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City Hall retreats from electric vehicle charging stations at the beach

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The city's electrical vehicle community supports expanding charging stations citywide but at the July 25 Council meeting, drivers rallied in opposition to the proposed construction of several charging stations in the city's beach adjacent lots.

An issue last week was a proposed pilot program with Southern California Edison to install chargers in the Civic Center parking lot and in the beach lots.

Local drivers praised the City's ongoing efforts to support electric vehicles but as a group, said the City hasn't done enough to provide public chargers for residents and that resources should be focused on facilitating charging for residents of multifamily housing.

City Manager Rick Cole acknowledged the city doesn't have adequate charging facilities in the community and he said the city is working on expanding locations citywide. He said the beach proposal was a result of requirements imposed by the agreement with Edison.

Under the terms of the pilot program, the utility company pays for infrastructure improvements necessary to install electrical vehicle chargers. However, the rules of

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California health premiums to rise an average 12.5 percent

JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

Monthly premiums for California health insurance plans sold under the Affordable Care Act will rise by an average of 12.5 percent next year, the second consecutive year of double-digit rate increases, officials said Tuesday.

A major insurance company will stop offering plans in most of California, but the state will avoid the massive market upheaval that has left some states with just one insurer or none at all to serve the individual market.

Covered California's announcement on 2018 pricing comes at a time of extreme uncertainty about the future of the U.S. health care system. A Republican plan to unwind key pieces of the Affordable Care Act failed in the U.S. Senate last week, but President Donald Trump has repeatedly urged lawmakers to keep working on it. Trump has threatened to end payments that insurance companies receive to keep down out-of-pocket costs for lower-income consumers.

Premiums for consumers on silver tier plans, the most popular, could spike even more if those subsidies are taken away, officials said.

The average 12.5 percent increase is down just slightly from last year, when premiums rose by more than 13 percent. Consumers could lower their increase to about 3 percent if they switch to the lowest-priced plans, officials said, though that could require them to change doctors. Insurance plans for next year will be available for purchase in California between

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CAR SHOW

On Saturday, July 29 the Pico Youth & Family Center partnered with West - Los The Documentary to host their 2nd Annual Unity Car Show at John Adams Middle School.




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, August 2

Rhythm on the Lawn

Join organizers for an afternoon of music making and snacks on our library lawn. Make your own instruments, jam on some drums, or just relax to the rhythms in the afternoon sun from 2-4 p.m. at the Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

Ultimate Frisbee

From 6:30-8:30 p.m. , join a game of Ultimate Frisbee at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. $1 youth (12-17), $3 Adult.

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber room in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Thursday, August 3

Paws to Read

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing from 2-3 p.m. at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Sign up in advance for a 15-minute period. Contact branch for details at (310) 458-8682. Advanced registration required.

Seed Bomb Insanity

Help build a better world by creating seed-bombs of native plants and have fun getting a little dirty in the process from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Read a Play: Brighton Beach Memoirs by Neil Simon (Part 2)

Discover great plays while uncovering your inner actor. This new monthly group will read through a different play each month, with each in attendance taking part in the read through. The event will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

NOMA Meeting

The North of Montana Association (NOMA) monthly community meeting will be held Thursday, August 3, at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, at 7 p.m. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. "Maintaining Our Urbran Forest –City and Resident Roles" will be discussed by Matthew Wells, City of Santa Monica Forester, and Hector Kistenmann, Public Landscape Manager. NOMA meets each first Thursday of the month. For further information, go to www.smnoma.org.

Friday, August 4

Game Room at the Annenberg Community Beach House

Take a break from the heat and enjoy our free Game Room open daily 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. throughout the summer! Address is 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Summer Activity Program: Rhythm Child Drumming

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

Free screening of "The Truman Show"

This week, Mind Over movies screens Peter Weir's sci-fi dramedy "The Truman Show," starring Jim Carey as Truman Burbank, a man who discovers his world is a carefully crafted illusion made to entertain audiences around the world. Film followed by roundtable discussion and Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street, Santa Monica. 6:30 p.m. For more information, email MindOverMoviesLA@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 5

SUP Lesson

Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Ocean Park Branch Book Group: Death in the Andes by Mario VArgas Llosa

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Open to All. No Registration Required. Address is 2601 Main St.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

Apple posts strong 3Q, provides upbeat forecast

Apple's earnings climbed 12 percent to $8.7 billion in the company's latest quarter amid rising demand for iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

Revenue for the period increased 7 percent from last year to $45.4 billion.

The fiscal third-quarter results announced Tuesday exceeded analysts' projections for the period spanning from April to July 1.

Just as importantly, Apple predicted revenue for its current quarter ending in September will range from $49 billion to $52 billion. That's better than Apple's performance last year when its popular line of iPhone 7 phones came out.

The upbeat forecast is likely to ease concerns that production problems might delay the release

of Apple's next-generation iPhone, which typically comes out in late September. That model is expected to boast a higher-quality screen and several other new features.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO

Homeland Security will waive laws to build border wall

The Trump administration says it will waive environmental reviews and other laws to replace a stretch of border wall in San Diego, moving to make good on one of the president's signature campaign pledges.

Critics including the Center for Biological Diversity swiftly criticized the move as overreach and a threat to the environment.

The Department of Homeland Security said it will publish in "the coming days" in the Federal Register a notice to exempt the government from the National Environmental Protection Act and host of other laws on 15 miles (24 kilometers) of border extending east from the Pacific Ocean. It will mark the sixth time that the department has exercised that authority and the first time since 2008.

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT, ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALHAMBRA

Dad admits killing son in court as mom sobs over boy's ashes

A couple's bitter custody battle became a tragedy that ended Tuesday with the father acknowledging he killed their 5-year-old son as his estranged wife gripped an urn with the boy's ashes and sobbed uncontrollably in the front row of a California courtroom.

Aramazd Andressian Sr., 35, had his hands shackled at the waist and spoke softly when a prosecutor asked him if he willfully killed his son, Aramazd Jr. Andressian simply replied, "Yes."

He pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the April death of the boy after a family trip to Disneyland. Authorities said Andressian wanted to get back at his estranged wife, and the slaying set off a two-month search.

Andressian's attorney declined to comment on the theory but said the killing was "not planned" and his client told investigators where to find the boy's body.

