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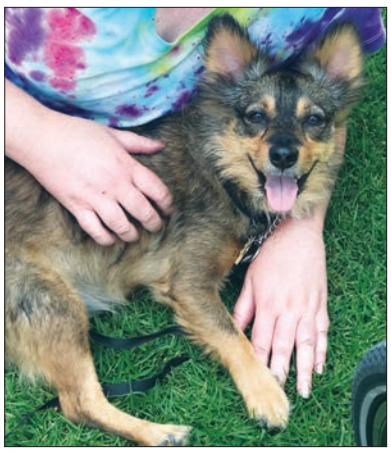


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RHAMBO: On this week's podcast episode of Inside the Daily Press Reporter Clara Harter speaks with pro-reform Sheriff candidate Cecil Rhambo, who makes his case for running against controversial L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. The pair dig into tough questions around the role of law enforcement in addressing homelessness, the defund the police movement, and where the limits of the Sheriff's jurisdiction should lie. To listen search "Inside the Daily Press" wherever you get your podcasts or visit smdp.com/pod.

Dog Flu and Lepto cases puts veterinarians, pet owners on high alert

JAMIE PAIGE
Special to the Daily Press



Matthew Hall

DOGS: Vaccines are available to protect pets against disease.

Westside dog owners are being alerted to higher-than-average numbers of cases of Leptospirosis (Lepto), a pathogenic bacterium, in dogs, as well as an outbreak of canine influenza. Dr. Jennifer Sinatra, from the Los Angeles County Veterinary Health, said the county typically sees about 10-12 cases of Lepto a year, but say that number jumped to 75 cases since late spring, a majority noted in July. There have been 46 suspected cases of Canine Influenza, the largest outbreak in LA County to date.

Sinatra said the Department of Health is seeing most Lepto cases on the westside of Los Angeles, including areas like Venice, Santa Monica and Brentwood.

Lepto is spread through direct contact with urine from an infected dog to another dog or human. The disease is transmitted from canine to canine via bite wounds and ingestion of infected tissues. A dog to human transmission is passed from contaminated dog urine to eyes, nose, or mouth. "Hygiene is important when taking care of a sick animal," said Sinatra. "Doing things like washing your hands when taking care of your sick dog are good preventive measures," Sinatra noted. There have been no dog-to-human cases documented at this time.

Clinical signs of dogs with Lepto

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Artist's work criticizes lack of preservation in the Pico Neighborhood

ASHLEY NAPIER
Special to the Daily Press

At their recent event, The 18th Street Arts Center asked, "What is a Landmark?' in the context of the Pico Neighborhood, with an open panel discussion featuring Danish multidisciplinary artist Maj Hasager and a look at the inequalities of land designation in Santa Monica.

The 18th Street Arts Center hosted the zoom panel last weekend in connection with Hasager's latest work, "Three Structures Touching." The panel of five discussed the inequities embedded in the landmark designation process, how society dedicates 'significance' or 'meaning' to landmarks and how we can shift our mindset to analyze how and why we assign historical and cultural significance to landmarks, in the context of the Pico Neighborhood. The panel included writer and researcher Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, landmarks expert Ruthann Lehrer of the Santa Monica Conservancy, and the director of the Quinn Research Center, Carolyne Edwards.

Moderator and Deputy Director of the 18th Street Arts Center, Sue Bell Yank asked panelists to define a landmark.

While Lehrer gave a textbook description of a landmark as "a place of significance to a broad community," Dr. Jackson gave a passionate response, saying that "landmarks are those places that hold meaning."

This opened the floor for Carolyne Edwards, Director of the Quinn Research Center to announce her disdain for the lack of preservation of the Pico Neighborhood.

"These stories of each of these buildings that are demolished, they hold some type of cultural or historic value," she said. "And these stories have to be written down, otherwise the stories and the culture and the feelings of people who inhabited them are gone forever."

Edwards' description of loss in the district is what inspired Hasager's work "Three Structures Touching," — a series meant to call out the "archaic requirements necessary for historic district designation in the US," according Yank. Hasager's series highlights the significance of the Pico Neighborhood, kept alive by the Quinn Research Center, in a series of short films, interactive sound-scapes and wooden sculptures.

The Quinn Research Center is an archive of the small, but influential Black community in the Santa Monica Bay area from the early 20th century forward. The Center was founded by Edwards, the niece of Dr. Alfred T. Quinn, a prominent Black educator, community leader and icon of the Santa Monica Bay Area. She runs the center with her husband, Bill Edwards out of her childhood home in Santa Monica.

Hasager is known for her work,

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GOP recall candidate Elder releases details on finances

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AP Political Writer

Larry Elder, a talk radio host and Republican candidate in the California recall election that could remove Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom from office, reported income of more than $100,000 in the last year from business interests that included media and film companies and a string of political speeches, according to documents released Tuesday.

Records prepared for state regulators also showed Elder received income from advertising for a health supplement and work for the right-wing Epoch Times newspaper.

Elder, 69, who also is known for his appearances on Fox News, has eclipsed his GOP rivals in fundraising since entering the recall contest on July 12. Elder's swift rise to prominence in the campaign has drawn the attention of Newsom, who has been centering his attacks on him, calling Elder out of step with California families and progressive values.

Last week, Newsom and Elder clashed over mask and vaccine mandates supported by the governor, which Elder said "will be suspended right away" if he takes office.

The election is set for Sept. 14 and there are 46 candidates on the ballot who hope to replace Newsom, including 24 Republicans. Mail-in ballots already are arriving at homes.

