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Lawsuit challenging Santa Monica elections survives City challenge

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A lawsuit challenging the way voters choose their Councilmembers in Santa Monica will continue, despite a City effort to have the suit thrown out of court.

Earlier this month, a Superior Court judge overruled the City Attorney's objections that the suit based on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) is invalid. The Pico Neighborhood Association brought the lawsuit against the City in 2016 in an effort to force Santa Monica to change to district-based elections.

In the ruling, Judge Yvette Palazuelos wrote that the Pico Neighborhood Association, including co-chair Oscar de la Torre and his wife Maria Loya, sufficiently demonstrated a violation of the CVRA for the case to continue. The Act outlaws at-large elections that impair the ability of a protected class to elect candidates or influence an election.

The lawsuit alleges racially polarized voting occurred in four instances over the past seventy years: when Tony Vazquez lost in 1994, Josefina Aranda in 2002, Maria Loya in 2004, and Oscar de la Torre in 2016. In 70 years, Santa Monica has had only two Latino Councilmembers: Gleam Davis and Tony Vazquez. About 15 percent of Santa Monicans identify as Hispanic or Latino, according to the latest census data.

"We've shown that when the current at-large election system was implemented in 1946, it was done intentionally to keep minority voters from electing their candidates," said Kevin Shenkman, the Malibu attorney who has brought

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Victim hospitalized after downtown stabbing

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Two men have been arrested following a violent altercation at a downtown parking lot that left the victim hospitalized with several stab wounds.

Social media has described the attack as a hate crime that targeted the victim for his race and support of President Trump but authorities have not confirmed a hate crime or a political motivation.

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) did not name the victim but social media posts identified him as Antonio "Tony" Foreman. A post by Tim Gionet, described Foreman as a Trump supporter and a member of a far-right organization The Oathkeepers. Gionet is an internet celebrity in right wing politics and outspoken Trump supporter with a large social media following.

An online fundraiser set up to support Foreman's medical costs said Foreman was leaving a local bar "… where he was celebrating a day of successful pro-Trump activism in Los Angeles …" and said Foreman was targeted for his race and politics.

However, SMPD said the incident appears to be linked to a traffic accident.

"We have no indication this incident was racially or politically motivated," said Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez.

According to police, the suspects (Edgar Khodzhasaryan, 30, from Glendale and Arsen Bekverdyan, 31, from Burbank) and Foreman were exiting Parking Structure 8 on the 200 block of Colorado at about 11 p.m. on June 17. Foreman and the suspects had a verbal argument that escalated into a minor traffic accident. As the vehicles traveled to the 100 block of Colorado, Foreman abruptly stopped his car in front of the suspects. All three exited their cars and a physical fight broke out with one of the suspects stabbing Foreman multiple times. The suspects then returned to their vehicle and left.

Officers responding to the call found Foreman lying on the sidewalk at about 11:06 p.m.

"The victim was treated at the scene by Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics and transported to a local hospital for treatment," said Rodriguez. "The victim remains hospitalized in stable condition."

The two men were arrested at about 11:23 p.m. after officers received a call they were at a local hospital. Both men have been charged with attempted murder and remain in the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on $ 1 million bail.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Detective Leone (310) 458 – 8949; Sgt. Sumlin (310) 458-8437 or SMPD (310) 458-8491.

Fundraising for Foreman is online at www.wesearchr.com/bounties/patriot-tony-foreman-medical-fund.

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STATES

Leanna Einbinder

The 12U Silver All-Star team heading to States (pictured left to right, bottom row first): Francesca Sanchez, Stephanie Gross, Abigail Perez, Maya Knauf, Isabella Lopez, Layla Campos, Ella Barber, Coach Carlos Lopez, Coach Chris Knauf, Alana Gonzalez, Ava Rodriguez, Navi Avedon, Ella Joyce, Daniela Munoz, Coach Colin Barber. **See Page 7 for more information.**

Time for TCS to kick off summer

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Locals know it is summer time when they walk past the Pier and see the pink and blue geometric shape stage set up to kick off the Thursday Twilight Concert Series.

The concerts begin this week on June 22.

"Twilight is a summer tradition that reconnects friends, family and neighbors," said Santa Monica Pier Executive Director, Jay Farrand. "Also, Santa Monica has a long held ethos of diversity and inclusivity. With soaring housing costs, both regionally and locally, it's easy to forget how lucky we are to be here, and how we need to preserve traditions that invite people to celebrate in this community regardless of income or background."

Last year the house was full of mellow music lovers and the Santa Monica Pier Corporation is hoping

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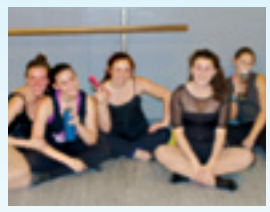
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 21

Computer Basics I

Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor of Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation

We invite you to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Avenue., 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee

On the beach near the Beach Soccer goals in front of the Beach House. $1 youth (12-17) $3 Adult. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Montana Branch Book Group: The Young Lions

The Young Lions is a vivid and classic novel that portrays the experiences of ordinary soldiers fighting World War II. Told from the points of view of a perceptive young Nazi, a jaded American film producer, and a shy Jewish boy just married to the love of his life, Shaw conveys, the scope, confusion, and complexity of war. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Avenue, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 22

LEGOS and Games

Use your creativity to make something remarkable. We provide the Legos, and easy family board games ... you provide the fun! Ages 4-11. Children's Activity Room at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 1 - 3 p.m.

Computer Basics II

Use your growing mouse skills to perform a variety of basic tasks on a computer.
Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor of Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Movie: Hidden Figures (2016)

The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. (127 min). Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Friday, June 23

Make It! Your Own Video Game!

Using drag-and-drop motion, learn how code can be used to create unique projects! Learn new skills to help you create a hide-and-seek style video game. Ages 7-12. Children's Activity Room of Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Ramadan Craft

Make a suncatcher and paper lantern to decorate for Eid al-Fitr, the celebration that marks the end of Ramadan. Ages 4-10. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Avenue., 3:30 - 4 p.m.

