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Illegal short-term rental host receives fines and community service

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A local real estate agent has pleaded "no contest" to five misdemeanor counts of operating an unlawful business after city officials accused him of running nine illegal vacation homes in the city. After flouting Santa Monica's strict rules governing short term rentals for over a year, Shabi Jafri will pay $3,600, perform 140 hours of community service and shut down the illegal rentals, according to a press release from Public Information Officer Constance Farrell.

"This is a positive and fair result," said Code Enforcement Manager Sharon Guidry.

Jafri could not be reached for comment.

The City began administering citations to Jafri in 2017, according to court records. Farrell said the host used various tactics to deceive investigators instead of coming into compliance. Santa Monica rules dictate hosts must register with the city and remain present on the property during their guests' stay. Officials say the rules preserve the character of local neighborhoods and preserve housing for tenants during a statewide crisis.

"The City of Santa Monica has consistently dedicated policies to producing, protecting and preserving housing in our community," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen. "This conviction is both a just outcome and further affirms these important legislative goals."

The successful prosecution comes as home sharing sites Airbnb and HomeAway come into compliance with Santa Monica's policy. A judge ruled last week the city has the right to ban the websites from facilitating transactions that involve illegal businesses.

Airbnb has promised to continue to fight to liberalize Santa Monica's policy.

"For more than two years, Airbnb sought to work with the City of Santa Monica on a solution that ensures middle and lower class

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Santa Monica and Malibu look to separate fundraising

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Keeping with their support for cleaving their district in two and giving Malibu more independence, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District has agreed to create two separate fundraising vehicles for Santa Monica and Malibu.

Guided by representatives of the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF), PTA Council, Malibu PTAs, Malibu principals, several Board members and others, the proposed plan would ensure that money raised for Malibu goes to Malibu and money raised for Santa Monica goes to Santa Monica. The newly proposed fundraising structure is similar to the School Facility Improvement Districts for Malibu and Santa Monica.

A report from the district showed that for the past five years, 95% of money raised in the district has come from Santa Monica parents while only 5% of money raised has come from Malibu, a city with a much smaller population.

SMMEF and the district are hopeful that the change in fundraising structure will benefit both communities.

"The idea is we would still maintain programs and have two separate MOUs (memorandums of understanding; a document establishing goodwill between agreeing parties) that's consistently the same," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "As we evaluate programs we support, usually there's a mechanism that SAC (Superintendent's Advisory Committee) evaluates the programs and makes adjustments to it. This means we'll have two sepa-

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BASKETBALL AWARDS

Courtesy photo

The YMCA held its annual basketball awards last week. See Page 5 for more information. Pictured are Brent Heisler, Keegan and Jim Fleigner, Gian Luca Tosonotti, Steve Rice, Estevan Rodriguez, Adam Wasson, Pete Arbogast, Mathias James.

NOMA neighbors chase, catch alleged cell phone thief

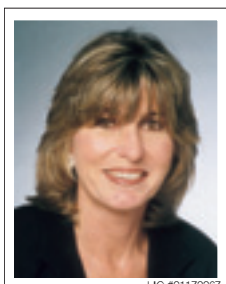
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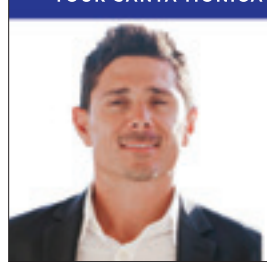
A group of neighbors chased down an alleged cell phone thief Sunday afternoon, tackling him to the ground and holding him until police could get to the scene, according to Lt. Saul Rodriguez with the Santa Monica Police Department. The suspect, 18-year-old Darnell Manuel, is due in court Tuesday to face robbery charges. He is currently held on $50,000 bail.

Police got the first call to 9-1-1 around 2 p.m. Sunday saying a group of witnesses had detained a young man just a block north of busy Montana Avenue. The chase began a few minutes before, when the man allegedly snatched a cell phone out of a woman's hand while she walked her dog near 7th Street and Alta Avenue.

Witnesses immediately sprung

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 19

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group: Glass Houses by Louise Penny

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Discussion Title: Glass Houses by Louise Penny. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Red Hen Press reading with John Barr and others

Join John Barr, Bruce Bauman, Lory Bedikian, Chloe Schwenke, Catherine Woodard for an evening of readings, with music by film and television composer Nathan Barr. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 – 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

VR Experience: Inside the World of Coco

Follow the magical alebrije into the luminous world of Coco, filled with characters and settings from the film. Note: Oculus Rift headsets are for ages 13-17. Please call (310) 458-8684 to register. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Connected Families: Robot Playtime

Bring your family to play with robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, 1:30 p.m.

Email Basics

Learn how to use email and create your own free email account. Seating is first come, first served. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner Level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St). 7:30 p.m.

World's Largest Swim Lesson

Free swimming lesson for ages 6 - 10 years of age. RSVP required. Visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com for details. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 7 – 8 p.m.

