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Annual parade is the safest way to enjoy July 4

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments are encouraging residents to celebrate July 4 in a safe way and make use of the official celebrations including Santa Monica's Parade on Main Street.

Officials are reminding everyone that all types of fireworks are illegal in the City of Santa Monica, including "safe and

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Commissioner aims to outfox local parks



Courtesy photo

WEEDS: Officials want to remove the foxtail plant from local parks.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Recreation and Parks Commissioner Kurt Schwengel is getting into the weeds this week, as he seeks to get foxtails out of Santa Monica parks. The kindergarten teacher said he had no idea the plants were a hazard to pets until he saw a post on Nextdoor about a foxtail that went up a dog's nose, requiring surgery and a $900 vet bill.

"This never occurred to me," Schwengel said in an interview with the Daily Press. "I never thought to not let my dog sniff certain plants. I had no idea."

Schwengel is still researching the issue and would like to hear from residents where they have encountered the weeds on public property. So far, he said he received multiple complaints

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Historic horse hitch saved for post parade ceremony



Jonah Dylan

SAVED: History buffs are going to have a small gathering at the city's last horse hitch after the parade.

JONAH DYLAN
Daily Press Intern

Mitch Lachman said it just kind of hit him one day: the horse hitch on Wadsworth Ave. was the last horse hitch he knew of.

"So I said, 'Hey, this is important. This is a relic,'" Lachman said.

He told local historian Richard Orton about the horse hitch, but there was a problem. The city of Santa Monica, in an effort to even out the curb and the sidewalk on the street with the horse hitch, paved over the small ring on the sidewalk, apparently not even realizing it was a horse hitch.

But Orton had recently taken an interest in the hitch, which was historically used for riders to tie up their horses as far back as 1902.

He appealed to city manager Rick Cole, who was very receptive to Orton's concern. So the asphalt covering the hitch was removed, and members of the police equestrian unit will tie their horses up during a brief ceremony at the hitch after the Santa Monica July 4th parade.

"I just thought it ought to be celebrated," Orton said. "And it was kind of my thinking that, well, a good time to do that would be right after the 4th of July parade when we have equestrian units in Ocean Park. And it would be fun to actually have them come down there after the parade and actually hitch horses to the horse hitch."

Orton will give a brief speech explaining the significance of the horse hitch, and other community members will be invited to speak as well. His goal is for the city to enact a plaque memorializing the horse hitch. The plaque could also include a bike rack that would utilize the hitch.

Planning Commissioner Nina Fresco said

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day Fireworks

Connect with the Marina del Rey Visitors Bureau for information on the annual fireworks show. Their website provides details on fireworks viewing areas, road closures, and more. Please note that law enforcement may close roads earlier than posted times, usually due to full parking lots; their recommendation is that visitors arrive before 1 p.m. and plan to stay the whole day. Visitmarinadelrey.com/july4; 424-526-7900.

Red, White, & Blue Block Party @ Marina del Rey Hotel

Join organizers on July 4 for food, drinks, games, and live music – all day long at the Marina del Rey Hotel, starting at 11 a.m. The DJ will be spinning 1 p.m. until the fireworks begin at 9 p.m. Visit the website for ticket information. http://bit.ly/mdrhotelJuly4; 310-301-1000.

Thursday, July 5

Beach Eats

Beach Eats is a weekly food truck gathering at Marina "Mother's" Beach on summer Thursdays through September 27, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. New this year, enjoy live music from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. while you picnic by the sea! Bring your own beach chair and enjoy the free show. Visitmarinadelrey.com/beacheats;

Friday, July 6

Rhythm Child Drumming: Summer Activity Program

A high energy, interactive family concert that encourages creative expression. Space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before each event. Ages 4 - 11. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Craft Supply Swap

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library each Friday to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Free screening of "Arrival"

This week, Mind Over Movies screens "Arrival," a very different kind of alien invasion movie. Starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner. Rated PG-13. Film followed by roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Cinderella Art Exhibit

Join organizers for an art exhibit to celebrate the launch of TOMS Disney Cinderella Collection, the first capsule in the Disney X TOMS collaboration. View Cinderella prints carefully selected from the Disney archives while enjoying Cinderella-themed sips and snacks. TOMS Flagship store, 1344 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 6 – 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Paws to Read

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Signup in advance for a 15-minute period starting June 18. Call (310) 458-8682 or visit the branch to reserve your spot. 2 – 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

French Connection: Cercle Français

Celebrate Bastille Day and more with this four-meeting French Club hosted by Margaret Drach. Ideal for those learning French, who want to learn French, as well as French expats who would like to get together in a casual setting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 – 3:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LONG BEACH

Mourners gather at service for slain California firefighter

Mourners gathered yesterday to remember a Southern California firefighter who was shot to death while responding to an explosion and fire.

