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Twilight's second show welcomes Latin Night



Josh Nicoloro

LATIN NIGHT: The 2019 Twilight Concerts are themed around different musical cultures.

JACKIE SEDLEY
SMC Corsair/Daily Press Staff Writer

Running with the theme of "Local Meets Global," the Aug. 28 Twilight Concert event served to emphasize Latin culture.

Hosting the infamous Helado Negro as headliner, and featuring Banda Las Angelinas and Latinx performer San Cha, audiences found themselves enshrouded in the melancholic yet uplifting energy brought about by Latin-inspired melodies and performances.

The turnout seemed to be a cultural melting pot; while many visitors came out in support of Helado Negro, others simply seemed drawn by the emphasis on music unfamiliar to them.

For other crowd members, the night's cultural inclusion struck a personal chord.

"I kind of like this [week's]

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Coroner: Angels' Tyler Skaggs died of accidental overdose

SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs died from a toxic mix of the powerful painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone along with alcohol in an accidental overdose, a medical examiner in Texas said in a report released Friday.

The 27-year-old Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room in the Dallas area July 1 before the start of what was supposed to be a four-game series against the Texas Rangers. The first game was postponed before the teams played the final three games.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office issued a technical report that said Skaggs died as a result of "mixed ethanol, fentanyl, oxycodone intoxication with terminal aspiration of gastric contents."

It said simply: "Manner of death: Accident."

Skaggs' death laid bare the emotions of manager Brad Ausmus, star outfielder Mike Trout and fellow left-hander Andrew Heaney, his best friend on the team, along

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Fresh Finds: Melons

TATIANA BLACKINGTON JAMES
Special to the Daily Press

Each season has its scents. The intoxicating aroma of pea blossom, whose power belies the fragility of its petals, heralds the arrival of spring. Just as reliably, the odor of ripe melons signals the waning of summer. Musky, sugary, with a hint of fermentation, the matronly perfume reminds us to seize the days as they grow shorter.

At the Wednesday farmers market, Dawn Birch, of Flora Bella farms, was brimming with pride over the fruits of her largest melon planting ever.

"Our water source is snowmelt off the Sierra Nevadas rather than underground well water, which can be tainted," she said. "They say the Sierra snowpack is the cleanest water left on the planet."

Birch's land has been organic since she and her husband, James, started farming it 30 years ago, and she attributes the taste of her product to the purity of the terroir.



Tatiana Blackington James

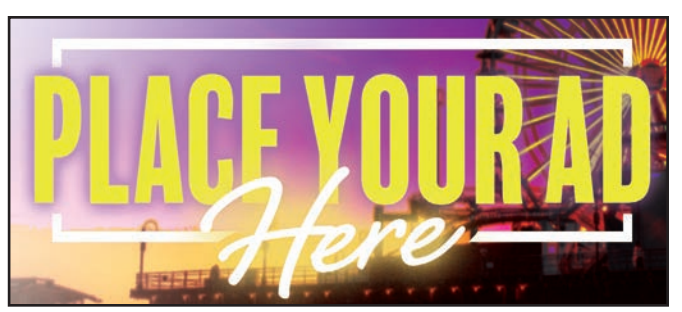
FRUIT: Melons are in season.

"I've been told by eight people and one chef it's the best watermelon

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Stella Frances (Holosko) Staley

Stella Frances (Holosko) Staley, an educator and teacher at the High School and College Level, passed away peacefully at home on July 22, 2019 in Pacific Palisades, California. She was "98 and four months," as she would say. Stella's dear caregiver, Florian, was there next to her, and she held Florian's hand tight.

Stella was born March 26, 1921, in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada to Francis (Kyshk) and John Holosko. Her family also lived in Vegreville, Innisfree and Wainwright. They were farmers, carpenters, sculptors and craftsmen. She had two brothers, Emil and Joseph. Stella played the violin as a child. She enjoyed entertaining; in plays, musicals and ballet as a young student. Her early affiliation with Health and Recreation leaders provided her with many friends, confidence and teaching skills.

Stella received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Alberta; she was so proud of her accomplishment and "pulling herself up from her bootstraps," as she referenced. Stella enjoyed being in the choir at the university. She was one of the founders of the university's ballet program; producing, directing and choreographing several ballets and teaching dance. She was instrumental in creating the first Edmonton Children's Ballet in the late 1940s.



In 1949, Stella left Canada to attend the University of Southern California. She obtained a Master's Degree in Education while her husband was obtaining his Ph.D. She and her late husband, Edwin John Staley, II, who was from Toronto, Canada, met at the University and were married in Santa Ana, California in 1952; "the happiest day," "such a joyous occasion." They moved many times during their careers, finally finding the home they loved in Pacific Palisades where they raised their four children.

Stella worked at several schools during her career, including the University of Alberta, Orange High School (where she started a modern dance program), Riverside Schools, Berkeley High School, San Mateo Schools and South Hills High School. In 1968, she started her 30-year teaching career at Santa Monica High School. She always tried her very best at balancing and keeping up with the household, the kids' activities and teaching; quite a challenging time.

Following her retirement in 1995, Stella was actively involved in the UCLA Teacher for America Mentor Program. She was involved with the UCLA Women's Health Initiative Program, as well. Stella participated in a mentor teacher program for a remedial reading program in Pacific Palisades. She also pursued and loved taking computer classes.

Stella enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved to travel. She continued to pursue her interests in line dancing, fitness and walks at Will Rogers State Beach. She spent many earlier years playing the slot machines in Las Vegas with her dear friend Tess Allen. In her latest years, she pursued that interest by playing three-card poker at the Hollywood Park Casino. She really came alive and had lots of energy with that big smile of hers! A friend remarking recently, "Stella was winning wherever she sat; she had a winning ability."

Stella is survived by her children, Linda (Peter) Biche, Craig (Cathy) Staley, Cheryl Staley, Edwin (Gina) Staley, III and three grandchildren, Tyler, Riley, Connor and one great grandchild, Avery. She is predeceased by her husband Edwin Staley, her brothers, Emil and Joe, her parents and several Holosko and Staley relatives.

Stella's family, with the greatest and warmest gratitude, wishes to thank all of those who cared for her during her last days. We will always carry Stella's memories, her life of pictures and her beautiful smile in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Holy Redeemer Chapel on August 31, 2019, at 10:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable donation may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Salvation Army or a charitable donation of your choice.

For further information, contact Holy Cross Mortuary at 310-836-5500.