LGBTQ Pride Month Movie: God's Own Country (2017)

The Library celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month with this award-winning British film about a young Yorkshire sheep farmer whose life is changed when his family hires a Romanian migrant worker. Imperfectly described as a British Brokeback Mountain, this lushly-photographed film is a potent and unexpected love story. (104 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

Navy Pier and Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Ferris Wheel on June 21

More than 2,000 miles may separate them, but Chicago's Navy Pier and Santa Monica Pier are coming together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the iconic invention that connects them: The Ferris wheel. Designed and constructed by George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the Ferris wheel rolled onto the scene with a grand opening on June 21, 1893.

One hundred and twenty-five years later, Chicago, home of the original Ferris wheel, and Santa Monica, home of the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel, have teamed up to honor the ingenuity and foresight of the late George Washington Gale Ferris Jr.'s creation with a day filled with free wheel rides, brilliant light shows, live entertainment, special appearances by Ferris family members and tributes to other popular products that debuted at the World's Fair.

George Washington Gale Ferris Jr.'s 1893 engineering feat was America's answer to the recently completed Eiffel Tower in Paris. The original Ferris wheel was 264 feet tall and was illuminated by 2,500 Edison incandescent lamps. In addition to the iconic Ferris wheel, the World's Columbian Exposition featured several new products to enter American folklore, including the elongated penny, now produced by The Penny Men and offered in more than 2,200 Penny Press machines at locations all across the globe, including Navy Pier and Santa Monica Pier. In 2018, more than 30 million people will use Penny Press machines to create a unique and personal keepsake.

The Penny Press and the original Ferris wheel's legacy have lived on for 125 years, and the Ferris wheel is now one of the world's most beloved attractions. Navy Pier's Centennial Wheel and Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier's Pacific Wheel are proudly leading the anniversary celebration of these incredible inventions.

"The Ferris wheel holds a special place in the hearts of Chicagoans and serves as a beloved icon for our city," said Navy Pier President and CEO Marilynn Gardner. "Navy Pier is proud to continue honoring the legacy and longstanding history of this treasured attraction in its birthplace, especially as it approaches a major milestone. We could not think of a better way to commemorate the occasion than by teaming up with Santa Monica Pier to pay tribute to the engineering marvel that connects our two piers and has long been a part of the brand and identity of both destinations."

Ferris' original wheel inspired Chicago's Navy Pier Ferris wheel when it opened on July 1, 1995. In 2016, the Centennial Wheel debuted in honor of Navy Pier's 100th anniversary and took its place in the iconic skyline as a treasured part of the city's culture and history. Soaring to heights of nearly 200 feet (50 feet higher than its predecessor), the Centennial Wheel offers guests unparalleled, 360-degree views of Chicago and Lake Michigan. The enclosed, climate-controlled gondolas – an enhanced feature of the Pier's new wheel – provide a comfortable and enjoyable ride experience year round.

"From Chicago to Santa Monica, that's also connected by Route 66, there's no better way to enjoy a view of the cities once you arrive than from atop of a Ferris wheel," said Marketing and Business Development Manager at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier Nathan Smithson. "Pacific Park is home to the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel, and we are thrilled to be able to share the 125th anniversary of the Ferris wheel with our friends at Navy Pier, the Ferris families and all Ferris wheel enthusiasts."

The nine-story tall Pacific Wheel Ferris wheel first debuted in May 1996 with the opening of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier and was adapted as the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel in November 1998. The Pacific Wheel offers guests incomparable views of the Santa Monica coastline, Catalina Island, Malibu and Palos Verdes Peninsula. Standing 130 feet above the Pacific Ocean, the Pacific Wheel's 174,000 LED lights are mounted on the Ferris wheel's structure including the 40 spokes and two hubs. The world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel's lighting system features 16.7 million color value combinations while the programming and display software presents imaging up to 24 frames per second to display dynamic, custom, computer-generated lighting entertainment. The eco-friendly, enhanced LED lighting provides 81 percent greater energy savings than most Ferris wheel's traditional incandescent bulbs.

Visit www.navypier.org for more information about Navy Pier and www.pacpark.com for more information on Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier.

PACIFIC PARK ON THE SANTA MONICA PIER – PACIFIC WHEEL

■ 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Free Pacific Wheel rides for the first 1,893 guests to RSVP at https://pacpark.com/125. Quantities are limited. RSVP early and bring the printed confirmation to the ticket window next to the Pacific Wheel to redeem for a free ride. All other riders may purchase a ticket that day or use an Unlimited Ride Wristband. A free commemorative 125th anniversary pressed penny is included with the free ride.
■ 11:25 p.m. | Brief program, featuring remarks from Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier Representative, Santa Monica Pier Historian and possibly a Ferris family member.
■ 11:30 p.m. | A salute to various popular products that debuted during the 1893 World's Fair, including the Penny Press, among others.
■ 12 p.m. | Possible Ferris family rides in the VIP gondola of the Pacific Wheel.

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Citywide

The 9th Annual PAL Charity Golf Classic Raises Over $125,000 To Benefit Youth

Santa Monica golfers called out "Fore!" for the youth of Santa Monica at the annual Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) Charity Golf Classic on Monday, June 11, 2018, at the MountainGate Country Club in Los Angeles.

The winning golf team for the 9th Annual PAL Charity Golf Classic is Gerry Leyva, Jose Rodriguez, and Ricky Verbeck.

