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Lady Liberty sets the tone for this year's July 4 parade

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica will celebrate the nation's independence this Thursday with a 4th of July parade featuring floats, bands and community groups. This year's parade will also focus not only on Lady Liberty but, well, ladies of liberty.

This year, the parade's overall theme will be Lady Liberty — The Year of the Woman, a theme celebrating women and the difference they make in Santa Monica's community. Misti Kerns, President and CEO of Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, will be honored as the Parade Grand Marshal, traveling down the parade via a double-decker bus surrounded by established and up-and-coming female leaders.

"It is a very authentic local neighborhood event," said Kerns of the parade. "It's really special. We've all been to a Rose Bowl or big parade, but this is reflective of the community."

She said the event is a great reason for locals to get out of the house and explor a local business or park.

Kerns joined SMTT in 1997 and has served in her current role for more than 20 years. She is a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) and a Certified Destination Management Executive (CDME). Kerns founded the 'I AM Santa Monica' program, which has certified over 3,500 local employees and community members as official Santa Monica ambassadors. Under her leadership, Kerns also spearheaded the creation of Santa MoniCARES, a separate non-profit organization that provides the local tourism industry a platform to support the important community organizations tackling issues relevant to the city.

She is an active member of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board of Directors, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council and serves on local, state and national tourism boards. Kerns has been a resident of Santa Monica for nearly 25 years and lives her husband and daughter.

Kerns says the parade theme — a theme Santa Monica Travel and

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Courtesy photos

SOFTBALL: Three Santa Monica youth softball teams have advanced to the state championships. All three teams represent the Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch League.

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Skaggs achieved dream career with the Angels

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The death of Tyler Skaggs this week cut short a promising baseball career but the Samohi grad will be remembered locally for both his athletic prowess and his love of the community.

Skaggs was drafted by the Angels as the 40th pick in the 2009 draft, the same year he graduated from Samohi after a standout youth career.

Even though Skaggs grew up in Santa Monica, he was never a fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Instead, he followed the lead of his stepbrother and became a devout Angels fan watching his favorite player, Tim Salmon, win the World Series with the team.

In his first year of professional baseball, playing for the single-A Orem Owlz, Skaggs helped the team win the Pioneer league.

"I feel really good," Skaggs said of the accomplishment at the time. "Everybody on the team is really cool even though I'm the youngest guy."

He quickly earned a reputation in the minor leagues.

In his second season of professional ball, Skaggs, was named to the Midwest League All Star team. Skaggs, playing for the Los Angeles Angels' double A affiliate the Cedar Rapids Kernels as a starting pitcher, was one of seven teammates who appeared in the game.

His success drew attention from other teams in the league and the former Samohi star was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2010. While playing for the Diamondbacks single A team, the Visalia

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

423-429 Ocean Avenue, Vesting Tentative Tract Map 72911 (19ENT-0192).
The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map associated with a previously-approved project for a three- and four-story, 12-unit condominium project with associated landscaping and subterranean parking located at 423-429 Ocean Avenue. The approved project includes retention of portions of the extant apartment buildings and the courtyard area associated with the City Landmark-designated Colonial Revival style garden apartment complex. The Planning Commission approved the original project and Vesting Tentative Tract Map (16ENT-0131) on June 21, 2017.

The proposed revision to the Vesting Tentative Tract Map includes a total of 14-units within the same approved building envelope (no further expansion is proposed) in order to satisfy a condition of approval from the California Coastal Commission. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.54.070(B), the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications. [Planner: Roxanne Tanemori] **APPLICANT/ PROPERTY OWNER: SM Ocean Star, LLC.**

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or to provide comments, please contact Amy Miller at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at amy.miller@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es un aviso para una audiencia pública donde se revisarán aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si usted desea más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 3

Field Sports Advisory Council Regular Meeting
Regular monthly meeting of the Field Sports Advisory Council (FSAC). FSAC is an advisory council to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Virginia Avenue Park, 7-8:30 p.m.

Senior TAP Workshop at the Ken Edwards Center
Bring valid ID showing you are 62 years or older to apply for a FREE senior reduced fare TAP card. Includes travel and TAP card use training. For details, visit bigbluebus.com/tapworkshop. Ken Edwards Center, 1-2 p.m.

John Abrams' Animal Magic
A magician that does it all! Enjoy an afternoon of comedy, magic and animals. Montana Avenue Branch Library 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

July 4 Parade
Free community parade from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. along Main Street. Expect road closures along the route.

Marina Del Rey fireworks
Enjoy the fireworks show with synchronized music played over loudspeakers at either Burton Chace Park or Fisherman's Village. The fireworks will be shot from a barge off the Marina's south jetty. You can view the show from virtually anywhere in Marina del Rey, Venice Pier, Playa Vista and Dockweiler Beach. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. and last 20 minutes. Visit https://www.visitmarinadelrey.com/events/july-4-fireworks-marina-del-rey-specials for more information.

Friday, July 5

Billy Bonkers Magic Show
Go bonkers over Billy's show filled with amazing magic, slapstick comedy, and nonstop audience participation. For ages 4-11. (45 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Game Room
Take a break from the heat. Enjoy the free Game Room, weekdays 11am-7pm through Labor Day! Annenberg Community Beach House, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Pool Open
The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Pool closes early on 8/24 at 5:30 p.m. for the Cardboard Yacht Regatta. Annenberg Community Beach House, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 6

Bioplastic Exploration with Studio Resident Dahn Gim
Join Dahn in an exploration of how bioplastics can be made using vegetable and other matter as raw material. Dahn's new sculpture series will use animal leather substitutes, and she is trying new techniques. She'll provide an overview of unusual sculptural materials that she has used and their pros and cons. All are welcome! Note that this is not a class, but an open exploratory session and discussion. Various materials will be on hand to check out. Palisades Park, 12:30-2 p.m.

Recycled Leather Workshop with Andrea Morgenstern
Give tired leather goods new life by creating something repurposed and ready to be loved! There will be instruction on how to hand-saddle stitch a coin pouch, clutch, zippered pouch or card holder out of recycled leather. Have an old leather coat that has been sitting around unused? Or perhaps getting rid of a leather sofa and want to save some of it? Leather pieces will be available for purchase (bring small bills). Shared tools will be available. Palisades Park, 12-3 p.m.

Deep Listening Sound Walk with Alex Ward
In the tradition of Pauline Oliveros' Deep Listening sessions, take a walk and listen to the sounds of our environment. Walks may take place in the park, along the street, or on the beach. After, everybody will regroup and journal. Prepare for light travel and sun/wind protection. This repeating event is open to all. Palisades Park, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Girls Softball Teams Advance to State Championship

The Santa Monica 10U Silver team was the first to advance to the State championship, placing 5th in their LA/South Bay "C" District Tournament. "Coming into this All-Star season we knew this group of girls had something special," said the 10U Silver team's head coach Carlos Lopez. The team's co-coach Emily Polk agrees: "The fact that they are getting good results is a testament to their chemistry, talent, and hard work." The team earned a spot in the USA Softball Southern California "C" State Championship held in Lancaster later this month. The 10U Silver team achieved success earlier this month as well, placing 2nd at the All-Star girls softball tournament in Diamond Bar.