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, August 31

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: The Revolutionists

Santa Monica Rep performs a reading of Lauren Gunderson's caustic feminist farce, which imagines a meeting between Queen Marie Antoinette, assassin Charlotte Corday, playwright Olympe de Gouges, and Haitian spy Marianne Angelle during France's Reign of Terror (1793-1794). Seating is limited. Free tickets released 30 minutes prior to performance. Due to space constraints, late seating will not be permitted once the reading has begun. Fairview Branch Library, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Soft Fabric Mask Making

Create inventive and colorful large soft masks using fabric, paint and wool filling. This class will require some hand stitching or hot glue use. Fabric will be provided, but if you would like to repurpose garments from your closet, feel free to bring. Participants can bring a digital camera or smartphone, and a seamless paper backdrop will be available to create costumed portraits and self-portraits. No experience necessary. Free. 1 - 3 p.m.
To RSVP click https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soft-fabric-mask-making-with-mimi-haddon-tickets-60645046968 or call 310-458-2239.

Body Scan Meditation and Sun Prints with Natalja Kent

Studio Resident Natalja Kent offers a guided meditation based on the tenets of Mindful Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), in which participants dive into their own sensations and develop a self-scan of their body. Following the meditation, the group is guided through making cyanotype prints while maintaining the meditative state. To RSVP click https://www.eventbrite.com/e/body-scan-meditation-and-sun-prints-with-natalja-kent-tickets-60674150016 or call 310-458-2239. 1450 Ocean. 11 a.m. - 12:3- p.m.

Educational Travel Adventure for Adults with Road Scholar

Road Scholar Ambassador Jill Swaim will inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. An overview of Road Scholar Program and lecture on how to experience the world, by meeting new people, touching history where it happened, and delving deep into the cultures and landscapes. Pico Branch Library. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 1

Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board Meeting

VAPAB Meeting, Virginia Avenue Park, 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 2

Pool Open

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

Tuesday, September 3

Gentle Yoga at Fairview

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. 6:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library

Walk-In Tutoring

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library. 5 - 7 p.m.

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Malibu

Malibu fights wildfire

The Los Angeles County Fire Department says ground crews and aircraft made progress against a 40-acre brush fire in steep terrain above Malibu on Friday.

Firefighters and a fleet of aircraft achieved 60 percent containment of the blaze by early Friday afternoon, and mop-up continued into the evening.

The fire erupted shortly before noon near Pacific Coast Highway and Sweetwater Canyon Road.

Firefighters climbed steep slopes to reach the flames while five helicopters made water drops and two air tankers painted the flanks of the fire with retardant. Firefighters planed to keep watch on the area through the night to ensure there are no flare-ups.

A huge swath of Malibu including many homes burned last November during the devastating Woolsey Fire.

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LOS ANGELES

Man charged with LA synagogue vandalism, threats

Los Angeles County prosecutors have charged a 34-year-old man with defacing a synagogue and threatening a man.

Cameron Brunson Blake is expected to be arraigned Friday on one count each of vandalism of religious property, which is a hate crime, and criminal threats.

Custody records show Blake is jailed, and it's unclear if he has an attorney. Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at $1 million.

The district attorney's office says Blake is accused of carving an anti-Semitic slur into the door of a synagogue on Aug. 10. Two days later he allegedly hurled an epithet at a man and his infant daughter in Palisades Park and threatened to injure or kill the man.

The charges carry a possible maximum sentence of six years and eight months in prison.

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Coming to national park trails: electric bikes

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Motorized electric bicycles may soon be humming onto serene trails in national parks and other public lands nationwide. It's part of a new Trump administration order — hotly opposed by many outdoors groups — that will allow the so-called e-bikes on every federal trail where a regular bike can go.

Sales of the bikes, powered by both pedals and battery-driven small motors, are booming, and some aging or less fit people have sought the rule change. It will allow them to whir up and down biking trails in the country's roughly 400 national parks and other federally managed backcountry areas.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed the order without fanfare Thursday, classifying e-bikes as non-motorized bikes and giving agencies 14 days to adjust their rules.

The e-bikes "make bicycle travel easier and more efficient, and they provide an option for people who want to ride a bicycle but might not otherwise do so because of physical fitness, age, disability or convenience," National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith said in a statement Friday.

Welcoming the change in Bar Harbor, Maine, on Friday, Gordon Goodwin, 69, said he and his wife look forward to riding the 57 miles (92 kilometers) of carriage paths that meander throughout Acadia National Park.

The paths, offering stunning views of lakes, mountains, forests and the ocean, are popular with bicyclists, but e-bikes have had to stay on the park's roads instead.

"We're stoked. We're really stoked," Goodwin said. "There's just too much traffic on the main park roads that you can't enjoy them. It'll be great to get in the park and see nature and all that stuff."

But more than 50 hiking, horse-riding and other outdoor and conservation associations, including the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Pacific Crest Trail Association, objected in a July letter to the Interior Department. They say the administration is fundamentally changing the nature of national parks with little or no public notice or study.

"If you're hiking on a trail in Utah and you're rounding a bend and something's coming at you at 20 mph, that really changes the experience," said Kristen Brengel, a vice president of the National Parks Conservation Association, a non-profit that advocates for the national park system.

"It's pretty jarring" to those who take to public lands to escape city noise and stress for nature, Brengel said. "You're adding significant speed and a throttle to those trails."

E-bikes are the fastest-growing segment of the bicycle industry, with U.S. sales jumping 72% to $144 million last year, according to the NPD Group, which tracks bike sales. The motorized bikes are popular with commuters and aging baby boomers who might not otherwise get out on a bicycle.

The bikes, which can cost $2,000 or more, combine the frame of a regular bike with lightweight batteries and electric motors.

In parks and other public lands as on city streets and sidewalks, people moving on vehicles powered by electric or gasoline engines frequently jostle for the right of way with people on foot or traditional bikes. In the National Park Service, officials over the decades have tried to carefully sort out rules and systems to minimize conflicts.

In their letter, the outdoor groups complained the decision to allow motorized bikes on bike trails breaks with policies dating back to the early 1970s confining cars, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles and all other motorized vehicles to roads and designated areas or trails on public lands.

Interior's order allows motorized bikes that can go up to 28 mph to be classified as regular bikes.

Riders must use the motor only to boost their pedaling to ride on the bike trails, and not zip along on motor power alone, the Interior statement said.

Bernhardt's order gave agency officials 30 days to come up with public guidance on how the new policy will be carried out by the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge systems, and on land overseen by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

Adam Gariepy, manager of the Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, said Friday he's "tentatively happy" about the new rules. But he has reservations because some e-bikes like his can reach around 28 mph, he said. That speed could be dangerous on trails that have a mix of bicycle riders, horses and carriages, hikers, families and pets.