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Stewart Street

The Pico Walks: What is an Immigrant?

Whether you are a long-time resident or someone who just moved to the neighborhood, organizers invite you to explore the local community through a series of unique daytime walks through the 90404.

The Pico Walks, led by artist Betty Marín, cover local history, solidarity, and current relationships across race and generations of the Pico Neighborhood of Santa Monica. These vibrant excursions will lead us through the neighborhood in response to storytelling from local residents. To begin each walk, each participant will choose a small and light flag to carry highlighting a quote by a local resident they resonate with. As they walk together, they will create a kind of small and subtle parade, marking significant sites along the way. Each walk will be about one mile. The closing and centerpiece of each walk will be a sit-down conversation led by two community members and involving all participants through questions and dialogue. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Please wear comfortable shoes, and bring a hat and water bottle. This is a free, family-friendly series of events – all are welcome to participate. Pico Walk: What is an Immigrant? Saturday, June 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Meet at the "History of the Pico Neighborhood Mural" in the Stewart Street Tunnel At the corner of Stewart Street and Virginia Ave. This walk invites community leaders Sabrina Fields and Mulugeta Tadele to describe working in the neighborhood, and in particular the relationships between older residents, including older and newer immigrants in the neighborhood, like the Mexican-American, African-American, and Ethiopian-American community. This walk will begin at the site of the "History of the Pico Neighborhood" Mural under the Stewart street tunnel at Stewart Street and Virginia Ave and end at nearby Gandara Park.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-pico-walks-what-is-an-immigrant-tickets-34867873749

– SUBMITTED BY HERNAN GUTIERREZ

Citywide

Bike events with Santa Monica Spoke

Ride Breeze or ride your own bike, but don't miss this one.

On June 25 organizers will have another 3X the fun event. They will combine their Monthly Ride with the Mayor, Summer Breeze Community Ride (includes free 1.5 hours ride time credit) & a Feeder Ride to the Ribbon Cutting for Santa Monica's New Main Street Parklets & the 17th Annual Summer Soulstice Festival.

They will start the morning at the New California Incline Breeze Station (Ocean Ave & California) at 8:45a.m.

Join Santa Monica Spoke, Council Member Sue Himmelrich riding for the Mayor, City of Santa Monica Mobility Team and Breeze Bike Share at the top of the new Breeze Station at the top of the California Incline for this 3x's the fun event.

Riders will get to experience some of Santa Monica's amazing coastline along the Beach Bike Path, chat with the City Council member(s), City Management and staff on our way to the New Parklets Ribbon Cutting and the all day entertainment at the 17th Annual Summer Soulstice Festival on Main Street. The ride is under three miles. They begin with a ride down the separated Bicycle & Pedestrian Path on the new California Incline, to the Marvin Braud Beach Bike Path and down Main Street for the Ribbon Cutting of the New Parklets (at Holy Guacamole) and the 17th Annual Summer Soulstice Festival.

Like all their Breeze Community Rides riders will have the opportunity to learn helpful tips on how to use the Breeze Bike Share system, including checking out, locking, flexibility of "out-of-station" and the "hold" feature, multiple bike check out on one account, along with safety tips and Rules of the Road.

All participants that RSVP will receive a promo code good for 1.5 hours of ride time on Breeze Bike Share and first time Breeze Ride participants can receive a free helmet.

Registration to receive Promo Code or helmet is free but required.

All participants will receive a promo code in your registration confirmation email good for 1.5 hours of ride time credit. To redeem enter the promo code upon sign-up, or if you are already a Breeze member enter the promo code on the membership tab of your account page at Breezebikeshare.com. Promo Code will expire on June 26, 2017. Breeze riders must be 16 or over to participate (under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian and wear a helmet).

Ride Breeze Bike Share or ride your own bike – all are welcome.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-breeze-community-ride-ride-with-the-mayor-summer-soulstice-festival-tickets-34872608912

– SUBMITTED BY CYNTHIA ROSE

Citywide

Make Music Day

Free music is available throughout Santa Monica today courtesy of several organizations.

The Pico Neighborhood Association presents BLACK WAAT3R, Smolsky and Suns of Ra at Virginia Avenue Park from 5-8 p.m.

The Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition will host music in Reed Park between 5-8 p.m. featuring Per Se, Michelle Vreeland and Daniel Jimenez Afanador and Friends.

Ocean Park Association presents four bands of varying genres in Hotchkiss Park between 4-8 p.m. Groups include Kristen Center, Dogtown Originals, Bodybite and The Cheesebergens.

Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors will have bands from 4-8 p.m. at Colorado Center Park, including The Cheesebergens, TEE-M, Shiny Jackets and Wartime Recitals.

The Santa Monica Conservancy will feature music at the Shotgun House from 5-7 p.m., including performances by Cameron Clarke, Jerry Rosenbloom and Diane Michelle.

The North of Montana Association (NOMA) has scheduled a children's music hour (Tops Tots), singer-songwriter Stephen Longfellow Fiske, The Rattlesnakes and The Wilde-Hartmans from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Palisades Park at 400 Ocean Avenue (between San Vicente Blvd and Georgina Street).

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica will have music in Douglas Park from 5-8 p.m. including performances by Diane Michelle, Suns of Cali and others.

The Novel Café presents bands from 6 – 8:30 p.m. and includes the Half Measure Blues Band, TEE-M and Shiny Jackets.

Visit makemusicla.org or email info@makemusicla.org for more information.