The annual tournament hosted 146 golfers for a round of good fun for a great cause while raising more than $125,000 to help support the Santa Monica PAL program. A wide array of Santa Monica Community members turned out in record numbers to tee-up in support of Santa Monica Police Activities League including many Santa Monica Police officers and local business people.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Santa Monica community and police officers that join us each year to support PAL and Santa Monica youth," said Eula Fritz, Director at Santa Monica Police Activities League. "While it's a day of fun, the benefits from everyone's generosity are felt throughout the year in the educational, healthy living, and arts enrichment and physical fitness components of our program."

The monies raised from the event will be used to assist the advancement of PAL programs in Santa Monica, which are free for Santa Monica youth and assist kids 6 to 17-years-old to establish self-esteem and reach their full potential.

PAL programs support educational initiatives such as the homework assistance, university/college tours, SAT Prep classes as well as post- high school scholarships through the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund.

The charitable funds raised by the 9th Annual PAL Charity Golf Classic were made possible through entry fees collected, donations, silent auction proceeds and tournament supporters.

Major tournament sponsors included Activision, Bartel's Harley Davidson, Bird, Cedars-Sinai, Douglas Emmett, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Huntley Hotel Santa Monica, LA Car Guys Toyota and Volkswagen, La Vecchia Cucina, Nancy and Nimish Patel, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Daily Press, Santa Monica Police Officers Association, Santa Monica Management Group, LLC, and Southern California Disposal and Recycling.

The PAL 2018 Golf Classic Committee was made up of the PAL Board of Directors, City and Police Officials, and Community leaders. Through the committee's tremendous efforts and hard work, they were able to surpass last year's tournament proceeds.

PAL Board of Directors consists of seven officers with Calisse Lindsey, President, Programs; Debbie Anderson, Vice President, Programs; Charlie Yen, Vice President, Finance; Lynne Thomas, Vice President, Marketing; Kathy Irby, Chief Financial Officer; Lauralee Asch, Secretary; Thorin Allen, Past President; and Eula Fritz, PAL Director; along with 15 board members including Erin Deviny, Capt. Wendell Shirley, Donna Gentry, Helen Albright, Judi Baker, Neil Carrey, Tara Brown, Deputy Fire Chief Tom Clemo, Lucy Taylor, Rob Schwenker, Mackenzie Carter, Lynette Bonilla, Earl Clarkston, Simi Singer and Sgt. Rudy Flores, who presided as Golf Committee Chair.

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Birds And Limes Get A Hand From The Market

ADAM SMITH, THE GREAT ECONOMIST described the marketplace as having an invisible hand that would regulate itself. It's a theory that in a system, equilibrium will be found, that the actors in any organization will find their way.

The story I like to tell about how this operates is about an architect who was commissioned to design a campus for a corporation. He drew all the buildings and between them had live grass installed and there were no sidewalks. A year after completion of the buildings, he came back to see where the grass was worn down - that's where he put in the sidewalks. The needs of the community dictated where they went, and now the architect was able to meet those needs.

In much the same way we have a similar situation happening in our city right now. We have two companies that are flooding the marketplace with their Birds and Limes. They seem to be overtaking our sidewalks and some are saying creating a nuisance.

I'm a supporter of these mobility tools. I have ridden them often in last month. I've ordered my free helmet from Bird that I had to pay $1.99 for shipping and was delivered by the FedEx man in a few days.

When I have to make a short hop across town and don't need to have the storage capacity of my car, and wish to avoid the hassles of parking, and paying for parking, I jump on a Bird and zip over. They're super convenient for running a quick errand, like down to Z Garden (a client of mine) for a snack, or over to my visit my dog as he rehabs from back surgery.

Given that I spend $5-15 a day in parking across Santa Monica, between the horrendous meter fees, and parking structure costs, not to mention the private lots, the cost of a Lime or a Bird is usually cheaper.

Two weeks ago my battery died. That triggered car computer problems, when sent me to Dave at Morgan Auto on Pico across from the Trader Joe's. Too far to walk back to my office. I could have grabbed an UBER or LYFT, but it was a nice day, so I hopped on a Bird. $2.50 later and I'm back at my office, had a fun ride and it was quicker and easier than a car.

Last Wednesday night I was at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel and headed to dinner with a friend at Mon Roll on 4th for some Happy Hour Sushi before our Westside Toastmasters meeting. I tried four different Birds and Limes before I found one that was ready to ride. The problem that I was running into was that they were all too low on the battery charge. This could be a systemic problem on their part, but I think the reality is this: they're popular. They're being used. It's like the worn-down parts of the grass in the new campus the architect built. The fact that I had a problem with finding a scooter with enough charge is an indicator to me that this is a good idea.

The companies will find a way around this I'm sure. They already list the battery percentages left in the machines on the app, it won't take much for them to start scooping up the dead machines and recharge them - maybe they'll start offering their chargers a bonus, or some other benefit for turning the scooters around quicker. Maybe the companies will find a way to get quick chargers placed in businesses who will then have a motivation to create docking stations and bring new customers into their business. We're discussing that at Z Garden and are waiting for the companies to get back to us.

Adam Smith's Invisible Hand is always operating - sometimes it's the grooves in the grass, sometimes it's in the dead batteries. But it is always there.

