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Decommissioned ocean sensor revived by public/private partnership

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A coalition of local water safety organizations has revived a previously decommissioned sensor at the Santa Monica Pier to provide updated data as part of a Federal ocean monitoring program.

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Metro adding portable body scanners to bus/rail stops

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

New body scanners are being deployed across the Los Angeles transit system, including potentially at Santa Monica Expo stations.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has partnered with the Los Angeles County

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Schools to consider plastic straw ban

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

As students and parents prepare for the school year to go back into full swing, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District will preside over a few issues that could impact the school year. On the agenda for the August 16 board meeting are the following items of note:

DISTRICTWIDE PLASTIC STRAW BAN

The city of Santa Monica may soon follow Malibu's lead in banning plastic straws, schools included. SMMUSD will consider furthering sustainability efforts within the district with an option to adopt a resolution to ban plastic straws.

According to the agenda, if the board does agree to adopt the ban, it would take effect immediately. The agenda notes that the district would make exceptions for the medically fragile in the district when necessary.

While plastic straws aren't a majority of SMMUSD plastic waste by volume, the agenda notes that banning plastic straws could help set a precedent that would lead to the removal of other major plastic materials that would need significant infrastructure change within district operations.

Banning the plastic straw is the easiest step towards plastic elimination with the least operational impact at this time, according to staff.

Additionally, staff hopes the ban will benefit students and the community in other ways.

"Waste reduction is a district sustainability goal that relies on behavioral change, a notorious challenge. This first step, eliminating plastic straws, will bring awareness of plastic pollution and the need for change to protect the environment," the agenda says.

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Scooter companies protest to try to save local business



Angel Carreras

PROTEST: Scooter companies Bird and Lime encouraged their riders to protest outside City Hall this week after the companies failed to secure a staff recomendation to keep operating in Santa Monica.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A crowd of about 200 electric scooter employees, chargers and supporters gathered outside City Hall Tuesday to rally Bird and Lime fans after the start-up companies failed to get a key endorsement to continue to operate in Santa Monica after their permits expire this September.

"Even though it was a guerilla tactic ... bring in scooters, dump them on the street. I like it. It speaks to America," said 12-year resident Shaddi Safadi, who rides the scooters from his house on 19th Street to downtown Santa Monica.

City Manager Rick Cole said the nearly 10,000 identical

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, August 15

Prospective "Tech Teen" Information Session

High school students and their families: Learn about the library's Tech Teen Volunteer & Leadership Program. We will provide an overview of the certification process, participation requirements, and benefits. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 – 8 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Forgotten Fatherland

In 1886 Elisabeth Nietzsche, Friedrich's sister, founded a "racially pure" colony in Paraguay with a band of fellow Germans. Macintyre tells of the survivors of this bizarre colony and the colorful history of Elisabeth's return to Europe, where she inspired the mythical cult of her brother's philosophy and became a mentor to Hitler. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Family Game Night

Turn off those electronic devices and spend some quality time with your family. Board games for young and older kids provided — or bring your own! For families. Refreshments provided. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6 – 8 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Please note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of a meeting. 1:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

Thursday, August 16

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

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

Special Library Board Meeting

Monthly Library Board Meeting. Administration Meeting Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 – 9 p.m.

Design in 3D: Open Lab

Explore 3D printing possibilities at the Library. Prepare your own three-dimensional plastic objects for 3D printing. Staff will be available to help with basic troubleshooting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 5 – 7 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

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

"Special Day" Story Times: National Roller Coaster Day

Come celebrate National Roller Coaster Day with a themed story time followed by a craft! Ages 2-5. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Friday, August 17

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 4 – 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

SHINE Presents Annual "The Power of Music" Show

SHINE Storytelling is tuning up for its popular annual "The Power of Music" show Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m. at the Santa Monica Playhouse. Storytellers and musical artists will share inspiring true tales about how music changed their lives. This special edition of SHINE includes live musical performances.

Among the stories, you'll hear about a magical moment that brought people from different continents together, a once-in-a-lifetime musical performance, how an autistic girl found her voice in song, and how one musical duo's bond carried them through all life's milestones – and even beyond death.

The evening's performers are: Jake Cassman, Rich Johnson, Molly Meng, Ksusha Miretski (aka HibiscusChild), Misty Rosas, Richard Rossner and Terrie Silverman.

SHINE "The Power of Music" will be hosted by the charming Kirsten Wasson. Since arriving in Los Angeles from New York, Kristen has presented stories at many venues including Tales by The Sea, P.E.Z., I Love A Good Story, Tell It! and SHINE, as well as reading stories on KCRW's UNfictional. She is a counselor at a private secondary school, has published a book of poetry, and her memoir, Unaccompanied Minor: Growing Up in Flight, is forthcoming.

Performers for SHINE are chosen from some of the nation's top award-winning storytellers, writers, performers, and musicians. New storytellers from many backgrounds also take the stage.

A popular and long-running Westside show, SHINE is held at the Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica 90401. Convenient parking is located directly across the street, in City Parking Structure #1.

Tickets are $12, with student/senior discount also available. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.StoreyProductions.com. Cash and checks only at the door.

For more information, visit www.StoreyProductions.com. Those interested in becoming a storyteller are encouraged to visit the website in advance for monthly themes and submission guidelines.

SHINE is produced by Isabel Storey and presented by Storey Productions in association with Santa Monica Repertory Theater and UCLArts and Healing.

SUBMITTED BY ISABEL STOREY

Virginia Ave. Park

Free, Kid-Friendly Health Fair

Westside Family Health Center (WFHC), a community health center located in Santa Monica, will celebrate National Health Center Week with a free, community-wide Health Fair on Wednesday, August 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Splash Pad Area, located at 2200 Virginia Avenue in Santa Monica.