The memorial service for Long Beach fire Capt. Dave Rosa was held Tuesday at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Rosa was fatally shot June 25 as firefighters dealt with the aftermath of an early morning blast at a senior living tower. Another firefighter and a civilian were wounded.

The 45-year-old Rosa worked for the Long Beach Fire Department for 17 years. He is survived by a wife and two children.

A 77-year-old resident of the building was arrested and charged with murder, attempted murder, arson and explosive counts. Prosecutors allege the man was feuding with a neighbor and set off the explosion in an attempt to kill her.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles kicks off long-delayed licensing for pot growers

Los Angeles will kick off the process for licensing marijuana cultivators and manufacturers on Aug. 1, but it's likely to be many months before any of those companies open their doors for business.

The announcement Monday was greeted with a mix of anticipation and frustration by growers and other businesses awaiting licenses that have watched the illicit market flourish.

California broadly legalized cannabis on Jan. 1, but Los Angeles has moved cautiously with licensing. Growers and others seeking licenses will have to go through a tiered review in which applicants must show they meet a range of legal requirements, as well as pass inspections.

About 150 retailers have opened in the city, but the rest of the supply chain has been on hold.

Donnie Anderson, a Los Angeles cultivator and dispensary owner, said he's been paying rent for months on commercial space he can't use without a license, straining his budget.

He told the city Cannabis Regulation Commission "we don't want to wait too much longer."

The announcement was made by the city's top pot regulator, Cat Packer, who said rules continue to change as the city refines the new system.

When might the first cultivator licenses go out?

"There are many steps that have not even been solidified," she said. "I cannot commit to a timeline at this point."

The commission heard a long line of now-familiar complaints about the uneven state of the L.A. market, which was once expected to be a model for the rest of the state but has developed more slowly than San Diego, Oakland and other major cities.

The concerns ranged from a robust illegal market that is undercutting the legal one, hefty tax rates and questions about who would be eligible for licenses.

Commission President Robert Ahn indicated that the industry would need patience as the city continues to transform the long-established industry into a multibillion-dollar, regulated marketplace.

"We have tremendous challenges," Ahn said. "It's not going to be easy. It's going to take time."

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD, ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

LA hospital to pay $550K in homeless patient dumping case

A Los Angeles hospital suspected of discharging hundreds of homeless patients and dumping them at bus and train stations instead of shelters or other facilities agreed to pay a $550,000 legal settlement, prosecutors announced Monday.

Silver Lake Medical Center, which operates a 118-bed psychiatric facility, agreed to stop the practice and put policies in place to make sure homeless patients are delivered to facilities that can care for them, City Attorney Mike Feuer said.

Investigators found more than 750 instances when discharge papers indicated patients were to be sent to shelters, but transportation records show they were dropped elsewhere, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey said.

"It's shameful for a hospital to be dumping people out and essentially saying, 'I don't care what happens to you next,'" Lacey said.

Dumping homeless patients on the street and Skid Row to fend for themselves has been a problem in Los Angeles for more than a decade.

Lacey and Feuer said they plan to hold a summit later this summer with staff from medical facilities, health, social services and police to discuss how to humanely discharge homeless patients.

Feuer's office has reached $4 million in settlements with hospitals, nursing facilities and medical centers in eight cases of unlawfully discharging homeless patients.

Silver Lake's patient dumping was discovered after a whistleblower came forward with allegations, Feuer said.

The medical center neither admitted nor denied the allegations, according to the settlement. Administrators at the hospital didn't immediately reply to requests for comment.

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PARADE

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sane" fireworks. No fireworks can be used in Santa Monica even if they were legal in the city in which they were purchased. Illegal fireworks will be seized and the owners can be fined up to $1,000 or face up to six months in jail.

