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Republican lawmakers give California climate law a boost

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER & SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

When California lawmakers backed a landmark law that seeks to combat global warming, the key support came from a surprising

SEE LAW PAGE 7

Construction based rent adjustments coming back to Rent Control Board

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Rent Control Board has postponed a decision on revisions to construction based rent reduction rules and will now pick up the discussion at their August meeting.

The Board made the decision last week citing a lack of time to study the proposed revisions and a desire to have all boardmembers present for the discussion.

Staff released their report in the afternoon of July 11 in advance of a July 13 meeting. The 20 page report recommended language simplification throughout the ordinance and a set of "substantive" changes.

Substantive revisions included rules requiring a tenant to have suffered some adverse effect before applying for a construction-related rent decrease, clarification of concepts for ease of citation, specifying state any rent decrease will cover the entire duration of construction impacts – not merely those occurring after the date on which the Board sends notice to the landlord that a rent decrease is possible, coordinating requests from multiple units within a single complex, clarifying the confidentially of mediation including notice that the agreements are not confidential themselves and allowing lawyers to participate, requiring tenants to provide a basis for the rent decrease, removing language made moot by past legal cases and equalizing rent decreases based on similar cases.

While the law does not require a rent decrease for all construction in a rent controlled unit, it does provide for a rent decrease in most cases.

"In order to qualify for this exception an interruption of services must result from work that is

SEE ADJUSTMENTS PAGE 7

Coffee, sandwiches and pizza back on the menu

Reopened businesses cover breakfast, lunch and dinner on Lincoln Blvd.







Photos by Marina Andalon

REOPENED: **Starbucks, Fresh Brothers, and Jersey Mike's Subs on Lincoln have reopened after a fire closed the businesses and displaced residents for two months.**

MATTHEW HALL &
MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff

Businesses are reopening at the corner of Lincoln and Broadway after an electrical fire closed the building more than two months ago.

About 120 residents and five businesses were evacuated from 1447 Lincoln Blvd. on May 8 due to an electrical fire in an underground room. The fire cut power to the building and caused a small explosion in a parking garage. About 45 firefighters from Santa Monica and Los Angeles responded to the scene with multiple trucks and ambulances. Police officers closed the surrounding streets and the fire was brought under control in about 34 minutes but residents and businesses were removed for safety purposes.

Residents were temporarily relocated throughout the region but began moving back into the building recently. Most tenants have reoccupied their original units but a few vacancies do remain on the residential side.

After weeks of closure, several businesses reopened this week including Starbucks, Fresh Brothers Pizza and Jersey Mike's.

Business was brisk at the locations with lines out the door for the sandwich shop.

Fresh Brothers General Manager Rafael Rodriguez was supervising the Santa Monica location Tuesday afternoon.

"We have been closed for two months and it is our second day being open," he said. "The past two days we have been very busy in the afternoon and everyone that is coming in is very happy to see us open again," he said.

Rodriguez said locals were waiting for the stores to reopen.

"Over the past two months locals have been very upset," he said. "What we decided to do was have an employee stand in front of the business during lunch and hand out cards with a discount code, which would give them free delivery anywhere in Santa Monica. We also sent out a blast email, and put the news all over our social media."

Rodriguez said multiple electricians and maintenance workers have come in to make sure everything is up to date and running smoothly.

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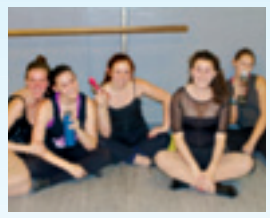
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 19

Summer Activity Program: Mad Science's "Up, Up and Away!"

Discover the science of air with this exciting show featuring hot air balloons, a giant vortex generator, and a "Dinosaur Sneeze" special effect. Ticketed event; space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before each event. Ages 4 and up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Print-A-T

How do logos and designs make it on t-shirts? Come learn about silkscreen printing, watch a demonstration, and print your own t-shirt! Limited space. In collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20

Democratic Club meeting

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is hosting an evening dedicated to immigration. Senator Kevin De León, President Pro Tempore of the California Senate, will be our guest. We will also hear from neighbors who are part of the immigrant community to hear first-hand accounts about how these draconian immigration policies are affecting them and their families. 7 p.m., Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. Free.

Montana Avenue ART WALK

Family/friends or date fun for FREE on 11 scenic blocks of Montana Ave. Enjoy local artists work, listen to music, taste delicious treats, shop at the celeb favorite stores. 5 – 9 p.m. www.montanaave.com

Out of the Blue: Beck + Col

In July the Beach House hosts an alien invasion (or is it a vacation?) with the artists Beck + Col, who will be working on a film tentatively titled 'Rainbow Face! on Vacation'. Throughout the week, colorful monsters can be found cavorting on the grounds of the Beach House, their stay punctuated by shared activities such as color-coordinated fruit dispersal, monster life drawing and mask making. You may also catch the monsters taking home movies of each other attempting quintessential seaside activities such as volleyball, picnics, and beach yoga. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St).

From Book to Movie: The Martian (2015) - PG- 13

Let's get together to discuss the SAMOHI summer reading book and watch it's adaption to film! Refreshments will be provided. Fairview Branch Library, Ocean Park Blvd, 4 – 7 p.m.

Scrabble Night

Engage your brain in a fun game of Scrabble with your friends. Game boards and tiles provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 – 8 p.m.