WFHC's Health Fair will include nutrition lessons, body mass index (BMI) testing, blood pressure screening, glucose testing, Covered California information and enrollment help, and information on WFHC services and programs. There will also be healthy eating games and tutorials – complete with portion sizes in the form of flexible food models for the kids. WFHC will also provide healthy snacks and drinks to demonstrate alternatives to sugary or high calorie options. Children will have the chance to win prizes, such as backpacks with supplies and there will be face painting, a photo booth, and balloon animals.

Every year in August for more than 30 years, National Health Center Week has been celebrated because health centers provide "affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people" according to the National Association of Community Health Centers. "Many people still don't realize that there are people who are uninsured or who have insurance, but can't afford to use it," said Debra A. Farmer, President/Chief Executive Officer of WFHC.

"Without community health centers, our uninsured, low-income and underinsured community members would have nowhere to go for primary health care and health education. WFHC's Health Fairs are a fun way to bring attention to what community health centers do while providing some great health education for the community," Debra A. Farmer continued.

This year National Health Center Week is from Sunday, August 12 through Saturday, August 18 with the theme of "Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America's Health Care Heroes."

Visit www.wfhcenter.org for more information.

SUBMITTED BY CELIA BERNSTEIN

STRAWS

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LATINO & SPANISH SPEAKING PARENT GROUP PEMA STILL SEEKS TO ESTABLISH SELF IN DISTRICT

A Latino and Spanish-speaking parent group is still seeking to officially establish itself within the school district.

PEMA (Padres, Estudiantes, y Maestros Asociación) is an independent parent group that seeks to "enable Latino parents to engage in the education of their children and to engage in school governance," according to the group.

In May they held their first meeting, however, the meeting was deemed unofficial by the district.

At the time, Gail Pinsker, district PR officer, said the group hadn't followed proper guidelines to establish themselves.

Pinsker says the group now has turned in needed documents but the outstanding issue is that PEMA is using the Pico Youth and Family Center tax ID number as opposed to their own. A PEMA spokesperson said they were previously told doing so wouldn't be a problem.

Pinsker added that a dependent Latino group for the district (separate from PEMA) will be discussed at the meeting.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POLICY REVISION

In this discussion item, staff will recommend that the Board revise their controlled substances policy.

The agenda says the suggested revisions are a result of conversations with principals, district mental health counseling coordinators and service providers in the community.

The update would add a section about students using controlled substances who self-refer themselves to a school administrator seeking help, excluding the self-admitted student from punishment and instead providing them an Action Plan to assist the student.

Revised punishment from students who don't seek help and are found to be using controlled substances will vary from grade levels.

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Angel Carreras

SUPPORTERS: After disabling scooters in the City for a day, supporters of Bird and Lime held a protest at City Hall because the companies might not be part of an upcoming pilot program.

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emails he received from Bird and Lime riders would not likely affect his staff's decision on which companies will officially operate in the city. The final say rests with Planning Director David Martin.

"David will give very careful review to the written materials submitted by all parties," Cole said.

Last week, the City quietly published a report from a key selection committee endorsing Lyft and Jump (which is owned by Uber) to run dockless electric scooter and bike operations in the city starting this September. The committee of city staffers and a Santa Monica Police Department traffic officer reviewed detailed proposals from 13 companies, scoring each on seven categories including experience, operations and safety.

Bird and Lime both performed particularly poorly on the compliance portion, which assessed their record with Federal, state and local laws. Neither seemed likely to be chosen for the pilot.

Facing expulsion from its hometown, Bird made the strategic decision to jolt its fan base Monday, suddenly shutting down scooters in Santa Monica and beginning a "day without a scooter." Lime soon followed.

The start-ups told their thousands of active users to rally outside City Hall Tuesday night or risk losing the service for good, promising the scooters would be back "depending on the outcome of the City Hall meeting on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m." Both companies also reached out to their contract workforce, which spreads out throughout the Westside each night to charge scooters for roughly $7 a device.

The email perplexed City leaders who had no plans to meet with Bird or Lime. While the City Council had a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night, scooters were not on the agenda. The Council itself does not have say in the final selection for the pilot. Councilmember Kevin McKeown told the Daily Press the committee's recommendation to remove Bird and Lime was in line with his priorities.

"The Council made clear back in June that safety and courtesy, so lacking in this summer's wild explosion of scooters, must be part of the upcoming pilot program to gain control of scooter usage with more responsive operators," McKeown said.

Bird and Lime also drafted emails on their apps users could send with the touch of a finger, flooding official inboxes with form letters. The move added to the fatigue of city staffers already overwhelmed with the chaos the dockless operations had brought to town. Multiple City Hall and tech insiders told the Daily Press it felt like Bird and Lime were throwing a tantrum.

Both companies told the Daily Press they had made efforts to work with leaders.

"Since day one, we have worked collaboratively with the City to design a program tailored to fit the community's needs," Lime CEO Tony Sun said in a statement. "It's clear Santa Monica residents and visitors have enthusiastically embraced Lime, with over 180,000 unique riders choosing us as their affordable, zero-emission transportation option wince we launched in April."

The Daily Press reached out to other companies who submitted applications. The head of public policy for Spin said his company had an open dialogue with City Hall throughout the process and thought they acted transparently. He said Bird's actions and emails misled customers.

"They're riling up their users and trying to paint the City Council as the enemy when they have nothing to do with this," Brian Kyuhoon No told the Daily Press. Spin ranked third in the pilot application process.

"We respect the City's process and we were glad to participate and apply," said No. "Obviously we were bummed we weren't ranked as one of the top two but we were happy to see we were the next highest."

No said he hopes Planning Director David Martin will consider giving Spin a shot at the pilot program to add diversity to the options. Spin has made a point of working with cities before launching, unlike Bird which dropped hundreds of scooters on Santa Monica streets without proper permits in September.