Under state law, candidates are required to disclose financial interests to avoid potential conflicts of interest if they assume office. The state does not require specific figures for income in the disclosures, only general ranges, so its impossible to tell how much Elder earned from each source.

Candidates must include investments, interests in property, business positions, loans and gifts received in the prior year. However, the document provides only a partial snapshot of personal wealth — for example, primary residences do not have to be listed.

After an initial filing with the state did not list sources of income, the California Democratic Party filed a complaint with state regulators arguing that Elder failed to properly disclose his income in his company, Laurence A. Elder and Associates. The campaign responded that an "innocent mistake" had occurred, leading to the release of the four-page revised document for income from July 2020 through July 2021.

Only income above $10,000 must be listed Elder's filing showed 11 such sources. Among them: Salem Media Group, which carries his nationally syndicated radio show; a film company in which he is involved; and advertising from a supplement company, Promedev Relief Factor.

Other reported payments came from Epoch Times, which was launched in 2000 by members of the Falun Gong spiritual movement that is banned in China, and speeches to Republican organizations, the conservative group Turning Point USA, Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills and Heartbeat at 22, a nonprofit that advocates against abortions.

Elder reported the overall value of his company of between $100,000 and $1 million. Elder also reported co-owning a home in Los Angeles with his sister.

The Los Angeles Times reported in 2019 that Elder was selling another home, in Hollywood Hills, for $5.2 million.

Last month, the secretary of state initially blocked Elder from the ballot, saying he failed to meet a requirement that candidates for California governor publicly release tax returns for the five most recent years. Elder challenged the decision in state Superior Court in Sacramento, and a judge determined the rule didn't apply to recall elections. Since the law was voided, his returns were never made public.

According to tax returns disclosed in May, Newsom and his wife made $1.7 million in 2019 during his first year as governor, about a half-million dollars more than the year before. On the Republican side, the wealthiest candidate is businessman John Cox, a multimillionaire real estate investor who largely is funding his own campaign. Cox lost to Newsom in a landslide in 2018.

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More protection: US likely to authorize COVID booster shots

ZEKE MILLER AND MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

After struggling for months to persuade Americans to get the COVID-19 vaccine, U.S. health officials could soon face a fresh challenge: talking vaccinated people into getting booster shots to gain longer-lasting protection as the delta variant sends infections soaring again.

As early as Wednesday, U.S. health authorities are expected to recommend an extra dose of the vaccine for all Americans eight months after they get their second shot, according to two people who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

That means the biggest vaccination drive in U.S. history is about to get even more extensive.

The move is being driven by both the highly contagious variant and preliminary evidence that the vaccine's protective effect starts dropping within months.

Last week, U.S. health officials recommended boosters for some people with weakened immune systems, such as cancer patients and organ transplant recipients. If the shots are expanded as expected to other Americans, among the first to receive them could be health care workers, nursing home residents and other older people.

Some experts have expressed concern that a new campaign calling for boosters could muddle the public health message and undercut the continuing drive to win over the tens of millions of Americans who are hesitant to get their first COVID-19 shots.

Calling for third doses could discourage people who had been skeptical of the shot's effectiveness in the first place, Lawrence Gostin, a public health specialist at Georgetown University, warned on Tuesday.

"We have to really make sure that while we're spending a lot of time and effort on third doses that we don't undermine our campaign for first vaccinations," he said. "That's truly the existential crisis in the United States."

The booster campaign could also cause ill will toward the United States: Global health officials, including the World Health Organization, have called on wealthier nations to hold off on booster shots to ensure poor countries have enough vaccine for the initial doses.

Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, a South African expert advising the United Nations, condemned the move toward booster shots in the U.S., saying it will have the effect of "advancing and deepening the existing inequities" when "there are people who are yet to receive a single shot."

But White House press secretary Jen Psaki said the question of whether to distribute boosters or help other nations "is a false choice. We can do both."

She said the U.S. is "far and away" the biggest contributor to the global fight against COVID-19 and will "continue to be the arsenal for vaccines" to the world.

"We also have enough supply, and we have long planned for enough supply, should a booster be needed for the eligible population," Psaki said.

Booster shots would only begin to be administered widely once the U.S. Food and Drug Administration formally approves the vaccines, which are being dispensed for now under what is known as emergency use authorization. Full approval of the Pfizer shot is expected in the coming weeks.

More than 198 million Americans have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or 70% of those who are eligible, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Just under 60% of Americans 12 and older are fully vaccinated.

The vaccination drive has been slower than the Biden administration had hoped for. At the same time, the variant is spreading aggressively through unvaccinated communities and also causing an increasing number of "breakthrough infections" of fully inoculated people.

Studies show the vaccine remains highly protective against severe COVID-19, but results from Israel released last month suggest its effect wanes. Its effectiveness against symptomatic infection peaked at 96% two months after study participants got their second dose. By six months, it was down to about 84%.

Israel, which exclusively administered the Pfizer shot, has been offering a booster to people over 50 to control its delta surge. Researchers are still trying to understand to what extent the breakthrough infections are due to waning immunity or vulnerability to the delta variant.

The new urgency from U.S. officials reflects how quickly the variant has knocked the country back on its heels.

On July Fourth, President Joe Biden proclaimed that the nation was declaring its independence from the virus. But since then, infections, hospitalizations and deaths have increased nationwide, overloading emergency rooms across parts of the South and West.

On Monday, Pfizer and its partner BioNTech submitted data to the FDA to support authorizing a booster shot for the general public. Pfizer said a small study showed people who received a third dose had higher levels of antibodies against several versions of the coronavirus, including the delta variant. The company is working on a larger study.