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THIEF

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into action, as the woman called for help and ran after the teenager. As the chase turned down a nearby alleyway, police say the suspect pushed two witnesses in an attempt to throw them off his trail.

Eventually, a driver saw what happened and jumped out of his car and tackled the suspect to the ground. Police say the man who ultimately detained the suspect was a Santa Monica resident.

The victim had a few scratches on her hand but did not require medical treatment. Police did not identify the victim or any of the witnesses to the Daily Press.

Lt. Rodriguez said it's difficult to recommend when and how witnesses should get involved in an active chase when they see a crime.

"You never know who you're dealing with," Rodriguez said. "They could be armed. I would be very cautious with getting involved. It's difficult to give any recommendations on how to interact. It all depends on who you are as an individual. I would usually say it's better to call 911 and be a witness, but in this case it worked out well."

The suspect, Manuel, grew up in Inglewood and turned 18-years-old less than two months ago on May 1.

Anyone with additional information can contact Detective Elias at (310) 458-8943 or SMPD at (310) 458-8491.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Basketball awards

The Santa Monica YMCA celebrated it's 2017-18 youth basketball year with its annual year-ending awards banquet held last Friday evening. It was a culmination of four consecutive nights of award being handed out, the first of which were geared towards the just completed spring league.

That was the latest of the three leagues in which 300 players and 30 teams competed in a co-rec, skill based league with four divisions from ages 5-14, as they had in two previous seasons beginning last September.

Eighth grader Estevan Rodriguez was chosen as the Santa Monica player of the year, and is off to continue his career at Samohi. Coach of the year awards were given to Steve Rice and Adam Wasson, while Joey Little walked home with the year's Most Inspirational Player honor, getting the trophy now named for his father J.J., who passed way of a heart attack earlier this year.

Gian Luca Tosonotti was voted as the Y's Most Improved Player since last September, and Brent Heisler was given honors as top Referee of the Year. Heisler took classes and passed them to become a certified Southern California basketball official while working at the Y.

The Winter Major League Leopards were voted as the "Team of the Year" edging out the Spring Minor Oaks, as both went undefeated and untied and went on to defeat a team comprised of that division's all-stars at season's end.

Three people were inducted in the Santa Monica YMCA Youth Basketball Hall of Fame for the 2000's: Jim Fleigner, the winningest coach in terms of victories and championships since the league resurrected in 2011, his son Keegan who played in every season since the league re-opened then and is now off to play for the Vikings, and Mathias James, a long-time and valued volunteer assistant at the Y.

League director Pete Arbogast, who is also the Hall of Fame Radio play-by-play Voice of the USC Trojans, announced his retirement from the position he has held since bringing the league back on line.

He plans to stay on as a volunteer assistant to ensure a smooth transition to the new director, and to help plan special events for the kids.

Registration for the fall league opens on line at ymcasm.org and in person at the Y, located at 6th Street and Santa Monica Blvd. (with free underground parking), on July 30.

SUBMITTED BY PETER ARBOGAST, YOUTH BASKETBALL COORDINATOR

Palisades Park

Music for all ages at NOMA music site

Music for all ages will be featured Thursday, June 21, NOMA's Make Music Day site in Palisades Park (Ocean Avenue at Georgina Street). Festivities from 5 to 8:30 p.m. begin with Captain Dan & Friends (children's music & variety jazz) at 5 p.m.

Other performers include MAUROCK (classical guitar), THE ABC's (Beatles sing-a-long), troubadour Larry Covin (cabaret/pop), closing with THE WILDE-HARTMANS (classic rock & beyond) from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The North of Montana Association invites you to bring a picnic and enjoy the summer solstice. For further information, go to www.smnoma.org or www.makemusicla.org

SUBMITTED BY PHILLIS DUDICK

LOS ANGELES

Series of Los Angeles brush fires investigated as arson

Los Angeles officials say a series of brush fires just north of Dodger Stadium near an elementary school are being investigated as arson.

Fire department spokeswoman Amy Bastman says the first blaze broke out Sunday afternoon in Elysian Park and was knocked down in about 15 minutes.

A short time later, three more fires were reported in the area and all were doused within about an hour. No injuries were reported and no structures were threatened. Bastman says the largest fire burned on an embankment near Solano Avenue Elementary School.

She says the similar locations of the fires and the brief time frame makes them suspicious.

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LOS ANGELES

Motorists form blockade on freeway to protect runaway horse

Motorists on a Southern California freeway formed a blockade to protect a runaway horse.

The Los Angeles Daily News reports California Highway Patrol officers say the horse was spotted at 3:08 p.m. Sunday on the westbound 210 Freeway in the northeast corner of the San Fernando Valley.

California Highway Patrol Officer Elizabeth Kravig says the horse somehow made its way off the freeway and was last seen galloping down a side street.

Los Angeles police had no report of the runaway horse and Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Services could not immediately be reached for comment.

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LOS ANGELES

Woman found shot inside car that crashed in Los Angeles

Police say a woman was found fatally shot inside a car that crashed into a building in Los Angeles.

Officer Norma Eisenman says police and firefighters responding to the crash early Monday found the woman with a gunshot wound. She was pronounced dead at the scene in the San Pedro area.

