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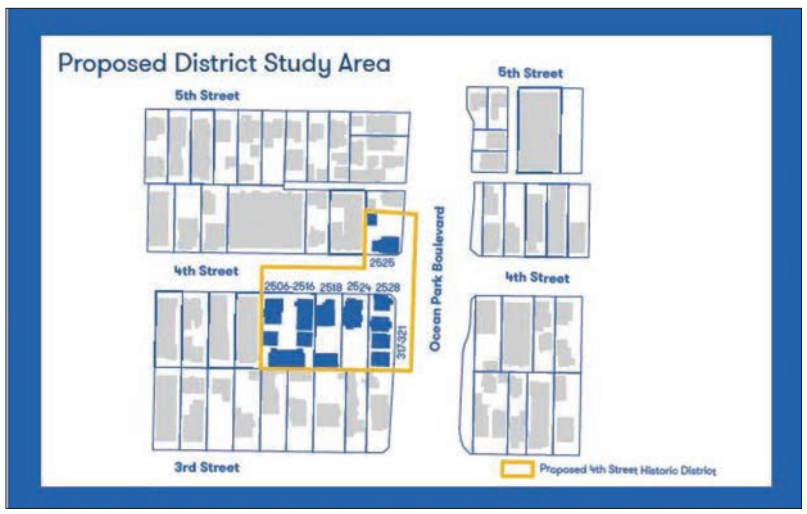
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Commission rejects historic district application



Courtesy image

DISTRICT: The cluster of buildings in Ocean Park will not be a district.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A proposal to create Santa Monica's fifth historic district encompassing a group of homes in Ocean Park will not go forward.

The Santa Monica Conservancy applied to designate the buildings, which are spread over five adjacent lots, as a historic district. The 13 buildings were built between 1906 and 1936 in the Late Victorian Cottage, Craftsman and Mission Revival styles, according to the Conservancy. The Landmarks

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Pride on the Promenade

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's first Pride festival is taking over the Third Street Promenade this Saturday.

Pride on the Promenade will celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with three blocks of games, live theatre and musical performances, a DJ dance party and kids' crafts, all under a rainbow light installation spanning the length of the Promenade. The day will start with live music and dancing at 3 p.m. and culminate with a dance party from The Abbey DJ Brynn Taylor that ends at 10 p.m.

The lineup of performers includes local and regional favorites, including Hamburger Mary's cabaret drag show, leading LGBTQ+ comedians from the

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Juneteenth tradition blossoms at Virginia Ave Park







File photos

CELEBRATION: Past Juneteenth events have brought arts and entertainment to the park.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Americans nationwide will celebrate the country's freedom on July 4th but a lesser-known Independence Day will also be celebrated this upcoming weekend.

The 27th annual Juneteenth Festival will be celebrated at Virginia Avenue Park this Saturday, a festival commemorating the Juneteenth holiday, which commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. The festival will feature music, dancing, food and more activities, under the theme 'Unity for a Purpose'.

While the city hosts the event, the annual Juneteenth Festival has perpetually been spearheaded by 78-year old Laverne Ross.

Ross has worked tirelessly on giving the holiday a higher profile for years, first hearing of the event as a toddler. Her grandfather, a former slave himself, told the story of his emancipation to Laverne's father who in turn passed the story down to her.

When she first heard the story at four-years-old, Laverne says she didn't fully grasp the gravity of the situation. However, as she

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Santa Monica would like to invite you to participate in our SMC Facilities Master Plan workshop at Virginia Ave **Thelma Terry Building** on June 24th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

This is a unique opportunity for neighbors to share their visions about the future of SMC's main campus. Through carious exercises and activities, the workshop is meant to create a vibrant discussion that will help shape SMC's future development.

The SMC facilities Master Plan will generate and articulate the long-term vision for SMC. With input from our partners and stakeholders, we will create a practical, data-driven, and visionary road map for SMC that looks to develop strategies to enhance the user experience, promote academics, and address land use, buildings, transportation, parking, utilities, sustainability, and open space.

Please spread the word and come Join us on June 24th for an exciting evening!

For more information, Please Contact: Charlie Yen **yen_charlie@sm.edu**

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: June 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 18ARB-0342: 1325 6th Street: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0075: 216-234 Pico Blvd: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0158: 1299 Ocean Ave: Landscaping

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- **501 Broadway: Mixed-Use**

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail james.combs@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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
Join organizers 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

Meet Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong
A multi-media lecture on the life and career of this legendary Jazz musician, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. 310-575-8273. 2 p.m.

Violin on the Promenade
Shelly Mendelson will be performing on the violin from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the 3rd. Street Promenade Mall between Broadway and Santa Monica Blvd. Music for one and all! Hear your favorite Beatles songs, Bob Dylan, Fiddler on the Roof, Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms!

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.

Meet Me at Reed
Outdoor performance series in Christine Emerson Reed Park. 3 – 7 p.m.

Multi-character story writing with Thea Constantine
What are the pros and cons? How do you create memorable characters whose voices are unmistakably their own? Where do you separate chapters or sequences to keep points of view distinct? Leave with a helpful handout with some of the books, and tools, and information. 1450 Ocean. 12:30 – 3 p.m. $30. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/73211

27th Annual Juneteenth Celebration
Come out and celebrate a day filled with music, dance, food and fun! The theme for this year's Juneteenth Celebration is UNITY FOR A PURPOSE. The festival will also include a cultural arts marketplace and food trucks. Virginia Avenue Park, 11 a.m.

SM Reads: Interactive Display: Race Card Project
Make a Race Card to display! Distill your thoughts, experiences, or observations about race into one six-word sentence. All Day. Main Library.

Sunday, June 16

Pool Open
The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House

Game Room
Take a break from the heat and enjoy the free Game Room. Weekends through Sept. 1 at Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, June 17

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop
Bring smartphones and tablets in to receive small group help and get started using the devices. Pico Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

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 at 7 p.m.

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

Skateboarders raise their game as Olympic qualifiers begin

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

Being an Olympic sport is starting to bring a different vibe to skateboarding.

With a promise from the IOC to keep the spirit of the sport intact as it makes its debut at the Tokyo Games next year, skateboarders are raising their game as qualifying events begin.