He said the practice of "road launching," when start-ups simply drop devices without contracting with the city puts officials on the defensive, resulting in stricter rules than if the two entities worked together from the beginning.

Jump's founder and CEO Ryan Rzepecki told the Daily Press his company is committed to solving some of the problems associated with Bird and Lime scooters. He said they planned to work with the city to paint parking spaces for electric devices and partner with businesses to provide helmets.

"We're just providing more and more options to the city," Rzepecki said. Jump devices would be available through the Uber app, allowing users to choose a greener commute rather than a car. When Uber debuted the feature in San Francisco, Uber car trips fell by 10 percent while usage rose.

Rzepecki views their major competition as personal cars, not other scooter or bike companies.

"We are growing the pie much, much more than we are competing and fighting over the same people," Rzepecki said. Jump already has a partnership in Santa Monica, as it is the system that powers the city's Breeze bikes.

Rather than rely on a contract workforce to charge devices, Jump has paid employees who collect and service their fleet.

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Curious City

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What just happened?

ONE FRIDAY WE HAD THE POSSIBILITY of three or four good alternative candidates for City Council, and by a week later, last Friday, they all disappeared into thin air.

Even Jon Mann.

Just kidding. Not among the three or four. But...

He "pulled papers" (the act of obtaining the petition forms from City Hall for the required signatures to run for elected office, the idea being that if there aren't at least 100 people who endorse your running, you probably shouldn't bother) for both City Council and Rent Control Board, and told me he got more than 140 signatures on each. But when he went to turn them in he was told state law forbids anyone running for two offices in the same city, so he submitted for RCB and decided to run as a write-in candidate for Council.

"I know I won't win," he said, "but I want my voice heard, at the candidate forums."

MANN BLEW IT

He doesn't know it (until now) but if he had his name on the ballot for Council again, he might have gotten his biggest vote total ever, by far. Having seen the field of alternatives decimated, wallowing in pain and despair, a few Movers and Shakers for Residents floated the idea of launching a campaign to Vote for the Mann, Only for the Mann. A protest vote, but how else to show our complete disgust with the reigning power structure?

Trumpian, you say? Only insofar as getting a disrupter in there. In my opinion, Mann is sincere in his criticisms of our city government, but too angry about it to hold office productively. Doesn't play well with others. But, playing too well with fellow Council members is a big problem we have, and his ideas are mostly good. I would expect him to cast votes I would approve of (though he might have tape over his mouth at the time, by a 6 to 1 vote of the Council), and he would never, ever vote to get along. He would vote his conscience against all odds, till you covered him in dirt.

NOT RUBINESQUE

On another odd note, Jerry Rubin did not file to run last election, for the first time since cheese was invented, and is absent again this election cycle. Is the Rock of Gibraltar crumbling into the sea? Is tRump going to tell the truth? What can you count on?! You can count on Jerry to love every development that comes to town and to go to City Council meetings to voice his approval and thank the Council and staff for their timely and diligent work.

But Jerry is a good friend — at least he was, until now — and a fine fellow who has promoted peace for decades and accomplished so much over the years for the Santa Monica he loves, to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. Maybe someday he'll reveal why the man who fought so hard to save our trees loves buildings, more and more buildings. He's never explained it rationally to me.

STOP THE PRESSES!

Exclusive to "Curious City"! Here is Jerry Rubin's response.

"A number of people had asked me if I would be running again this year for a seat on the Santa Monica City Council. Many friends had encouraged me to run again, but a good number of friends seemed relieved when I told them I wouldn't be running this year. After much reflection I decided to put a good deal of my focus on dumping Trump and turning Congress Blue.

Of course, I'll still be working on many of the local issues that concern me. And, as an activist, I will, of course, still be attending City Council meetings and other community public meetings.

I wish all the best for all the Santa Monica candidates who are running this year! I hope it will be a clean campaign with no personal attacks.

My wife Marissa and I love Santa Monica and think it is a great city!"

So there you have it. Even the entertaining perennials have withered away from the familiar election landscape here, and we are left with cactus, poison ivy and thorns. I am so depressed I have had to resort to a humorous look at things this week. But next week I'll be back with the laundry list of how bad off we are. So you can be as depressed as I am.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Anyone remember Bernie Sanders and the issues he raised? That seems like so, so, so long ago. When he was talking about a more equitable American society, correcting past mistakes and progressing forward for the uplifting of all, not just the privileged few. Now we're just trying to keep the barbarians, the Cossacks, from the gates.

(OK that sounds good but the historic truth is that the Cossacks were pro-democracy and anti-Bolshevik. Lordy I love history and geography.)

tRump of course falsely promotes the prosperity and great economy he has wrought. The stock market is soaring (for now), the economy is great — for his billionaire buddies, and unfortunately most of the 99 percent won't realize how they've been bamboozled until after the election.

I have this odd pastime. I like to thumb through the thick real estate sections that come in the LA Times on Saturdays. It really isn't mansion envy. In fact, I'd choose my small condo in funky, artist-populated Ocean Park over the estates north of Montana (though there are good people there, too!). Location, location, location. Great for walking, my neighborhood.

But glancing through those incredible home offerings does remind you that the very rich are getting so much richer, and if you need to figure out where that leaves the rest of us, just play some old George Carlin routines.

FROM A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, THE COVER OF "HOT PROPERTY": A $35M "TEAR-DOWN" IN MT. OLYMPUS (SERIOUSLY);
p. 2: $14.9M, $15.9M, $30M, $42M, $77M, $175M (yes, M for millions, all);
p. J6-7: $150M (land only, no houses)
p. J3: $13M, $17.5M, $23M (Frank Lloyd Wright's famous The Ennis House), $42.5M, $60M, $110M.
p. J8: $29M, $31.5M, $31.9M, $33.750M, $37.5M, $65M.
p. J10: $33.750; p. J11: $165M; p. J14: $24.750M;
p. J15: $6.750M, $15.9M, $17M, $18.9M, $20M, $24M, $32M, $88M;
p. J59: $2.2M (?? — typo?), $30M, $38.5M;
and then, drum roll, P. J28: The Mountain, BH — $1,000,000,000.