Dr. William Moss of Johns Hopkins

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Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 12:23 a.m.
Overdose 1500blk 4th St 12:26 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300blk Princeton St 12:35 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk California Ave 1:12 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 1:22 a.m.
Stalking 300blk Olympic Dr 1:53 a.m.
Loud Music 200blk 21st St 2:41 a.m.
Loud Music 200blk 20th St 2:43 a.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 100blk Broadway 4:08 a.m.
Death Investigation 1600blk Franklin St 5:10 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 5:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Pico Blvd 6:05 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 6:31 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 6:42 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk Harvard St 7:12 a.m.
Burglary 2900blk Colorado Ave 7:13 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2500blk 3rd St 7:17 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk Stanford St 7:46 a.m.
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Burglary 1000blk Alta Ave 8:30 a.m.
Grand Theft 900blk 2nd St 8:38 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100blk Colorado Ave 8:43 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 4th St 9:03 a.m.
Burglary 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 9:05 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Euclid St / Washington Ave 9:06 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1900blk 18th St 9:10 a.m.
Person With A Gun Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 9:36 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500blk Pacific St 9:54 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 600blk Georgina Ave 10:07 a.m.
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Lost Property 1400blk 17th St 10:23 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 400blk Hill St 10:23 a.m.
Fraud 200blk 14th St 10:27 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 200blk Arizona Ave 10:30 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2200blk Pier Ave 10:32 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Pacific Coast Hwy / Moomat Ahiko Way 10:37 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Arizona Ave 10:38 a.m.
Encampment 100blk Hollister Ave 11:11 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Interstate 10 / Lincoln Blvd 11:21 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200blk Alta Ave 11:39 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000blk The Beach 11:46 a.m.
General Parking Problem Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 11:47 a.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Fraud 1000blk 11th St 12:18 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1200blk The Beach 12:19 p.m.
Lost Property 1800blk The Beach 12:24 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200blk 24th St 12:25 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 600blk Palisades Ave 12:29 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1200blk The Beach 12:34 p.m.
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Animal Related Incident 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 1:56 p.m.
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General Parking Problem Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 2:46 p.m.
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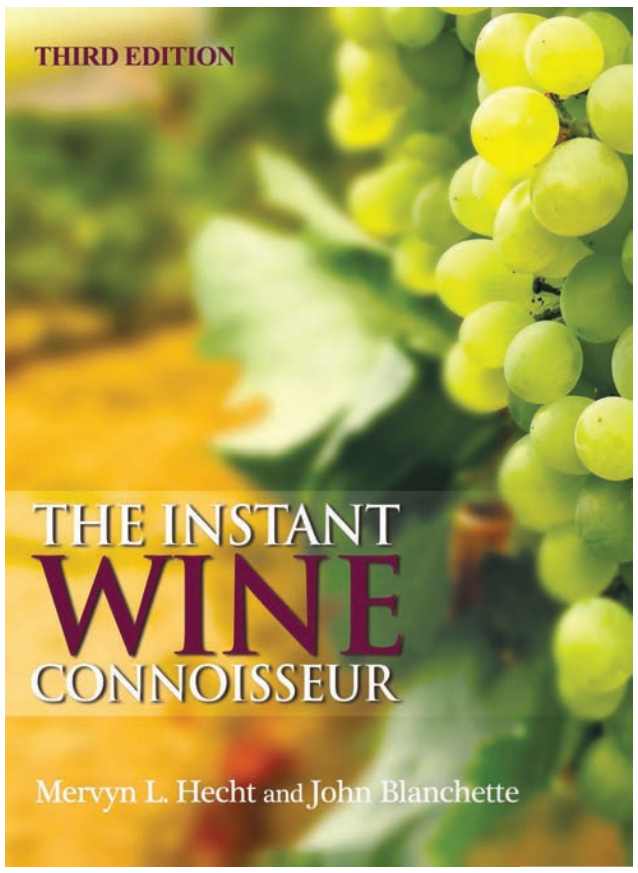
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Robert Durst testifies he would lie to get out of trouble

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A prosecutor attempted to ensnare Robert Durst in a web of deceit Tuesday after he admitted at his murder trial that he would lie to get out of trouble and had lied under oath in the past.

The New York real estate heir said he hadn't lied during five days of testimony, but a series of inconsistencies during cross-examination in Los Angeles County Superior Court threw his credibility into question and exposed the risk of putting a defendant on the witness stand.

Deputy District Attorney John Lewin, who has long savored the prospect of grilling Durst and said he had a 200-page outline for his questioning, got him to acknowledge there are some acts he would never be honest about.

Lewin asked how jurors were supposed to believe Durst.

"If you've said you've taken an oath to tell the truth but you've also just told us that you would lie if you needed to," Lewin asked, "can you tell me how that would not destroy your credibility?"

"Because what I'm saying is mostly the truth," Durst said. "There are certain things I would lie about, certain very important things."

Durst said he would never admit killing Susan Berman — even if he had done so.

"'Did you kill Susan Berman?' is strictly a hypothetical," Durst said. "I did not kill Susan Berman. But if I had, I would lie about it."

Durst, 78, has pleaded not guilty to murder in the point-blank shooting of Berman, his longtime confidante, in her Los Angeles home in December 2000. Durst said he found a lifeless Berman lying on a bedroom floor when he showed up for a planned visit.

Durst said he had prepared for Lewin's interrogation but was anxious.

"I feel relieved that I'm close to getting this over, and I'm nervous, of course," Durst told Lewin. "What I want today is to be acquitted."