Also advancing to the State championship is the Santa Monica 14U Gold team. They placed 5th in their LA/South Bay "B" District Tournament last weekend, earning them a spot in the USA Softball Southern California "B" State Championship to be held in Lancaster next month. "I could not be more proud of this team's performance this season," said the 14U Gold team's head coach Chris Knauf. "These girls play with so much heart and exhibit true teamwork. Our team's co-coach AJ Juarez and I both feel strongly that every one of these girls played a role in our successful season." The 14U Gold team's success includes first place finishes at All-Star tournaments earlier this month and last in Sylmar and Westlake/Agoura.

The third team advancing to the State championship is the Santa Monica 12U Gold team. The team placed 3rd in the LA/South Bay "B" District Tournament last weekend, which also earned them a spot in the USA Softball Southern California "B" State Championship to be held in Lancaster. "This is an amazing group," said the 12U Gold team's head coach Brett Werger. "They continued to believe in themselves through several tough losses this year. The girls embraced our team values, particularly resilience, and they were rewarded last weekend."

All three teams represent the Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch League against other softball teams from Southern California for a chance to make it to the USA Softball National and Regional Championships later this summer.

The 10U Silver All-Star team advancing to their State championship: Della Polk, Chelsy Gonzalez, Milena Valdez, Jaslyn Sigaran, Josephine Beckerman, Iliana Andrade, Sophia Lopez, Zoe Battaglia, Adriana Martinez, Bernice Corona, Celia Elisha, Carly Knauf. Photo courtesy of Leanna Einbinder.

The 14U Gold All-Star team playing at States: Daniela Losoya, Alexis Corpuz, Olivia Boyajan, Gaby Andrade, Makena Reiss, Dani Munoz, Navi Avedon, Alana Gonzalez, Layla Campos, Janice Samayoa, Ella Joyce, Mariah Fernandez, Maya Knauf, Alana Kamins. Photo courtesy of Scott Boyajan.

The 12U Gold All-Star team heading to States: Jasmine Arana, Samantha Aviles, Emersen Werger, Olivia Pirrone, Stella Honda, Andrea Castro, Talia Yermian, Fayre McKenzie, Jiselle Frerichs, Drew Vudmaska, Ali Vogler, Gracie Mason-Firth, Coach Brett Werger, Coach Chris Pirrone, Coach Johana Barahona, Coach Sonya Linarte Vogler. Photo courtesy of USA Softball of Southern California.

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 non-profit, all girls softball league for ages 4 to 14 serving Santa Monica and the Westside for over 30 years.

SUBMITTED BY LEANNA EINBINDER

Los Angeles

Man Charged With Capital Murder of USC Student

A suspected gang member was charged today with killing a University of Southern California student during an attempted robbery in March, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ivan Hernandez (dob 12/7/95) was charged in case BA479107 with one count of murder with the special circumstance allegations of murder during the course of an attempted robbery and murder while he is an active participant in a criminal street gang, making him eligible for the death penalty. He also faces one count of attempted robbery.

Hernandez is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney John McKinney of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On March 10, Hernandez is accused of fatally shooting Victor McElhaney, 21, about a mile from the USC campus. The defendant was allegedly trying to rob the victim and a group of his friends, the prosecutor said.

McElhaney was taken to a nearby hospital where he died.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole or death. A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

SUBMITTED BY GREG RISLING, ASSISTANT CHIEF, MEDIA RELATIONS DIVISION

Citywide

BBB Holiday Service

In observance of Independence Day, Big Blue Bus will operate a Sunday schedule on Thursday, July 4.

BLUE: THE TRANSIT STORE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE WILL BE CLOSED. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY, JULY 5.

Rapids 3, 7 and 10, and Routes 5, 15, 16, 42, 43, and 44 will not be in service.

Multiple routes will be on detour throughout the day.

Additionally, the Expo Line Express Shuttle will not be on service on Thursday, July 4 or Friday, July 5.

UCLA RIDERS: HILGARD TERMINAL WILL BE CLOSED. ROUTES 1, 2, 8, AND 17 WILL SERVE CHARLES E. YOUNG/P2 HUB. SEE BELOW FOR ALTERNATE BOARDING LOCATIONS.

Rapid 12 and Route 18 service will serve Gateway Plaza as usual.

TO UCLA: ROUTES 1, 2, 8, AND 17 END AT CHARLES E. YOUNG/P2 HUB. PLEASE DISEMBARK AT THE FOLLOWING STOPS:

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Hilgard Terminal

TO SANTA MONICA: ROUTES 1, 2, 8, AND 17 BEGIN ON CHARLES E. YOUNG DR., BETWEEN WESTHOLME AVE. AND MANNING AVE. YOU MAY ALSO BOARD AT THE FOLLOWING STOP:

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City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS
OF QUALIFICATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit statements of qualification for the:

**Plumbing Contractor Services Pre-Qualification List
SP2511**

Statements of Qualifications shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401, not later than 3:30 p.m. on July 25, 2019, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 4:00 p.m. on said date in Architecture Services Conference Room. Each statement shall be in accordance with the Request for Qualification.

Request for Qualification 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-36 license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Statements containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

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Curious City

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My Grandfather's Immigrant Eyes


Courtesy photo

ELLIS ISLAND: The famous New York Island was the arrival point for thousands of immigrants.

WE NEED RUMBLIN', NOT RAMBLIN'

Even though legendary folk singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott, who performed here in Santa Monica at McCabe's last Sunday, was close to Woody Guthrie and sang his songs, met Dylan at Woody's bedside and mentored him (Bob even copped Jack's hesitation high nasal singing style), and most in the folk community admired the way he turned his back on being a doctor from Brooklyn and ran away with the rodeo at 14, the archetype wandering minstrel never got too heavy politically.

Too bad. Because he's part of the old guard who mostly did, and we need those voices now, and especially new voices. We need our artists to step forward boldly and call out the eroding of our democracy, the blatant and condoned racism, the economic subjugation. And for the most part, they're not.

Music is what I know and what I pay the most attention to. So maybe filmmakers and writers and painters have been better at addressing pressing current issues… but I'm not aware of it. But where are the troubadour poets?

They used to be the leaders we could look to, to shine a light on social injustices. Many of Ramblin' Jack's contemporaries in the '50s and '60s did — Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, Phil Ochs, Judy Collins, Utah Philips, Peter, Paul & Mary, Tom Paxton, Woody and of course Dylan. But things have changed.

