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CANDIDATE PROFILES 2018

Santa Monica College Board



NANCY GREENSTEIN

The Daily Press will run a profile of each candidate in the 2018 election.

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WHAT SANTA MONICA ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH OUTSIDE SMC?

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Students4Students Board (homeless shelter for college students),

Broad Stage Board

Malibu/SMC Joint Powers Authority Board

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights

L.A. County West Vector District Board

So. Calif. ACLU Board

Santa Monica/UCLA Medical Center Board of Advisors

WHAT SMC CLASSES HAVE YOU TAKEN? WHAT WAS YOUR GRADE?

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Nuns on the Bus pray they can motivate Santa Monica and beyond





Courtesy photos

PROTEST: A nationwide political protest will begin in Santa Monica on Monday with Nancy Pelosi attending the first stop.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Political turmoil in Santa Monica is nothing new. Whether it's environmentalists fighting for a greener city or the children of our community fighting for gun control, political action here is commonplace. However, nuns in a bus railing against the establishment might be something new in the city.

Network, a Catholic social justice advocacy group, will send it's Nuns on the Bus to Ocean View Park on Monday, October 8 to embark on a U.S. tour, with Nancy Pelosi in tow for their Santa Monica start.

The group will tour throughout the country to educate voters on what they say is a deceitfully-named Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. They'll also get residents ready for midterms voting, educating them on issues and candidates. At the end of their tour, they'll arrive at Mar-a-Lago in Florida

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Achievement data shines positive light on SMMUSD students

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Student's futures look brighter in the school district after some review and changes.

At the Thursday, October 4 school board meeting in Malibu, the SMMUSD school district analyzed student achievement data and changed policies to better protect immigrant students.

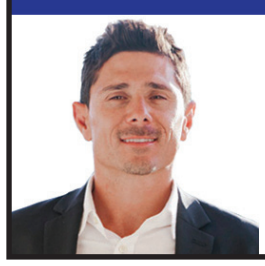
Staff presented a study to the board on student achievement lag data. School staff routinely analyze recent data surrounding student learning in order to see where adjustments can be made to better increase educational performance.

The presentation compared five years of data, detailing areas of success and need in Early Development Instrument (EDI), A-G rates, Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and high school grad rates.

Areas of success included improved AP participation in all demographics, increased AP pass rates and decreased high school dropouts. The presentation noted that, as a district, SMMUSD's high school graduation rates are higher than both LA County and the State's rates. Minority graduation

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 6

Compost Giveaway

Residents can come and fill up five large burlap sacks with compost, while supplies last.
7 a.m. to 2 p.m. City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue.

Connected Families: Robot Playtime at Main

Bring your family to play with the robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. For kids and Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Video & Memory with LD Wedgeworth

A digital video workshop exploring narrative video making. Lisa will show some of her works and discuss issues to consider when creating documentary, self-exploratory and investigative works. Bring a camera phone or digital camera, laptop and cables if needed, and install iMovie or other editing software on your device(s). 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost: $5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68143
or call (310) 458-2239.

Ocean Park Book Group: The Door by Magda Szabo

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7

COAST Open Streets Festival

The City of Santa Monica will host the third year of COAST, an open streets event that gets people walking, biking, skating, and scooting through two miles of activated streets. Along the route, participants will experience live music and performances, local food, art installations, exciting restaurants, one-of-a-kind shops, promotions on the Pier, and unique areas promoting mobility, art, and sustainability. Main Street, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 8

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting. Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 9 p.m.

The Disabilities Commission Regular Meeting

The mission of the Disabilities Commission is to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and staff on those issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, 6:30 p.m.

Community Helper Storytime

Join organizers for a monthly series. Special guest Chief Rose of Santa Monica Fire Department will share stories for preschoolers. Ages 3 - 5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Santa Monica Review 30th Anniversary reading

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Santa Monica Review, one of the West Coast's leading literary journals. Readings by short story master Stephen Cooper, writer-critic David Ulin (The Lost Art of Reading: Why Books Matter in a Distracted Time) Best American Short Stories prizewinner (and filmmaker) Steve De Jarnatt, and debut novelist Katya Apekina (The Deeper the Water the Uglier the Fish). Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Introduction to Healing with Flower Essences

Christine von Liederbach discusses how to use flower essence to bring more harmony, joy, love, and peace into your lives and of your love ones and provides you with information about how to make a flowers essence with flowers from your own back yard. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Author Readings Celebrate Release of Santa Monica Review Thirtieth Anniversary Issue

Santa Monica College (SMC) announces the release of the Fall 2018 Thirtieth Anniversary issue of Santa Monica Review, SMC's esteemed national literary arts journal. Published twice yearly, the Review showcases the work of established authors alongside emerging writers, with a focus on narratives of the West Coast, and is the only nationally distributed literary magazine published by a U.S. community college.

To celebrate the landmark issue, a launch party and Review author readings and other events will be held throughout the month of October at Santa Monica College and a number of other Southern California literary venues including Beyond Baroque, the Annenberg Beach House, Santa Monica Public Library, and UC Irvine.

THE COMPLETE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LINEUP IS:

• "Santa Monica Review Presents..." (Issue Launch Party)

5 p.m., Sunday, October 14 | The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Tickets: $10 (available on Brownpapertickets.com)

The launch party will open with a welcome by award-winning filmmaker (Miracle Mile) and short story writer Steve De Jarnatt, and will feature readings by four recent contributors to the magazine: Santa Monica Review founder Jim Krusoe (The Sleep Garden) and frequent contributors Vishwas Gaitonde, Dylan Landis (Normal People Don't Live Like This), and Richard Wirick (Kicking In).

Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase and author signing. Abundant free parking available on premises.

• Santa Monica Review at Annenberg Community Beach House

Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. | Annenberg Community Beach House(annenbergbeachhouse.com), 415 Pacific Coast Highway, Santa Monica. Free.