Prosecutors called the evidence in the case overwhelming but have refused to say how Aramazd Jr. died.

"This is a tragedy. Cases like this really tug at your heartstrings," Deputy District Attorney Craig Hum said outside Los Angeles County Superior Court in suburban Alhambra.

Andressian's attorney, Ambrosio Rodriguez, said his client pleaded guilty partly to avoid the possibility of prosecutors adding a charge that could result in the death penalty.

"He is beyond words, in regretting having committed such an act," Rodriguez said.

Andressian faces 25 years to life in prison when he is sentenced Aug. 23.

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators have said they believe the boy was killed April 21 after a trip to Disneyland. The next day, his father was found passed out in a park and police began searching for the boy.

Andressian had taken prescription pills and was found in a car doused in gasoline in an apparent suicide attempt, sheriff's officials have said.

The boy's body was found on June 30 near Lake Cachuma outside Santa Barbara – about 145 miles (233 kilometers) away from Anaheim, where Disneyland is located.

Andressian told investigators that he drove to the lake the day his son was killed. Investigators had searched the lake several times before the boy's remains were found.

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

US prepares to test launch unarmed ICBM from California

The U.S. Air Force was preparing Tuesday to test an unarmed Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile with a launch from California, the fourth such test this year.

The 30th Space Wing says the missile was to be launched between 12:01 a.m. and 6:01 a.m. Wednesday from Vandenberg Air Force Base, about 130 miles (209 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles.

An Air Force statement said the test would show the effectiveness, readiness, and accuracy of the weapon system.

Minuteman missiles are regularly tested with launches from Vandenberg that send unarmed re-entry vehicles 4,200 miles (6,800 kilometers) across the Pacific to a target area at Kwajalein Atoll.

However, the latest U.S. launches come amid tensions with North Korea as that nation develops its own ICBMs.

Flight data on North Korea's most recent test, conducted Friday, showed that a broad part of the mainland United States, including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now in range of Pyongyang's weapons, according to analysts.

In response, the U.S. Air Force flew two B-1 bombers over the Korean Peninsula on Sunday in a show of force. The U.S. also said it conducted a successful test of a missile defense system located in Alaska.

Previous Minuteman ICBM launches this year were conducted in February, April and May. That month, the Air Force also conducted a test of a missile interceptor launched from Vandenberg. The interceptor destroyed a mock warhead over the Pacific.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING SUBMISSION OF CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit statements of qualification for the:

Fire Station #1 Construction Project
SP2235

Statements of Qualifications shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of Architecture Services, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **August 31, 2017**, to be publicly opened and the names read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in the office conference room. Each proposal shall be in accordance with the Request for Qualifications.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION CONFERENCE:
August 11, 2017 AT 10:00 AM AT 1437 4th STREET, SUITE 300.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the City Council for the following:

Amend the Zoning Ordinance
The City Council will consider second reading of adoption of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Divisions 1-5 of SMMC Article 9) related to the Downtown Community Plan (DCP), including, but not limited to, incorporating by reference into Chapter 9.10 of the Zoning Code certain development standards in Chapter 4 of the Downtown Community Plan adopted by the City Council on July 25, 2017.

Opportunity for public input on the above amendments will be provided at the public hearing on August 8, 2017. The Council staff report will be available online: https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx and copies of the Zoning Ordinance, the first reading of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Community Plan are on file with the City Clerk, and are open to public inspection.

WHEN AND WHERE: Below is the anticipated schedule and the location of the public hearing for the second reading of the Zoning Ordinance.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August 8, 2017	6:30PM	City Council Chamber, 2nd floor Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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

Address your letters to:
City Clerk
Re: Downtown Community Plan
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Peter James, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at peter.james@smgov.net. The Draft Downtown Community Plan is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available www.downtownsmplan.org.

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 be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(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.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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GOP shows signs of reaching out to Democrats on health care

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

Republicans showed signs Tuesday of reaching out to Democrats for a joint if modest effort to buttress health insurance markets, four days after the GOP effort to unilaterally uproot and reshape the Obama health care law crumpled in the Senate.

The Republican chairman of the Senate health committee, Tennessee's Lamar Alexander, said he'd seek bipartisan legislation extending for one year federal payments to insurers that help millions of low- and moderate-income Americans afford coverage. President Donald Trump has threatened to halt those subsidies in hopes of forcing Democrats to make concessions, which the Senate's top Democrat on Tuesday called "not what an adult does."

The No. 2 Senate Republican also seemed to imply the two parties should seek common health care ground. Texas Sen. John Cornyn said on the Senate floor, "We are forced to work together to try to solve these problems, and I think frankly bipartisan solutions tend to be more durable."

In addition, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell rebuffed Trump's demands that the Senate change its rules so it can pass a health overhaul with a simple majority vote. McConnell, R-Ky., said the Senate lacks the votes to end filibusters of legislation like Trump wants, and noted that getting the 60 votes needed to end filibusters wasn't why Republicans lost.

"It's pretty obvious that our problem with health care was not the Democrats. We didn't have 50 Republicans," McConnell told reporters.

The prospects for passing bipartisan health care legislation remain uncertain, with divisions between conservatives and moderate Republicans persisting on several issues. In particular, Trump, McConnell and some other Republicans have mocked the payments Alexander wants to renew as a bailout for insurers.

Nonetheless, the day's comments collectively underscored the distance Senate Republicans are keeping from White House demands that they continue voting on repealing and replacing President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul. Erasing that law has been a top priority for Trump and most GOP congressional candidates, and failing to do it as they control the White House and Congress has angered many in the party.

Many top Republicans have said it's time for the GOP to move from health care to other issues.

McConnell said "there's still an opportunity" for Republicans to push health care legislation through the Senate. He said he was waiting for the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office to estimate the impact of GOP bills easing some of the party's proposed Medicaid cuts, making it easier for insurers to sell bare-bones policies and giving states block grants for health programs.

Alexander said the legislation he envisions would be "small, bipartisan and balanced." He said it should include money to continue the insurance payments in 2018 and give states more flexibility on the type of coverage insurers must provide, he said.

He said his panel would hold hearings next month on stabilizing insurance markets. That would be a departure from the lack of hearings when McConnell worked behind closed doors to craft various versions of the GOP's health care bill, which were rejected by his chamber.