Playing clips of interviews Durst gave filmmakers, an interrogation conducted after Durst's arrest in New Orleans in 2015, and clips from his own testimony, Lewin got Durst to acknowledge several lies he told over the years.

Prosecutors say Durst silenced Berman as she prepared to speak with New York authorities about the disappearance of his wife, Kathie, in 1982 and how she provided a false alibi for him.

Durst also acknowledged he wouldn't admit killing his wife, Kathie Durst, if he had. And he wouldn't admit murdering his neighbor Morris Black in Galveston, Texas, in 2001 if he had done so.

He has never been charged with a crime in his wife's disappearance and has denied killing her. Her body has never been found, but she has been declared dead.

Durst was acquitted of murder in Black's death after he testified that he fatally shot the man during a struggle for a gun. He was convicted of destroying evidence for chopping up the man's body and tossing it out to sea.

Durst admitted Monday for the first time publicly that he sent police a note directing them to Berman's "cadaver." He said he denied sending it for years because it made him look culpable.

During questions from his own lawyer, Durst testified earlier that he had not confessed to any killings when he was captured speaking to himself on a live microphone after filming a documentary about his life and the deaths of people close to him.

In the climactic scene of "The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst," he could be heard in a bathroom muttering: "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course."

Durst, who had just been caught in a lie about the "cadaver" note, said he either didn't say everything he was thinking or didn't speak loudly enough for the mic to catch it.

"What I did not say out loud or, perhaps I said very softly, is: 'They'll all think I killed them all, of course,' " he testified.

Many viewers have interpreted the two sentences, which were edited together by the filmmakers for a dramatic conclusion to the six-part HBO series, as an admission.

Authorities arrested Durst the night before the finale aired in March 2015 because they expected him to flee after the gotcha moment and the unexpected dialogue that followed.

Durst testified that he had been planning to kill himself with a gun when FBI agents apprehended him in the lobby of a New Orleans hotel, where he was registered under an alias.

He told filmmakers that only the killer could have written the cadaver note. His comments off camera came after he was confronted during his final interview for "The Jinx" with a note he had once sent Berman with nearly identical handwriting and Beverly Hills misspelled "Beverley."

"I wrote this one, but I did not write the cadaver one," Durst insisted in the film. But moments later, he couldn't tell the two apart. After an awkward moment blinking and burping, he put his head in his hands. He denied being the killer.

When he stepped off camera — unwittingly still wired for sound — he said: "There it is. You're caught."

Durst testified that he reached out to the filmmakers to restore his reputation after becoming a pariah following the Texas case.

Despite being a multimillionaire, he was rejected by condominium associations in New York, Houston and California, he said. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art wanted him to make a donation anonymously.

Despite advice from his lawyers not to give a series of interviews for the film project, Durst ignored them.

"That was very, very, very big mistake," Durst testified.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Statewide Wildfire Safety Law Requires Defensible Space Inspections for Real Estate Transactions in Malibu

On and after July 1, 2021, when a property is sold that is located in a High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which includes the entire City of Malibu, documentation is required showing the property has passed a Defensible Space Inspection.

"Malibu is committed to doing everything possible to help residents be prepared for wildfire and to create conditions that will make the community more fire-safe, so I encourage every homeowner to make sure their property has defensible space," said Mayor Paul Grisanti. "It is safer for you and your family, it protects your home and your community, it's the right thing to do, and it is the law in California."

This inspection is required under California's AB-38, passed this year to promote wildfire safety by requiring homes to have defensible space.

Defensible space is the buffer created between any building on a property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improving a home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It helps slow or stop the spread of wildfire, protects the home from catching fire from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. It also provides firefighters a safe area to in which to work while defending homes.

CAL FIRE's Defensible Space Self-Assessment tool at https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace will guide homeowners through the process, step by step, through submitting the form.

To request an inspection for AB-38 compliance, fill out the CAL FIRE form: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e659f03a6e8447af8663e42cf48f60fd.Homeowners should note that the property's Assessor Parcel Number (APN) must be included with the Defensible Space Inspection Form (AB-38 DSI Request Form). The APN can be found on a property tax statement, or by searching for an address in the Los Angeles County Assessor website: https://portal.assessor.lacounty.gov/.

If the property does not pass the inspection, the inspector will explain what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance and will schedule another appointment. If the property still does not meet the requirements, the seller and the buyer can enter into a written agreement allowing the buyer to bring the property into compliance within one year after closing escrow. Once a property has passed inspection, the inspection report must be submitted to the state within six months prior to entering a sales contract.

For more information, visit https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

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 AUGUST 8 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.

SMPD officers were dispatched to Lot 5 South located near the 2800 block of Barnard Way. The reporting party stated that she parked her electric vehicle at a charging station and after connecting the charger she walked towards the beach. She then received an alert on the cell phone that the charging port had been disconnected. Utilizing the features on her car, she was able to view video of the accused removing the charging port. She confronted the suspect, later identified as Robert S. Galvan , a 35 year old male. He stated that the car she claimed as hers actually belonged to him as "it spoke" his name to him while he walked by. Galvan was issued a citation with a court date for tampering with a motor vehicle.

BOOSTER

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University said more data is needed on whether waning antibody levels lead to hospitalizations and deaths. The antibody research alone is "insufficient to call for booster doses for the general population."

And Dr. Carlos del Rio, a professor at Emory University's medical school, said: "Our hospitals are not full of people who were vaccinated six or eight months ago. Our hospitals are full of the unvaccinated."

Americans who received the earliest doses of Pfizer's vaccine — mainly health care workers and nursing home residents — are approaching the eight-month mark from when they received their second dose.

