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Morena chosen over O'Connor at SMRR convention

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The first major endorsement for the 2018 election season arrived this week with Santa Monicans for Renters Rights announcing their slate in several local races.

SMRR endorsed Sue Himmelrich, Kevin McKeown and Greg Morena for City Council. For School Board, SMRR endorsed Laurie Lieberman, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Craig Foster and Oscar de la Torre. On the Rent Control Board SMRR endorsed Steven Duron, Nicole Phillis and Naomi Sultan. On the College Board, Nancy Greenstein, Barry Snell, Louise Jaffe and Sion Roy were endorsed.

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Firefighters race to save homes as wildfires scorch the state

BY KATE CAGLE, JONATHAN J. COOPER & SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

After five days battling the Cranston Fire in Idyllwild, a team of four Santa Monica firefighters began a 600 mile trek to the Mendocino Complex fire Monday, where twin blazes threatened thousands of homes, forcing 15,000 evacuations. Crews from across the state were in a race against time as flames threatened small towns in a rural area of lakes, forests and mountains.

Santa Monica's Engine 6 is part of a Strike Team with Culver City, Beverly Hills and Los Angeles Fire Departments to help contain several massive wildfires burning in the state, displacing more than 50 thousand people. Fire crews are stretched to the limit, with 12,000 firefighters battling 17 significant fires across California.

On Thursday, Engine 6 got the call at 2:30 a.m. to immediately head to the rapidly spreading Cranston Fire, which destroyed five homes. Over the past five days crews made substantial progress. With that fire nearly 60 percent contained, the strike team has been told to move on to a bigger blaze: The Mendocino Complex.

At midday Monday, Lake County Sheriff's Lt. Corey Paulich put the number of people under evacuation orders at 14,000, up from a previous estimate of 10,000. Another 1,000 people have been displaced in neighboring Mendocino County.

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Courtesy photos

FIREFIGHTERS: **Local firefighters are recording their deployment to wildfires on social media.**



Mission: Impossible star's interview invites scrutiny to SMPD burglary response

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Days after actor Ving Rhames revealed police pointed a gun at him in his own home after a neighbor called 9-1-1 to report a "large black man" breaking in, the Santa Monica Police Department found itself defending its response. Lt. Saul Rodriguez said the July 29, 2016 incident inspired the "Meet Your Neighbors" program, which encourages residents to get to know each other.

On Friday, the "Mission: Impossible" star told Sirius XM radio host Clay Cane he was alone in his house in the NOMA neighborhood when he heard noises outside.

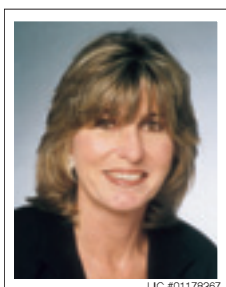
"I get up and open the door and there's a red dot pointed at my face from a 9 mm," Rhames said. "And they say 'put up your hands.'"

Rhames followed directions, slowly opening his screen door and then placing both hands in the air. When he walked outside, one of the responding officers recognized him - not as an actor - but as a parent at the Brentwood School.

The previously unreported incident happened less than a year after another racially-tinged burglary response by the SMPD. In the Nov. 2015 incident, 19 officers responded to an African American woman's apartment. In that case, the resident had called a locksmith to let her in and a neighbor called 9-1-1 to report three people breaking into a unit in her building. The resident, Fay Wells, said she was shocked to have a gun suddenly pointed at her when police responded.

Both incidents happened while a black woman, Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, oversaw the department. In 2015, Seabrooks defended

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DATE/TIME: **10:30 a.m., August 14, 2018**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

MINOR USE PERMIT 18ENT-0139, 2307 Lincoln Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to allow an automobile rental service (Enterprise Rent-A-Car) to operate an on-site automobile rental use with administrative offices, customer lobby, restrooms, and maintenance bay at a former automobile repair/service building. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.11.020, an automobile rental use in the General Commercial (GC) zone requires the approval of a Minor Use Permit. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Applicant: Jeff Cooper. Property Owner: BLT Foxborough LLC, a CA Limited Liability Company.**

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION 18ENT-0189, 666 Navy Street. The applicant requests approval of a height modification for a proposed 6'-8" high hedge within the front setback along the front property line and parallel to the west side property line. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Single-Unit Residential (OP1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050(A)(1)(a), fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front setback. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front setback. [Planner: Ross Fehrman] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Peter Adee & Kathryn Paddock.**

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. 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 in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, July 31

ASR Time Travel Tuesdays: Arrival (2016)
A linguist tries to understand the mysterious and powerful language of an alien entity that has landed on earth, amidst the mounting pressure for war. (116 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Brettso The Great
Exciting magic, hilarious comedy & non-stop audience participation. Ages 4-11. Free tickets will be available at 2 p.m. Start time 1 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Movie: Wonder (2017)
Join organizers for this screening of the 2017 adaptation of R.J. Palacio's novel (and our 2012 Santa Monica Reads book selection) about a boy with a congenital facial condition, who attends school with other children for the first time in the fifth grade. Stick around afterwards for a discussion of the book and movie, issues of bullying, and the story's suggestion to "choose kind." (movie runtime: 113 min.) 1 – 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

Wednesday, August 1

Yoga For All
If you have been curious to try yoga but have been held back by the cost, commitment, or lack of flexibility, this beginner friendly yoga class is for you. Appropriate for all levels. Please bring a mat or towel. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation
Organizers invite you to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 5:30 – 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 2

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; 424-526-7900.