Friday, July 21

Free screening of "Particle Fever"

This week, Mind Over Movies screens "Particle Fever," a documentary that starts with the Hadron Collider and leads to the science and scientists behind the quest for the origin of the universe. Film followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

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What's next? Senate GOP scrambles after health care flop

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

Now what?

Senate Republicans were scrambling to pick up the pieces Tuesday after their attempt to repeal and replace the Obama-era health care law collapsed a second time.

After working for months on a new health package, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., announced Tuesday that the Senate would vote to simply repeal Obama's health care law "sometime in the near future."

But even that effort is failing. At least three GOP senators came out against plan, which would deny McConnell the votes needed to even debate a bill.

McConnell noted that a Republican-led Congress voted to repeal the law in 2015. But President Barack Obama was in the White House at the time, so Republicans knew he would he would veto the measure.

This time, with Republican President Donald Trump in the White House, the vote would count.

"If you voted in 2015 for it and now you're going to vote against it, you've got some explaining to do," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

A look at what could come next:

ONE MORE TIME

If Senate Republicans can't round up the votes to repeal the health care law, they have several options. They can keep talking among themselves in an attempt to come up with another Republican-only plan.

This strategy has been unsuccessful so far because, with 52 members, Senate Republicans can only afford to lose two votes.

Conservatives and moderates in the House managed to bridge their differences and narrowly pass a bill. Since then, the president has called the House measure "mean" and Senate Republicans have been unable to rally around a replacement.

Senators like Rob Portman of Ohio and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia are concerned that too many low-income people in their states would lose coverage, especially as those states fight an opioid epidemic.

Conservative Republicans like Paul complained that the most recent Senate package didn't completely repeal the health care law.

HELLO, DEMOCRATS

Senate Republicans can work with Democrats on ways to improve the program, but this would be a difficult marriage to arrange.

Republicans say they are committed to repealing Obama's health care law, which is a nonstarter for Democrats. Democrats say they are open to improving the program, but that would fall well-short of Republican campaign promises.

"Rather than repeating the same failed partisan process yet again, Republicans should work with Democrats on a bill that lowers premiums, provides long-term stability to the markets and improves our health care system," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York said.

CUT AND RUN TO TAX REFORM

Congressional Republicans could drop health care and move on to overhauling the nation's tax code, but they will probably run into many of the same problems.

Trump seemed to push this approach Tuesday.

"I think we're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," the president said. "We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you that the Republicans are not going to own it."

Trump said letting the program fail will encourage Democrats come to the table and negotiate.

Republicans might find that they could use help from Democrats in tackling a tax overhaul as well.

So far, Republicans are excluding Democrats from tax talks, just like they have on health care. But Republicans' slim majority in the Senate isn't going to get any bigger before the 2018 midterm elections, and it could get smaller after that.

Taxes are likely to cause just as many divisions among Republicans as health care, both ideological differences and regional ones.

For example, House Republicans and Trump have proposed eliminating the federal deduction for state and local taxes to help pay for lower overall income tax rates for everyone. Eliminating the deduction would raise about $1.3 trillion over the next decade, which could pay for a lot of other tax cuts.

But the deduction is very important to high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey, California and Connecticut. All of these states are traditional Democratic strongholds, but some send quite a few Republicans to Congress — votes that GOP leaders will need to overhaul taxes.

Rep. Leonard Lance, a five-term Republican from New Jersey, is leading the effort to keep the deduction. He said the White House "knows my position on this issue."

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SUBJECT: Preliminary Discussion of Zoning Ordinance Policy Issues That Have Arisen Since the Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance through Its Implementation

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to begin a preliminary discussion of potential policy issues that have arisen since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance in July 2015 through its implementation. This initial public hearing is intended solely to identify and organize these Zoning Ordinance policy issues for analysis and review at future Planning Commission hearings and to establish a process to evaluate and recommend potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance. No recommendations will be made to alter the existing Zoning Ordinance standards during this preliminary discussion. Formal consideration of these policy issues including recommendations to the City Council will occur at a future date to be determined

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Your column here

By Sue Brint
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Enough

I HAVE BEEN WITNESS TO COUNTLESS cars blowing through a 4-way-stop near my home. I have seen pedestrians, bicyclist, and kids escape harm by millimeters. I have written the City of Santa Monica twice regarding flagrant traffic violations I have observed near my home on the corner of 2nd and Idaho and received feedback stating that there really isn't any traffic enforcement available to protect pedestrians, elders, bicyclist, and children. They can't post signage or lights. They cannot provide increased traffic patrol.

At what point will the city of Santa Monica value the lives of their citizens and visitors to the degree needed to protect lives?

Today I witnessed a significant traffic accident which occurred outside my apartment located on the corner of 2nd and Idaho. Again, a motorist in a nice Mustang blasted through the intersection without heeding the stop signs (4 way stop), went airborne, and plowed into four parked cars. Nice cars. Cars owned by people who work locally. Cars owned by residents of the retirement home. Cars owned by tourists visiting the beach. All who provide money that support the city of Santa Monica. I called 911, grabbed a towel, and ran outside to render assistance to the two occupants of the vehicle that caused the accident. Indeed, they were injured. But luckily, no one else. And this is where I say ENOUGH.

Had there been individuals in the crosswalk or bicyclist, or kids, or the elderly crossing the street; they would have been hit. Injured. Killed.

Enough.

Drivers routinely do not stop at stop signs.

Enough.

Drivers run through 4 way stop signs.

Enough.

Drivers texting and not observant.

