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Popular taco shop closed (for now)

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's beloved, tucked-away-taco shop Tacos Punta Cabras is on the move. Enthusiasts who headed to their Santa Monica Blvd location with hopes of grabbing a fish taco or a cup of ceviche this week were met with an empty restaurant and a "closed" sign instead. A post on the restaurant's Facebook page gave a few more details.

"We apologize that we had to move, but rest assured, we are growing in size, space wise, as well as menu size," the post read.

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Dog attacks on mail carriers hit 6,755

BY HOPE YEN
Associated Press

Booming online retail sales are good news for the U.S. Postal Service, but its carriers are incurring a cost: more dog bites.

Dog attacks on postal workers rose last year to 6,755, up 206 from the previous year and the highest in three decades, as internet shopping booms and consumers increasingly demand seven-day-a-week package delivery and groceries dropped at their doorstep. The high for attacks dated back to the 1980s, at more than 7,000, before maulings by pit bulls and other potentially aggressive dogs became a public issue.

Los Angeles topped the 2016 list with 80 attacks on postal workers,

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Grades of Green working on environmental change at local schools

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Grades of Green is changing the future by teaching local Santa Monica kids environmental ethics.

The nonprofit has worked with Santa Monica schools for the past five years and the partnership has continued this year at several locations including Santa Monica High School, Franklin Elementary, John Adams Middle School McKinley Elementary and Will Rogers.

Last week Grades of Green took a visit to John Adams, and spent a day teaching students how to reduce liter. They played educational and environmental games to help engage and educate the kids about waste reduction.

Grades of Green visits each participating school and conducts an eco consultation to get to know the school environment a little bit better. They talk to teachers, parents and students and see what environmental cause they want to focus on.

"After the consultation and learning about the school we recommend what would be a good fit for that particular school," said Grades of Green Senior Program Manager, Emily Gee. "The school then picks what Grades of Green activity they want to take on that year. We do our best and work with them to help them achieve that particular activity."

Grades of Green has multiple activities that range across the environmental spectrum. Covering issues regarding energy, water, toxins, waste, air, and earth.

"The two popular activities that get chosen are the Trash Free Lunches, and the No Idle Zone," said Gee.

Trash Free Lunches encourage students to bring lunch in reusable containers and the No Idle Zone encourages parents to turn off their engines when waiting for their children. Allowing the school environment to be as clean as possible for the school and the students. Those are just two of the most common activities, and the hope is participate in these activities outside of school.

Currently students at McKinley are managing an onsite composting program in their drought tolerant garden. They are properly recycling e-waste and recycle in the classrooms. The school is reeducating their students about Trash Free Lunches and lunchtime waste sorting through campus wide assemblies.

Like McKinley, Will Rogers is reeducating their students about Trash Free Lunches, planning a compost/planting day and a bike and walk day to school during Earth Month.

Franklin Elementary works with the organization to provide school wide education about why it is important to reduce waste and protect the environment, and how to do it at lunchtime. Students are separating trash from organics to recycling and to landfill waste.

At John Adams, the ASB team along with Grades of Green team conducted a "Grades of Green Day" during lunch. Playing trivia games and orchestrated a waste race to teach kids how to sort recyclable items from landfill waste. They hosted a water refill station to encourage staff and students to use reusable water bottles in lieu of single use plastic bottles.

Right now Samohi has 120 Science students that are conducting sustainability projects with Grades of Green mentors. The students aim to make sustainable systems change on their campus and

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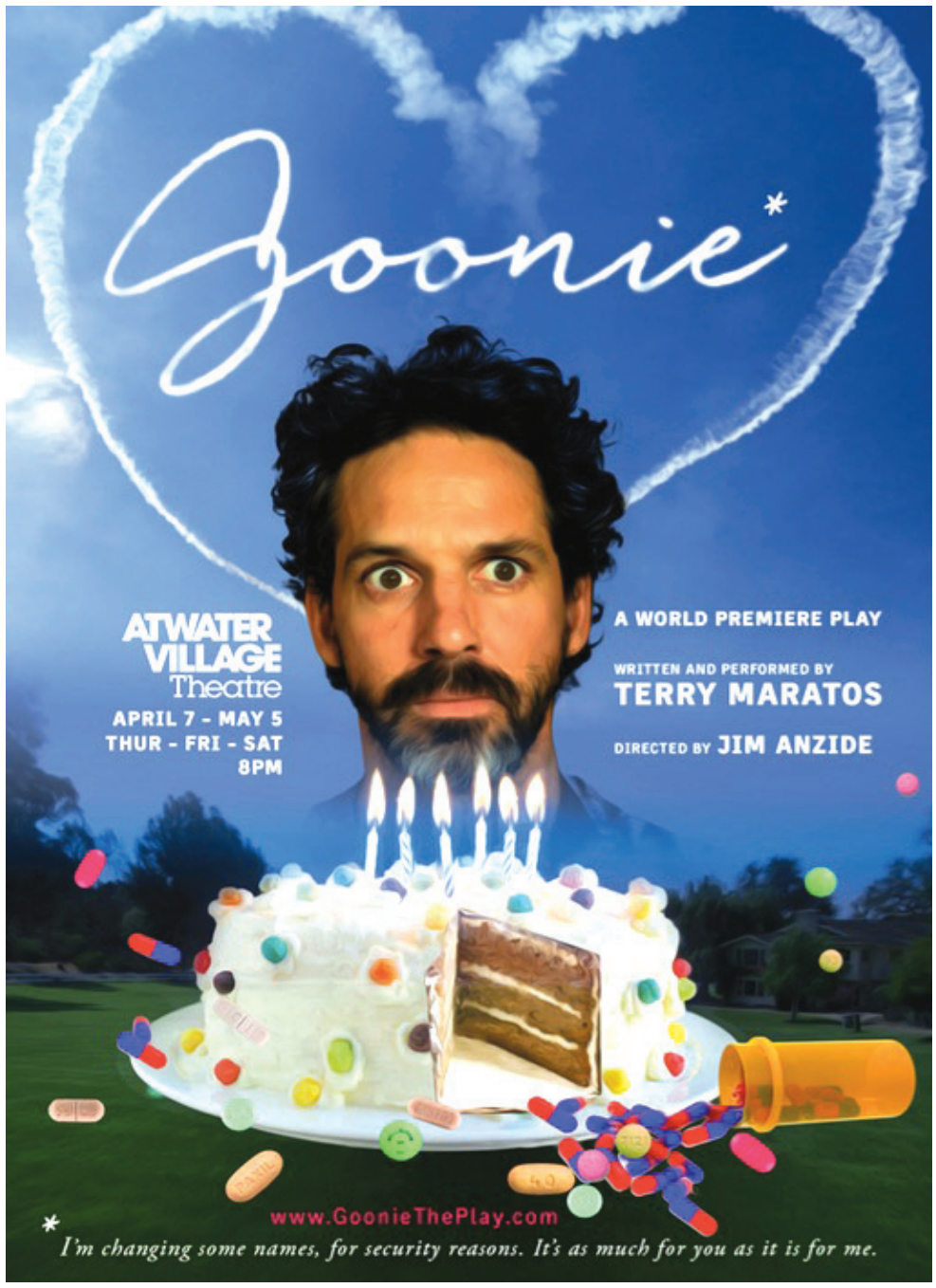
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LEARNING: The Grades of Green program teaches local students about sustainability and the environment.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 7