Feel What I See: The Moment it Clicks in Travel Photography
Follow international award-winning photographer, Jacqueline Koh, as she takes us around the world with her visual storytelling. Co-sponsored by the Santa Monica Community Garden. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Design in 3D: Desk Caddy
Use Tinkercad to design a desk caddy for 3D printing. Skills learned can be applied to create a variety of fun and useful 3D printable objects. No experience required. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Around the World in 90 Minutes: Scavenger Hunt
Kids can jump in a make-believe hot-air balloon and clue-by-clue race around the world with your crew. Bring a photo to make your passport. Limited space, register at the library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Movie: Finding Your Feet (2018)
After discovering her husband's infidelity, an upper crust, judgmental snob (Imelda Staunton flees to London to stay with her bohemian sister and rediscovers her joie de vivre through a seniors dance class. (111 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 – 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Stinky 'corpse flower' expected to bloom in California

A so-called corpse flower known for the rotten stench it releases appeared close to blooming Monday at the Huntington Library in Southern California.

The plant nicknamed "Li'l Stinker" plumped up in the last few days and was likely to bloom Monday or Tuesday, said Brandon Tam, an orchid specialist at the Huntington.

"The problem with these flowers is that it's always hard to tell because they always have a mind of their own, depending on the weather, depending on if it's ready to bloom," Tam said.

The plant got its nickname because at 44 inches tall (112 centimeters) it is smaller than a typical corpse flower, according to the Huntington.

It is the sixth corpse flower to date at the institution in suburban San Marino. The previous bloom on Aug. 23, 2014, reached a height of 66 inches (167 centimeters).

The formal name of the corpse flower is Amorphophallus titanum and it is native to the rainforests of Sumatra.

It typically takes 15 years for a corpse flower to reach a mature blooming size, and there are now 45 in Huntington's collection, Tam said.

The 16-year-old plant is the offspring of a 2002 blooming. "We're getting to that age where they're all about to bloom fairly soon," Tam said.

The foul odor attracts insects which aids pollination. The plants don't emit the foul odor until the bloom, which usually lasts only 24 hours.

The Huntington said there were around 50 visitors circling the plant Monday morning.

The research and educational institution houses rare books, art collections and botanical gardens.

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LOS ANGELES

'Guardians' cast issues open letter in support of James Gunn

Chris Pratt and his fellow "Guardians of the Galaxy" castmates are coming out in support of ousted director James Gunn 10 days after his firing.

In an open letter Monday signed by Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper, Vin Diesel and five other main stars of the franchise, the cast said it fully supports the director and the character he showed both on the set of the first two movies and in the wake of his firing.

Gunn was let go from directing the third installment of the franchise by The Walt Disney Co. after old tweets resurfaced where he joked about subjects like rape and pedophilia.

The cast says it waited 10 days to issue a statement to "think, pray, listen and discuss." In the interim, various cast members, including Gunn's brother Sean Gunn, have issued individual statements. Fan petitions were also started online to rehire Gunn.

"Each of us looks forward to working with our friend James again in the future," wrote the cast members, who said they were all shocked by the firing.

Pratt added in an Instagram post that he would, "Personally love to see him reinstated as director of Volume 3."

"Although I don't support James Gunn's inappropriate jokes from years ago, he is a good man," Pratt added.

The letter also discusses the climate that led to Gunn's abrupt firing and the lack of "due process in the court of public opinion."

Gunn's current Twitter account is heavy on left-leaning politics, and some on the right with whom he'd sparred found and promoted the tweets from 2008 to 2011 that led to his firing.

"James is likely not the last good person to be put on trial," the cast members continued. "Given the growing political divide in this country, it's safe to say instances like this will continue, although we hope Americans from across the political spectrum can ease up on the character assassination and stop weaponizing mob mentality."

Gunn has been writer and director of the "Guardians of the Galaxy" franchise from the start, taking an obscure Marvel Comics title about a group of multicolored misfits and turning it into a space opera decked with comedy and retro music that made Pratt a major movie star. Through two installments the franchise has brought in more than $1.5 billion in global box office, and much has been staked on the third film that would launch another decade, or more, of Marvel films.

BY LINDSEY BAHR, AP FILM WRITER

OCEANSIDE

Carissa Moore wins surf contest at Oceanside Pier

Three-time world champion Carissa Moore of Honolulu edged 16-year-old phenom Caroline Marks of Melbourne Beach, Florida, to claim her first Paul Mitchell Supergirl Pro victory Sunday at the Oceanside Pier.