Yes, there are two Americas, it's getting much worse, and it's no accident. Gee, Opy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "When you're in a Slump, you're not in for much fun.

Un-slumping yourself is not easily done." ? Dr. Seuss

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METRO

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Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to develop the portable scanners that can help detect weapons and explosives. Metro is the first surface transit agency in the country to buy the new scanners.

"Metro has been an industry leader in testing new technologies to meet evolving threats to our public transportation infrastructure," said Sheila Kuehl, L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair in a statement. "This new technology will augment our already aggressive safety and security measures and help us proactively deter potential attacks to our system."

Metro worked with the TSA for about a year to test the Thruvision TAC-TS4 portable terahertz millimeter wave passenger screening devices.

Metro spokesman Dave Sotero said the units can be placed anywhere in the system and are completely passive.

The benefit of these is that they are not enormous so we can easily move them around when needed," he said. "They are perfect for when there are major venues near transit and we expect a major influx of people, we can easily move the equipment to that station."

According to Metro, the human body produces naturally- occurring waves that are blocked when an item is hidden in clothing or strapped to an individual. The scanner can identify that block and the software can notify security officers of the item's location. The scanners do not emit radiation of any kind and no anatomical details are displayed.

Sotero said the device allows law enforcement agents and Metro Security to screen train or bus riders without disrupting foot traffic.

"That's one of the key advantages of the technology, it doesn't interfere with people who are going to work or getting where they are going," he said.

Each unit costs about $100,000 and details of their placement are not being publicly released. Sotero said Metro will be evaluating the effectiveness of the units and will incorporate additional layers of security as needed at any specific location.

"TSA applauds the leadership of L.A. Metro for its proactive efforts to evaluate, procure and use state-of-the-art technology designed to detect potential threats to the transit system," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "TSA is pleased to have been a partner during the evaluation and testing process, which ultimately led to the purchase of a recommended system to help detect and deter potential acts of terrorism while keeping the traveling public safe."

Metro transports about 1.3 million people a day on its bus and rail lines. For more information about Metro's Safety and Security Program, visit www.metro.net/safety.

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Matthew Hall

PRACTICE: Jimmy Fumo, Tom Ford, Michael Quill and Melissa Carter helped revive a local water sensor under the Santa Monica Pier this week.

PIER

FROM PAGE 1



Divers from the Bay Foundation, Los Angeles Waterkeeper and the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) dove below the Pier this week to refurbish a sensor pack that measures temperature, salinity, chlorophyll, and water level at frequent intervals in the nearshore coastal ocean.

SCCOOS is one of eleven regions that contribute to the national System.

"The regional observing systems work to collect, integrate, and deliver coastal and ocean observations in order to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect the environment," said SCCOOS. "The primary goal of SCCOOS is to provide the scientific data and information needed to inform decision-making and better understand the changing conditions of the coastal ocean in Southern California."

The SCCOOS system has four sensor packs in local waters.

Data has been provided since 2005 at Stearns Wharf by the Marine Institute at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The new Santa Monica Pier sensor is a partnership between SCCOOS, the Los Angeles Waterkeeper, The Bay Foundation and the City of Los Angeles.

At the Newport Pier, the system is operated by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) in collaboration with Orange County Sanitation District.

The Scripps Pier station is also operated by SIO.

Melissa Carter, Programs Analyst with Scripps Institution of Oceanography said the data has many uses. Scientist use the readings for a variety of projects, lifeguards can check the measurements to estimate ocean safety or beach attendance, casual swimmers can use the service when planning their vacations and in an emergency situation having accurate ocean temperature data is critical to rescue efforts.

"Temperature and salinity data can be used for a number of things," she said. "Putting it here can also help us understand the water quality better."

Tom Ford, Executive Director of The Bay Foundation said having a constant stream of data establishes an important baseline for future research than can help frame debates about ocean changes.

"It's important to know what's happening when we cause harm with pollution," he said.

"We're also looking at how the ocean's changing due to climate change and there are local factors and without the data, we're just guessing."

The sensor pack went dark in 2015 and it's taken several years to secure enough funding to bring the equipment back on line.

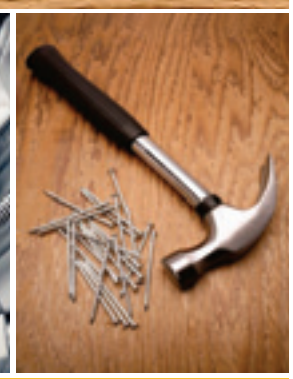
The sensors package itself is worth about $30,000 and it requires another $30,000 a year in maintenance costs. With new training, local divers will be able to maintain the equipment on a regular basis and the public can access the data feed at http://sccoos.org/data/autoss.