Tween & Teen Library Escape Room

Work in teams to solve a series of puzzles in order to escape the library. Space is limited; register at the branch. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Springtime Fun - DIY Forts at the Library

Fun family activities all week. Ages 3-10. DIY FORTS: Make a story time fort to read books with your family and friends. 2- 3 p.m.

Get Active with Jesus Mejia

Fun, aerobic activities designed to get you moving. Ages 5-11. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 – 1:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

The Athena Cats New Works Festival

The Athena Cats, a collective of Southern California female playwrights and directors, presents staged readings of new 10-minute plays written and directed by women playwrights as part of SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now Day). Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; City Garage Theatre, Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave., Building T1. Free; (310) 564-9410; www.theathenacats.org.

Stencil Making with Patricia Mitchell

Learn techniques and materials to create your own stencils for use in a variety of ways. From traditional stenciling for arts and crafts using brushes and sponges, to quilting templates, to the aerosol stencils used in street and protest art, we'll go over various ways to make multiple images using this technique. 2 – 4 p.m. Cost: $35. Register at http://ow.ly/IehoU or call (310) 458-2239.

Documentary and Filmmaker Q&A: Big Voice

Director/producer Varda Bar-Kar introduces this award-winning documentary on Santa Monica High School choir director Jeffe Huls and a group of students he tries to form into one glorious "big voice." A post-film discussion with Bar-Kar, cast and crew follows. (Film runtime: 83 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

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

Monday, April 10

Landmarks Commission Meeting

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

Computer Class: Build Your Own Website

This computer class will teach you to Build Your Own Website. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

Toddler Time at Pico Branch

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Aquarium Spring Break Camp

In honor of Earth Month, the Spring Break Camp in Los Angeles, California at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will focus on how we can make a positive impact on our environment. Campers will have fun becoming Planet Protectors as we explore different environmental issues through games, crafts, animal interactions, beach investigation, and experiments. We can't wait to dive into another year of camp fun at the Aquarium.

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April 10 – 14 (1st – 4th grade) 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: $325/week or $70/day Heal the Bay members: $300/week or $65/day. www.healthebay.org/camps

Tuesday, April 11

Internet Basics I

Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

Día Celebration with Leslie Ryan

Celebrate Día (Children's Day/Book Day) with multicultural children's author/illustrator talks and signed book giveaways (while supplies last). Ask for your Día Passport. Children who attend at least three Día events will be entered into a prize drawing at the Arts & Literacy Festival. At Ocean Park, author Leslie Ryan will present her book, I Am Flippish!. For grades Pre-K - 3. 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

Musical Movie Matinee: Beauty & the Beast

Before this year's live-action version, Disney introduced this animated classic version of the French fairy tale, which went on to win two Academy Awards for Best Music. (84 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:30 p.m.

PEEPSapalooza!

Bring your Peeps Diorama based on a book for a chance to win a prize. Visit the library for more information. 2 – 3 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Wednesday, April 12

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: The Road to Ruin

Ever-lovable but hapless crook John Dortmunder and his merry band of misfits attempt to drive off with a fleet of vintage automobiles in a con against a corrupt CEO who has lavished more of his company's money on himself than the boys at Enron and WorldCom combined. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 – 8 p.m.

STEAM: Program: Hour of Code - Introduction to Scratch

During this hour you will learn basic coding skills to animate letters to create your name, initials, or favorite word using Scratch. Limited space, register at the library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5 p.m.

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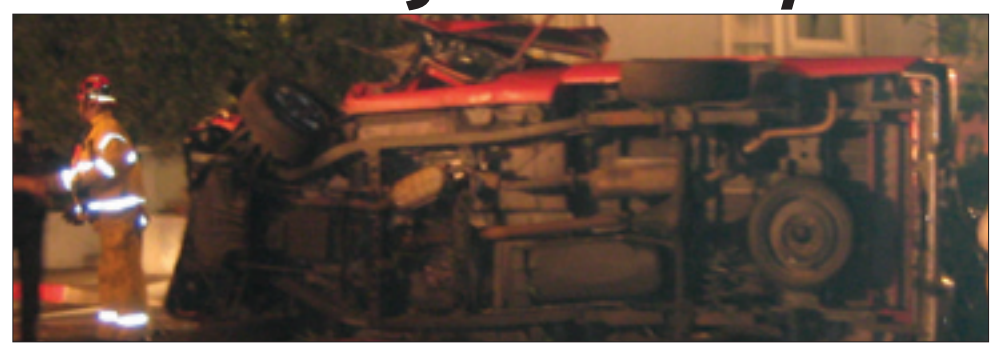
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Is walking bad for you?