Enough.

Impaired drivers.

Enough.

I challenge the city of Santa Monica to enforce common sense traffic laws. I am not the one to come up with the ultimate solution, but I can offer suggestions such as flashing lights at 4 way stops or increased traffic patrol. I am personally willing to assist in any way. I am at the point where I want to sit on my balcony and wave my arms to alert pedestrians that there is a car speeding their way. Sounds crazy? Maybe. But could it save a life? Perhaps.

I am willing to be a committee participant to problem solve and/or help raise funds. There may be very easy fixes such as making sure all intersections have 4-way stop signs and especially hazardous intersections have some type of lighting.

I'm a registered nurse and believe that education is key to alleviating community health problems. Disregard for traffic laws, distracted driving, impaired driving are community health problems.

We can fix this. But it will take work. I do not believe that the city of Santa Monica wants to have a high pedestrian fatality statistic to be what they are known for.

I do not think that Santa Monica wants to have poor ratings for traffic safety.

The time to address this fixable problem is now.

Enough already.

SUE BRINT is a Santa Monica resident.

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Having a Wild Weekend

NOT REALLY WILD...

But it was a great and different weekend. Let me tell you about it, right after this local note.

The movie title above was a dreadful 1965 attempt to cash in on the fame of The Dave Clark Five -- no "Hard Day's Night," this -- that probably popped into my head because I've been thinking of Eric Burdon and his upcoming show tomorrow night on the Pier; he was also part of that first and best British Invasion. Burdon, lead singer for The Animals, unlike most of his pop contemporaries, was the real deal. A serious, dedicated blues singer, stealing from the American originals like all the others, but trying hard to do it right. He had the voice, he had the attitude. And past all the '60s hoopla, he's been doing it ever since. Bluesmen never quit, they want to die on stage, or at least with a gig on the calendar.

So I heartily applaud the Pier concert booking this week. I've listened to a lot of cuts by the opening act, locals Mr. Elevator & The Brain Patrol, with their trippy lyrics and organ swirls, and I think they will put on a really good show too. Not that I want any of you to show up Thursday and block my view, hear?

MY WEEKEND

Started by flying Thursday night into Albuquerque, where I grew up, on Allegiant Air. Very cheap fares on Allegiant Air. Sure, they charge for everything, but I can live with that. But when I boarded and saw that all the "seats" were just immovable strips of hard plastic bolted in place, really really really narrow with very little leg room, I got worried, and I was right. THE most uncomfortable "seats" I have ever experienced, by far. Torture.

Upon landing I saw that our Uber driver was named Saul. Better Call Saul! And in fact he told us he was an extra in the much lauded "Breaking Bad" series filmed there.

Albuquerque went bananas for "Breaking Bad," and still is. Go figure. Link your

international image to a high school teacher turned murderous meth dealer. So much for The Land of Enchantment (the state motto).

Saul dropped us off at a friend's house to steal her car -- drinking port in Portugal still, Fay generously offered it. Then off to Jill Silverthorne's to stay the night before heading to our destination, Santa Fe. The next morning she set the breakfast table with a Hatch green chile omelet, bacon and mimosas made with the award-winning local champagne, Gruet. Big bonus: we were joined by another old friend who lives just down the hall, magician Tony Comito (showed up with lox and bagels!), officially retired but performing a few last shows before the imminent closing of the only magic shop and theater, and we were delighted to find out we could make the Sunday afternoon show before flying home.

TONY'S ACT

I first saw it 45 years ago, and here he is, several cities and name changes later, still enchanting young and old with sleight of hand. Jill, when I first met her around the same time, was a mime, a fire eater, a juggler and a tightrope walker, but with a PBS background and enough cred to wind up being hired by Frank Zappa to organize his vast libraries of original work. (She has a credit on "200 Motels," and lots of stories.) I bolted Albuquerque because it felt like a place where you could get stuck, with a low ceiling, but I now respect those who stayed or came back and have followed their artistic dreams despite not enough pay or recognition.

Then off to our friends' beautiful adobe home (they were in Colorado -- God bless my footloose friends) on the outskirts of Santa Fe. When you hit the highway for the hour's drive north from Albuquerque, you see the landscape that enchants. The flat, scrub-dotted high desert stretches out so far in every direction, bumping up against the looming peaks of the tail end of the Rockies, the big sky filled with striking white cloud formations against a blue palette. It's no wonder so many artists are drawn here.

I STILL LOVE THE ADOBES

And the lay of the land and the unique cuisine, but my wife Dian and I were there for the International Folk Art Market, and it did not disappoint. For this 14th edition they featured more than 160 artists from more than 50 nations.

When you step onto the grounds on Museum Hill, it's like the United Nations. Many artists are in native dress, and the range and consistent quality of work presented is hard to believe and hard to take in, in a limited amount of time. What a great idea this is, and so well executed. I don't think I've ever been to a festival or market of any kind that showed more attention to important details. They have more than 2,000 volunteers, and wish they had more. I think every artist has their own personal volunteer, who learns their work very thoroughly. They have many volunteers holding up a tall sign that says "Help? Ask me!" Much better than trying to hunt up the information booth.