It was Moore's first time topping the podium in six attempts at the Paul Mitchell Supergirl Pro, the largest women's surf contest in the world.

Moore used her signature power surfing to take the clean, inconsistent two-to-three foot swell and claim the cape awarded to the winner.

Coco Ho of Honolulu and Malia Manuel of Kauai, Hawaii, tied for third.

Moore showed her veteran experience throughout the day, beating Bronte Macaulay of Australia in Round 5, Johanne Defay of France in the quarterfinals and Manuel, one of Supergirl Pro's most consistent competitors, in the semis.

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BEVERLY HILLS

'Simpsons' creators bring feminism, young talent to new show

Matt Groening said his new adult cartoon series "Disenchantment" has a feminist component that sets it apart from his previous shows.

Groening spoke to reporters about bringing fresh talent to the Netflix show at a Sunday panel for the Television Critics Association, joined by the voice actors Abbi Jacobson and Eric Andre.

He also highlighted the differences between the new project and his previous work, the long-running Fox series "The Simpsons."

"One of the reasons that 'The Simpsons' is what it is, is because of the time constraints," he said. "In this show, we're able to let it breathe a little more which I find gratifying."

The series notably stands out as an adult cartoon with a female lead. It follows the misadventures of an alcoholic slacker princess named Princess Bean, voiced by "Broad City" star Abbi Jacobson, who has everything but a sense of purpose.

Joined by a personal demon named Luci, played by Andre, and a scruffy elf named Elfo (voiced by Nat Faxon), Bean creates mischief in the kingdom of Dreamland where she's infamous for her careless antics.

"Bean is such an anti-stereotypical princess from what we are used to seeing," said Jacobson.

Both Jacobson and Andre have a built a following with the hard-to-win young adult audience in their shows "Broad City" and "The Eric Andre Show." The stars shared their stories of growing up watching "The Simpsons" and finding their place with Groening and Josh Weinstein, creators and producers of "Disenchantment."

Weinstein said that while "Disenchantment" features established talent from both "Futurama" – which he produced – and "The Simpsons," it transcends boundaries in both age and diversity. He said at least half the writing staff is under 30.

"We like to think we're sensitive guys but we have an awesome writing staff," he said. "Just as a cast, it's a great mix."

Groening also cited "Monty Python and The Holy Grail" as an inspiration for the series, but said that the feminist style of Jacobson's "Broad City" influenced the show as well.

"As pro-women as Josh and I are, Abbi definitely kicked up the lines we wrote for her an extra notch and made them even better," he said.

"Disenchantment" premieres Aug. 17 on Netflix.

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What's the Point?

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Could the climate be changing in sex suits?

THIS WEEK THE NEW YORKER PUBLISHED an article by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ronan Farrow with allegations about Leslie Moonves, the CBS head. The allegations date back to the 1980's and early 2000s.

In a striking change from the current climate in America, Moonves will remain in his current position while CBS hires an outside firm to investigate these charges. Rather than call for his immediate resignation and his symbolic head on a platter, CBS is actually willing to give credence to the claims, but verify.

What a novel idea.

Is this the bellweather of some measure of rationality being introduced to the highly emotionally charged world of "everyone's a victim" and they should all be believed implicitly? I hope so.

For the past 20 years I've had a front row seat in the family courts as to how powerful being "a victim" is. We've created a world where allegations are treated as proof, and the accused are condemned before investigation. It's highly unfair, immoral and damaging to everyone to have a system that ignore basic checks and balances.

My experience with this has been around the domestic violence claims that have grown so outsized in their power and impact that it is now a standard operating procedure for some family law firms to file a domestic violence case in any case. Given that the definition of abuse has become so broad, and the courts so lax in their review of applications, it is no wonder that this tool is being used so commonly. Literally, if a couple EVER raise their voice with each other, it is the definition of abusive behavior.

I understand that abuse is in the eye of the victim, but that can itself be abused, and thus make the "victim" the abusive controlling partner. The courts, and the mental health industry, have worked to popularize the idea that any conflict is bad and damaging. That it is 'trauma' for two people to disagree and state their positions with any sort of vehemence.

Personally, I grew up in a wild, crazy, drunken, Italian/Irish/German household. Disagreements and yelling were normal. Was it damaging to me, probably, did it prepare me for a world where I'm not a special flower, where I have to assert myself to get what I want? Absolutely.

Have we become a society of pampered poodles that can't have anything offensive said about them or we want to sue for 'harassment' and assault? Yes. Do I think it should stop? Most definitely.

I was speaking with a friend of mine this past week about how precious everyone has become. He told me of a case where a reporter who worked for a news outlet was suing their old employer for sexual harassment, because some of the stories they covered dealt with celebrities sex lives. I'd say I'm sorry, but I'm not, if you have a job that exposes you to the seedier side of life, and part of your job is discussing that with your co-workers – that does not create a hostile work environment. That's the job. You knew about it when you took the position.