Alexander said he's asked Trump to make the payments to insurers for August and September to give his panel time to write legislation. White House officials have said Trump will decide this week on the August installment.

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington state, the health panel's top Democrat, embraced Alexander's suggestions for extending the payments and for hearings.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to cut off federal disbursements to insurers. They total $7 billion this year and are helping around 7 million people afford insurance deductibles and co-payments.

Obama's statute requires that insurers reduce out-of-pocket costs for many customers. But a federal court has blocked the federal reimbursements to insurers who do that, saying the funds have yet to be properly authorized by Congress. Trump and Obama before him have continued the payments temporarily.

The payments to insurers are backed by Democrats and some Republicans because many experts say that even the threat of blocking them is already prompting insurers to raise prices and consider abandoning some markets. Kristine Grow, spokeswoman for the insurance industry group America's Health Insurance Plans, said to cover their costs if the federal payments ended, insurers would have to boost premiums for people buying individual policies by 20 percent.

"For them to take action to harm people here in our country" would be unwise, said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.

Last week, Trump tweeted that if the Senate didn't approve health care legislation, "BAILOUTS for Insurance Companies" would end "very soon!"

"You don't hurt innocent people, Mr. President, when you lose politically. That is not presidential, that is not frankly what an adult does," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Tuesday.





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Curious City

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Don't Fandango, Mooch

WHAT A WEEK

In the world, the nation's capital, and good old Santa Monica. Again.

Oy, I would exclaim, if I were Jack Neworth, but as he, you and I all know, I'm not.

So instead I will profer Gosh, Golly, Heavens and Oh My, in honor of our pink slipped White House Communications (snicker, snicker) Director, The Mooch, a character you couldn't dream up (except in the Trump White House Reality TV Show, where absolutely anything is possible).

I must confess that in my life I have once or twice used the f-word -- except for my two years in the US Army, when I always used it. I quickly learned that you simply couldn't communicate unless you injected it every other word. Literally. I'm not f-ing kidding. But now many professed potty mouths, even sailors, I've heard, death row mother murderers, Hells Angels and state assembly members, were so appalled at the volcano of extraordinarily crude language The Mooch spewed in his phone call to New Yorker magazine's Ryan Lizza, that many have vowed to clean up their linguistic acts. Do it for the Boy Scouts.

Though they dishonored themselves this week with their cheers, jeers and chants to the extremely un-Scouts-manlike speech, 35 minutes of bullying, swearing, boasting, name-calling, x-rated insinuations and thanks to all those Scouts (12-18) for voting for him, from never-a-scout, c'mon-can-you-imagine-me-in-a sleeping-bag Donald Trump. Outraged reaction was immediate and overwhelming but it took three days for the boys' organization to decide to denounce it. Do you think Boy Scouts president Randall Stephenson's other job as CEO of AT&T, currently facing a Justice Department antitrust review over their attempted $85B takeover of Time Warner, could have anything to do with it? Hm?

THERE ARE SO MANY MESSES

Most people miss all the other stuff. Like the announcement April 24 from four-star Gen. John Nicholson, US commander in Afghanistan, that there were indications the Russians are supplying arms to the Taliban in Afghanistan, and this week video surfaced confirming those suspicions.

So, dig it: Vlad the Impaler -- I mean Vlad Putin, a KGB-trained cold-blooded killer intent on leading his nation back to superpower status by any means necessary, also has exhibited a penchant for revenge and a twisted sense of humor. When the Russians were fighting in Afghanistan throughout the '80s, the US gave arms and other support to their enemy, the mujahideen (who soon became Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda). We armed a local religious fanatic group to fight the Russians. Now the Russians seem to be arming the local religious fanatic group the Taliban, to fight us. Payback's a bitch.

"I think he respects me. I think it would be great to get along with him," said The Donald. But Putin knows a pushover when he sees one, and he is pushing, provocatively, in the Middle East, taking advantage of a leadership vacuum in Washington. Arming our enemy. US soldiers will be killed by those arms. You okay with that, Trump voters? It's the little things, sometimes below your radar, that can get ya.

ONE LAST THING

Before we forget who he was, a moment of silence for Tony Ten-Days, the surreal mini-me, Anthony "The Mooch" (he told us to call him that -- you know The Donald loved it) Scaramucci. Now and forever more, whenever I hear the campy Queen classic "Bohemian Rhapsody," his smirking visage will certainly pop into my mind:

"I see a little silhouetto of a man Scaramouche, Scaramouche, will you do the Fandango Thunderbolt and lightning, very, very fright'ning..."

Oh, and don't forget, kids, one last foreign policy note. We found out this week North Korean missiles can now reach LA. Sleep well. Your President is protecting you.

This is why some of us continue to point out the danger and wonder why sane minds in Washington, if there are any, haven't started impeachment proceedings. How long will you wait? How much do you need? The Republicans were going to impeach Bill Clinton over a blow job! No, LYING about it. Can we maybe find any lies, any lies at all that DJT has told the American public, that are a lot more pertinent to running the country than about his private sex life? (Though he's given us way TMI on that subject.) Emoluments clause? Why are we waiting for ironclad evidence of collusion?

I'll tell you why. Three cowardly letters: GOP. All of them except two brave women, Murkowski and Collins, and John McCain, voted for a "healthcare" program that would kill millions -- when you lose your health coverage, many die -- and not coincidentally transfer nearly a trillion dollars of tax cuts to the wealthy. And let's not forget Dems like Hawaii's Mazie Hirono, battling stage four kidney cancer, who flew from the middle of the Pacific to DC to give an impassioned speech for compassion, and vote. It fell on deaf Republican ears. It's insane, it's horrific, it's unthinkable.

HERE IN SANTA MONICA

There's been so much, but now I'm so depressed I can't go through it all. It appears the DCP still favors that huge hotel in the middle of our Downtown, instead of a defining open space town square (you know, like almost every other city in the world has). The path is kept open for skyscrapers on Ocean Avenue. "Opportunity site" owners thanked the Council and staff (hell yeah). Build-more "transit zones" are officially anywhere within half a mile radius of a bus stop. Much more housing Downtown is being facilitated (don't worry about parking requirements, you poor put-upon developers -- no one will own cars anymore), without regard to resources like water, schools, emergency services. Mark my words -- the "outrageous" requirement of 30 percent affordable housing is a Trojan horse. Oh you Negative Nellie -- I suppose you demand clean air and no traffic too? But the launch of the POD (Preserve Our Diversity) plan for keeping longtime, low income residents in their homes shows some promise.