"There is a concern that the vaccine may start to wane in its effectiveness," the director of the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Francis Collins, said over the weekend. "And delta is a nasty one for us to try to deal with. The combination of those two means we may need boosters."

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are administered in two doses. Officials are continuing to collect information as well about the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was only approved in the U.S. in late February, to determine when to recommend boosters.

Associated Press writer Mogomotsi Magome in Johannesburg contributed to this report.

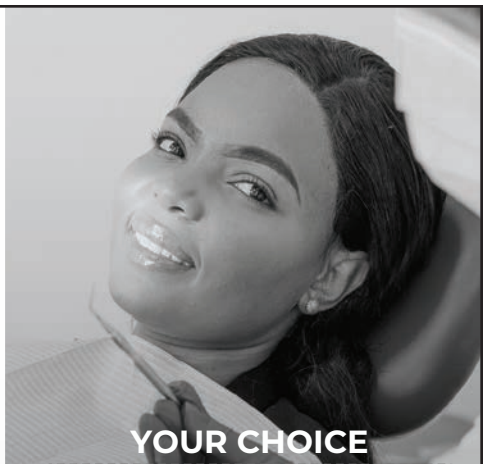
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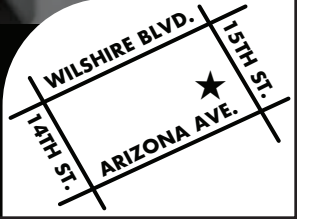
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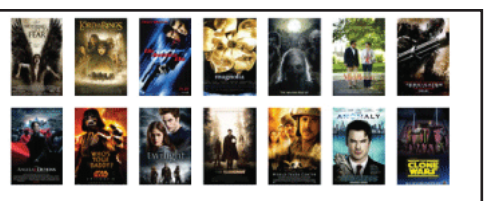
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Justin L. Keppler

Justin L. Keppler, 36, of Santa Monica, California and Medina, New York entered into rest on Sunday, August 1, 2021 following a brief illness complicated by a congenital heart condition.

Justin was born on December 8, 1984 (Our Blessed Mother Mary's Immaculate Conception) a son of Peter and Cheryl (Soles) Keppler. He was a graduate of Medina High School class of 2003 and went on to graduate Summa Cum Laude from SUNY University at Buffalo in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Justin moved to Santa Monica, California in 2008 to pursue tech and professional entertainment opportunities. Justin had much success in Los Angeles; he worked for prestigious companies, and took every exciting opportunity he was presented. Justin's latest ventures included patents and launching inventions. Inventive by nature, Justin was proud of being a descendent of Johannes Kepler. He acquired vast knowledge of the Keppler family history and was handed down the title of the Keppler Family Genealogist.

He considered himself bicoastal as he travelled back to New York often to be with family. Justin was a Conscientious Director. Creative, articulate, talented and inventive are just a few words that begin to describe who Justin was. Whether through music or design, he was great at creating spaces for others to gather and experience. A lover of music, he was a talented and creative DJ under his musical persona, Unshazamable. Owner of Keppler Co., he designed his own woodworking pieces and loved designing different light art pieces. He enjoyed photography and did not miss an opportunity to document his life's moments. In California, he was a slacklining enthusiast who never missed a day of slacklining on the beach and never missed a sunset. Back in New York, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at Paradise Farm and Schroon Lake. Justin lived life exactly the way he wanted, to the fullest. He leaves behind a legacy of light and love and will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Peter and Cheryl Keppler; brother, Jason (Nicole) Keppler; sisters, Jenni Keppler and Julia (Clay Barna) Keppler all of Medina; special cousins, Mandee and Aly DeMarco; girlfriend, Hannah Ledger of Santa Monica; maternal grandmother, Frederica Soles; many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family; and many close friends, whom he considered family in California.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 28 at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Parish, St. Mary's Church, 211 Eagle St., Medina. Interment will be in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Middleport. A Celebration of Life Party will follow at Paradise Farm in Darien. For location information please text 585-356-4659. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to ***https://gofund.me/d0871efb*** or donations can be sent via Venmo: @ParadiseRanchNewYork. Arrangements are in the care of Cooper Funeral Home, 215 W. Center St., Medina. Share memories and condolences at ***www.cooperfuneralhome.com***

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Taliban promise women's rights, security under Islamic rule

AHMAD SEIR, RAHIM FAIEZ, KATHY GANNON AND JOSEPH KRAUSS

Associated Press

The Taliban vowed Tuesday to respect women's rights, forgive those who fought them and ensure Afghanistan does not become a haven for terrorists as part of a publicity blitz aimed at reassuring world powers and a fearful population.

Following a lightning offensive across Afghanistan that saw many cities fall to the insurgents without a fight, the Taliban have sought to portray themselves as more moderate than when they imposed a strict form of Islamic rule in the late 1990s. But many Afghans remain skeptical — and thousands have raced to the airport, desperate to flee the country.

Older generations remember the Taliban's previous rule, when they largely confined women to their homes, banned television and music, and held public executions. A U.S.-led invasion drove them from power months after the 9/11 attacks, which al-Qaida had orchestrated from Afghanistan while being sheltered by the Taliban.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's longtime spokesman, emerged from the shadows Tuesday in his first-ever public appearance to address those concerns at a news conference.

He promised the Taliban would honor women's rights within the norms of Islamic law, without elaborating. The Taliban have encouraged women to return to work and have allowed girls to return to school, handing out Islamic headscarves at the door. A female news anchor interviewed a Taliban official Monday in a TV studio.