As a divorce lawyer I hear lots of seedy stories. My clients disclose all kinds of morally ambiguous events, hidden affairs, fetishes, different orientations, kinks and past bad behaviors they don't want their spouses to know about. I keep secrets for a living. I knew that going in, I cannot now turn around and say that I work in a sexually harassing environment.

People who have been truly abused should be supported. They should stand up, speak out and get the help they need. People who are being accused should not be charged and convicted on decades old claims that are flimsy and time worn.

The courts should start making people prove abuse before they rubberstamp the term "abuser" on someone, and it should only be after a full hearing with due process.

We need to have a resurgence of personal responsibility and assertiveness that is not cloaked in some false victimology that results in a lawsuit and a settlement. I personally hope that we are starting to see the pendulum swing back to a commonsense understanding of human interaction.

I don't know if Mr. Moonves is a guilty slimeball, or an easy target, but hopefully a thorough investigation will provide the proof one way or the other. I'd like to see this become the standard and not the exception.

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her officers, saying it should "emphasize the importance of community, particularly in terms of knowing one's neighbors." Seabrooks retired in 2017.

In the Rhames case, Lt. Rodriguez said police received calls from at least two neighbors about the break-in. He said one of the women was extremely frightened and ran from her house before calling police.

"You can hear the fear in her voice when she called us," Lt. Rodriguez said of the dispatch recording from 2016. "We don't know what we're looking into so we have to be prepared for the possibility of a violent encounter."

When asked if this sort of mistaken encounter happens to white residents, Lt. Rodriguez wasn't sure.

"I don't know," Lt. Rodriguez said. "I wouldn't say it's common but it does happen when we get calls and then it was nothing."

Rhames did not file a complaint regarding the incident or publically speak about it until now. In the interview Friday, he wondered if his son had been home instead if the situation would have ended differently.

"What if it was my son and he had a video game remote or something and you thought it was a gun?" Rhames said.

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MORENA

FROM PAGE 1

"Receiving the SMRR endorsement on the floor in the first round is a great honor. My favorite moment in the convention was when a member told me that the Section 8 discrimination ordinance I proposed had saved his housing," said Himmelrich. "This is what SMRR is all about."

McKeown said the endorsements are valuable due to their local origins.

"What's always most exciting and satisfying about the SMRR endorsement is that it comes from an in-person vote at a grassroots convention, where you stand before your neighbors and get immediate, direct feedback," he said. "The SMRR convention always energizes me, refreshing my decades-long connection to renters who rely on their City government to protect their housing stability and quality of life."

SMRR endorsed Morena over longtime incumbent Pam O'Connor.

"I'm thrilled to have received the SMRR endorsement because SMRR's values for a diverse, equitable and sustainable community are my values," said Morena. "I am honored that longtime SMRR members like State Senator Ben Allen, Mayor Ted Winterer and Councilmember Kevin McKeown shared their confidence in me with SMRR members at the convention."

SMRR debated two state propositions and endorsed the repeal of Costa Hawkins (Prop 10). They opposed the repeal of the gas tax (Prop. 6). SMRR endorsed local ballot measures in support of school bonds, establishing a supermajority vote on council for some development decisions and changing the city charter to allow non-voting residents to participate in local boards/commissions. The group voted to oppose the local ballot measure establishing term limits for City Council.

SMRR's endorsements came before many of the endorsees are even official candidates. As of Monday, only McKeown had returned his nomination paperwork and the nomination period for local offices runs through at least August 10. That window could be extended if an incumbent fails to file.

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FIREFIGHTERS

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Paulich said residents have been heeding evacuation orders because they have seen the destruction caused by past wildfires, which have destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least four people since 2015.

To the north, near Redding, California, where an unpredictable blaze killed six people, a man whose wife and two great-grandchildren were among the dead said he did not receive any warning to evacuate.

Ed Bledsoe told CBS News he did not know his home was in danger when he left his wife, Melody, and the 4- and 5-year-old children to run an errand on Thursday.

"If I'd have any kind of warning, I'd have never, ever left my family in that house," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said he received a phone call from his wife 15 minutes after he left saying he needed to get home because the fire was approaching. He said one of the children told him the blaze was at the back door. When he tried to return, the road was blocked and flames prevented him from returning on foot.

Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko told the network there's an investigation into whether the Bledsoe home received a warning call or a knock on the door. The sheriff said there is evidence that door-to-door notifications were made in the area.

Crews handling the blaze near Redding struck a hopeful tone for the first time in days as the massive fire slowed after days of rapid expansion. As of Monday, the Redding fire had destroyed 723 homes.

"We're feeling a lot more optimistic today as we're starting to gain some ground rather than being in a defensive mode on this fire all the time," said Bret Gouvea, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's incident commander on the blaze around Redding, a city about 230 miles (370 kilometers) north of San Francisco.

Authorities were also investigating at least 18 missing-persons reports, though many of them may simply be people who have not checked in with friends or family, police said.

