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Promenade food hall expands with additional celebrity chef offerings

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Third Street Promenade is gaining some new pieces for its Gallery.

Santa Monica's Gallery Food Hall will see two new restaurants enter its halls, Petit Harvest and Street Noods. Petit Harvest will be a farm-to-table concept featuring a healthy, vegetable-heavy menu and will be developed by celebrity chef Graham Elliot (of MasterChef fame) while Street Noods will be an Asian street style noodle bar.

According to K2 Restaurants

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NOW OPEN: **The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Comfort Dental Center to celebrate the opening of their new practice located at 1531 6th Street. Their services include wisdom teeth removal, veneers, dental implants, Invisalign, teeth whitening, crowns & bridges, root canals, gum disease treatment, along with many other types of treatments. For additional information contact them at (424) 634-7202 or visit comfortdentalcenter.com.**

Canary cocktail lounge nests in former West End music venue



Courtesy image

LOUNGE: **A new music and entertainment venue is opening Downtown at 5th and Arizona.**

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A cocktail lounge with live music and cabaret shows is landing in downtown Santa Monica in early August.

Canary is moving into the low-slung black building West End occupied at the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue (1301 5th Street). The bar, which closed earlier this year, billed itself as the only true nightclub in Santa Monica. Canary will offer a more refined nightlife experience, said founders Nas Negahban, Amir Yaghoobian and Wen

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Smoke from US wildfires boosting health risk for millions

MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

Climate change in the Western U.S. means more intense and frequent wildfires churning out waves of smoke that scientists say will sweep across the continent to affect tens of millions of people and cause a spike in premature deaths.

That emerging reality is prompting people in cities and rural areas alike to prepare for another summer of sooty skies along the West Coast and in the Rocky Mountains — the regions widely expected to suffer most from blazes tied to dryer, warmer conditions.

"There's so little we can do. We have air purifiers and masks — otherwise we're just like 'Please don't burn,'" said Sarah Rochelle Montoya of San Francisco, who fled her home with her husband and children last fall to escape thick smoke enveloping the city from a disastrous fire roughly 150 miles away.

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Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: **Planet Bids** or **http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm.** There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA HOUSING AUTHORITY
FY 2019-2020 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The City Council/Housing Authority Board of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive comment and adopt proposed revisions to the Santa Monica Housing Authority's Administrative Plan. The Administrative Plan establishes oversight policies to operate the Santa Monica Housing Authority's (HA) housing rental subsidy programs in a manner consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The draft Administrative Plan is now posted for review during the 45-day public comment period ending August 5, 2019.

A hard copy is available to view at the Santa Monica Housing Authority Office at:
1901 Main Street, 1st Floor, Suite A,
Santa Monica, CA 90405

An electronic copy is available to view on the web at:
https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-policy-and-reports

Please send your written comments to the above address, ATTN: Administrative Plan, by August 5, 2019. You may also email comments to smhousing@smgov.net by August 5, 2019.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

The Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs or accommodations, please contact the Housing Authority at (310) 458-8743.

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 26

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown - Wednesday)
The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Third Street Promenade, 1351 Third Street Promenade. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SM Reads: We Read Diverse Books #WeNeedDiverseBooks
Angie Thomas stands at the top of a recent wave of diverse literature written by female authors of color or featuring main characters of color. Join librarians as they share their favorite reads from this recent wave of diversity. For adults and teens. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Soundwaves: Elliott Sharp
Experimental music icon Elliott Sharp reads from his new memoir 'IrRational Music' and plays solo guitar. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Toddler Time
Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months at Montana Branch. June 13 - July 25 [A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 10:15 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

Paws to Read
Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Sign-up in advance for a 15-minute period starting June 17 in person or by calling (310)458-8682. Program runs from June 27 - August 3 (no session on 7/4). Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

SM Reads: Author Talk: Ghettoside with Jill Leovy
First released in 2015, Jill Leovy's Ghettoside provides readers with a nuanced, multi-viewpoint window into the plague of homicides impacting the Watts community in Los Angeles. Ms. Leovy joins us to share insights gained in the reporting and writing that went into Ghettoside, and the reaction that followed the book's publication. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 28

Drag Queen Story Hour On the Beach
We're celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride Month by bringing Drag Queen Story Hour to the beach! Our fabulous guest of honor, Miss Barbie Q, will lead an interactive story time for children of all ages. This program was created to challenge restrictive gender stereotypes, encourage self expression, and promote diversity and inclusion. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mat Pilates
Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises
that engage the mind and condition the total body. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

A Very Special Story Time for "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with a reading of the book along with other Eric Carle favorites. Craft to follow. Fairview Branch Library, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

SM Reads: Book Discussion
Join organizers to share your thoughts about The Hate U Give and its themes, or simply listen and learn more about the book. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Preschool Explorers: Insects
Explore the science of insects with stories and hands-on activities. Ages 3-6. Main Library, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

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E-bikes, growing in popularity, befuddle regulators

DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

Gordon Goodwin and his wife are rediscovering their passion for bicycling in their senior years thanks to new electric-assist bikes. The electric motors provide a gentle kick, making it easier for them to pedal up hilly roads around Maine's Acadia National Park.

"We're getting older," said Gordon, who turns 69 Wednesday. But, he added, "It's nice to go somewhere and have the breeze in your hair, like you did when you were young."

They can't get that experience on Acadia's bicycle paths, though.

The National Park Service classifies their so-called e-bikes as motorized vehicles, relegating them mostly to paved roads clogged with summer traffic. Nationwide, the agency and others that manage public lands keep thousands of miles of trail off-limits to e-bikes.

Across the country, regulators are sorting out how to classify the two-wheelers, which are something more than a bicycle, something less than a motorcycle. The National Park Service, for its part, may soon loosen its restrictions.

"I'm hoping that they're going to come to reality," said Janice Goodwin, Gordon's wife. "This will get more popular as time goes on."

E-bikes are the fastest-growing segment of the bicycle industry. They're popular with commuters and baby boomers who might not otherwise be able to get out on a bicycle.

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

Their sales jumped 72% to $144 million in the U.S. last year, helping to breathe life into bicycle sales that have been relatively flat, according to the NPD Group, which tracks retail bike sales nationwide.

Their popularity has led to conflict.