"I mean, it's the Olympics. It's the biggest stage a person, an athlete, anybody can ever be on," Sean Malto of Kansas City said Thursday at the Dew Tour, which is the first global Olympic qualifying event for men's and women's park and street held in the United States.

"It does open a lot of doors," said Malto, 29, who competes in the street event. "It does put a lot of eyes on something that was underground for a really long time. I think that's a real special thing, a special opportunity to be part of."

Malto participated in the first qualifier last month, the Street League Skateboarding event in London. He said that skating "has always been very loose and open," but the qualifiers have made things a bit more rigid.

"It's been an adjustment. It's been tough. But the opportunity is far greater than what that process has been," he said. "It's been pretty fun to figure out, just a little different. We go to these events anyway. We grew up skating X Games, Street League, Dew Tour. Just show up and do your best and everything else will follow that. If you win these events, then you get to go to the Olympics, and that's fair. Just do what you've been doing anyway, just maybe a little better."

Josh Friedberg, CEO of USA Skateboarding, said there was some initial confusion after the first U.S. national team was announced earlier this year. Those 16 skaters aren't guaranteed a spot in the Olympics, just support from the national governing body.

Skaters not on the U.S. team, such as Malto and Curren Caples of Ventura, can qualify on their own merit.

Once that confusion was cleared up, making the Olympic team became a goal, said the 23-year-old Caples, who skates both street and park.

"I figured why not. If I can make it, it would be rad just to call yourself an Olympian, just to be at the Olympics and represent the first year of skateboarding in it, which would be pretty cool."

This will be the first Olympic qualification contest for Caples.

"I've skated many Dew Tours in the past and this one is definitely different, for sure, because there are a lot of people. The whole vibe of the whole contest is a little different. You can see that people are hungrier and practices are way more intense. It's been a cool experience and I'm stoked to compete.

"Skateboarding in the Olympics is just going to put skateboarding on such a higher scale and maybe be recognized as a true sport instead of just kind of like an action sport," Caples said. "It just puts it in a higher category, which it should be because a lot of risks come with skateboarding and it should be recognized for that."

The IOC was looking at sports that have the greatest impact with young people when it added skateboarding, surfing and sport climbing for the 2020 Games, sports director Kit McConnell said.

"We want to keep that spirit of skateboarding. It's not just about taking skateboarding and making it feel like another Olympic sport," McConnell said. "We don't want to change it, we want to celebrate it."

A total of 80 spots will be available for the Olympics, with 20 per event, which include men's and women's park and street. A minimum of one athlete per continent will be guaranteed a spot for each event, and Japan will be guaranteed a minimum of one spot in each event. A skater can qualify in both park and street. A maximum of 12 skaters from any one country could potentially qualify, three in each event.

Among those competing here is two-time Olympic snowboard silver medalist Ayumu Hirano, who last month won the men's park event at Japan's national championships.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

RFP: # 234 INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

- **Submission Deadline is July 10, 2019 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Summer Reading Blast Off Features Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults

Summer Reading is for everyone! The Santa Monica Public Library Summer Reading Program blasts off on Saturday, June 15, 2019, with a series of events for all ages that reflects this year's theme, A Universe of Stories, at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

At 11 a.m., ARCOIRIS, the world's first LGBTQ Mariachi Band, performs music representing the rich culture and traditions of Mexico in the Main Library's North Courtyard.

From 12 to 1 pm, families can explore and learn through fun maker activities! Plus, the whole family can enjoy the June edition of Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis's Let's Read with Gleam! at noon.

Kids, Teens and Adults can join the Library's A Universe of Stories! Summer Reading Program. The Library offers the Baby & Me Club (birth to 17 months), Read to Me Club (2 to 5 years), Independent Readers Club (kindergarten to grade 5), Teen Club (grades 6 to 12), and Adult Summer Reading for ages 18 and up. Participants of all ages will earn prizes for time spent reading, listening to audiobooks or reading to others and can enjoy a range of free activities and performances.

Adults (ages 18 and up)

Adults receive a tote bag just for signing up! Upon completion, participants will receive a coupon for a free book priced at $2 or less from the Friends of Santa Monica Public Library Friends Bookstore. Those that complete 20 hours of reading and turn in their participation card will be entered to win one of three $50 gift cards.

Youth (from birth through 12th grade)

Kids and teens receive a tote bag and bookmark. Those who meet the reading goals will receive prizes as follows:

Baby & Me Club (birth to 17 months)

Sign up and get a free tote bag and board book

Read to Me (2 to 5 years) & Independent Readers Clubs (kindergarten to grade 5):

5 Hours: Solar system sticker scene OR a coupon for a free small yogurt at Yogurtland on Lincoln and Pico Boulevard.

10 Hours: Shark pullback racers OR foam crusher rocket OR robot squishy

15 Hours: choice of free book

Teens (6th-12th grade):

10 Hours: planet sticky notes OR UFO pencil sharpener/eraser and a coupon for a free small yogurt at Yogurtland on Lincoln and Pico Boulevard.

20 Hours: Mars Mud putty OR glow-in-the-dark moon & stars

30 Hours: Free book

40 hours: Entry into bonus prize drawing for a $50 Visa gift card

Sign up at any library location beginning June 15. The Summer Reading Program runs through August 24, 2019. Go to smpl.org for full entry and prize details. Thanks to the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library for their generous support of this program. For more information about the Friends and how you can join and help support the library, please see their website at http://www.friendsofsmpl.org/

All Library programs are free and open to all ages. Seating at events is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10 and 18. Lines 2, 3, R3 and 9 stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Twitter deletes accounts linked to foreign governments

Twitter says it has deleted nearly 4,800 suspect accounts linked to Iran that the company says secretly pushed that government's agenda.

Twitter is adding those accounts and their tweets to a public database it launched last year to track its battle against government-linked misinformation. It is also adding a smaller number of deleted accounts linked to Russia, Venezuela and the Catalonia region of Spain.

Twitter says the removals are meant to prevent election interference while preserving valid political speech.

The company confirmed last month it had removed about 2,800 of the Iranian accounts that were using fake personas.

Twitter launched the database in October. Anyone can download the datasets, which has some information redacted. Researchers can request access to get the unredacted documents.

