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Local teens want to bring magic to Santa Monica



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MAGIC: Young magicians are bringing their show to Santa Monica.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Whether it's a rabbit being pulled out of a hat, a comedic duo turning a woman into a white tiger or a man levitating above a building, magic has inspired wonderment and awe for generations.

To see a magic performance, typically the neon glow of Vegas or the Hey-Do-You-Know-Someone exclusive nature of the Magic Castle comes to mind. However, this weekend, the sun-drenched streets of Santa Monica gets their own magic show.

Next Gen Magic Show will make its debut at the Edgemar Center August 11, showcasing several up-

SEE MAGIC PAGE 7

Kids swapping outdoor play for TV as smoke chokes California

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

A dull haze and the faint smell of smoke from distant blazes have blanketed many California cities for two weeks, forcing summer campers to stay inside, obscuring normally bright skylines and leaving cars covered with ash.

Smoky air from blowing winds is nothing new in California, but air quality experts say it's rare for the dirty air to linger for so long, a reality of ever-larger fires that take longer to extinguish.

The haze stretches from the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range to Sacramento and hovers over the San Francisco Bay Area, with most major population centers in between suffering air quality that's considered dangerous for children, the elderly and people with asthma or other respiratory conditions.

SEE SMOKE PAGE 6

Nomination window closing for local offices

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Friday, August 10 could be the last day to file nomination paperwork for local election races with a possible extension through August 15 if an eligible incumbent does not file to run in a specific race.

If all eligible incumbents in a specific race file by close of business on Friday, the nomination period for that race will close. As of Thursday, all eligible incumbents had requested applications for the City Council, Rent Control and School Board races. Only three of four had requested paperwork for the College Board.

As of the end of the day on Thursday, 18 candidates have pulled papers for one of the three seats available on City Council.

Sue Himmelrich (Incumbent), Ashley Powell, Kevin McKeown (Incumbent), Mike Farid, Mary L. Marlow, Greg Morena, Linda Armstrong, Scott Bellomo, Mary Sampson, Whitney Scott Bain, Armen Melkonians, Pam O'Connor (Incumbent), Abby Mahler, Kate Bransfield, Jon Mann, Everett Alexander, Nathaniel I. Jones Jr. and Geoffrey Neri received applications.

Himmelrich, McKeown and Morena have returned their paperwork and qualified for the ballot. O'Connor, Powell and Bain have submitted their applications. Melkonians and Bransfield have said they will not file papers for this year's race. Alexander notified the City Clerk's office of his intention to withdraw from the Council race and pursue an appointment to

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DONATION

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The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica recently received a $200,000 donation from OneWest Bank. See page 3 for more information.

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Friday, August 10

Craft at Pico Branch Library
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SMPL at the Beach
We're packing up the books and heading back to the shore for more fun in the sun with SMPL at the Beach, Southern California's only seaside pop-up library! Join us at the Annenberg Community Beach House for a fun-filled day of family friendly activities like Seaside Storytime and Nautical Crafts, sign out books from our curated collection of beach reads, enjoy games like bocce and ladder toss, or kick back, relax and read in the shade of our Surfside Lounge. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free screening of "Monuments Men"
This week, Mind Over Movies screens "Monuments Men," a true and truly funny story about a team of art experts sent by the US Army to save Europe's masterpieces from destruction during World War 2. Cast incldues George Clooney, John Goodman and Bill Murray. Screening followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Pool Open
The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7.p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 11

Through Music to Freedom: Paderewski and World Politics
Marek Zebrowski reveals the little-known political world of the esteemed Polish composer and pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski. A Q&A and musical interlude follows the visual presentation. An outdoor exhibit accompanies the program from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Soil Fundamentals for Home Grown Gardens
Matthew Van Diepen of Home Grown Gardens LA presents a program about the soil food web and how it relates to growing in the soil, as well as container gardening and composting. Co-produced by Fairview Branch's new Seed Library and Home Grown Gardens LA. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 2 – 3 p.m.

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge
Frau Fiber brings her nationwide project, Sewing Rebellion, to the Camera on the second Saturday of each month concurrent with our monthly Craft Lounge. Catch Frau Fiber or her regiment of Faux Fraus leading sewing, altering and repurposing projects each month. Sewing machines and sewing tips included. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Out of the Blue: Unveiling The Storytelling Machine with Molly Allis
Artist Molly Allis unveils her finished Out of the Blue project, a kinetic sculpture, and will be available throughout the day to help visitors explore the narrative functions of "The Storytelling Machine." Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday Morning at the Community Garden
Enjoy a tour of the Main Street Community Garden followed by a class on container gardening. Meet the Tour group at 9 a.m. at the Garden, which can be entered through Strand and Hollister Streets. Class takes place at the Strand Street entrance at 10 a.m. No Registration required, supplies provided.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Receives $200,000 Grant from OneWest Bank

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica (BGCSM) has announced that OneWest Bank, the Southern California branch division of CIT Bank, N.A., has gifted the club a $200,000 grant. This is the second time in three years that OneWest Bank has made a made a contribution including a $150,000 grant awarded to the organization in 2016 for teen leadership programs. This year's grant will be used to continue the club's programming in its three pillars: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.

"We are incredibly grateful to OneWest Bank for the exceptional support that translates into positive life changing experience for our teens. This grant will provide these programs to our Teens here at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. The programs focus on holistic development - excelling in academics, good character & leadership, healthy lifestyles, and social-emotional wellness awareness and skills," said Michelle Arellano, CEO Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica values partners like OneWest Bank because their support helps the organization to continue serving youth. Officials said OneWest places a high level of importance on helping the community. Part of that support includes recognizing the intentional work of local organizations. Fully committed to meeting the needs of Southern California communities, OneWest continues to clearly show their dedication to youth and the Boys & Girls Club mission.

"OneWest is passionate about serving the local community and is pleased to partner with the Boy & Girls Club of Santa Monica to support this impactful program," said Steve Solk, president of Consumer Banking. "From college preparation to financial literacy, the Teen Program provides local youth invaluable skills to excel in the classroom and beyond."