DO NOT MISS OPENING PERFORMER

New Orleans legend Irma Thomas, when you hit the Pier Thursday night. Speaking of which...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: "Lisa -- do you want to spend the rest of our lives going to Twilight Concerts together?" -- SMDP Publisher Rob Schwenker, making a very public marriage proposal to Lisa before thousands last Thursday, on stage on the Pier. (She said yes.) (Good thing…)

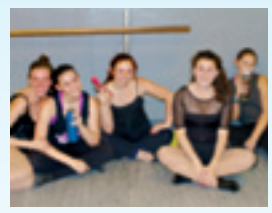
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "America is a country ready to be taken... by political leaders ready to restore democracy and trust to the political process." -- Arianna Huffington.

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STATIONS

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the program require a minimum of 10 spaces and prohibit those ten from removing more than 4 percent from the total lot.

In Santa Monica, that limited the options to the Civic Center, Beach lots and the city's downtown garages. The Downtown lots can't accommodate other requirements of the program such as construction of new disabled charging stations and the city was left with the Civic Center and the Beach.

"This means Edison will only extend this to very, very large lots. So, it's great for Dodger stadium, it's great for the beach, it's great for a college or a high school," he said. "It's not particular good for the kind of thing we want to do which is get chargers out into our neighborhoods and or into our local parks," said City Manager Rick Cole.

However, given the community opposition to the plan, Cole said staff would drop plans to install chargers at the beach lot and instead ask Edison to revise the program.

"It would be our recommendation, a revised recommendation to you tonight, to proceed forward to applying to Edison for the grant for the Civic Center parking structure, to give us authority to apply for additional chargers if Edison is willing to flex, which we don't think they will, but if they were willing to flex to achieve chargers that would more directly benefit residents throughout our community," he said. "That would be our revised recommendation to drop the beach lot based on the fact that it's fairly expensive for relatively small returns at this stage to our community."

New EV driver Paul Rosenstein said he had to adapt when he purchased an electric car.

"I suddenly have to learn all about the charging issue which is no insignificant issue when you have an electric vehicle," he said.

He said the beach lot is fraught with problems for locals including a fee to enter the lot, a lack of overnight access and distance from homes.

Resident William Claiborn said it was great that the city was working on EV chargers but said given the majority of residents live in multi-unit housing, the city should find a way to faciliatate charging for those residents.

"The placement of these things is best in places where people who are residents can get to them and parking lots, paid parking lots, are not really those places, they are basically tourist places," he said.

City Hall is also working on an Electric Vehicle Action Plan.

The document will provide a review of existing policies, plans and programs to support charging infrastructure on a state and regional level. Discuss recommended policy priorities to address current problems with EV Charging and EV utilization. Provide an implementation plan for all policy priorities that will require collaboration between various City departments and divisions, Southern California Edison, the City's selected EVSE service provider, and community stakeholders and include appendices with resources including maps on current and proposed EV charging infrastructure and detailed material on multi-family unit dwelling (MUD) installation case studies and best practices.

Planning Commission saw a first draft of the plan in July and the document will make the rounds at various boards and commissions with the goal of a final draft appearing before the council in October.

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PREMIUMS

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Nov. 1 and Jan 31.

Covered California sells health plans to about 1.4 million people who don't get coverage from an employer or from the two large government-funded programs, Medicare and Medi-Cal. The exchange is a central piece of Obama's health insurance overhaul, allowing people to compare policies and collect a subsidy if they qualify based on income.

Covered California customers who get federal tax credits to lower their monthly premiums will be shielded from all or part of the higher costs because their subsidies will rise in tandem. But the higher prices will be felt by the more than 1 million Californians who have unsubsidized coverage in the individual market, most of whom don't get their plans through Covered California.

Trump maintains that Obama's health law is imploding and must be fixed, pointing to rising costs and declining choices in the individual insurance market. A handful of rural counties around the nation have been left without any insurers offering plans through Affordable Care Act marketplaces, and many others have just one option.

Peter Lee, executive director of Covered California, said the state shows that insurance markets are not failing. "We in California ... are not just stable, but stable in a way that is truly working for consumers," Lee said.

California has seen costs rise, but it has maintained a competitive marketplace with several competing options for most consumers statewide. All 11 existing insurers will continue to provide coverage next year, but Anthem Blue Cross is significantly reducing its coverage.

The company will continue offering plans only in Santa Clara County and rural parts of Northern California and the Central Valley, forcing about 10 percent of people insured through Covered California to find a new health plan.

Anthem blamed a shrinking individual insurance market and uncertainty about future federal health care policy for increasing uncertainty that makes it hard to plan and price insurance policies.

"As the Individual marketplace continues to evolve, Anthem will continue to advocate solutions that will stabilize the market to allow us to return to a more robust presence in the future," Anthem spokeswoman Jill Becher said in a statement.