The Santa Monica parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Pico and Main. The route runs down Main Street, turns west on Marine then north on Barnard Way before ending close to Ocean Park Blvd.

Spectators are encouraged to bring enough water to stay hydrated during the day and drivers should be aware of several road closures including:

Main from Colorado to Pico 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Main from Pico to Marine 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Neilson at Marine 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Pico, Bay, Bicknell, Pacific, Strand, Hollister, Ocean Park, Hill, Ashland, Pier and Marine between Fourth and Neilson Way 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For a full parade map, and additional information, visit www.santamonicaparade.com

While Santa Monica does not have fireworks on July 4, several neighboring communities do have fireworks shows and officials said they are a safe way to enjoy the spirit of the holiday.

July 4 fireworks

PACIFIC PALISADES 4TH OF JULY PARADE
Pacific Palisades Charter High School
15777 Bowdoin St.
Los Angeles, CA 90272
Cost: $10 (free for children under six years)

MARINA DEL REY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Cost: Free

CULVER CITY JULY 4TH FIREWORKS
West LA College
9000 Overland Ave
Culver City, CA 90230
Cost: $5 (free for children under five years)

WESTCHESTER FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
Loyola Boulevard from Westchester Park to LMU
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Cost: Free

THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
2301 N Highland Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90068
Cost: Price depending on seat selection

4TH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY AT GRAND PARK
200 N Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Cost: Free

FOXTAILS

FROM PAGE 1

about Hotchkiss Park.

"To be honest I've never been on the lookout for them," Schwengel said, who plans to take the issue directly to city staff once he verifies problem areas. "I'm hoping we can cut through all the political red tape and say these plants are harmful to dogs."

Foxtails are barbed clusters of seeds on various grasses that can work their way between paws, through fur and even up a pet's nose, where it can make its way to the brain. If left untreated, foxtails can be deadly. They are found on weeds and ornamental grasses all over the western United States.

Every summer, local veterinarians see an influx of injuries related to the seeds.

"We have seen foxtails stuck in the ears of several dogs this year, as well as one wedged under the skin between the toes of a canine patient," said Dr. Sabrina Castro of Vetted Petcare. "In both cases, these can be very painful."

It can be difficult to locate the foxtail, so owners should look for signs of pain or discomfort. Castro said there have been reported cases of foxtails getting into the lungs and brainstem of animals.

"The foxtail is a foreign material, so wherever they travel the body acts as appropriately to produce an inflammatory response to 'attack' the intruder," Castro said. "This inflammatory response can lead to swelling, which creates more pain and discomfort. In addition, the foxtails can bring bacteria with them from the environment under your pet's skin or in their body, which can lead to infection."

Residents who have seen foxtails at their local park or other public areas can contact Schwengel via email at kschwengel@franklin-school.net.

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Scooting Towards Bad News

IT'S PERSONAL NOW

I've been quiet about the scooter kerfuffle. Torn both ways.

It is a pretty clean mode of transportation, an environmentally good way of getting from here to there. But the here to there is usually pretty short, I suspect. People are not going to Culver City or Westwood by scooter. Scooter scoots, I'm observing, may in large part be just for fun, or be replacing walking. And walking is very good for you. So, there may be a down side in that respect. A generation of scooter heads is a generation who won't walk six blocks, because there's a scooter right there, pick it up, hop on, whee, why walk?

Some longer scoots do replace car or Uber rides, and that's good for traffic reduction. But unless you've got an electric or hybrid car or Uber, which many of us here do, you're still burning electricity, for nightly charging. Hybrids generally self-generate their electricity through driving.

So it's looking less like such an environmental bargain. But here in Santa Monica, appearances count, hey it looks good on the resume, and our selected leaders are madly in love with anything "environmental" (don't dig too deep).

This scooter thing fits right in with our picture of ourselves as a progressive little city by the sea. Lots of happy, smiling people whizzing around our streets, not burning fossil fuels, not further snarling traffic gridlock, not needing parking spaces, the sharing economy, the wave of the future. Anything wrong with this picture?

THEY ARE E-V-E-R-Y-WHERE

The gripe most locals have about the scooters is that. I mean, everywhere. Thousands of them. They're left in our driveways, doorways, on wheelchair ramps, in streets, alleys, bike paths, on beaches, everywhere. Check your closet. It's an invasion of biblical proportions.