The Carr Fire that threatened Redding — a city of about 92,000 people — was ignited by a vehicle a week ago about 10 miles (16 kilometers) west of the city. On Thursday, it swept through the historic Gold Rush town of Shasta and nearby Keswick, fueled by gusty winds and dry vegetation. It then jumped the Sacramento River and took out subdivisions on the western edge of Redding.

Redding Police Chief Roger Moore kept up a round-the-clock work schedule despite learning that his home was one of those destroyed. He was helping evacuate people from his River Ridge neighborhood in western Redding when the flames became unbearable.

"I saw everything around it ignite, and I go, 'It's gone,'" Moore said.

At least one person was arrested on suspicion of stealing from evacuated homes, and authorities were keeping watch for other potential looters, said Deputy Travis Ridenour, whose home also burned.

"Lost our house like so many others," Ridenour wrote on Facebook. "Still out watching over the ones still standing. No looting on my watch."

After days of fortifying the areas around Redding, fire crews were increasingly confident that the city would escape further damage. The fire had not grown inside the city limits since Saturday, Gouvea said.

Some evacuees were frustrated because they didn't know whether their homes were still standing. Some evacuated neighborhoods were reopened Monday but many remained closed as firefighters mopped up.

Fed up, Tim Bollman hiked 4 miles (6 kilometers) Sunday to check on the Redding home he built for his wife and two sons 13 years ago. He found rubble.

"There's not even anything to pick up," he said. "It's completely gone."

Keswick, a mountain town of about 450 people, was reduced to an ashy moonscape of blackened trees and smoldering ruins.

Meanwhile, officials said a second firefighter died fighting a huge blaze to the south near Yosemite National Park. Brian Hughes, 33, was struck by a tree while removing brush and other fuel near the so-called Ferguson Fire's front lines, officials said.

Originally from Hawaii, Hughes had been with California's Arrowhead Interagency Hotshots for four years and reached the rank of captain. Earlier this month, firefighter Braden Varney was killed when the bulldozer he was operating overturned while he was fighting the flames near the national park.

Yosemite Valley, the heart of tourism in the park, will remain closed until Aug. 3.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JULY 16, 2018 AT ABOUT 11:04 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 1100 block of Pacific Coast Highway regarding a traffic collision that occurred. One of the vehicles fled the scene and multiple witnesses reported the incident to police and provided updated information to officers. The suspect vehicle was located in the 1800 block of Pico Blvd. The vehicle and driver were positively identified by witnesses. The driver was taken into custody. Carlos Huerta, 19, from Commerce, was arrested for hit and run. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 372 Calls For Service On July 29.

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

Fight 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:27 a.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block Ocean 1:27 a.m.
Grand theft Lincoln/Santa Monica 1:42 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Ocean 2:31 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Broadway 2:58 a.m.
Auto burglary Main/Olympic 3:33 a.m.
Prowler 200 block Bicknell 4:38 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1700 block Ocean Front 7:45 a.m.
Animal related incident 1000 block Wilson 8 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block Santa Monica 8:48 a.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block 9th 9:06 a.m.
Trespassing 1800 block Wilshire 9:13 a.m.
Public intoxication 1200 block 3rd 10:02 a.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block Wilshire 10:05 a.m.
Burglary 900 block Palisades Beach 10:32 a.m.
Bike theft 1900 block Ocean 10:45 a.m.
Overdose 1000 block 2nd 11:23 a.m.
Public intoxication 1900 block Ocean 12:14 p.m.
Person down Euclid/Wilshire 12:17 p.m.
Family disturbance 1400 block Montana 12:21 p.m.
Battery 4th/Interstate 10 12:30 p.m.
Animal related incident 1200 block Euclid 12:40 p.m.
Domestic violence 1300 block 17th 1:12 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block Ocean Front 1:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block 20th 1:55 p.m.
Person w/a gun Ocean/Colorado 2:12 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 800 block Grant 3:02 p.m.
Public intoxication 2300 block Main 3:08 p.m.
Trespassing 1000 block California 3:12 p.m.
Critical missing person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 15th 3:34 p.m.
Battery 600 block Ocean 3:50 p.m.
Critical missing person 1100 block Ocean Front 4:12 p.m.
Fight 700 block Broadway 4:43 p.m.
Animal related incident 900 block 9th 5:06 p.m.
Critical missing person 2400 block Ocean Front 5:18 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 11th 6:50 p.m.
Fraud 2000 block Pier 7:05 p.m.
Person down 1000 block Wilshire 7:24 p.m.
Person down 200 block Wilshire 7:43 p.m.
Public intoxication 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:47 p.m.
Battery 600 block Wilshire 8:09 p.m.
Prowler 1200 block 19th 8:13 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast 8:17 p.m.
Fight 1200 block 3rd 8:44 p.m.
Battery Cloverfield/26th 8:49 p.m.
Person down Ocean/Olympic 9:15 p.m.
Found person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 9:33 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 9:40 p.m.
Fraud 1100 block Pacific Coast 9:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 10:03 p.m.
Battery 2600 block Expo Line 10:21 p.m.
Vandalism 700 block Ocean 10:47 p.m.
Found senile person 14th/Santa Monica 10:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 45 Calls For Service On July 29.