For 73 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has been providing generation-changing programs and after school services that have enduring impact. The club's mission is "to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible, productive citizens." The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica serves more than 4,000 youth each year, and unrestricted funding is essential to sustaining and improving the Club's services and programs in education, career, character, leadership, health, life skills, and more. To learn more, please visit www.smbgc.org or call (310) 361-8500.

Founded in 1944, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica works to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as caring, responsible and productive citizens. Through membership and outreach, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica currently serves approximately 4,000 youth across its 5 sites throughout Los Angeles County. Members come from 129 different ZIP codes, with the majority of members coming from Santa Monica, Culver City, Venice, West Los Angeles and Inglewood. Program areas offered to youth include character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, technology and sports/fitness/recreation opportunities. For more information, visit www.smbgc.org or follow them on Facebook (facebook.com/smbgcfan) and Twitter (twitter.com/SMBGC).

SUBMITTED BY NAILAH ROQUE, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SANTA MONICA

BEVERLY HILLS

Julia Roberts, reboots and diversity part of new TV season

Broadcasters, cable channel and streamlining platforms paraded their upcoming shows at the Television Critics Association's just-ended summer meeting.

About 30 networks, channels and streaming platforms held more than 100 Q&A sessions and countless one-on-one interviews to prove they've got what viewers want.

The upshot: Reboots and revivals are still a trend, despite the implosion of "Roseanne," and streaming platforms and cable have the heft to bring big stars including Julia Roberts and Amy Adams to the small screen.

TV is also becoming more diverse. Jake Choi said he's celebrating the chance to play a non-stereotypical character in ABC new comedy "Single Parents."

– BY LYNN ELBER, AP TELEVISION WRITER

SANTA ANA

Man charged in California wildfire refuses to go to court

A man charged with starting a Southern California wildfire that has burned 12 cabins and forced at least 20,000 people from their homes refused to go to court Thursday, delaying his initial court appearance.

The arraignment for Forrest Clark was supposed to be Thursday, but the judge in the case said the suspect refused to go to court. His arraignment was rescheduled for Friday.

Clark, 51, is charged with three counts of arson, resisting arrest and deterring an executive officer. He faces life in prison if convicted.

It's unclear if he has an attorney.

Clark is charged with setting the Holy Fire, which has burned 15 square miles (39 square kilometers) in the Cleveland National Forest since it began on Monday.

At least 20,000 residents have had to evacuate their homes because of the blaze, which is just 5 percent contained.

The Orange County Register reported that Clark owns a cabin in the community of Holy Jim, where the fire began, and that his was the only one to survive the flames.

Michael Milligan, chief of the Holy Jim Volunteer Fire Department, told the newspaper that Clark had a decade-long feud with neighbors and sent him threatening emails last week, including one that said, "this place will burn."

At one point Tuesday, Clark stripped naked as investigators questioned him about the fire and a Register photographer snapped pictures.

Clark's arrest marks the second such detention in two weeks. On July 25, police arrested Brandon McGlover on suspicion of setting the Cranston Fire in the San Jacinto Mountains east of Los Angeles. That blaze destroyed five homes.

McGlover also faces a life sentence if convicted.

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A Jewish Smokey Bear, I Wasn't (Pt. 2)

AT THE END OF LAST WEEK'S COLUMN, I was describing myself (circa more decades ago than I care to admit) staring in horror at my wonderful U.S. Forest Service garbage truck fully engulfed in fire. Instead of being a hero in detecting a possibly catastrophic forest fire, it turned out I was the fire!

Regardless of the danger, somehow I had to put the truck fire out. First, however, I grabbed a joint out of the glove box and threw it into the fire. If I died, i.e. from the truck exploding, I didn't want my epitaph to include the word "stoner." I then set off the fire extinguisher equipped on the truck but the flames swallowed the foam as if to say, "Is that the best you got?!"

In the distance, I saw a lone camper. I raced over and immediately "deputized" him to drive to Alandale, the nearest U.S.F.S. Fire station. Seemingly more frightened than I was, he jumped in his car and sped off. I dashed back to the truck and grabbed a shovel.

Machine-like, I began tossing dirt into the inferno but to no avail. The wood frame that covered the bed was going up like kindling. Much of the roof was burnt open allowing flames to shoot skyward and embers to fly dangerously close to low hanging tree branches. I had to do something and fast.

I quickly got behind the wheel and drove this inferno on wheels as far from the trees as possible. I got out and returned to shoveling dirt faster and faster, all the while breathing in toxic smoke. I could taste it and my throat was raw but I didn't slow down as the adrenaline was pumping through my body.

In the way of background, the Forest Service was divided into two employee categories: Fire Control, including macho firefighters and Recreation, which serviced campgrounds, trails and wilderness, considered hippie wimps. Apparently, I was willing to get injured (or die?) rather than be called a "hippie wimp." Go figure.

As fast as I was throwing dirt it still felt futile. Until one moment, perhaps ten minutes into this process, I heard a slight dampening of the fire. Encouraged, I shoveled faster and with each toss of dirt, the dampening got louder. Amazingly, I was gaining ground.

Then I heard a fire engine in the distance. The Alandale crew were guys I knew well. I was determined to put the fire completely out before they arrived or face endless ridicule.

My throat on fire, my head and back aching, I shoveled faster than ever and could hear the thud of the dirt smothering the flames. Exhausted, I finally looked up and lo and behold, the fire was totally out. Kaput. (And, frankly, so was I.)

As the sirens got closer, I heard planes and helicopters in the distance. Meanwhile, I hurried behind the truck and posed like Paul Newman in "Cool Hand Luke." I leaned proudly on my shovel to indicate to the arriving Alandale tanker, "Relax, I've got this." Dizzy, I still stood tall (or as tall as someone 5'8 1/2" could stand) to deflect the barrage of jokes I was undoubtedly going to get.

The Alandale crew unrolled their hoses and began spraying water in mop-up duty but I didn't hear a negative word, or what would have been worse, laughing. Not yet, that is. The foreman looked at me like he thought I was going to faint or was in shock. He calmly insisted I lie down in the tanker's front seat.