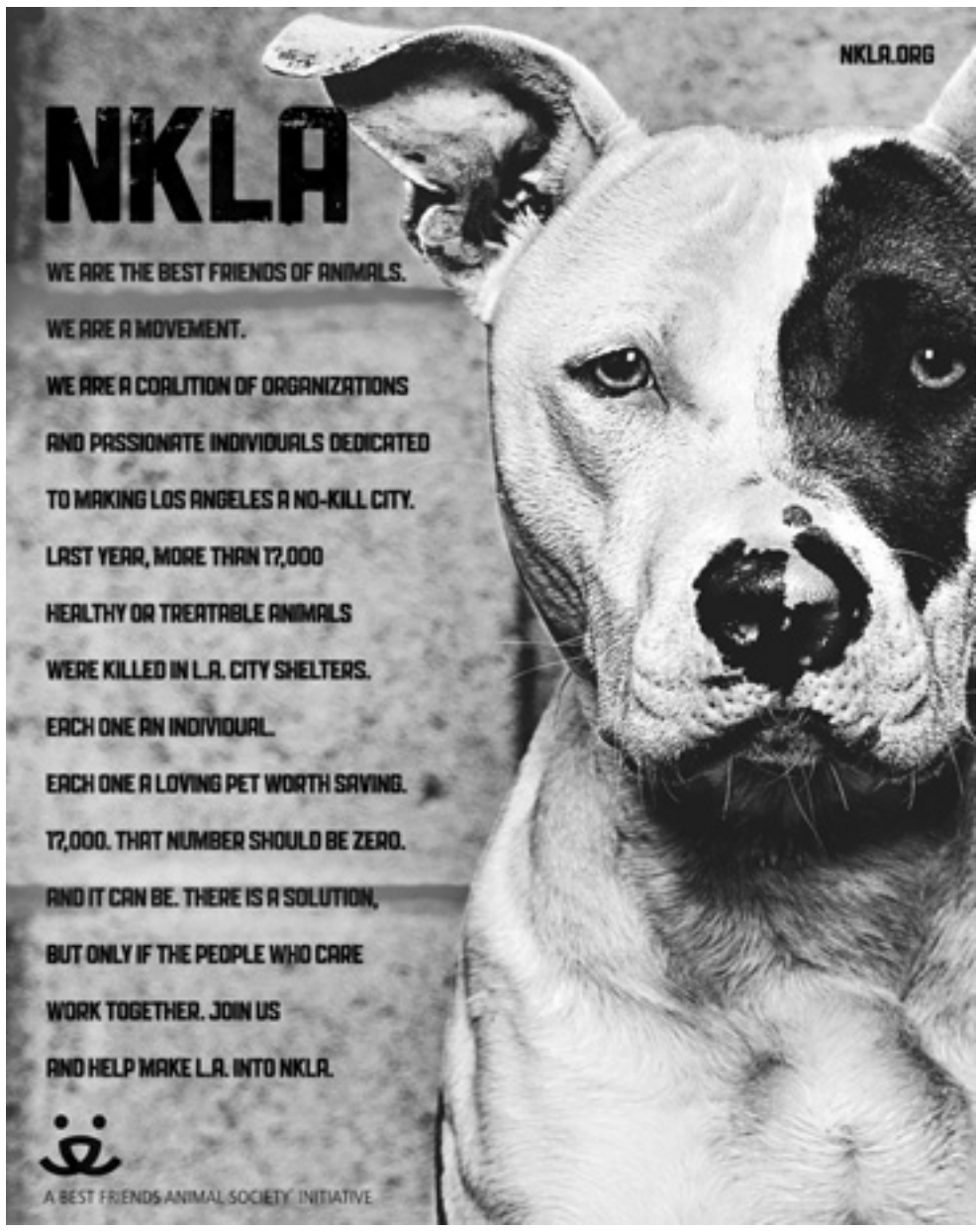
Avalere Health, a Washington-based consulting firm, reported last month that its analysis of 2018 rate filings in eight states found an average increase of 18 percent.

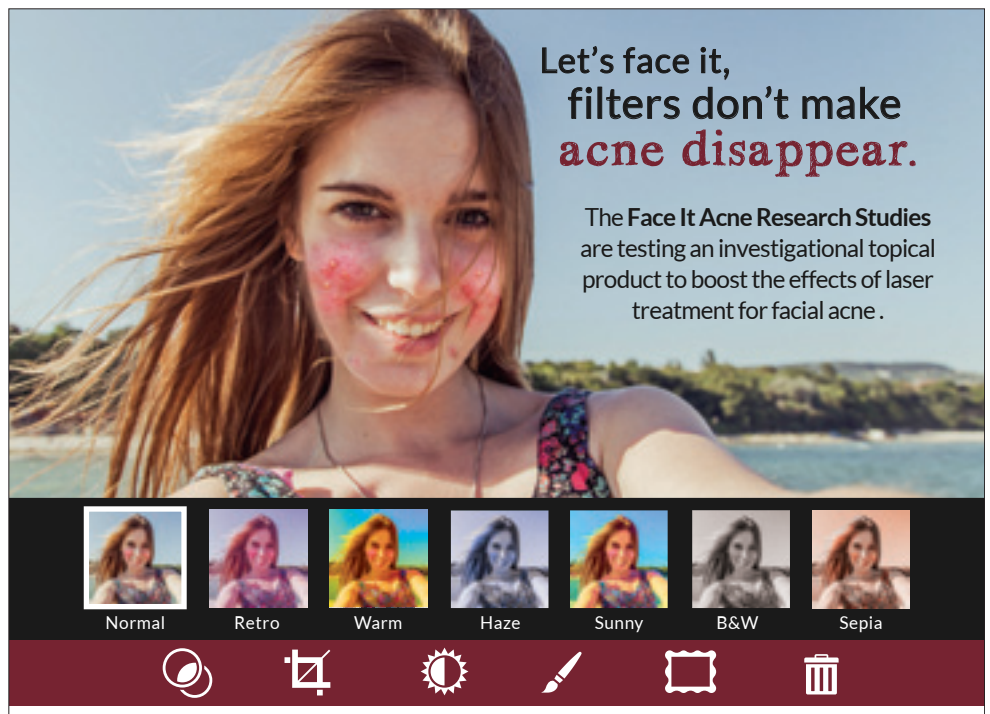
Obama's health care law provides two kinds of subsidies to help keep costs down for people with low to moderate incomes. Tax credits reduce monthly premiums for people who qualify. And payments to insurance companies cover a portion of their out-of-pocket costs, reducing the high deductibles and copays that are standard for plans in the individual market.

The latter payments, estimated at $7 billion a year nationally, have been challenged by Republicans in court, and Trump has refused to guarantee that he'll continue making them. As recently as Monday, he has suggested he could cut them off.

Covered California officials said rates for subsidized middle-of-the-road silver plans will increase an additional 12.4 percent next year if federal authorities don't provide assurances by late August that the cost-sharing payments will continue through 2018. Because the increase would affect only subsidized plans, the impact would primarily affect the federal budget with effects on consumers blunted, Lee said.

"It looks like the market in California is still stable despite some of the uncertainty that is causing a number of exits in other states," said Cynthia Cox, a researcher at the Kaiser Family Foundation.







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ON JULY 20 AROUND 8 A.M.

