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Samohi students find voice, leadership in JSA



Courtesy photo

STUDENTS: Local students are finding leadership roles within with the Junior State of America organization.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Since its founding in 1934, Junior State of America has sought to help students build leadership skills, learn civil debate, and strengthen their community engagement through volunteering and activism.

Now — in the midst of a pandemic and social change — young leaders like Santa Monica High School's Lilly Chertock, who was elected to serve as Governor of her state this year, must reimagine

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Courtesy photo

DONATIONS: The SAM Initiative made several donations recently, See Page 2 for more information.

Expansion of California privacy law qualifies for ballot

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California voters will decide a ballot measure this November that would give them more power over how companies use their data, an extension of a landmark privacy law passed in 2018.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced Wednesday a measure to amend the law will be on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. Thursday is the deadline for initiatives to qualify; they need hundreds of thousands of verified voter signatures to get on the ballot. Others ballot measures this fall would roll back a law that limits taxes on businesses and exempt ride-share services from a new state employment law.

The consumer privacy measure would, among other things: Allow consumers to prevent businesses

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Applications now open for vacant City Council position

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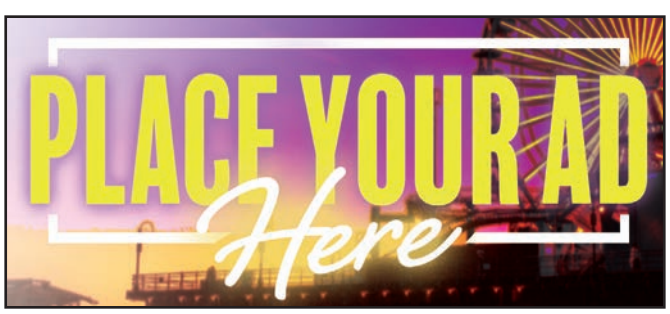
Individuals seeking a temporary appointment to the Santa Monica City council have until July 7 to submit their applications.

Councilman Greg Morena resigned from the council at the June 23 meeting to focus on his family business. Morena's family owns the Albright restaurant on the city-owned pier and Morena said he needed to renegotiate his lease or face closure of the restaurant. As the City is the restaurant's landlord, he said the conflict of interest forced him to step down from his seat.

Council chose to solicit applications to appoint a resident to the six-month vacancy. Per the city charter, an appointed councilmember can only serve through the next general election which occurs this November and whoever wins the seat at that time would be seated by the end of the

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed qualifications and proposals from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: **RFQ/P #20.16.SMS, Samohi Exploration Building & Gymnasium Lease-leaseback (LLB) Project at Santa Monica High School.** The total scope of work for the project is estimated to be $100,000,000 and includes the following: The abatement and demolition of the existing: History Building and adjacent buildings known as H123 and H127; and the Cafeteria. The construction of a new building, comprising of two different forms of construction, being the gymnasium and associated spaces; and the construction of an adjacent, new academic building. The design and installation of shoring for the excavation of the new Gym Building and the bulk excavation to final floor level in preparation for the start of construction of that building. Extensive grading of the site, with a substantial amount of cut and fill and the export of surplus dirt. Installation of utilities to service the new buildings. A substantial amount of landscape and hardscape. The demolition of the existing South Gym, Drake Pool and Art Building after the occupation of the new buildings and other associated improvements per the projects bidding documents. All submittals must be submitted to the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 7/21/20 at 3:00 PM. Each submittal must be sealed and marked with the RFQ/P name and number. All interested firms must attend the Mandatory Pre-Response meeting to be held at Santa Monica High School on 7/2/20 at 9:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumping (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project RFQ/P #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 7/7/20 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Pre-Response Meeting (attendance is required for all Prime Contractors): 7/2/20 at 9:00 AM

Pre-Response Meeting location: Santa Monica High School located at 601 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 – **The meeting will start on the football field. The only entrance for the campus is through the 4th Street Pedestrian gate located between the football field and the Double Tree Hotel - Due to COVID-19 all attending contractors must bring and wear face masks/coverings at all times while on the site and adhere to social distancing safety requirements during the meeting or they will be asked to leave the property.**

Submittal Due Date: 7/21/20 no later than 3:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Collaborative giving meeting the needs of the community

The SAM Initiative, an LA-based giving circle whose members pool their financial resources and experiences to fund and support nonprofits, has announced its grants totaling $285,000. The grants have been awarded to A New Way of Life, Safe Parking L.A., San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center, WISE Readers to Leaders, Social Venture Partners Los Angeles, and Homeboy Industries' newest social enterprise, Feed HOPE.

The non-profit giving circle was founded by Mindy Freedman in 2013 and is committed to driving social change and nonprofit sustainability.

Each year, SAM selects causes and organizations that address the most urgent needs in communities throughout Los Angeles. When the COVID-19 reached Los Angeles and shut the city down, SAM saw that the crisis exposed devastating inequalities and worsened challenges for underprivileged populations throughout the country.

"The unprecedented times demanded from us an immediate response," reflects Freedman. "We reached out to our recipients and reassured them of our support. Based on those conversations and best practices set by other funders, we decided to expedite our funding and direct our giving to their greatest needs." Adapting to the stay-at-home orders, SAM shifted all of its meetings and even its award celebration to Zoom.

This year's recipients quickly pivoted their programs, to meet the needs of those they serve. One SAM recipient, Homeboy Industries' Feed HOPE, was born out of the crisis. "COVID-19 has created significant food insecurity across LA, as more than 1 million people have lost their jobs and many places have shut down that provided a social safety net for those in need," says former president of Fiji Water, Elizabeth Stephenson, who now is the Interim Executive Director for Feed HOPE.