Russ Braunstein

ACCIDENT: **Local streets have been a dangerous place for pedestrians recently.**

Woody Allen once joked that everything his mother told him that was supposedly good for him was exactly the opposite. He cited going outside to get some sun, drinking all his milk and that if he continued a "certain activity" (I won't mention because this is a family paper) he'd go blind. Woody lamented, "Now I have skin cancer and blocked arteries but, despite her warning, my vision still seems fine." For me, I always assumed a brisk daily walk was a good thing. Apparently, not in Santa Monica.

I regret to report that five pedestrians, were killed in separate accidents recently. This gives new meaning, "In like a lion out like a lamb." (Sorry about that.) So far, police have no explanation, but there's absolutely no truth to the rumor it's landlords picking off rent control tenants. (I'm even sorrier than I was a second ago.)

I'm familiar with this issue because of my friend Russ who lives on Hollister at the corner of Neilson Way. In the last year, it seems every few months Russ is awakened in the wee hours of the morning by the sounds of a horrific car crash. In shorts and T-shirt, Russ is out there taking photos, which he sends to me with the idea I'll pass along to the Daily Press. Neilson Way, which often looks like a freeway anyway, is turning into a residential "Destruction Derby."

This "March pedestrian accident" story was featured by Daily Press editor, Matthew Hall, on the front page of Wednesday's edition. Last week, coincidentally, I wrote about almost getting mowed down in a crosswalk on Main Street years ago because of a distracted driver who was texting. So I thought I'd follow up, offering the suggestion that when you cross the street these days, a la the term "defensive driving," you have to be a "defensive walker."

And yet, every day it seems I see people blithely crossing the street and texting as if being in the crosswalk provides some sort of safety zone protection. "Combat zone" is more like it. Here's how paranoid I've gotten before stepping into a crosswalk.

Let's say I'm waiting for a green light to cross the street but there's someone trying to make a right hand turn on a red light. Often they're looking in the other direction at traffic and when there's a break in the action they're gonna floor it. That's why, when the light changes I still won't step off the curb until I'm 100% sure the driver has seen me.

This can infuriate the driver that I'm delaying his or her right hand turn, but I don't care. I weigh 190 whereas the average car in 2017 weighs 3233. (Down from the 4019 lbs in 2010, for those interested in such details.)

I've had drivers wave angrily at me to go ahead, which I do with a "thank you" hand signal. Curiously, this gesture almost always mollifies them. (The truth is I don't care, I just prefer to cross the street rather than be bounced.)

Five pedestrian deaths in one month? The number staggers me. At the traffic signal, in addition to "Don't Walk" and "Walk" they should add "Run." Of course now they just flash the "number of seconds" you have left to cross. Between computing that and my making sure all the cars in all the lanes are "aware" of me, there's a whole new "excitement" to just crossing the street. Frankly, it makes the "look both ways" admonition my

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GREEN

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within the district.

Not only are local schools working with Grades of Green but five individual students are also part of the program. Four Franklin Elementary School students and a student at Lincoln Middle School have been selected to be part of Green of Grades Youth Corps Program.

"This is a student youth leadership program with about 60 students that have been selected throughout Southern California," said Gee.

The students are assigned a one on one mentor to help them with their Green of Grades project. Franklin Elementary second grader, Angus Piper made a litter monster costume, gave a presentation at a school wide morning assembly to show kids where litter belongs.

"Johanna James, 7th grader at Lincoln Middle School is encouraging meatless meal, and prepares a meatless meal for her friends, educating her community about the benefits of earing meat free," said Gee.

The organization explains there are so many great benefits that come with this program, like reducing the number of trash bags or the amount of water being used because kids and adults are now aware. Not only can the school environment change but so can the city's environment if the kids continue these values.

"The program has become a huge success and is has not only inspired kids to make a difference but also motivated their parents to do the same," said Gee.

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WALKING

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mother gave me as a child, seem so quaint.

Santa Monica being a tourist town, these pedestrian deaths has to be horrible publicity. On the other hand, if a hotel is completely booked and a tourist is inquiring about a vacancy, the concierge can always say, "Some of our guests just went for a walk, so a room may be opening up very soon."

The growing rate of distracted drivers and distracted pedestrians seems to coincide with the growth of "driver-less" cars. Add to the driver-less cars, more social media for the millennial passengers and add to that baby boomers struggling with all the new technology and the whole thing sounds like a recipe for disaster.

Speaking of disasters, as we're destroying the planet and doing nothing about it (Trump, a global warming denier and huge fossil fuel fan, not to mention hair spray) the faster we're looking in outer space for a planet to which we can relocate. I suppose in place of fixing earth, we'll just move and forget our cleaning deposit.

But back to our crosswalks. Instead of looking both ways twice, make it three times. And when you're crossing, put away the damn I-phone or I fear I may be getting a grim photo of you from Russ.

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DOGS

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followed by Houston with 62 and Cleveland with 60.

The Postal Service released its annual figures Thursday as part of National Dog Bite Prevention Week, which begins Sunday.

A longtime cliche of movies, dog biting of mail carriers — or at least dog chasing — is no laughing matter for the post office. Medical expenses and workers' compensation cost the Postal Service millions of dollars each year.

Overall, an estimated 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs annually, mostly children. In the last year, dog attacks on carriers rose 3 percent. Still, while dog bite claims are rising, there are signs attacks may be less severe: The average cost per claim fell last year by more than 10 percent to $33,230, according to the Insurance Information Institute and State Farm.

"It's always on your mind as a carrier, 'Is there a dog in the area and is it a threat?'" said James Solomon, a 17-year postal carrier. Officially, 2 percent of carriers were bitten last year, but Solomon says every carrier he knows has some kind of "dog experience" to tell, from outrunning to cajoling.