In bike-friendly southern California, as local land managers take cues from agencies like the National Park Service, some are banning e-bikes from bicycle paths. That has angered riders, said Morgan Lommele, of PeopleForBikes, a bicycle advocacy group and trade association.

Major bicycle companies including Trek, Specialized, Cannondale and Giant want electric-assisted two-wheelers to be treated like bicycles and not like mopeds, scooters or motorcycles, said Jay Townley, who analyzes cycling industry trends at Human Powered Solutions.

Maine and 21 other states have adopted laws that classify e-bikes into categories. Most are treated like regular bicycles under such laws, said Lommele, who has been working with states to create uniform definitions. Only the fastest e-bikes are restricted to roads.

At Acadia National Park, the e-bikes are welcome on paved roads inside the park and even on dirt roads where cars and trucks are allowed.

But they're not allowed on the 57 miles (92 kilometers) of carriage roads funded and built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. that meander throughout the park, offering stunning views of lakes, mountains and the ocean. The carriage paths are popular with bicyclists.

The only exceptions for e-bikes are for people who qualify for mobility devices under the Americans With Disabilities Act, said Christie Anastasia, park spokeswoman.

For the Goodwins, the middle-range Specialized e-bikes were a significant investment that has allowed them to get outdoors and get moving.

They hope the park service reconsiders and allows e-bikes wherever regular bikes are permitted. A National Park Service spokeswoman said the new rules are expected in coming weeks.

Gordon Goodwin, who's an electrician, said at the very least he'd like to see a trial period for e-bikes on the carriage paths.

"Everybody should get out there and enjoy the park," he said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

UCLA's Rachel Garcia wins Collegiate Woman Athlete of Year

UCLA softball player Rachel Garcia has earned the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year award.

Garcia was presented with the Honda Cup on Monday night in a ceremony at Galen Center on the USC campus.

The junior pitcher from Palmdale, California, was selected most outstanding player of the Women's College World Series after leading the Bruins to their 13th national championship.

Garcia has won consecutive USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year honors. She was the Pac-12 player and pitcher of the year this season. She led UCLA with a 1.14 ERA while compiling a 29-1 record.

Garcia went 9-0 in the NCAA Tournament and led the field with 16 RBIs.

"She competed with fierceness and intensity, whether she was in the circle or at bat," said Jean Lenti Ponsetto, chair of the CWSA board of directors.

UCLA pitching coach Lisa Fernandez, who won the Honda Cup in 1993, and head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez were in attendance. The other finalists were basketball player Megan Gustafson of Iowa and swimmer Lilly King of Indiana.

Volleyball player Jenna Fessler of Thomas More won the Honda Inspiration Award; volleyball player Taylor Reiss of Southwest Minnesota State won Division II Athlete of the Year; and basketball player Madison Temple of Thomas More won Division III Athlete of the Year.

The 12 finalists were decided in voting by nearly 1,000 NCAA member schools. The winner was chosen by the CWSA board.

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LOS ANGELES

LA gang member sentenced in firebombing of black families

A gang member has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison for firebombing the homes of black residents in an effort to force them out of an East Los Angeles housing complex.

Edwin Felix pleaded guilty last year to four felonies including violating the civil rights of the families affected. KNBC-TV reports the 27-year-old was sentenced on Monday.

Earlier this month Jose Saucedo got nine years behind bars for planning and carrying out the attacks. Five other defendants have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

Prosecutors say the members of a Latino gang threw Molotov cocktails into four apartments at the Ramona Gardens housing complex in 2014.

Three units were occupied by black families, including some with children who were sleeping. Nobody was hurt.

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LOS ANGELES

Feds: Rep. Duncan Hunter used campaign cash for affairs

U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter of California illegally used campaign funds to finance romantic flings with lobbyists and congressional aides, spending thousands of dollars on meals, cocktails and vacations, federal prosecutors say.

Details about the married Republican congressman's alleged affairs were outlined in a government court filing late Monday connected to charges that Hunter and his wife misspent more than $200,000 in campaign money on trips and personal expenses.

Margaret Hunter pleaded guilty this month to one corruption count and agreed to testify against her husband.

The congressman has said he is the target of politically motivated prosecutors. His lawyer, Gregory Vega, didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment about the new court filing.

Prosecutors said evidence about the congressman's affairs is necessary to "demonstrate Hunter's ... intent to break the law and to establish his motive to embezzle from his campaign."

In one case, prosecutors said Hunter was romantically involved with a lobbyist and began staying at her home while occasionally spending campaign funds for food and beverages.

Hunter flew to Reno, Nevada, in January 2010 ostensibly to attend a convention for a non-profit group. After a brief stop at the convention, Hunter and the lobbyist headed for a ski resort near Lake Tahoe, where they spent the weekend skiing and ordering room service, according to the filing.

Prosecutors said Hunter used campaign funds to rent the car, pay the hotel tab and fly back to Washington.

"The intimate nature of these relationships is ... an essential element of the crimes charged in the indictment," the document said.

The "sequence of romantic liaisons is so far removed from any legitimate campaign or congressional activity as to rebut any argument that Hunter believed these were proper uses of campaign funds," prosecutors added.

Hunter was re-elected by Southern California's most Republican congressional district last year despite facing a federal indictment.

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LOS ANGELES

Alcoholics Anonymous' 'Big Book' collection up for auction

A collection of 19 first-edition copies of the founding document of Alcoholics Anonymous, known to adherents as the "Big Book," will be auctioned off in Los Angeles next month.

The auction house Profiles in History said Tuesday that the collection will be part of a single lot that includes a 1940 stock certificate used at the time to raise funds to continue printing the Big Book.

The books are signed by the founding members of AA.

They were collected over a lifetime by Ken Roberts, who last year put up for auction the original working manuscript for the Big Book. It sold for $2.4 million to Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay.

The first-edition collection is estimated to sell for up to $500,000 when it hits the block July 11.

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SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is 1st major US city to ban e-cigarettes

San Francisco became the first major U.S. city to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes after supervisors gave the measure its second and final vote Tuesday.

Backers say they hope the legislation will curb underage use of e-cigarettes, but critics say the ban will make it harder for adults to purchase an alternative to regular cigarettes.