It happened overnight, last September. (Bird. Lime scooters showed up last month.) Suddenly, there are literally thousands of Bird scooters all over our City, transforming it, for good or bad. They refuse to tell us how many there are.

With Bird happened without notice to or permit by the City. It was illegal. What did we do? It was a clear example of intentionally choosing to ask forgiveness rather than ask permission. Dump your product in a city and see what happens. Why, before they can rein you in or even fine you, you have already established yourself with thousands of users who will scream bloody murder if you try to take their new toy away. So, what did we do?

Our City government has responded now with little bitty, long term, partial adjustments. After a year of Birds, next September we will start a 16-month "trial" to see how it goes. What? I think most people who live here can give you an opinion on that, after a whole year.

In some other cities, it didn't happen that way. If Bird came in unpermitted, some city governments acted swiftly and decisively, impounding scooters and forcing Bird to work with them. But here, we're easy, if you are wearing a green tag. The City didn't even file a lawsuit for six months, and by then Bird was nicely nested.

But forget all the inconvenience, of scooters everywhere. The real threat is that this business, by any company, at its core, of scooters for pickup and drop-off anywhere, is in my opinion a serious danger to riders and those "in their way," and someone is going to get killed.

AND WHEN THEY DO

Who will have blood on their hands? I've drawn my conclusion, you are welcome to your own.

This is a business so unenforceable for safety that it is inevitable that some helmetless rider is going to lose their balance and lose their life. We have already come literally within inches of that here, more than once. People, some of them kids, are on the street with cars and trucks, on a motorized toy, really, without the minimum protection. It's too easy to ignore and violate the vendor's rules. It just seems to me so blatantly dangerous that I believe our City Council should have erred on the side of caution on day one, but even now can opt for strict enforcement, at least of the helmet and age laws, with heavy fines for riders who violate.

If you ride on or in a vehicle on the streets, with other vehicles, there is an inherent danger. Some people will be involved in accidents, some people will die.

But these scooters are a different ballgame. The scooter, unlike cars or even bikes, is so light and mobile, you can zip across an entire street in two seconds, right in front of an oncoming car, missing by inches, apparently for kicks because of the big grin on your face and the eye contact you made with the horrified driver who thought for an instant he was about to take a life.

Yeah, killing someone on the street, even when it's clearly their doing and no fault of yours, can ruin your whole day. And yeah, I was that driver, on Main Street, and for all the thousands of violations I had observed by scooters, that one made it heart-stoppingly real.

Please, Council, Police, do something before we have to print that terrible headline.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: On a much lighter note — though I was certainly heavier when I left — what about Mel's? I have to now chime in with all the locals singing the praise of Mel's Diner, still in their soft opening. It's pretty easy to get some things wrong, opening a new diner when we've recently lost our other two. Santa Monicans are so demanding and picky anyway, right? But they seem to have paid a lot of attention to where they are and the history of the building. Kept the lava rock wall, even uncovered a hidden one. Wide open spaces inside. Great jukebox at every table. Not cheap, but not too bad. Terrific wait staff (you might even get the owner's son). Really varied menu for a diner, from the decadent short ribs sandwich I had to the vegan and vegetarian dishes. I can't wait to try the Kentucky Coffee, with bourbon-infused sake and vanilla, around 2 a.m., when they go 24 hours.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent." — Bob Dylan

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 333 Calls For Service On July 2.