The treatment of women varies widely across the Muslim world and sometimes even within the same country, with rural areas tending to be far more conservative. Some Muslim countries, including neighboring Pakistan, have had female prime ministers, while ultraconservative Saudi Arabia only recently allowed women to drive.

Mujahid also said the Taliban would not allow Afghanistan to be used as a base for attacking other countries, as it was in the years before 9/11. That assurance was part of a 2020 peace deal reached between the Taliban and the Trump administration that paved the way for the American withdrawal.

The Pentagon said U.S. commanders are communicating with the Taliban as they work to evacuate thousands of people through Kabul's international airport. It said the Taliban have taken no hostile actions there.

Mujahid reiterated that the Taliban have offered full amnesty to Afghans who worked for the U.S. and the Western-backed government, saying "nobody will go to their doors to ask why they helped." He said private media should "remain independent" but that journalists "should not work against national values."

Kabul, the capital, has remained calm as the Taliban patrol its streets. But many remain fearful after prisons and armories emptied out during the insurgents' sweep across the country.

Kabul residents say groups of armed men have been going door-to-door seeking out individuals who worked with the ousted government and security forces, but it was unclear if the gunmen were Taliban or criminals posing as militants. Mujahid blamed the security breakdown on the former government, saying the Taliban only entered Kabul in order to restore law and order after the police melted away.

A broadcaster in Afghanistan said she was hiding at a relative's house, too frightened to return home much less go to work. She said she and other women do not believe the Taliban have changed their ways. She spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared for her safety.

A group of women wearing Islamic headscarves demonstrated briefly in Kabul, holding signs demanding the Taliban not "eliminate women" from public life.

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the U.S. and other governments will not simply take the Taliban at their word when it comes to women's rights.

"Like I've said all along, this is not about trust. This is about verify," Sullivan said at a White House briefing. "And we'll see what the Taliban end up doing in the days and weeks ahead, and when I say we, I mean the entire international community."

Whatever their true intentions, the Taliban have an interest in projecting moderation to prevent the international community from isolating their government, as it did in the 1990s.

The European Union said it was suspending development assistance to Afghanistan until the political situation is more clear but that it would consider boosting humanitarian aid.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the Taliban must respect U.N. Security Council resolutions and human rights to earn access to some 1.2 billion euros ($1.4 billion) in development funds earmarked through 2024.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said Britain might provide up to 10% more humanitarian aid, but the Taliban would not get any money previously earmarked for security.

Evacuation flights resumed after being suspended on Monday, when thousands of people rushed the airport. In shocking scenes captured on video, some clung to a plane as it took off and then fell to their deaths. At least seven people died in the airport chaos, U.S. officials said.

On Tuesday, the Taliban entered the civilian half of the airport, firing into the air to drive out around 500 people there, said an Afghan official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to brief journalists.

The Taliban appeared to be trying to control the crowd rather than prevent people from leaving. A video circulating online showed the Taliban supervising the orderly departure of dozens of foreigners.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul, now operating from the military side of the airport, urged Americans to register online for evacuation but not to come to the airport before being contacted.

The German Foreign Ministry said a first German military transport plane landed in

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Elks Donation



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FOOD: Santa Monica Elks 906 donated $3500 to Nourish LA. It is a local food bank that services the West LA and Santa Monica areas. Pictured are Santa Monica Elk and District ENF Chairman Margy Pickett, PER, Demetrios Mavromichalis of Nourish LA, Ilene Singer Knebel, and Lodge President Jaynee Roszhart, PER.
Funds were from the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant.

PICO

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dealing with memory, architecture, and the construction of history and was inspired to create this series to "create a wider audience" that is aware of the inequalities facing landmark designation in minority communities, calling the US landmark designation process "a disaster."

Hasager said that US culture needs to expand its notion of what a landmark is, beyond the scope of architecture by looking at how society assigns meaning to specific places, questioning how easily history is forgotten and how difficult it is to preserve.

According to the city of Santa Monica, landmarks "are considered to have the highest level of individual historical or architectural significance. Therefore, along with contributing buildings located within historic districts, landmarks are offered the highest protection with respect to alterations and demolitions."

The panel discussed solutions to landmark designation and the assignment of meaning, by asking, "How do we have a living dialogue around preservation and how do we systemize it?"

Lehrer proposed that although a public art component is one way, that the solution is teaching people how to find meaning in their communities.

She said that education is the best way to fight the fleetingness of memory assigned to landmarks by teaching children the meaning in school, or by offering tours and field trips to community members.

Edwards emphasizes this by stating that we need to foster "the same values, and the sense of wanting to preserve not only a particular building, but preserve the history, and the culture."

For more information, visit Hasager's "Three Structures Touching" exhibition at the 18th Street Arts Center Gallery Airport campus by making an appointment on their website (https://18thstreet.org/event/three-structures-touching-maj-hasager/).