San Francisco is a city that celebrates its marijuana culture, but it appears deeply opposed to other vices. Last year, voters approved a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco and in 2016, a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks.

E-cigarette maker Juul Labs, which is based in San Francisco, says it is opposed to youth vaping.

The company is working on a ballot initiative that would regulate but not ban e-cigarette sales.

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Curious City

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Did I dream this?

Editor's Note: This is an allegory.

MANY HAVE NEVER HEARD

About that 300 acres in Santa Monica's northeast corner. Officially, it's on the SM map. But it operates independently, a tiny fiefdom within the city. It's a dark little footnote hidden in Bay City history.

A new charter was adopted in 1914 that converted our city government to a commission form. It was flawed and weak, and the police commissioner was poorly paid and had no accountability. Well, there you have it. That's when money and sordid favors changed hands and that piece was plucked out of Santa Monica and dropped into the hands of the Pistle family.

It has an odd out-of-place look now. Lots of tall, mighty trees, practically an urban forest, but with much taller apartment buildings springing up amongst them, everywhere.

The Pistle family has profited handsomely from their illegal fiefdom, retaining most city services at no cost, and liable to no legal or political restraints. But now there are clouds on their financial horizon.

MA AND PA PISTLE

Had to call a family meeting recently, with Little Johnny and Sweet Samantha.

"Kids," papa Ray announced, "there are going to have to be some changes, and we thought we should let you know."

Four eyes opened wide with anticipation and trepidation.

"Money is getting tight now, and we're all going to have to be okay with doing without some things."

"What sort of things?" Sweet Samantha asked.

"For starters," mama Karen said, "no more driving. Cars are evil anyway. They pollute the air."

"But Mama, we just got out driver's licenses!" both Pistle kids cried at once. "How are we supposed to get to school, and the Getty Museum, and Malibu to surf?" pleaded Little Johnny.

"You're not too good to use public transportation, children," she replied. "Go to the public pools, you little nimby numbskulls!"

"Of course we're not," he shot back, "only problem is, our public transportation here in Pistle Paradise, and in Santa Monica too, either sucks or is non-existent. And you just closed the pools. Why are we so short of money now, anyway?"

"PARKING

Is part of it," Karen A. Pistle answered. "Even though we've replaced — at great expense — old meters that didn't jack those awful car drivers around in every possible way, we're still losing millions in parking revenue. We're going to double the rates."

"Could that be because you've been a little too successful at getting everyone out of their evil cars?" asked Samantha, not so sweetly.

"Now, child, you really don't know what you're talking about, do you?" smiled Mama. "And we have to be much more careful about our use of water and power resources. That will cost a lot of money but it's best for the future of the planet."

"I think that's a great idea, Mama," chimed in Little Johnny, "but you keep building more and more apartments in Pistle Paradise, and more units and more people means we use more water and power, right? Why don't we just stop building here and let other nearby communities do their fair share, since our little part of Santa Monica is already 22,000 people per square mile. Not to mention that each new tall building puts the ones next to it in the shade, and then they can't use solar collectors."

"Oh, dear Little Johnny" Mama laughed, "how cute, your simple notions of city planning. We have to keep building, to keep the various revenues coming in."

"But then you spend it five times over in increased emergency services, schools, infrastructure — and that water and power," protested Sweet Samantha. "That doesn't make sense."

"We have a housing crisis, dear. Everyone knows that. Any other naive notions?" asked Mama icily.

THERE'S A LOUD KNOCK ON THE DOOR

There's a very large crowd at the door.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Pistle. I'm from the New York Times..."

"And I'm from Faux News." "CNN!" "Santa Monica Daily Press!"

"Do we understand you have committed to spending $800,000,000 to fight climate change issues in the next 10 years, only on your little Pistle Paradise piece of the planet?"

"Yes, and we are very proud to take such a leading role," intoned Ray "Gun" Pistle.

"You do realize," said the reporter, "that all that money you're spending will have no effect on worldwide climate change, not even on Santa Monica? And that your residents of Pistle Paradise will be making many sacrifices, for... what?"

"WE MUST ALL DO OUR PART"

Ray told the assembled media. His shirt was practically bursting its buttons over the impact he seemed to be making.

"Excuse me," interrupted a well-dressed woman, "I am the French envoy and we would like you to come to Paris to speak of what you are doing."

"And we too — in South Africa." "Japan here — please come!" "Brazil!" "Dubai!"

Ray had to shut the door to the raucous crowd, but he was smiling a big smile.

"Papa?" asked Sweet Samantha, "if we're so short of money, why are we building that office building that costs $70 million?

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By Greg Dill

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Seniors: Say no to "free" genetic tests

If you're approached by someone who offers "free" genetic testing or cancer screening, turn them down.

Medicare doesn't cover such tests unless a doctor who's treating you orders them and they're medically necessary.

Laboratory representatives have allegedly been taking swabs inside the mouths of Medicare beneficiaries at health fairs, senior centers, residential complexes for older people, and veterans' centers.

Some seniors are getting cold calls about genetic testing kits. The caller usually offers to send a "free" genetic testing kit and asks only that you return the completed kit with your insurance information – including a Medicare number.

Beneficiaries' numbers are then used to bill Medicare for thousands of dollars of medically unnecessary genetic testing.

More creative schemes involve sending invitations to an "ice cream social" where seniors hear a presentation about "no cost" genetic testing and/or cancer screenings. During the presentation, seniors are asked for their Medicare numbers – and Medicare is later billed thousands of dollars per test.

Seniors are also being asked for the Medicare numbers and other private information after being brought into health-fair booths for DNA swabs of their cheeks.

In some instances, seniors are given gift cards and told that Medicare will be billed for the tests, even though there's no physician order for them.

Remember:

· Don't give your DNA away to a stranger! Beware of people who cold-call you or show up at your front door uninvited to push genetic tests and cancer screenings. Watch out for people who claim such tests are "100% covered by Medicare."

Medicare does cover such tests, but only when they are medically necessary and have been ordered by your doctor.

· Look for charges on your Medicare Summary Notice statements for unnecessary tests or screenings that you didn't want or weren't ordered by your doctor.

In general, don't give out your Medicare number or Social Security number to anyone you don't know and trust. Be cautious of unsolicited requests for your Medicare or Social Security numbers. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.

Medicare will never contact you out of the blue and ask for your Medicare number or other personal information.