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Public intoxication 2900 block Pico 12:51 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block 10th 2:14 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500 block 6th 2:33 a.m.
Battery 1400 block 2nd 3:32 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 500 block San Vicente 4:04 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block 4th 4:35 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block 2nd 5:05 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block 19th 5:43 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1500 block Pacific Coast 6:05 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 7:06 a.m.
Threats 300 block Olympic 7:35 a.m.
Indecent exposure 600 block Broadway 7:43 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Palisades Park 8:28 a.m.
Burglary 500 block San Vicente 8:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block Exposition 838 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 4th 8:36 a.m.
Fraud 3200 block Pico 8:48 a.m.
Fraud 500 block Broadway 9:05 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block Santa Monica 9:20 a.m.
Battery 1600 block Ocean Front 9:31 a.m.
Animal related incident 6th/Hollister 9:41 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block 14th 9:44 a.m.
Grand theft 2100 block Santa Monica 9:58 a.m.
Trespassing 600 block Santa Monica 11:19 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 18th 11:38 a.m.
Animal related incident 1600 block Appian 11:41 a.m.
Encampment 2900 block Olympic 11:44 a.m.
Assault 1700 block Olympic 12:40 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block 16th 12:50 p.m.
Encampment 200 block Santa Monica 1:03 p.m.
Person down 19th/Delaware 1:19 p.m.
Trespassing 600 block Wilshire 2:10 p.m.
Threats 1400 block 10th 2:13 p.m.
Encampment 2900 block The Beach 2:53 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2800 block Delaware 3:03 p.m.
Indecent exposure 18th/Pico 3:20 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200 block Yale 3:33 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block 7th 4:36 p.m.
Fight 2300 block Centinela 4:43 p.m.
Person w/a gun 1600 block Ocean Front 5:18 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 4th 5:47 p.m.
Threats 500 block Montana 5:53 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1000 block 10th 6:20 p.m.
Fraud 1100 block Princeton 6:23 p.m.
Battery 3000 block Lincoln 6:33 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating in public 1200 block Wilshire 6:42 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean/Washington 6:49 p.m.
Rape 1400 block 2nd 7:18 p.m.
Vandalism 2300 block 21st 7:46 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block Cloverfield 7:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 2nd 8:32 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 8:38 p.m.
Person down 1900 block Lincoln 8:39 p.m.
Fight Ocean/Colorado 10:33 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 10:34 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 10:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 11:05 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On July 2.

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

Emergency Medical Service 2000 block Arizona 12:51 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Ocean Park 7:32 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 10th 7:45 a.m.
EMS 2300 block Main 10:49 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 4th 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 23rd 11:12 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Washington 11:59 a.m.
EMS 900 block Colorado 1:37 p.m.
Haz Mat Level 1 Pacific Coast/California Incline 3:20 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Arizona 3:47 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:49 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 26th/Santa Monica 4:17 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 4:22 p.m.
EMS 600 block San Vicente 4:31 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 2000 block Ocean 4:33 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 11th 4:38 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 5:23 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3300 block Ocean Park 5:07 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Cloverfield 6:12 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 1900 block Ocean 7:36 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 8:39 p.m.
EMS 4th/Colorado 8:45 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:50 p.m.
EMS 100 block Wadsworth 8:52 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 8:55 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:44 p.m.
EMS 500 block Santa Monica 9:47 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica 10:00 p.m.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Consultants to complete and submit proposals for:

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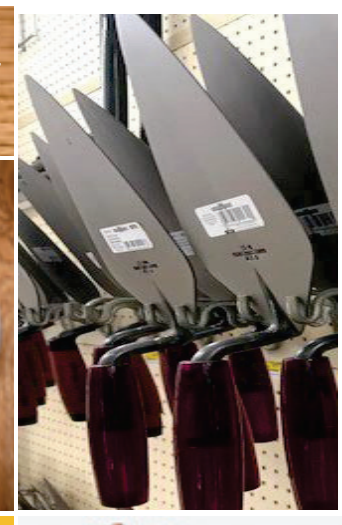
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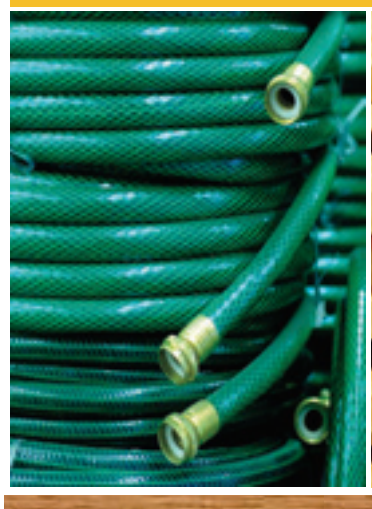
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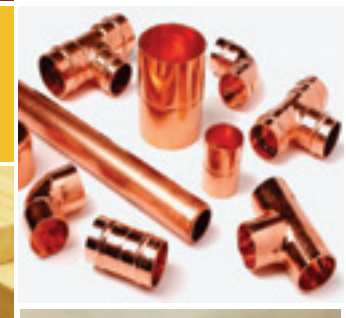




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Jonah Dylan

HORSE: The city's last horse hitch is easy to miss but is historically significant according to neighborhood activists.