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Wednesday June 28th, 2017 at 9:00AM
1601 14th Street
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PROJECT ESTIMATE: $100,000
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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class C-39** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
June 21st, 2017 at 9:30AM
3223 Donald Douglas Loop South
Santa Monica, CA 90405

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $40,000.00
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By Barbara Bronie and Divina Sevilla Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Smokefree laws are not enough

IN 2012, THE SANTA MONICA CITY Council became one of the first cities in California, in fact, in the nation, to recognize the public health problem created by drifting tobacco smoke in multi-unit housing. It is now well understood that tobacco smoke will travel from the unit or balcony where it is produced to other units and locations in an apartment or condominium building. Smoke particles can travel through cracks in fixtures, electrical outlets, plumbing, vents, and baseboards, as well as through shared ventilation systems and windows.

However, the smokefree housing law that was passed in Santa Monica in 2012 has not been comprehensive enough to protect all residents of multi-unit housing from exposure to tobacco smoke. With the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana and the rising popularity of electronic cigarettes, the need to protect residents from smoke has increased exponentially.

Marijuana smoke and the aerosol (smoke) coming off of electronic cigarettes both contain carcinogens, just like tobacco smoke.

The Santa Monica Smokefree Housing Ordinance passed in 2012 allows all residents who smoked to continue to smoke in their units. Only when those residents move out, are their units required to become smokefree. Landlords are asked to inform prospective tenants about the no smoking law, but are not required to give a no-smoking lease or contract to new tenants. In addition, the ordinance did not include the city initiating education, enforcement, or follow up.

Our Guest Author column in November, 2016, contained stories of residents who were suffering from drifting tobacco smoke because of the shortcomings in the Santa Monica ordinance.

Fortunately, Berkeley, another California City with rent control, also looked at the problem of drifting tobacco smoke in apartments and condominiums. That city's law, which was implemented in May, 2014, resolved the problems that exist in the Santa Monica Ordinance.

First, the Berkeley ordinance required all units in apartments and condominiums to become non-smoking. Like the Santa Monica ordinance, balconies, patios, and common areas are also required to become non-smoking. So, in Berkeley, no one should be breathing a neighbor's tobacco smoke.

Landlords or managers in Berkeley are required to provide a no-smoking lease to new tenants as a way to educate them about the law. But management is not required to enforce the no-smoking law because the city has assumed that responsibility. Since their no smoking law is not enforced by eviction, Berkeley's Rent Control law is respected. Landlords can offer a no-smoking lease to existing tenants, but those tenants are not required to sign it since they are still required to comply with the law.

Enforcement in Berkeley is triggered by complaints. When city staff receives a first complaint about a violation of the ordinance, a warning letter is sent to the person who is smoking along with information about cessation resources. If, after a specified period of time, the person who made the first complaint complains again, and another person who lives in the same building makes a complaint about the same unit, the Code Enforcement Department will review the three complaints and issue a citation. (A citation is similar to a traffic ticket.)

Our source of information in Berkeley was their Tobacco Control Program. According to that office, by February, 2016, Code Enforcement had received only 40 complaint records. Only three had proceeded to the citation phase, and all three of those had received more than one citation. So the city has not been overwhelmed with problems of enforcement. Other cities are using different enforcement protocols.

Our group, Smoke-Free Living Santa Monica, is hoping that residents of apartments and condominiums in Santa Monica, especially those who are still suffering from a neighbor's tobacco smoke, will contact the mayor and/or their favorite council members. Tell the City Council that it's time to review the Santa Monica ordinance and take action to strengthen it. The Berkeley ordinance provides an excellent model.

BARBARA BRONIE and **DIVINA SEVILLA** are members of the steering committee of Smoke-Free Living Santa Monica. Contact them at info@smokefreeapartments.org

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Music and magic – today!

MAKE MUSIC!

The whole world is doing it, today, but you don't have to leave Santa Monica.

It started 35 years ago in France, Fete de la Musique, the idea to have one day a year, summer solstice, when people would go to parks and town squares and street corners and make music, everyone from beginners to pros, any kind of music, any instrument, for free, for the love of playing music and the love of listening to it. Now it's happening in more than 750 cities in 120 countries, and Santa Monica is becoming a hotbed for it.

This is our sixth time participating. The City sponsored two stages that first year, then the next year Arts Commissioner Phil Brock, then chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, stepped in to try to expand it, but said it took several years to get the kind of funding needed to grow it.

Cultural Affairs Manager Allison Ostrovsky was the one who launched it here in 2012, working with the larger Make Music LA organization, and she's still at it, enthusiastically. She told me she's delighted at the way it has really taken off this year, with 11 venues (out of 29 venues for all of Make Music LA).

"That first year we acted as producer of the concerts," she said, "and we're not really set up for that. When we were able to distribute our funds to the various neighborhood associations a couple years ago, it made a big difference. Each group is able to spend that money in the most appropriate way to put on their concerts." Several of the venues (listed, with performers, at MakeMusicLA) will have food and drinks available, and Santa Monica Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the Douglas Park venue, 5 - 8 p.m. Brock said he will try to enlist more local civic organizations next year.

Ostrovsky acknowledged Brock's contributions over those years, and getting the Arts Commission behind it this year helped, she said. She agreed when I suggested that music in public places in Santa Monica should not be limited to just one day a year, and that there is so much talent here that we could become known worldwide as a music city, and that would not be a bad thing.

DON'T MISS!

So many excellent performers, but I would be remiss if I did not guide you to a couple of artists I'm very familiar with and enthusiastic about.

From 5 to 5:30 p.m., Diane Michelle will be singing jazz, folk and originals at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire, moving over to the Shotgun House near the library at Main and Ocean Park from 6:30 to 7 p.m., to be joined by ethnomusicologist Nicole Andrews for harmonies on well-known rock and folk classics and originals, covering three languages. You do not want to miss this. And yes, it's my wife and daughter, but I stake my lifelong music critic's reputation on this recommendation. Wanna make something of it? Do ya?

MAKE MAGIC

Okay, all the nepotism out of the way at once, but I would write about this even without any personal involvement. Camp Kesem is a really great thing that my daughter has been a big part of for 14 years, but it takes a little explaining.