Homeboy Industries stated that "SAM's nimble structure and generosity allowed us to immediately address this crisis. Feed HOPE is now making more than 10,000 pre-packaged meals a week for homebound seniors, youth at risk, and others negatively impacted by the COVID crisis."

The SAM Initiative granted A New Way of Life $95,000 to provide housing, case management, pro bono legal services, advocacy, and leadership development for women rebuilding their lives after prison. Susan Burton, the Founder applauded the SAM Initiative in their efforts to help formerly incarcerated women who are unseen and forgotten about much of the time," she says. "By the time that we received the grant, the whole world was in crisis and funding had become that much more crucial. Receiving this grant was critical to the lives of the women that we serve and allowed us to expand our services and staffing at the very moment that the need was greatest."

SAM members were humbled and moved by this year's grant process. "Being a member of The SAM Initiative has allowed me to not only learn about the tremendous need in the LA area but to also make a difference," says member Melanie Neumann. "Coming together as women and making change together brings me so much joy. A giving circle can open your eyes to organizations that you may have never found. Having the opportunity to collaborate and give as a group is a powerful way for social change to begin."

SAM board member, Sophie Alpert, agrees: "SAM is so much more than a collective giving circle. I am inspired by the thoughtful conversations, and the ability our organization has to leverage a multitude of valuable skills while providing opportunities for members to dive deeper into social issues and get involved personally with organizations that speak to their passions."

The SAM Initiative is coming up on its eighth funding cycle and is committed to educating themselves and addressing immediate needs. "We will use our platform to shine a light on inequality and to serve the community with even greater compassion and tolerance," says Freedman.

For more information on The SAM Initiative, visit www.SAMInitiative.org.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 25 CALLS ON JUNE 24

Automatic Alarm 1400blk 5th St 12:19 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:09 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Santa Monica Pl 2:22 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 3:15 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 5:49 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:11 a.m.
Wires Down 2300blk 3rd St 7:13 a.m.
EMS 600blk Marine St 8:35 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 7th St 9:06 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:24 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:59 a.m.
EMS 900blk 11th St 11:11 a.m.
EMS 800blk Ashland Ave 11:51 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:20 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:53 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:33 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Pico Blvd 2:56 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 5:17 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:56 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:34 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Euclid St 8:06 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1500blk 7th St 8:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:55 p.m.
EMS Main St / Bay St 10:32 p.m.
EMS 700blk Pico Blvd 11:20 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee

The City of Santa Monica has long been committed to fair, safe, and effective community policing. In recent weeks, millions of Americans have marched in the streets to condemn the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many others and to demand action to end systemic racism within law enforcement in our country. In response to these cries for reform, the City of Santa Monica is committed to reviewing its City policies to ensure that public safety in Santa Monica employs best practices to recognize the humanity and dignity of every person. As the City engages in review of its policies, the Interim City Manager seeks individuals to join a Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee to advise the Interim City Manager on proposals for reform. The City will also facilitate multiple opportunities for broader community input on these important topics.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee will comprise individuals who are residents of or have a close working knowledge of the City of Santa Monica and who are committed to ensuring that the City follows best practices for creating a community in which all feel and are safe. Advisory Committee members should bring relevant knowledge and expertise as residents, advocates for racial justice and/or public safety reform, business owners, law enforcement officers or experts, mental health providers or experts, and/or social services providers or experts.

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Working together with City staff, the members of the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee will first facilitate a community input process and review local, regional, and national proposals advocating for changes to policing and the ways that cities conceive of and allocate funds to achieve public safety. Following this information gathering process, the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Interim City Manager regarding (1) reforms to Santa Monica Police Department use of force policies to ensure best practices for policies, training, and application of force are followed, and (2) changes that should be made to the City's budget, informed by calls for divest / invest strategies, to better achieve public safety and wellbeing for all in our community.

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT

Individuals interested in serving on the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee should complete this online application no later than Monday, June 29, 2020. The application asks for information regarding the following:

Interest in serving on the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee
Relevant qualifications and experience
Availability to attend up to six meetings over the next 90 days

The Interim City Manager will review applications and select members based on their qualifications. The final list of appointees will be posted on santamonica.gov.

Visit smgov.net/councilappoint to apply.

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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 261 CALLS ON JUNE 24