A father, mother and child rode their bicycles to muscle beach to play on the equipment. After several minutes, the father looked back and saw two females riding away on his wife's and daughter's bicycles. He chased after them yelling that they just stole his daughter's bike. Witnesses saw what happened and flagged down a nearby Police Officer. The officer found the two females and detained them in the entrance to the 1550 Beach Lot. However, one of the bicycles was given to a third unknown suspect prior to them being stopped. Both suspects were arrested. Jacqueline Lorene Smith, 23, from Los Angeles was arrested for stealing bicycles. Bail was set at $10,000. Deja Sade Lynn Onidas , 26, from Los Angeles was arrested for stealing bicycles. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 386 calls for service on July 31.

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

Public intoxication 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:05 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2200 block 22nd 12:13 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1300 block 16th 12:38 a.m.
Person down 2200 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 3000 block of Olympic 1:40 a.m.
Battery 200 block of Pier 1:42 a.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 1800 block of 19th 2:16 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block of Harvard 5:39 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1200 block 6th 6:09 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 200 block Washington 6:16 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 22nd 6:46 a.m.
Silent burglar alarm 1800 block Wilshire 7:07 a.m.
Battery 1600 block Santa Monica 7:17 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1200 block Wilshire 7:20 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Beach 7:59 a.m.
Fight 15th/Santa Monica 8:17 a.m.
Identity theft 800 block 3rd 8:53 a.m.
Identity theft 1400 block 2nd 8:59 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block Santa Monica 9:46 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2600 block Barnard 9:50 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2300 block Montana 10:19 a.m.
Lewd activity 900 block Colorado 10:30 a.m.
Person down 21st/Arizona 10:49 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block 25th 10:54 a.m.
Grand theft 1500 block Ocean 10:59 a.m.
Hit and run 800 block PCH 11:21 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1500 block Cloverfield 11:21 a.m.
Petty theft intersection 4th/Santa Monica 11:35 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Broadway 11:55 a.m.
Identity theft 700 block Santa Monica 11:57 a.m.
Public intoxication 100 block Colorado 12:03 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1100 block 16th 12:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Santa Monica 12:12 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 12:19 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Marine 12:22 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield/Colorado 12:23 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1500 block Cloverfield 1:01 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Ocean 1:04 p.m.
Battery 1600 block Cloverfield 1:49 p.m.
Identity theft 100 block Foxtail 2:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block PCH 2:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Centinela 2:10 p.m.
Lewd activity 2700 block Barnard 2:25 p.m.
Auto burglary Stewart/Nebraska 2:44 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 700 block 26th 2:50 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1800 block Stewart 3:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Pico 3:47 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Lincoln 3:56 p.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Robson 4:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 48 calls for service on July 31.

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

Automatic Alarm 200 block of Santa Monica 12:02 a.m.
EMS 2nd/Colorado 12:44 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 12:48 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:34 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:14 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 6th 3:46 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Delaware 5:52 a.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block 25th 6:23 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 7:28 a.m.
EMS 15th/Santa Monica 8:21 a.m.
EMS 3100 block 3rd 8:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300 block Colorado 8:34 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Idaho 10:16 a.m.
EMS 21st/Arizona 10:49 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Montana 10:57 a.m.
EMS 2300 block 20th 11:01 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block San Vicente 11:48 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1700 block 17th 12:03 p.m.
EMS 19th/Wilshire 12:10 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Ocean 12:11 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Main 12:14 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 12:30 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 1:01 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 1:10 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 7th 1:18 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Lincoln 1:38 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block 9th 2:41 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 2:43 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 3:48 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 11th 4:02 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Montana 4:38 p.m.
EMs 1600 block Franklin 5:04 p.m.
EMS Appian/Seaside 5:24 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 5:29 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 5:36 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/29
1 28 40 45 48
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 261M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/28
4 6 31 49 52
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 303M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/29
8 14 16 38 39
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 60M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/31
2 5 28 29 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/31
MIDDAY: 2 5 3
Draw Date: 7/31
EVENING: 2 4 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/31
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:45.35

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1. a state of mind consisting of pure sensation or emotion without cognitive content.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Sum Body

■ Nobody likes waxy yellow build-up on furniture or inside ears. But while the former doesn't represent a health threat, the latter might. Below are three reasons, courtesy of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Foundation, for why you shouldn't poke inside your ears with cotton-tipped swabs.

■ It's unnecessary. Earwax naturally migrates from the inner ear to the outer, where it naturally and eventually dissipates and disappears. Swabbing your ears doesn't hasten the process and may make it worse.

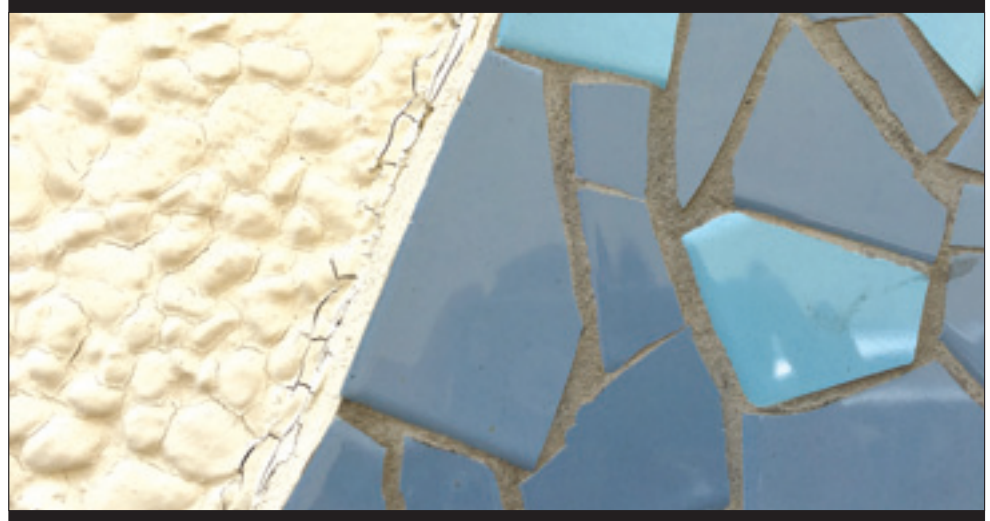
■ Inserting swabs (or anything else) into the ear can damage the ear canal or eardrum or even push earwax deeper into the canal, making it harder to remove. The result can be unpleasant added pressure inside your ear, higher risk of ear infections or even loss of hearing.