"It's a two-edged sword. It'll be great for older folks who are afraid of the hills and want to continue riding. But there should be some speed limit with them," he said.

Park Service Deputy Director Smith said the parks "should be responsive to visitors' interest in using this new technology wherever it is safe and appropriate to do."

But Brengel, the parks conservation association official, noted the order comes in a season when thousands of volunteers with trail groups have been in the parks all summer improving trails.

"You put a policy out like this, and it's a slap in the face," she said.

Sharp reported from Portland, Maine.

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Nancy who? GOP targets House Dem 'squad' in campaign attacks

LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

Move over, Nancy Pelosi. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the "squad" of freshmen women of color are emerging as new stars of Republican attacks against Democrats running for Congress.

The tone is being set from the top as President Donald Trump bashes the four squad members with a strategy Republicans are quick to mimic, modeled on his own rise to the White House. Trump set a new standard in 2016 — making some Republicans uneasy — by taunting rivals and branding them with exaggerated nicknames intended to make them unelectable.

The GOP is embracing the tactic for 2020.

A first test will be a Sept. 10 special election in North Carolina, where Trump sparked the "send her back!" rally chant. The Trump-endorsed Republican, Dan Bishop, is portraying Marine veteran Dan McCready and other Democrats as "crazies," ''clowns" and "socialist."

"These crazy liberal clowns ... They're not funny," Bishop says in one ad that features images of McCready, Pelosi and squad members to a soundtrack of circus music. "They're downright scary."

Yet it remains to be seen whether this line of attack will work. For years, Republicans relied on attacks depicting Pelosi, the House speaker, as an out-of-touch San Francisco liberal as they tried to snap GOP voters to attention.

But singling out a new generation of female leaders is risky when Republicans are trying to prevent an exodus of suburban women and independent voters.

The attacks are especially fraught because two of the women — Reps. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., and Ilhan Omar, D-Minn. — are the first Muslim women elected to Congress, part of the historic freshmen class with more women and minorities than ever.

The other two members of the self-described squad are Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass.

Michael Fauntroy, an associate professor of political science at Howard University, said Republicans down the ballot are taking Trump's cue with thinly veiled attacks on race and religion.

"Beating up on Pelosi isn't such a big deal because she's been around forever," he said. "This 'squad' is perceived as a new threat and it's this perfect collection of religion, race and policy position, all tied up in a neat little bow, if you will."

It's not just the Sept. 10 special election in North Carolina where Republican candidates are running against the squad.

A Minnesota Republican warned voters off the squad and its home-state representative, Omar, who wears a headscarf, as he launched his campaign to unseat Democratic Sen. Tina Smith. And Republican strategists are trying to link other Democrats to the group's liberal agenda by branding it "socialist," even if the candidates have not signed on to the Green New Deal, Medicare for All and other liberal proposals favored by the four freshmen lawmakers.

"We will make every Democrat own de facto Speaker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's socialist agenda," said Bob Salera, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "And if a member isn't for it, what are they doing to stop it?"

Republican strategists believe the squad, like Pelosi, will provide a powerful focal point for attacks. Ocasio-Cortez is a recognizable name among voters — higher than some presidential candidates — and not all favorable, they say. The Congressional Leadership Fund, the main outside group aligned with House Republicans, is calling out freshmen Democratic lawmakers they say are "as woke" as Ocasio-Cortez and "palling around" with the New Yorker widely known as AOC. The NRCC routinely

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LOS ANGELES

Officials: Spanish man in LA airport admitted Mexico killing

A 19-year-old Spanish man trying to enter the United States through Los Angeles International Airport confessed to killing someone he caught with his girlfriend the day before in Mexico City, U.S. authorities said.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection detailed the incident in a statement Thursday but did not identify the man, who was denied entry and escorted back to Mexico City by the FBI and border protection officials.

The man arrived at the airport Monday and sought entry as a tourist, but he had no return ticket and a border protection officer thought the Spaniard was nervous and fidgety, the statement said.

The man also had a short video on his cellphone showing him kicking an unresponsive person, the statement said.

"The passenger told the CBP officers that prior to flying to the United States he had caught the subject with his girlfriend, hit him over the head with an object, and kicked him when he was on the ground. The passenger further stated that he had placed the body in the trunk of a vehicle," the statement said.

U.S. authorities gave the information to Mexican federal police, who located the crime scene and body in the trunk of a vehicle.

The Spanish man was returned to Mexico on Tuesday.

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LA VERNE

2 killed, 3 injured Southern California pursuit collision

Two people were killed and three others were critically injured when a car being pursued by police crashed into another car in eastern Los Angeles County.

The La Verne Police Department says officers attempted to stop an Acura Integra for traffic violations at 8:50 p.m. Thursday but it sped on.

After a quarter-mile (0.4 kilometer) pursuit, the Integra collided with a Toyota Corolla near an intersection.

Police say both drivers were pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Two passengers from the Integra and one passenger from the Corolla were also hospitalized and remained in critical condition as of Friday morning.

The collision is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol's major accident team.

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E-cigarette maker Juul facing mounting scrutiny

RICHARD LARDNER AND MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

E-cigarette giant Juul Labs is facing mounting scrutiny from state law enforcement officials, with the attorneys general in Illinois and the District of Columbia investigating how the company's blockbuster vaping device became so popular with underage teens, The Associated Press has learned.

The company's rapid rise to the top of the multi-billion dollar U.S. e-cigarette market has been accompanied by accusations from parents, politicians and public health advocates that Juul fueled a vaping craze among high schoolers. In addition to the ongoing inquiries in Illinois and the district, which had not been publicly disclosed before, four other state attorneys general are probing or suing Juul.

The company also is being investigated by members of Congress and federal health regulators and faces separate lawsuits from Juul users, both teens and adults.

Juul's top executives have disputed allegations that they've marketed their products to teens, declaring that they've taken unprecedented steps to combat underage use of its e-cigarettes. The company has shut down its Facebook and Instagram pages and pulled several of its flavored products out of retail stores. Juul also backs federal legislation to raise the minimum age to purchase all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to 21 nationwide.

Juul spokesman Ted Kwong declined to answer specific questions about the investigations in an emailed statement but reiterated past company steps to prevent youth use. Juul announced Thursday that 50 retail chains have pledged to adopt the company's age-verification system, which requires sellers to scan a customer's ID before selling Juul products.