Battery Just Occurred 20th St / Broadway 12:35 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:46 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:17 a.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:38 a.m.
Elder Abuse 700blk 20th St 6:55 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:27 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs Main St / Bicknell Ave 8:00 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1600blk Berkeley St 8:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Broadway 8:36 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600blk Marine St 8:37 a.m.
Battery Report 1400blk 4th St 8:48 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 4th St 8:53 a.m.
Burglary Report 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 9:15 a.m.
Battery Report 1400blk 4th St 9:19 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk Franklin St 9:30 a.m.
Fraud Report 200blk Ocean Ave 9:32 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk 9th St 10:17 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1700blk 17th St 10:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Report Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Found Property 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:32 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2400blk Main St 10:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 500blk Montana Ave 10:50 a.m.
Fraud Report 1900blk 18th St 10:56 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 200blk Santa Monica Pier 11:49 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 11:50 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2000blk Euclid St 11:51 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 20th St / Broadway 12:03 p.m.
Loitering 1400blk 16th St 12:13 p.m.
Stakeout 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:27 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1500blk The Beach 12:28 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1000blk Montana Ave 12:29 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:02 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1400blk 14th St 1:05 p.m.
Burglary Report 800blk Pico Blvd 1:12 p.m.
Identity Theft 2000blk Arizona Ave 1:19 p.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 16th St 1:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:30 p.m.
Encampment 1300blk Colorado Ave 1:53 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 500blk San Vicente Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk 9th St 2:13 p.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 4th St 2:24 p.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:37 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk Appian Way 2:58 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:59 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:14 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk Appian Way 3:18 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk Centinela Ave 3:52 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:13 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Euclid St / Olympic Blvd 4:17 p.m.
Child Endangerment Main St / Pacific St 4:51 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk Centinela Ave 5:06 p.m.
Lewd Activity Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 5:34 p.m.
Loitering 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:46 p.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk 14th St 5:59 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2400blk Main St 6:07 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1600blk Appian Way 6:17 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk 12th St 6:22 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2600blk Barnard Way 6:25 p.m.
Lewd Activity 100blk Bay St 6:25 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:32 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 6:37 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1700blk Appian Way 7:00 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:00 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:12 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk Montana Ave 7:23 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 2100blk Delaware Ave 7:32 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:44 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 16th St 7:54 p.m.
Rape Report 2100blk Delaware Ave 8:16 p.m.
Lost Property 1300blk 2nd St 8:26 p.m.
Loitering 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:27 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 4th St / Marine St 10:30 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 1000blk Ocean Ave 10:49 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 2300blk 6th St 11:10 p.m.
Loud Music 1800blk 21st St 11:20 p.m.
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Wartime President Conquers Sippy Cup

On March 18, when Donald Trump declared America was "at war" with Covid-19, he also declared he was a "wartime president." While in the past we've had wartime presidents who couldn't handle their liquor, until Trump, we've never had one who couldn't handle his water. (Drum roll, please.)

Two months before, Trump was warned about Covid by Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services, but #45 labeled the virus a "hoax," and sat on his behemoth butt for six crucial weeks. (Meanwhile, Trump seemed to need two hands to drink water and, contrary to most humans, would often lower his head to meet the glass or bottle. #ReallyStrange.)

When Trump was questioned why he hadn't sufficiently prepared for Covid he answered sarcastically, "I was busy with a little thing called 'impeachment,'" as if that was an excuse. (Bill Clinton, however, during his impeachment, stayed focused on his presidential duties but as I recall managed to drink water using just one hand.)

Last month, Columbia University released a study that stated if Trump had only enacted social distancing one week earlier, approximately 36,000 American Covid deaths would have been prevented and if he had done so two weeks earlier, 57,000 would have been spared. (Surprise, surprise, Trump called the study a "hoax," too.)

When Azar warned that the virus had the potential to become a pandemic, reportedly Trump called him an "alarmist." In fact, he was more interested in when flavored vaping would return to the marketplace. So, while the country is besieged by Covid, flavored vaping is killing it. (No pun intended.)

Trump's latest weirdness with water occurred at his rambling commencement address at West Point. During his speech, and with his right hand, he went to drink from a bottle. But, inexplicably, he had to place his left palm under his right elbow to push the bottle up to his lips.

At his fiasco rally at Tulsa on June 20, Trump spent ten minutes incoherently trying to explain it. Apparently, at West Point he had saluted so many cadets that his flabby right arm just didn't have enough strength to lift a tiny water bottle. (He also spent another ten minutes explaining why, after the speech, he was hunched over during his delicate descent down the ramp, but I'll spare you that mishegoss.)

At the BOK Center in Tulsa, which holds 19,199, instead of a packed house as Trump and his staff had boldly predicted, a measly 6,200 showed up. A "highlight" was when, using only one hand, Trump drank water from a glass and received a standing ovation from the mask-less attendees. (Who will undoubtedly soon test positive for Covid.)

After thoroughly "dominating" the water, then Trump threw the glass to the ground in triumph to more applause. (How low is the bar when drinking water from a glass deserves a standing ovation?)

With tons of empty seats and seeing people yawning, Trump threw the bigots in his base some racist "red meat." (Somehow I don't think many Trump supporters are vegetarians.) He called Covid-19, the "Kung Flu," and received another standing ovation.

More alarming, however, was Trump's admission that he had told staff to slow down Covid testing. Press Secretary Kaleigh Mcenany insisted Trump was joking while Presidential Assistant Peter Navarro said "it was tongue in cheek." Days later, Trump threw both of them under the bus by bragging, "I don't kid."

Trump's insane logic is fewer tests equal fewer infections. (Much like fewer pregnancy tests means fewer babies.) He's currently pulling testing funding while U.S. infections are spiking so high the EU is considering banning Americans from entering. (The good news is they haven't yet called us a sh*thole country.)

After the disastrous Tulsa rally, Trump was caught on tape getting off Marine One helicopter at the White House. Defeated and dejected, he trudged his walk of shame toward the White House with a jowly, grim face. His red tie was undone, a crumpled MAGA hat was in his hand and smudges of his spray tan blotched his white collar. He looked like a cross between Willy Loman caught cheating on his wife and fat Elvis having forgotten his lyrics.

I almost felt compassion for Trump. That is, until I recalled some of his faults: His corruption and incompetence; his malignant narcissism; his affection for murderers Putin, Erdogan, the Saudi Crown Prince and Kim Jong-un; his suggestion about injecting disinfectant into humans and complete bungling of the Covid pandemic which has resulted in 122,000 deaths in four months; on his watch, 40 million unemployed, historic deficits, national debt, hate crimes, civil unrest, and let's not forget his misogynistic, racist, sadistic and divisive tweets, to name but a few.

Until further notice, however, Trump seems to have mastered drinking a glass of water with one hand.