■ Earwax (known medically as cerumen) is good. It's a natural moisturizer for skin inside the ear. It traps dirt and dust. It absorbs dead skin cells. It prevents bacteria and other infectious organisms from reaching the inner ear.

■ Production of earwax is an individualized sort of thing. Some people make more than others. But abundant earwax is not a sign of poor hygiene. Rather, it's an ear doing its job.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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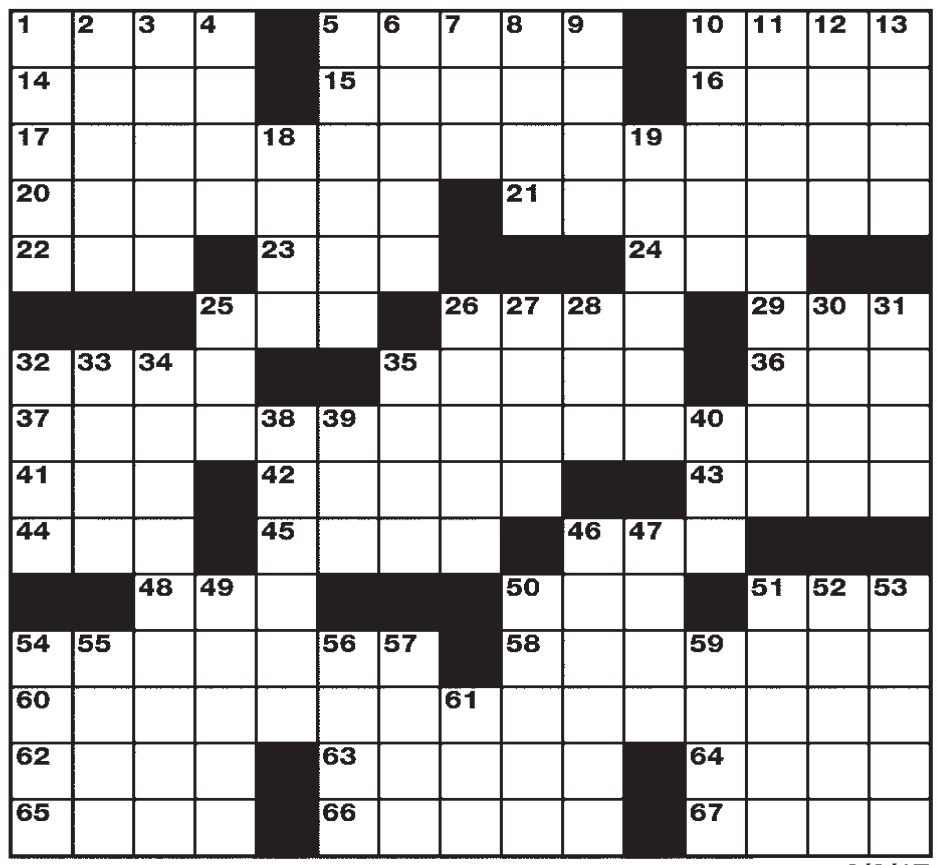
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Newsday Crossword

NOTHING IS EASY by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Is unwell
5 Health insurance giant
10 Spheroid hairdo
14 Creative spark
15 Fully understandable
16 Faucet annoyance
17 Dilemma
20 Walked onstage
21 Didn't give enough to
22 Calendar square
23 Poetic tribute
24 Encountered
25 Low number
26 Burrowing rodent
29 "__ seeing things?"
32 Top-billed performer
35 Coin of India
36 Soft metal
37 Poser
41 Gallery display
42 Zodiac ram
43 Takes advantage of
44 Life story, for short
45 __-serif typeface
46 Air-rifle ammo
48 Network for Ken Burns series
50 Anger
51 Standard golf score
54 Was in last place
58 River with notable falls
60 Reward for toil
62 Suffix for kitchen
63 Sleep sound
64 T. Rex, e.g.
65 Clutter
66 Legal wrongs
67 Read a bar code

DOWN
1 Helped out
2 Singer Menzel
3 Nickname for a southpaw
4 Out of danger
5 Give in to a demand
6 Give the slip to
7 __ Aviv
8 D.C. ballplayers
9 St. Louis landmark
10 Be wild about
11 Italian omelets
12 Sushi stuffing
13 Pundit's essay
18 Mineral in spinach
19 Household skills class, for short
25 Charity's URL ender, often
26 Trumpet mufflers
27 __ out (withdraws)
28 Zodiac feline
30 Computer clickers
31 Signs, as a contract
32 Wild guess
33 Singer __ Amos
34 Spark plugs, wipers, etc.
35 Totally destroy
38 Pain in the neck
39 Hunters' grp.
40 Toys __ (retail chain)
46 Wedding cake figures
47 Smile broadly
49 __ one's time (waits)
50 Not moving
51 Sudden strong fear
52 Boxing match venue
53 Synthetic shirt fiber
54 Those folks
55 Be worthy of
56 Toward dawn
57 007's first film foe
59 Thor and Zeus
61 Neither here __ there



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 2)

This solar return you will endeavor to create special experiences for people and be mightily effective. The next 10 weeks show you getting healthier. September's hard work will have delayed but ample pay. In 2018 you'll hit it off with new friends like a candle and a match, softly, warmly illuminating each other's lives. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 18, 33, 31 and 27.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You don't necessarily want to be the leader. You don't desire more power and influence than you already have. And yet, you will still model the attitudes and behaviors you want to see in others. This is the heart of leadership.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Agree to deal with people as they are. More importantly, deal with yourself as you are. Personality traits are easier to enhance, shape or highlight than they are to shed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Greed is boring. Those who are interested only in the sale miss the fun of the game. So while a driven person is more attractive to you than an idle one, a person who is only driven by his own self-interest is the least attractive of all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Making a good impression and helping others feel good about themselves (and you) is serious business. There is nothing casual, hasty or accidental in your approach to this today. It matters to you -- a lot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
When you like something, you immerse yourself in it. Because you take on your subjects of interest with gusto, you'll be able to present a case for them that's lively, challenging and convincing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
One of the many positive things about social media is that it nudges us to celebrate the minutiae of daily life. The voice inside that asks, "Is this worth sharing?" has us more aware of the merits in a coffee cup or a sandwich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Opportunities are gifts. To seize the opportunity and run with it is a living, breathing thank-you note. Such interplay will unfold beautifully today and you'll show impressive grace in the exchange.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Of course you prefer pleasant emotions. Who doesn't? You also have the courage and patience to accept whatever feelings come up. Laughter and joy are as essential to being human as are frustration and tears.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Grand gestures are punctuation marks in the sentence of a love story. They are not the the story itself. The small, specific gestures that only the two of you understand bring greater proof of love than the big events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It is difficult to track your progress when your pursuits are varied and many. Focus in on one goal. What is the measurement that will prove you've made it? Keeping record of this will help you stick to the plan and carry on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You can't help but be influenced by the people you spend the most time with. You're either already like them or you'll become like them. Even a very slight change in your social lineup will make a big difference.