The post office hopes more public awareness will help.

After a 14 percent jump in dog attacks in 2015, the post office launched a "Trip Hazards" app on handheld devices to help warn carriers of potentially hostile dogs. Customers are asked on package pickup applications if there are dogs at their addresses. In extreme cases, residents will be told to pick up mail at a post office until a repeat offender dog is restrained.

"Even good dogs have bad days," said U.S. Postal Service Safety Director Linda DeCarlo in Los Angeles. "Dog bite prevention training and continuing education are important to keep pet owners, pets and those who visit homes — like letter carriers — happy and healthy."

She urges owners to secure dogs in a separate room and to remind family members not to take mail directly from letter carriers in front of their dog, which may view it as a threatening gesture.

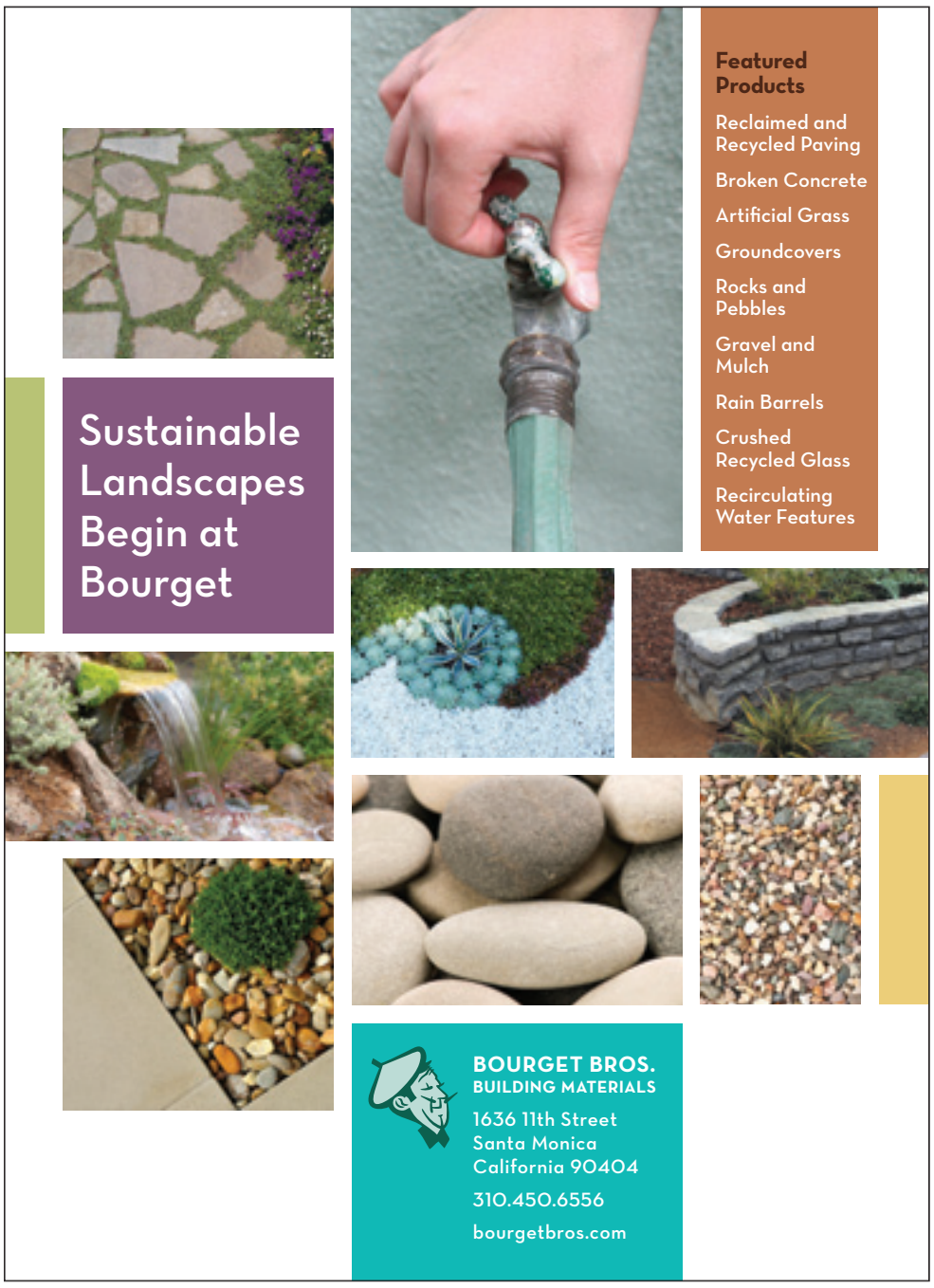
Rising dog attacks come amid double-digit increases in the post office's package business. While U.S. population growth means more residences to deliver to, postal carriers are also visiting homes more frequently and at all times of day, with packages or groceries in hand, thanks to agreements struck with Amazon in 2013 and 2014.

United Parcel Service said its 66,000 deliverers suffered about 900 dog bites last year, a percentage that has remained fairly stable. Spokesman Dan McMackin, a former UPS driver who used to carry dog biscuits to woo surly pets, said he found pit bulls and smaller dog breeds to be more nettlesome than "hunting dogs" — such as Labrador retrievers and beagles — who "don't have much to prove."

FedEx Corp. said it does not collect numbers on dog attacks.

Robert Lieb, a professor of supply chain management at Northeastern University, said he expects dog attacks to keep increasing. Still, the online industry continues to change, and dogs may prove to be less of a problem if Amazon changes its delivery to a new method: drones.

"The question is whether drones will land or parachute the packages down," said Lieb, a former shipping consultant. "I would see eagles, not dogs, taking out drones."





TACO

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The restaurant's owners plan to reopen at 10th Street and Broadway at the end of summer or early fall but know in the meantime their customers need their fix.