Review contributors read in a gorgeous public venue, presented by the Beach=Culture series, a program of the City of Santa Monica. Readings by short story master Stephen Cooper, David Ulin (The Lost Art of Reading: Why Books Matter in a Distracted Time), Best American Short Stories winner Steve De Jarnatt, and debut novelist Katya Apekina (The Deeper the Water the Uglier the Fish). Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Parking at the Annenberg's lot is $3/hour.

• Santa Monica Review at Beyond Baroque

Sunday, October 21, at 7 p.m. | Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center (beyondbaroque.org), 681 Venice Boulevard, Venice.

Tickets: $10 at the door.

Venice's landmark literary arts center welcomes Review editor Andrew Tonkovich and readers Molly Jackson, Dawna Kemper, JP Valliéres, and Yxta Maya Murray. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

• Santa Monica Review at UC Irvine

Tuesday, October 23, at 5 p.m. | UC Irvine School of Humanities (illuminations.uci.edu), Humanities Gateway 1030, Irvine. Free.

Review editor Andrew Tonkovich and contributors to the magazine join a panel sponsored by UCI's Illuminations series – "Campus Literary Magazines: An Enduring Commitment to Creativity and Community" – with representatives of six local literary journals, readings by literary magazine fans Michael Jaime-Becerra (This Time Tomorrow) and Michelle Latiolais (She). Refreshments and free copies of the magazine will be available. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. Parking is $10.

• Santa Monica Review at the Santa Monica Public Library (Montana Branch)

Saturday, October 27, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | SMPL Montana Branch

1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica 90401. Free.

Santa Monica Library's charming Montana Avenue branch hosts a reading by Rhoda Huffey (The Hallelujah Side) short story writer Brian Ingram, and frequent contributor and editor Lisa Alvarez.

The Thirtieth Anniversary Issue – edited by Andrew Tonkovich, who also hosts the weekly show"Bibliocracy" on KPFK (90.7 FM) – features 15 original pieces, including work from Review founder Jim Krusoe and frequent contributors Janice Shapiro (Bummer), Monona Wali (My Blue Skin Lover), Richard Wirick (Kicking In), and acclaimed John Fante biographer and story writer Stephen Cooper.

Late longtime friend of the journal Robley Wilson (After Paradise) shares a story of remembrance and loss. SoCal writer Linda Purdy delivers another elegant meditation, Diane Gurman takes a hilarious if instructively doomed middle-aged road trip, and SMC creative writing workshop student Molly Jackson crafts an eerie domestic drama.

Writers Casey Walker (Last Days in Shanghai) and Brian Ingram make their Review debuts, as does novelist Yxta Maya Murray (The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Kidnapped) with a multi-voiced fiction exploring creativity, motherhood, and their economic relationship.

The 200-page special expanded edition features long and short work and, for the first time, graphic storytelling. Combining interrogations of both reality and imagination, the stylistic range of this anniversary issue includes traditional, as well as experimental writing in a reliably eclectic and challenging literary mash-up in keeping with the iconoclastic magazine's tradition as initiated by founder Jim Krusoe.

Santa Monica Review is available for sale online (www2.smc.edu/sm_review) and at the SMC Campus Store, Beyond Baroque in Venice, and other area booksellers. Copies are also available by mail and by subscription through Santa Monica Review, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica 90405.

The publication costs $7 per issue or $12 for the two issues each year. For more information, visit the Santa Monica Review website (www2.smc.edu/sm_review) or call 949-235-8193

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Citywide

$205,503 Raised for Santa Monica Education Foundation,

The Santa Monica Education Foundation raised $205,503 during Pledge Days, which included a $50,000 matching gift from OneWest Bank and Santa Monica Place/Macerich. The fundraising effort ran from September 23-29 and the $50,000 match inspired 351 donors to contribute.

"Pledge Days and this match are a brilliant example of our entire community supporting education," said Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. "Our generous corporate matching partners and each donor who contributed during the match have helped ensure that our Santa Monica children benefit from important staff and programs next year. On behalf of our students, we are grateful for all that our donors make possible in our schools."

Donations made during Pledge Days will fund staff and programs at schools across Santa Monica. Programs funded by donations include elementary arts, instructional assistants in elementary classrooms, 5th grade ballroom dance and a stretch grant for each Santa Monica school. Each school decides how to spend their grant. Most are used for additional arts, STEM or student wellness programs.

"We are incredibly humbled and inspired by the results of this match," said Julia B. Ladd, Assistant Vice President, Property Management at Santa Monica Place. "It is an honor to partner with the Education Foundation and all the donors in our community to ensure that local Santa Monica public school children are thriving."

"Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthy cause," said Steve Solk, president of Consumer Banking for CIT, the parent company of OneWest Bank. "OneWest Bank is committed to investing in the communities where we live and work. We are thrilled to be part of this collaboration to ensure all students in Santa Monica have access to an excellent education."

As part of Pledge Days, Ed Foundation and PTA representatives were on campuses at all Santa Monica elementary schools to thank donors and encourage others to support programs in Santa Monica public schools. The event also included two one-day Flash Matches. On September 26, FLEX College Prep matched donations up to $2,500 and on September 28 David Yun and the Eighty8 Group matched donations up to $5,000. Annual donations and Ed Foundation endowments are funding $2.6 million in programs during the current school year. Fundraising for 2019-2020 school-year programs will continue through June 30, 2019. For more information or to make a donation to support Santa Monica students, go to smedfoundation.org.

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Malibu

Overnight Closures on Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) for Median Replacement Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced plans to close lanes on a mile segment of State Route 1/Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in Malibu next week.

From Monday, October 8 to Friday October 12 between 9 p.m. - 6 a.m., the following closures will be in place:

• One northbound AND southbound lane of PCH between Puerco Canyon Road to Corral Canyon Road.

At least one lane in each direction will be open at all times. The closures are weather permitting and subject to change.

The work on PCH is part of a project to reconstruct the existing raised median island between Puerco Canyon Road to Corral Canyon Road to meet current standards. It also seeks to improve traffic safety along PCH by reducing the amount of improper turns.