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LOS ANGELES

Murder charges filed in killings of LA deputy, 2nd man

A Utah man has been charged with murder in the deaths of an off-duty Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy and another man.

Prosecutors on Thursday also charged Rhett McKenzie Nelson with attempted murder and two robberies.

The case includes special circumstance allegations of multiple murders, murder by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and using a handgun in the commission of the crimes.

Nelson is expected in court Thursday afternoon. It was not known if he has an attorney.

Authorities allege Nelson shot Dmitry Koltsov from his vehicle in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, attempted to kill Aleksandr Chudetckii, then fatally shot Deputy Joseph G. Solano. They also say he committed robberies in Long Beach.

Nelson's family says he suffers from mental illness and an opiate addiction.

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My Neighbor "Runs" For Her Life

In 2012-2013, my neighbor, Julie Weiss did something pretty amazing, especially to someone edging toward couch potato status, like myself. She ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks. That's not a typo. Actually, I'm not sure I've driven 26.2 miles 52 times in 52 weeks. (Does Uber count?)

It's quite fitting that this Sunday is Father's Day because Julie took on the seemingly impossible marathon challenge to raise money for pancreatic cancer research, and help fight the insidious disease that took the life of her father, Maurice. Sadly, his passing came as the two were focused on unconditional love in their renewed relationship. Maurice was at Julie's first marathon, and was, at least in spirit, at the last. Clearly, Julie's story is inspiring on many levels.

I didn't know about Julie's remarkable achievement, which is a testament to her modesty. It's also due, perhaps, to Santa Monica renters going from long term to more affluent short term renters until they purchase a home or are reassigned by their work.

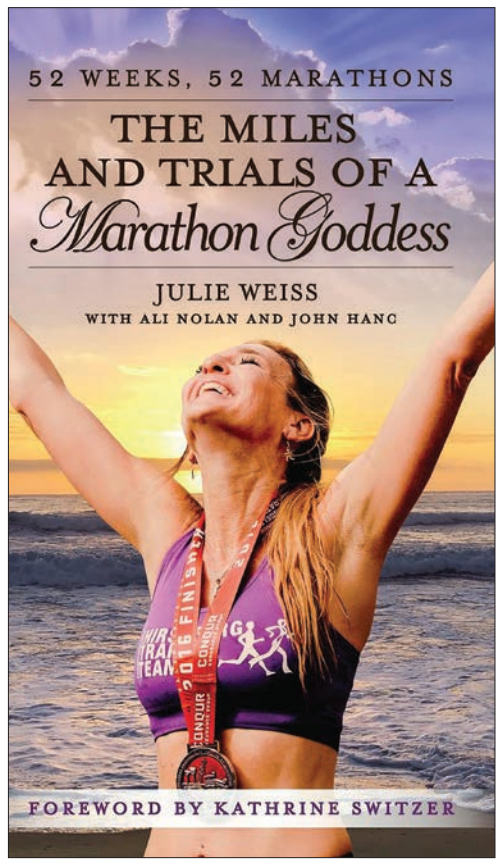
"Vacancy decontrol" allowed landlords to charge new tenants market rates. In previous decades renters were often close with their neighbors, now new renters often move before you get to know them. Fortunately, Julie and her husband (also her running coach) David, as nice a person you'd ever meet, have been here for 3 years and hopefully much longer.

Julie's book is a deeply revealing diary of a woman — a daughter, mother and grandmother — plagued by low self-esteem and destructive relationships but is courageously determined to turn her life around. Taking on the marathon challenge to honor her father for a cause she dearly loves, motivated Julie to tackle lifelong demons and make remarkable, albeit difficult, self improvement and find inner peace during the 52 weeks.

If Oprah, Ellen and The View ever interviewed Julie (actually, not a bad idea) they might barely discuss marathons. They would likely focus on how Julie found the strength to repair damage from a troubled childhood and, with David's help and others, gradually heal herself in a process that continues to this day.

One of my first interactions with Julie was at 7 a.m. on the day of a 5k/10k city sponsored race that begins, seemingly from my bedroom. In actuality, it starts in the Ocean View Park, just below my apartment. I was thus unceremoniously awakened by a bull horn at that ungodly hour and couldn't get back to sleep. Grr.

Grumbling, I was carrying my recycling down to the bins on A-level when I ran into Julie. She expressed empathy that I had been awakened by the race as it suddenly dawned on me that she was IN the race. (If one man's ceiling is another man's floor, so it was one man's annoying noise was this woman's delightful call to the starting gate.)



Courtesy image

RUNNER: Julie Weiss has a new book.

That Julie even attempted a marathon is proof the longest journey starts with the first step. I say that because, in the beginning, Julie could barely run from one lifeguard station to another. But she ignored negative inner voices and embraced that any progress, however small, was a blessing. (A "lesson," as Julie notes, that extends way beyond running.)

At times, Julie's book has the feel of a documentary, as, with each race, she faces various obstacles. One can't help but be nervous for her, especially in her very first race. It was in picturesque Rome and was captured in a beautiful movie, "The Spirit of the Marathon, 2," in which Julie was featured. She did surprisingly well and, feeling invigorated, she moved on to the next marathon.

Among her most difficult races was the "Lake Tahoe Triple." As the name suggests, it was 3 marathons in 3 days! Inspired by the natural beauty of the landscape, Julie powered through. Another especially taxing race was the "Leadville Marathon," in Colorado that started at 10,000 feet and went to 13,000 feet! (Brother,can you spare an oxygen bottle?)

The "Marine Corps Marathon," in Washington D.C. was also painful until the Marines started yelling at Julie to go faster. As she describes it, "I had a knee injury that magically went away. It was a beautiful experience."

Dedicating every race to someone

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California Legislature approves $214.8 billion budget

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California lawmakers on Thursday approved a $214.8 billion state budget that would spend more on health care and education, bolster the state's top firefighting agency following devastating wildfire seasons, and boost state reserves.

The spending plan was passed with separate votes by the state Assembly and Senate. It now goes to Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is expected to sign it in the coming days.

"What a luxury we have, to get to stand here and argue over where we should put our savings, how we should spend some of the additional money we have to support struggling Californians," said Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, a San Diego Democrat.