A senior Illinois law enforcement official described to AP a wide-ranging inquiry being conducted by the office of Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul that is centered on whether Juul violated state consumer fraud laws and other statutes by designing and marketing its products to appeal to underage teens. The official was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

Marrisa Geller, a spokeswoman for District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine, confirmed in an emailed statement an investigation of Juul is underway. She said Racine is concerned about "the dramatic increase in the use of vaping products by district youth" as well as the policies and practices employed by e-cigarette manufacturers to prevent minors from using their products.

The attorneys general in Colorado, Connecticut and Massachusetts have announced investigations of Juul related to concerns over underage use of its products. North Carolina's attorney general filed a lawsuit against Juul in May, asking a court to limit the company's sales and marketing in the state.

All six attorneys general are Democrats.

Juul has repeatedly stated that it understands the concerns about youth vaping and has taken "the most aggressive actions" of any company in the industry to combat the problem. It has spent millions of dollars on newspaper, radio and online advertisements pledging to keep its products out of the hands of young people.

The company also has denied it ever marketed to anyone underage.

Electronic cigarettes, which have been available in the U.S. since about 2007 and have grown into a more than $6 billion-a-year industry, are battery-powered devices that typically heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable aerosol.

Juul, which launched in 2015, now controls roughly three-quarters of the U.S. retail market for e-cigarettes. Last year, one in five U.S. high school students reported vaping in the previous month, according to government survey figures.

Most experts agree the aerosol is less harmful than cigarette smoke since it doesn't contain most of the cancer-causing byproducts of burning tobacco. But there is virtually no research on the long-term effects of the vaping chemicals, some of which are toxic.

The Centers for Disease Control and

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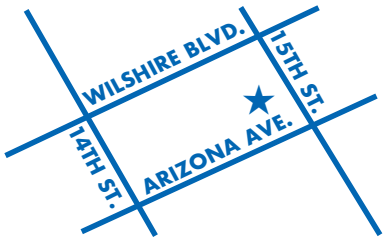
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Wave of child sex abuse lawsuits threatens Boy Scouts

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Associated Press

The Boy Scouts of America is facing a threat from a growing wave of lawsuits over decades-old allegations of sexual abuse.

The Scouts have been sued in multiple states in recent months by purported abuse victims, including plaintiffs taking advantage of new state laws or court decisions that are now allowing suits previously barred because of the age of the allegations.

More litigation is on the way.

A lawyer representing 150 people who say they were abused as Boy Scouts is planning a suit in New Jersey when the state's new civil statute of limitations law takes effect Dec. 1. New Jersey was home to the Boy Scouts' headquarters for about 25 years until 1978.

Among the plaintiffs is Greg Hunt, 62, of St. Petersburg, Florida. He said he was abused during a camping trip in about 1969 in Pennsylvania, where his family lived at the time.

"It'd be nice to have the Boy Scouts account for their lack of ability to do the right thing," he said. "It would be nice for me to have the Scouts say we did wrong by you and by these other boys and by your parents."

The lawsuits raise the possibility that the Boy Scouts, one of the largest youth organizations in the U.S., might be staring at many millions of dollars in settlements or judgments that could lead it to declare bankruptcy, as several Roman Catholic dioceses have done amid litigation over abusive clergy.

The New Jersey suit will come on top of at least 24 that have been filed against the Scouts in New York since Aug. 14, when that state opened a one-year window in which victims of child sex abuse will be able to sue over encounters outside the usual statute of limitations.

Another lawsuit was filed against the Boy Scouts this month in Philadelphia by lawyers who say they have identified hundreds of victims, after a Pennsylvania appeals court ruled that the state's statute of limitations could be set aside if a victim could prove that abuse was concealed by fraud.

Hundreds of other lawsuits filed in Guam and other states have already strained the Boy Scouts finances and have led the organization to consider bankruptcy, among other options.

"The Boy Scouts are going to have to come to grips with the issues of their past," said Michael Pfau, Washington state-based attorney planning the New Jersey lawsuit.

In a statement responding to the pending New Jersey suit, the Boy Scouts said it apologizes to the victims and encourages them to report abuse to law enforcement.

"We believe victims, we support them, we pay for counseling by a provider of their choice, and we encourage them to come forward," the organization said. It added that policies have also been changed to include mandatory criminal background checks. It also added a rule that at least two adult leaders must be present with children at all times during activities.

New Jersey's law, signed in May, allows child victims to sue up until they turn 55 or within seven years of their first realization that the abuse caused them harm. The current statute of limitations is age 20 or two years after first realizing the abuse caused harm. The bill also opens up a two-year window to victims who were previously barred by the statute of limitation. It also allows victims to seek damages from institutions.

That has opened the door to lawsuits by people like Charles Wright, 75, of Salt Lake City, who said he was sexually assaulted by a "Scout commissioner" in Southern California when he was about 11.

"I kept it all a secret for years. I became an alcoholic. I wanted to become a Baptist minister. Instead I became an alcoholic. I became addicted to numerous types of drugs," he said. "It's not easy with this thought rolling through your head about what happened to you when you were a kid."

The Associated Press does not usually identify people who say they were sexually assaulted unless they give permission, as both Wright and Hunt have.

Plaintiffs' attorneys say estimating how much the Boy Scouts have paid out to date and could be liable for is hard because the organization seeks confidentiality in settlements.

Paul Mones, the plaintiff's lawyer in a 2010 case that resulted in a nearly $20 million judgment against the Boy Scouts, said the organization never expected to face such staggering financial liabilities because of statutes of limitations, which barred many purported victims from suing and which states are now beginning to change to help those who say they were abused.

"We are witnessing now, not just with the Boy Scouts, a major transformation (in) how victims of abuse and society view these institutions," Mones said.

The Boy Scouts also said in a statement that they're considering "all options available so we can live up to our social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting."

If the suits in New Jersey and across the country lead the scouts to pursue bankruptcy, that would offer the organization a chance to come up with a plan to repay any plaintiffs, who would have to sign off on the plan, according to Pamela Foohey, a bankruptcy expert at the Maurer School of Law and Indiana University.

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ATTACKS

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assigns Democratic candidates Trump-style nicknames.

What Republicans don't want is a repeat of the Trump rally last month in Greenville, N.C., when the president endorsed Bishop on stage but also went after the women one by one, sparking chants of "send her back!" when he got to Omar, who is a Somali refugee. All are U.S. citizens.

"It's no longer a dog whistle, it's a bullhorn," said Waleed Shahid, a spokesman for Justice Democrats, a group backing the squad.