HITCH

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the hitch serves as a reminder of a past time in Santa Monica.

"It kind of connects to why is history important," she said. "The thing about that horse hitch is it's a really small piece of hardwood that somehow managed to survive in a city where there has been decade after decade of really dramatic change and redevelopment and evolution. And so when a thing like that makes it to the present day, it's a real anomaly."

Lachman, who originally alerted Orton to the horse hitch's existence, echoed Fresco's comments about its significance. He called it a "treasure," and said Ocean Park used to be littered with horse hitches, but the one on Wadsworth is now the last remaining one.

"They've just disappeared, I don't know of any other horse ring anywhere," he said. "But there it is, and I felt it was important because it's a carryover from a time in California when horses were predominate. Can you imagine ocean park back in the day at the turn of the century when there were no cars, there were horses?"

Orton, who produces a newsletter about Santa Monica history and has lived in Ocean Park since 1970, said he was very pleased with how much the city has worked with him to preserve the horse hitch. He added that he was excited with the interest the horse hitch has gained recently.

Fresco said the horse hitch is part of a larger neighborhood that isn't usually recognized for its historical significance.

"That neighborhood where it's in is one of our most intact old original development neighborhoods in the city," she said. "It is the most historically intact neighborhood yet it is not designated as a landmark. But it is really important to people in the community."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 4)

There are no limits on your dreams, and your achievements are within your reach. Creating an environment that will consistently support you is a commitment; don't expect it to happen overnight. Stay compassionate. Get a new coach or teacher to help you transition into your new life. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 8, 9, 33 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Greed is the black hole of sins. It always wants more. It cannot be satisfied. It can, however, be combatted. It will happen today by way of a reversal. Greed will be broken by generosity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Repeating a thought doesn't make it more true or more likely to become reality. Looping thoughts need interruption, which can be achieved by distracting yourself with a task that requires a high level of concentration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You now understand that you don't need what you thought you needed. In fact, you can get by with less and/or different. You may be able to make a trade today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

If you're not looking after yourself properly, it will be like opening a door to negative thoughts and low self-esteem. What do you wish your fairy godmother would do for you? Whatever it is, do it for yourself. It's an excellent start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Conflicting advice will be part of today's challenge, and also part of the fun. How will you know what to choose? There's no right or wrong choice; it's a matter of taste and fit. And you're the expert on what you like and what feels good to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

If you can eliminate the absolutes from your vocabulary today, all of the things you "always" or "never" do will be off the table and you can focus on the lovely shades and specifics between extremes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're in the business of making things happen. However, it will be very beneficial to put that business aside for some time because it will be in the moments in between, when nothing happens, that you will feel most fully alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The magic combination is roughly the same as it was yesterday. With the right attitude for the job, the amount of effort necessary to make things happen and reasonable expectations, you will continue to succeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Let the cynics make fun of the world; you'd much rather make fun of yourself. People will appreciate your honesty and vulnerability. You'll make them laugh as they relate to your story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This thing you want is going to take more work than you thought. A coach can help you work smarter and faster. Unambiguous feedback is what you'll need, and you're tough enough to hear it, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Know what can be done and what cannot be done. These are facts; it's nothing personal. But as you do what can be done, more will fall under your jurisdiction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have a starring role in someone's thoughts. Though this person's casting of you may be a bit unrealistic, it's not entirely off. You'll have fun stretching yourself into the part, as long as it's close to who you want to be.

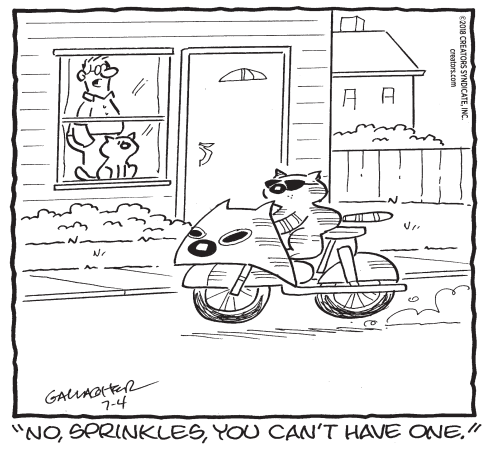
Independence Day Moon

For Americans, Independence Day is fireworks, family, barbecue and the birth of a nation. The spiritual Pisces moon offers thoughtful moments to consider what freedom means and what it costs in these times. No man or nation can stand totally alone. It is wise to honor not only our independence but also our interconnectedness.