Democrats in both chambers overwhelmingly backed the budget, while Republicans rejected it, arguing it spends money on the wrong priorities.

The massive bill, totaling more than 900 pages, divvies up tax dollars in the nation's most populous state. Lawmakers must still pass more than a dozen other trailer bills to implement it.

The measures could contain important details, including implementing a monthly fee on cellphone bills to pay for upgrades to the 911 system.

The spending plan is the first under Newsom, who took office in January and has positioned himself as resistor-in-chief to Republican President Donald Trump.

The Trump administration has sought to weaken former President Barack Obama's health care law by eliminating a tax on people who refuse to purchase private health insurance.

The proposed budget before Newsom would bring that tax back, using part of the money to make California the first state in the country to help middle class families pay a portion of their monthly health insurance premiums.

While the Trump administration continues to crack down on illegal immigration, the budget passed Thursday would make California the first state to give some adults living in the country illegally government-funded health insurance.

Health care for those people is part of Democrats' plan to eventually get everyone in California to have health insurance.

The proposal has angered Republican lawmakers, who argue it's not fair to tax people in the country legally for not buying health insurance while making people living in the country illegally eligible for taxpayer-funded health insurance.

"I just don't get the prioritization," Republican Sen. John Moorlach of Costa Mesa said ahead of the vote. He noted he legally immigrated to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1960.

The budget proposal includes increases in public education, which would bring state spending to $12,018 for every student in K-12 public schools. It would give grants of up to $20,000 to students studying to be teachers if they promise to teach subjects impacted by the teacher shortage, including science, technology, math and engineering.

Democratic Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi of Torrance said the state should invest even more in public schools, though he voted to pass the spending plan.

"Let's not be fooled by the dollar amount. We are just allocating the minimum," he said. "That is not bold, Mr. Governor."

Following the state's deadliest wildfire season in history, the plan includes $40.3 million for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to buy 13 new fire engines and hire 131 people to operate them.

It also includes $13.1 million to accept seven used C-130 air tankers from the federal government. The aircraft are free, but the state must pay to maintain and operate them.

JUNETEENTH

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grew older, she realized the importance of Juneteenth and raising awareness of the holiday.

"My grandfather wanted to make sure I never forgot what the 19th of June meant to the African American people," Ross said. "There's a lack of understanding and knowledge of what Juneteenth is or what the name is, so I had to make it known.

"I wanted to have it in the form of a festival where we celebrate freedom and acknowledged what our slave ancestors fought for and what we're accomplishing now. Seemed like something people of all colors needed to know. I had to make sure I spread the word here in Santa Monica."

The first go of the Juneteenth was a small celebration held at the Third Street Promenade nearly three decades ago. Ross says it was a small, sparsely populated celebration but now, with the help of her Juneteenth Committee and Virginia Avenue Park, the event has grown to the large, uniting festival it is today.

Ross ultimately wants to see the holiday become nationally recognized, idealizing parades held throughout the country. For now, however, Ross will settle for the impact she and her Juneteenth Festival can have locally.

"It's all about unity for a purpose and we have all come together in unity over the years," Ross said. "More and more ethnicities and communities from far out— Pico, Mid City, Malibu, South Bay — have come together since this first started. We bring people together and educate folks on important history. Hopefully this year we'll have even more."

The 27th annual Juneteenth Festival takes place Saturday, June 15 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park. For more information, visit Santa Monica's Virginia Avenue Park Facebook page (@vapark) or call 310-458-8688

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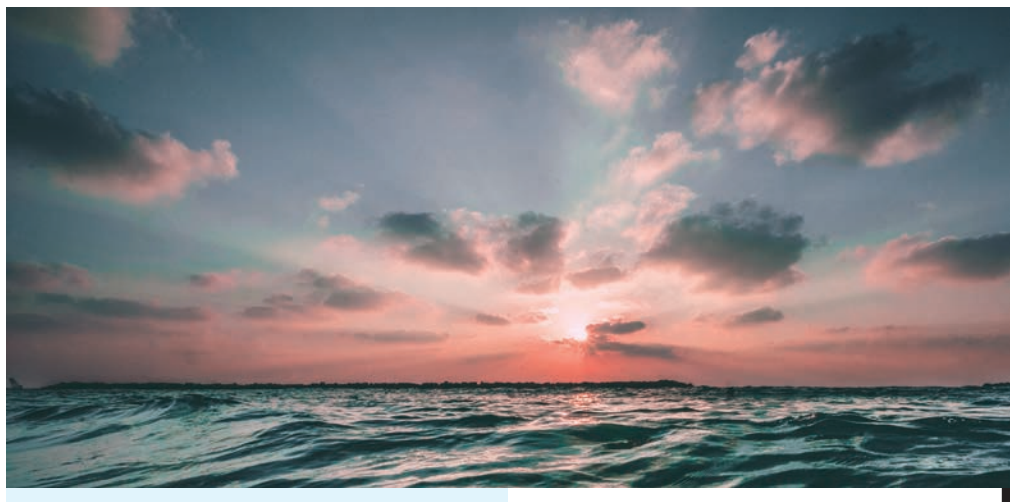


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PRIDE

FROM PAGE 1

Westside Comedy Theater and dance lessons from the Arthur Murray Dance Academy.

Mackenzie Carter, director of marketing and communication at Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., said the organization wanted a diverse array of performers at the festival.

"When you're on the Promenade on a typical day, you never know what you're going to see — singers, dancers, people spinning plates, I even saw a contortionist rolling down the street the other day," she said. "We wanted to live up to those expectations."

The festival will serve as the centerpiece of SaMo PRIDE, the city's first Pride month. During the month of June, Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Place and the Promenade are hosting food festivals, happy hours, storytelling time for kids and silent discos to celebrate love in every color.

The Promenade will feature several photo opportunities, such as the Big Blue Bus' Pride-wrapped bus, Carter said. It will host an edition of its Monday night Pride Ping Pong Tournament, and the Cayton Children's Museum, which is opening later this month, will run kids' crafts tables. Humphry Slocombe is serving up Pride-themed ice cream.