VIP/Preview, Friday night: expensive but worth it. So smart by the organizers. $225 admission (yikes!) for only an evening, 2-? hours ($15-20 the next two days), but for that you get smaller crowds, in the cooler evening, they feed you and booze you, and most importantly the serious collectors get first shot at the best stuff. People watching that night is great fun. Forget the artists' outfits, I love seeing old white guys sporting their colorful handmade Nigerian brimless hats.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Haven't you left something out, Charles? What really brought you to Santa Fe? OK, there is more to that story and it began in Cuba four months ago and will be told, perhaps in my new column called "Noteworthy." It will be mostly about music, but then I haven't told you about Meow Wolf either, and Tony Gilkyson's great concert there. Maybe tomorrow, or at least by next Thursday in our new Weekender edition.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Art, freedom and creativity will change society faster than politics." -- Victor Pinchuk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED FARE ADJUSTMENTS MAIN LIBRARY, AUGUST 1, 2017, 6:00-7:30PM

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Big Blue Bus at the Santa Monica Main Library 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California, on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 for Big Blue Bus customers. The hearing will allow for questions beginning at 6:00pm, followed by a short presentation from 6:30-7:00pm and more questions until 7:30pm.

Beginning in 2015, Big Blue Bus (BBB) initiated a strategic campaign aimed at reducing cash boardings across its system by encouraging more customers to use prepaid fare media and TAP cards in an effort to reduce:

- Dwell time
- Average travel time for all our customers
- Amount of time staff spends counting revenue

The next phase of BBB's cashless boarding strategy includes a proposal to adjust fares as follows:

- A reduction for a Regular one-way trip from $1.25 to $1.10 for customers who opt to use a TAP card instead of cash.
- An introduction of a new Annual Pass for a sale price of $500, a $100 savings.
- An introduction of *Blue to Business* - BBB's Employer Annual Pass Program.
- A discontinuation of single-use tokens and introduction of a new 1-Ride Pass that is TAP enabled as its replacement.
- **No changes to Senior, Disabled and Medicare cash fares and passes.**
- All other pass prices remain the same.

See details of this proposal at **bigbluebus.com**.

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until August 12, 2017. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may make adjustments to the draft proposals as necessary, before submitting a Staff Report for City Council review in September. If approved by City Council in September, fare adjustments would become effective November 1, 2017.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing: Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Community and Government Engagement, or by email at Suja.Lowenthal@bigbluebus.com. For additional information contact Suja Lowenthal, Community and Government Engagement Manager, at 310-451-5444.

The Main Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-451-5444 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. All written materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Big Blue Bus Routes 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 18, Rapid 3, Rapid 7 and Rapid 10 serve the Main Library. Visit **BigBlueBus.com** for schedule information.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

S. Korean earthquake expert funneled bribes through US banks

The former director of South Korea's earthquake research center was convicted in federal court of laundering more than $1 million in bribes, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Heon-Cheol Chi, 59, was convicted Monday of taking more than $1 million in bribes from companies in Pasadena and England and funneling proceeds through U.S. banks.

Chi abused his government position with the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources by providing insider information to seismological companies doing business in South Korea in exchange for kickbacks.

"The American financial system is not to be used as a storehouse for the proceeds of corrupt activity," Acting United States Attorney Sandra R. Brown said. "This conviction sends a message that should be heard around the world."

Chi was convicted of a single count of transacting in criminally derived property, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison, prosecutors said. Jurors in U.S. District Court could not reach verdicts on five other money laundering counts.

Chi directed bribes to be paid in cash or wired to a bank in Glendora, California. He transferred half those bribes to a New York City investment account and spent most of the remaining funds in South Korea.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 2.

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LONG BEACH

Professor reinstated after GOP student assault accusation

A California professor facing termination over a run-in with pro-Donald Trump student demonstrators has been reinstated after arbitration, though the school maintains he acted improperly.

Professor Eric Canin was reinstated at California State University, Fullerton, following an arbitration decision last week. The decision came after Canin appealed a letter of termination.

Speaking to the university's board of trustees Tuesday, Canin said the school needs to protect faculty from attacks on academic freedom.

The university emphasized in a statement that the arbitrator concluded that Canin acted improperly and deserved a two-month suspension. The school says "it is unacceptable to respond with violence to speech with which we disagree."

The school's College Republicans accused Canin of striking one of them at a February protest. Canin denied hitting anyone.

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Native American healing class sparks unique health textbook

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

Laughter can combat trauma. Spiritual cleansings could be used to fight an opioid addiction. Cactus extract may battle diabetes and obesity.

These insights are from curanderismo — traditional Native American healing from the American Southwest and Latin America.

University of New Mexico professor Eliseo "Cheo" Torres' has included these thoughts in a new, unique textbook connected to his internationally-known annual course on curanderismo.

"Curanderismo: The Art of Traditional Medicine Without Borders," released last week, coincides with Torres' annual gathering of curandero students and healers around the world at the University of New Mexico. For nearly 20 years, healers and their students have come to Albuquerque to meet and exchange ideas on traditional healing that for many years were often ignored and ridiculed.

Torres, who Is also the university's vice president for student affairs, said the popularity of the annual course and a similar online class he teaches convinced him that there needed to be a textbook on curanderismo.

"This textbook came out of the experience of this class and the ideas that have been shared through the years," Torres said during a special morning ceremony with Aztec dancers on campus. "From healers in Mexico to those in Africa, many have long traditions of healing that are being rediscovered by a new generation."

Curanderismo is the art of using traditional healing methods like herbs and plants to treat various ailments. Long practiced in Native American villages of Mexico and other parts of Latin America, curanderos also are found in New Mexico, south Texas, Arizona and California.