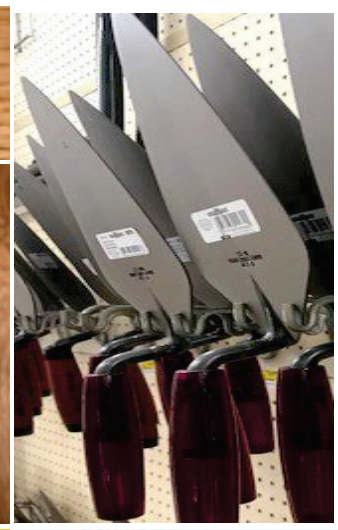
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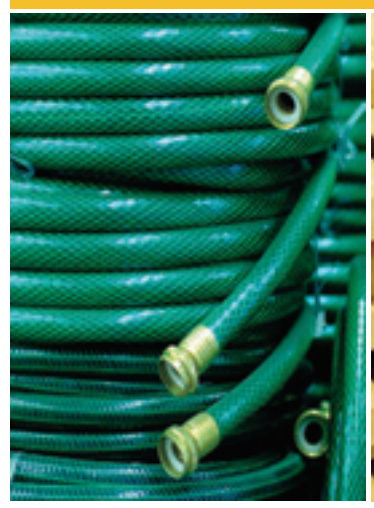






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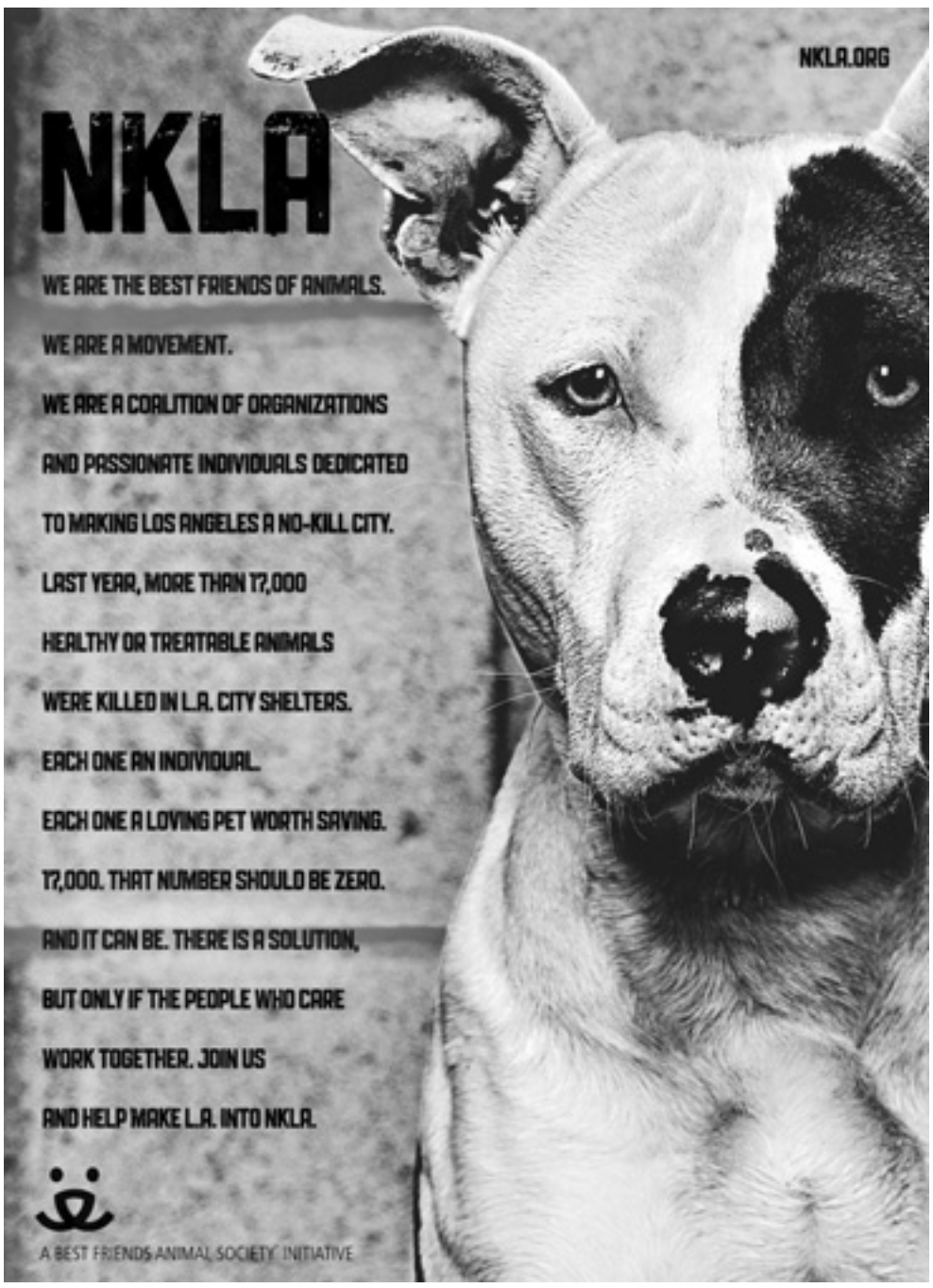


SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **72.7°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW/S swell mix and traces of NW windswell.



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JULY 31, 2018 AT ABOUT 1:55 A.M.

Officers responded to the area of 500 Colorado Avenue regarding a fight in progress. Upon arrival, officers located two male subjects involved in the fight with one of the subjects (victim) lying on the ground and unconscious. Officers spoke to several witnesses and determined for unknown reasons a male suspect punched another in the face causing him to fall to the ground and sustain head trauma. The victim was treated at the scene by Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics and transported to a local hospital with head trauma. The suspect was taken into custody.

Johnny Williams, 54, from Los Angeles, was arrested for battery causing severe bodily injury. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 375 Calls For Service On August 13.