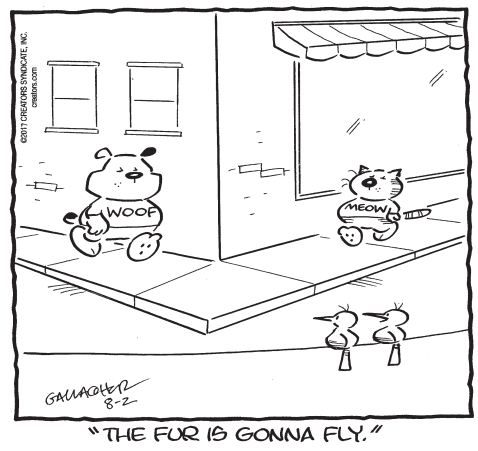
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Life is a balance. Part of that balance is being unbalanced from time to time. Today you'll see quick progress precisely because you focus all of your energy in one direction.

Perks of Uranus Retrograde

While many planets behave less predictably as they retrograde, ever-surprising Uranus has a tendency to stabilize in backward mode. To take advantage of the cosmic flow during these first retrograde days, seek a more comprehensive understanding of your situation. Help people test their assumptions; yours will get tested, too.

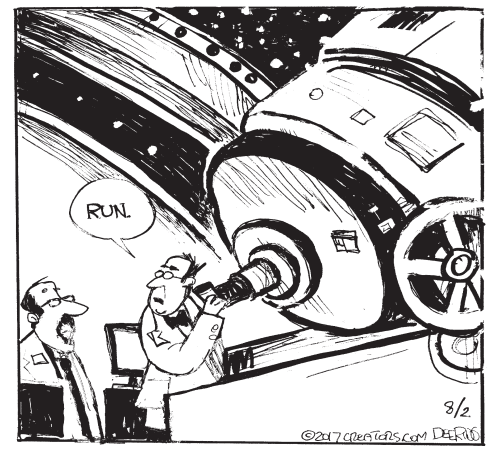
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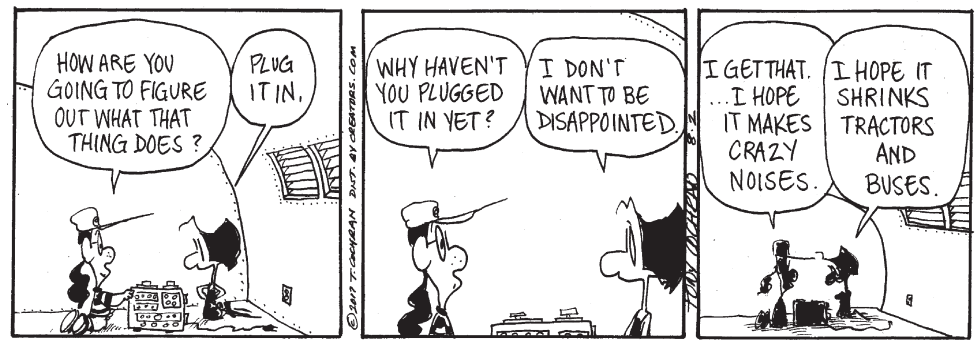


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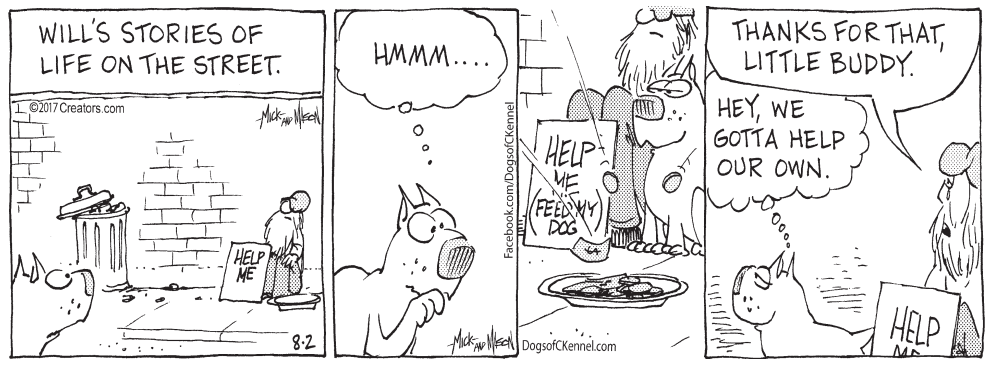
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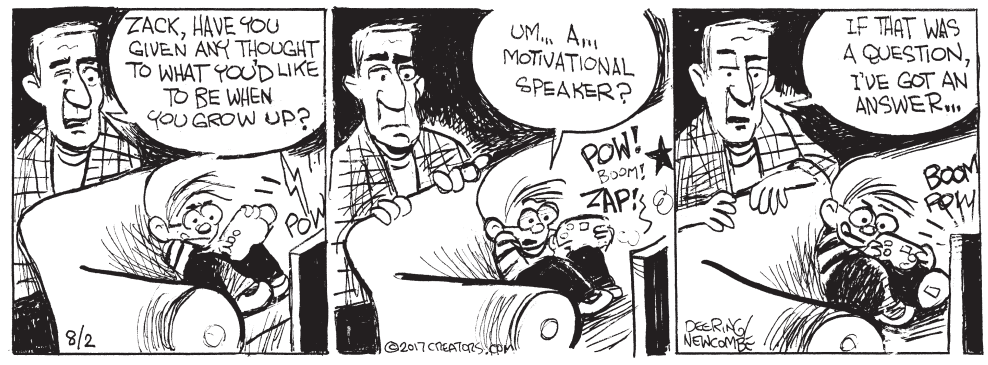
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