We all know of organizations who provide a summer camp for kids dealing with cancer. Obviously very important. But overlooked, perhaps, is what kids have to deal with when a parent comes down with cancer. It shakes their world. It often freaks them out. They live with fear and uncertainty every day, or with the unfathomable loss if that parent succumbed. And there's no one they can talk to, not even their best friends. Unless you're in it you can't really get it, and those kids know that and usually suffer in silence and lonely isolation.

Camp Kesem is a summer camp with all the usual activities (plus special, unique features) for kids who are in that very tough situation. Every one of them will tell you it is life changing, to be able to spend a week surrounded by people who all get it. You can go ahead and cry, if it hits you, and not feel ashamed. You don't have to hide anything or hold it back. They have cabin chats at night where all those stories and stresses can come out, in a very supportive place. And for probably the first time in a long time, they can just be a kid having fun with other kids, period.

The counselors are amazing; college students who have to go through a rigorous selection process and then attend weekly meetings, and more, for months, training for the privilege. And they all will tell you what a privilege it is. Most come to Kesem (Hebrew for "magic") because of a close friend who did it and raved about what an amazing experience it is.

Not only that, each volunteer counselor pledges to raise $500 for the camp. Our nearby UCLA had the second Camp Kesem in the country, and has been a leader in progress and innovation. I'm proud to say my daughter Nicole has been one of those innovators, coming up with new programs and positions to best utilize the human resources (and, yes, that keep her from "aging" or graduating out). She's back again this summer, arranging her vacation time at work. If you would like to donate to keep this most wonderful, unique program helping kids who really need it, put your money here (and read a little more about the camp's work): https://donate.kesem.org/fundraise?fcid=967938

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is it true, as strongly implied by SMPD's Erik Milosevich at the Friends of Sunset Park meeting last Saturday, that the biggest reason for our recent crime spike is all those non-violent prisoners released and unleashed on us by last November's passage of Prop. 57 (64 percent approval)? Is having the most people possible behind bars, including 14-year-olds, and not giving credit for education and rehab efforts, a good idea? It is if you have invested in private prisons for profit, like our Attorney General Sessions. The state GOP fiercely fought that bill.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "When all else fails, write what your heart tells you. You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus." — Mark Twain

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Twilight Concert Series Schedule

JUNE 22 – NEO SOUL / R&B
Khalid
Bibi Bourelly

JUNE 29 – INDIE POP
LeMaitre
Coast Modern

JULY 13 – REGGAE
Marcia Griffiths
Jah9

JULY 20 – ROCK
Eric Burdon & The Animals
Mr. Elevator
Rusty's EAC: Arms Akimbo

JULY 27 – AUSSIE DANCE
Miami Horror
Cleopold

AUG 3 – AMERICANA
Valerie June
& **Irma Thomas**

AUG 10 – LATIN
Mon Laferte
Buscabulla

AUG 17 – INDIE ROCK/ ALTERNATIVE
Warpaint
Wild Belle

TCS

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this year will be just as successful.

The 2017 season will begin June 22 and run through August 17, skipping the week of July 4.

"There are eight amazing shows with a diverse line-up as always, and we're skipping July 4th week since the Pier is already so crowded then," said Farrand.

This year the eight shows will stick to the now established theme night. The TCS will be Neo Soul / R&B acts Khalid and Bibi Bourelly, Indie Pop acts LeMaitre and Coast Modern, Reggae acts Marcia Griffths and Jah9, Rock acts Eric Burdon & The Animals and Mr. Elevator, Aussie Dance acts Miami Horror and Cleopold, Americana acts Valerie June and Irma Thomas, Latin acts Mon Laferte and Buscabulla and Indie Rock / Alternative acts Warpaint.

Snap Inc. is returning to TCS, as the presenting sponsor, and will be offering carnival like games and art installations similar to previous years.

Every year the Twilight Concert Series brings hundreds of people to Santa Monica Pier and the beaches. Farrand explains the Santa Monica Pier Corporation has two new initiatives this year.

"One is reducing trash on the beach with extra bins, signage and trash ambassadors remind people to pack out what they pack in," said Farrand. "The other is reducing traffic downtown by promoting easy alternate transportation at www.HowToTwilight.com , working with the City on a Twilight traffic plan, and moving the Uber and Lyft drop off zone to Olympic and Main."

The City will be deploying GO with the Flow traffic plan. The summer traffic management program aims to keep cars moving, streets safer and parking easier to find in Downtown.

Traffic officers will be directing drivers in and out of parking structures, relieving crowded intersections and trouble spots, and keeping intersections clear of gridlock. In the Downtown area making left turns in or out of parking structures will not be allowed, which will keep traffic flowing and reduce backups entering and exiting structures.

Not only is the City making sure the beaches stay clean, and traffic runs as smoothly as possible but they are also making sure everyone is safe.

"Planning for the concert has been ongoing since the completion of last year's concert series," said Santa Monica Police Department, Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez.

The SMPD has collaborated with many stakeholders involved in the concert series including Pier Staff, concert promoters, private security and other city entities – Fire Department, and Public Works.

"SMPD 's goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for all concert, pier, beach goers for the entire concert series," said Rodriguez. "SMPD, LASD and other assisting agencies will be assigned to various locations on the footprint of the concert, pier, beach and surrounding areas. Additionally, private security personnel will also be assigned at various key locations as well."

SMPD reminds to anyone enjoying the concert on the beach: The drinking of alcoholic beverages and smoking of any sort if prohibited on the beach.

Getting there: Use www.HowToTwilight.com , Expo, Big Blue Bus, Breeze Bike Share, Uber/Lyft, and there will be an extra bike valet on Ocean and Colorado.

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LAWSUIT

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the case in Santa Monica after winning a slew of others in cities across Southern California. Many of those cities capitulated immediately - some changing their election systems before Shenkman even filed a formal complaint - after receiving a warning he coming to town.

Shenkman told the Daily Press he anticipates the Santa Monica case will be his third to go to trial over at-large elections. He has yet to lose a case.