But amid the hubbub of a packed schedule, the festival will lead attendees in a Pride Moment, during which everyone will hold hands to symbolize unity and support for the LGBTQ+ community, wearing rainbow light-up wristbands. Local LGBTQ+ community members will make speeches and Maggie Szabo will perform "Don't Give Up," a song dedicated to trans youth.

"It's going to be a really special moment," Carter said.

SCHEDULE:

- Rainbow Stage, 1200 Block Third Street Promenade: Hosted by Alexander Rodriguez from On The Rocks radio show
- 3 p.m. - Jams and live music with DJ Morgan "Good Boy"
- 4 p.m. Highways Presents Sweat: 4x4
- 5 p.m. - Santa Monica Playhouse's LGBTQ+ company All The Queen's Men presents "Cinderella: Topsy Turvy"
- 5:30 p.m. - Live performances from Halle Johnson ("American Idol") and Stephanie Rice ("The Voice")
- 6:30 p.m. - DJ Morgan "Good Boy" and Dance with Dane! Follow Along Dance Party
- 7:15 p.m. - Mary's Cabaret Drag Show by Hamburger Mary's
- 7:45 p.m. - Remarks from Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis and special guest Glamazon Prime
- 8 p.m. - SaMo PRIDE Moment, during which attendees will hold hands to symbolize unity and support for the LGBTQ+ community; wristbands will light up and feature all colors of the rainbow
- 8:05 p.m. - Dance the night away with The Abbey DJ Brynn Taylor

Channel Q Stage, 1400 Block Third Street Promenade: Hosted by Channel Q's Shira Lazar, and Bravo's Julie Goldman & Brandy Howard

- 3 p.m. - Dance with Dane! Free, interactive dancing/ workout class
- 4 p.m. - Performances by the Third Street Promenade's best buskers
- 5 p.m. - Dance lessons with the Arthur Murray Dance Academy
- 6 p.m. - Julie Goldman and Brandy Howard will conduct a shortened performance combining two of their hit platforms: Bravo's "The People's Couch" and the "Dumb Gay Politics" podcast
- 6:30 p.m. - An hour of comedy with leading LGBTQ+ comedians from the Westside Comedy Theater

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DISTRICT

FROM PAGE 1

Commission tied 3-3 on whether to recommend City Council approve the proposed district, an effective denial of the Conservancy's application.

The denial aligned with the findings of city staff, who said the buildings vary in architectural style and are similar to other small groupings of early 20th century homes in Ocean Park.

"The grouping of properties do not appear strongly unified aesthetically through its architectural style and scale to contribute to each other cohesively as a district," staff wrote in a report on the application.

Commissioner Kenneth Breisch, who voted against the district, said while the buildings represent different architectural styles found in Ocean Park, historical districts cannot be designated based on style alone.

"This is a hodgepodge of styles," he said. "Just because these houses have survived doesn't necessarily raise their level of significance."

The Conservancy's case to landmark the district didn't just rely on architecture, however. The group also argued that it exemplifies the pattern of development in Ocean Park, as they lived through the opening of Central Avenue in 1917 and the widening of Ocean Park Boulevard in the 1960s to accommodate the I-10 freeway. Both projects sparked new development in the area.

But for Breisch and Commissioners Richard Brand and Amy Green, that context wasn't enough to merit creating the district.

"If we're talking about this as reflecting this scope of time and the evolution of the neighborhood, I'm not sure there's enough here to tell the story," Breisch said. "At some point, every street in Santa Monica was developed and that spurred development. I don't see that as earth-shaking."

Chair Dolores Sloan voted for the district, saying she felt the homes were stylistically distinct and illuminated the story of Ocean Park.

"The rest of Santa Monica doesn't look like that street," she said. "Ocean Park is unique and that street is unique within Ocean Park. And that's worth preserving."

Carol Lemlein, president of the Santa Monica Conservancy, said the organization has not yet decided whether to appeal the decision. Lemlein said she believes the buildings may be altered if they are not landmarked because tenants in the district's rentals are being evicted under the Ellis Act, which allows landlords to evict tenants if they want to get out of the rental business.

"The owner must have some plans for the properties," she said.

The Ocean Park district would have been the third historic district created in the past four years following a rule change that allows districts to be formed without a vote by property owners. The other districts are located on 3rd Street, San Vicente Boulevard, Bay Street and 11th Street.

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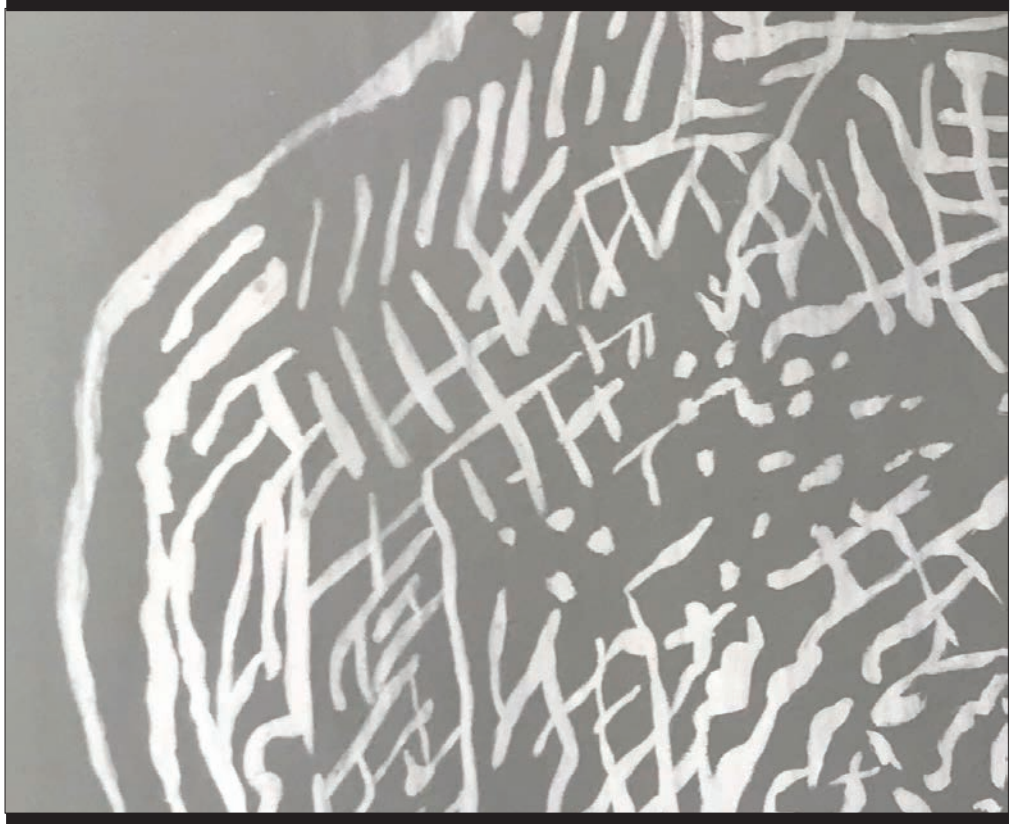