"I don't want people going through taco withdrawal and shaking in the streets," joked chef Mark Mittleman over the phone this week, saying that he is still taking catering orders and thinking about renting a truck to keep the kitchen sizzling this summer. Fans can also find Mittleman at Tacolandia, LA's largest ticketed taco festival, on June 17.

In case you missed it, the Santa Monica taco shop recently popped up on must-eat lists for several publications including LAEater, LA Weekly and The Infatuation. LA Weekly praised the restaurant for cramming "a lot of great food into that small space." But while there was a lot of hype surrounding the seafood tacos, Mittleman insists their customers were mostly from the neighborhood.

"We had a very good amount of regulars," Mittleman said. "Everything to me is about neighborhood and the customers – I call them guests … I have a hospitality philosophy."

Mittleman says it was important for the restaurant to stay east of Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, explaining "it's our hood." The abrupt move of one of the City's most frequently blogged restaurants can be traced back to a number of factors. Mittleman says they had been leasing month-to-month and couldn't come to an agreement with the landlord who wants to renovate the building.

"We were looking to expand anyway so it was kind of forced and at the same time we wanted it. I look at is as a positive not a negative," Mittleman said.

The new location will triple the size of the restaurant and allow Mittleman to expand with a full service menu. The new location boasts another big bonus: parking.

Still, that hasn't kept foodies from worrying the heart and soul of their favorite little establishment may be lost in the move.

"I AM HEARTBROKEN – Tacos PC is now closed, empty of all furniture with a sign on their window stating they are reopening…with table service and a full bar. Sigh," wrote one Yelp user. "I am so sad :(Santa Monica doesn't need more upscale places with fancy cocktails and high prices – but of course I'll give them a chance and wish them well when they reopen."

You can follow @TacosPuntaCabras on Twitter or like the restaurant on Facebook to keep up with their next moves.

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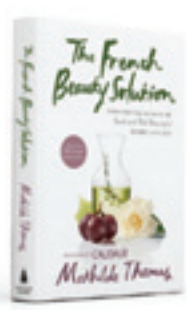


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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.3°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-5 ft** Waist to head high
WNW/NW swell-mix picks back up and peaks. SSW swell continues. Conditions looking dicey. Deep AM high tide.

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
Easing WNW swell mix, while long period SSW swell builds through the day.

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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 APRIL 1, AT ABOUT 4:49 P.M.

Officers responded to radio call for service in the 1800 block of 17th Street regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim saw the suspect enter the victim's vehicle and rummage through it. The victim also saw a second suspect standing nearby acting as a lookout. The victim exited her residence to confronts both suspects and tells them she has called the police. The suspects left when they were told this and the victim followed them. At one point, the victim demanded her property back and the suspect returned it to her. Officers detain the suspects at Memorial Park.

Javon Johnson, 24, from Santa Monica was arrested for burglary, possession of opiates, conspiracy and a probation violation. He was denied bail.

Kyzei Bryant, 19, from Santa Monica was arrested for burglary and conspiracy. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 333 calls for service on April 5.

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

Death notification 1500 block 10th 12:08 a.m.
Domestic violence 1300 block 14th 12:46 a.m.
Person down 26th/Olympic 1:03 a.m.
Battery ocean Ocean/Colorado 1:17 a.m.
Drunk driving 2900 block Pico 2:30 a.m.
Burglary 2500 block 6th 4:13 a.m.
Auto burglary 300 block 16th 7:18 a.m.
Person down 18th/Wilshire 7:23 a.m.
Vehicle parked 1400 block 4th 7:27 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1800 block 12th 7:59 a.m.
Burglary 1800 block Euclid 7:59 a.m.
Petty theft Ocean/Colorado 8:48 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Marine 8:55 a.m.
Hit and run Main/Ocean Park 8:57 a.m.
Person down 2200 block Wilshire 9:14 a.m.
Grand theft 2100 block Santa Monica 9:14 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block 6th 9:25 a.m.
Traffic collision Centinela/Pearl 9:35 a.m.
Fraud 2800 block Wilshire 9:58 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block Santa Monica 10:07 a.m.
Fraud 400 block Santa Monica 10:08 a.m.
Fraud 1400 block 2nd 10:11 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 900 block 3rd 10:13 a.m.
Prowler 700 block Pier 10:22 a.m.
Forgery 300 block Olympic 10:24 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Santa Monica 10:28 a.m.
Indecent exposure now 4th/Wilshire 10:29 a.m.
Person down 1500 block 2nd 10:34 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 10:36 a.m.
Traffic collision 12th/Broadway 10:50 a.m.
Person down 700 block Broadway 10:55 a.m.
Fraud 1100 block 9th 11:14 a.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Wilshire 11:57 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block Cloverfield 12:04 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 15th 12:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:23 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Pine 12:24 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block 4th 12:36 p.m.
Hit and run 17th/Pico 12:44 p.m.
Person down 700 block Broadway 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th/Santa Monica 12:52 p.m.
Auto burglary 0 block Pico 1 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Appian 1:14 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block Santa Monica 1:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Appian 2:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Berkeley 2:06 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 2:10 p.m.
Grand theft 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 2:23 p.m.
Hit and run 34th/Pico 2:29 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block the beach 2:50 p.m.
Critical missing 0 block Pico 3:10 p.m.
Elder abuse 700 block Lincoln 3:11 p.m.
Battery 1400 block Harvard 3:35 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Pico 3:51 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Olympic 3:56 p.m.
Prowler 700 block Pier 4 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block Pico 4:06 p.m.
Fight 3000 block Delaware 4:31 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block Michigan 4:33 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 5:03 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 5:12 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block 11th 5:49 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 20th 6:20 p.m.
Theft suspect 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 6:29 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Olympic 6:36 p.m.
Encampment 900 block Palisades Beach 6:41 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 7:02 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 5th 7:11 p.m.
Grand theft 1600 block 11th 8:07 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 300 block Santa Monica 8:07 p.m.
Battery 600 block Santa Monica 8:22 p.m.
Vandalism Berkeley/Santa Monica 8:29 p.m.
Fight 2600 block Main 9:24 p.m.
Shots fired 1400 block Marine 11:28 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on April 5.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 1300 block 20th 12:38 a.m.
EMS 26th/Olympic 1:04 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Main 1:55 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 2:41 a.m.
EMS 18th/Wilshire 7:25 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 8:43 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Wilshire 9:16 a.m.