C. A. Rasmussen, Inc., of Valencia is the contractor. The project is anticipated to be completed in winter 2018/2019.

Caltrans reminds drivers to be "Work Zone Alert" and to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

SUBMITTED BY ERIC MENJIVAR

LOS ANGELES

Denzel Washington to receive AFI Life Achievement Award

The American Film Institute is honoring Denzel Washington with a Life Achievement Award. The organization said Friday that Washington will receive the award at a Gala Tribute on June 6 in Los Angeles. It will be broadcast on TNT.

Washington's Hollywood career has spanned over four decades where he has acted in, directed and produced films. With nine Academy Award nominations, Washington has won for his performances in "Glory" and "Training Day." He's also won a Tony Award for "Fences."

The 63-year-old will be the 47th recipient of the prestigious honor from the AFI, joining the ranks of Mel Brooks, Robert De Niro, Meryl Streep and Alfred Hitchcock. Last year's AFI Life Achievement Award honoree was George Clooney.

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Tesla's autopilot is better than you, statistically

When it's machine versus man, it's more likely you'll be exchanging insurance information with man, according to data released by the electric-car maker Tesla.

In the first quarterly report on the safety of its autonomous vehicles, Tesla said it recorded one accident for every 3.34 million miles driven when the autopilot was engaged. That is a vastly better record than the one compiled by humans.

The most recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data shows one auto crash for every 492,000 miles driven in the U.S. without an autonomous assist.

In Tesla cars that do not have the autopilot engaged, the company said it recorded one accident or crash-like event every 1.92 million miles.

The crash of any autonomous Tesla vehicle receives intense coverage due to the fascination over the confluence of technology and man, and also fascination with the company's CEO, Elon Musk.

Musk has grown agitated over that coverage.

After a Model S collided with a firetruck this spring in Utah and the driver suffered a broken ankle, Musk tweeted that "It's super messed up that a Tesla crash resulting in a broken ankle is front page news and the (tilde)40,000 people who died in US auto accidents alone in past year get almost no coverage."

Tesla says it's now going to start publicly releasing accident data every quarter.

"Early Friday, Tesla put the brakes on the autonomous features of its latest software, called "Version 9.

The technology is intended to allow autonomous technology to take over a vehicle to pass cars on highways, and also handle highway entrances and exits.

Musk said in an early morning tweet that the software is being released widely right now, but that the autopilot functions will undergo a few more weeks of testing.

"Extremely difficult to achieve a general solution for self-driving that works well everywhere," Musk tweeted .

Shares of Tesla Inc. slid 5 percent in early trading Friday with a broader sell-off in U.S. markets.

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LOS ANGELES

Downtown LA sees cases of flea-borne typhus

Public health authorities are investigating an outbreak of flea-borne typhus in downtown Los Angeles.

County Health Officer Dr. Muntu Davis announced this week that although typhus can occur throughout the county, several cases have occurred in the downtown area.

Typhus is a disease caused by bacteria found in infected fleas that can come from many kinds of animals including cats, rats and opossums. Symptoms can include high fever, chills, headaches and rashes.

Accumulations of trash that attract animals like rats may increase the risk of exposure.

Typhus is treated with antibiotics. It is not transmitted person-to-person.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS







Matthew Martin, Zane Meyer-Thornton and Ana Ramiro

AWARD: Several students from Santa Monica College won journalism awards recently.

Citywide

SMC Student Newspaper The Corsair Wins 11 Jacc Awards

Several Santa Monica College (SMC) student journalists, current and former staff/contributors of The Corsair, SMC's student-run newspaper, have won 11 awards–including 5 in first place–from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC). The awards were announced at the 2018 JACC SoCal Conference held Saturday, Sept. 29 at California State University, Fullerton.

Student journalists from 19 Southern California community colleges competed in various categories; there were 671 entries overall for the JACC awards, which represents the best of student journalism from California community colleges.

"The Corsair student staff are dedicated journalists who through the years have established The Corsair newspaper as one of the best student publications among community colleges in the region," said Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins, SMC Journalism Professor and Corsair adviser. "These latest awards serve as a testament to the talent and hard work of the newspaper staff, and the strength of the Journalism program at Santa Monica College."

THE FULL LISTING OF 2018 JACC AWARDS WON BY THE CORSAIR IS:

- Feature Photo, First Place - Zane Meyer-Thornton
- Online Photo Story/Essay, First Place - Matthew Martin
- Online Photo Story/Essay - Second Place - Helena Sung
- Environmental Portrait, First Place - Matthew Martin
- Environmental Portrait, Fourth Place - Matthew Martin
- News Photo, First Place - Ana Ramiro
- News Photo, Third Place - Jayrol San Jose
- Sports Action Photo, Third Place - Matthew Martin
- Feature Story, First Place - Wilson Gomez and Helena Sung
- General Excellence, Print Edition - Edward Lee, Lauren Label, Pyper Witt, Daniel Cifuentes-Farr and Trevor Schock
- General Excellence, Online Edition - Emeline Moquillon and Edward Lee

SMC Journalism Professor Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins advises the Corsair; Photojournalism Professor Gerard Burkhart serves as the photo adviser.

The Corsair staff produces a weekly newspaper in the spring and fall semesters and also maintains an online news site, www.thecorsaironline.com.

Founded in 1955, JACC is a nonprofit which bridges the gap between students, educators and publications by providing networking and educational events aimed at inspiring members at each stage of their journalism career; JACC also holds contests that are a benchmark for community college journalism excellence, offers scholarships and professional development for educators, among other things. Visit jacconline.org to learn more.