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

Burglary 2400 block 16th 12:56 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries 2300 block Delaware 2:38 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2600 block Virginia 4:28 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block The Beach 7:40 a.m.
Grand theft auto 100 block Strand 7:55 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 200 block Santa Monica Pier 8:17 a.m.
Trespassing 2600 block Ocean Park 8:56 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block Euclid 9:07 a.m.
Missing person 1300 block 2nd 9:19 a.m.
Animal related incident 1400 block 12th 9:19 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 9:29 a.m.
Animal related incident 1000 block 6th 9:45 a.m.
Bike theft 1800 block 12th 9:47 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Ocean Front Walk 10:06 a.m.
Person down 1200 block 7th 10:21 a.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block 5th 10:21 a.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 10:32 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block The Beach 11:32 a.m.
Animal related incident 400 block 21st 11:55 a.m.
Person down 6th/Broadway 12:02 p.m.
Encampment 2100 block Olympic 12:13 p.m.
Grand theft auto 600 block Pacific Coast Hwy 12:28 p.m.
Battery 400 block Santa Monica Blvd 12:37 p.m.
Trespassing 1000 block 14th 12:47 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 17th 12:56 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block Neilson 12:57 p.m.
Animal related incident 1200 block Marine 12:57 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1800 block Wilshire 1:13 p.m.
Resisting arrest 1500 block Palisades Park 1:13 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 3rd/Santa Monica 2:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 2:12 p.m.
Vandalism 1900 block Santa Monica 2:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 2:33 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 3:45 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block 2nd 4:02 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 2nd 4:40 p.m.
Fight 1300 block 2nd 5:04 p.m.
Lewd activity 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 5:33 p.m.
Person down 2nd/Wilshire 5:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 5:49 p.m.
Family disturbance 3200 block Airport 5:59 p.m.
Burglary 700 block Arizona 6:27 p.m.
Domestic violence 300 block Colorado 6:52 p.m.
Critical missing person 1400 block 17th 7:02 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 100 block Colorado 7:05 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block 11th 7:07 p.m.
Runaway 1800 block 16th 7:35 p.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block California 8:22 p.m.
Public intoxication 1100 block Pico 8:23 p.m.
Bike theft 300 block Santa Monica 8:36 p.m.
Animal related incident 2200 block Ashland 8:36 p.m.
Prowler 300 block 23rd 9:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 31 Calls For Service On August 13.

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Automatic alarm 2200 block Main 1:35 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 2600 block 33rd 2:12 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 23rd/Dewey 2:38 a.m.
Traffic collision w/physical rescue 23rd/Dewey 2:40 a.m.
Automatic alarm 0 block Pico 2:43 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 7:45 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 7:45 a.m.
EMS 300 block California 7:57 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 3rd 8:52 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 7th 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 10:23 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 11:44 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 1:25 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:26 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 18th 2:10 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Idaho 2:13 p.m.
EMS 400 block Ocean 3:29 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Lincoln 3:51 p.m.
EMS 700 block 20th 4:35 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 5th 4:36 p.m.
Elevator rescue 700 block Santa Monica 5:37 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Olympic 5:56 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 6:09 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Main 6:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2500 block Broadway 7:48 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 2nd 8:01 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 9:11 p.m.
EMS 8th/Wilshire 9:17 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 10:06 p.m.
EMS 3rd/Broadway 10:15 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Jackpot: 40M

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Draw Date: 8/10
1 3 12 22 42
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 75M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 8/11
11 23 24 28 46
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/13
4 5 8 31 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/13
MIDDAY: 6 3 9
Draw Date: 8/13
EVENING: 1 1 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/13
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WORD UP!

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1. laughing; smiling; cheerful.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School

■ Q: What is a normal output of urine per 24 hours?

■ A: Assuming intake of half a gallon of fluid or eight cups, normal output would be between 1.6 and 4 cups. (Think one 12-ounce soda can to a 32-ounce bottle.)

Last Words

■ "Too late for fruit, too soon for flowers."

–ENGLISH POET WALTER DE LA MARE (1873-1956)

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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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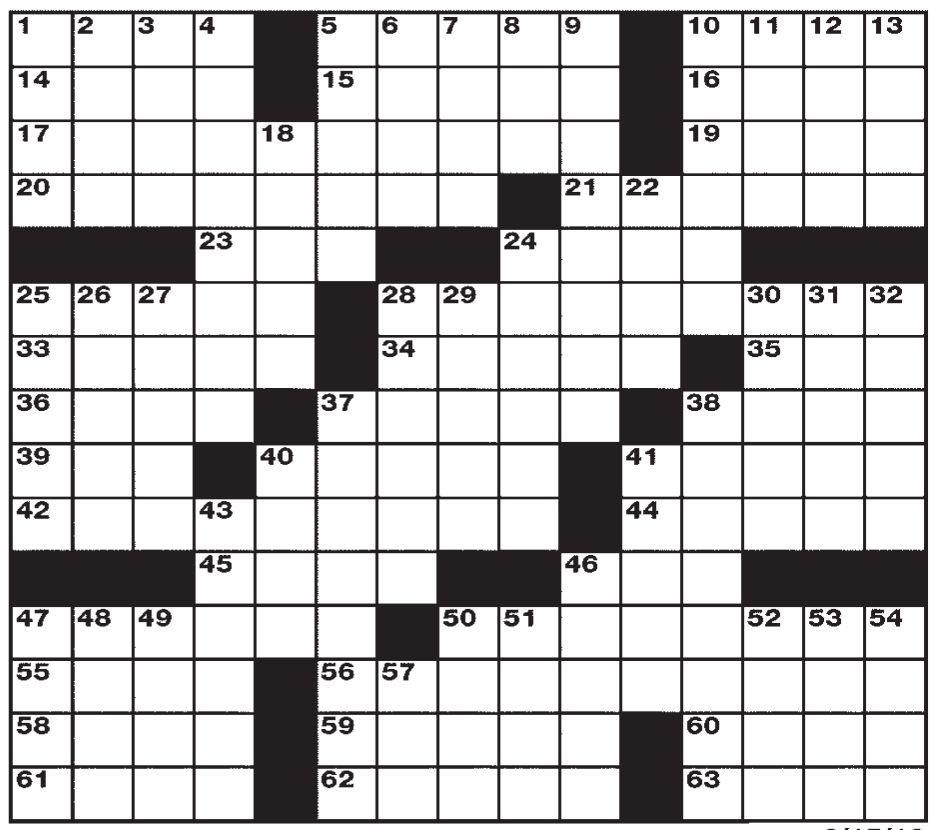
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Improves, as wine
5 Valid reasoning
10 Cat's feet
14 Auntie of the theater
15 Mistake
16 Cincinnati's state
17 Publication cofounded by Steinem
19 Statuesque
20 "Original copy" or "alone together"
21 Practical, as a plan
23 Chaney of horror films
24 "Say it __ so!"
25 Made upset
28 Foot-care brand
33 "Fresh as a" flower
34 Revealed another's secret
35 Cry of contentment
36 Rural hotels
37 People from Warsaw
38 Syringe, familiarly
39 Peculiar
40 Speak at a drive-thru
41 Adjective for panels
42 Cookie/brownie retailer
44 Bowl over
45 "If that doesn't work . . ."
46 Informal farewell
47 Burger King competitor
50 Goalpost connector
55 Triple-decker treat
56 Atlantic City board-game mascot
58 Truth twister
59 Residence
60 __ Major (Big Dipper's locale)
61 Greek salad cheese
62 Highest numbers in sudoku
63 Gas in store signs