And don't consent to any lab tests at senior centers, health fairs, or in your home. Be suspicious of anyone claiming that you'll pay nothing for genetic tests and cancer screenings.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, we want to hear from you. Please call us, toll-free, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

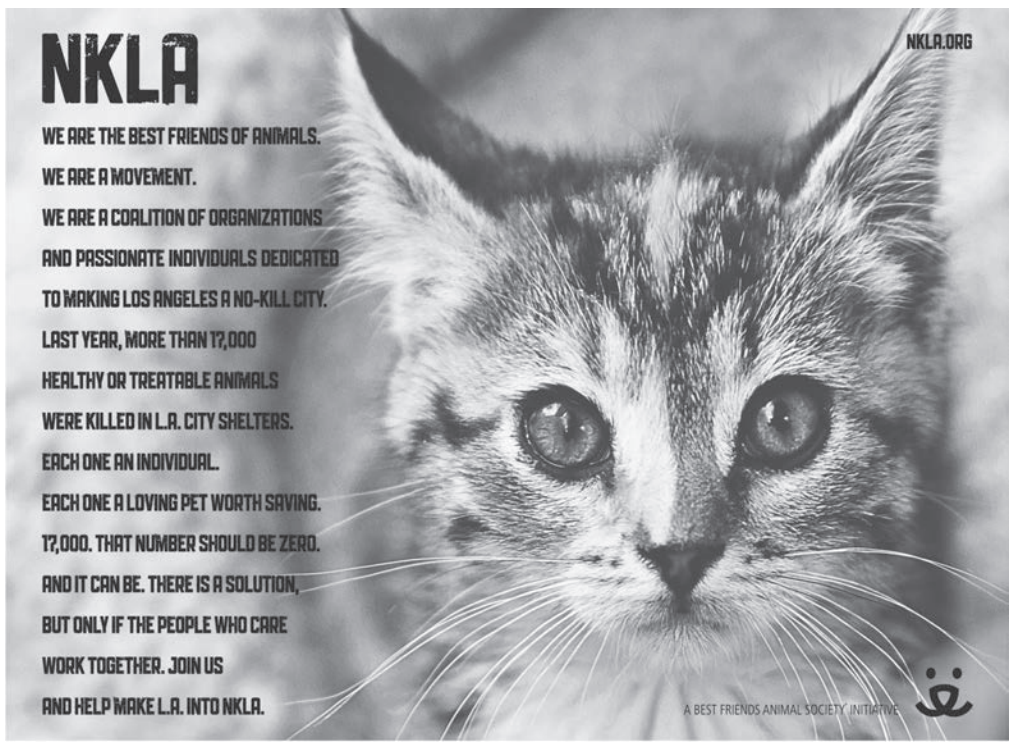
You can also report suspected fraud at 1-800-HHS-TIPS.

Or you can contact your local Senior Medicare Patrol, a terrific group which educates people with Medicare about how to avoid healthcare fraud and abuse.

You can reach Senior Medicare Patrol 1-877-808-2468, or visit https://www.smpresource.org.

One last tip: enter your phone number on the Do Not Call Registry https://www.donotcall.gov.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



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CANARY

FROM PAGE 1

Yeh, who are also behind three West Los Angeles bars: Belmont, Bruhaus and Neat.

Negahban, Yaghoobian and Yeh, who were all born and raised in Santa Monica, said their entry into the city's nightlife scene will skew older than The Bungalow and younger than Bar Chloe, targeting a category of residents and professionals who want a sophisticated but lively night out.

"There's a lot to be desired in terms of nightlife in downtown Santa Monica," Negahban said. "It's becoming way more desirable in the world of restaurants, but there isn't really a nice venue you can go before or after dinner."

They're hoping to fill that gap with specialty cocktails from bartender Devon Espinosa, small bites and live performances from jazz musicians and burlesque dancers in a modern, tropical space. The interior will be emerald green and gold, with live plants and beachy lounge furniture.

"It'll be a very elevated, upscale experience that nowhere else in town is offering," Yeh said. "Other places may have beautiful decor and views, but we're going bring a live experience to Santa Monica."

The lounge will be open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. In addition to DJs, it will host live performances on Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights.

While a precise opening date has not been finalized, Yaghoobian said Canary will open sometime in the first week of August. The lounge will send out an email blast with an opening date to anyone who signs up on its website, canarysm.com.

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PROMENADE

FROM PAGE 1

owner John Kolaski, the two restaurants were a perfect fit and will help round out the diverse selections in the Gallery Food Hall, noting he was particularly excited for Petit Harvest.

"[Elliot] is excited about the Third Street Farmers Market and bringing the farm-to-table concept into a much more approachable environment. There's not a place you can get fresh farm vegetables and have it right here by the beach."

The two new restaurants will join a steadily growing food space in the Gallery known as SocialEats. That downstairs section of dining will house "a one-of-a-kind community experience, all built upon a foundation of stellar culinary concepts," according to the SocialEats website.

"We wanted something that added to that space," Kolaski said, noting the options of STRFSH, Paperboy and Azule. "With Petit Harvest, it was having a healthier, farmers market-driven concept with a component of sandwiches, salads and more.

With Street Noods, we wanted a place where you can get killer noodles. When it's 100 degrees out and it's a beach day, hot noodles actually cool you down when you end up sweating. It's exciting— get an ice cold beer, grab noodles and walk around [the Promenade] if you want to."

Soon to join these restaurants in the SocialEats dining area will be David Chang's Fuku, a fast-casual chicken restaurant, SuperToro (a sushi hand roll bar), Cada Vez (Spanish pintxos), and Adelaide Coffeebar, a coffee-and-cookie-bar-by-day, wine-bar-by night concept.

"We have so many options and the ability for one person or groups of individuals to find something," Kolaski said. "It's great quality food at an approachable price point in the heart of Santa Monica."

Kolaski says most of the restaurants in the SocialEats area will open soon except for Fuku and Send Noods, which he says are still a couple of weeks from being ready.