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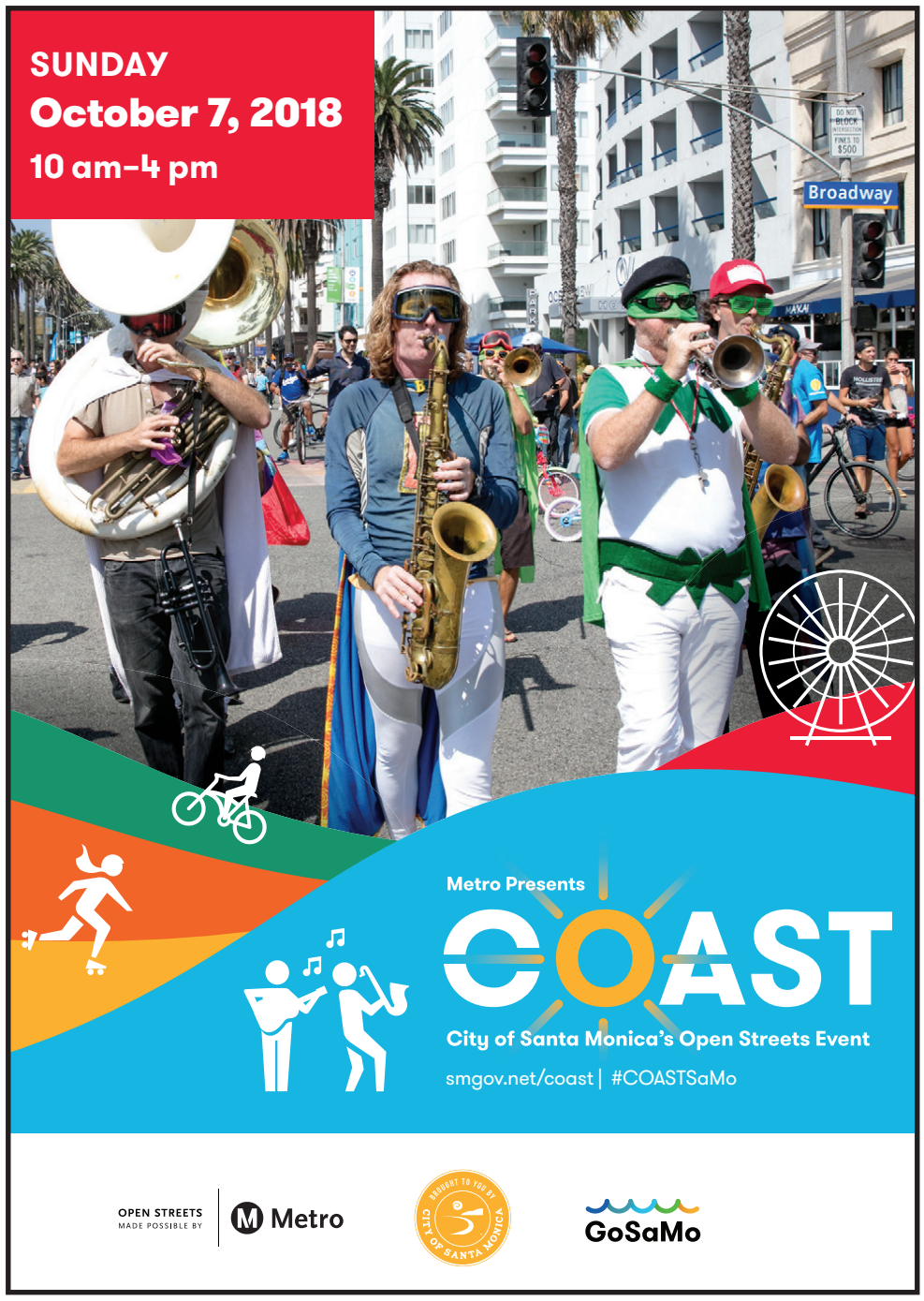
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NUNS

FROM PAGE 1

where they'll share stories of people affected by this political regime.

Santa Monica-born Sister Simone Campbell, Network's executive director and Nuns on the Bus spokesperson, took the time to speak to the Daily Press days before her and her sisters embark on their cross-country journey.

WHY SANTA MONICA AS A TOUR STARTING POINT?

It's a city of beauty! The vista overlooking the Pacific is a good metaphor, too— we'll be overlooking Mar-a-Lago soon, a whole sea-to-shining sea type thing.

But also, Santa Monica... As I understand it, our city has done a lot for the common good, caring for the planet, increasing walkability, those kinds of things. So we wanted to hold up the positive reality of Santa Monica, we wanted to start in a place where there's a bit more hope, politically.

THE FOCUS OF THE EVENT IS ABOUT THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT. THERE'S SOMETHING NEW WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION EACH DAY, WILL OTHER TOPICS BE DISCUSSED?

Other topics will be discussed. Kavanaugh, the President, all that stuff. We'll get to 'em, definitely. We start off with a focus on tax legislation because I think peoples eyes glaze over when they hear about taxes.

But this Tax Cuts and Jobs Act really highlights the partisan nature of what the problem is in our nation, especially with Congress at this point. Republican Congress wouldn't let Democrats see it or send amendments, wouldn't even let them be involved in the very basic making of the tax bill. Then they rammed it through Congress in 6 weeks.

That's not right, that's not who we are as a country. I want to educate people to take notice of these things and stay angry at it.

YOU'RE AGAINST THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT, KAVANAUGH, AND THE PRESIDENT. IS IT SAFE TO SAY YOUR GROUP LEANS LEFT?

A lot of what we do may sound left-leaning, but it's more gospel-leaning. (laughs) We're a gospel-related organization and we take the gospel seriously.

I call myself an equal opportunity annoyer. We bugged the Obama administration on many issues, many times. What we do or protest against is driven by the needs of the marginalized, who we should all be standing with.

This tax cut doesn't help the marginalized, it only helps the rich get richer. Jesus says the rich will have a harder time getting into heaven, like squeezing a camel through the eye of a needle.

For Santa Monica, I understand the city has issues with homelessness and then there's housing prices ... I don't think middle-class people can afford a place to live here ... Those are issues we fight for. We all just need to get up and care for the ninety-nine percent. It's simple gospel.

IS THERE EXCITEMENT ABOUT NANCY PELOSI JOINING YOU?

We're excited that Nancy Pelosi is coming, she has been a champion for the needs of people who are left out for so long. The thing I've come to know about Pelosi is she still needs to be supported in order to care for the less fortunate. She's also a woman of faith, but struggles in this political climate. I want to support her spirit. It'll be a tour/benefit for both of us.