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Transport Prisoner 300blk Olympic Dr 2:06 a.m.
Burglary Walk Through 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:29 a.m.
Auto Burglary 100blk Hart Ave 4:29 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 1100blk 5TH St 5:22 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 5:44 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000blk Main St 6:34 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk The Beach 6:34 a.m.
Panhandling 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:57 a.m.
Overdose 800blk 5th St 6:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unkn Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd
Burglary 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:08 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1800blk 12th St 7:36 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:51 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:55 a.m.
Panhandling 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 5th St 8:46 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 8:48 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1900blk 6th St 9:41 a.m.
Hit and Run 2000blk 5th St 9:51 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Pico Blvd 10:09 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2000blk Olympic Blvd 10:12 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Pacific St 10:23 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000blk Main St 10:34 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Battery 600blk Pico Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200blk Montana Ave 11:50 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 7th St 11:51 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 20th St / Pico Blvd
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Petty Theft 1100blk 5th St 12:51 p.m.
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Petty Theft 2100blk Pier Ave 9:11 p.m.
Drunk Driving 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:33 p.m.
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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON JUNE 12

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Automatic Alarm 2400blk Virginia Ave 3:01 a.m.
EMS 800blk 5th St 6:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision with Injury Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:04 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:11 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 8:29 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 8:40 a.m.
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EMS 1500blk 4th St 10:39 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:59 a.m.
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EMS 400blk Expo Line 2:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision with Injury 19th St / Arizona Ave 2:53 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 4:44 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1400blk Franklin St 10:13 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 10:27 p.m.
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RUN

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battling pancreatic cancer, and overcoming a variety of injuries and emotional obstacles, in all Julie completed 1,362.4 miles. She also raised $500,000 for pancreatic cancer research on her goal to reach $1 million. That's why she's taking the challenge again in her current campaign, "52 Races for 52 Faces." (https://www.52racesfor52faces.com)

It's obvious, when she has a goal, especially when it honors the memory of her late father and helps inspire others battling adversity, there's no stopping Julie. (As for me, I no longer mind the noisy 5-10 k races. Have I evolved? Actually, I just bought earplugs.)

"The Miles and Trials of a Marathon Goddess" is available at Amazon and wherever books are sold. This Sunday, June 15, Julie is hosting a book signing open to the public at The Shores Apartments, 2700 Neilson Way in the North Tower Conference Room from 1-4 pm. Julie can be reached at www.marathongoddess.com Jack is at jackdailypress@aol.com

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Power#: 13
Jackpot: $79 M

MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $45 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 06/12
10 16 23 24 34
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $53 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/12
5 13 15 16 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 06/13
Midday: 3 6 9
Draw Date: 06/12
Evening: 1 2 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 06/12
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 03 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 05 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
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SURF FORECASTS

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Blend of small S/SW swells and minor NW swell.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Blend of small S/SW swells and small NW swell.

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Sudoku

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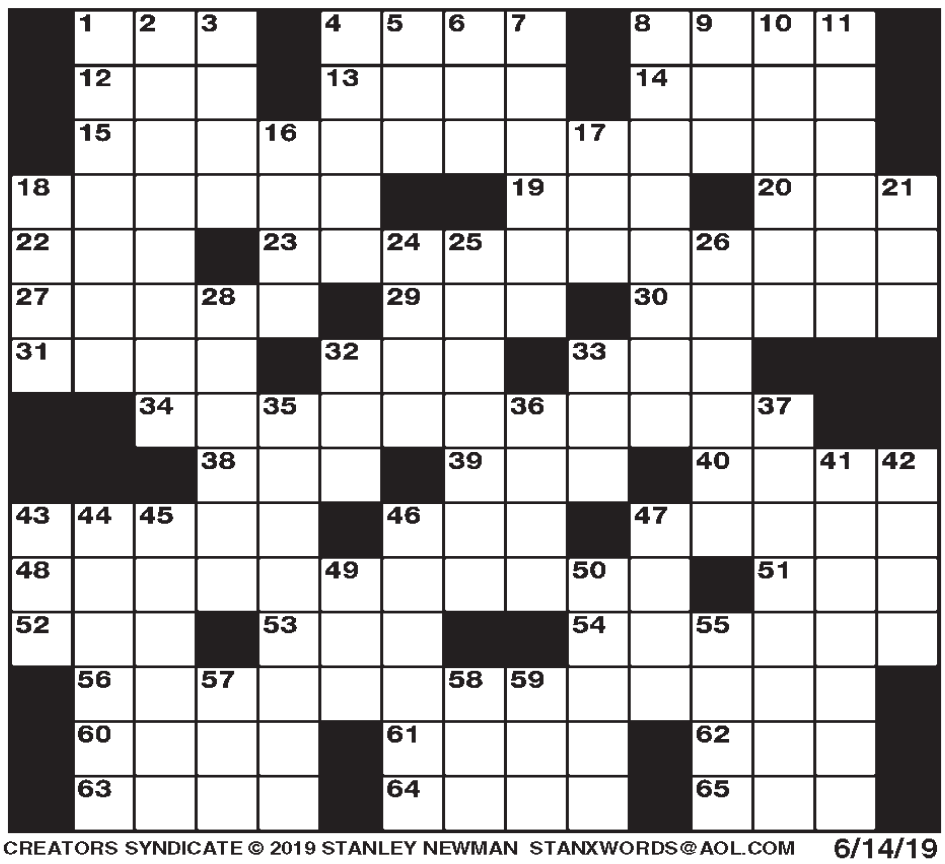
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1 Arctic assistant
4 Piano, to pianists
8 Scintilla
12 Sound at MacDonald's farm
13 Marvel's weather manipulator
14 Ado
15 Start of an Alex Haley quote
18 Penn State's group
19 Jagger or McCartney
20 Telephonic trio
22 Golfer from Johannesburg
23 Part 2 of quote
27 Random House's #1 children's author
29 Part owner of Air Greenland
30 Large bill
31 Stumble
32 Painter Vermeer
33 Sapporo "Sure!"
34 Part 3 of quote
38 It's not free of charge
39 Upper limit, for short
40 Tuscan isle
43 Diamond game with no pitcher
46 Frequent grunter
47 When Columbus discovered the Caymans
48 Part 4 of quote
51 Little guy
52 One on a range
53 Tour de force
54 Carry-on bag
56 End of quote
60 Provo neighbor
61 "Move the Way You Want" sloganeer
62 Every 8 Across
63 Scout Oath starter
64 Merit Scholarship qualifier
65 AL East team