Eisenman says the victim, who was not immediately identified, was the car's only occupant.

Detectives have not released suspect information.

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PALMDALE

LA deputy accused of DUI in crash that damaged several cars

Authorities say a drunken-driving suspect who crashed his pickup truck into several parked vehicles was an off-duty Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy.

The California Highway Patrol says no injuries were reported in the crash early Sunday in Palmdale.

The CHP says the 24-year-old suspect remained at the scene for police to arrive. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

City News Service says sheriff's officials would not name the suspect but they said he had been a deputy for six months and has been relieved of duty.

At least five vehicles were damaged.

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WASHINGTON

NTSB sends specialist to look into California Tesla fire

The National Transportation Safety Board is sending an investigator look into a Tesla battery fire in Southern California.

The specialist will observe Tesla's examination of the Model S that caught fire Friday on a street in West Hollywood. The agency says the trip will allow it to learn about fires in all battery-powered vehicles.

Actor Mary McCormack shared video of her husband's Tesla car shooting flames near the front wheels. She says in a tweet that there was no accident and the incident was "out of the blue." McCormack is married to director Michael Morris.

Tesla called the incident "an extraordinarily unusual occurrence" and says it's investigating.

No one was hurt in the fire.

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DOWNEY

SUV sheers hydrant, is swallowed by sinkhole near LA

Authorities say an SUV knocked over a fire hydrant and damaged a water main, unleashing a torrent that caused a sinkhole on a suburban street near Los Angeles.

Photos from the scene show parts of a Downey street, sidewalk and private driveway collapsed into a crater of water more than 20 feet (6 meters) across.

Police say a woman driving the SUV swerved to avoid an oncoming car and struck a utility pole and the hydrant late Saturday.

Officials say crews couldn't turn off the water for hours, causing the ground around the burst pipe to give way. The sinkhole eventually swallowed the SUV. The driver was not inside. No injuries were reported.

Electricity and water service in the neighborhood south of downtown LA were knocked out for more than a day.

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FINES

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families who want to visit the coast can find an affordable place to stay," said Airbnb spokesman Charlie Urbancic. "Despite our efforts, the city insisted on an approach that violates federal law. We were left with no option but to file suit and appeal the lower court's prior erroneous ruling, which the court has now extended in this order. We will continue to pursue our pending appeal."

Without cooperation from the platforms to shut down illegal operators, code enforcement officers say it has been difficult to enforce the rules. Hosts often delete illegal listings during City Hall business hours or manipulate addresses to appear to be in Los Angeles. Vacationers rarely check local laws to see if their lodgings are legal before booking.

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rate SACS as well. The goal is we will follow same district policy."

In this separation, the district would receive money from Santa Monica and Malibu. If one district out-raised the other, that district would talk to SAC to discuss if that money would be put towards the following year's programs, in an annulment, or be banked to fund "aspirational" programs.

Board member reaction was positive, with reservations of equity between the schools causing mild concern for board president Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

"When I was elected to the board, I made a commitment to not harm district wide fundraising, and to ensure equity for all kids," Jesswein said. "We want the school experience to be the same for all children. So, question — a vote in favor of this does not mean we're allowing Malibu parents and interested persons to raise money for programs that this board wouldn't necessarily have sanctioned. That this board will continue to identify the enrichment programs and additional programming that we would partner with a Malibu foundation, a Santa Monica foundation, there can't be additions there. That's important to me, I'm sure others on this board as well."

Drati remarked the discussion of equity "took more oxygen than any other aspect" of the potential split, noting that both Santa Monica and Malibu understood that the board would adhere to policy and if there's a program to be evaluated, SAC would evaluate and then the district would ultimately recommend a program.

"We're all on same page," Drati said.

The fundraising split was recommended to continue moving forward and a decision will be made for the separation next board meeting.