YOU'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SIX YEARS; WHAT MAKES THIS YEAR SO IMPORTANT?

Midterms. (laughs) We realized we've got to go on the road and get people fired up. All the Nuns on the Bus events have been important for their issues and reasons, but I'm most impassioned about this one.

[The tour] is a message to the people. It's us saying, We employ our representatives in Congress. I want to help people do the employee interview. This event and the midterms are our chance, we the people, to change this direction of this country.

The Nuns on the Bus Tax Justice Truth Tour will include 30 Catholic Sisters attending 54 events in 21 states over the course of 27 days on a tour that begins October 8. A full schedule is available at: www.nunsonthebus.org/events.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FULLERTON

Southern California city fights mosquitoes bearing West Nile

A Southern California city is being sprayed with pesticide after an increase in mosquitoes testing positive for the West Nile virus.

The Orange County Register reports vector control workers began spraying pesticide from trucks in Fullerton early Thursday and were to continue into Saturday.

Between Aug. 24 and Sept. 28, there were 29 mosquito samples that tested positive for the virus, including 27 from the area being sprayed. One of two human cases in Fullerton this year occurred in that area.

The pesticide is being applied at the rate of under an ounce per acre.

The Centers for Disease Control says most people infected with West Nile don't have symptoms but about one in five develop a fever or other symptoms, and one in 150 develop a serious and sometimes fatal illness.

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LOS ANGELES

Historic 1920s era Los Angeles building burns

Fire has ravaged a vacant Los Angeles church that had been on the city's list of historic and cultural monuments since 1993.

The Fire Department says it took more than 130 firefighters to battle the blaze which raged for hours Thursday morning near downtown and still smoldered early Friday.

The structure combining Spanish Colonial and Mission architecture was built in 1924 as the Pierce Brothers Mortuary, allowing undertaking services and memorial services in a single establishment.

It later served as a house of worship for various congregations for many years.

The Fire Department says the cause of the fire has yet to be determined, but a task force on church arson cases was notified because the building had been a house of worship.

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is slightly up, as well.

Areas of need included a decrease in high school graduates completing A-G requirements, a decrease in AP participation and pass rates amongst minorities and economically disadvantaged students in the district, and students reportedly not being mentally engaged with their work.

To assist in areas of need, staff says they'll increase focus on helping English Learners and the economically disadvantaged, review classroom design and management to keep students engaged, and develop a framework that strengthens career pathways for students.

Board members were pleased with the presentation, with board member Craig Foster saying that he loved the data presented. "I think we're on the right track," Foster said. "We're taking things from ideas, to implementation, to great execution."

In addition to reviewing lag data, the district approved changes to policies and regulations related that help protect immigrant students in various ways. The policy changes reflect law AB 699. According to the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, the law "requires local educational agencies to implement additional protections to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status or country of birth, have the opportunity to pursue their education without undue fear or risk."

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SATURDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
Tropical swell eases. NW/WNW swell and SW swell hold.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SEPTEMBER 28, AT ABOUT 9:16 P.M.

Officers responded to the Civic Center Parking Structure - 333 Civic Center Drive - regarding a subject loitering in the parking lot. Officers located the subject in level two of the parking structure. The subject did not have a car in the lot or a valid reason for being in the structure. The subject was also using a power outlet in the structure to charge his cellular telephone. A computer check of the subject led to the discovery of an outstanding disturbing the peace warrant for his arrest. The subject was placed under arrest. Iric Ray Messing, 25, homeless, was arrested for loitering in a city structure, theft of utility service, probation violation and outstanding warrant. Bail was set at $40,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 428 Calls For Service On Oct. 4.

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

Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 1:56 a.m.
Battery 20th / Pico 2:05 a.m.
Domestic violence 1200 block Pico 4:33 a.m.
Domestic violence 1200 block Pico 5:51 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 7:27 a.m.
Battery 1300 block Ocean Front Walk 7:28 a.m.
Attempt burglary 2200 block Colorado 7:41 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 17th 8:14 a.m.
Person with a gun 400 block Expo Line 8:23 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block 15th 8:46 a.m.
Burglary 500 block Broadway 9:09 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 9:29 a.m.
Traffic collision 200 block Bicknell 9:51 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block Wilshire 10:14 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block Wilshire 10:15 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block Euclid 10:17 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 10:19 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block 18th 10:25 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 2nd 10:33 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block Santa Monica 10:36 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 10:37 a.m.
Lewd activity 15th / Broadway 10:50 a.m.
Indecent exposure 11th / Santa Monica 11:32 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block Adelaide 12:11 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Olympic 12:38 p.m.
Battery 200 block Broadway 12:41 p.m.
Traffic collision Main / Colorado 12:43 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:45 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:47 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / 26th 1:16 p.m.
Petty theft 3100 block Santa Monica 1:40 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 1:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 7th 1:51 p.m.
Burglary 2700 block Neilson 1:53 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block Cloverfield 2:14 p.m.
Traffic collision 2500 block Lincoln 2:21 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 2:27 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 2:42 p.m.
Theft recyclables 800 block 7th 2:55 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield / Pico 3:36 p.m.
Elder abuse 1600 block Santa Monica 3:54 p.m.
Traffic collision 2500 block Santa Monica 3:58 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 4:07 p.m.
Traffic collision Stanford / Broadway 4:16 p.m.
Grand theft 1900 block Cloverfield 5:00 p.m.
Burglary 100 block Wilshire 5:06 p.m.
Indecent exposure 600 block Wilshire 5:15 p.m.
Hit and run Main / Marine 5:47 p.m.
Fight Ocean / Colorado 6:31 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1300 block Wilshire 7:02 p.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean / Bay 7:07 p.m.
Drunk driving 21st / Dewey 7:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 2nd / Ocean Park 7:28 p.m.
Panhandling 11th / Colorado 8:22 p.m.
Burglary 100 block Wilshire 8:26 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block Broadway 8:56 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 6th 9:07 p.m.
Traffic collision Centinela / Pico 10:20 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block Santa Monica 10:38 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Michigan 11:10 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Michigan 11:33 p.m.
Person with a gun Barnard / Ocean Park 11:55 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Harvard 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 39 Calls For Service On Oct. 4.