For more information, visit https://thesocialeats.com/about

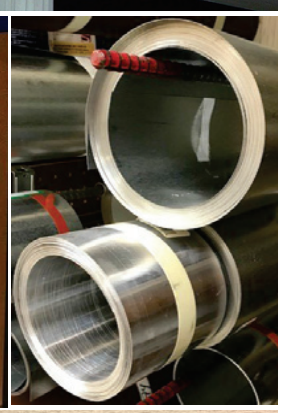
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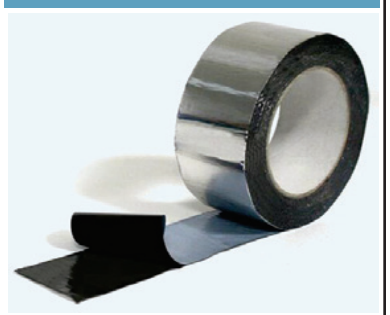
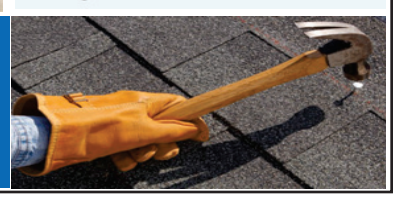
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CURIOUS

FROM PAGE 4

My friend Shane's father is an architect and he says you could build it for $30 million less. And those people are suing us and we lost but we keep fighting it and that's costing $20 million, maybe 40. And even our stupid new bus bench cost $4 million, right? I know it's pretty but, can't you and Mama spend our money a little more judiciously?"

"Don't upset yourselves, dear little ones," cooed Mama Pistle. "When you grow up you'll understand. Until then, we shall wisely guide you through your ignorance and lack of knowledge and understanding. We have a vision for the future Pistle Paradise, and we know best. You are only children."

"But Mama, Papa," asserted Little Johnny, "you never listen to us. I'm 22 and Sam's 24. We're not children. We live here, and it's our future too."

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



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Civil dispute 1200blk 6th St 12:18 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:29 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1300blk Ocean Ave 12:45 a.m.
Civil dispute 1500blk 16th St 12:56 a.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:07 a.m.
Battery 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:00 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Olympic Blvd W 5:58 a.m.
Vandalism 2900blk Main St 6:29 a.m.
Encampment Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 6:43 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk The Beach 7:05 a.m.
Burglary 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:21 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1200blk Princeton St 7:43 a.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:48 a.m.
Suspicious person 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 100blk San Vicente Blvd 7:58 a.m.
Domestic violence 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:12 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:28 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2800blk Arizona Ave 8:28 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 15th St 8:35 a.m.
Petty theft Stewart St / Exposition Blvd 8:43 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 3rd St Prom 8:54 a.m.
Lewd activity 2800blk Main St 8:57 a.m.
SCAR investigation 2900blk 3rd St 9:04 a.m.
Petty theft 2800blk Exposition Blvd 9:07 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1900blk 17th St 9:27 a.m.
Grand theft auto 3100blk 4th St 9:36 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:38 a.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Hollister Ave 9:58 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1800blk Main St 10:03 a.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica 10:04 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:12 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2200blk 20th St 10:15 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1800blk 20th St 10:26 a.m.
Hit and run 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:40 a.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Petty theft 700blk 22nd St 10:53 a.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:07 a.m.
Speeding 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:07 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 00blk Marine Ter 11:29 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2800blk 3rd St 11:34 a.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 11:55 a.m.
Domestic violence 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk 11th St 12:15 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2300blk Virginia Ave 12:21 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 12:28 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 12:37 p.m.
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Battery 3rd St Prom / Broadway 2:34 p.m.
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Traffic collision with injuries 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 800blk 26th St 2:56 p.m.
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Petty theft 2400blk Arizona Ave 3:20 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 500blk Hollister Ave 3:38 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 200blk Bay St 3:49 p.m.
Battery 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:19 p.m.
Public intoxication 1800blk 7th St 8:31 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd St Prom 8:34 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 8:35 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances 500blk Wilshire Blvd 8:46 p.m.
Shots fired 2300blk 24th St 9:12 p.m.
Fraud report 300blk Olympic Dr 9:28 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON JUNE 25

Emergency medical service (EMS) 1300blk 20th St 1:34 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:56 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:36 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1200blk Princeton St 7:43 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 8:35 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1200blk 6th St 8:53 a.m.
Haz mat - level 1 1300blk Hill St 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 10:46 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:03 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Broadway 11:27 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 12:28 p.m.
Elevator rescue 300blk 20th St 12:38 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:38 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 22nd St 12:52 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 1:09 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 1:14 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:54 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:56 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:59 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:03 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:12 p.m.
EMS 34th St / Pico Blvd 3:12 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:29 p.m.
Bee emergency 300blk Olympic Dr 3:31 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk 17th St 11:04 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 17th St 11:24 p.m.

Federal judges send 2020 census lawsuit back to lower court

BY DAVID MCFADDEN
Associated Press

A lawsuit that alleges a 2020 census question pushed by the Trump administration violates minorities' rights will be sent back to a federal court in Maryland so new evidence can be considered, U.S. appeals judges ruled Tuesday.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals' decision comes a day after U.S. District Judge George Hazel of Maryland suggested in an opinion that racial discrimination and partisan power plays could be the underlying motives in asking everyone in the country about citizenship status. The 4th Circuit's order sending the case back to Hazel could be pivotal.

"The decision today opens up a potentially new legal front in the fight against the citizenship question," said Thomas Wolf, counsel for the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice and an expert on census matters.

The Supreme Court is expected to decide this week whether the Trump administration can add its citizenship question to the 2020 population survey. However, the justices are not considering legal questions about whether the citizenship addition might be discriminatory.

Now that the 4th Circuit has sent this lawsuit back to the federal court in Maryland, Hazel could issue an injunction blocking the citizenship question. If that were to happen, the order issued by the lower court would have to hold until the Supreme Court can take up the matter, according to Wolf.

And because the Supreme Court does not generally hear arguments again until October after this week's decisions, there would be more time for the 4th Circuit to hear an appeal, said Jennifer Nou, a University of Chicago law professor.

"Who will be the 'final word' depends on the true deadline for when the census forms must be printed. If the true deadline for the census forms occurs before the Supreme Court reconvenes, for example, there is a chance that the 4th Circuit could be the final word," Nou said in an email.

The Trump administration insists that printing of census questionnaires is supposed to begin July 1. It wants justices to resolve the citizenship question swiftly in its favor, essentially cutting off additional proceedings in court in Maryland and New York and allowing the census forms to be printed with the new question.