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

Emergency Medical Service 100 block Santa Monica 12:48 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 1:43 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 1:43 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 2:23 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:23 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Main 6:18 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 7:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Civic Center 7:55 a.m.
Ladder request 800 block California 8:55 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 9:17 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Civic Center 9:52 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 2nd 11:23 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Kansas 11:50 a.m.
Smoke investigation 2900 block 4th 12:42 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block 4th 1:44 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 17th 2:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 2:09 p.m.
Structure fire 1100 block Pico 2:21 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Ocean 2:47 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 3:06 p.m.
EMS 300 block Colorado 4:00 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Pacific 4:01 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 4:51 p.m.
Automatic fire 1400 block 4th 5:04 p.m.
Vehicle fire Lincoln/Interstate 10 5:25 p.m.
EMS 900 block 4th 5:30 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Neilson 6:34 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 6:55 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 7:18 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Wilshire 7:24 p.m.
EMS 200 block Wilshire 7:43 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 7:57 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 8:51 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 8:52 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Olympic 9:15 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 9:18 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pacific Coast 10:12 p.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 10:21 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean 10:30 p.m.
EMS 26th/Olympic 10:31 p.m.
Misc. outside fire 800 block Hill 11:06 p.m.
EMS 14th/Santa Monica 11:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 2nd 11:38 p.m.

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Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/29
12 19 21 30 36

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Draw Date: 7/29
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Draw Date: 7/29
EVENING: 7 1 9

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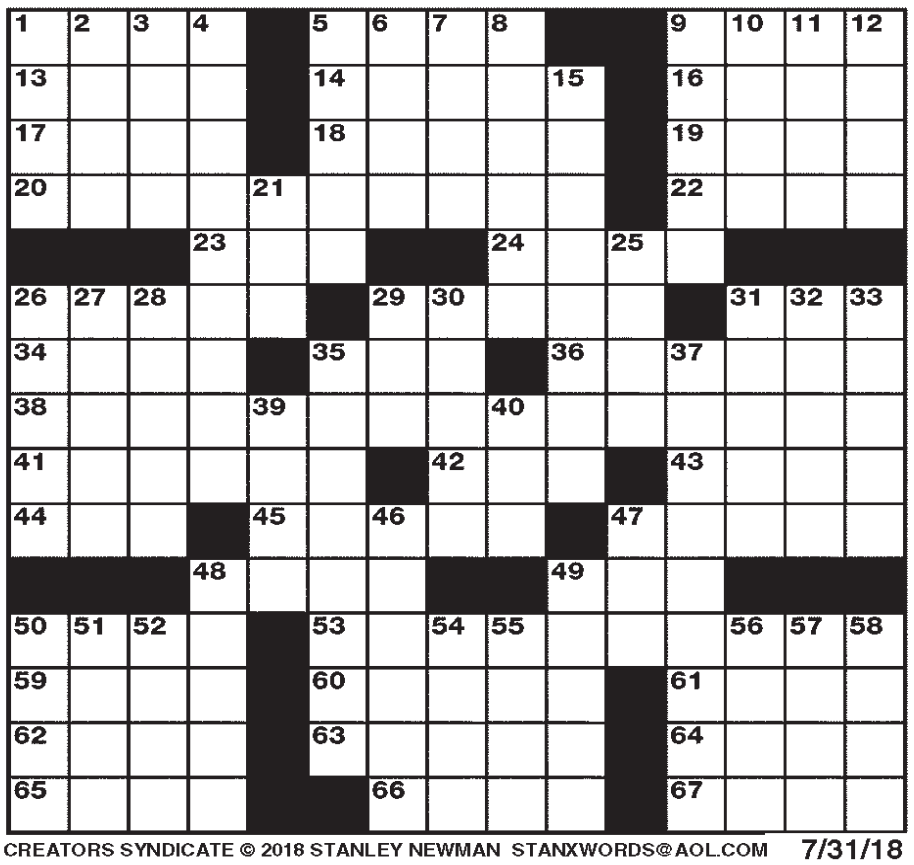
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ACROSS

1 Hoofbeat sound
5 __ mater (one's former school)
9 Cakes of soap
13 Possess
14 Dog walker's strap
16 Vicinity
17 At any time
18 Electric car brand
19 Male deer
20 HAND that picks crops
22 Castaway's home
23 Batteries for some remotes
24 Biblical garden
26 Informal speaking
29 Pet protection org.
31 Tip of a sock
34 Clock readout
35 Opposite of post-
36 *Little __ Annie*
38 HAND given to a performer
41 Arched part of the foot
42 Plaything
43 Stiffly formal
44 Winter L.A. clock setting
45 Make laugh
47 Fresh-mouthed
48 What "+" means
49 Balloon filler
50 Living room furniture
53 HAND, in some stud poker games
59 "Once __ a time . . ."
60 Quitting phrase in poker
61 Enthusiasm
62 Payment to a landlord
63 Adorable kid
64 Tubular pasta
65 Finishes up
66 A smaller amount
67 Take __ the waist (tailor's job)