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

Emergency Medical Service Main / Olympic 1:16 a.m.
EMS 20th / Pico 2:06 a.m.
EMS 2400 block 34th 2:44 a.m.
EMS 800 block Woodacres 2:55 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 4:07 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block Arizona 6:10 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 6:59 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Main 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 8:17 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 9:21 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 200 block Bicknell 9:53 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block Hill 10:01 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 10:18 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Wilshire 10:29 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 11:00 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 11:39 a.m.
Structure fire 800 block 4th 12:05 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 12:25 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 12:29 p.m.
EMS Main / Colorado 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 6th 12:47 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 1:37 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 1:38 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Franklin 1:52 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 2:35 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Santa Monica 3:55 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Stanford / Broadway 4:16 p.m.
Automatic alarm 0 block Pico 4:40 p.m.
EMS 3200 block Airport 4:51 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Hill 6:34 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 2200 block Ashland 7:05 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Bay 7:17 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Virginia 7:27 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Berkeley 9:28 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 9:41 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 10/3
41 53 59 63 66
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 253M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/2
2 22 29 31 34
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 420M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/3
9 16 18 20 32
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/4
11 18 22 28 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/5
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 10/4
EVENING: 8 8 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/4
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:47.17

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WORD UP!

schadenfreude

1. satisfaction or pleasure felt at someone else's misfortune.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Doc Talk

■ FABIANS: felt awful but I'm all right now syndrome

Observation

■ "A natural death is where you die by yourself without aid of a doctor."

Medical History

■ This week in 1978, U.S. scientists announced the production of human-type insulin by a strain of genetically engineered E. coli bacteria. A normal body's production of insulin takes place within pancreas cells programmed by certain genes. The scientists synthesized copies of the genes and inserted them into a weakened strain of intestinal Escherichia coli. In 1982, insulin became the first recombinant DNA drug to be marketed.

MYSTERY REVEALED!

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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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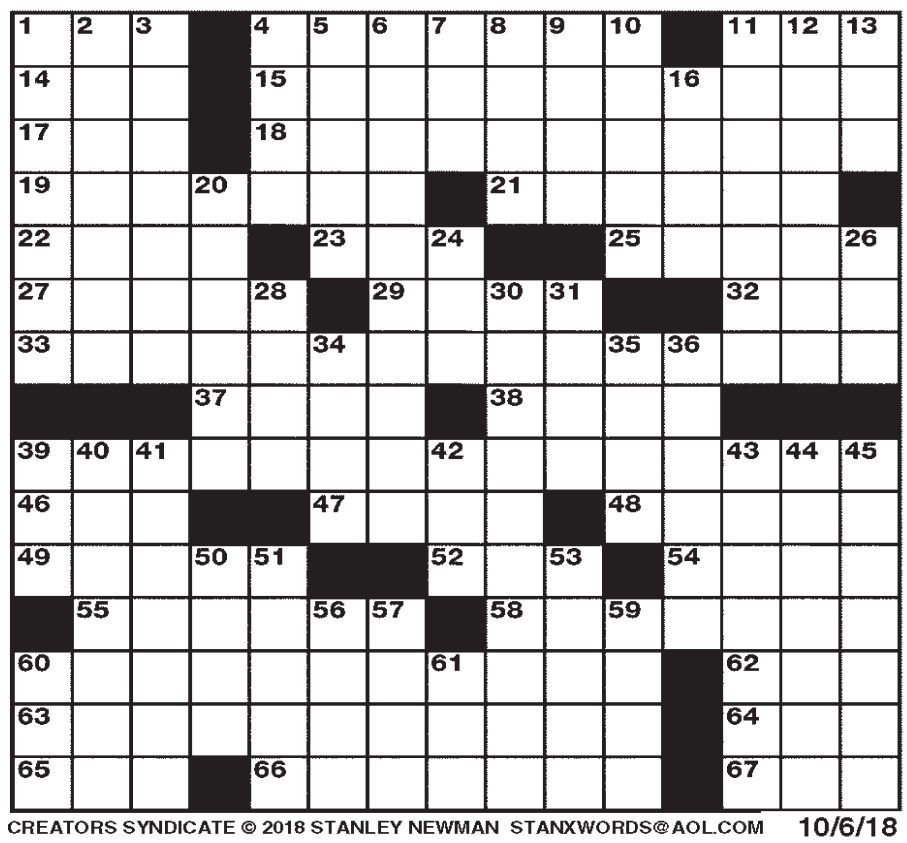
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Pinch hitter
4 Alternatives to Mustangs
11 Preening type
14 "Borne hither, __ all eludes me": Whitman
15 Closely following
17 Word from the Turkish for "lord"
18 Author who edited her husband's poems
19 2007 Emmy winner as Beatriz Suarez
21 Consult
22 Reminiscence opener
23 Class
25 Fuji setting
27 First Japanese luxury car
29 Nonparticipation worry, in texts
32 First Super Bowl officially a "Super Bowl"
33 Fitness buff's maxim
37 Cover with mud
38 Possible bed for fish
39 What good pitching can overcome
46 Coyotes, on NHL scoreboards
47 Well-aimed
48 Performance place for Plato
49 Non-American with the most PGA wins
52 Lance bombardier, in the RAF
54 Juan's "an extra"
55 Late-spring arrival
58 Tackle a cap
60 *Esprit de corps*
62 Orange Muppet monster in a tutu
63 Group headquartered in barracks
64 Verb with preposition and noun homophones
65 Bit emitted from some smoke detectors
66 System conveying blog updates
67 What TR headed in 1900