My head was spinning as I closed my eyes while planes and helicopters circled above. It was like "Apocalypse Now." On the tanker's radio, I could hear chatter back and forth with headquarters in Riverside, "Jack Fire under control, heading back to base." Jack Fire?! The SOB's had named the fire after me. That meant I would live in infamy, at least for that fire season.

I was taken to Hemet Valley Hospital for smoke inhalation. Meanwhile, Fire Control investigators found the camper who confessed sheepishly he had put ashes in the trash can but thought they were out. Clearly, they weren't. When I picked up his garbage I had no way of knowing there was a problem. That is until I smelled smoke and assumed the forest was about to be under siege.

I hadn't thought of the "Jack Fire" for decades, until seeing news of the Cranston fire, which, thankfully, is under control. As written up in the L.A. Times, the residents and first responders of Idyllwild deserve credit for their preparedness.

I miss the people of Idyllwild. Actually, I miss everything about Idyllwild, except for a certain careless camper who gave me one of the biggest scares of my life. Then again, I guess he also gave these past two columns.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

State to audit LA child welfare agency after boy's death

Following the death of a 10-year-old boy, state officials will audit Los Angeles County's child welfare agency to determine whether it adequately protects children.

The California legislative audit committee on Wednesday approved a request to review LA County's Department of Children and Family Services.

Legislators noted that Anthony Avalos had been the subject of 13 calls to the department and that he may have come out as gay before his death.

The audit will specifically look into whether there are adequate protections in place for LGBTQ youth.

Court documents say Anthony was tortured, starved, beaten, dropped on his head and slammed into furniture before he died in June. His mother and her boyfriend are charged with torture and murder.

The previous review of county child welfare officials was conducted in 2012.

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Play Time

Cynthia Citron

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Hey, It's a Screwball Comedy!

FARCE, ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA, IS A comedy that deals with situations that are exaggerated, extravagant, and highly improbable. Their plots are filled with absurdities and with characters that appear to dislike each other at first but manage to wind up, eventually, in each other's arms. These plays and films were very popular in the 1930s and were identified as screwball comedies.

And so Canadian playwright Norm Foster, mincing no words, titled his play, currently having its American premiereat Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills, "Screwball Comedy".

It begins in the office of Bosco Godfrey (Daniel Leslie), a crotchety gentleman who is the managing editor of the local newspaper. He has summoned his best reporter, Jeff Kincaid (Lane Compton) to cover the preparations for the upcoming wedding of the daughter of the city's authoritative society maven, Dolores Diddle (Sharron Shayne).

The assignment has an additional agenda, however. Ms. Diddle disapproves of her daughter's fiance, (she believes he is only interested in the family's money) and she wants the reporter to persuade her daughter not to marry this man.

Jeff readily accepts and is about to leave the office when a young woman named Mary Hayes (Kate Whitney) enters, seeking a job as a reporter. Even though she has never worked at a newspaper, she is the granddaughter of a prominent journalist and apparently believes that his genes will carry her through. Bosco, of course, turns her down. But she refuses to be rejected, and eventually, he tells her that she can accompany Jeff to the Diddle mansion with the understanding that they will both submit their stories to him, and the one that he judges to be the best will win its author the job at the paper.

Jeff greets this suggestion with the comment that "The newspaper game is for men!" to which Mary responds, "You're just afraid of being beaten by a woman!"

At the Diddle home, Dolores greets them with the tone and accent of Katharine Hepburn as she pauses flamboyantly in the doorway with her arm outstretched. In the other arm, she nuzzles Lucky, a small dog who has been dead for six months and is stuffed with the ashes of her late (and unlamented) husband. With his frozen stare, the dog appears unperturbed when she carries him upside down, dangles him by one leg, or tosses him heedlessly on the couch.

After a while, she is joined by Peter Terwilliger, the man she is planning to marry. (Which will make her Dolores Diddle Terwilliger, surely a name to be reckoned with.) He is a product of the "Tennis, anyone?" crowd and also the limp-wristed prototype of the gay man, as seen by his fellows. It's 1938, after all. At one point, as Dolores is leaving the room for a moment, he smooths his hair for the hundredth time and gives her a kiss, declaring unctuously, "I shall be hopelessly alone until you return."

The cast also includes Niko Boles, who plays Chauncey Diddle, Dolores' addled son, Gail Johnston, Bosco's secretary, Jonesy, and Jean Mackey, the vampish Gloria Fontana, who sashays through the Diddle house as if she owns it—and every man in it as well. But the Tony has to go to David Hunt Stafford, who plays Gerald, the hilariously loquacious butler with the outlandish curly wig. And kudos to Howard Storm, the director, Jeff G.Rack, the set designer, and Brandon Baruch, the lighting designer. Together they have created a single elegant set which remains dark as the light focuses on the area where the action, and the conversation, is taking place. It makes for a comfortable production that doesn't distract the audience with the usual interminable blackouts while the players change the scenery and move the furniture around.

Theatre 40 has a long-established record of presenting wonderful professional actors in enjoyable plays, and "Screwball Comedy" meets their high standards. Even if you are not a fan of slapstick comedy, you'll giggle your way through this one!

"Screwball Comedy" will play Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 2 through August 19th at Theatre 40, on the campus of Beverly Hills High School, 241 S. Moreno Drive, in Beverly Hills. You can make reservations by calling (310) 364-0535 or online at www.theatre40.org.

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Doctors nudged by overdose letter prescribe fewer opioids

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In a novel experiment, doctors got a letter from the medical examiner's office telling them of their patient's fatal overdose. The response: They started prescribing fewer opioids.

Other doctors, whose patients also overdosed, didn't get letters. Their opioid prescribing didn't change.

More than 400 "Dear Doctor" letters, sent last year in San Diego County, were part of a study that, researchers say, put a human face on the U.S. opioid crisis for many doctors.

"It's a powerful thing to learn," said University of Southern California public policy researcher Jason Doctor, lead author of the paper published Thursday in the journal Science.

Researchers used a state database to find 861 doctors, dentists and others who had prescribed opioids and other risky medications to 170 people who died of an overdose involving prescription medicines. Most states have similar databases to track prescribing of dangerous drugs, where doctors can check patients' previous prescriptions.

Most of the deaths involved opioid painkillers, many taken in combination with anti-anxiety drugs. On average, each person who died had filled prescriptions for dangerous drugs from five to six prescribers in the year before they died.