"The reason that it is disturbing to me that Santa Monica has said 'we will fight to the death' is, one, it's a waste of resources that could be spent elsewhere," Shenkman said. "Secondly, politically, this is not in line with Santa Monica's progressive image."

Shenkman pointed to a May article that appeared on the right-wing website Breitbart that called him a "a do-gooder from Malibu who is creating racial divisions where they do not exist – and making millions in the process." The father of four called the story a hit piece.

"It's bizarre that Santa Monica is finding common cause with Breitbart and somehow there's this disconnect," Shenkman said. "These folks think this law applies to everyone except Santa Monica. As if they are so special…as if problems stop at Centinela Avenue."

Judge Palazuelos wrote that the fact that Latinos in Santa Monica may not be concentrated in a certain neighborhood or divisible "district" does not necessarily mean the claim would ultimately fail. It may, however, affect they way Santa Monica elections look if Shenkman wins again.

The City Attorney's office did not respond to the Daily Press' request for comment.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Body found after Los Angeles homeless encampment fire

The Los Angeles Fire Department says a body was found at the scene of a fire that began in a homeless encampment surrounded by thick brush along a freeway off-ramp.

The remains were described only as a female of unknown age.

The fire was reported late Tuesday morning in Granada Hills at the Balboa Boulevard exit from State Route 118.

Fire spread to the roof of an adjacent gas station market but firefighters prevented flames from getting inside the store or reaching the fuel pumps.

The fire remains under investigation.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

Citywide

Santa Monica Girls Softball Team Advances to State Championship

The Santa Monica 12U Silver All-Star girls softball team is heading to the USA Softball Southern California "C" State Championship at the end of June after competing in the LA/South Bay District Tournament this weekend in Long Beach.

The Santa Monica 12U Silver team placed 3rd in the District Tournament, which earned them a spot in the USA Softball Southern California "C" State Championship to be held in Lancaster in two weeks. They will represent the Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch League against other softball teams from Southern California for a chance to make it to the USA Softball Regional Championship later this summer. The team's head coach, Colin Barber, is understandably very proud of this team.

"These girls have been working hard on their skills, but also together as a team. They have a lot of fun together, both on and off the field, and I think that has made a big difference for this team," he said. "The girls are proud to represent Santa Monica in the State Championship, and the coaching staff together with all the players' families could not be more proud of what these girls have accomplished."

Four more Santa Monica All-Star girls softball teams will compete this weekend in the LA/South Bay "B" District Tournament in La Mirada for the opportunity to compete in their State Championship in July. Many of those teams have already experienced a great deal of success this season: the Santa Monica 8U Gold team won the All-Star tournament in Torrance, the 12U Gold team won the All-Star tournament in Moorpark (and placed second at All-Star tournaments in Torrance, San Dieguito and Fountain Valley), and the 14U Gold team won All-Star tournaments in Newbury Park, San Dieguito and Simi Valley. In addition, the Santa Monica 10U Silver team placed second at the All-Star tournament in San Dieguito.

Registration for Santa Monica girls softball is open for all Divisions (Fall season begins in late August, and Spring season begins in late January), please go to the Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch website: www.santamonicagirlssoftball.org.

Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch is a nonprofit, all girls softball league for ages 4 to 14 serving Santa Monica and the Westside for over 30 years.

– SUBMITTED BY LEANNA EINBINDER

Maine

Student loan servicer fights back as states eye protections

A company that hopes to become the nation's single servicer of student loans under a plan backed by U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is lobbying against licensing efforts in Maine and elsewhere this year.

State records reviewed by The Associated Press show Navient Corp. has spent at least $44,000 since January on lobbyists in Washington state, Maine and New York, three states where lawmakers are considering such legislation.

California, Connecticut and Washington, D.C., have laws establishing licensing and oversight rules for student local servicers. At least 10 states this year considered similar bills.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Illinois and Washington's attorneys general have sued Navient, citing unfair and deceptive practices with lending and debt collection.

Navient calls such claims false and politically motivated.

Industry groups argue a patchwork of state laws will confuse students.

– MARINA VILLENEUVE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTREAL

UCLA Olympic lab penalized by world drug agency

The World Anti-Doping Agency has partially suspended its accreditation of the UCLA Olympic lab for three months.

WADA said in a statement Monday the lab's procedures were not in keeping with "best practice."

WADA says the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory can continue its normal anti-doping testing during the suspension, but must get a second opinion from another WADA-accredited lab before reporting certain findings.

UCLA was notified of the decision last week and has 21 days to appeal.

The lab says it is the world's largest WADA-accredited drug-testing facility and analyzes 45,000 urine specimens a year. The lab did not immediately return requests for comment.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Primary, steep angled SSE swell tops out - most size out west.
Small NW windswell mixing in. Morning high tide slows some spots.

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
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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 7, AT ABOUT 9:30 A.M.

Officers responded to radio call for service to the rear of 828 Pico Blvd regarding a subject who was sleeping behind the business. Officers located the subject to the rear of the business and the subject consented to a search of his property. While searching his property, officers located a bank card belonging to another person. The subject indicated he found it several weeks ago but did not attempt to return it. Cristian Shane Serrano, 19, homeless, was arrested for appropriation of lost property. Bail was set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 345 calls for service on June 19.