DOWN
1 Cannonballs, for example
2 Antibloating brand
3 Television trophy
4 Smooth, as a transition
5 Be educated
6 Ricelike pasta
7 Big smile
8 Charged atom
9 Rock fissures
10 Idaho product
11 *Moby-Dick* captain
12 Is going to
13 Shoe bottom
18 "Oh, boy!"
22 How the newest TV series are broadcast
24 Late-blooming flowers
25 Figurative phrase
26 Time off, for short
27 Varieties
28 Scribble idly
29 Made a judicial decision
30 Eric Clapton tune
31 Capital of Bolivia
32 Where land meets ocean
37 Guy that prints newspapers
38 Unpretentious, as humor
40 Full of grease
41 Final authority
43 Indiana Jones' hat
46 What filets don't have
47 Three Little Pigs adversary
48 Lake beside Cleveland
49 Uncluttered
50 "Let's go!"
51 Traveled by bus or burro
52 Induce yawns from
53 Besides
54 Seacrest or Gosling
57 One of four for a grand slam HR



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15)

Anticipate rapid-fire improvement over the next four weeks. You'll get to a new happiness level. Your financial and social status will climb, but it's not what makes you happy. Contribution is the source of your good feelings, and the more you give, the more you have to give. November and May show fortuitous travel. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22, and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
When you make a move, even when you don't really have to, but it's more exciting and fun than not making a move, there's a word for that — gambling. Call it what it is and either refrain from it or enjoy it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
When things go wrong, many feel like cutting ties and isolating themselves, which is exactly the opposite of what needs to happen. Reach out, get together, help each other figure things out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's as though there's a casino in your head and many versions of you are seated at the table. "You're taking too big a chance!" says part of your mind. But the other part is thrilled with the odds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Just about all of us skewer our perception of the world to feel better about ourselves — a trick of the human mind that keeps people in the game. You're so focused on getting to the truth; you've no interest in fooling yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
In relationships, the ratio of give to take is never going to be completely 50-50. Someone will always give a little more. It will work better if it's not always the same person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You make a promise, and then you keep it. So why shouldn't you expect the same from others? Relatedly, if you don't think a person will come through for you, don't ask them to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Call a truce on your inner war. You don't need to be harsh with yourself to get motivated. A gentle, compassionate inner voice is inside you, not being quite loud enough. Pay attention and the volume will turn up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Empty your mind onto paper then organize those bits into categories and lists. This will not only help you accomplish more with your days, but it will also help you find the pleasure in each activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The beginning of a relationship sets the tone for how the whole thing will play out. You'll be understood completely even if you're not making perfect sense. How wonderful!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
To occasionally indulge gives the indulgence a special feeling. Do it too often, and the experience ceases to be a treat. It's a fine line, and one you navigate well today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Philanthropist John Ruskin suggested, "It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born." While a birthright can certainly be an advantage, it's what you're doing with your life that will make your enduring legacy.

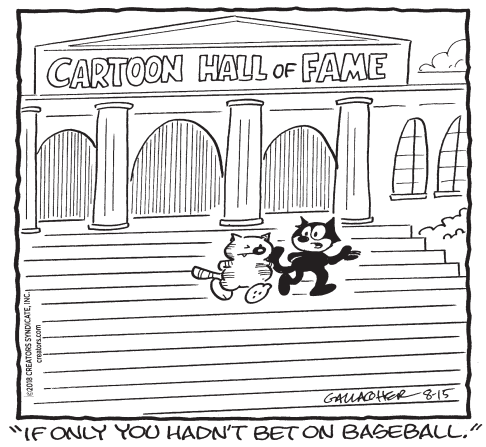
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You are able to turn a mistake into an opportunity for you and yours. So maybe it wasn't a mistake after all. And there is no bad luck today either, only different kinds of good luck.

Delicately Balanced Moon

The Libra moon reminds us that there is a delicate balance that must be struck in order to keep relationships going strong. With too light a touch, the relationship turns into acquaintanceship. Too heavy an approach is repellant, as people will worry about getting swallowed up in a serious connection. Strike a balance.