Half the prescribers received letters that began: "This is a courtesy communication to inform you that your patient (name, date of birth) died on (date). Prescription drug overdose was either the primary cause of death or contributed to the death."

The letters offered guidance for safer prescribing. The tone was supportive: "Learning of your patient's death can be difficult. We hope that you will take this as an opportunity" to prevent future deaths.

Then the researchers watched what happened over three months.

Letter recipients reduced their average daily opioid prescribing — measured in a standard way, morphine milligram equivalents — by nearly 10 percent compared to prescribers who didn't get letters. Opioid prescribing in the no-letter group didn't change.

Recipients put fewer new patients on opioids than those who didn't get letters. They wrote fewer prescriptions for high-dose opioids.

The strategy is original, helpful and could be duplicated elsewhere, said pain medicine expert Dr. David Clark of Stanford University, who wasn't involved in the study. He was surprised the letter's effect wasn't larger.

"It may have been easy for physicians to feel it was somebody else prescribing who got the patient in trouble," Clark said, adding that changing even one patient's care takes time, requiring "very difficult conversations."

Opioid prescribing has been declining in the U.S. for several years in response to pressure from health systems, insurers and regulators.

Yet deaths keep rising. Nearly 48,000 Americans died of opioid overdoses last year, according to preliminary numbers released last month, a 12 percent increase from a year before.

Now illegal fentanyl, another opioid, is the top killer, surpassing pain pills and heroin. Lead author Doctor said reducing the number of prescribed opioids will, over time, close off a gateway to illicit drugs by shrinking the pool of dependent people.

The study didn't analyze whether the deaths were caused by inappropriate prescribing or whether the prescribing changes resulted in patients doing better or worse.

That's a flaw in an otherwise careful study, said addiction researcher Dr. Stefan Kertesz of University of Alabama at Birmingham, who has raised red flags about policies that cause doctors to take patients off opioids too fast and without a plan for treating addiction.

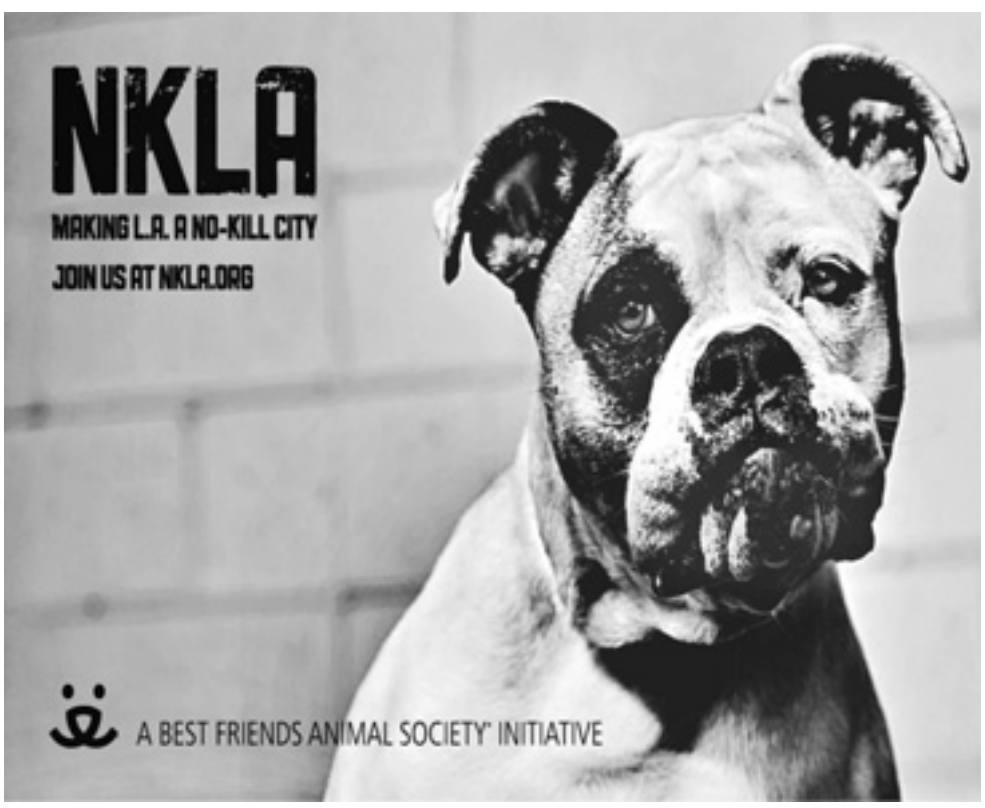
Patients can fall into despair or contemplate suicide if they are involuntarily tapered off opioids without support, he said.

"What actually happens to patients should be our concern, rather than just making a number go down," Kertesz said.

Study co-author Dr. Roneet Lev, chief of emergency medicine at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, discovered her own name in the data.

Lev prescribed 15 opioid pain pills to an ER patient with a broken eye socket, without knowing the patient got 300 painkillers from another doctor a day earlier. Lev didn't get a "Dear Doctor" letter because the patient's death fell outside the timeline of the study, July 2015-June 2016.

Still, she felt the impact and believes she could have done better. Said Lev: "It was an opportunity to look at all the records on that patient and say, 'Wow, I'm really worried about you.'"



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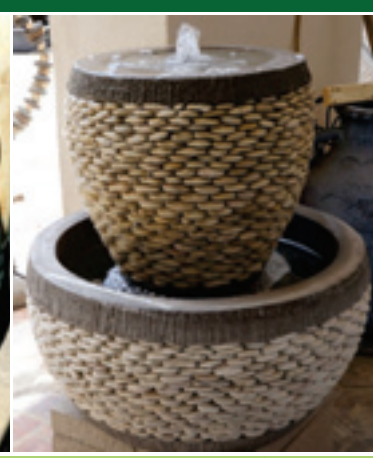
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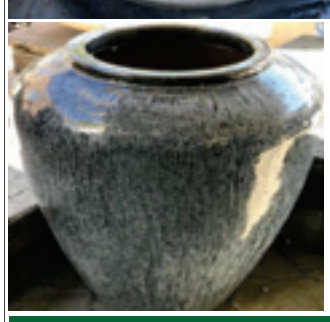
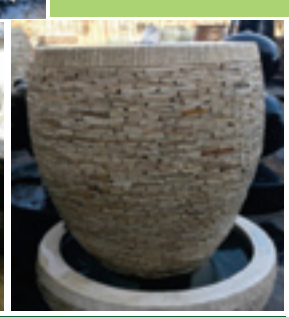
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NOMINATION

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a board or commission.