DOWN
1 Sign of agitation at the beach
2 What good pitching may convey
3 Fish catcher in training
4 Showed
5 Woz employer in '73
6 Scruples
7 Even a single
8 Chin __
9 Plant watcher, for short
10 __ life
11 What was once called a "fountain paintbrush"
12 Beef tallow by-product
13 Yanni's BA major at Minnesota
16 Grand Exalted Ruler's subjects
20 Took advantage of a "pay one price" promotion
24 Takes out
26 Metaphor for allocations
28 Entry-level govt. case workers
30 Older of the only mother-daughter Nobel Prize pair
31 Inventor motivated by proliferating stories
34 Dwelling mentioned in *Colorado: Hut to Hut*
35 Outer opening
36 Butterfly collector's hangout
39 Part owner of Air Greenland
40 Sushi bar sentiment
41 Any of nine guys at a scrimmage
42 __ chariot (vehicle for Helios)
43 Latter-day free speech advocate
44 Passing
45 Stoics' opposites, sort of
50 What Wharton requires you to take
51 One posting on Jobrapido.com
53 Standing by
56 Refresher courses
57 Joining promises
59 Cross, with "off"
60 CBS All Access offering
61 Small wonder of myth



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Judge: Trump administration can't tie funding to immigration

SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

A U.S. judge in California struck down an immigration law Friday that the Trump administration has used to go after cities and states that limit cooperation with immigration officials.

The ruling by Judge William Orrick also directed the U.S. Department of Justice to give California $28 million that was withheld over the state's immigration policies.

It was at least the third decision by a U.S. district court judge in recent months declaring the immigration law unconstitutional.

However, none of the three rulings immediately invalidated enforcement of the law nationwide. The law at issue forbids states and cities from blocking officials from reporting people's immigration status to U.S. authorities.

Orrick's ruling Friday in lawsuits by California and San Francisco may be the most significant yet because it applies to a major target of the administration's opposition to sanctuary jurisdictions. Orrick forbid Attorney General Jeff Sessions from enforcing the immigration law against California or any of its cities or counties.

DOJ spokesman Devin O'Malley declined comment.

The Trump administration says sanctuary cities and states allow dangerous criminals back on the street.

San Francisco and other sanctuary cities counter that turning local police into immigration officers erodes the trust needed to get people to report local crimes.

Orrick said the immigration law "undermines existing state and local policies and strips local policy makers of the power to decide for themselves whether to communicate with" immigration officials. It also shifts a portion of immigration enforcement costs onto states, he said.

"California expresses the legitimate concern that entanglement with federal immigration enforcement erodes the trust that Latino and undocumented immigrant communities have in local law enforcement," the judge said.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said the ruling was a victory.

"We will continue to stand up to the Trump administration's attempts to force our law enforcement into changing its policies and practices in ways that would make us less safe," he said in a statement.

The administration cited the law in litigation filed against California in March that sought to block three state laws.

One of the laws prevents police from providing release dates and personal information of jail inmates — information administration officials say they need to safely remove dangerous people who are in the country illegally.

U.S. Judge John Mendez in Sacramento has allowed California to continue enforcing that law.

California could use Orrick's ruling to ask Mendez to reject the administration's claim that the state is violating the 1996 law, said David Levine, an expert in federal court procedure at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Sessions announced more than a year ago that cities and states could only receive Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants if they allow federal immigration officials access to detention facilities and provide notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released.

Orrick ruled Friday the U.S. Department of Justice could not require San Francisco and California to meet those requirements to obtain the Byrne grant.

"These unconstitutional grant conditions were yet another example of presidential overreach," San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said in a statement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 6)

You will claim a fulfilling sense of community in the months to come, involving yourself in scenes that fit nicely with your worldview, interests and with what you have to contribute. Other highlights include a renovation of your domestic digs, a project that gets funded and being a major part of a loved one's advancement. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 33, 31, 2 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
In school, we study for the tests to get the grade. Real-life relationships aren't forged in tests. We make the grade through routine pleasant interactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Games, awards or some kind of competition is featured. If you win, be gracious and brief. If you lose, the same applies. Either way, you're likely to win a friend, acquaintance or at the very least, a new contact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Most people will go wide; you should go deep. Do the best you can do at the thing you do the best and you'll be sprinting past the rest, making a name for yourself, carving out your unique niche.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You'll be making things and presenting things. Perfection isn't the point. Take a step back. What matters about this? What will people's take away likely be? Speak to that. Any attempts at perfection are misguided.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It's not about going slow, it's about creating a sustainable rhythm you can carry out time and time again, a steady march that will get you across the regions to where you want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's not always as easy as it seems to figure out what you really want and need because it's different for every person. To see yourself and your needs more accurately is the start to attracting more desirable circumstances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You have charisma to spare. The challenge is in directing it well and handling the attention that comes with it. Which is the most appealing choice. Which is the kindest?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
What you're making isn't for everyone, so don't concern yourself with what everyone thinks about it. Cater your efforts specifically to the people for whom they will matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The way to happiness will be very simple. Find what matters to you and get deeper into it. Learn it well, do it often, take your understanding and appreciation of it to the highest level you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Love doesn't always feel like love because it takes on so many forms. Some of the forms, for instance, the more truthful ones, can sting a little but you'll still find them very worthwhile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Informal gatherings will be part of the fun. The conversation will be interesting, the food delicious. Plus, it will be satisfying to know that you can charm people just by being you.

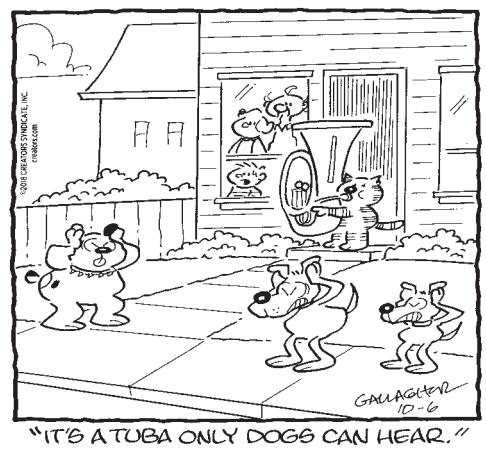
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Let someone take care of you. You don't have to be needy to do this, of course. People take care of one another in many different ways. Accepting a little help or tenderness is as good for the relationship as giving it is.