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The fan base is more important now than ever. You mostly can't sell your music outright anymore, via CD or LP or even download (streaming pays a laughable pittance), so you depend for your livelihood on fans coming out to your concerts. If I put out this political song, will I lose half my fan base? Maybe for good? A moral dilemma. Ask the Dixie Chicks.

Radio and television used to be the vehicles for getting your music heard, but no more. Social media is critical, but you also get the extremists and crazies weighing in, guaranteed. Is the exposure worth more than the vicious vilification, when your song takes a side?

Not saying that political courage is not out there. But it is harder to find. And it would seem most of the big names are falling short.

Bruce is always good for the occasional zinger, and he released one written by Joe Grushecky just for the Orange Obama-nation, "That's What Makes Us Great." The Killers' Brandon Flowers cold-called Spike Lee to direct the video for their song this year, "The Land of the Free," and Green Day's gloves-off "American Idiot" was written for George W. in 2004 but has seen a resurgence, especially in Britain, since Trump took office.

GIVE THEM A PASS?

The Old Guard, they did their duty, wrote and sang their consciences, back when protest could get you shot, most aren't so willing to rumble in their 70s or 80s as they were in their 20s. Ramblin' Jack is 87.

But Willie Nelson is 86 and still Willie, God bless him. He speaks and sings his mind. After the I.R.S. has come after you with all guns blazing, who do you fear? His latest, excellent album (he seems to be getting a second, or eighth, wind these last few years, with a string of four good albums), "Ride Me Back Home," includes the moving Guy Clark song "Immigrant Eyes," and the video of it was just released. It made me think.

One of the first thoughts was, "Nelson" — I wonder where his immigrant forebears came from. Ireland? Sweden? England? Scotland? Turns out he had a direct ancestor named Nelson who fought in the Revolutionary War (on our side, I think), but his mother was three-quarters Cherokee. So unlike most of us, Willie has some standing to be looking at these issues from the native side. Almost all the rest of us are immigrants, even the Mayflower families.

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XFL's plans for upcoming season starting to take shape

JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

Oliver Luck's first year as the XFL's commissioner has mostly been confined to the office and getting the league's framework set up. The next couple months are what Luck refers to as the fun part of preparing for next year's return.

"We're still a long way from a football game but we are starting to see more of what we are trying to do," Luck said.

The league — which will begin play the week after Super Bowl 54 — is in the middle of conducting "Summer Showcases" in the eight cities where it will have teams. The showcases are similar to pro days on college campuses and the NFL Scouting Combine as coaches get to work with prospects.

Los Angeles, New York, Washington, Seattle, Houston and Dallas featured 100 players, who were invited by the league, but last weekend's showcase in Tampa had 150. Luck said the league will begin signing players later this month after the final showcase is held in St. Louis July 13.

Some of the prospects played in the Alliance of American Football, which lasted only eight weeks, but some former NFL players have also participated, including wide receivers Hakeem Nicks and Robert Meacham, quarterbacks Landry Jones and Ryan Mallett and tight end Fred Davis.

"You get a lot of reps. For me, there is a chance to put film out there and show I can still play," said Davis, who last played in the NFL in 2013. "It's good just to know you still have an opportunity to play if you still have some juice left."

Luck is optimistic that the quality of players, especially at quarterback, will be better than the AAF. Luck points to the league being able to offer more at skill positions.

"We have some guys who left the NFL on terms that were not their own but still have 2-4 years left of playing. It gives me hope that we can play solid football," he said.

Some players were not invited to showcases because Luck said they already had a large amount of film. Many have wondered if 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel is on the league's radar, but Luck said that remains to be seen. Manziel played two games in the AAF before the league folded.

This will be a busy month for the league. Besides beginning to sign players, the names and logos of the eight teams are expected to be unveiled. There will also be another session of rules testing using players from The Spring League in Southern California that will be attended by coaches, ESPN and Fox.

The league held a test session two weeks ago, where ESPN and Fox producers got to see how some of the proposed rules will affect a broadcast.

Plans include a 25-second clock between plays — which is 15 seconds less than the NFL, multiple forward passes as long as the players remain behind the line of scrimmage and a creative solution for overtime.

The XFL will use a format similar to penalty shootouts in soccer. Teams will line up at opposite ends of the field and get five opportunities from the 5-yard line. The team with the most points at the end wins.

Luck said they are still trying to decide how to determine who goes first, as well as how many points the winning team gets at the end of overtime.

"The best players are deciding overtime and there is the fairness aspect. It also gets done quickly," Luck said.

Teams will be scouting NFL training camps for more players with another big round of signings happening after Labor Day. The league will then conduct its draft in October.

Besides the eight teams, there will be a roster of players that can be called up in case of injuries. Those players would likely be based in Houston or Dallas. Luck said that would be similar to what they had in NFL Europe.

Los Angeles coach Winston Moss said he has been pleased with what has seen at the different showcases and how the league is continuing to progress.

"These guys are hungry and when you give that recipe for opportunity great things can happen," he said.

PARADE

FROM PAGE 1

Tourism developed in conjunction with the Ocean Park Association — is meant to be celebratory and welcoming for all walks of life, showing gratitude to women and our welcoming city.

"This community and other communities are led and supported by a lot of strong women and the Fourth of July is the perfect opportunity to celebrate that," Kerns said. "To be out celebrating that on this kind of scale is important. I think we can all appreciate that, no matter your socio-economic or political standing."

The theme is a first in the parade's now-13-year history. Kerns bristles when asked what it means to be Grand Marshal of this woman-empowerment parade, saying it's not just about her, it's about uplifting all women in the community and celebrating the community itself.

"I'm just glad to set the tone of the theme," she said. "Lady Liberty has long stood for a worldwide welcome. We have a lot of visitors to Santa Monica every year for this event. This is a special time for them to see what America is all about."

Santa Monica's 13th Annual Fourth of July Parade takes place July 4, 9:30 a.m. to noon on Main Street. Parade participants will gather at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium at 8:45 a.m.