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NYC judge rejects Trump family effort to halt tell-all book

MICHAEL BALSAMO AND COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

A New York City judge on Thursday dismissed a claim by Donald Trump's brother that sought to halt the publication of a tell-all book by the president's niece, saying the court lacked jurisdiction in the case.

Surrogates Court Judge Peter Kelly said the claims were not appropriate for his court, where disputes over estate matters are settled.

The motion filed earlier this week sought an injunction to prevent Mary Trump and the book's publisher, Simon & Schuster, from releasing it, as scheduled, in July.

Mary Trump is the daughter of Fred Trump Jr., the president's elder brother, who died in 1981. An online description of her book, "Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man," says it reveals "a nightmare of traumas, destructive relationships, and a tragic combination of neglect and abuse."

Robert Trump's lawyers filed court papers saying that Mary Trump and others had signed a settlement agreement that would prohibit her from writing the book. They said the deal included a "substantial financial settlement" for Mary Trump.

The settlement nearly two decades ago included a confidentially clause explicitly saying they would not "publish any account concerning the litigation or their relationship," unless they all agreed, the court papers said.

Published accounts of the book's contents say it contains an "insider's perspective" of "countless holiday meals" and family interactions and family events, along with personal observations by Mary Trump, a psychologist, about her "supposedly toxic family," according to the court papers.

The agreement related to the will of Donald Trump's father, New York real estate developer Fred Trump.

In their court papers, lawyers for Robert Trump said the book also has been promoted as containing insight into the "inner workings" of the Trump family and allegations that the late Fred Trump and the president neglected Mary Trump's father,

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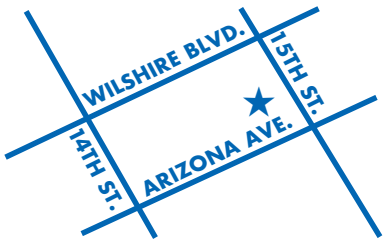
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STUDENTS

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the programs and events that have helped many scholars find their voice and path to success.

More than 500,000 students have graduated high school as more active, informed members of their community as a result of their participation in JSA, according to Chertock, who recently said the organization was created by and for young people who are interested in what happens around them, whether that be politics or how to best contribute to their community.

"The JSA chapter at our school runs like a club, and I have to say I really was never interested in going into politics until I found the chapter," Chertock said. "I originally wanted to be an orthodontist," but a club rush at the beginning of high school changed everything for her.

"I'm interested in debate and the JSA poster had the word 'debate' on it. I went to my first meeting the next week, and I couldn't stop coming," Chertock said. "There were so many opportunities to get involved because it's a student run organization, so I started doing everything that was available to me. And because I was so passionate about the work, it was easy to just devote myself to the tasks."

After serving on the organization's cabinet, Chertock was named a director of fundraising before she decided to run for governor in the most recent election.

The national organization is divided into ten states, and Southern California comprises its own because it houses the largest population of any other region, according to Chertock.

"I believe there are over 80 schools or chapters in Southern California, and in a non-Covid world we would have many in-person events," she said. "We have times when a school will host an event and people will come for the day and then drive themselves home, but we also have overnight conventions three times a year. And the main program of JSA is having debates on political issues."

"We call them soft talks, " Chertock added as she described the format of the free-forum discussions. "And because we're in Southern California, we have people from all over so some are more conservative and members get really excited by the fact that they get to talk to people with different beliefs. And there have been so many times when people walk into a debate, thinking one way and then they leave with a totally different perspective on an issue and that's really the power of JSA."



Courtesy photo

JSA: Lilly Chertock is working with a national leadership organization.

Every chapter is dedicated to having a space for civil discourse, "because we want to really combat the polarization that has occurred in our government and political climate," Chertock said. "High school students don't always feel like adults or that their voices are heard the way that adults' are. But then students are expected to vote when they turn 18, so JSA tries to prepare us for that shift and show us that our vote and voice can influence our country and the world. It's all about empowerment and making people feel like they can become activists for what they believe in."

And while Chertock and her peers are unsure what events will look like in the next year, she said her peers are already working on ways to hold more online discussions like they have done throughout the pandemic.

"We will surely have a lot of online discussions with schools because those are amazing," Chertock said. "And I feel like that's what matters — the fact that we're getting together, having debates and holding discussions with each other — because that's the benefit of the entire experience."

Any student interested in joining the Samohi JSA chapter or starting their own on another campus can email lchertock@jsa.org for more information.

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US virus cases near an all-time high as governors backtrack

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Associated Press

The coronavirus crisis deepened in Arizona on Thursday, and the governor of Texas began to backtrack after making one of the most aggressive pushes in the nation to reopen, as the daily number of confirmed cases across the U.S. closed in on the peak reached during the dark days of late April.

While greatly expanded testing probably accounts for some of the increase, experts say other measures indicate the virus is making a comeback. Daily deaths, hospitalizations and the percentage of tests that are coming back positive have also have been rising over the past few weeks in parts of the country, mostly in the South and West.

In Arizona, 23 percent of tests conducted over the past seven days have been positive, nearly triple the national average, and a record 415 patients were on ventilators. Mississippi saw its daily count of new cases reach new highs twice this week.

"It's not a joke. Really bad things are going to happen," Mississippi Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs said.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, whose state was among the first to reopen, put any further lifting of restrictions on hold and reimposed a ban on elective surgeries in some places to preserve hospital space after the number of patients statewide more than doubled in two weeks. Nevada's governor ordered the wearing of face masks in public, Las Vegas casinos included.

"The last thing we want to do as a state is go backwards and close down businesses," Abbott said.