DOWN

1 Gourmet cook
2 Molten rock
3 More than
4 Long-lasting hairdo
5 Glee club women
6 Impolite look
7 Costume ball headwear
8 In dreamland
9 Washbowl
10 __ and crafts
11 Authentic
12 Wise person
15 Computer printout
21 Dog's tail movement
25 __ Grey tea
26 Piece of bacon
27 Roaring cats
28 "You have to see it!"
29 Dog's bark in the comics
30 Theater chairs
31 Day after Wed.
32 Spring in the desert
33 Adversary
35 Top 40 songs, for example
37 Celebrity photographers
39 Distribute the cards
40 "The Raven" writer
46 Functional
47 [Not my mistake]
48 Trousers
49 Peruvian peaks
50 "I'd be glad to!"
51 Unlock
52 __ of (having affection for)
54 Cast a ballot
55 Yale students
56 Bridle strap
57 Facts and figures
58 Narrow opening



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31)

This year is like traveling on a gigantic cruise ship. You'll make yourself at home, live it up, have your needs taken care of while barely noticing that you're also on your way to an adventurous destination unlike the last. The opportunity to start a new business or change jobs happens in October. Romance and fun in 2019. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 38, 1 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There's a job that needs doing and you'll be assigning duty. Keep in mind that not all confident people are capable and some of the most capable people are severely unconfident.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The usual self-help advice says you can either react emotionally to events or use them as lessons. Why then, in the moment, does it seem like you don't have a choice? Maybe because you're not a robot. And that advice is overly reductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
When opportunity knocks, it's your chance to show initiative, charm, brightness and the intention to understand and help. These are the qualities that will encourage opportunity to come around more often.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It's one thing to help people who don't help you back, and it's quite another to help people because they can't help you back. In that helper lives the heartbeat of kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Don't get caught up in measuring yourself to anyone, not even your former self. You are, after all, not that person either. All you can be is the best possible version of your current self.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Social circles, much like solar circles, run on principles of attraction and repulsion. Your conscious awareness of what some people are attracted to will play into this and you'll make a choice about what to present.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
To lay your heart on the line would normally require courage, though today it just may be a matter of math. The potential gains from confessing your feelings are greater than the risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Make the right choice, learn, make the wrong choice, learn ... and it will keep going back and forth pingpong-style today. You're awake and so you can't help but come out of the game smarter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
People's tests for one another are not often conscious. They run one another through obstacles and observe the results in order to figure out who is worthy of attention, how much and what kind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If all you do today is understand a little more than you did yesterday, it's a good day. And if you somehow diminished the suffering of others, too, you can count the day as great.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
In life and art, the value of framing cannot be underestimated. The obvious focal point is for amateurs. Also, consider the scale of things. What if you went bigger? What if you zoomed in?

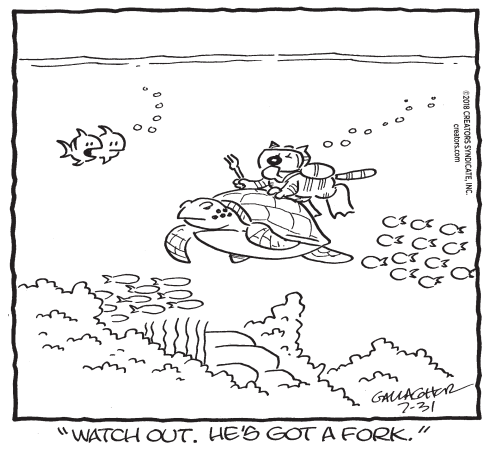
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You lost something back there. At the time you thought it was everything, and now you're perfectly content (if not better off) without it. In that light, maybe today's stress needn't affect you much.

Ponderous Pisces Moon

There's much we don't understand about our world. Even fundamental discoveries, such as gravity and energy, hold enough mystery for top scientists to devote their lives to researching them. As for relationships and love, such matters are even more mysterious. Under the Pisces moon, pondering these matters we'd normally take for granted will yield personal breakthroughs.