DOWN
1 Source of spam
2 Cup of tea
3 Multigenerational Indy surname
4 Be frugal
5 A volt per ampere
6 She's against you
7 Furtive meetings
8 Enthusiastic claim
9 NBA extensions
10 Time, to Tomás
11 "We __ amused"
16 What metal caddies carry
17 Peanut product
18 Ultimate effort
21 Word on a penny
24 For whom many NASA pilots flew
25 Lost it
26 Not keeping cool
28 Went bad, in Britain
32 *Garfield* guy
33 Bad spell
35 Wedding too many
36 Gush (over)
37 Big Pharma company
41 Type of tire
42 Orderly, for instance
43 Defunct would-be tariff accord: Abbr.
44 "What a shame!"
45 Toward the rudder
46 Recaps
47 Sound of a kiss
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55 Very efficient
57 Drapery edge
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59 Apology opener



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 14)

The next 10 weeks your life will be like a song. The best part is that you get to be the DJ who decides which one. There's nothing standing in the way of your ability to create your destiny. Your appetite for education strengthens in September. You'll apply it to organize financial structure that will support you in years to come. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 38, 44, 49 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll stumble across information that perhaps wasn't intended for you, at least not by its keeper. But from the perspective of universal consciousness, of course it was meant for you. Otherwise you wouldn't have it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone around you is seeking to be understood. Though you want this, too, you're willing to take a break from the quest so you can focus on others. You'll learn something about human nature that will help the crusade.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Why would you expect yourself to do the work of a master when you've only just begun to learn the craft? Because someone has made it look easy, that's why. Mastery often does appear that way. Be patient with yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're open to love, but you know better than to try and extract it from anywhere complicated. The best love is the kind that's made readily available. You shouldn't have to go fracking for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart swells to fill the moment. This is how you love - elastic-like. You've been known to promise things in this state of heightened feeling, but really, you shouldn't have to. Your big love is enough. Really it is!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Gold can be found in dirt, in streams, in oceans, even in the human body. Still, it's pretty rare to come across a big nugget of it. Give what you're offering in a concentrated form and it will be accepted as the jackpot it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll feel the good feelings because you decide to – no other reason. Once you set your mind to an idea, you become a magnet for it. That idea organizes your perception.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People who are really interested in others tend to ask the great questions that go straight to the essence of the matter. They'll sound brilliant for just being curious... which, actually, is what being brilliant is all about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Making things is the fun part, especially in the beginning stages when you're full of hope. It's exciting to think about what could be. The middle bit – that's where grit comes in. Luckily, you have plenty of that to draw on today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're being honest, you'll notice that you're actually growing irritated by that activity that eats your hours and doesn't give back in terms of pleasure or productivity. Time to put that one to rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's as though something opens in you and the hard work becomes effortless. This could have to do with the adrenaline released in a high-pressure situation. Deadlines are good that way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pity doesn't help. Helping helps. And that, in a nutshell, is why you're so busy this weekend. You can easily provide what someone else is sorely lacking, and it's your pleasure to do so.

Liberating Alignment

Some people like talking on the phone and others avoid it, even if the call is from their favorite person. So you never take it personally when the phone rings too much or too little. Under the current configuration of Mars and Neptune, it will be easier to accept that other people's rhythms are not under your control.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: You shouldn't have to perform or give guarantees to get the love you deserve, which is unconditional. TAURUS: In most functional mature relationships, love and friendship aren't two different things. GEMINI: You're not interested in attention for attention's sake. If it's not specific to you, then it's not good enough for you either. CANCER: It's like an ex is pulling your heartstrings from a distance. There's a reason you're thinking about each other. LEO: Someone is going to remember how you look this weekend in vivid detail – something to keep in mind while you're putting it together. VIRGO: Successful communication is saying what needs to be said and nothing more than that. LIBRA: You haven't even begun to tap the potential of a certain relationship. There's lots of unmined joy here. SCORPIO: Someone is curious about you. Reward that curiosity and everyone wins. SAGITTARIUS: You get the extra attention because you give it. You take the time to try and figure out what people need. CAPRICORN: Your bravery is on the rise. It's good because breaking the ice is half the battle of making new connections. AQUARIUS: Your loyalty will be highlighted. Loyalty is as good for your soul as it is for the other person's. PISCES: Being aware of the current power balance in a relationship is the first step toward balancing it more equitably.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Gemini and Sagittarius get the solar/lunar love this weekend, and couples of these signs will enjoy harmony, adventure, conversation and an ever-growing appreciation for one another. They are especially compatible in high-activity moments, traveling and managing strange circumstances or situations that require them to problem-solve together. Games and goals add an extra layer of fun to their joint pursuits. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