The U.S. recorded 34,500 COVID-19 cases Wednesday, slightly fewer than the day before but still near the high of 36,400 reached on April 24, according to a count kept by Johns Hopkins University. The daily average has climbed by more than 50% over the past two weeks, an Associated Press analysis found.

Whether the rise in cases translates into an equally dire surge in deaths across the U.S. overall will depend on a number of factors, experts said, most crucially whether government officials make the right decisions. Deaths per day in the U.S. are around 600 after peaking at about 2,200 in mid-April.

"It is possible, if we play our cards badly and make a lot of mistakes, to get back to that level. But if we are smart, there's no reason to get to 2,200 deaths a day," said Dr. Ashish Jha, director of Harvard's Global Health Institute.

The nation's daily death toll has actually dropped markedly over the past few weeks even as cases climbed, a phenomenon experts said may reflect the advent of treatments, better efforts to prevent infections at nursing homes, and a rising proportion of cases among younger people, who are more likely than their elders to survive a bout with COVID-19.

"This is still serious," said Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but "we're in a different situation today than we were in March or April."

Several states set single-day case records this week, including Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and Oklahoma.

Mississippi's Dobbs blamed a failure to wear masks and observe other social-distancing practices, and said many cases involved younger people spreading the virus to older relatives.

"I'm afraid it's going to take some kind of catastrophe for people to pay attention," he said. "We are giving away those hard-fought gains for silly stuff."

Tom Rohlk, a 62-year-old grocery store worker from Overland Park, Kansas, complained that young people sometimes act as if they don't care: "It seems like it's time to party."

The U.S. has greatly ramped up testing in the past few months, and it is now presumably finding many less-serious cases that would have gone undetected earlier in the outbreak, when the availability of testing was limited and sicker people were often given priority.

But there are other more clear-cut warning signs, including a rising number of deaths per day in states such as Arizona and Alabama.

The number of confirmed infections, in any case, is a poor measure of the outbreak. CDC officials, relying on blood tests, estimated Thursday that 20 million Americans have been infected with the coronavirus since it arrived in the U.S. That is about 6% percent of the population and roughly 10 times the 2.3 million confirmed cases.

Officials have long known that many cases have been missed because of testing gaps and a lack of symptoms in some infected people.

Worldwide, over 9.4 million people have been confirmed infected, and nearly a half-million have died, including over 122,000 in the U.S., the world's highest toll, by Johns Hopkins' count.

"Globally, it's still getting worse," World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

As some states impose new restrictions or put their reopenings on pause, some businesses are also backing off. Disney delayed its mid-July reopening of Disneyland.

As politicians try to strike a balance between public health and the economy, the government reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits last week declined slightly to 1.48 million, indicating layoffs are slowing but are still painfully high.

Elsewhere around the world, Paris' Eiffel Tower reopened to visitors after its longest peacetime closure: 104 days. With hospitals overwhelmed in New Delhi, Indian troops provided care in railroad cars converted to medical wards. And in China, where the virus first appeared late last year, an outbreak in Beijing appeared to have been brought under control.

Johnson reported from Washington state. Associated Press journalists around the world contributed to this report.

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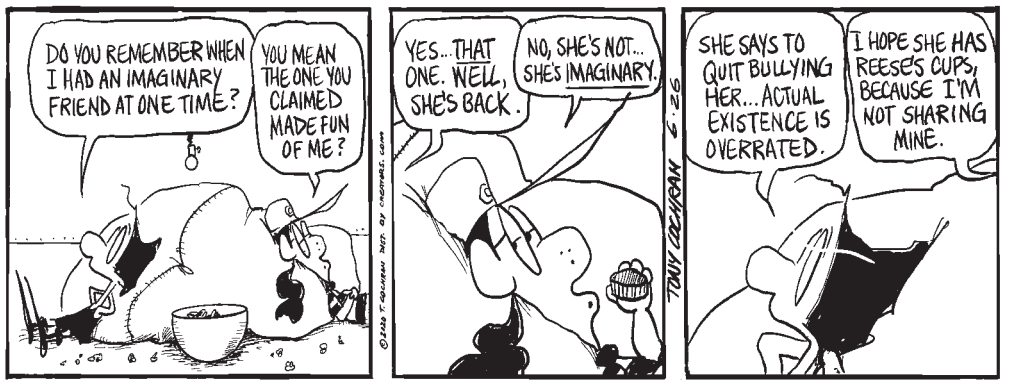
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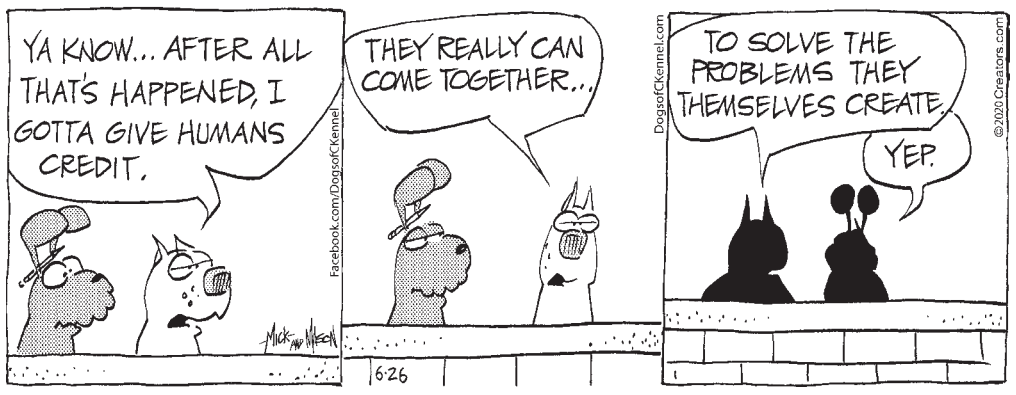
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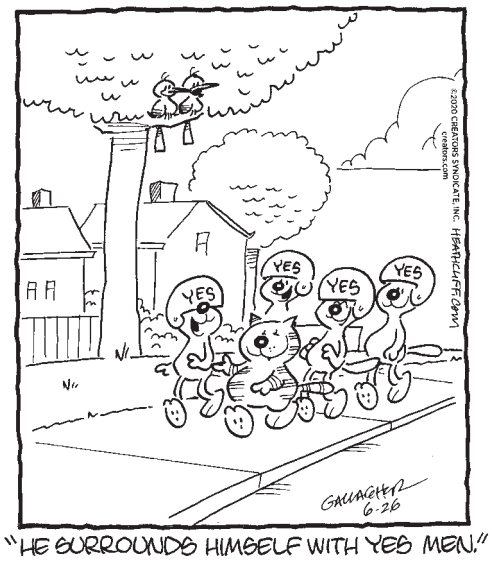
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.6°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small blend of leftover SSW swell and minor NW windswell. Drained low tide in the morning.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small new SSW swell slowly builds. Clean but likely slow in the AM