Anthropologists believe curanderismo remained popular among poor Latinos because they didn't have access to health care. But they say the field is gaining traction among those who seek to use alternative medicine.

"I believe people are disenchanted with our health system," Torres said. "Some people can't afford it now, and they are looking for other ways to empower themselves to heal."

The textbook gives a survey of medicinal plants used to help digestive systems and how healers draw in laugh therapy to cope with traumatic experiences.

Ricardo Carrillo, a licensed psychologist and a healer based in Oakland, California, said he's seeing younger people look to curanderismo to help with challenges like addiction and physical pain.

"Yes, you have to go through detox and do all that you are supposed to do to get yourself clean," said Carrillo, who came to the Albuquerque workshop to speak. "Curanderismo can give you the spiritual tools to keep yourself clean and look to a higher power."

Among the ailments curanderos treat are mal de ojo, or evil eye, and susto, magical fright.

Mal de ojo is the belief that an admiring look or a stare can weaken someone, mainly a child, leading to bad luck, even death.

Susto is a folk illness linked to a frightful experience, such as an automobile accident or tripping over an unseen object. Those who believe they are inflicted with susto say only a curandero can cure them.

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ADJUSTMENTS

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necessary, not optional," said the staff report. "It must be in the nature of 'repair, maintenance, and paint.' It must not make the unit entirely uninhabitable. And it must result only in housing-service interruptions that are 'unavoidable.'"

Several Commissioners said they're comfortable with the staff proposal but also said it takes more than a day to process all the proposed changes and even the minor revisions required time to read thoroughly.

"You have to deal with it and you have to kind of think about it in a very careful way," said Commissioner Nicole Phillis.

Commissioner Anastasia Foster said the public should be given more time to review the document.

"This staff report was only made available publicly and to us Tuesday, so there has not been a large amount of time for even us who are present tonight to sit with this information," she said.

Commissioner Caroline Torosis supported tabling the discussion.

"I have not had enough time to my satisfaction to go line by line to think about some of the implications of the new wording," she said.

Commissioner Todd Flora acknowledged the desire of the Board to postpone the decision but said he didn't want a long-delay that resulted in an overly detailed "legalese" issue.

"There are enough substantive changes in here and when you consider what a real issue this is becoming in the city, I really hope August will be the definitive time we make a final decision," he said. "People are waiting for some of these changes to take place and they're going to help some people, they're going to help some tenants."

Foster encouraged citizens to take the additional time to review the document and come back in August.

"We do welcome everyone in the city's opportunity to take the next 30 days to look into this more carefully," she said. "We thank the staff for what must have been a very big undertaking and we look forward to tweaking it and fine tuning it along with you and the public next month and we do hope people will spread the word and watch the meeting and come to the meeting and write letters in advance of the meeting. Whatever you think is appropriate."

Board Chair Steve Duron was absent from the July 11 meeting.

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LAW

FROM PAGE 1

group of legislators: Republicans.

As the GOP nationally looks to roll back climate policies, a contingent of California Republicans is tentatively embracing them.

California's top Republican Assemblyman and a handful of his colleagues are looking to put a conservative imprint on climate policy and a new face on their party, which has seen its influence steadily decline in the state.

"California is different from the rest of the country, and California Republicans are different," said Chad Mayes, the Assembly GOP leader. "The truth is, there are a large number of California Republican constituents who believe that we have to do something about climate change."

Mayes, 40, the son of a preacher, has had a fast rise in Sacramento, where he became the GOP leader during his first term. He has tried to put a fresh face on the party, steering clear of President Donald Trump, who is unpopular in California, and looking to engage — from a conservative perspective — on issues like climate and poverty that are often seen as Democratic priorities.

Mayes said he began working with Brown's administration and Democratic leaders when a dozen GOP Assembly members expressed interest in it. They were concerned that a California law enacted last year would lead to much more costly regulations if cap and trade was allowed to expire.

But the eight Republicans who jumped on board are now seeing backlash from constituents who are frustrated they engaged on a policy that many in the party view as a stealth tax hike.

"A lot of conservative activists and donors work hard to elect our Republican legislators with the expectation that they're going to hold the line against tax increases," said Jon Fleishman, former executive director of the California Republican Party. "I feel taken advantage of."

Enough Republicans voted for the cap and trade bill that some vulnerable Democrats were able to abstain or vote against the measure, said Fleishman, who runs a conservative blog. That could help them keep their seats in swing districts.

They also got pressure from Washington. Four Republicans in California's congressional delegation — including Kevin McCarthy, the U.S. House majority leader — wrote a letter to their GOP counterparts in Sacramento last week urging not to vote for cap and trade.

Assemblyman Marc Steinorth, a Republican from a swing district in Southern California who voted for the bill, said he received more than 60 calls on his cellphone Tuesday about cap and trade. He shared the number on his Facebook page. He said he thinks much of the backlash is in response to misleading criticisms of the bill on conservative talk radio and blogs.

The GOP lawmakers joined most Democrats on Monday night to approve a bill that keeps California's cap-and-trade program alive for another decade. The five-year-old program, which was set to expire in 2020, puts a cap on carbon emissions that's reduced each year. Businesses such as oil refiners, cement producers and food processors must obtain permits for each ton of carbon they emit.

Republicans have a long history with cap and trade, which was developed through legislation signed in 2006 by-then Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican. It was conceived as a market-based approach to reducing greenhouse gases, giving businesses to flexibility to figure out on their own how to reduce their carbon footprint or to choose not to, albeit at a price.