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

Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 12:09 a.m.
Fraud suspect 1900 block Ocean 12:09 a.m.
Battery 600 block Santa Monica 1:21 a.m.
Party complaint 4th/California 2:14 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd/Broadway 2:28 a.m.
Encampment 3200 block Colorado 2:51 a.m.
Person down 1100 block 11th 7:26 a.m.
Domestic violence 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:15 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 5th 8:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Pier 9:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 4th 9:16 a.m.
Assault 4th/Colorado 9:18 a.m.
Burglary 800 block 15th 9:23 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 16th 10:13 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800 block 21st 10:46 a.m.
Person with a gun 23rd/Pearl 10:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 10:58 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 11:23 a.m.
Hit and run 1300 block 2nd 11:44 a.m.
Sexual assault 2500 block Pico 11:46 a.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block Cloverfield 12:14 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block 9th 12:16 p.m.
Petty theft Barnard/Ocean Park 12:23 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 20th 12:27 p.m.
Illegal weapon 300 block Santa Monica Pl 12:44 p.m.
Burglary investigation/walk through 500 block Wilshire 12:47 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 12:47 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/26th 12:49 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/Broadway 1:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 1900 block Pico 1:27 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th/Olympic 1:35 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Ocean 1:37 p.m.
Person down 2200 block California 2:05 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2800 block 11th 2:26 p.m.
Fraud 1500 block Euclid 2:30 p.m.
Bike theft 1800 block 17th 2:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block Ozone 2:50 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 5th 3 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block Idaho 3:08 p.m.
Battery 1800 block Ocean Park 3:55 p.m.
Traffic collision 10th/Pico 4:05 p.m.
Burglary 300 block Marguerita 4:21 p.m.
Traffic collision 2300 block Arizona 4:31 p.m.
Person down 1300 block Wilshire 4:33 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block Wilshire 4:40 p.m.
Traffic control request 2nd/Santa Monica 4:54 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block Broadway 4:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 5:03 p.m.
Speeding 11th/San Vicente 5:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 26th/Broadway 5:33 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 300 block Olympic 5:33 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th/California 5:38 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 18th 5:44 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Broadway 6:31 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 2000 block California 7:13 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1600 block Appian 7:18 p.m.
Hit and run 2400 block Wilshire 7:19 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block Pacific Coast Hwy 7:30 p.m.
Burglary 3100 block Colorado 7:57 p.m.
Vandalism 2100 block Lincoln 7:58 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 1800 block Olympic 8:08 p.m.
Person down 1800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:09 p.m.
Vandalism 4th/Broadway 8:21 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 400 block San Vicente 8:21 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 41 calls for service on June 19.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 300 block California 12:47 a.m.
EMS 400 block Colorado 5:30 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Ashland 6:09 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 11th 7:28 a.m.
EMS 2300 block 29th 7:54 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 9:31 a.m.
EMS 5th/Colorado 10 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Franklin 11:36 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Cloverfield 12:15 p.m.
EMS 100 block Palisades 12:19 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Pacific Coast 12:26 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 12:37 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:44 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/ 26th 12:49 p.m.
EMS 2500 block 20th 1:20 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 1:22 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 1:44 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:51 p.m.
EMS 2200 block California 2:05 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Pico 2:26 p.m.
EMS Berkeley/Broadway 14:28:49
EMS 1500 block 6th 3:56 p.m.
EMS 10th/Pico 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 4:30 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Wilshire 4:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Ocean 5:02 p.m.
EMS 400 block Broadway 5:15 p.m.
EMS 11th/California 5:37 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Montana 6:01 p.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 6:23 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 6:34 p.m.
EMS 100 block California 7 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 7:16 p.m.
EMS 3400 block Pico 7:20 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Centinela 7:25 p.m.
EMS 900 block Pico 7:27 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:09 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 6/17
10 13 32 53 62
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 64M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 6/16
18 22 26 30 44
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 123M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 6/17
5 24 25 40 47
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 48M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/19
1 13 16 22 30

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/19
MIDDAY: 3 3 1
Draw Date: 6/19
EVENING: 4 1 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/19
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:44.88

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WORD UP!

confusticate

1. Slang. to confuse or perplex; bewilder.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical Myths

■ There's some truth to the popular notion that a big cup of strong, black coffee can help after imbibing too much alcohol, but it has nothing to do with reversing the effects of drink. Coffee does not get rid of alcohol in the system. That's a product of time and your kidneys. The "sobering" effect appears to be coffee's ability (or rather, caffeine's) to partly reverse the sedating effect of alcohol.

Med School

■Q: The fetal human heart evolves through different stages in the womb, first resembling those of other animals. What are the stages and animals?

■A: In the first stage, when the fetal heart consists of a single chamber, it resembles a fish's heart, then a frog's which has two chambers, then a snake's with three and finally, a human heart with four chambers.

MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



David Miller correctly identified this image as Noma restaurant on Wilshire. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

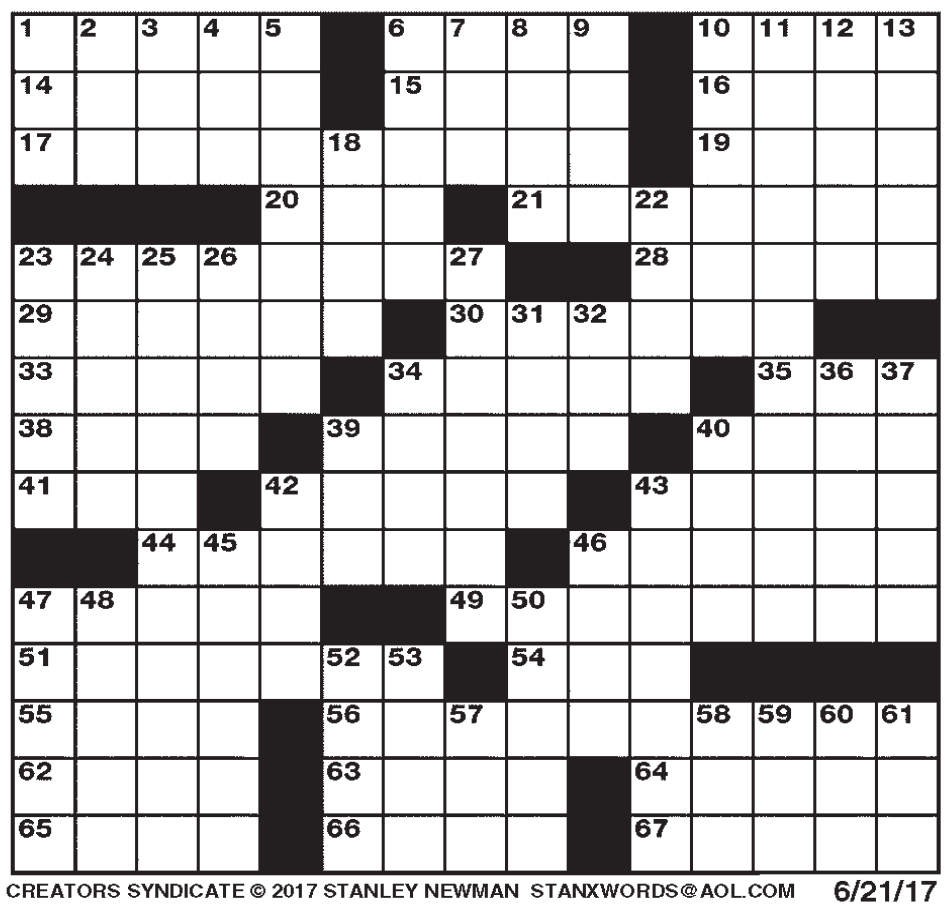
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Newsday Crossword

