what we're talking about is the points in your natal horoscope chart where the moon crosses from the north latitude to the south and back again. The north node is known as the dragon's head, and wherever it is located in your chart is called your part of fortune. This indicates where you are likely to have exceptional worldly success. The north node in Virgo in the 10th house suggests that you will find fame and honor through your own career efforts. This would be especially true if you work in the medical or agricultural fields, or if you work in a service industry like the military. The moon's southern node is called the dragon's tail and points to the area of your life in which you may struggle. A south node in Pisces in your fourth house indicates some sort of family discord, which could result in a loss of property or inheritance. Don't let that scare you, but do take it as a reason to make keeping the peace a priority, and protecting what's yours a lifelong habit. It's good to have a lucky chart, but it's the indicators of possible misfortune that make you a better, more capable, soulful and interesting person.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

This Gemini teen couldn't know that the diary of her secret thoughts would touch, educate and inspire millions. Because of her courage and hope in the face of unfathomable evil, Anne Frank's legacy continues to make a difference. Frank's natal sun, Mercury and Jupiter were all in Gemini, the sign of communication. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank

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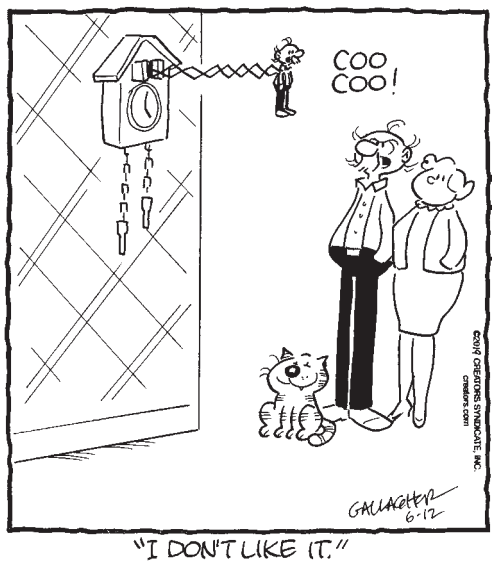
WORD UP!

Esprit de l'escalier - noun [es-pree duh le-skahl-yey] French.

a perfect comeback or witty remark that one frustratingly comes up with only when the moment for doing so has passed: Writers, by nature, tend to be people in whom l' esprit de l'escalier is a recurrent experience.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



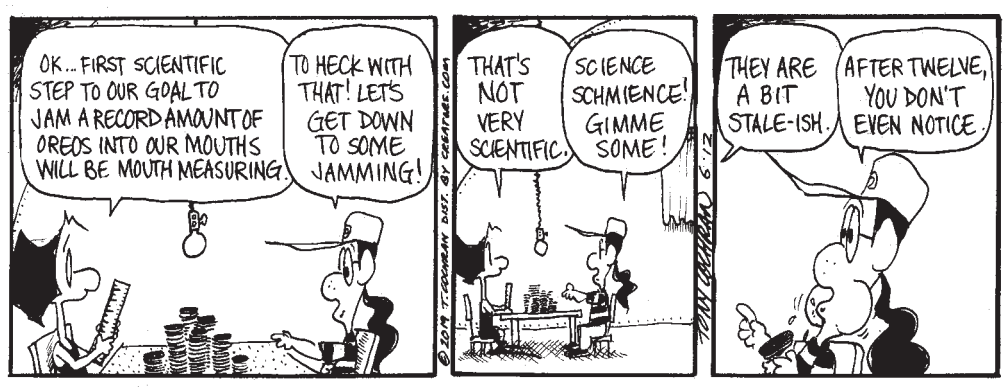
Strange Brew

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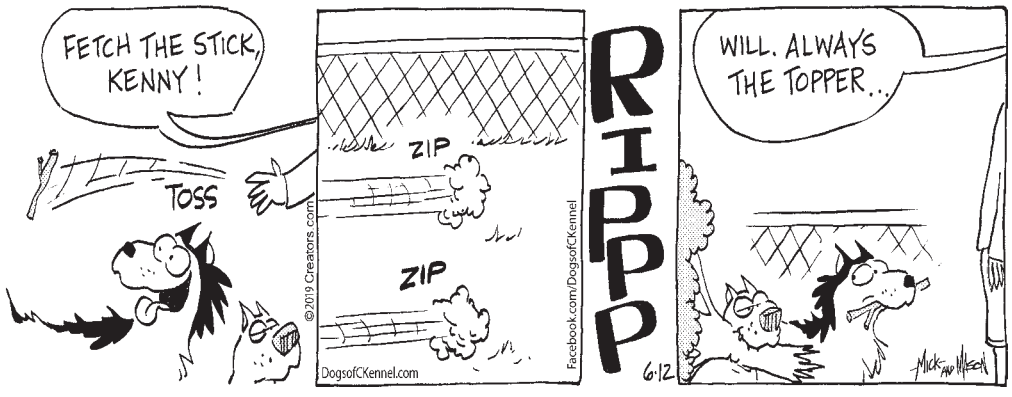
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HOUSING

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The CAO obtained preliminary injunctions in the first two cases, stopping the alleged conduct pending trial, while the landlords in the second two have voluntarily resolved the alleged conduct pending trial. We are also litigating our third affordable housing enforcement case , where owners are allegedly violating obligations under affordable housing deed restrictions, and will soon be filing our fourth. Affordable housing for people of all walks of life is a crucial piece of a community's fair housing puzzle.