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Monday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/26	Fri	12:50 AM	5.23	H
2020/06/26	Fri	08:11 AM	-0.21	L
2020/06/26	Fri	3:17 PM	4.16	H
2020/06/26	Fri	8:17 PM	2.65	L
2020/06/27	Sat	01:56 AM	4.63	H
2020/06/27	Sat	09:03 AM	0.20	L
2020/06/27	Sat	4:09 PM	4.54	H
2020/06/27	Sat	10:00 PM	2.31	L
2020/06/28	Sun	03:19 AM	4.04	H
2020/06/28	Sun	09:57 AM	0.63	L
2020/06/28	Sun	4:57 PM	5.00	H
2020/06/28	Sun	11:28 PM	1.65	L
2020/06/29	Mon	04:53 AM	3.65	H
2020/06/29	Mon	10:52 AM	1.04	L
2020/06/29	Mon	5:43 PM	5.49	H
2020/06/30	Tue	12:38 AM	0.85	L
2020/06/30	Tue	06:23 AM	3.52	H
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Jackpot: 44 M

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Draw Date: 06/24
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Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 18 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/24
9 14 16 20 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/25
Midday: 0 6 5
Draw Date: 06/24
Evening: 0 5 5

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Of all the things you could wish for, an easy route won't be one of them. It wouldn't be wrong so much as just off-brand. You welcome the opportunity to get stronger and smarter through challenging work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not afraid to answer the call of duty and, in fact, the best things you've experienced have happened because you both answered and went above and beyond such a call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The social aspects of life will be the highlight, even if they are happening virtually. Your soul will be satisfied by what you share and learn, especially when you are connecting with people you don't yet know well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Let no one, not even you, offer a limiting idea of what you're capable of. You don't know what you can accomplish until you accomplish it. Your tenacity knows no bounds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ignoring a thing on purpose can be an effective tactic. Neglect can be a useful state when applied to unwanted things. Some problems fade from neglect; others resolve themselves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have paid your dues and done your time. You showed up how they wanted, so you know what that's like. Now, you're inclined to do it your own way, to show up how you see fit. It works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stay aware, head on a swivel, as you make your way to the crossroads. Transitions are always a little more dangerous. The intersections of life hold potential for much good and bad fortune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As the bees get nectar, they accidentally spread pollen. Do they know they are the reason the flowers bloom? Like the bees, you will unknowingly cause beauty just by doing what comes naturally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll apply your talent rather mindlessly, floating above yourself in many ways. And when you come back down to earth, you'll find that you and your muses have co-created something remarkable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've already done the "dance like no one is watching" thing and now you're into the refinement of movement assumed by consummate professionals. Because if all goes well, someone will be watching.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The thing you didn't think you had time for will now be taking up many hours of your day. But if it weren't good for your personal development, you wouldn't feel so compelled to manage it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your name comes with associations. Some of these associations (like promptness, honesty, kindness) you have and will continue to cultivate rather purposefully by maintaining a high standard of character.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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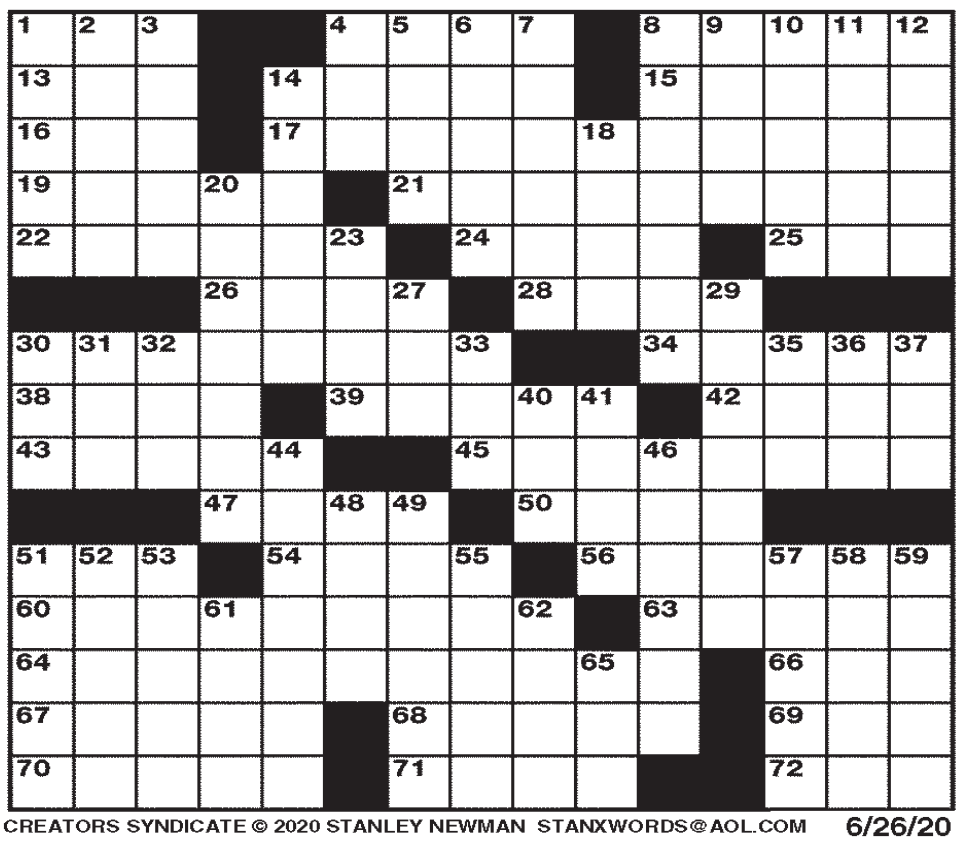
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Barnyard bleat
4 Menlo Park middle name
8 *Glass Menagerie* girl
13 Symbol of wisdom
14 Helpless with laughter
15 Name on the *Aida* soundtrack
16 Midback muscle*
17 Pregnant pause*
19 Something in the air
21 Complete control
22 Mideast oil producer?*
24 Costa ___*
25 Signal "OK"*
26 Zen riddle
28 Sugar or starch, for short
30 One on a force
34 Pulitzer Prize category
38 Years and years*
39 Don't take no for an answer*
42 Mideast oil producer*
43 *Gladiator* costuming
45 Wised up
47 Receptionist's post
50 Alien search org.
51 Bub*
54 "Wool" on clay sheep*
56 Walk unsteadily*
60 Organisms not needing oxygen
63 Played over
64 Alternate puzzle title (see answers to the four sets of starred clues)
66 16th prez
67 Swallowed a loss
68 Misstatement sources
69 Tiny treasure
70 First leaders in bridge
71 Wet shockers
72 Smart but sneaky