WORKWEAR by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Antic
6 Tie tightly
10 Highest point
14 Think alike
15 Billion-selling cookie
16 Subpar
17 Cover for a hardcover
19 Sound of a happy cat
20 PC "get out" key
21 One side at a trial
23 Prepared for a new break, in billiards
28 Started a poker pot
29 Imposes, as a payment
30 Positive potential
33 Intelligence crew
34 Perfectly understood
35 Woolly zodiac beast
38 Narrated
39 "Want a cracker?" parrot
40 Korea's continent
41 Former Russian state: Abbr.
42 Car parker
43 Have faith in
44 *Aïda* and *Carmen*
46 To no avail
47 Not connected
49 Craved, with "for"
51 President after Jefferson
54 __ Arbor, MI
55 Regarding, on a memo
56 Heterogeneous
62 Mix the batter
63 Refrigerate
64 In a stack
65 Gets a glimpse of
66 Boundaries
67 Procedure parts

DOWN
1 Metered vehicle
2 In years past
3 Tennis instructor
4 "A mouse!"
5 Doesn't accept
6 Italian bowling
7 Annoy
8 Can't do without
9 Overindulge, with "on"
10 Tack on
11 Claim against a plaintiff
12 Telegraph pioneer
13 Went wrong
18 Seeks answers
22 Impartial
23 Takes a breather
24 Trade shows, for short
25 Train track support
26 Nailed perfectly
27 Least interesting
31 Strike with snowballs
32 "Come to think of it . . ."
34 Fast-food beverage
36 Supermarket section
37 Defeated at chess
39 __ for the course (usual)
40 B.A. part
42 November 11 honorees
43 Root vegetables
45 Rap-sheet entries
46 One from Helsinki
47 Accumulate
48 Scrapbook adhesive
50 Transports by truck
52 In years past
53 When p.m. begins
57 Silent assent
58 Physically sound
59 Spanish cheer
60 Salesperson, briefly
61 Physicians: Abbr.



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Trump likely to reveal this week whether secret tapes exist

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE & JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

President Donald Trump is expected to make an announcement in the coming days on whether any recordings exist of his private conversations with former FBI Director James Comey, potentially bringing to an end one of the central mysteries of the ongoing probe that has consumed his White House.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Tuesday that he expects an announcement "this week" on the possibility of tapes. The president fired Comey in May and then tweeted that the lawman, who was overseeing the investigation into possible contacts between Trump's campaign and Russian officials, "better hope that there are no 'tapes' of our conversations before he starts leaking to the press."

Trump and his aides have since then steadfastly refused to clarify that extraordinary if ambiguous warning. The president last month told reporters that "I'll tell you about that maybe sometime in the near future" but offered no hints as to whether the tapes exists, except saying that some journalists would "be very disappointed" to find out the answer.

The House intelligence committee has asked White House counsel Don McGahn to provide an answer to the question about tapes by Friday. Under a post-Watergate law, the Presidential Records Act, recordings made by presidents belong to the people and can eventually be made public. Destroying them would be a crime.

Comey testified before the Senate that Trump asked for his loyalty and asked for him to drop the probe into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. Some have raised the possibility that Trump's request constituted obstruction of justice, but the president has yet to produce the tapes that could theoretically clear his name.

The investigation was originally launched to look into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election. Trump has at times cast doubt on that conclusion, and Spicer said Tuesday that he has yet to discuss with the president whether he believes that Moscow was behind the election interference.

"I have not sat down and talked to him about that specific thing," Spicer said.

America's top intelligence officials have concluded that Russia undoubtedly interfered in America's 2016 presidential campaign. Characterizing it as the "high-confidence judgment of the entire intelligence community," Comey testified that there is no doubt that the Russians meddled "with "purpose," ''sophistication" and technology. Trump, meanwhile, has dismissed investigations into the meddling and potential collusion with his campaign associates as a "witch hunt."

Robert Mueller, the special counsel now overseeing the investigation, is slated to meet with top members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. He will talk with the chairman of the committee, GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and the top Democrat, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California. He'll also meet with GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island.

Part of the reason for the meeting is to ensure there is no conflict between Mueller's probe and the work of the congressional committees.