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FIRE

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Assist LAFD 500 block Moreno 9:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Olympic 9:34 a.m.
EMS 800 block 10th 9:52 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 10:14 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 6th 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1700 block 16th 10:23 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 10:32 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 10:37 a.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 10:55 a.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 12:46 p.m.
Lock in/out 1500 block 4th 1:39 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 2:17 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Virginia 2:46 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 3:20 p.m.
Assist LAFD 500 block Avondale 3:30 p.m.
EMS 800 block Wilshire 4:05 p.m.
EMS 10th/Pico 4:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block Pico 4:07 p.m.
EMS 2000 block 18th 4:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Cloverfield 4:35 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 5:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block Main 6:01 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 7:19 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 8:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Cloverfield 8:25 p.m.
EMS 2500 block 26th 8:44 p.m.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Observation

■ "The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not." --American author and humorist Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Self Exam

■ Q: The ciliary muscles in your eyes, which constantly change the shape of the lens for focusing, move 100,000 times a day. To give your legs an equivalent workout, how many miles would you have to walk?
■ A: 50

Phobia of the Week

■ Optophobia: fear of opening one's eyes

MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



Sebastian Felbeck correctly identified the image as part of the playground landscape at the Annenberg Community Beach House. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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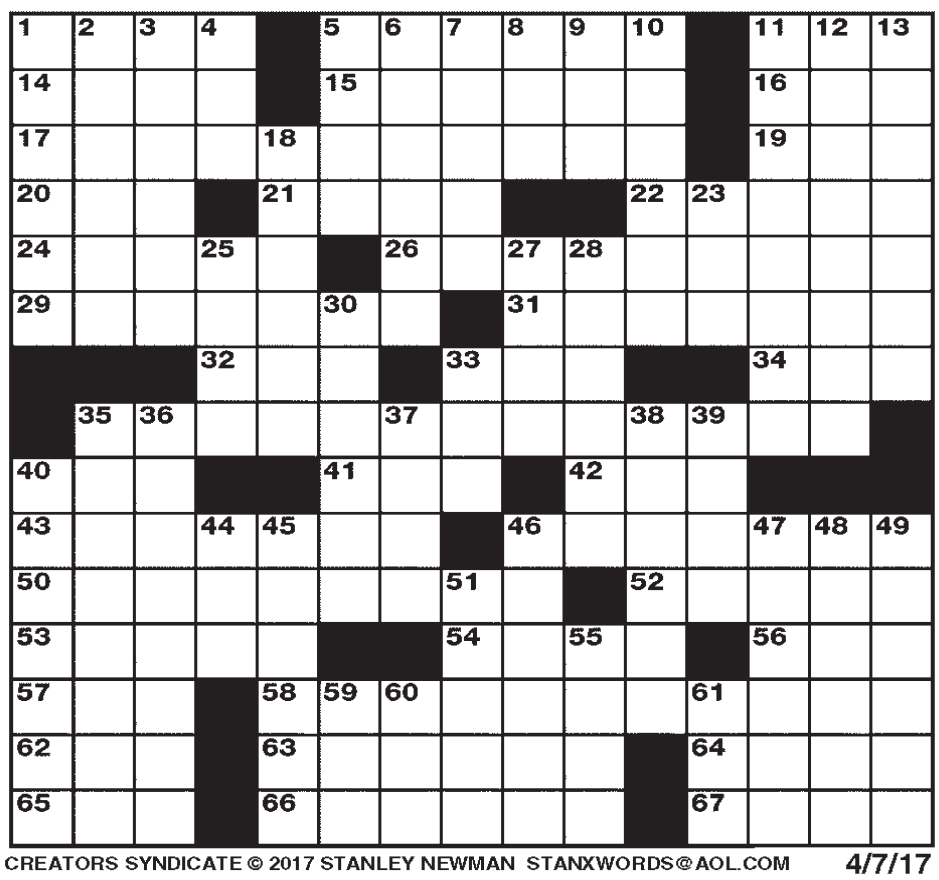
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 A breeze
5 Crystal, essentially
11 "She's the one"
14 Horn insert
15 Chipmunks' meals
16 Constitution, in D.C.
17 Barbecue accessory
19 Importune
20 Intensive affirmative
21 Legislative center
22 Yearner for Wilkes
24 Ringlet
26 Part of some ranges
29 Wasn't too busy
31 Irascible one
32 High-kite connector
33 "Someone help me" ABBA tune
34 They meet at jcts.
35 Title of the puzzle
40 Abigail Adams, __ Smith
41 Falsification
42 Shape of orecchiette pasta
43 Got out
46 Neurological link
50 Rustic warmer
52 Harp (on)
53 Paint, perhaps
54 *Cosmo* sister mag
56 Vulgarian
57 Sundial numeral
58 Erstwhile train need
62 It may mean "resident"
63 Stifled
64 Soybean products
65 Wintry white, in brand names
66 Ready to publish
67 Revelation preceder, at times

DOWN
1 Sci-fi psychic
2 High-latitude display
3 All fired up
4 "Uh-huh"
5 Judicious
6 Film with Manny the Mammoth
7 Mess of
8 "I Got Rhythm" cover name
9 __ Airport Network
10 Start courting
11 *Carmen* dance
12 Source of portable power
13 Letter ender
18 Italian sister city of San Francisco
23 Abbr. for royalty
25 Preeminent
27 Casino container
28 Howard's *Happy Days* dad
30 Dowel driver
33 Start courting?
35 Moralistic, in a way
36 Cheese from Sardinia
37 Everypooch
38 Body-shop machine
39 Enticement
40 Disney musical portraying Pulitzer
44 Proprietor of MouthHealthy.org
45 Totality of the mind
46 Arm's-length creation
47 Praline ingredients
48 Informal wear
49 Senior one
51 Gazelle habitat
55 Bergman, in *Casablanca*
59 It added "YouTuber" in 2016
60 *Aladdin* prince
61 Edge out