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WATER TEMP: **64.4°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
Modest SSW swell fades for exposures. Minimal NW windswell.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON JUNE 4, AT ABOUT 9:14 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Main Street regarding a male subject exposing himself to passersby. Upon arrival, a witness identified the subject and indicated she saw the subject exposing himself to multiple people. Officers located the subject sitting on the sidewalk with his pants down and his genitalia exposed. The subject was taken into custody. Dershawn Dee Fowler, 35, homeless, was arrested for lewd conduct and indecent exposure. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 365 Calls For Service On June 17.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Person down 2100 block Cloverfield 12:12 a.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica 1 a.m.
Vandalism 2600 block Lincoln 1:09 a.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block of Pacific Coast 1:19 a.m.
Fight 700 block Ashland 1:24 a.m.
Battery 3rd Prom/Arizona 2:12 a.m.
Person w/gun 1900 Wilshire 2:37 a.m.
Trespassing 700 block Wilshire 2:42 a.m.
Encampment 2300 block 4th 6:44 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block Palisades 7:08 a.m.
Person down 23rd/Wilshire 7:11 a.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block 22nd 7:50 a.m.
Trespassing 2300 block Schader 8:47 a.m.
Person down 2400 block Ocean Front 9:02 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block The Beach 9:19 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Lincoln/Ocean Park 9:51 a.m.
Animal related incident 2900 block Main 10:34 a.m.
Person down 1300 block Palisades 10:57 a.m.
Fraud 800 block Santa Monica 11:15 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 4th 11:39 a.m.
Public intoxication 1200 block 5th 11:41 a.m.
Trespassing 2200 block Stewart 11:55 a.m.
Animal related incident 800 block 17th 12:05 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block Santa Monica 12:24 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block Broadway 12:42 p.m.
Vandalism 600 block Wilshire 1:08 p.m.
Encampment 1700 block 14th 1:11 p.m.
Strong arm robbery 7th/Marguerita 1:39 p.m.
Battery, 7th/Palisades 1:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block 4th 1:47 p.m.
Animal related incident 1:59 p.m.
Battery 300 block Olympic 4:29 p.m.
Auto burglary 5th/Arizona 4:57 p.m.
Burglary report 1500 block 6th 5:18 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Lincoln/Broadway 5:20 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Broadway 5:24 p.m.
Overdose 900 block Pacific Coast 6:07 p.m.
Sexual assault 1300 block 3rd 7:48 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 17th 7:53 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Santa Monica 8:13 p.m.
Fight 1400 block 3rd 9:02 p.m.
Civil dispute 600 block Wilshire 9:04 p.m.
Family disturbance 1700 block Delaware 10:01 p.m.
Battery Euclid/Wilshire 10:11 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 10th 10:14 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th/Olympic 10:30 p.m.
Person down 400 block Santa Monica 10:36 p.m.
Fight Neilson/Hill 10:36 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 9th 10:47
Petty theft 500 block Olympic 10:57 p.m.
Drunk driving Main/Pacific 11:02 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 51 Calls For Service On June 17.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 2900 block Main 12:12 a.m.
EMS 2900 Block Main 1:43
EMS 1900 block Wilshire
EMS 700 block Santa Monica 2:42 a.m.
EMS 2500 block 2nd 3:47 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 2nd/Colorado 4:32 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 24th/Michigan 4:38 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block Lincoln 7:07 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Ozone 8 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Ocean Front 9:02 a.m.
EMS 2000 block 20th 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 9:40 a.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 9:45 a.m.
EMS 300 block Strand 9:47 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Lincoln/Ocean Park 9:51 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Ocean 10:37 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Palisades 10:47 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 15th 11:02 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 11:06 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 12:03 p.m.
Odor investigation 2400 block Main 12:48 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean Front 12:59 p.m.
Structure fire 2200 block Colorado 1:03 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 1:12 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 1:32 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 7th/Marguerita 1:39 p.m.
Misc. outside fire 2800 block 18th 2:23 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean 2:56 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 3:01 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Colorado 4:16 p.m.
EMS Centinela/Interstate 10 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 5:13 p.m.
Arcing wires Nebraska/Centinela 5:34 p.m.
EMS 900 block Pacific Coast 17:45 p.m.
Odor investigation 1300 block Stanford 6:01 p.m.
EMS 300 block Colorado 6:04 p.m.
EMS 900 block Pacific Coast 6:07 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front 6:48 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Ocean 6:41 p.m.
Structure fire 1400 block 12th 7:35 p.m.
EMS 300 block Bicknell 7:55 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Santa Monica 8:08 p.m.
EMS 11 block 5th 8:56 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 9:26 p.m.
EMS Appian/Seaside 9:29 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Ocean/Arizona 10:09 p.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 11:05 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 6/16
9 45 57 58 65
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 151M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 6/15
1 11 37 47 51
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 175M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 6/16
11 13 24 30 42
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/17
2 14 22 28 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/17
MIDDAY: 9 1 0
Draw Date: 6/17
EVENING: 0 5 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/17
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:41.18

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WORD UP!

day-tripper

1. a person who goes on a trip, especially an excursion, lasting all or part of a day but not overnight.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Phobia of the Week
■ Cremnophobia: fear of precipices.

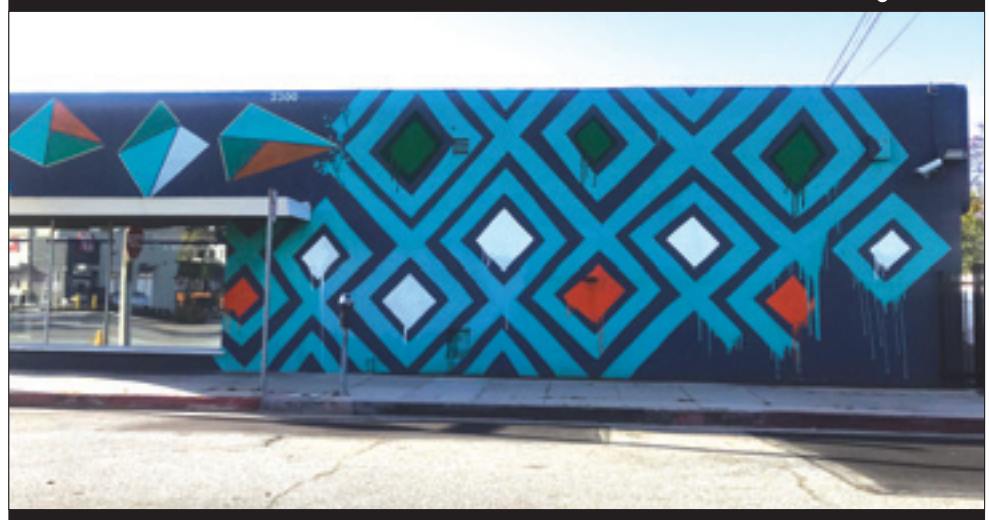
Observation
■ "For three days after death, hair and fingernails continue to grow, but phone calls taper off." – comedian Johnny Carson (1925-2005)

Body of Knowledge
■ Humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin per hour on average, about 1.5 pounds a year or 105 pounds of skin by the time they are 70 years old. This translates to an entirely new outer layer of skin cells every 27 days, almost 1,000 new skins in an average lifetime.