Even before the 4th Circuit issued its order, the U.S. Justice Department was urging the Supreme Court to ignore the evidence Hazel says merits further review.

"It is based on a speculative conspiracy theory that is unsupported by the evidence and legally irrelevant to demonstrating that (Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross) acted with a discriminatory intent," Solicitor General Noel Francisco, Trump's top Supreme Court lawyer, wrote in a Tuesday letter to the court.

But in his court filing Monday, Hazel reasoned that the trove of new evidence "potentially connects the dots between a discriminatory purpose — diluting Hispanics' political power — and Secretary Ross's decision" to include the citizenship question.

The new evidence consists of computer documents from Republican operative Tom Hofeller, who died last year. They include detailed calculations projecting gains Republicans would see in Texas by basing legislative districts on the number of voting-age citizens rather than the total population. The late North Carolina redistricting expert said in the documents that GOP gains would be possible only if the census asked every household about its members' immigration status for the first time since 1950.

Ross, who oversees the Census Bureau, said in a memo last year that the Justice Department wants to ask the question to gather data to help identify majority-minority congressional districts, which the Voting Rights Act calls for when possible.

In his opinion issued a day before the 4th Circuit's order, Hazel said he would reopen discovery for 45 days, order an evidentiary hearing and issue a "speedy ruling."

Associated Press writer Mark Sherman in Washington contributed to this report.



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Mega#: 24
Jackpot: $56 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/24
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Draw Date: 06/25
Midday: 2 2 0
Draw Date: 06/24
Evening: 1 4 5

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THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
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Sudoku

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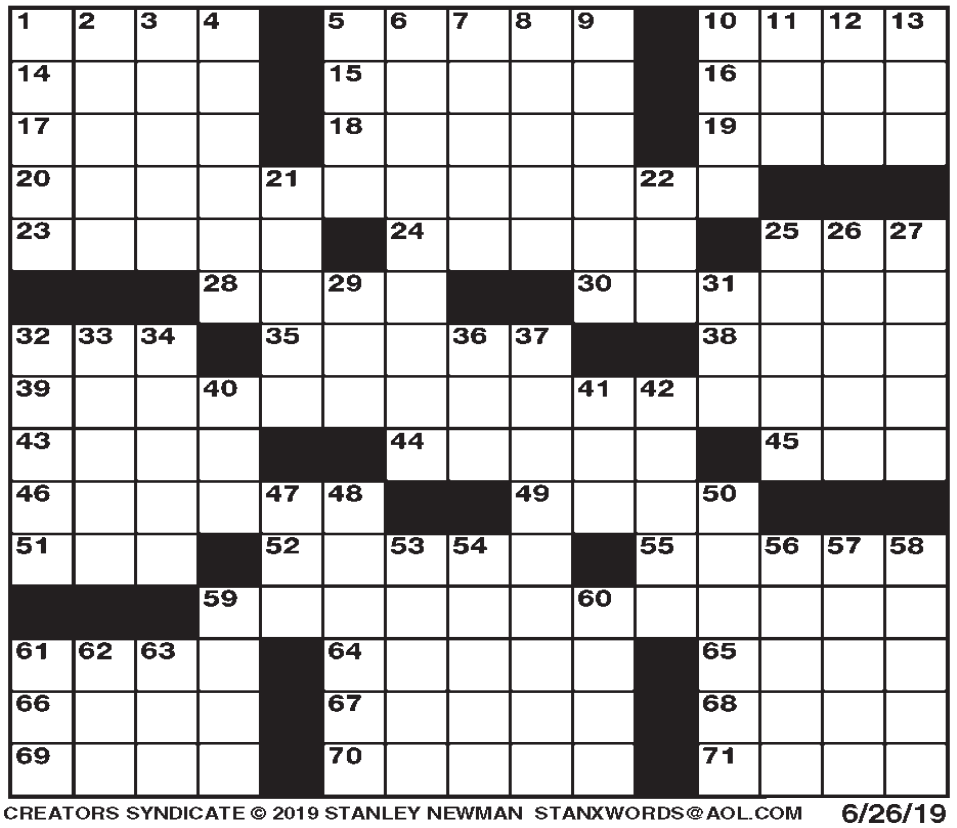
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Former Italian money
5 Looks over quickly
10 Optimistic wish
14 Getting the job done
15 Spider-Man portrayer Maguire
16 __ Grey tea
17 President before Wilson
18 Abates
19 Molecule part
20 The "g" in cologne
23 Pro hockey house
24 Photographer Adams
25 Bit of paint
28 Defeat soundly
30 Illusion in the desert
32 Prescription regulator: Abbr.
35 Donut filling
38 Wicked
39 Something debated in Congress
43 Number on a wine label
44 Fix stitching
45 Understand
46 Legal filings
49 Abound
51 Japanese money
52 Place for a stickpin
55 Chain of mountains
59 Salesperson's handout
61 Hotel lobby furniture
64 Sudden outpouring
65 Palm-tree berry
66 Admired celebrity
67 Disney World theme park
68 Least bit
69 Cheat at hide-and-seek
70 Numbers on calendars
71 Dads' lads

DOWN
1 Much, informally
2 ". . . the bombs bursting __"
3 Ransack
4 Go to
5 Editor's notation
6 Small furry marsupial
7 Norwegian playwright
8 Runs into
9 Methodical procedure
10 Learn via the grapevine
11 Feedbag morsel
12 Golf teacher
13 Stately tree
21 Some undercover agents
22 Quarterback Manning
25 Actress Bette or Viola
26 Nimble
27 *Beauty and the Beast* heroine
29 Web address
31 Confederate soldier, for short
32 Overhead visit from a plane
33 Farm machinery giant
34 Once more
36 Ingested
37 Decoration for Christmas kissing
40 Wrath
41 Victory sign
42 Decorative pitchers
47 Winter bug
48 Talked back to
50 Bright-colored parrots
53 Kate Middleton's sister
54 Approve, as a 39 Across
56 Tortilla chip
57 Corn or wheat
58 Polishes for publication
59 Don't go quietly
60 Tennis tourney segments
61 Tiny taste of tea
62 Verse of tribute
63 Competitive rival