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 7)

To some, silence is a hobby. Consider it yours and this year will have a magical tint to it. There is something so wonderful about what you find in your own mind this solar return. You will do the thing that the others can't. In June you will be the reason a whole system is changed. In May it becomes about something else. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 4, 7 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It will be a pretty ordinary day until you suddenly get a very palpable feeling of generosity. You'll give something that matters to you greatly. You'll give something that makes a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You might have to root around for something to look forward to. It's sad that you have to look this hard; then again, your options will be better because you made the effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're not always your own best babysitter. Enlist the care of others. The influence of someone you admire will keep you accountable to goals that would not be reached otherwise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You want a place that shines from ceiling to floor. Bonus benefit: With each sweeping gesture of the broom, cobwebs of your mind will be simultaneously whisked away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Fix it. Fix it! It needs fixing and you're the one to do it. "How?" is the question. You won't know the answer, but your sincere intention is nearly enough to fix it all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You are super-capable. You have more energy than others, and you don't mind doing extra work. This is why you become the superstar of your group today, a well-earned scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You identify with a group, but not in all regards. Differentiate. If you align yourself falsely, it will cause problems down the line. Clarify. Take a stand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
If you were wrong, it only means that you are wiser today than you were yesterday. You'll accept it and move accordingly. Like a drummer settling into a favorite beat, you'll hit your groove.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
It's been suggested that the present moment is all we ever have. But isn't that a lot of pressure, really? What about the less impulsive people around who need time to process and frame things?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You don't want to interrupt people, and yet you're going to have to. Your message is important. Your purpose is strong. Go ahead and say what you need to say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You've a need to gripe about what's been bothering you. Once you get it off of your mind, the stress will be over. The key is speaking to the right people -- discreet people who won't give it another thought.

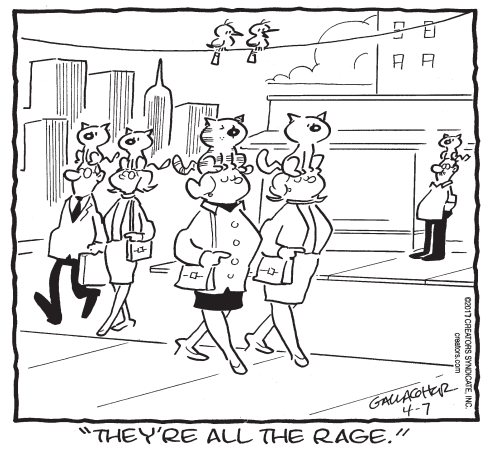
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It's said that nothing considered is lost. If you thought about it, it had an effect. It meant something. And the same goes for the art you made that didn't have the intended impact. It still did something. Move on and grow.

Cosmic Call for Independence

If you identify with the group but not in every aspect of this fight, you cannot, in good conscience, concede. Dare to stand independently. These are the times for it, and this is a supportive astral climate. You'll start out thinking that you're alone, which makes your stance all the more important. Of course you are not alone. Many feel as you do.

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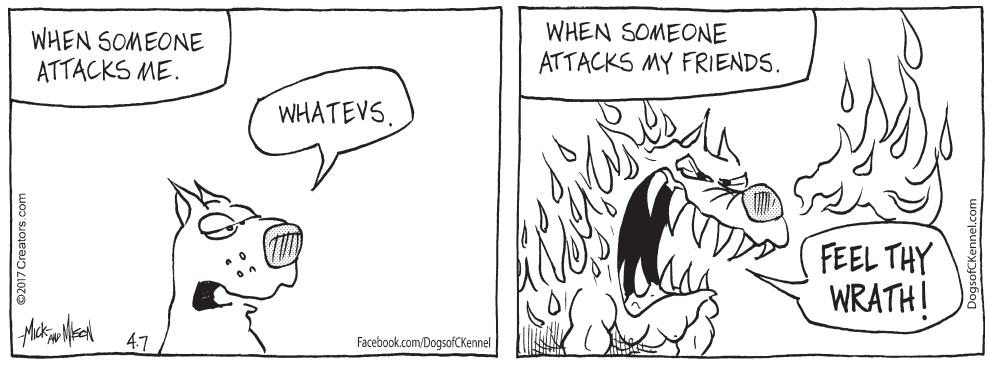
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Democrats bristle at Trump infrastructure plans

BY JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

Democrats had hoped the one policy area they could find common ground with President Trump on was infrastructure, but they don't like what they're hearing about the transportation portion of the plan that's still in the works.

Trump has promised to generate $1 trillion in infrastructure spending over 10 years. With two of his other top campaign pledges in trouble — an effort to repeal and replace the Obama administration health care law has failed so far, and without savings to the government from health care changes there may not be enough money to pay for lowering tax rates — infrastructure appeared to be an area ripe for bipartisan compromise.

But some Democrats say they worry that Trump's plan will focus on trying to entice more private investment in projects and reduce regulations that require environmental reviews and community consultation on projects rather than providing more government money to repair, replace and expand the nation's transportation network.

Reps. Peter DeFazio of Oregon and Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia, two top Democrats on the House transportation committee, sent a letter Wednesday to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao objecting to comments she made last week about the failure to fix the nation's crumbling transportation system.

"The problem is not money. It's the delays caused by government permitting processes that hold up projects for years, even decades, making them risky investments," Chao said. She reiterated the statement Wednesday in a speech to the American Association of Port Authorities.