Doc Talk
■ Distal Pulse: the pulse farthest from the heart

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Amanda Li correctly identified the mystery photo as the side of Printing Palace at 2300 Lincoln Blvd. She wins a prize from the Daily Press

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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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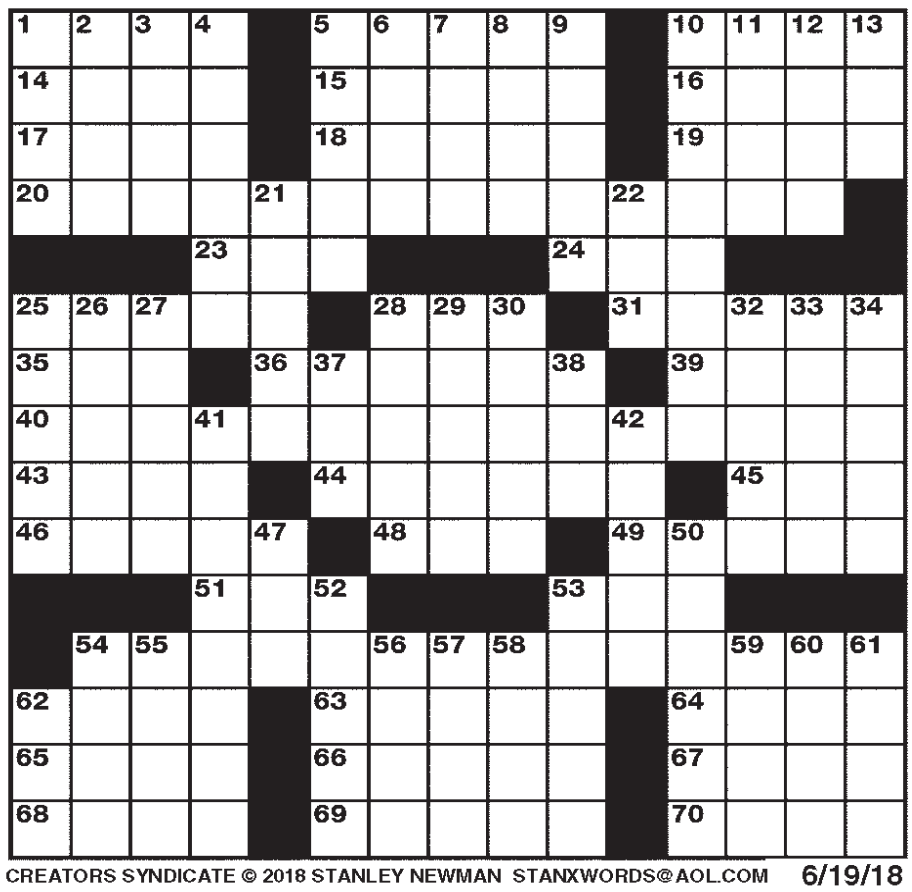
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Newsday Crossword

COUNT ON US by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Leaning Tower city
5 Bags of potatoes
10 24-hr. cash sources
14 No longer new
15 Look forward to
16 Island near Oahu
17 Bring up, as children
18 Upper body
19 Right-angle shapes
20 Contact that a reporter can count on
23 Go by plane
24 Tire pressure meas.
25 Desert plants
28 Note after fa
31 Rascal
35 Feel poorly
36 Conked on the head
39 Soprano solo
40 One giving testimony that can be counted on
43 Listen to
44 Send into exile
45 Moisten
46 Made a mistake
48 Cavity filler's deg.
49 Nail-filing board
51 Used to be
53 Period of history
54 Friend that a hero can count on
62 Home for hens
63 Itinerary
64 Teheran's nation
65 Coupe or convertible
66 Ohio's tire city
67 Scent detector
68 Small songbird
69 Social equals
70 Chew like a beaver

DOWN
1 Happy cat's sound
2 "That makes sense"
3 Make airtight
4 Floating aimlessly at sea
5 Didn't get involved
6 Truant GI
7 Be concerned
8 Smooch
9 Bend down low
10 From Austin or Annapolis
11 After-shower powder
12 Stubborn beast
13 Bro's sibling
21 Suspect's story
22 Battleship letters
25 Secret trove
26 Broadcaster
27 Fully understood
28 Soup alternative
29 Without stopping
30 Clark's exploring partner
32 "__ there yet?"
33 Penny pincher
34 Very pale
37 Recede gradually
38 Insult, slangily
41 Tapped, as a resource
42 Over yonder
47 Prosecutors: Abbr.
50 Putting together
52 Handbag holder
53 Paradises
54 Many-location vacation
55 Repetitive learning method
56 Harness for oxen
57 Certain
58 "Believe __ not . . ."
59 Waffle cooker
60 Spanish house
61 Was certain of
62 Crow's call