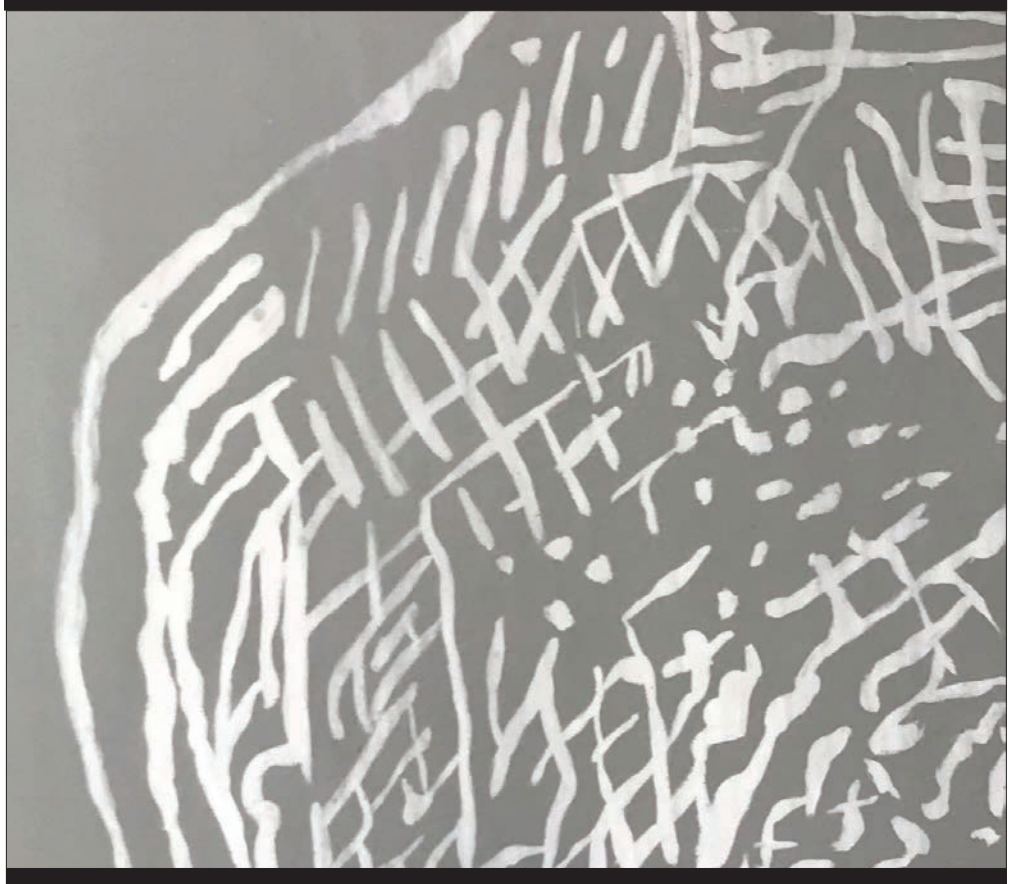
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State: Hate crimes in California dip in 2018 after 2017 bump

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

The number of reported hate crimes and victims decreased last year in California, although the number of suspects increased, the state's attorney general reported Tuesday.

Hate crime events fell 2.5% from 2017, down by about two-dozen reports to 1,066 in 2018, according to the annual report.

That follows a 17% jump the prior year.

The state defines hate crimes as those targeting victims because of their race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender or a disability. The definitions have been expanded at various times in recent years. Each hate crime event can include more than one related offense against more than one victim by more than one offender.

The report notes that hate crimes remain relatively rare in a state of nearly 40 million people. Overall, they have dropped about 3% in the last decade.

There were 80 more suspects identified last year than the year before.

The report comes a year after Attorney General Xavier Becerra provided more guidance for local law enforcement and created a hate crimes prevention webpage and brochure on identifying and reporting hate crimes. The increased outreach came after a critical state audit largely blamed the department for not requiring that local agencies do a better job in collecting data, resulting in undercounts.

Anti-Islamic events dropped from 46 in 2017 to 28 last year, the new report says. But those targeting Jews increased from 104 to 126 last year.

Earlier this year, authorities said a 19-year-old gunman told investigators he was motivated by hatred for Judaism when he killed one woman and wounded two others, including a rabbi, at the Chabad of Poway synagogue near San Diego. That shooting in April will be reflected in next year's report.

There were no hate-related murders reported in 2018, but one rape, 39 robberies and nearly 800 reports of assaults and intimidation. Yet violent and property offenses related to hate crimes both dipped, with 838 violent and 426 property crimes reported last year. That was down from 860 violent and 451 property crimes a year earlier.

Hate crimes based on race or sexual orientation both fell overall. But crimes against Latinos were up from 126 in 2017 to 149 last year, while those against blacks dropped from 302 to 276.

There were 238 reports of hate crimes based on sexual orientation, down eight from the prior year.

Federal authorities have estimated that more than half of all hate crimes aren't reported to police across the United States. The Associated Press found three years ago that more than 2,700 city police and county sheriff's departments nationwide had not reported any hate crimes for the FBI's annual crime tally during the previous six years, or about 17% of all city and county law enforcement agencies.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA mayor urges Trump to work with him on homeless crisis

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti wants President Donald Trump to visit the city and work with him on the homeless crisis.

The Democratic mayor made the public invitation during a radio interview Tuesday, after the Republican president called the homeless crisis in Los Angeles, San Francisco and other big cities disgraceful and threatened to intercede.

Trump faulted the "liberal establishment" for the problem in an interview with Fox News.

But Garcetti says it's a good day when the president talks about homelessness.

The mayor told KNX Radio in Los Angeles that he's not interested in scoring political points and wants to work with Trump to save lives.

The number of people living on the streets in Los Angeles has surged, and encampments can be found throughout downtown.

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WASHINGTON

Trump campaign announces $105M raised during 2nd quarter

President Donald Trump's reelection campaign says it raised $105 million during the second fundraising quarter.

The campaign said Tuesday it has a whopping $100 million in cash on hand.

Campaign manager Brad Parscale says the total is "a testament to the overwhelming support" for Trump, who formally announced for reelection in June. Parscale says none of the Democrats who are competing for the right to challenge Trump in 2020 can match the president's fundraising prowess or the level of enthusiasm for him.

The money was raised by the Trump campaign, Trump's joint fundraising entities and the Republican National Committee.

Campaigns have until July 15 to report their fundraising totals to the Federal Election Commission, but many will release their end-of-quarter totals if the numbers are especially good.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

States' delay request for arguments in 'Obamacare' lawsuit

KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press

A federal appeals court Tuesday rejected a request to delay next week's hearing on the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's health care law.

Eighteen Republican-dominated states opposed to the law said they needed more time to prepare answers to complex issues the appeals court raised in a recent filing as they prepared for the hearing.

States supporting "Obamacare" had opposed the delay, saying it would contribute to uncertainty for insurance companies, regulators and people who need health care coverage.

Arguments remain set for next Tuesday afternoon at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. The main issue in the case is a federal judge's December ruling that the law was rendered unconstitutional in 2017 when Congress zeroed out the tax penalty for people who don't have insurance.

Twenty mostly Democratic-led states and the U.S. House of Representatives want the 5th Circuit to overturn that ruling, which is on hold pending appeals.