DOWN
1 Gauchos' weapons
2 On top of things
3 Singing group
4 Draft pick
5 Come down
6 Sort of sun block
7 Not at all vigorous
8 Shatner book about Nimoy
9 ___ mater
10 The Vols
11 Veg-O-Matic maker
12 Paid to play
14 *Full House* star
18 Flaky mineral
20 Bum out
23 Old West icon
27 Ending for part
29 Trite saying
30 Used a saddle
31 Previously
32 Shank site
33 Dowel, e.g.
35 Exercise advocacy org.
36 Vandalize
37 Dict. opp.
40 "Help wanted" message
41 Decide to keep instead
44 Things spilled when not kept
46 Heron cousins
48 It's heard on the street
49 Crunchy dog food
51 Cockatoo cousin
52 Make ___ of it
53 Dining spots
55 Home for hawks
57 Seems to go on forever
58 Recording company
59 Hostile one
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62 Official emblem
65 MGM motto word



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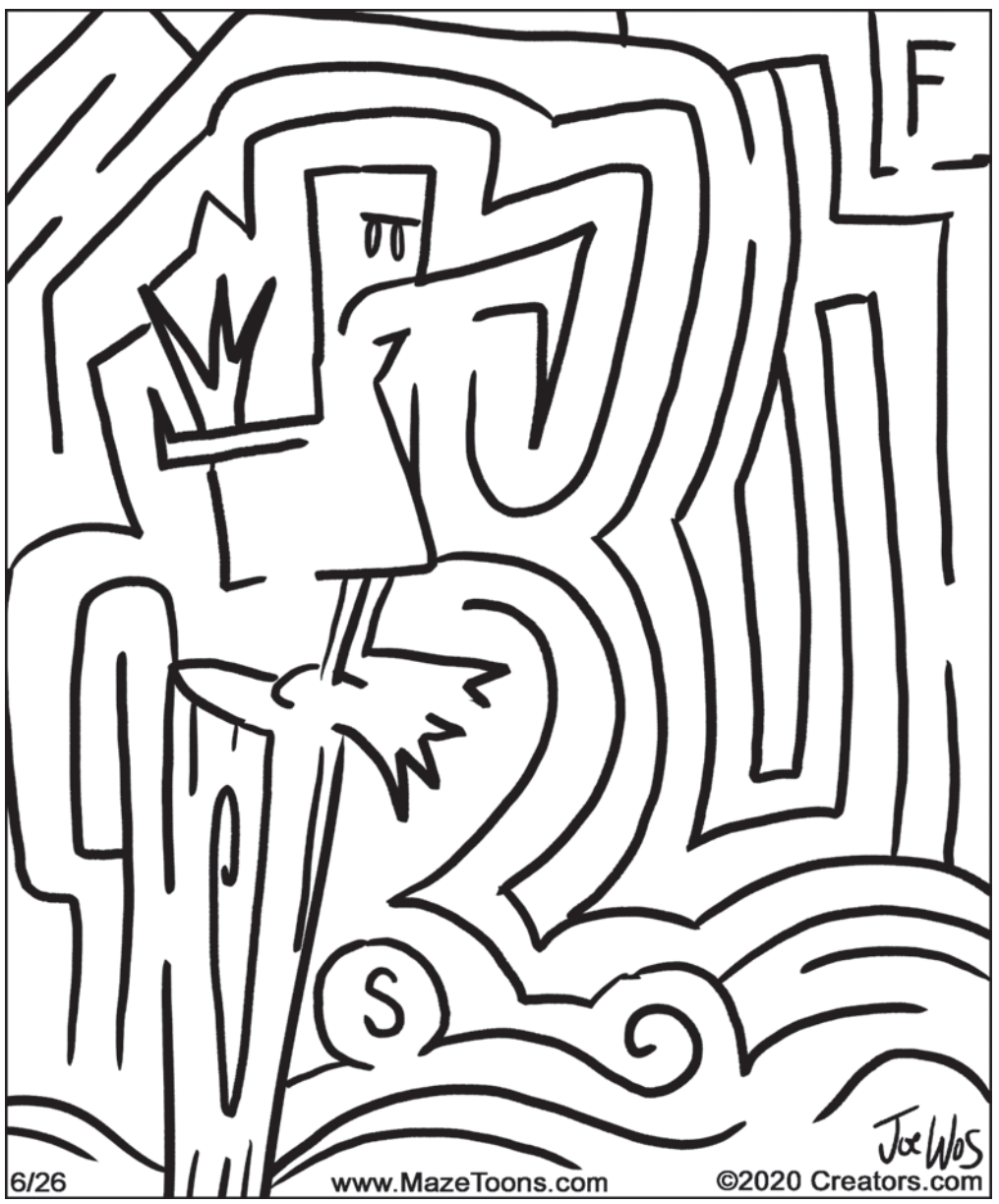
Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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I O Y R E X E C E N Y O U E I
L I T A S O T E D E U R M M T
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APPLICATIONS