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 19)

There will be three months of closing karmic circles. Past kindnesses will catch up to you, and you'll also enjoy the delayed benefits of work you did long ago. You'll be generally embraced and applauded in 2019 to the extent that you might often choose a low profile just to take a break from the spotlight. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 13, 35 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
In order to celebrate what is, you'll have to let go of what you thought it would be. This shouldn't be too hard, since there's much about the way things are right now that suits you better than you'd ever dreamed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Sometimes inspiration strikes. Other times, including now, it's more of an itch, a slow tug or a nudge that gets you on the path. Once there, life starts to feel like a custom design made just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Yes, there were deals that didn't quite pan out, arrangements that never found their groove and actions that didn't land as you might have preferred. But if it made you smile, there's nothing to regret about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Unfamiliar people will be especially hard to read, and it may be best not to try. Assume nothing. Ask questions instead. It would be easy to overdramatize the significance of social interactions today, but try not to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The most important thing in life is this. Literally this. Because "this" is what you're doing now — or, more precisely, 12 words ago. The present moment is your domain. Seize it over and over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The first hint was when they said, "Repeat after me: I am free." Well then, why don't you feel like it? All of this "acting normal" might have something to do with it. What was that idea you had that came from you and only you?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Anyone who's loved a television character or been devastated by the plotline of a book knows that something doesn't actually need to happen to feel real. You can use this principle to your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The young who set out to learn who they are tend to miss the point. Those who have become who they are tend to be so completely unselfconscious, they no longer think about such things, if they ever did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today's road isn't exactly smooth, but this only makes you more appreciative of the paved paths of your past and future. Keep a sure footing and move ever forward. You can't stumble over something if it's behind you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your attention is a precious commodity that's all yours to distribute how you see fit. Sometimes you give unconditionally, but today you let people earn your attention. You're both better for the effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The beauty is all around you today, mostly because you have the eye to pick it out. You're also excellent at bringing together the elements that will feature beauty in its best frame and light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You've been in the equivalent of a chorus line — where blending in, kicking the same height as the others and generally working as one were the necessary qualities for success. Today it's time to step out with your solo work.

Mercury Poses Existential Question

Albert Camus said it's necessary to fall in love, "if only to provide an alibi for all the random despair you are going to feel anyway." Camus is not known for his stellar attitude and optimism — but he does makes an interesting point, similar to the point of this Mercury trine to Jupiter. Which comes first: the circumstance or the feeling?

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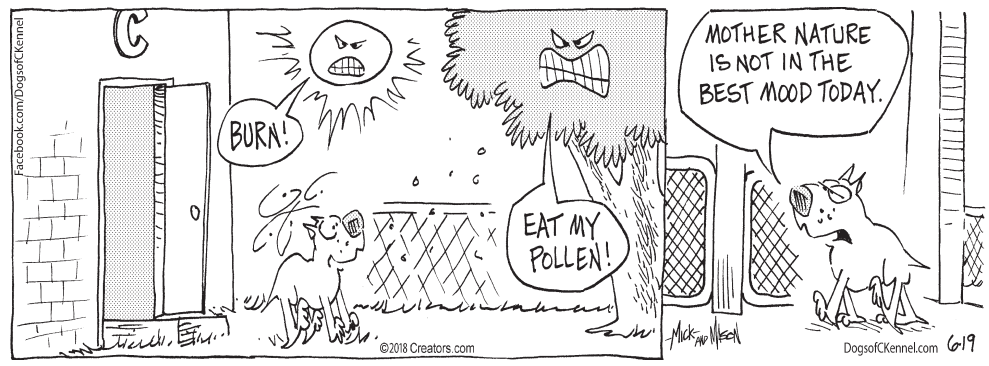
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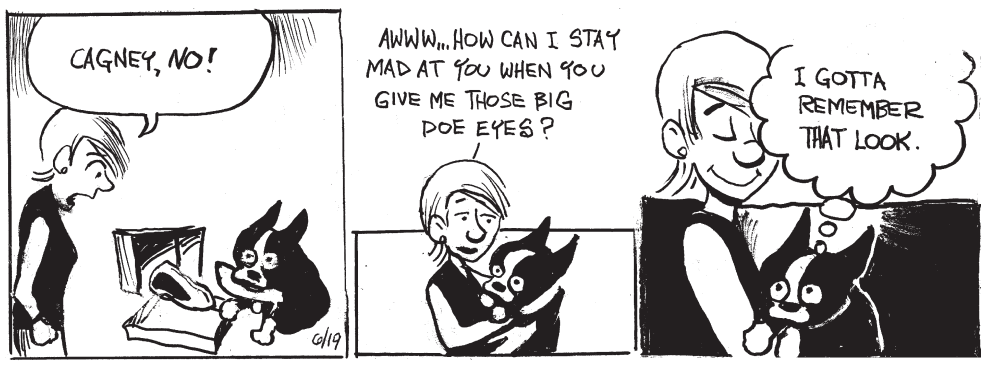
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