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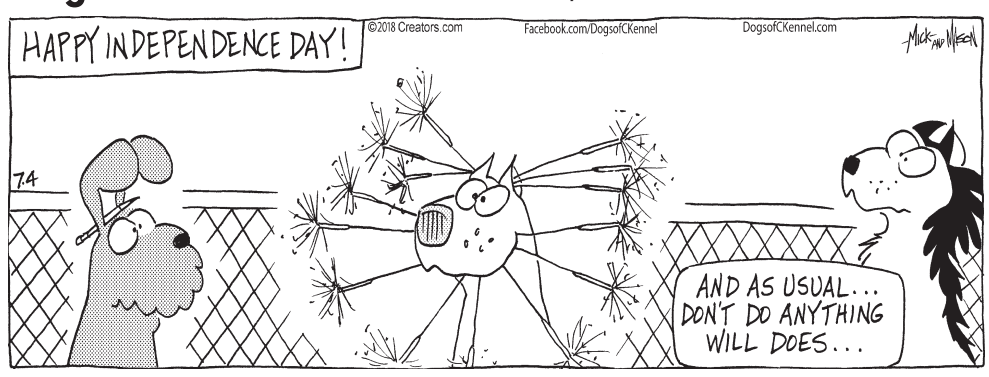
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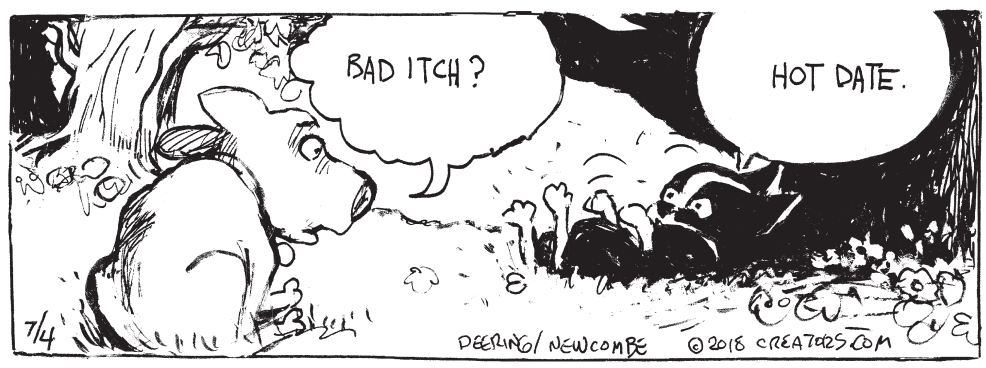
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DAILY LOTTERY

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3 9 20 42 61
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 70M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/29
2 32 47 49 68
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 256M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 6/30
1 22 23 26 36
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/2
1 14 32 35 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/2
MIDDAY: 3 6 9
Draw Date: 7/2
EVENING: 2 7 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/2
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:45.42

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Kafkaesque

1. marked by a senseless, disorienting, often menacing complexity: Kafkaesque bureaucracies.
2. of, pertaining to, characteristic of, or resembling the literary work of Franz Kafka: the Kafkaesque terror of the endless interrogations.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Stories for the Waiting Room

■ The idea of injecting stuff into ailing persons is not new. People have been doing it for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years. Until the mid-19th century, however, the medical practice was mostly done through natural openings in the body or through a cut in the skin.

■ In 1844, an Irish physician named Francis Rynd made the first tool resembling a modern syringe. Nine years later, a Frenchman named Charles-Gabriel Chavaz created the first practical metal syringe.

■ But given that germ theory was not yet widely accepted, using these syringes likely posed as much harm as good.