Republicans acknowledge the risk of taking the rhetoric too far and are trying to keep the barbs focused on policy rather than personalities. They target their liberal policies and criticism of Israel, particularly its treatment of Palestinians.

One Republican strategist said the GOP only expects to use the message in about 13 key House districts where Trump easily won in 2016, rather than more competitive suburban districts that have been trending toward Democrats in recent elections. The strategist was granted anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations.

Ann Gibson, 74-year-old retiree from suburban Charlotte, said Trump's focus on the first-year Democratic women is part of a larger tendency of constantly looking for enemies.

"I think he's a sexist and racist and I think he needs somebody to rage at and that's this squad," said Gibson, a registered Democrat who voted early for McCready. "Everything that he stands for is just, I'm tired. I'm tired of him, I'm tired of the stuff that goes on every day. ... Just the whole thing."

But Republican Denise Shirhall, 65, said she didn't like the squad's directness or the Democratic establishment's tolerance of the women, which she attributed to their being members of minority groups — "because they're Muslim, this and that."

"They're running amok," Shirhall said outside an early voting site in the Charlotte suburb of Matthews. "If they were my kids, I'd pop their hand."

Both parties now say the North Carolina contest is a toss-up. In a district Trump swept in 2016, the tight race is raising questions about whether the attacks will resonate during the 2020 presidential campaign.

Trump, who's making a return visit to North Carolina on the eve of the election, shows few signs of changing course, tweeting that McCready "likes the 'Squad' more than North Carolina."

Pelosi, who appears with cameos in the GOP ads, frequently expresses pride at the more than 130,000 attack ads run against her in 2018. Despite those ads, Democrats won control of the House and she regained the speaker's gavel after six years of GOP rule.

Ocasio-Cortez appears to be taking a similar approach, finding humor in the broadsides against her.

"I love everything about this GOP attack ad," she tweeted about one ad labeled "shallow thoughts" that shows her discussing climate change.

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Associated Press writer Emery P. Dalesio reported from Mint Hill, North Carolina.

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Prevention said Friday that 215 teens and adults in 25 states including Illinois have contracted severe respiratory illnesses after vaping. However, the agency said a clear-cut common cause of the illnesses hasn't been identified and they are being called "potential cases" that are still under investigation. The CDC said in many of the cases patients had acknowledged they'd recently vaped a substance containing THC, the high-inducing ingredient in marijuana. The agency did not say how many of the patients were teens.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the Trump administration "will continue using every regulatory and enforcement power we have to stop the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use."

Kevin Burns, Juul's chief executive officer, told "CBS This Morning" on Wednesday the illnesses are "worrisome" for the industry and for Juul "if we contributed to it." He said the company is in close contact with the CDC to get as much information as it can "so if there's any issue that was ... associated with us, that we can get to the root cause and understand that."

In Illinois, the state's Department of Public Health has called e-cigarette use among teens an "epidemic" and said there is an alarming lack of understanding about the risk for nicotine addiction.

Other areas being investigated by Raoul's office include: how Juul verifies the ages of people who make online purchases from the company's website; the amount of nicotine in the flavored solution and how safe those levels are; and whether Juul has improperly advertised its e-cigarette as a smoking-cessation tool.

Kwong said the Juul system is designed to help adult smokers switch from combustible cigarettes and is not intended to be used as a cessation product. Neither Juul nor any other e-cigarette has yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to help people who smoke traditional paper-and-tobacco cigarettes quit.

The Illinois probe began in the spring. Raoul's office is not coordinating its investigation with other attorneys general, the official said.

Geller, the spokeswoman for Racine, declined to discuss the scope of the district's inquiry. However, a senior official in Racine's office wrote to a Juul representative in early February and asked for a trove of information about how district residents purchase the company's products.

Among the data sought by Benjamin Wiseman, director of consumer protection, was a list of authorized retail stores and third-party online retailers that failed to comply with Juul's rules for preventing minors from buying and using its products. Wiseman also asked that the company "describe in detail the nature of the retailer's failure to comply" and what action Juul took in response.

Racine's office, Wiseman wrote, learned from news reports and conversations with community members and other government officials that use of Juul's products by young teenagers in the district has increased dramatically in recent years.

"Remarkably, one district high school principal estimates that half of the juniors and seniors at her school are using e-cigarettes, many of which we believe are Juul's products," Wiseman told Patrick Lynch, a former attorney general of Rhode Island who runs a lobbying and consulting firm that represents Juul.

Lynch's firm arranged for a meeting in the attorney general's office last November that included himself, Juul chief administrative officer Ashley Gould, Wiseman and Assistant DC Attorney General Brian Caldwell, according to emails obtained through an open records request. Lynch is not registered as a lobbyist in the District of Columbia.

The agenda for the meeting isn't described in the records, although one email from Lynch said they discussed Juul's efforts "to dramatically diminish youth access to their product."

In November, Racine was elected to a second term as attorney general and Raoul was elected to his first. Juul's political action committee gave money to both campaigns. Racine accepted the $1,500 contribution from Juul, the maximum amount allowed by District of Columbia code. But Raoul refused the company's $3,000 donation because it conflicted with his professional responsibilities and personal views, according to Hanah Jubeh, a spokeswoman for Raoul's campaign.

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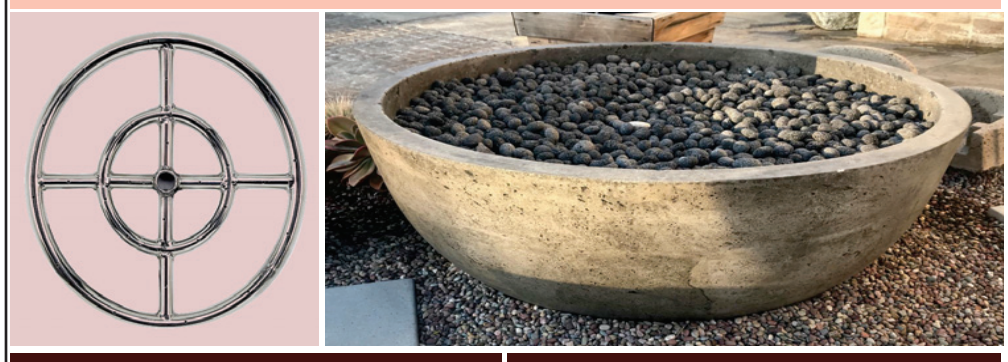


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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 372 CALLS ON AUGUST 28