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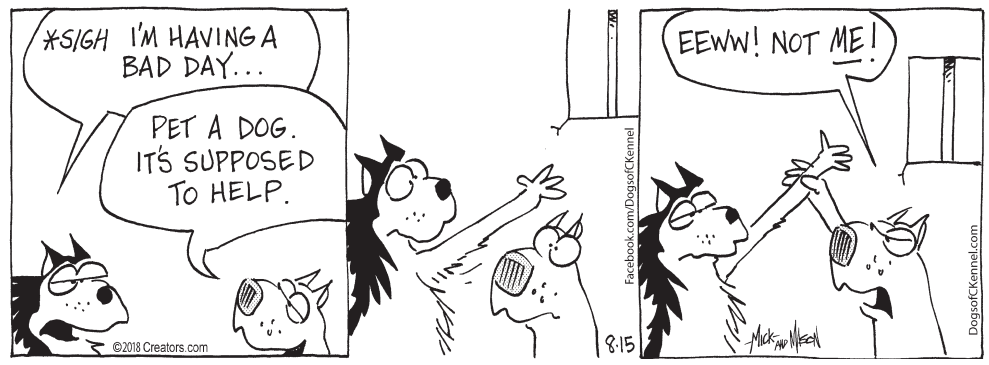
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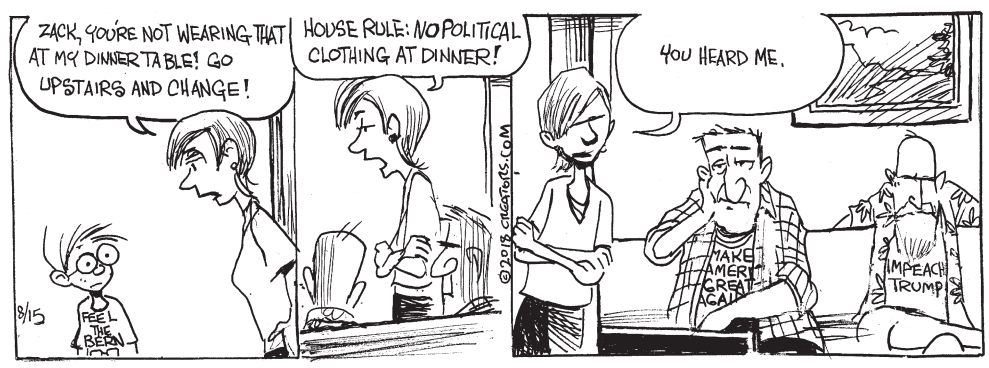
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Using common social media tactics to subvert US elections

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The latest efforts to disrupt the U.S. midterm elections through Facebook manipulation seem to be following a persuasion playbook refined by legitimate companies and organizations — but with a twist.

The aim of these possibly Russia-linked perpetrators appears to be to draw in as many people as possible with emotional appeals and then spur them to action. In this case, though, the action is public protest rather than affinity marketing, and the goal is to sow dissension rather than to build brand awareness.

"They're almost functioning like social media editors, figuring out what the trending topics are in the U.S. and figuring out where they can insert themselves," said Jennifer Grygiel, a communications professor at Syracuse University.

The idea, experts say, is to widen the rifts in the U.S. population via propaganda that is less about winning hearts and minds and much more about setting Americans against one another.

The removed pages share "moralistic language" and appeal to emotions, said Jay Van Bavel, a New York University psychology professor who studies group identity. "The conflict already existed but they're stirring it up, picking at a scab."

David Stewart, a marketing and business law professor at Loyola Marymount University, said those behind the scheme are trying to create an "us versus them" mentality, without which Facebook users might not be so polarized.

Groups tied to the Russian government have been trying to meddle in U.S. politics since at least the 2016 elections. In February, the Justice Department charged 13 Russians and three companies with plotting to aid Donald Trump's presidential campaign through fake Facebook posts, ads and groups.

More recently, Facebook said it had removed 32 apparently fake accounts and pages on Facebook and Instagram created by "bad actors" involved in what Facebook calls inauthentic political behavior ahead of the U.S. midterms. Although Facebook didn't specifically say Russians were behind the latest efforts, the reported activity shared many similarities with Russian influence campaigns during the 2016 presidential election.

It isn't clear how well the efforts worked or if they have swayed the outcome of elections, either in 2016 or this time around. Sowing discord, however, could prompt people to stay home instead of voting — or to vote for more extreme candidates who support their view, experts say. Discord could also lead to real-world violence and conflict.

During the 2016 elections, Russian agents bought a slew of issue-based ads to push arguments for and against immigration, gun rights and other issues. Many of them attempted to stoke racial divisions by mentioning police brutality or disparaging the Black Lives Matter movement.

Russian agents took advantage of the same tools available to businesses and groups to target messages with precision. One video parodying Trump was targeted at blacks who also were interested in BlackNews.com, HuffPost Politics or HuffPost Black Voices, for instance.

This time around, the efforts seem more focused on calling people to participate in protests and take action, at least based on the limited information provided by Facebook so far.

The removed accounts appear designed "to trigger standoffs between genuine Americans, bringing the risk of real-life violence from false stories," wrote the Digital Forensic Research Lab of the Atlantic Council, which has been working with Facebook to study misinformation and foreign interference on its services.

Those behind the accounts aren't spending a lot of time creating original posts. Instead, they do what many other people do on social media to get likes and clicks: They steal or reshare other people's posts.

From there, legitimate organizations sometimes spread the messages further.

"Americans thus became the unwitting amplifiers of Russian information operations," the Atlantic Council researchers wrote.

One indication that these efforts are working is that legitimate activist groups seem to have gotten swept up in some of the event listings created by these purportedly fake groups. For instance, several anti-racism groups attached themselves to a Washington protest called "No Unite the Right 2."

Though April Goggans, an organizer of Black Lives Matter DC, said the protest was organized by real people in the U.S., the event listing on Facebook was created by a left-leaning account that Facebook identified as fake. Facebook cancelled the account — and the listing — less than two weeks before it was to take place.

Overall, the 32 accounts Facebook deleted recently tried to organize about 25 events. About half took place, even though the unknown agents behind them had no one on the ground and had to coerce people into attending the events purely through Facebook.

Van Bavel said that suggests the agents behind this "have a fairly sophisticated understanding of what our weak spots are psychologically as Americans."

AP Technology Writer Barbara Ortutay contributed to this report.



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We'll keep listening and trying to improve as we continue on this experiment to remove cars from our roads.

With gratitude,

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