Eight individuals have pulled paperwork for the three seats available on the Rent Control Board including Elaine Golden-Gealer, Lori Brown, Naomi Sultan, Joseph Bonaventura, Steven Duron (Incumbent), Nicole Phillis (Incumbent), Jon Mann and Will McGrouther. Phillis and Brown have returned paperwork.

Five individuals have pulled paperwork for the four seats on School Board. Ann Thanawalla is the only challenger to incumbents Laurie Lieberman, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Craig Foster and Oscar de la Torre.

All have returned paperwork. Lieberman, Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Foster have qualified.

The Santa Monica College Board will have four open seats this year and six individuals have pulled papers including Nancy Greenstein (Incumbent), Barry A. Snell (Incumbent), Ashley Powell, Louise Jaffe (Incumbent), Sion Roy and Patrick Acosta II. Greenstein, Snell, Jaffe and Roy have returned their applications. Snell, Greenstein and Jaffe have qualified.

The City is in the midst of a lawsuit over its at-large election system. De la Torre's wife, Maria Loya, and the Pico Neighborhood Association, are alleging at-large elections discriminate against Latino voters. They want a judge to force the city to implement district-based elections for the City Council. The lawsuit is expected to conclude in the coming weeks and the plaintiffs have said a ruling in their favor could lead to a delay of the 2018 election. However, City officials have said they have no plans to alter the election and the final decision resides with the judge.

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SMOKE

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Kaela Baylis of Sacramento used to take her nearly 2-year-old son outside twice a day but has only gone in the morning the last 10 days.

"He asks to go outside a lot in the afternoon," she said Wednesday as they strolled through a park.

Two major wildfires — one called the Mendocino Complex Fire that is the largest in California history — are burning more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Sacramento and another huge fire near Yosemite National Park is a little farther to the southeast.

Firefighters made significant progress against the Mendocino Complex for the first time Wednesday but said the blazes will likely persist through September.

The fires have combined to produce unhealthy air that has drifted as far east as Salt Lake City, 450 miles (725 kilometers) away.

The skies there were so murky that residents couldn't even see the nearby mountain range that hovers over the valley earlier this week. Utah air quality officials warned children and seniors to limit time outside.

The skies cleared a bit Wednesday in Utah's capital city, but more smoke is expected to blow in over the weekend, National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Rogowski said.

Thursday marked the Sacramento region's 14th straight "Spare the Air" day, when people are encouraged not to drive and add further pollutants to the air — the longest stretch since at least 2001.

A similar warning is effect in the San Francisco Bay Area, and air quality experts in California's Central Valley and areas southeast of Los Angeles are warning residents to limit outdoor exposure because of wildfires.

John and Rosalie Gonzales strolled through a Sacramento park on Wednesday with their toddler granddaughter, whom they were visiting. For the last few days at their home in the San Francisco Bay Area community of Albany, they have awakened to ash on their cars from the Mendocino Complex Fire.

That was a rarity until a few years ago, before California began experiencing more unusually large wildfires, they said.

"It doesn't seem like it's sustainable to have this happening year after year after year," she said.

A day earlier, dozens of summer campers sat inside watching a movie at a Sacramento YMCA.

"Normally that doesn't happen on a regular day at camp," said Jay Lowden, president of the YMCA for a nine-county region that serves more than 700 kids weekly at 13 summer camps.

His counselors monitor the air quality on a daily basis, and Lowden said he may cancel a planned family camp this weekend in the foothills because of the smoke.

Sac United, a competitive youth soccer club, has canceled four practices in the past two weeks because of poor air quality. High school sports teams are being similarly conscious of dangerous air as practices get underway.

Sacramento residents have taken to Twitter to share photos of a dark gray sky hanging over the Capitol and a city skyline difficult to make out. The smell of smoke has even slipped into downtown office buildings.

"It was horrible; I've never seen anything like it before," Mayor Darrell Steinberg said of Monday's afternoon haze.

Lori Kobza, spokeswoman for the Sacramento Air Quality Management District, said it's hard to predict when things will improve because of the unpredictably of the fires and the winds.

Because the city is located in a valley, it's easier for smoky air to get trapped when high pressure systems blow in, making Sacramento like a smoke-filled bowl that's had a lid placed tightly on top.

"We're all trapped in it," Kobza said.

Associated Press writer Brady McCombs in Salt Lake City contributed to this report.

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MAGIC

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and-coming magicians honing their illusionary craft. All proceeds of the show will benefit nonprofit Best Buddies, a nonprofit that provides friendship and job opportunities for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Magicians in the show are under 21 and study at the Academy of Magical Arts' junior program at the Magic Castle.

"We felt the public wasn't getting to see a lot of the magic," Dylan Wilson, one of the young magicians slated to perform at the event, said. "Magic Castle is a special place, but it's so exclusive. Some people can get passes easily, but I thought it'd be cool to bring this to Santa Monica, do something for charity, and see if people enjoy it."

Wilson, 17, says he and his fellow magicians helped to organize the show primarily to bring wonder and awe back to audiences.

He and his magic mates say they've seen a spike in applications at the Magic Castle junior program, saying they believe the increase in young magicians comes from a youthful generation wanting to stray from a social media dominated generation.

"This ancient art form provides a way for people to interact without technology and helps them experience wonder," he said, "which is powerful in a world where everything can be Googled and explained."

For those who can't wave a wand to make their anxiety disappear in regards to worrying about the quality of magic from a group of magicians who can't walk into a bar, no need to fret— Wilson says the process to join the Magic Castle junior program is a rigorous one, ensuring their skills are up to snuff.