Auto burglary Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12:50 a.m.
Person with a gun 1400blk Olympic Blvd 1:12 a.m.
Battery 7th St / Colorado Ave 1:45 a.m.
Death notification 900blk Euclid St 3:10 a.m.
Construction noise 1100blk 4th St 3:11 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th St / Arizona Ave 3:41 a.m.
Encampment 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 7:04 a.m.
Illegal weapon 700blk Wilshire Blvd 7:10 a.m.
Battery 500blk Olympic Blvd W 7:17 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 800blk 7th St 7:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 26th St 7:22 a.m.
Encampment 2800blk the beach 7:30 a.m.
Construction noise 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 7:37 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk 5th St 8 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:13 a.m.
Vandalism 400blk Pico Blvd 8:18 a.m.
Petty theft 1000blk 11th St 8:40 a.m.
Vandalism 26th St / Olympic Blvd 8:46 a.m.
Burglary 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:04 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk Princeton St 9:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 26th St 9:06 a.m.
Loitering 1300blk 5th St 9:06 a.m.
Out of order traffic signals Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Euclid St / Montana Ave 9:13 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 9:33 a.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 1000blk 14th St 9:34 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 11th St / Ocean Park Blvd 9:40 a.m.
Identity theft 2800blk Pico Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1100blk 15th St 10:10 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk 17th St 10:16 a.m.
Vandalism 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:23 a.m.
Burglary 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Violation of restraining order in progress 1100blk 26th St 10:44 a.m.
Hit and run felony 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:50 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1100blk 4th St 10:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 11:18 a.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:44 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400blk Harvard St 12:09 p.m.
Burglary 400blk Broadway 12:10 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:16 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 12:18 p.m.
Person down 100blk Kinney St 12:19 p.m.
Burglary 100blk Broadway 12:21 p.m.
Rape 200blk Santa Monica Pier 12:24 p.m.
Fight 1300blk the beach 12:36 p.m.
Grand theft auto 3000blk Arizona Ave 12:40 p.m.
Burglary 2500blk Pico Blvd 12:41 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:02 p.m.
Assault 2600blk 6th St 1:06 p.m.
Grand theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:14 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:18 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 400blk Pico Blvd 2:30 p.m.
Speeding Stanford St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:37 p.m.
Burglary 200blk California Ave 3:02 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1500blk 9th St 3:11 p.m.
Elder abuse 1200blk Berkeley St 3:20 p.m.
Indecent exposure 20th St / Olympic Blvd 3:33 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Chelsea Ave / Wilshire Blvd 3:49 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Stanford St 3:53 p.m.
Battery 3100blk Neilson Way 4:01 p.m.
Battery 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:09 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries Neilson Way / Marine St 4:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 4th St 4:11 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1300blk 15th St 4:17 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 4:24 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 3100blk 6th St 4:39 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk Strand St 4:41 p.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Virginia Ave 4:51 p.m.
Prostitution 2900blk Main St 4:53 p.m.
Critical missing person 2400blk 16th St 5:27 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 2nd St 5:58 p.m.
Fraud 600blk Ocean Ave 6:01 p.m.
Battery 2200blk Pico Blvd 6:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 2nd St 6:20 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:27 p.m.
Domestic violence 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:39 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 26th St 7:11 p.m.
Burglary 200blk 7th St 7:29 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 300blk Olympic Dr 7:35 p.m.
Identity theft 1000blk 4th St 7:38 p.m.
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Auto burglary 1400blk 2nd St 8:54 p.m.
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Fight 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1200blk 23rd St 9:36 p.m.
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Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 10:35 p.m.
Threats 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 10:36 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 14th St 10:36 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 2nd St 10:51 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:53 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:56 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:18 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 2nd St 11:52 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON AUGUST 29

Emergency Medical Service 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:39 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2600blk Kansas Ave 4:36 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200blk Santa Monica Pier 5:26 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk Broadway 7:43 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 8:02 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2300blk Oak St 8:19 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 9:05 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 14th St 10:04 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 16th St 10:17 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 10:19 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:37 a.m.
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EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:51 a.m.
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EMS 1500blk 5th St 11:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200blk Hill St 12:01 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:17 p.m.
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EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:57 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Arizona Ave 7:58 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Main St 8:36 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Main St 8:36 p.m.
EMS 200blk 4th St 9:05 p.m.
Odor investigation 1400blk 16th St 9:09 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:39 p.m.
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Elevator rescue 2700blk Neilson Way 11:24 p.m.

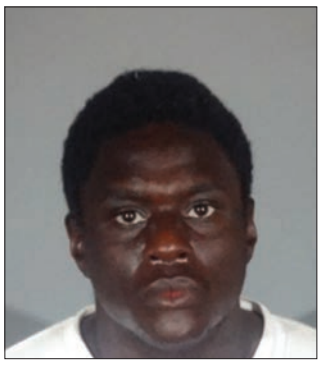
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Context is king. Those who pay more attention to their own minds than they do to environmental cues often annoy the ones who are playing by the rules of context. Then again, the renegades have something to teach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you've seen a lot, it's easier to tell how to handle situations and what level of control is best to assert at any given time. If you haven't seen a lot, less is usually more in this regard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Social media and self-esteem hang in a tricky balance. It's easy to get seduced by the rush of approval in a digitally glamourous setting. But if it comes at the cost of being unselfconsciously involved in life, it's not worth it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In a world where unsolvable mysteries abound, it's pretty awesome to land on a solvable one, figure it out, and then sit back and enjoy the satisfaction therein until it dissipates, as it always does, a little quicker than you want it to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Does someone owe you money? Do you owe someone money? This is a good day to settle up. The new start will have more momentum when the issue of old debts is settled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get what you put into it with children. They don't have the same social references and currencies as people who have lived decades on the planet. Children will lie, but they are still the most honest things we've got.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At some point, incuriousness is an insult. To appreciate a person is to be curious about that person. Among your favorites right now are the ones with question marks in their eyes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll never understand a subject quite so well as you do when you teach it. Deciding to teach things you don't even know about is one of the fastest ways to learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Art is in nuance. Nuance takes experience. Experience doesn't always fall your way; you often have to build it. In the end, you'll create something lovely and nuanced because you pushed for a bigger experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you put something out into the world without worrying too much about what it means or what's going to become of it, that is an act of love. Love and release are often inextricable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The way things look is obviously very important to how they are received. Think twice before you clutter your work or your look with promotions from the world. Sometimes it's just about you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If a person doesn't seem to understand your worth, it may be shortsightedness, but it also may be that you have yet to impart the bigger vision. Let people know the whole of you as you understand yourself right now.