The 18 GOP-dominated states want the circuit court to uphold the ruling. Those states asked the appeals court Monday evening for a delay. They said they need more time to prepare briefs on questions the appeals court asked last week. Those questions include whether the House and the states supporting the law have legal standing to appeal. Another issue raised by the appellate judges: whether there is a legitimate "live case or controversy" to be decided, and what the "appropriate conclusion" of the case should be if nobody involved can legally appeal the December ruling.

The lead attorney for the Affordable Care Act opponents, Kyle Hawkins of the Texas attorney general's office, said the issues raised could affect each state differently and merit a response that represents the "cohesive views" of all the states. "As of today, it appears unlikely that any such response will be completed by the Court's July 3 deadline," he wrote.

Hawkins asked for a 20-day delay to provide briefs and a delay in the hearing until after those briefs are filed.

But in its Tuesday order, the 5th Circuit only granted a two-day delay for briefs, making them due Friday. The court denied the request for a delayed hearing.

Support for a delay had not been unanimous among the law's opponents. Hawkins' letter said the Trump administration, which unsuccessfully attempted to get Congress to repeal the law and is not defending it in court, opposed a delay.

Leading the coalition of states supporting the law is California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. Lawyers for his office wrote that a delay would complicate budget proceedings in states that receive health care funds allocated through the Affordable Care Act, the setting of insurance rates by companies working with states' regulators and decisions by individuals who need health care coverage "in deciding whether to move, change jobs, or start a family."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Washington, D.C.

Justice: Census to be printed without citizenship question

The Justice Department says the 2020 Census is moving ahead without a question about citizenship.

Kristen Clarke, an attorney for a civil rights group that helped fight the addition of the question, says Trump administration attorneys notified parties in lawsuits that the printing of the hundreds of millions of documents for the 2020 counts would be starting soon.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco has confirmed there would be "no citizenship question on 2020 census."

The White House didn't immediately comment on the decision. President Donald Trump has decried last week's Supreme Court ruling saying the question was sought under a false pretext.

Spokespeople for the U.S. Census Bureau have not responded to emails or phone calls seeking comment.

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ANAHEIM

Probe of Southern California woman's 1999 killing revived

Detectives have reopened an investigation of the unsolved killing of a Southern California woman 20 years ago.

Eighteen-year-old Mariana Tapia vanished on July 2, 1999, after attending a friend's birthday party at a nightclub in Pico Rivera.

The mother of a 4-year-old daughter was last seen dancing with unknown men.

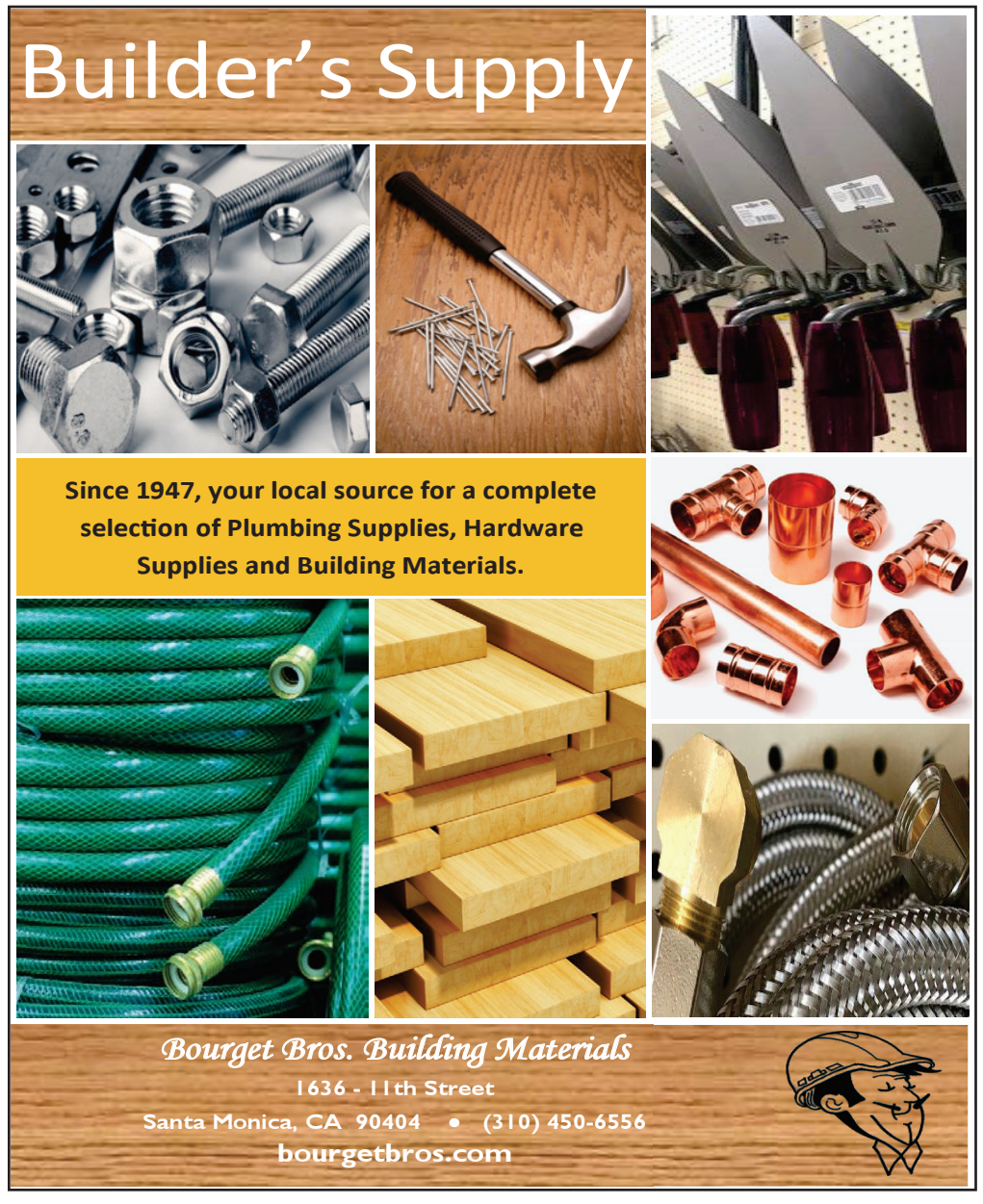
A worker inspecting a fence in a brushy area in Anaheim found her body on Aug. 22, 1999. One foot was protruding from a shallow grave. Authorities determined she died from at least one gunshot wound.

Anaheim police say Tuesday that cold case detectives have been re-examining ballistic and DNA evidence, and hope any reluctant witnesses come forward.