The variety of housing discrimination continues at the state and national levels:

- The U.S. Department of Justice has just charged Facebook with creating advertising tools that blatantly allow housing providers to either target or exclude consumers for or from housing opportunities based on their race, religion, gender and other protected classes.
- Since 2016, hate crimes against all protected classes have been surging in Los Angeles, in California, and across the country. According to a January 2019 Los Angeles Times article, hate crimes shot up again in 2018, up 13 percent in Los Angeles and 17 percent in California.
- In the past twelve months, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) has reported several cases against housing providers who were allegedly denying tenants with disabilities reasonable accommodations that would allow them equal and fair housing.
- A large real investment firm paid $2.5 million this year to settle a federal fair housing lawsuit alleging that it pressured Latino and mentally disabled tenants to leave its rent-controlled buildings in the Koreatown section of Los Angeles.
- Last week, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority released the results of the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The number of homeless people in the county increased from 52,765 to 58,936, a 12% rise. Distressingly high numbers. But the major fair housing red flags continue to be statistics for the African-American homeless population, which constitutes 33% of the homeless population even though African-Americans constitute only 8.3% of the overall county population.

So let's face it, every month must be Fair Housing Month. Housing discrimination has not been eradicated, not even close. The federal, state, and local fair housing laws must keep up with the new tactics, but it's also up to us—no matter what month it is—to know our rights and responsibilities under the law so that we can recognize and stop discrimination in any form and in its tracks.

Gary Rhoades is a Deputy City Attorney in the Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office. Potential violations of the fair housing laws may be reported to the Consumer Protection Division by calling 310-458-8336 or by going to smconsumer.org.

T-MOBILE

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the deal. The other two Republican commissioners indicated they would join him.

But public-interest advocates said these conditions did not address concerns about higher prices and reduced competition— and would be difficult for regulators to enforce.

The Justice Department evaluates deals using stricter criteria than the FCC's "public interest" standard — namely whether they harm competition and raise prices for consumers. Staff attorneys at DOJ have reportedly told the companies they won't approve the deal as proposed, but the ultimate decision lies with Makan Delrahim, the top antitrust official who is a political appointee.

The state attorneys general said in Tuesday's lawsuit that combining Sprint and T-Mobile would make the industry as a whole — Verizon and AT&T, too — less likely to offer plans and services that consumers like. And they say the companies have already been working to roll out 5G and don't need to combine to do so.

Japanese tech conglomerate SoftBank owns Sprint, while Germany's Deutsche Telekom owns T-Mobile.

VETERANS

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and he went on and on about how little everyone but the U.S. is paying, and nothing else about this most vital of American military alliances with the European nations post-WWII, to protect against the threat from Trump's beloved Russia.

IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW

With Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" TV show winner Piers Morgan, he had the nerve to claim that he would have served in the military, given the chance. "I would not have minded that at all, I would have been honored, but I think I make up for that right now." (He had previously joked to Howard Stern that "avoiding VD, that was my Vietnam.") Of Vietnam, "Well I was never a fan of that war, I'll be honest with you. I thought it was a terrible war, I thought it was very far away, nobody ever... you know, at that time, nobody had ever heard of the country." Everyone had heard of it by the mid-'60s and could probably find it on a map, and very, very few draftees or "forced" enlistees wanted to go.

Anyone who does not denounce Trump for his "unpresidented" betrayal shares the shame. I'm not at all a violent person, had my last fistfight in 5th grade, but it's entirely possible that if I met him face to face, just because of his disrespect for veterans, I would not be able to restrain myself from punching him in the mouth. Fed up with the deafening silence.

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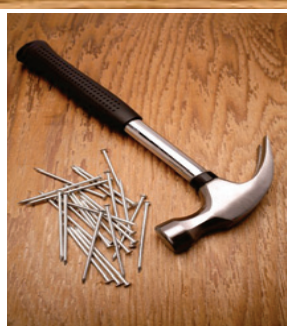
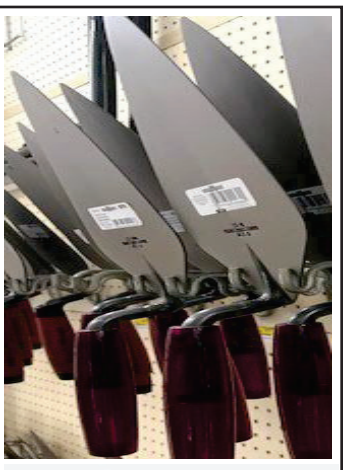


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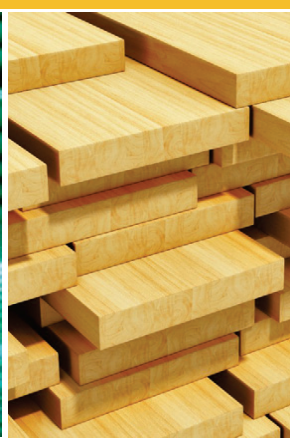
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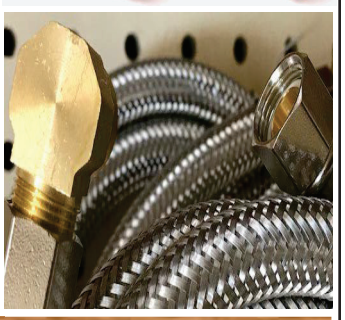
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