Post-New Moon Encouragement

Are you off to a fantastic start? Because the industrious Virgo vibes could not be more auspiciously inviting to your ambitious efforts. With everything leaning in the direction of production and progress, as long as your aim is in the best interest of many, you cannot go wrong. And actually, even if your aim only benefits you, it's favored.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC

Between Taurus and Hydrus is Eridanus, the river. Some consider Eridanus the second decan of Taurus. Eridanus is a long and winding constellation that looks like a river of stars in the southern hemisphere. In Greek mythology, Phaeton, the son of Helios, the sun god, borrowed his dad's chariot. Now, the sun god had a pretty sweet ride. He drove the sun across the sky every day in a chariot pulled by fiery horses. The solar steeds were just too much horsepower for young Phaeton to handle, and he lost control of the chariot. The sun careened across the sky, scorching the earth, until Zeus finally had to put a stop to it. To save the earth from flaming destruction, Zeus sent a lightning bolt to kill poor Phaeton, who plummeted to the earth in a blaze of glory and landed in the River Eridanus. This myth highlights the notion of stampeding headlong into trouble. Those born under the sign of Taurus are known for bulldozing ahead, for better or worse.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

With over a hundred recordings to his name, Virgo violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman continues to devote himself to the legacy of classical music. With Mercury, Venus and Pluto in Leo, the sign of children and creativity, Perlman embodies his stars. He's a teacher, mentor and major contributor to music programs, including his own Perlman Music Program. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Banalize

Verb (used with object) [buh-nal-ahyz, -nah-lahyz, beyn-l-ahyz]. To render or make devoid of freshness or originality; trivialize: Television has often been accused of banalizing even the most serious subjects..

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



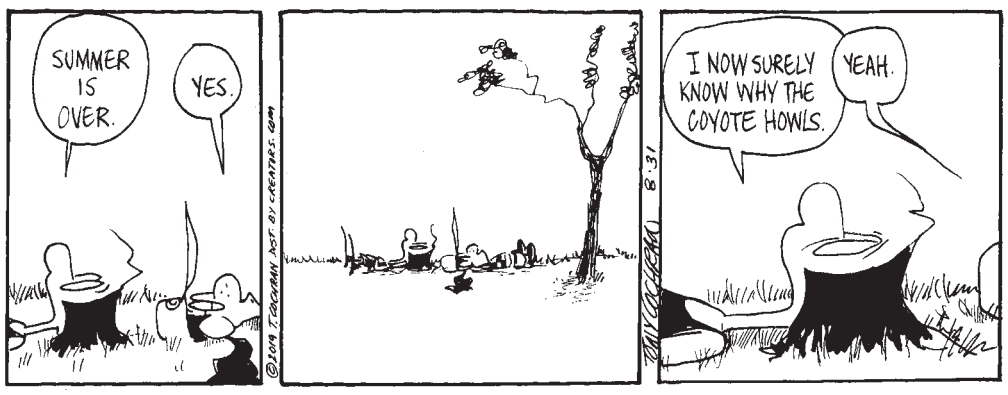
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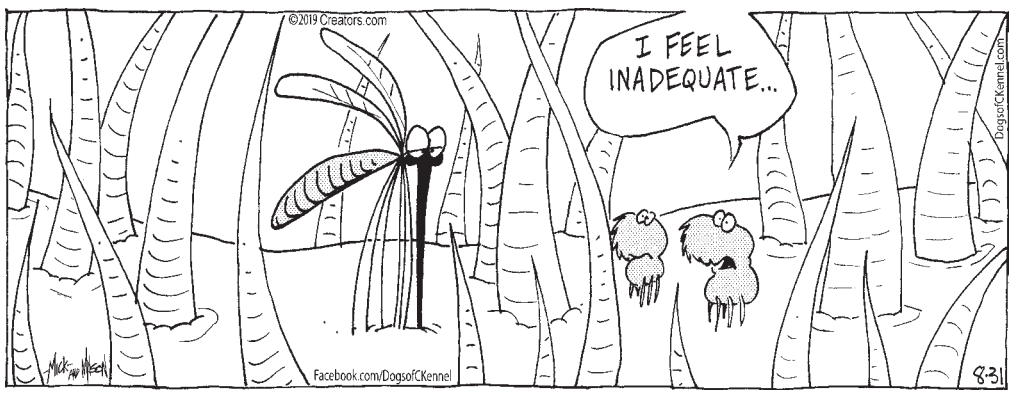
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 72.1°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
S swell eases.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
S swell fades to leftovers.

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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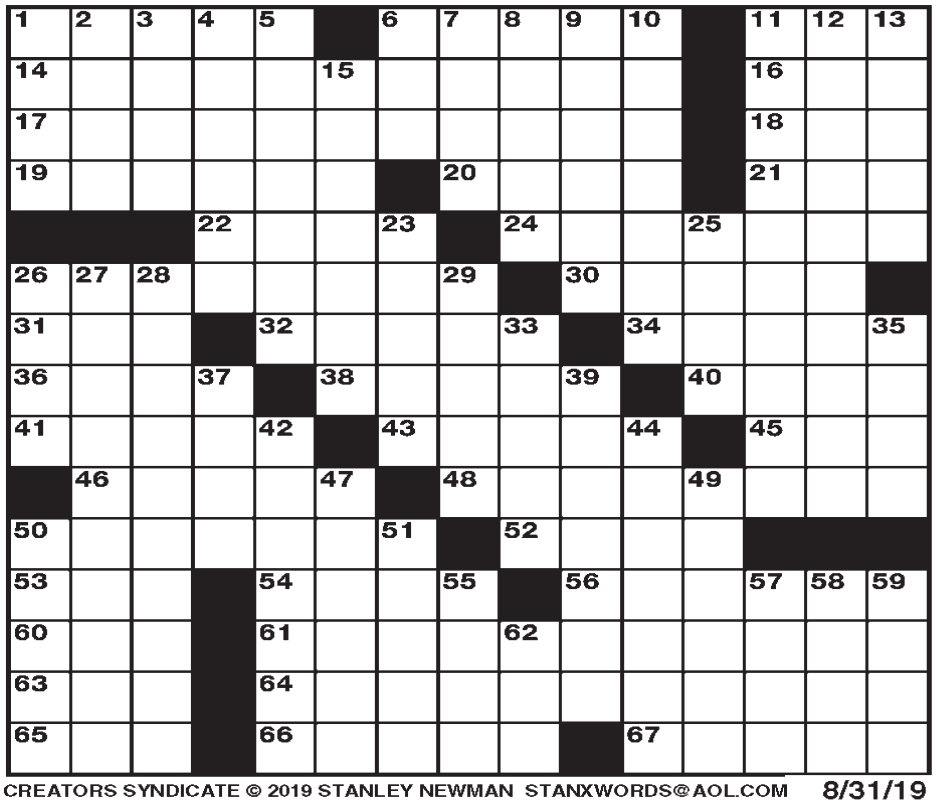
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Plan for the future
6 *Plaza de* __ (common rock concert venue)
11 WindTunnel 3, e.g.
14 Work with a troubadour hero
16 *Sombra* of yellow
17 Vegan 40 Across
18 What a pot may hold
19 Tree-trunk descriptor
20 Dog tail
21 Cruel-hearted one
22 ". . . serpent's tooth . . . thankless child" speaker
24 Enlightened
26 Crack consultant
30 Atmospheric threat detector
31 Org. of the MouthHealthy website
32 __ Frog's (chimichanga chain)
34 Pasternak had one near Moscow
36 Americas' third-largest city
38 City in the Abraham story
40 What a pot may hold
41 *Chicago* guy from Chicago
43 Piercing-sounding poet
45 ". . . __ reasonable facsimile thereof"
46 Mock
48 Eisenhower's favorite author
50 *Amadeus* playwright
52 Settings
53 __-toe boots
54 Of an airway terminal
56 Silky sound
60 What's read in books
61 Start of many a satiric verse
63 Lodging-biz suffix
64 Makes waiters angry
65 It can mean "tongue"
66 Word related to itself spelled backwards
67 Human dynamo