In the tryout phase of the youth program, young magicians are to perform a 5-minute routine in front a room full of Magic Castle hopefuls as well as established magicians, about 50 people in the room watching. Once admitted to the program, the wet-behind-the-ear warlocks must master a 20-minute routine to be performed at the Castle's brunch program, providing them invaluable experience with crowds that come to expect mistake-free entertainment.

Wilson says he wants as many people that can fit in the Edgemar to attend, especially anyone "numb to bewilderment." If all goes well, he says the event may become annual.

While the rising stars are planning to "leave you speechless by the time you exit the theater," Wilson says the evening is about bringing their love of theatricality to the community.

"We've only been [performing magic] for so long, but we wanna share our passion for showmanship and magic. We wanna share that with Santa Monica and friends."

Next Gen Magic Show will be at the Edgemar Center, 2437 Main Street #B, August 11, Saturday. The show will be performed at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets cost $10.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **76.1°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small S Hemi and NW windswell. SSE tropical swell from John likely peaking PM. More size for select focal points through the region.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4 ft
Small S Hemi and NW windswell mix. SSE tropical swell from John may be dropping - depends on John's track midweek. More size possible early.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JULY 24, 2018 AT ABOUT 12:25 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the area of Main Street and Hill Street regarding a robbery that just occurred. Officers learned a group of juveniles were riding their skateboard along the beach bike path. As they reached the 2600 block of the path, a male subject approached from behind and began yelling at the group. The suspect approached the victim and demanded his shirt. The suspect attempted to punch the victim in the face. The victim was not struck. The victim ran off leaving his skateboard behind. The suspect walked off with the skateboard. The suspect was located a short distance away and taken into custody. The skateboard was recovered and returned to the victim. William Randall Beheler, 21, homeless, was booked for attempted robbery. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 424 Calls For Service On August 8.

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

Disturbance 2000 block Ocean 12:01 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle 1700 block 16th 12:19 a.m.
Burglary 2400 block 16th 1:47 a.m.
Fight 900 block 4th 2:51 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 800 block Washington 3:31 a.m.
Person down 26th/San Vicente 5:51 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block The Beach 6:14 a.m
Sexual Assault 1300 block Franklin 6:45 a.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Lincoln 7:15 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 7:30 a.m
Prowler 1200 block Ocean Front 7:47 a.m.
Assault 1300 lock 26th 8:33 a.m
Hit and run 1300 block 9th 9:19 a.m.
Vandalism 900 block Marine 9:38 a.m
Disturbance 400 block Adelaide 9:41 a.m
Missing person 500 block Bay 10:14 a.m
Burglary 600 block Ocean Park 10:21 a.m
Injured person 4th/Santa Monica 10:41 a.m
Medical Emergency 400 block Santa Monica 10:48 a.m
Civil dispute 1300 block 3rd 11:05 a.m
Traffic collision 1300 block Chelsea 11:35 a.m
Disturbance 900 block Colorado 11:38 a.m
Suspicious person 1900 block Wilshire 12:15 a.m
Vandalism 600 block Wilshire 12:24 a.m
Loitering 2nd/Santa Monica 1:00 p.m
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 1:00
Burglary 2300 block 3rd 1:58 p.m.
Assault 1900 block Lincoln 2:31 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica 2:36 p.m.
Hit and run 27th/Virginia 2:48 p.m
Person with gun 1500 block Pacific Coast 2:57 p.m.
Panhandling 1300 block WIlshire 3:20 p.m
Hit and run 3rd/Arizona 3:32 p.m
Burglary 1800 block 11th 3:46 p.m
Injured person 1100 block Lincoln 4:34 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Ocean front 4:48 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1600 block Santa Monica 4:54 p.m.
Person down Ocean/Santa Monica 4:57 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Santa Monica 5:20 p.m
Vandalism 1300 block Wilshire 5:50 p.m
Medical Emergency 300 block Santa Monica 6:27 p.m
Traffic collision 900 block Olympic 5:28 p.m
Burglary 200 block Marine 5:42 p.m
Suspicious person 2200 block 21st 5:54 p.m
Domestic 1200 block 12th 7:11 p.m
Encampment 1700 The Beach 9:00 p.m
Vandalism 1200 block 7th 9:03 p.m
Battery 700 block Broadway 9:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200 block 4th 10:16 p.m
Disturbance 600 block Arizona 10:33 p.m
Encampment 2200 block Santa Monica 11:24 p.m
Suspicious person 100 block Wilshire 11:52 p.m

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 41 Calls For Service On August 8.

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Emergency Medical Service 300 block 17th 12:24 a.m
EMS 0 block Ocean Park 1:01 a.m
EMS 800 block Washington 3:34 a.m
EMS 1300 block 17th 5:30 a.m
Alarm 600 block Washington 6:02 p.m
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2100 block Lincoln 6:08 a.m
Elevator rescue 300 block Civic Center 6:39 a.m
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 8:20 a.m
EMS 1000 block 14th 9:00 a.m.
Haz mat 1800 block California 9:32 a.m
EMS 1500 block 2nd 9:32 a.m
EMS 2400 block Broadway 9:37 a.m
EMS 1100 block 7th 9:47 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1400 block 10th 9:56 a.m.
EMS 300 block San Vicente 10:20 a.m.
EMS 4th/Santa Monica 10:36 a.m.
Alarm 1200 block 15th 11:10 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Chelsea 11:35 a.m
EMS 2500 block Pico 11:41 a.m
EMS Lincoln/Pico 11:45 a.m.
EMS 300 block Wilshire 12:04 p.m
EMS 2200 block Main 12:11 p.m.
Haz Mat 1800 block Lincoln 1:07 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 1:31 p.m
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EMS 1300 block 12th 1:50 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 2:36 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/Colorado 2:49 p.m
EMS 5th/Colorado 3:16 p.m
EMS 1000 block Wilshire 3:27 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Lincoln 4:42 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 4:44 p.m
Traffic collision 1700 block Appian 4:51 p.m.
EMS 1600 Santa Monica 5:51 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 7th 6:45 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Neilson 6:55 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Lincoln 7:24 p.m.
EMS 900 block 9th 8:26 p.m
EMS 900 block 10th 9:17 p.m.
Alarm 800 block Arizona 11:00 p.m.