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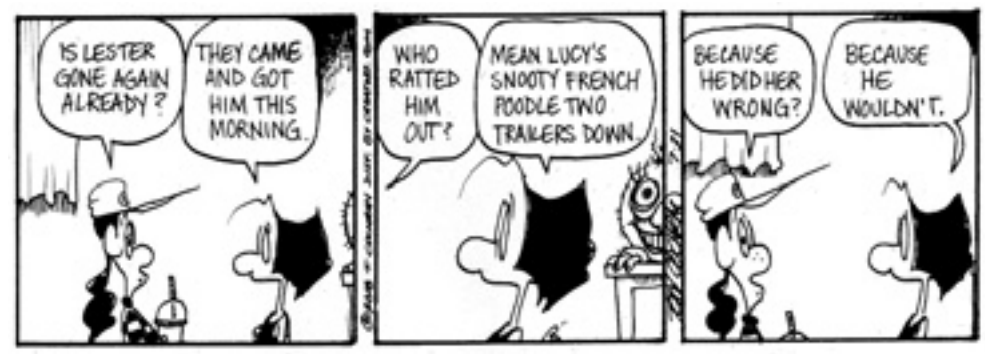
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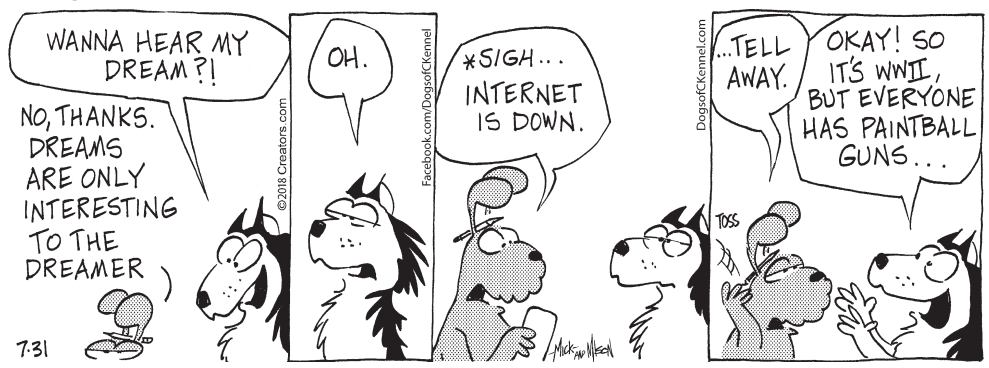
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Police probing whether suspect in NYC murder killed others

BY COLLEEN LONG & MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

Investigators are looking into whether a man suspected of killing a woman he met on a dating app in New York City may have killed others, two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Monday.

Danueal Drayton, 27, was arrested last week in Los Angeles after police say he sexually assaulted a woman, tried to strangle her and refused to let her leave her North Hollywood apartment.

He pleaded not guilty Monday to attempted murder, rape and false imprisonment charges and was held on $1.25 million bail.

After his arrest, Drayton talked about killing at least five others in Connecticut and New York, the officials said. Investigators are trying to determine whether his claims are true.

The officials said Drayton did not admit killing Samantha Stewart, a nurse found dead in her New York City apartment, though police believe he's responsible. Stewart's lifeless body was found July 17 on the floor of her bedroom in Queens, wrapped in blankets and it appeared that she had been strangled and some of her teeth had been knocked out, police said.

Her brother found her body and called their father, who then called police, authorities said.

The officials said Drayton had met Stewart on Tinder and then used her credit card to buy a plane ticket to California. Detectives tracked him to Los Angeles, where they found him holding a woman against her will in North Hollywood last week and arrested him.

Investigators also linked Drayton to a June 17 rape in Brooklyn, police said. The 23-year-old victim in that case had met Drayton on Tinder and they spoke for a few hours before meeting up, the officials said. Drayton allegedly choked the woman when she said she wanted to leave and then raped her, according to the officials.

The officials were not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Investigators believe Drayton may be responsible for other attacks and believe he was using several dating websites and apps to meet women, Dermot Shea, the chief of detectives in New York City, told reporters.

Officials are using DNA testing to determine whether Drayton's DNA turns up in forensic evidence collected from any unsolved homicides.

Drayton, who has history of violence against women, including arrests for unlawful imprisonment and strangulation in Connecticut, had bought a one-way ticket to California almost immediately after Stewart was killed, Shea said.

Drayton was arrested on Long Island on June 30 and was charged with choking his ex-girlfriend, breaking into her house and then sending her a threatening Facebook message that he was going to cut her car's brake lines, set it on fire or blow it up, according to court documents. The same day she received the message, the woman said she saw Drayton outside of her home slashing her tires, the documents said.

Prosecutors asked for Drayton to be held on $7,500 bail but the judge overseeing his arraignment set bail at $2,000 cash, said Brendan Brosh, a spokesman for the Nassau County district attorney's office. During a second court appearance, Drayton asked to be released — over the objection of prosecutors — and Nassau County District Court Judge Erica Prager agreed to release him without bail.

Prager did not know about Drayton's prior arrests in Connecticut and a document that was presented to the judge during the hearing indicated that Drayton had no other criminal history, court spokesman Dan Bagnuola said.

"In this particular case the judge carefully considered the facts before her and made her determination based on all the current, relevant and factual information that was provided to the Court at that time," Bagnuola said. "It would have been impossible for the judge at that time to foresee the allegations that are presently unfolding and coming to light with regard to this defendant."

The name of his attorney in California was not immediately known and the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County, which represented Drayton in the New York case, did not immediately comment.

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