To win over Republicans, Democrats agreed to continue a series of expiring tax breaks and repeal a controversial fire-protection fee paid by rural landowners. They passed another measure that may give Republicans more of a say in how to spend money collected through cap and trade in the future. And they included provisions that will make it easier for oil, agriculture and other industries to comply.

The concessions — and the hint of involvement by the oil industry — sparked a rebellion on the left that nearly tanked the legislation. Environmental justice advocates said the program was a gift to the oil industry and should be far more aggressive.

But Brown and lawmakers who backed the bill argue California's bipartisan approach is one that can be replicated elsewhere.

California is "the leader that's going to show other states and other countries how you can use a market-based system to reduce carbon and how you can change your economy to be a green economy so that we can protect this earth," said Assemblyman Rocky Chavez, an Oceanside Republican.







SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **72.7°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SW swell creeps up through the day. Small NW widnswell.
Small S swell from Fernanda. Peaks to chest high for focal points.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SSW swell bumps up a touch, while minor NW windswell blends in.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON JULY 5, 2017 AT ABOUT 9:16 A.M.

While patrolling the 1600 block of 5th Street- at the I-10 Freeway off ramp- an officer observed a subject walking across the street in an area with posted signs indicating "No crossing". An officer attempted to get the subject to stop. The subject ignored the officer and walked away. The officer was able to stop the subject after a short distance. Officers located a wallet with various personal items belonging to another in his possession. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest for a municipal code violation. The suspect was placed under arrest. Galindo Cervando Fernandez, 26, homeless was arrested for appropriation of lost property; resisting an officer and failure to obey posted sign; and Santa Monica warrant. Bail was set at $ 11,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 353 calls for service on July 17.

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

Burglary investigation 2400 block of 7th 12:04 a.m.
Drinking in public 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:18 a.m.
Trespassing 2000 block of Main 12:26 a.m.
Person down 700 block of Broadway 12:45 a.m.
Domestic violence 1000 block of 18th 1:28 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2600 block of Highland 3:22 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Bicknell 6:17 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Santa Monica 7:51 a.m.
Assault 1600 block of Ocean 8:27 a.m.
Indecent exposure 100 block of Santa Monica 8:58 a.m.
Battery 2000 block of Ocean 9:08 a.m.
Person down 900 block of California 9:18 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 9th 9:18 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of 7th 9:26 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1700 block of Ocean 10:11 a.m.
Encampment Centinela/Pico 10:13 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block of main 10:35 a.m.
Assault 6th/Wilshire 10:54 a.m.
Encampment 2200 block of Centinela 10:55 a.m.
Assault 1400 block of 6th 12:06 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1900 block of 10th 12:06 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 3100 block of Arizona 12:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 6th 12:53 p.m.
Grand theft 1200 block of Santa Monica 12:55 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:33 p.m.
Lewd activity 2400 block of Main 1:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 6th 2:04 p.m.
Child molestation 1200 block of 15th 2:09 p.m.
Public intoxication 1200 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:11 p.m.
Person down Lincoln/Pico 2:52 p.m.
Identity theft 2600 block of 26th 3:00 p.m.
Drinking in public 600 block of Santa Monica 3:11 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 17th 3:30 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block of Cloverfield 3:37 p.m.
Encampment 700 block of Palisades Beach 3:42 p.m.
Person down 700 block of Broadway 3:48 p.m.
Trespassing 2400 block of Montana 4:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th/Santa Monica 4:08 p.m.
Death investigation 1200 block of 6th 4:16 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of 16th 4:55 p.m.
Lewd activity 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:56 p.m.
Trespassing 100 block of Pacific 5:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2800 block of Santa Monica 5:13 p.m.
Loitering 1700 block of 16th 5:22 p.m.
Critical missing person 1800 block of Ocean 5:34 p.m.
Battery 2400 block of 20th 5:46 p.m.
Hit and run 25th/Wilshire 6:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 20th/Broadway 6:09 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 5th 6:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 57 calls on July 17.

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

EMS 700 block of Broadway 12:44 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:01 a.m.
Assist LAFD 600 block of Dryad 1:35 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 3:08 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 12th 3:54 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Civic Center 4:12 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Ocean 5:24 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 5:39 a.m.
Haz Mat – Level 1 300 block of Civic Center 6:45 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Ocean 8:17 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 2nd 8:21 a.m.
Elevator rescue 200 block of Ocean 8:31 a.m.
EMS 900 block of California 9:16 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 9th 9:22 a.m.
EMS 300 block of 16th 9:32 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1100 block of Lincoln 9:57 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 10:10 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 10:46 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of 31st 10:57 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 11:47 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 11:48 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica 12:26 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 1:02 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 6th 1:15 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Palisades Beach 1:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:10 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Pico 2:14 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 9th p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Pico 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 26th 3:18 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Broadway 3:22 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 6th 3:37 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Broadway 3:48 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block of Virginia 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 4:22 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 4:42 p.m.
Lock in/out 2600 block of Main 4:51 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 7/15
9 40 63 64 66
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 187M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 7/14
11 12 24 32 73
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 232M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 7/15
8 24 26 32 44
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 56M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/17
11 16 17 30 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/17
MIDDAY: 3 1 4
Draw Date: 7/17
EVENING: 6 3 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/17
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:40.01

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WORD UP!

ovine

1. pertaining to, of the nature of, or like sheep.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ The fastest growing fingernail is that of the middle finger, particularly on the dominant hand. The reason why isn't known, though nail growth is related to finger length, with longer fingers growing nails faster.