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 26)

You go into this solar journey with a passionate flame in your heart. The next two months are a blur as you share your excitement and ignite the spark in others. You'll soon have a whole team helping you make your vision come to life. November shows you bringing something remarkable home from your travels. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 23, 14 and 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The rivalry going on may not be your own, but it matters to some of the people you love. Emotions are high. Alliances are drawn. And you may find yourself rooting for someone despite your best intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've picked up wisdom along the way as well as pithy sayings, fun jokes and interesting anecdotes. Armed with elegant erudition, you'll make friends and do well in business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Simple patience looks like waiting around, but it's not the same thing as inaction. Patience is an inner stance, accepting the circumstance and looking for the best in it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Group situations can bring out the best in everyone, or they can cause people to relax into the illusion of safety in numbers. As you do your part, you can't help but influence the next person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The drive to create fun is as important as other human drives and the priority of the day. Bits of life turned into humor will be the healing balm that makes life sweeter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The good ideas don't take hold any faster just because they are good ideas. Any idea at all must be exposed several times before it's adopted. Present your option again. You're going to help people, though it could take a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). History has its own recipe. The truth gets mixed in with the needs and wants of those relaying the story. A mythology slowly forms as facts change just a little with each retelling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your imagination is going strong today, and you may not be sure whether to correct it or assist it. Much depends on the direction in which your thoughts are flowing. Your happiness depends on imagining in a good direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be satisfied or discontented with oneself is more a matter of decision than of any fixed state of reality. Self-esteem is nothing more than a judgment you make, and you can change your mind about it any time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Truths are often half-spoken. It's like we know how potent the truth is, and therefore, the first form it comes to us in is usually a whisper or a hint.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's the same with operating people and machines today – you have to first learn what buttons to push to make things happen, but once you know, it will be obvious what to do and what to avoid doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your tenacity of purpose is strongest when you know you're in the flow of all that's right. While it would be nice if such a knowing were an innate feeling, it's not. You have to check, question and doubt to realize what is right.

Mercury Catches Fire

The watery realm of Cancer has held Mercury in its soulful, maternal arms, but alas, the day of planetary graduation has arrived. It's time for Mercury the messenger to launch from the safety of domesticity into the fiery realm of Leo. The change in our communication style will catch on quickly. Stories spread like wildfire. What's yours?

MERCURY IN LEO

If Mercury in Leo were to have a theme song, it would be the cacophony or a pit orchestra warming up right before the downbeat. First comes the clash of every instrument noodling along, then the tap, tap, tap of the conductor's wand against the music stand, then a pregnant pause, house lights lowered, footlights reflecting off of the closed red velvet theater curtains that seem to breathe in anticipation of opening into another world – a world where stories are enacted. Our communication planet tests out different modes as he hurls through different sections of the sky. In Leo, the mode organizes into something of a three-act structure. We are made more aware of the dramatic potential of our lives, and we share in the way that makes the best retelling. Of course, storytelling varies from culture to culture, person to person, each of us coming with our own preferences, rules and stylistic tendencies. What is considered a fun device to one person is an exaggeration to someone else, and an outright lie to a third person. Have fun with your stories in the weeks to come. Know what they are, how they define you in the eyes of others and how they can be used to connect, position yourself and help you to be better understood.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Ariana Grande is touring the world on "The Sweetener" tour in support of her fourth and fifth studio albums "Sweetener" and "Thank U Next." The pop superstar and philanthropist was born when the sun and Mercury were in nurturing Cancer, and the moon was in Libra, the sign of beauty and harmony. Venus in Taurus lends tenacity, grit and a killer voice to the mix. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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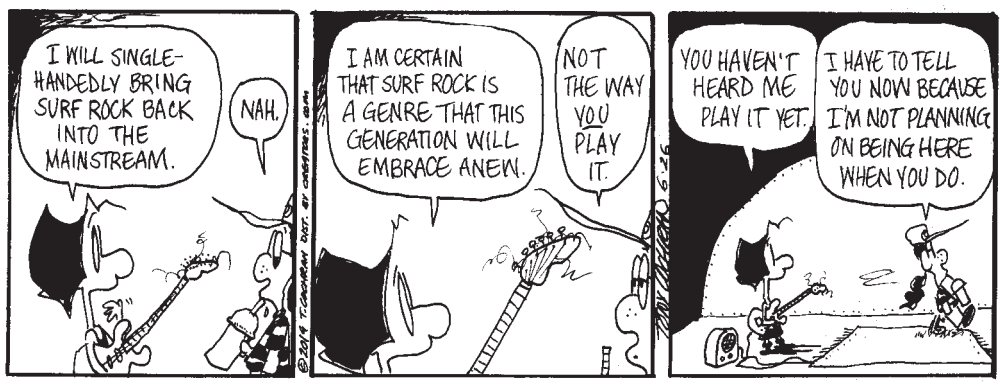
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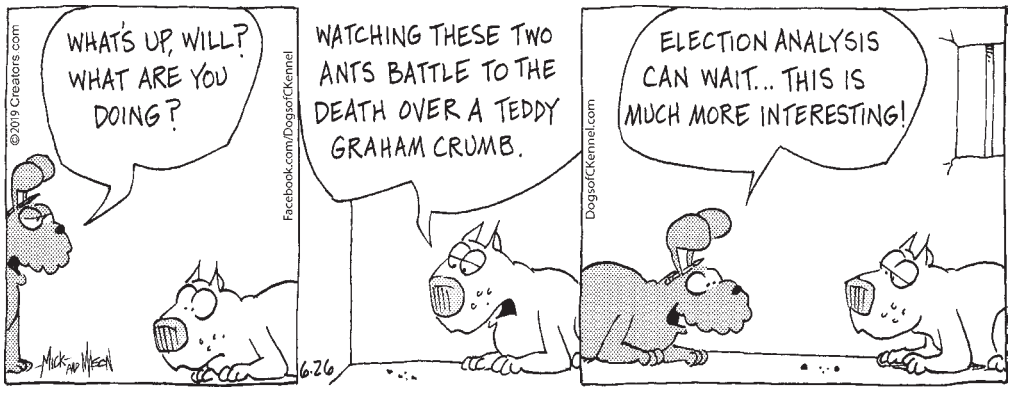
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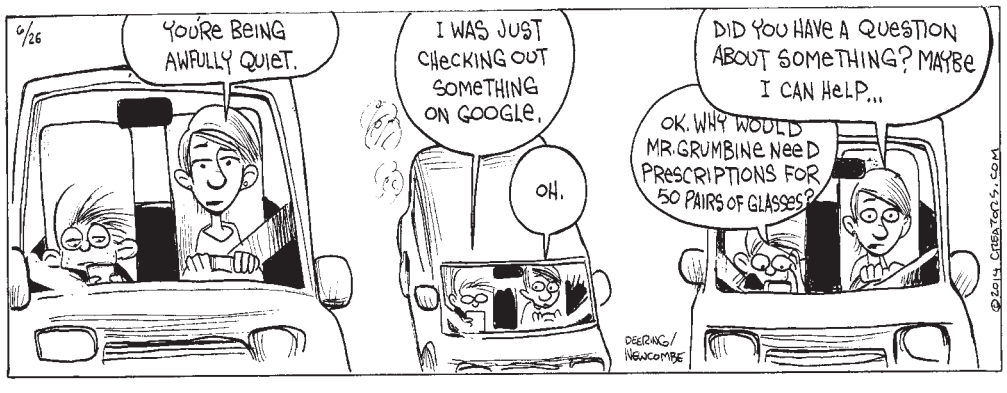
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Other sources of air pollution are in decline in the U.S. as coal-fired power plants close and fewer older cars roll down highways. But those air quality gains are being erased in some areas by the ill effects of massive clouds of smoke that can spread hundreds and even thousands of miles on cross-country winds, according to researchers.