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year.

Santa Monica's election system is currently under judicial review and the city could be forced to switch from at-large elections to a district based system. That ruling will not impact the appointment for this seat but it will determine when and how the election for the full-time replacement will occur.

Councilwoman Sue Himmelrich asked for the position to be left vacant until the November election.

"I believe that the democratic process is important to honor and our first go to place should be in a situation like this to go to an election when there's so little time between the vacancy and the election," she said.

Her motion failed to gain traction with several councilmembers who said the position is up for election in November and that the appointment is temporary through that time.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis attempted to extend the application time through July 10. She had asked for the expanded timeline in anticipation of a ruling from the court of appeals regarding districting but after discussion about the way the court ruling will impact the election and the burden a longer application period will place on staff, she abandoned the plan.

Council did add language to their decision from Mayor Kevin McKeown that requires the appointment to be made from the individuals who have submitted written applications by the deadline. He said that allowing candidates to apply last minute deprived the public of the opportunity to research their backgrounds.

"I personally am going to insist that we agree that nobody can be appointed who has not filed a written application by the deadline," he said. "Because otherwise you open yourself up to the last minute Dark Horse candidate who somehow gets in and hasn't been vetted by the public which I think would be very bad for democracy."

Interested applicants may submit applications at smgov.net/councilappoint. Applicants must be residents and registered voters of the City of Santa Monica and cannot be employed by the City. This position is subject to the State Political Reform Act requiring disclosure of conflict of interests, and the City's Taxpayer Protection Act (Oaks Initiative).

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BALLOT

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from sharing their personal information; limit businesses' use of geolocation, race, health or other information; and create a state agency to enforce and implement the law. The agency would cost an estimated $10 million per year.

It builds on the California Consumer Privacy Act, which took effect Jan. 1. Lawmakers passed it in 2018 under pressure from Alastair Mactaggart, a wealthy California developer, who spent millions of his own money to qualify an even more sweeping measure for the ballot. He withdrew his measure when the law passed under a compromise with legislators.

Under the existing law, consumers can request companies, including Internet giants Google and Facebook, tell them what personal data they have collected and what third parties the companies shared it with. Consumers can ask companies to delete it or stop selling it. Companies can't sell data from children under the age of 16 without consent.

Mactaggart's new initiative would triple the penalties for companies that violate the rules for children under 16.

"California has led the nation in securing fundamental privacy rights," Mactaggart said in a statement. "During these times of unprecedented uncertainty, we need to ensure that the laws keep pace with the ever-changing ways corporations and other entities are using our data."

But some groups say its too soon to change the law. The Civil Justice Association of California noted laws passed at the ballot can't be amended by lawmakers if pieces of it prove to be "problematic for consumers and businesses." Another measure would have to be approved at the ballot.

"California businesses need regulatory certainty – not a moving target – especially during these unprecedented times when many are in survival mode," the group said in a statement.

The Internet Association, which represents companies including Amazon, Google and Facebook, did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

TELL-ALL BOOK

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"supposedly contributing to his early death."

Mary Trump's attorney, Ted Boutrous Jr., said the court was correct in its decision.

"We hope this decision will end the matter. Democracy thrives on the free exchange of ideas, and neither this court nor any other has authority to violate the Constitution by imposing a prior restraint on core political speech," he said in a statement.

The White House and lawyers for Robert Trump did not have an immediate comment Thursday.

A spokesman for Simon & Schuster said in a statement that the publishing house was "delighted" with the decision.

"We look forward to publishing Mary L. Trump's TOO MUCH AND NEVER ENOUGH, and are confident we will prevail should there be further efforts to stifle this publication," spokesperson Adam Rothberg said.

Associated Press writer Larry Neumeister in New York contributed to this report.

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