Get Me That, Stat!

■ More than 90 percent of U.S. drivers say they wear seat belts, according to 2016 data reported by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. That's up from 70 percent in 2000. Seatbelt use varied, however, by region with Western states posting higher rates than elsewhere. Not surprisingly, seatbelt use was highest in states where vehicle occupants can be pulled over solely for not using seat belts.

MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



Monica Rubio correctly identified where this image was captured on the 10 Freeway opposite the 5th Street exit. She 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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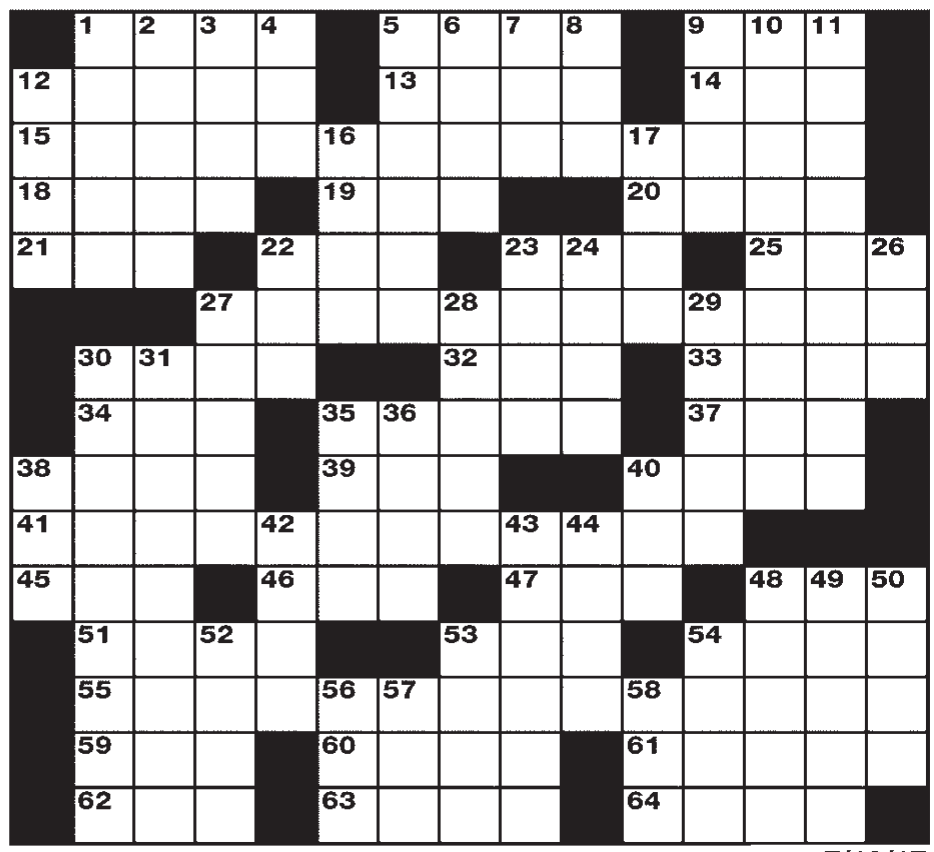
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ACROSS
1 Urge on
5 Heats in a microwave
9 Extremely long time
12 Unaccompanied
13 Fencing sword
14 Pair on stage
15 Now
18 MasterCard alternative
19 Disallow, so to speak
20 "What __ thinking?"
21 Secretary of State Tillerson
22 Frequently, in verse
23 "Amazing!"
25 Give __ whirl (try)
27 With 41 and 55 Across, what 15 Across is
30 Lowly worker
32 Pester
33 Golfer's pegs
34 Absconded
35 Hoity-__
37 90 degrees from vert.
38 Soldier's station
39 Trick-or-treat mo.
40 Football officials
41 See 27 Across
45 Old-film cable channel
46 Prefix meaning "equal"
47 Granola morsel
48 Feline's foot
51 Frog cousin
53 Feline's coat
54 Used to be
55 See 27 Across
59 November 11th honoree
60 Banana covering
61 Disney World park
62 Hurricane center
63 Toss of the dice
64 Seethe

DOWN
1 Fancy feather
2 Fancy wristwatch
3 Cameo stone
4 Family room
5 High point
6 High point
7 Puppy or parrot
8 Understand
9 Novelist Ferber
10 Besides
11 Pitchers' dream games
12 Not quite shut
16 Facts, for short
17 Water pitcher
22 Be the proprietor of
23 Tiny fly
24 Impatient and anxious
26 Sounds of satisfaction
27 Kemo Sabe's pal
28 Join forces
29 Old-time anesthetic
30 With a take-charge attitude
31 Quick profit
35 Two-year-olds
36 Eight, in Acapulco
38 L.A. clock setting, presently
40 Long-tailed rodent
42 Generic canine name
43 Pronoun down South
44 Legendary marshal
48 Nobel Prize category
49 Road sign symbol
50 Compass direction
52 Penny, in some poker games
53 Have the opinion
54 Was in tears
56 *All Things Considered* airer
57 Feline of the zodiac
58 "Permission granted"



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19)