With the 2019 wildfire season already heating up and fires breaking out from Southern California through Canada to Alaska, authorities are scrambling to better protect the public before smoke again blankets cities and towns. Officials in Seattle recently announced plans to retrofit five public buildings as smoke-free shelters.

Scientists from NASA and universities are refining satellite imagery to predict where smoke will travel and how intense it will be. Local authorities are using those forecasts to send out real-time alerts encouraging people to stay indoors when conditions turn unhealthy.

The scope of the problem is immense: Over the next three decades, more than 300 counties in the West will see more severe smoke waves from wildfires, sometimes lasting weeks longer than in years past, according to atmospheric researchers led by a team from Yale and Harvard.

For almost two weeks last year during the Camp Fire , which killed 85 people and destroyed 14,000 homes in Paradise, California, smoke from the blaze inundated the San Francisco neighborhood where Montoya lives with her husband, Trevor McNeil, and their three children.

Lines formed outside hardware stores as people rushed to buy face masks and indoor air purifiers. The city's famous open air cable cars shut down. Schools kept children inside or canceled classes, and a church soup kitchen sheltered homeless people from the smoke.

Montoya's three children have respiratory problems that their doctor says is likely a precursor to asthma, she said. That would put them among those most at-risk from being harmed by wildfire smoke, but the family was unable to find child-sized face masks or an adequate air filter. Both were sold out everywhere they looked.

In desperation, her family ended up fleeing to a relative's vacation home in Lake Tahoe. The children were delighted that they could go outside again.

"We really needed our kids to be able to breathe," Montoya said.

Smoke from wildfires was once considered a fleeting nuisance except for the most vulnerable populations. But it's now seen in some regions as a recurring and increasing public health threat, said James Crooks, a health investigator at National Jewish Health, a Denver medical center that specializes in respiratory ailments.

"There are so many fires, so many places upwind of you that you're getting increased particle levels and increased ozone from the fires for weeks and weeks," Crooks said.

One such place is Ashland, Oregon, a city of about 21,000 known for its summer-long Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

During each of the past two summers, Ashland had about 40 days of smoke-filled air, said Chris Chambers, wildfire division chief for the fire department. Last year, that forced cancellation of more than two-dozen outdoor performances. Family physician Justin Adams said the smoke was hardest on his patients with asthma and other breathing problems and he expects some to see long-term health effects.

"It was essentially like they'd started smoking again for two months," he said.

Voters in 2018 approved a bond measure that includes money to retrofit Ashland schools with "scrubbers" to filter smoke. Other public buildings and businesses already have them. A community alert system allows 6,500 people to receive emails and text messages when the National Weather Service issues smoke alerts.

"We really feel like we've made a conscious effort to adapt to climate change," Chambers said. "But you can't just live your whole life inside."

The direct damage from conflagrations that regularly erupt in the West is stark. In California alone, wildfires over the past two years torched more than 33,000 houses, outbuildings and other structures and killed 146 people.

Harder to grasp are health impacts from microscopic particles in the smoke that can trigger heart attacks, breathing problems and other maladies. The particles, about 1/30th of the diameter of a human hair, penetrate deeply into the lungs to cause coughing, chest pain and asthma attacks. Children, the elderly and people with lung diseases or heart trouble are most at risk.

Death can occur within days or weeks among the most vulnerable following heavy smoke exposure, said Linda Smith, chief of the California Air Resources Board's health branch.

Over the past decade as many as 2,500 people annually died prematurely in the U.S. from short-term wildfire smoke exposure, according to Environmental Protection Agency scientists.

The long-term effects have only recently come into focus, with estimates that chronic smoke exposure causes about 20,000 premature deaths per year, said Jeff Pierce, an associate professor of atmospheric science at Colorado State University.

That figure could double by the end of this century due to hotter, drier conditions and much longer fire seasons, said Pierce.

His research team compared known health impacts from air pollution against future climate scenarios to derive its projections. The results suggested smoke will spread to become a dominant pollutant even in areas not typically associated with wildfires, such as the South and Northeast.

Even among wildfire experts, understanding of health impacts from smoke was elusive until recently. But attitudes shifted as growing awareness of climate change ushered in research examining wildfire's potential consequences.

Residents of Northern California, western Oregon, Washington state and the Northern Rockies are projected to suffer the worst increases in smoke exposure, according to Loretta Mickley, a senior climate research fellow at Harvard University.

"It's really incredible how much the U.S. has managed to clean up the air from other (pollution) sources like power plants and industry and cars," Mickley said. "Climate change is throwing a new variable into the mix and increasing smoke, and that will work against our other efforts to clear the air through regulations. This is kind of an unexpected source of pollution and health hazard."

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