Sgt. Jeff Mundy says in particular they hope a woman who called in information in early 2000 calls police again.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 43 CALLS ON JULY 1

EMS 1700blk Michigan Ave 3:21 a.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 3:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:55 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Centinela Ave 6:22 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 6:25 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 6:45 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Main St / Strand St 7:33 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 9th St 7:44 a.m.
EMS 800blk 21st St 8:33 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 9:07 a.m.
Automatic alarm 100blk Colorado Ave 9:23 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln Blvd / Kensington Rd 9:37 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:55 a.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 11:01 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 11:21 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 11:31 a.m.
EMS 2900blk 4th St 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 26th St 1:10 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 1:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 5th St 2:37 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 2:55 p.m.
Haz mat - level 1 7th St / Arizona Ave 3:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 5th St 3:44 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Oak St 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1300blk California Ave 4:53 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 5:15 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:19 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:37 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 6:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800blk Pico Blvd 7:36 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:13 p.m.
EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:55 p.m.
EMS 500blk Lincoln Blvd 9:03 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Arizona Ave 10:11 p.m.
EMS 3100blk 4th St 10:32 p.m.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Request for Qualification 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 B, C-39 and/or C-43 license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Statements containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

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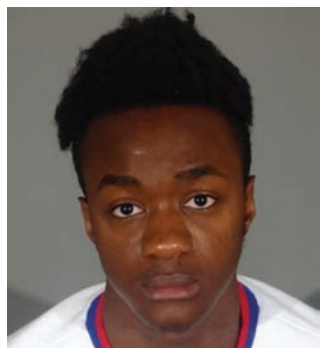
CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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 23, AT 12:37 A.M.

Officers responded to the area of Neilson Way and Hollister for a report of a Robbery. The victim got into a verbal dispute with the suspects. One of the suspects pulled out a firearm and told the victim to give him his money. The suspects left the location and were found in the vicinity by assisting officers. The firearm was located by the suspects' vehicle.

A 15 year old juvenile from San Bernardino was arrested for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. He was denied bail.



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CAMERON TOYJON TUGAR

Cameron Toyjon Tugar, 18, from Victorville was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and robbery. Bail was set at $50,000.



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DARNELL MCTIER

Darnell McTier, 20, from Victorville was arrested for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 385 CALLS ON JULY 1

Battery 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:07 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 100blk California Ave 10:32 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2000blk Pearl St 10:57 a.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:59 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1000blk Hill St 11:09 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Berkeley St 11:29 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 800blk Ocean Ave 11:34 a.m.
Fraud 300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:44 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1600blk Stanford St 12:05 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 3:14 p.m.
Hit and run 900blk 17th St 3:23 p.m.
Grand theft 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk 2nd St 3:55 p.m.
Burglary 2300blk Pico Blvd 4:20 p.m.
Threats 2800blk Pico Blvd 4:26 p.m.
Identity theft 900blk Euclid St 4:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:39 p.m.
Speeding 600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:46 p.m.
Grand theft 400blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:55 p.m.
Person down 1300blk 4th St 5:15 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600blk Kansas Ave 5:37 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries 17th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1000blk Pier Ave 5:45 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries 1700blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:46 p.m.
Vandalism 800blk Palisades Park 5:46 p.m.
Burglary 700blk Pico Blvd 5:50 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 2nd St 5:50 p.m.
Trespassing 1100blk Euclid St 6:42 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper in progress Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:43 p.m.
Smoking violation 700blk Montana Ave 7:27 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1000blk Hill St 7:57 p.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:59 p.m.
Critical missing person 2300blk 31st St 8:16 p.m.
Battery 300blk Olympic Dr 8:19 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Olympic Dr 8:20 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 300blk Olympic Dr 8:21 p.m.
Hit and run 7th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:08 p.m.
Arson 100blk Kinney St 9:29 p.m.
Fraud 200blk 21st St 10:18 p.m.
Petty theft 800blk Montana Ave 10:24 p.m.
Party complaint 300blk 26th St 10:39 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 10:50 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 16th St 11:02 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Pico Blvd 11:11 p.m.

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Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $58 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 07/01
4 13 16 30 33

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 07/01
Midday: 8 5 7
Draw Date: 07/01
Evening: 8 4 2

DAILY DERBY
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1st: 04 - BIG BEN
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.2°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
New long period SW swell peaks - surf is lully/inconsistent. Small NW windswell. Largest from Manhattan Beach north.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
Long period SW swell holds - surf is lully/inconsistent. Small NW windswell. Largest from Manhattan Beach north.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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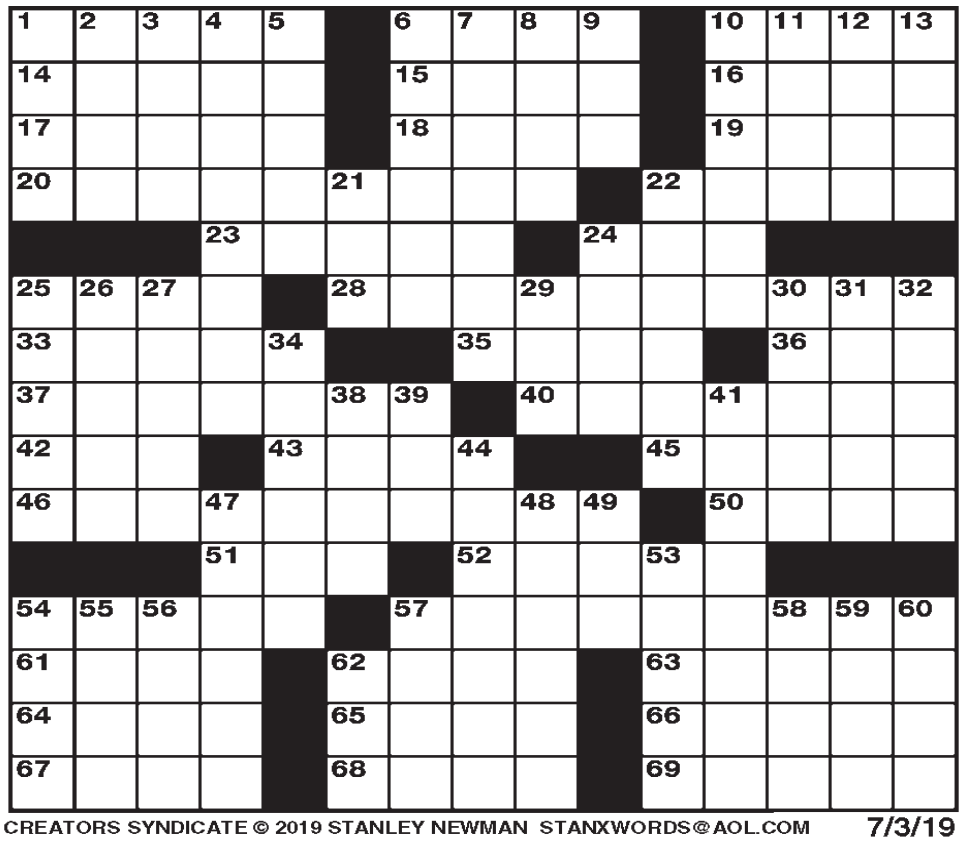
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Nautical "Halt!"
6 Prescriptions, for short
10 Frequently
14 Life of __ (carefree existence)
15 Noble two levels below duke
16 Bottom of the foot
17 Portray in a film, say
18 Dental picture
19 Ferocious dinosaur
20 Life-science lab worker
22 Adventurous pursuit
23 Son of Cain
24 Not at home
25 Norwegian kingly name
28 Accounting department aide
33 Throws a tantrum
35 Need a break
36 Wood-chopping tool
37 Competence
40 Large marine mammal
42 Allow
43 Fly high
45 Butter in a box
46 Old West horseshoer
50 Team's setback
51 Second notes of the scale
52 Most populous country
54 Three-legged art stand
57 Martini mixer
61 Hint
62 __ or less (approximately)
63 Big kitchen cooker
64 Heavy stringed instrument
65 Opera by Verdi
66 Multiplied by
67 Wallet singles
68 Piece of land
69 Aroma