Congress has already directed the Transportation Department in bills passed in 2012 and 2015 to take dozens of steps to "streamline" regulations holding up projects. A recent report by the department's inspector general found that work on a majority of the 42 actions required under the 2012 law had been completed, but implementation has been delayed so that the actions can be revised to take into account conflicting or additional requirements of the 2015 law.

"Piling additional streamlining measures on top of each other before they can be implemented — and before we can assess their effectiveness — is not going to solve our infrastructure problems," the lawmakers wrote Chao. "We cannot streamline our way out of a funding shortfall."

A recent report by the Treasury Department identified 40 significant transportation and water projects whose completion has been slowed or is in jeopardy. The report found that "a lack of public funding is by far the most common factor hindering completion of transportation and water infrastructure projects."

Chao, on the other hand, cited a 2015 report by the nonpartisan group Common Good that estimates that delaying road and bridge projects by six years to deal with regulations results in an estimated $427 billion in additional project costs, traffic congestion delays and impact from global warming emissions. The report advocates reducing the permitting process, which can sometimes take up to 10 years, down to two years.

DeFazio also complained at a transportation committee hearing that only a very limited number of transportation projects that have natural revenue streams like tolls are attractive to investors. Most of those projects cost at least $1 billion, and investors generally put up only about 10 to 20 percent of the money, he said. The rest comes from state and local bonds that have to be repaid, or federal aid.

Trump's plan will include ways to boost the role of private investors, Chao said, adding that "investors say there is ample capital available" waiting for projects.

DeFazio recommended increasing federal gasoline and diesel taxes by one penny per gallon and after that automatically increasing the tax with inflation to help pay for transportation. Federal fuel taxes haven't been increased since 1993, although 17 states have increased their fuel taxes in recent years, he said.

Chao's staff notified reporters that she wouldn't be available for questions after her speech. When Chao left the speech, the association's staff physically blocked reporters from leaving, citing a request from Chao that people remain in the room until she was out of the area, a security protocol normally reserved for heads of state.

But Chao stopped in the hotel lobby to chat with people and pose for photos with on the public sidewalk in front of the hotel. Chao's spokeswoman Marianne McInerney stepped in front of a reporter for The Associated Press, who was trying to take a photo of the group, blocking the shot. Chao then got into her waiting SUV and left.

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Petition of RUBEN MATHEW MARTINEZ LOPEZ BY GUADALUPE LOPEZ ZARATE AND MELECIO MARTINEZ MARTINEZ for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: RUBEN MATHEW MARTINEZ LOPEZ BY GUADALUPE LOPEZ ZARATE AND MELECIO MARTINEZ MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: RUBEN MATHEW MARTINEZ LOPEZ TO MATEO MARTINEZ. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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The 2017 Mercedes-Benz GLS 450 SUV

2017 MERCEDES-BENZ

C 300 Sedan

$359 Per Mo Plus Tax

36 Month Lease
$4153 total due at signing



Available only to qualified customers through Mercedes-Benz Financial Services at participating dealers through May 01, 2017. Not everyone will qualify. Advertised 36 months lease payment based on MSRP of $41,725 less the suggested dealer contribution resulting in a total gross capitalized cost of $39,896. Dealer contribution may vary and could affect your actual lease payment. Includes Destination Charge and Premium 1 Package. Excludes title, taxes, registration, license fees, insurance, dealer prep and additional options. Total monthly payments equal $14,004. Cash due at signing includes $2,999 capitalized cost reduction, $795 acquisition fee and first month's lease payment of $359. No security deposit required. Total payments equal $17,268. At lease end, lessee pays for any amounts due under the lease, any official fees and taxes related to the scheduled termination, excess wear and use plus $0.25/mile over 30,000 miles, and $395 vehicle turn-in fee. Purchase option at lease end for $25,452 plus taxes (and any other fees and charges due under the applicable lease agreement) in example shown. Subject to credit approval. Specific vehicles are subject to availability and may have to be ordered. See participating dealer for details. Please always wear your seat belt, drive safely and obey speed limits.

2017 MERCEDES-BENZ

C 300 Coupe

$389 Per Mo Plus Tax

36 Month Lease
$4583 total due at signing



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2017 MERCEDES-BENZ

C 300 Convertible

$499 Per Mo Plus Tax

36 Month Lease
$4893 total due at signing



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2014 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 250 ..... **$22,991**
Sport Sedan Pkg, Navigation, PS/PW LEA960725

2015 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 250 Coupe **$27,492**
Low 14K Miles, Prm Audio, Moonroof, Lighting Pkg LFG388749

2016 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 300 ..... **$30,994**
Very low miles, Premium Audio, Dual Front AC NGU130709

2014 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 250 ..... **$22,922**
Sport Sedan Pkg, Moonroof, Dual Front AC LEA963967

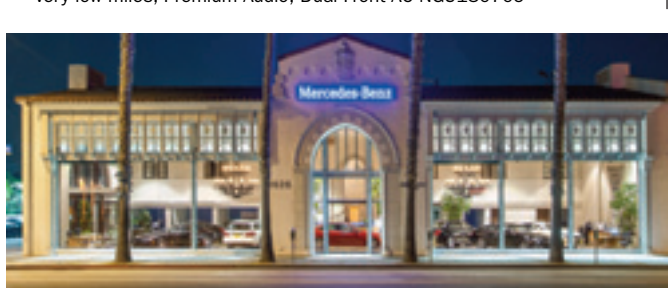
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GLK 350 ..... **$29,981**
19" Whls, Premium Audio, Dual Front AC SEG321888

2016 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 300 ..... **$31,981**
Only 10K Miles, Rear Cam, Multimedia Pkg, Black Ash Trim NGU123633

2014 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 250 Coupe **$25,492**
Low 15K Miles, Prm Audio, Moonroof, P1 Pkg, SpoilerLEG162433

2015 MERCEDES-BENZ
C 300 ..... **$30,492**
Dual Front AC, Prm Audio, Only 14K Miles LFU023889

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C 300 ..... **$31,994**
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