The thing you find out about in a backward sort of way is something totally fantastic to go forward with. Your horizons will broaden as you dedicate yourself to a repetitive process in September. After much work, November brings the financial spike you've been waiting for. Exchange promises in December. There Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 2, 28 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are fighting a nagging feeling that you should be doing something more important with your time. That feeling is not a lie. If you accept it instead of fight it, you'll get onto something more worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Much will be said and not meant. More will be meant and not said. If you're not feeling your way through the relationship, you'll get lost pretty quickly. Close your eyes. Cover your ears. Listen with your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Whether or not you're really in control of your situation could be debated from here to eternity, but that would rob you of the chance to experience (maybe even enjoy) what's going on regardless of your level of control over it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Distraction is the death of meaning. Don't fill the hours with amusement, because it will only rob you of the chance to find your real purpose in the situation. Dig deeper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Most days you follow the rules, but sometimes you feel bigger than society -- like you can do your thing without getting boxed in by other people's expectations. For the rest of this week you may swing from one extreme to another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The passive approach would work if you were on a raft floating down a river with its own agenda. But you're not. You're standing on the path that splits into many possible directions, and you have to decide which way to walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
People tend to admire the different talents of those who excel in fields foreign to them and tend to have grudges against those who excel in their own fields, regarding them as competitors. Don't waste time on jealousy. Learn the tricks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Why is your stomach so wise? It is unencumbered by thought. It just knows. Your stomach processes life in terms of "use" and "waste." Turn your difficult questions to your stomach, and accept its simple yes-or-no answer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The believer is usually happier than the doubter, proving that wisdom and happiness often have very little to do with one another. But there's a peace that comes with wisdom, and that should count for something today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Beware of the life equivalent of soda pop and candy. You need real sustenance. Seek nutritive experiences. Avoid things that are filled to the brim and yet still unfulfilling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Who might you be now if you'd taken that turn you missed back there? Well, the option is coming up again. Take it, and you'll know a different version of yourself soon enough.

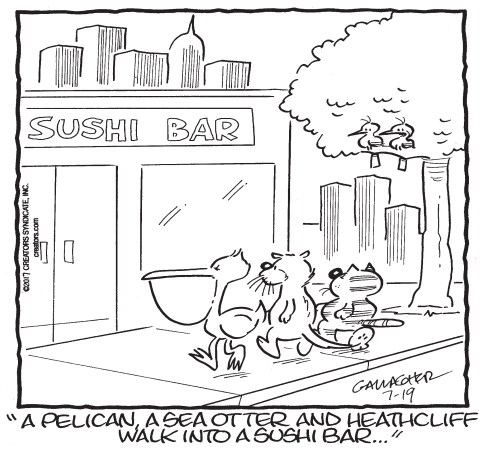
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
As for this real life story you're living, there's a lot of exposition to get through today. One boring chapter doesn't discount the value of the whole adventure.

Fortune Goes Face-to-Face

Do you ever wonder if the ease of finding entertainment has eroded your ability to find what's interesting in real life? There's a danger of missing something important today -- something that will not be seen inside a glowing screen. The fortuitous trine of Mercury and Saturn suggests the victory of face-to-face communication.

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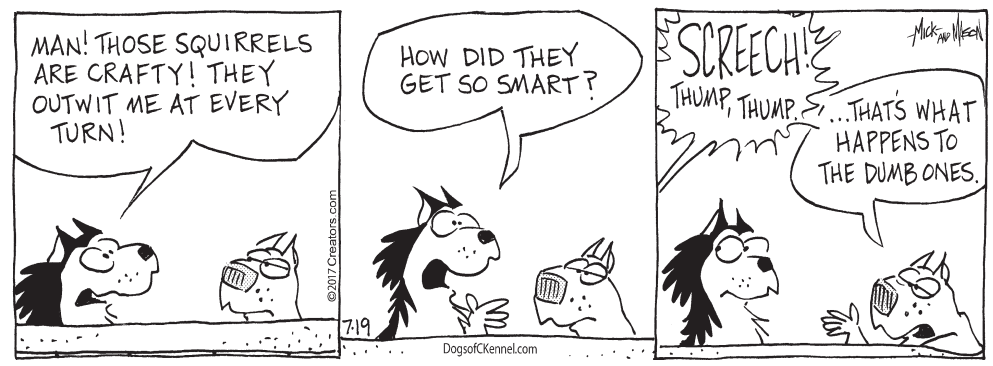
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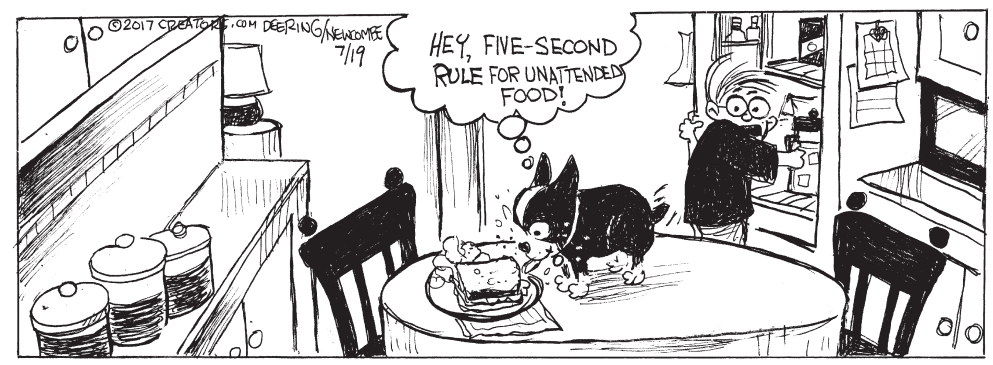
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