DOWN
1 Typical Saudi citizen
2 End of Caesar's boast
3 Vocal range
4 Elevation standard
5 Boxer Mike
6 Arizona neighbor
7 Eavesdropping distance
8 "Darn it!"
9 Foxy
10 Keenly perceptive
11 Passed-down knowledge
12 Soccer cheers
13 Send a phone message
21 Sailor, slangily
22 Powerful chess pieces
24 Gumbo ingredient
25 Waterpik competitor
26 Tag on a garment
27 Anxious feeling
29 A Kardashian sister
30 Place for a cookout
31 Corporate VIPs
32 Offends the nose
34 Film critic Gene
38 Mix, as a salad
39 Orange side dish
41 Part of NATO
44 *I Love Lucy* surname
47 Moves stealthily
48 Impending danger
49 Top seller
53 Homes made of twigs
54 Repeat back
55 Astronaut Shepard
56 "Fine with me"
57 Prepare water for tea
58 Rounded roof
59 Equalize
60 Take a break
62 Navigator's reference



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 03)

This solar journey is like joining the gift of the month club; there's a treat for you every month. This month it's professional; next month it's financial. You will be energized by social happenings and the spontaneous adventures they lead to. You'll keep developing a beloved idea until it has mainstream appeal. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 8, 1, 48 and 10.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The step that happens right before falling in love is not a footstep into the abyss but a moment of noticing that takes one down, down, down, deeper into noticing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Effective communication makes everything easier. It starts with the set-up. Whatever you can do to make the environment around the communication more appealing will greatly assist the actual transaction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The proverb declares the truth of landscapes: "Constant dripping weareth away stone." Constant dripping is also very annoying. And who has the time? Need sand to stymie it? There's plenty of that already out there waiting for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one wants to do things just because another person commands it. You are influential because you find what's in it for the other person and point out those benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a logical and clear path to what you're after today, but that way is no fun. You've already done it. There's nothing new or interesting there. The long and winding road will be most pleasurable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not be conscious that you're selling anything, and yet you're compelled to find common ground and start agreeing on things. You just want to be connected to more people, and you will be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because you're drawn to or repelled by a thing doesn't make it good or bad. It's a matter of fit. People do have a tendency to confuse bad fit with rejection, however, so be careful not to tease their expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to start a project at the beginning. Imagine the ending vividly, and then take on one of the middle steps and work back and forward from there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you have nothing to say, you stop saying and start listening. There are those around you who haven't learned the skill yet. You'll model it for them today and learn quite a lot in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even as your style evolves, there are certain tenets that remain unchanged. These essentials that are "so you" identify you more than any other factor, even your face. To consider what they are is an act of self-appreciation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today sees you getting behind your own best ideas. First you, and then others, that's the way it's going to go. Then again, the more you love your choices, the less you need other people to love them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It won't be so easy to see what's helping and what's hurting the project. Less-than-optimum events may be just the things to point you toward the crucial information you need – the thing that saves the day a month from now.

Venus Powers Down

No one gets power without owing some sort of a debt to others. And the more power a person has, the more rules that person must follow about using and keeping that power. Before you make a power move, ask yourself, "Is it really worth it?" Venus moves into Cancer, emphasizing her softer side and the strength of compassion and service.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

Today's lunar opposition to Saturn begs the question, "What is an opposition?" The second-most powerful astrological aspect (after the conjunction) is the opposition. Planets are in opposition when they are 180 mathematical degrees apart from each other in an astrological chart. Think of two children on a seesaw at the park. They're as far apart from each other as they can possibly be, and yet they share a common center. Planets in opposition have contradictory agendas, yet there is still the possibility of finding balance in the middle. We on earth may experience conflict and confusing push-pull feelings during oppositions. Opposites do attract, though sometimes one needs to call in a mediator to settle disputes. Today's opposition lasts but brief moments, but the one on July 14, for example, involves the slower moving sun and Pluto. The Cancer sun prefers an insulated and predictable environment while Pluto wants to take things to the most profound and blown-out version of the scenario. When these two duke it out for supremacy, we on earth can expect a to be torn between relaxing in our own little worlds and thinking about the larger implications of doing something as simple as, say, drinking out of a plastic water bottle.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