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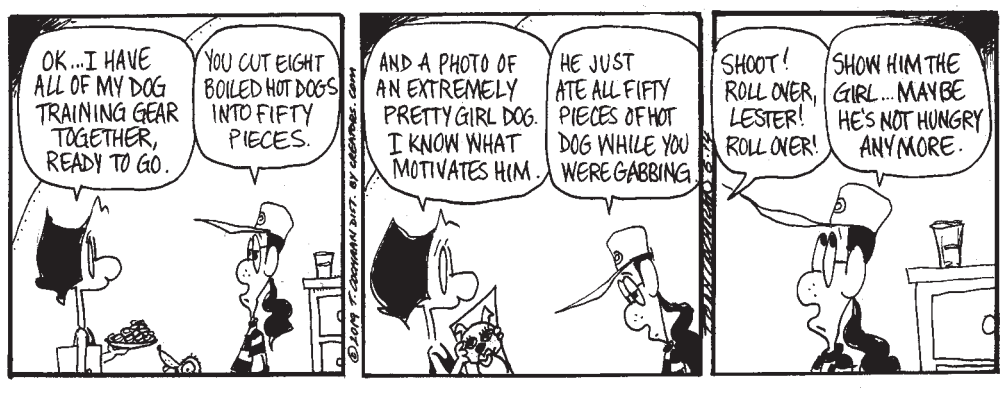
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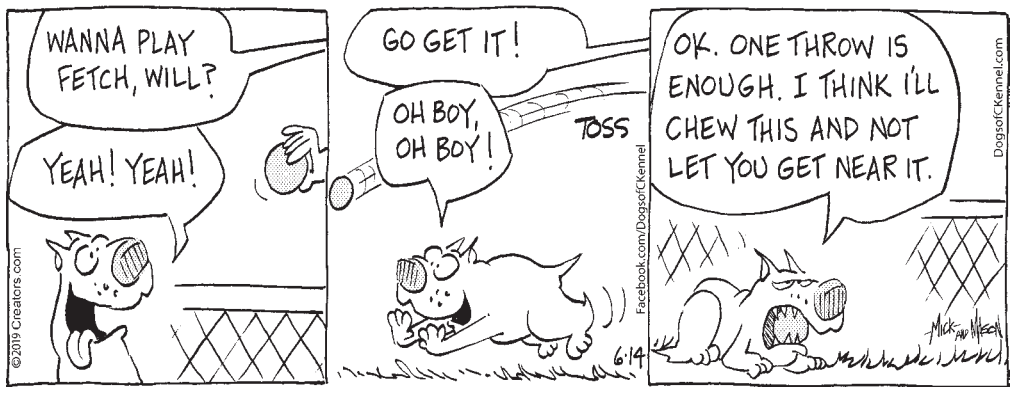
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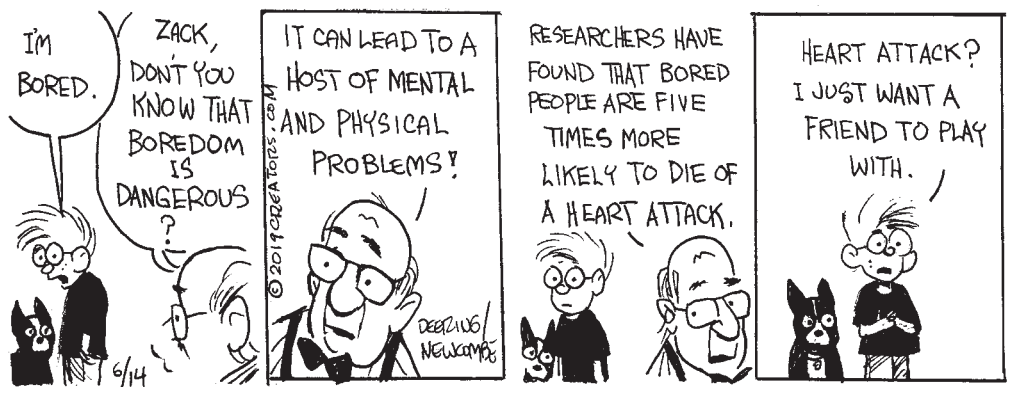
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Dems announce debate candidates: de Blasio in, Bullock out

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The Democratic National Committee announced Thursday that 20 candidates have qualified for the party's first presidential debates later this month.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock and U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton of Massachusetts were the only major candidates out of the two dozen Democratic hopefuls who failed to meet the polling or grassroots fundraising measures required to get a debate spot. Two lesser-known candidates, former Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska and Miramar, Florida, Mayor Wayne Messam, also missed the cutoff.

U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, who recently had been on the bubble, both made the debate based on polling measures.

The campaign's opening debates, set for June 26-27 in Miami, will offer a prime opportunity for many White House hopefuls to reshape a race defined in recent weeks by former Vice President Joe Biden's domination of national and many early state polls.

An NBC News drawing Friday will divide the large field between the first and second debate night. Party officials have promised to weight the drawing with the intention of ensuring that top tier and lagging candidates are spread roughly evenly over the two nights.

Those assignments will determine the debate strategies for many campaigns. Candidates will have to decide whether to go after front-runners such as Biden, challenge others in the pack or stand out by remaining above the fray. They must also decide how much to focus on President Donald Trump.

Some candidates have criticized the debate-qualifying rules that the party chairman, Tom Perez, set this year. The polling and fundraising thresholds will remain the same for the July debates over two nights in Detroit.

Bullock's campaign insists he has reached a party benchmark of a minimum 1 percent in at least three polls by approved organizations. But party officials say Bullock is wrongly counting a Washington Post-ABC poll from February.

He said Thursday that he was "certainly disappointed" by the DNC's decision.

"But the greater point really is also that I'm the only one in the field that's actually won in a Trump state, and we need to win back some of the places we've lost," he said on MSNBC.

The polling and fundraising marks will double for the third and fourth debates in September and October. Candidates will have to meet both marks instead of one or the other. That means 2 percent in the approved polls and a donor list of at least 130,000 unique contributors.

Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, who will appear in the first debate, questioned some of the rules during a campaign stop Thursday before the DNC announcement, but said candidates have little choice other than to meet them.

"Fighting with the DNC is a little like fighting with the weather," he said. "You can rage against the storm, but you will not have great effect. I think the rules are the rules."

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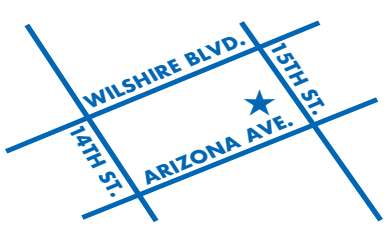
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