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Draw Date: 8/8
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Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 22M

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Fat of the Land

■ New studies in children and adults add weight to the nation's obesity crisis.

■ One study found that nearly 18 percent of youth between the ages of two and 19 experienced obesity and nearly 16 percent experienced severe obesity. Kids growing up in rural areas were slightly more likely to be severely obese than kids in urban areas. Obesity was more common in Hispanic and black children than white.

■ The stats don't get better with age.

■ In the other study, 39 percent of adults were obese between 2013 and 2016; nearly 8 percent were severely obese. Like the children, obesity was more prevalent in rural areas than urban.

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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.

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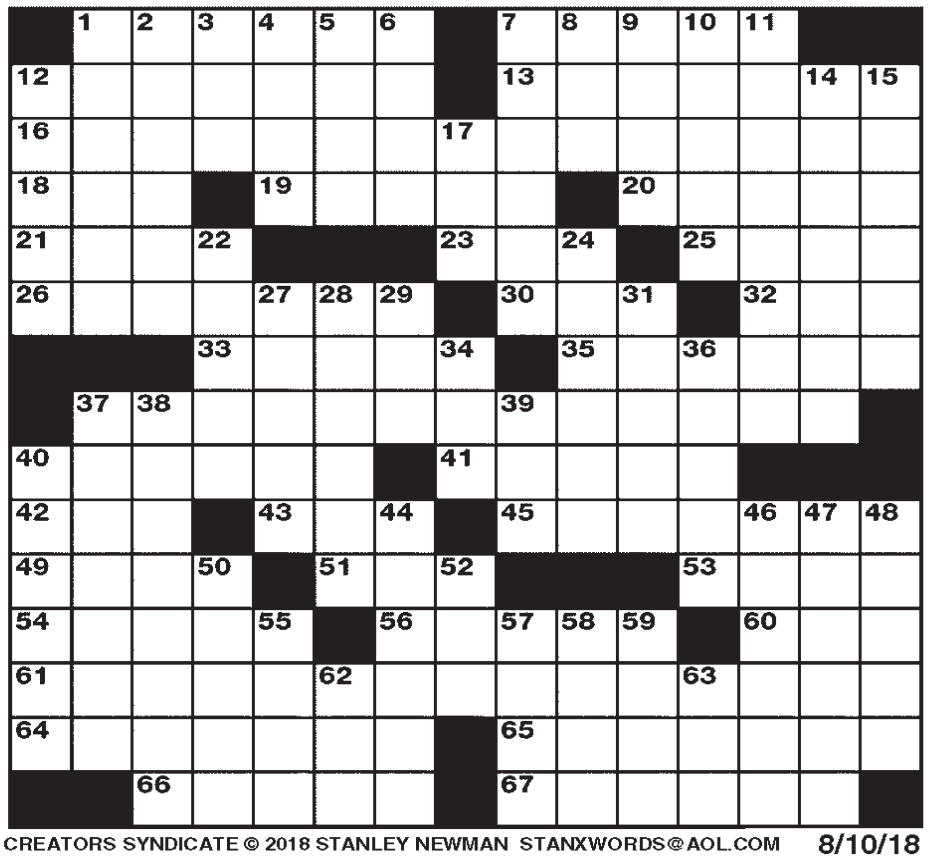
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19 CD originator
20 Really relished
21 Former late-night monologist
23 20-vol. work
25 Columnist pal of cartoonist Bil
26 Ottoman, e.g.
30 Telephonic trio
32 Mid-16th century date
33 Resignation affirmation
35 Trees with beans
37 Impish [no repeated letters]
40 Contract before a union
41 Citadel student
42 Old-school encouragement
43 Anatomical enclosure
45 Gray matter
49 Iowa city
51 Indian physicist on *The Big Bang Theory*
53 Board position
54 Audio cell message, for short
56 Military stations
60 Compass reading
61 Study of fingerprints [no repeated letters]
64 Nonwinner
65 Plum cousin
66 Follow
67 Spring, from the Icelandic

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1 Scottish port
2 Preparing potatoes, perhaps
3 Donator of Lennon's childhood home
4 Just gets by
5 Singer from Donegal
6 Vice Admiral in *The Last Jedi*
7 Made a hole-in-one, typically
8 High degree
9 Raw research
10 Tickle
11 Four-legged guard
12 Calligrapher's purchase
14 Jamal, the movie millionaire
15 Floral parts
17 Frequent court statement
22 Hunting partner of Artemis
24 Era, often
27 __ *asinus* (the donkey)
28 Good, in golf
29 Dusk-dawn connector
31 Charlatan
34 Film noir stock character
36 Gives as a source
37 Ensnare
38 Work on your lines
39 Apple since '98
40 News site with a Former USSR section
44 Villainous De Niro role
46 "No fighting"
47 Antonym of "amity"
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55 Scandinavian form of Lawrence
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58 Hit the keys
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10)

Though you don't seek fame, you'll love what you do and become well-known for it this solar return. Longevity in love and other things that matter to you will be a cosmic boon of 2019 — largely because you are magnetized toward making healthy, sustainable choices. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 7, 11, 49 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today will call back to an era in which conversation was a status symbol, and those who could manage one artfully were elevated, while those who couldn't were demoted. The judgment will be on a subconscious plane.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Where you invest love, you invest hours, attention and money. This is why anyone who knows you knows whom and what you adore without your having to say a word.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're in a mood to do something spontaneous for the one you love. People may not like being caught off guard today, though. Sometimes what makes a surprise most pleasant is that it's not really.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Technically, every day is a chance to begin anew. And yet, for better or worse, we are so entrenched in our own identity, relationships and environments that "new" sometimes takes a herculean effort. You're part Hercules today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The situation will pique your existential curiosity and challenge your beliefs. Don't worry: Even the most devoted religious follower or confident atheist is likely to experience moments of spiritual perplexity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You'll add new friends in the weeks to come. Ideally, they will possess qualities to fit your style, such as an above-average sense of humor and at least one heartbreak in their past. You resonate with the experienced.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Love comes with problems and risks — always. That's the nature of it. You'll gladly take those on for the one you love and the joys of your heart will make the downside seem negligible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
There's a logical option on the table, but don't decide strictly based on what looks good on paper. You don't live on paper; you live in the emotional oxygen of your feelings and senses, and, as guides, they won't let you down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You would never jump ship at the first sign of rough seas. However, you also shouldn't, on purpose, sail directly into a storm. The time to think this through is before you embark at all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Two paths meet, and suddenly you're in a face-off with someone going the opposite direction. Neither of you is right. Neither of you is wrong. But for the blockage to clear, someone has to yield the right of way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
As is typically the case in human development, being a person of character matters more to you the older you get. You'll forgive someone young for being flighty while still acknowledging the behavior as less than ideal.