Lemire reported from New York.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21)

To be automatically liked in a new circle is an exciting perk to this solar return. Some of it has to do with a fresh attitude and an uncanny ability to connect quickly with what matters to others. In a lot of ways you'll be lighter and brighter this year. There's a breakthrough with a project close to your heart in December. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 28, 17, 40 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Some of the things you believed when you were five years old still hold true today. Not all. Don't worry; you're trending toward greater accuracy. This is a perfect time for a review. What do you know to be true now?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you adopted the goals of your closest and most similar friend, they wouldn't fit you in the least. Goals have to be specific to you to be meaningful. There's no hollower victory than the attainment of other people's goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
The melding of your intellect with the physical world makes your reality. Today's work is about the idea behind it, and the idea is about the work. If you can't get behind the idea, don't get behind the work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
What you're conscious of knowing is just a sliver of what you really know. Your intelligence goes far beyond the factual. Your resourcefulness will unfold and flourish as you trust your feelings about things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Humor is, in the end, a sense of proportion. The one who can blow out the frame of the picture and see the world as much, much bigger and wider than his own problems has a much easier time seeing what's funny about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't be too quick to call something a waste of time just because it doesn't fit into any classic category. For today, assume that if you (or your kin, colleagues or loved ones) are drawn to it, there's something worthy there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You may now be able to look back and see where the progress stopped and precisely what stopped it. It was fear. If you can't see the specific nature of this fear, stop relying on your logic for the answer. Ask your gut.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
If you're worried that you won't be able to moderate a certain behavior of yours, it may be easier for you to abstain entirely. This may require you to go out of your way to avoid a scene rife with triggers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
What you want to do, you will do. If only part of you wants to do it — well, you've got your work cut out for you. You can be the very hardest person to negotiate with!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The more you know, the less you sense. Set assumptions aside. Push your feelings into the situation. Try to contact this with each of your five senses and also with your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
To make more deliberate use of your time you'll have to guard it from robbers. It may feel mean to take yourself from those accustomed to demanding you, but your loved ones don't need you nearly as much as they want you.

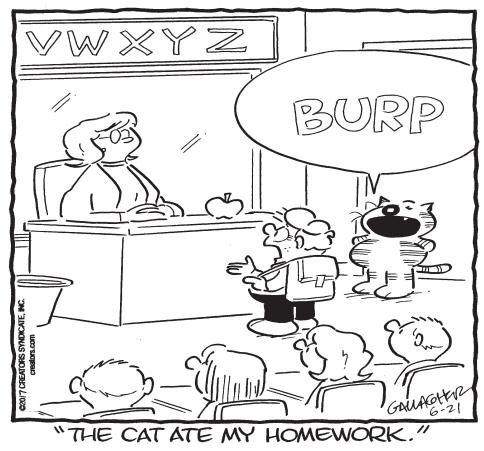
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Don't be quick to label your work, and by no means should you take what other people say about it to heart. What looks like a mess can be the foundation of success. Keep going. The most important part of it now is consistency.

Summer Solstice

Since ancient times the summer solstice has been celebrated as a promise of hope. Between now and the new moon on the 23rd, get focused on your dearest wishes. It's a time for changing habits. Recent science shows it takes far longer than 21 days to establish a habit, so if you failed before, prepare to give it a longer go this time around.

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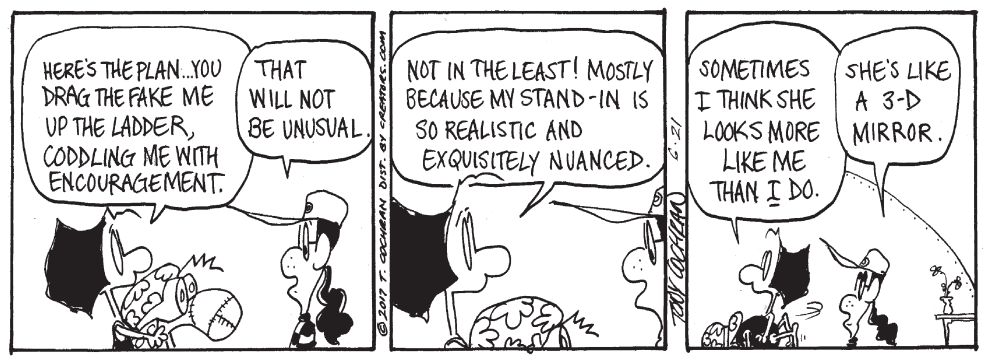
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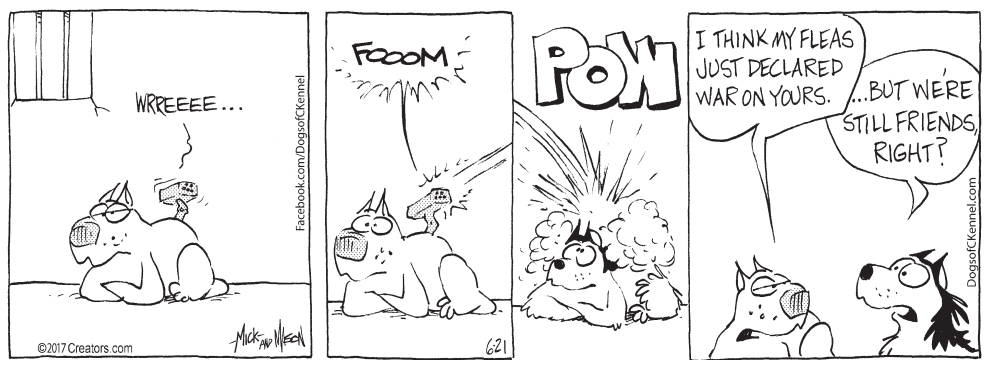
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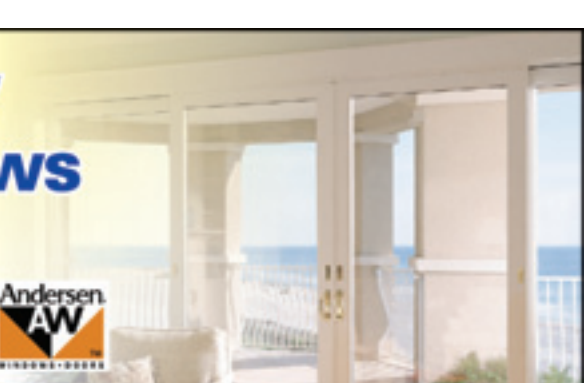


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