Mania of the Week

■ Aboulomania: pathological indecisiveness

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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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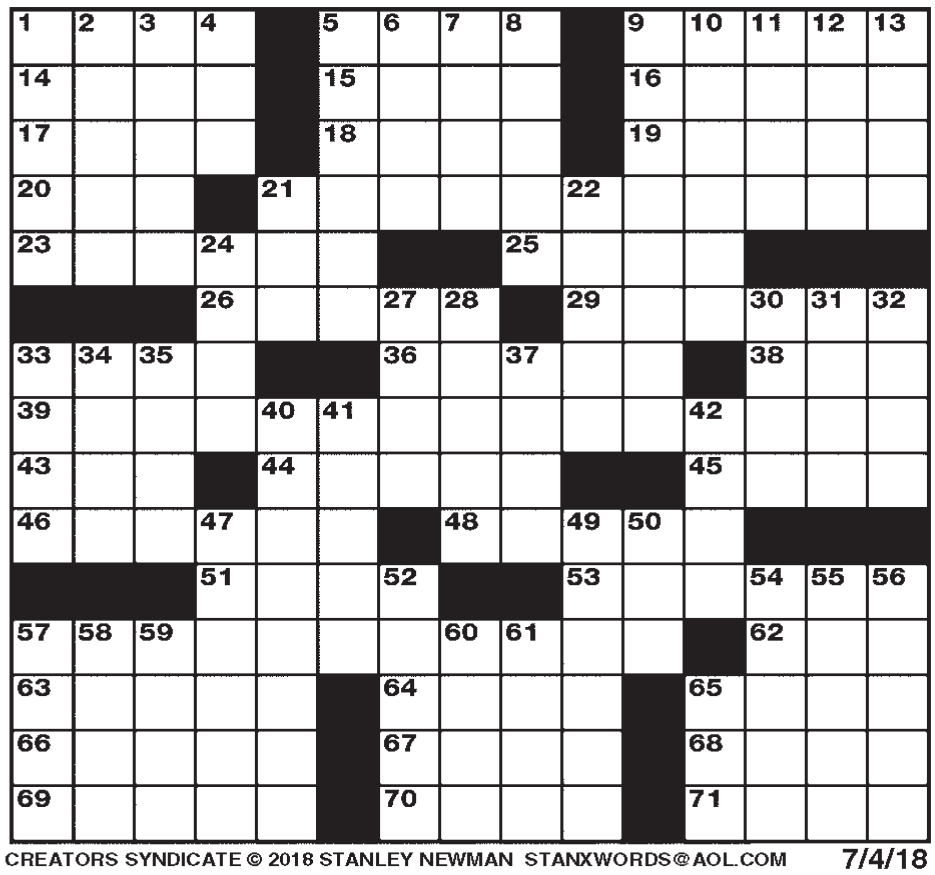
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Necklace piece
5 Common Hollywood tree
9 Oscar's *Odd Couple* roomie
14 Start over with
15 It's east of Indiana
16 Give a speech
17 Metal in steel
18 Started a golf hole
19 Generic dog name
20 British knight's title
21 Fiery Declaration signer
23 Persevere with
25 After the buzzer
26 Bath sponge
29 Fish constellation
33 Brown hosiery shade
36 Nonliteral expression
38 Era
39 Declaration author and signer
43 '60s-'70s war zone, for short
44 Poker tokens
45 Toward sunrise
46 Just one little bite
48 Spanish bulls
51 "How tough can __?"
53 Western films
57 "Big name" Declaration signer
62 Small rug
63 ". . . bombs bursting __"
64 Unlit
65 Lion's den
66 False appearance
67 Back in the day
68 Leaning Tower locale
69 Spendthrift's outing
70 Be dressed in
71 Large quantity

DOWN
1 Quick, as a walk
2 Spine-tingling
3 Be wild about
4 Get dressed in
5 Source for fries
6 Throat-clearing sound
7 In __ of (instead of)
8 Airplane in a hobby kit
9 Temporarily
10 Eats into
11 Molten rock
12 News story
13 Gen __ (boomers' kids)
21 __ Paulo, Brazil
22 In the __ luxury
24 What a prune once was
27 Pacific island nation
28 Skillful
30 Hernando's house
31 Parts of psyches
32 Shipped
33 Sicilian volcano
34 Make small talk
35 Italian capital, to natives
37 In that case
40 Middle of *Macbeth*
41 Biblical queen's land
42 Remainder
47 Hanks' Army boss in *Forrest Gump*
49 Porch chair
50 Sturdy furniture wood
52 Fund, as a scholarship
54 Texting alternative
55 Elevate
56 Sipper's tube
57 Irish dances
58 And higher, as a price
59 Salon sweepings
60 Christmas candy shape
61 Predatory dolphin
65 Vinyl albums, for short



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