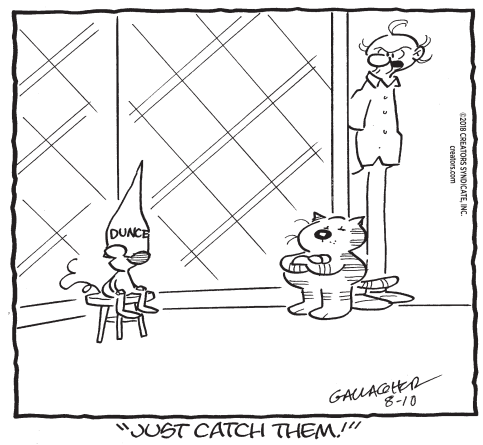
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It is possible to assess and manage a situation without being judgmental about it in a personal way. This type of compartmentalization will make you efficient today.

Mercury/Jupiter Warning

It's not every day that a person gets charmed, as will happen under this arrangement of Mercury and Jupiter. While such enchantments are rare and not to be overlooked, don't be too swept up, either. Charm's spell is not always a fateful link. The ingredients of attachment are different from the ingredients of charm.

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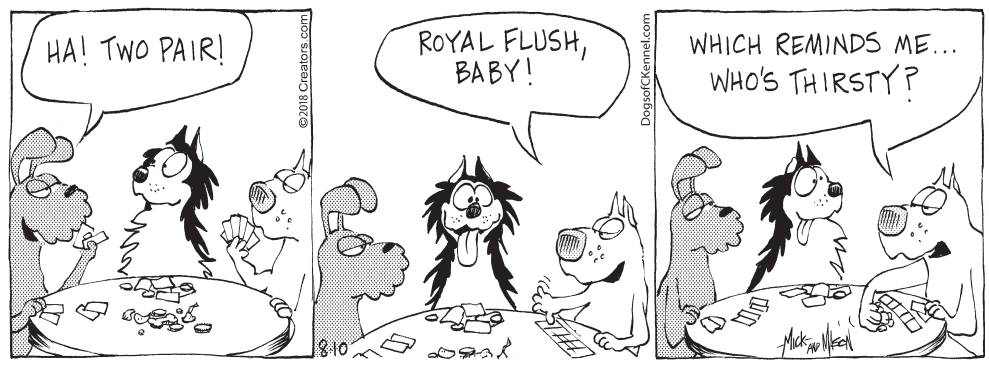
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Court orders ban on harmful pesticide, says EPA violated law

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

A federal appeals court ruled Thursday that the Trump administration endangered public health by keeping the widely used pesticide chlorpyrifos on the market despite extensive scientific evidence that even tiny levels of exposure can harm babies' brains.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to remove chlorpyrifos from sale in the United States within 60 days.

A coalition of farmworkers and environmental groups sued last year after then-EPA chief Scott Pruitt reversed an Obama-era effort to ban chlorpyrifos, which is widely sprayed on citrus fruits, apples and other crops. The attorneys general for several states joined the case against EPA, including California, New York and Massachusetts.

In a split decision, the court said Thursday that Pruitt, a Republican forced to resign earlier this summer amid ethics scandals, violated federal law by ignoring the conclusions of agency scientists that chlorpyrifos is harmful.

"The panel held that there was no justification for the EPA's decision in its 2017 order to maintain a tolerance for chlorpyrifos in the face of scientific evidence that its residue on food causes neurodevelopmental damage to children," Appeals Court Judge Jed S. Rakoff wrote in the majority's opinion.

EPA spokesman Michael Abboud said the agency was reviewing the decision. It could appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court.

Environmental groups and public health advocates hailed the court's action as a major victory.

"Some things are too sacred to play politics with, and our kids top the list," said Erik Olson, senior director of health and food at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The court has made it clear that children's health must come before powerful polluters. This is a victory for parents everywhere who want to feed their kids fruits and veggies without fear it's harming their brains or poisoning communities."

Chlorpyrifos was created by Dow Chemical Co. in the 1960s. It remains among the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the United States, with the chemical giant selling about 5 million pounds domestically each year through its subsidiary Dow AgroSciences.

Dow did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. In past statements, the company has contended the chemical helps American farmers feed the world "with full respect for human health and the environment."

Chlorpyrifos belongs to a family of organophosphate pesticides that are chemically similar to a chemical warfare agent developed by Nazi Germany before World War II.

As a result of its wide use as a pesticide over the past four decades, traces of chlorpyrifos are commonly found in sources of drinking water. A 2012 study at the University of California at Berkeley found that 87 percent of umbilical-cord blood samples tested from newborn babies contained detectable levels of the pesticide.

Under pressure from federal regulators, Dow voluntarily withdrew chlorpyrifos for use as a home insecticide in 2000. EPA also placed "no-spray" buffer zones around sensitive sites, such as schools, in 2012.

In October 2015, the Obama administration proposed banning the pesticide's use on food. Pruitt reversed that effort in March 2017, adopting Dow's position that the science showing chlorpyrifos is harmful was inconclusive and flawed.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.64.070(C)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 14, 2018
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HEARING DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.64.070(C) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $356,719 would be increased by $17,836. Effective November 1, 2018, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $374,555.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a memorandum prepared by the City. A copy of this memorandum is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main St., Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing section).

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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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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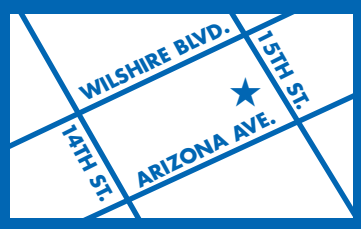
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