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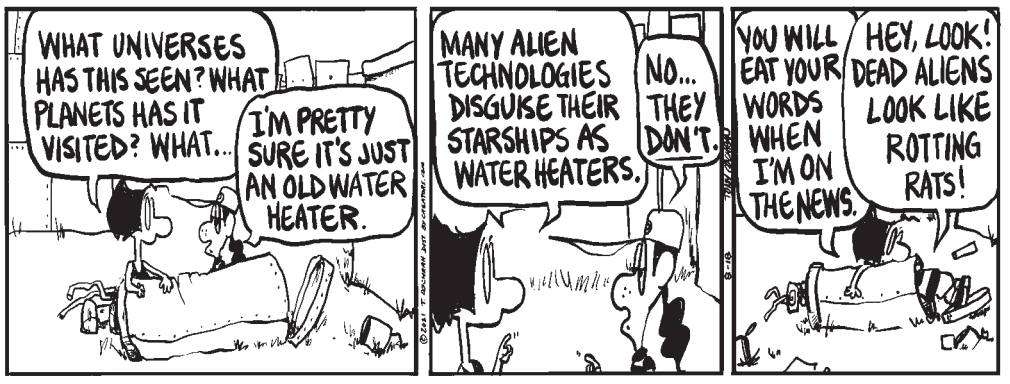
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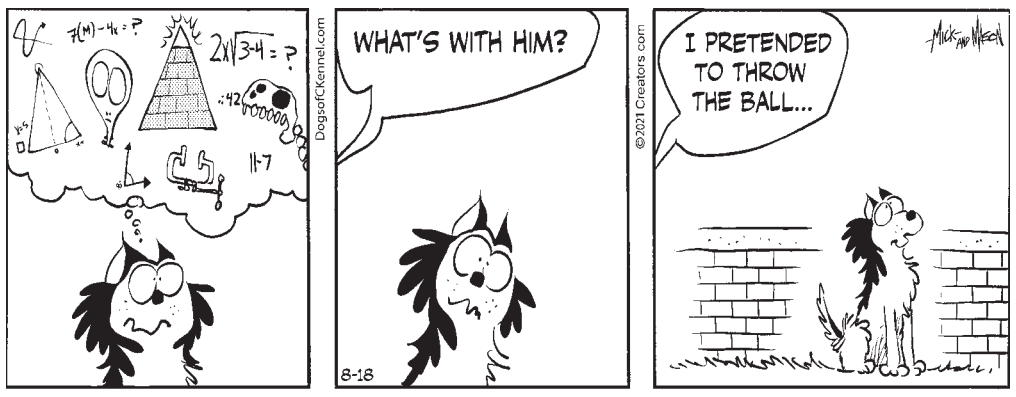
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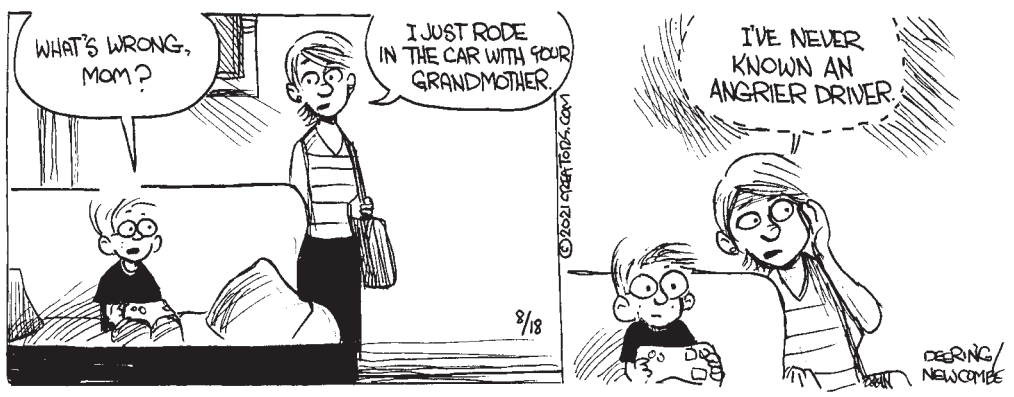
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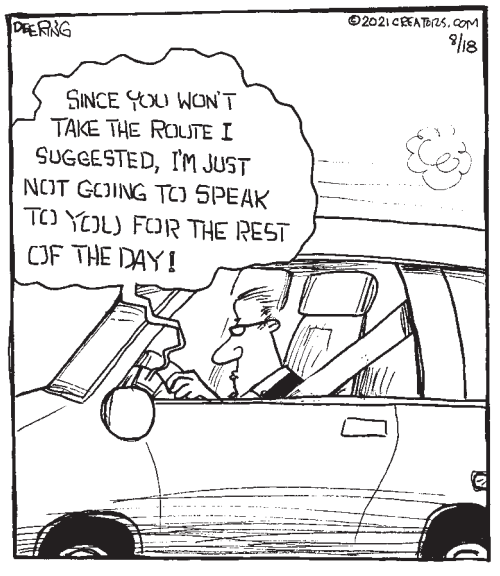
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 69.3°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Another fun day as new, long period SW swell builds and mixes with leftover SSE/tropical swell. Cleanest early but manageable for the afternoon low tide.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Long period SW swell due to top out, bumping surf back into fun-zone territory. Wind looking light for the morning but tide will be pretty elevated – not much of an issue for the points.

WEATHER

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of rain before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Inside your own realm, you have a strong sense of purpose, but you may feel less sure in foreign territory. Make a goal of maintaining your resolve in every environment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In dealing with strangers, you are unthinkingly — though unfailingly — alert to the full range of things that can happen. Interactions will go in an interesting direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's good for one person might be harmful to the next. Some need to let loose, while others should tighten the reins. The only one who really knows what feels good to you is you. Ask yourself, and then listen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those who avoid saying, "I love you" in fear that words can only reduce the power of such an epic emotion. Today's actions will be an unmistakable indication of your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Too much introspection is draining. You are energized by projecting yourself, connecting and interacting in the exterior world. You'll be especially lucky with activities that are unrelated to what's on your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Self-indulgence is a necessary part of life. Without pleasure, you'll be depressed and unmotivated. Since too much pleasure becomes pain, finding and living in the sweet spot is an art. You'll nail it today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're not making headway on your problem, solve someone else's. The energy of progress will permeate the atmosphere and you'll soon see improvement all around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give your trust, it's not really for the other person; it's so you can get on with your life. It will be a relief when someone meets your test, so you can relax the scrutiny and just go with the flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a reason therapists get paid. Hearing the unedited version of people's stories can be work. It's why you share on a need-to-know basis with only a select few.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Disloyalty sets off alarm bells. People relax around people who seem rooted. Highlight the good parts of your history. Remember who brought you to the dance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Handle concerns having to do with sales, leads, revenues and profits. The good fortune will carry over to more personal areas of your life. Tonight, relating to those older than you will be lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not always the case, but right now, your own quest is as worthy of following as any royal decree, and certainly more important to tend to than what your friends and loved ones want. Make yourself the priority.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