After dropping out of seminary school at age 14, and ending his high school wrestling career with a knee injury, Tom Cruise nabbed the lead in his high school's production of "Guys and Dolls" and went on to become one of the most ubiquitous movie stars of his generation. A Cancer with moon, Venus and Uranus in Leo, the sign of entertainment, indicates a keen intuition and charisma to spare. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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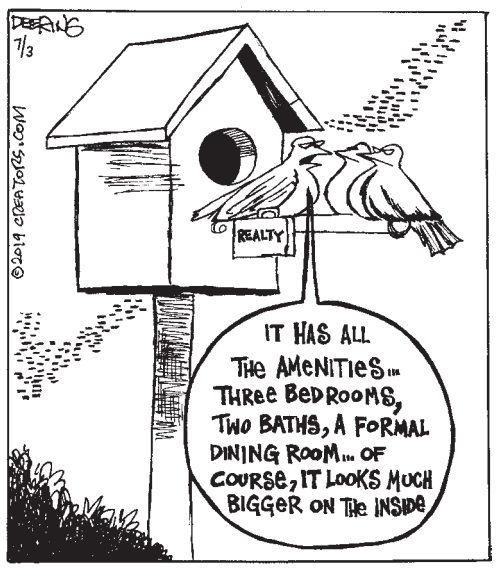
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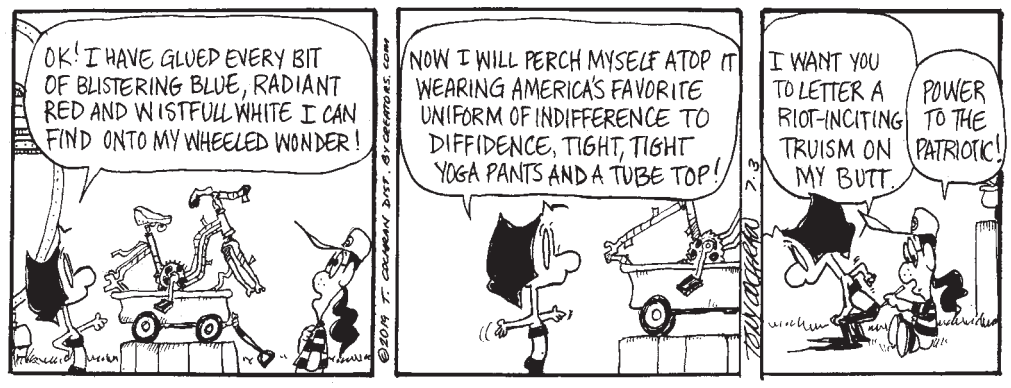
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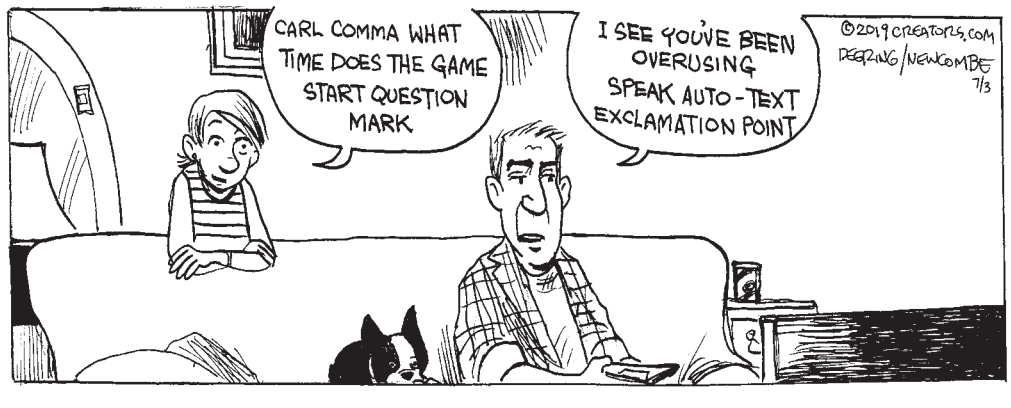
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SKAGGS

FROM PAGE 1

Rawhide, he led all minor leaguers in strikeouts and earned his second all-star award.

At age 20 he was promoted to the Double-A Mobile where he helped the team win the Southern League title. That year, he was also a starter in the XM All-Star Futures Game.

He made his major league debut in 2012 with six starts for the Diamondbacks and had a roller coaster year in 2013 moving between minor league teams and the majors before coming back to the Angels as part of a three-team deal between the Angels, Diamondbacks and White Sox.

"It was a dream come true," Skaggs said in 2014. "The fact that I was drafted by my favorite team; I was head over heels. Then when they traded me, I was heartbroken. But now I'm back! And I'm excited for the opportunity."

He became a fixture on the Angels roster in 2016 after recovering from Tommy John surgery. He made a career-high 24 starts last year, but missed time in April this season because of a sprained ankle before coming back strong.

"Tyler has, and always will be, an important part of the Angels Family," said the statement issued by the Angels this week. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Carli and his entire family during this devastating time."

Skaggs died Monday after being found unresponsive in his hotel room in Texas before the team's scheduled series opener against the Rangers. Police in Southlake, Texas, said they were investigating, but that no foul play was suspected. Skaggs was pronounced dead at the scene after police responded to a call at the hotel Monday afternoon. The season opener between the Angels and the Rangers was postponed.

With the team out of town, dozens of fans went to Angel Stadium and gathered out front in the hours after Skaggs' death was announced. They left flowers, hats, baseballs, signs, photos and other memorabilia in a makeshift memorial mound.

"Words cannot express the deep sadness we feel right now. Our thoughts and prayers are with (wife) Carli and their families. Remembering him as a great teammate, friend, and person who will forever remain in our hearts... we love you, 45," All-Star center fielder Mike Trout wrote on Twitter.

Skaggs was part of the same Angels draft class as Mike Trout, and they were roommates in the minor leagues before Skaggs was traded to Arizona. They played on the same team in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 2010.

Local officials said Skaggs was a valued member of the community.

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District said they were devastated to hear the news.

"Tyler continued to make visits to our schools the past several years to speak with students and we proudly watched his ascent in professional baseball, along with his family," he said in a statement. "Tyler's mother, Debbie, was a previous girls softball coach at Samohi and is currently a physical education teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and fans during this difficult time."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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CURIOUS CITY

FROM PAGE 4

ELLIS ISLAND

Is where the video begins, with photos and film, reminding us that leaving home, your language, family and friends and everything familiar, to travel thousands of miles to some place you know only as an idea, with hope, faith and conviction and the dream of freedom but no assurance that you will be allowed to stay (more than 200,000 Germans were sent home from Ellis), has been our entire history. You look at all those motley faces and colorful clothing from every corner of the earth ("old Ellis Island was swarming, like a scene from a costume ball") and you realize they too were condemned at the time as strange, probably dangerous, "unworthy" to be U.S. citizens. The song refrains to "my grandfather's immigrant eyes," and in the next to last line remembers that "he gave me the gift of this country," and that's when I got emotional.

Isn't that true for almost all of us? But do we think of it that way, or take it for granted? With our schizophrenic history and our dark periods including right now, I think most of us still realize that this is a great country, unique in history, still trying to live up to the ideals upon which it was founded.

MY GRANDPARENTS

Three of four came from Germany in the early 20th Century. They had all died by the time I was born and I know almost nothing about them. But at that moment at the end of the song I realized they had indeed given me the gift of this country. I think all immigrants understand that they are trying to find not only a better life for themselves, but for all their generations of family to come.

Sometimes all the political wrangling in the world can be better said, humanely, in 4:44.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 33 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmr-music@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California launches state-sponsored retirement plan

California has launched a state-sponsored retirement plan targeting employers who don't have options for their workers.

It's part of a state law requiring companies with at least five California-based employees to offer a retirement plan. State officials say as many as 300,000 businesses have to comply over the next three years.

One option is CalSavers, which launched July 1. Employers who sign up for the state-sponsored plan would automatically enroll their workers and deduct 5% from their paychecks into a retirement account. Workers can opt out of the plan. They can also choose their own savings rate.

California Treasurer Fiona Ma says the program will help people "retire with dignity."

A recent study by the University of California-Berkeley says half of the state's private sector workers have no retirement assets.

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