LUNAR ACTION SEQUENCE

Once you start moving, you really can't tell what's going to happen. Though if you don't move, you can be pretty sure that nothing much will. The Virgo lunar influence forms various angles to major planets, spicing up the action for movers and doers with fortuitous lessons, fantasy-inspiring events and a profound coincidence courtesy of Pluto.

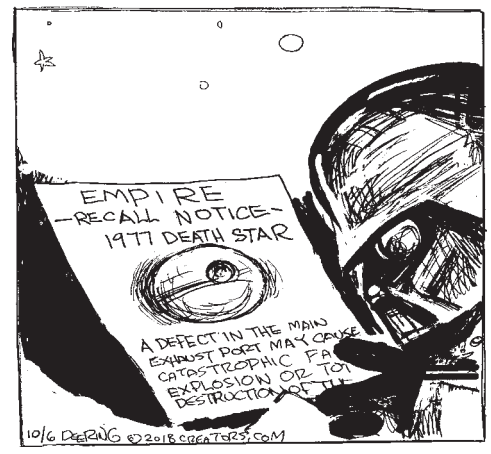
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FROM PAGE 1

Continuing education, language classes - not for grades.

WHAT CLASSES ARE ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE MODERN JOB MARKET?

General Education requirements, such as English and Math remain important to the student's foundation. Counseling 20, the student success seminar, explores factors that impact lifelong learning. Counselors and faculty advisors help student determine the essential offerings for their personal goals.

HOW MANY ARTS EVENTS (PLAYS, CONCERTS, ART SHOWS) FEATURING SMC STUDENTS HAVE YOU ATTENDED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

Approximately 50

WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE TO BRING STUDENTS TO CAMPUS WITHOUT THE USE OF A CAR?

SMC is a leader in this area: staff and students ride the Blue Bus for free, off-site parking with a shuttle to the main campus, arrangements with ride sharing services including LIFT and WAZE, 17th St/SMC EXPO station and we continually seek out new approaches to reduce our traffic footprint.

IS THE SMC BOARD MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO STUDENTS (WHEREVER THEY MIGHT LIVE) OR RESIDENTS (REGARDLESS OF THEIR SMC AFFILIATION)?

We are accountable to all students. We have programs for our local community including dual enrollment, Young Collegians, Priority Enrollment for classes, summer institutes for SMMUSD and local community students. We have a counselor that visits Santa Monica High providing information on our programs and helping with transition.

IS THE CAMPUS A NEVER-ENDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR CAN YOU FORESEE AN END TO EXPANSION?

The construction is less about expansion and more about providing an exceptional learning environment for students and shared spaces for our community. The college population is not expanding. We are replacing older temporary buildings, adding technology, reengineering science buildings and creating green spaces. We are grateful to our community for their support.

HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY SHOULD BE PUT INTO CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION VS. UNDERGRAD?

Preparing students to transfer, continuing their academic education and providing career and technical education is a significant part of our mission. However, programs like Emeritus College, ESL, providing classes to help with skills for a promotion or a better life also serve our community. We are a community college.

DOES THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION STILL FOCUS ON THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE OR WILL EDUCATION BECOME MORE VIRTUAL?

The campus experience will always be important. Attending classes, science laboratories, technology, student interaction, joining clubs, resource centers, i.e. Veterans, playing collegiate sports and campus jobs help students persist, make career decisions and learn to navigate in our world. On-line and hybrid classes will continue to play a significant role.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO LEAD A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION LIKE SMC AND HOW WILL/DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOARD?

I have worked as a teacher, social worker, administrator and community activist. My first job was teaching 2-4th graders in a two-room school on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico; recently, I retired from UCLA as the Director of Police Community Services. In between I acquired advance degrees and valuable professional experience including in setting policy, overseeing the budgetary process and managing personnel – important leadership skills and knowledge that I bring to my work at SMC. Both a leader and a team player, I respect our students, faculty and staff. I believe it is my job to stay informed and be part of the solution. As a new board member, I identified funding from an outside source to ensure that a new building would meet LEED certification standards, the first one to do so and the start of a legacy of environmental leadership. I believe it is important that our community college students understand public policy as it impacts their lives and those of their families' and communities every day. I was able to secure a seed grant that started The Public Policy Institute at SMC and, today, we offer AA degrees and certificates in public policy, the only community college in the state to do so.

I am proud of these two examples of my leadership but mostly a trustees' job is the collective work of insuring that our college serves our students and communities. We are number one in transfers to the UC; in the forefront of career and technical education, have the highest ratio in the state of students to counselors, and this fall started offering the Santa Monica College Promise Program, which includes free tuition and a stipend for books to incoming recent high school graduates attending full time. I am a leader on our board, whether making the hard decisions or the popular ones. Above all I care about student success. This is why I serve. I feel fortunate to have watched amazing students representing the diversity of our communities, coming with different experiences and challenges, succeed. There is more to be done; we must implement the new state funding formula, develop and enhance pathway programs, protect our vulnerable students, work with our neighbors, our city and school district. The most rewarding part of my job is the opportunity to mentor the next generation of leaders.

WHY IS SMC AND THEREFORE THIS ELECTION RELEVANT TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED SMC?

Residents, who have not attended SMC, may have children who will go there or take a dual enrollment class at the high school. Perhaps their parents or neighbors take classes at Emeritus College. Maybe they swim at the pool, attend world class performances at the Broad Stage and listen to KCRW. They go to a local hospital and their nurse or respiratory therapist earned their credentials at SMC. A study conducted a few years ago by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office showed SMC leading the state in "local participation", a measure of how well a community college serves its local residents. According to SMC enrollment data, approximately 27,000 Santa Monica and Malibu residents (an unduplicated count) have taken classes at SMC over the past decade. SMC district residents care about education and understand its importance to the future of our society.



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