DOWN
1 '60s sci-fi intro speaker
2 Zesty relish
3 Man's first name?
4 WWII-era Hollywood superstar
5 Great breeding grounds
6 Frat letter
7 Inventor of a vertical-use steam engine
8 Curls up or commences
9 Streep author role (2002)
10 Purpose of a pistil
11 Commercial artist, often
12 In the neighborhood
13 Night __
15 Episodes, per 1 Down's intro
23 Don't know when to stop
25 Plans for the future
26 Not-bad filling
27 "Distinctive sound" musical instruments
28 Collapsible?
29 "Help power the real you" brand
33 Supremely stately
35 "Get lost!"
37 On or after
39 Word from Hebrew for "lampstand"
42 Make stick
44 Got
47 Holler at home
49 @__ (supermodel's Instagram handle)
50 Hit hard
51 Eastern Caribbean sectarian
55 "Beware __ anyone cheat you": Colossians
57 Window dressing
58 *Popular Mechanics* car columnist
59 Place of contentment
62 SF's Fillmore and Franklin



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SHOW

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music better, because honestly I kind of grew up with it," said returning concertgoer Christopher Moraga. "I know how to dance to it a little more."

In addition the cultural diversity seen in the crowd, show also appealed to a wide variety of age demographics.

"It's a family event," said Boxed Water Mass Marketing Manager Thomas D'Agostino. "We also got great people anywhere from 20 to 40 to 50 years old, it's a great mix of people."

The comedy stage drew a smaller crowd. Nevertheless, visitors seemed to appreciate the inclusion of the stand-up stage, as it further emphasizes the diverse interests observed by attendees.

"Culture is culture, do everything you can," said attendee Lucas Serventi when asked about his thoughts on the concert stage. "Embrace all of it."

The Santa Monica Pier will continue to host the Twilight Concert Series on Wednesdays for the entirety of September. Continuing with cultural themes, the next four weeks consist of "Middle East Beats," "Island Tides," "Aussie Splash," and "Japanese Vibes."

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MELONS

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they've ever tasted," she said.

Birch also has excellent cantaloupes.

"It's a Tuscan melon, and the texture is really lovely."

Greg Nauta of Rocky Canyon Farms said his melons have a few too many fans this year, namely deer and gophers. The critters are spoiled for choice.

"Our main melon is the Ambrosia cantaloupe," he said. "It has an awesome smell to it, great flavor, super sweet. It's a softer melon. We do the Crenshaw, which is a larger melon but it's a deep, rich flavor, and the Charlyn, which we call tropical; it's not quite a honeydew."

Nauta is saving for a fence to keep out the thieving hordes, so you may want to buy one of each.

Francisco Gemez of Munak Ranch sells adorable Ananas melons the size of baseballs. Ananas is French for pineapple, but this fruit has a rich caramel note. Gemez said he has more varieties ripening up near Paso Robles, which he'll bring to market in the coming weeks.

In Southern California summer lingers through September, after the tourists have gone, school has started and the sun's angle sharpens. It's drawn out good-bye feels at once generous and cruel, and the aroma of melons, sweet and decaying, reminds us it can't last forever.

Then pumpkin spice takes over everything.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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CORONER

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with the rest of his teammates and LA staff members.

The first game after Skaggs died was played without music or the usual in-game promotions for the Rangers, who painted his number "45" on the back of the mound at Globe Life Park.

In their first home game after Skaggs died, the Angels beat the Seattle Mariners 13-0 on a combined no-hitter from Taylor Cole and Félix Peña. All the LA players were wearing Skaggs' number and covered the mound with their jerseys after the victory. It was a day before what would have been Skaggs' 28th birthday.

The day before he died, Skaggs posted a picture on Instagram of him and the Angels in cowboy hats and other western clothing outside their plane. Skaggs organized the effort because the club was stopping in both major league cities in Texas.

His family has suggested a team employee was being investigated by police in Texas over the 27-year-old pitcher's death in an accidental overdose.

A statement from the family thanked police in the Dallas suburb of Southlake for the investigation and said they "were shocked to learn that it may involve an employee of the Los Angeles Angels."

The family released the statement after the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office made public its report of Skaggs' death.

Skaggs' family said such drug use was "completely out of character for someone who worked so hard to become a Major League Baseball player." The family said it had hired Texas attorney Rusty Hardin to find out how Skaggs ended up with the drugs.

Southlake police said the investigation was ongoing and wouldn't release additional information. The Angels said the club was cooperating with the investigation.

The Southern California native was drafted by the Angels in the first round in 2009 and made his big league debut with Arizona three years later after being traded.

Skaggs returned to the Angels in 2014 and missed all of the next season recovering from reconstructive surgery on his left elbow. He also spent more than three months on the disabled list in 2017 with a right oblique muscle strain. Skaggs was 28-38 with a 4.41 ERA in 96 career appearances, all starts.



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