8	1	5	7	2	9	3	6	4
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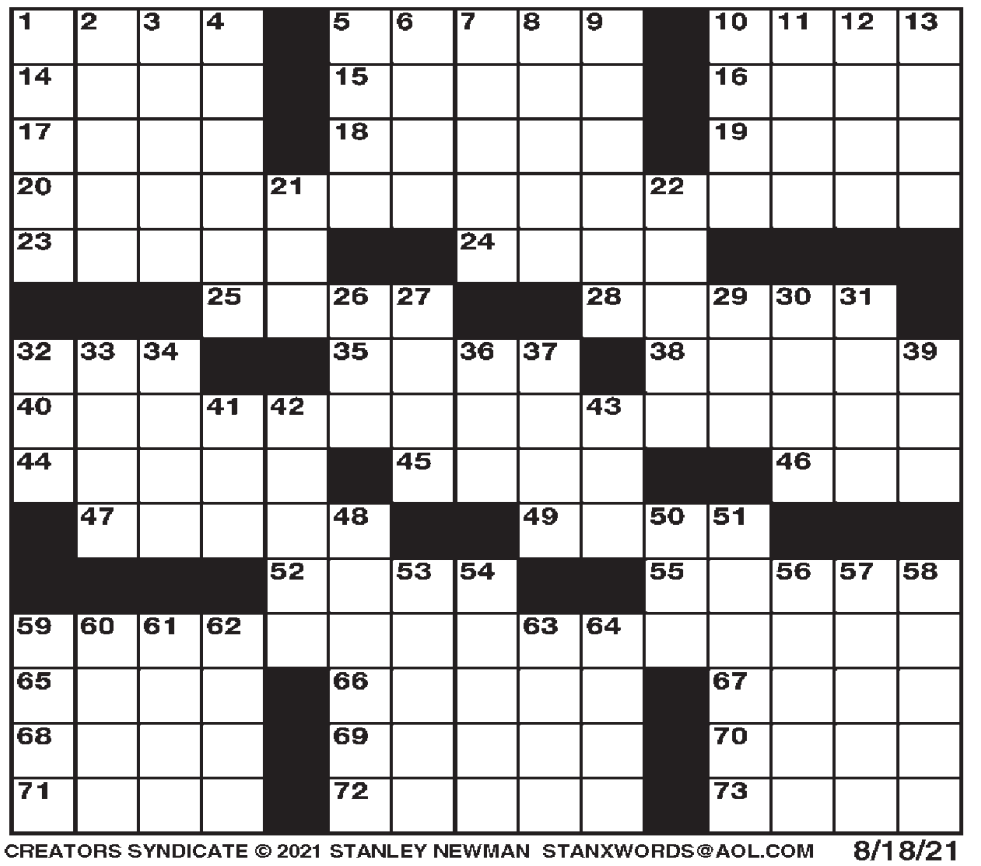
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Newsday Crossword

ON THE LEVEL by Fred Ohles
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ACROSS
1 Lost some traction
5 Pack very tightly
10 Getting little rain
14 Fork prong
15 Santalike in weight
16 Edible ice cream holder
17 Prayer's last word
18 Benches and chairs
19 Repetitive learning
20 Reach a maximum height
23 Lauder of makeup
24 "Filet" fish
25 Open-palm hit
28 Poe's first name
32 "Honest" president
35 Sales agents, for short
38 Full range
40 Pull over on a highway
44 "Come in here" door sign
45 Thick slice
46 Barely passing grade
47 "Nothing" numbers
49 Flop of a film
52 Doctor's "Right now!"
55 Evicts
59 Reach a maximum depth
65 Teheran's country
66 Actress Witherspoon
67 "Bye-bye!"
68 Tip of an airplane
69 Childhood malady
70 Airline to Israel
71 Chew like a squirrel
72 Used up, as funds
73 Farmer's place, in a kids' song

DOWN
1 Platform for a play
2 Chauffeured cars, for short
3 Not moving
4 Declares untrue
5 Kid around with
6 Assist in a crime
7 Butcher's wares
8 "Ain't so!" reply
9 Get comfy
10 Land measure
11 Plant part underground
12 Vanish __ thin air
13 Profound
21 Hairdo stiffener
22 Fence of bushes
26 Comic strip bark
27 Poodles and parrots
29 "Natural" home heating
30 Surrounded by
31 Without manners
32 Era
33 Mercedes-__
34 Suffix for kitchen
36 Office seeker, for short
37 Wild guess
39 Golf peg
41 "__ the ramparts . . ."
42 Icy glaze
43 *Game of Thrones* airer
48 Thundery weather
50 Bovine remark
51 Rammed like a ram
53 Wolfed down
54 Central idea
56 No longer edible
57 Entire amount
58 T-shirt size
59 Carry a tune
60 Pressing device
61 Astronauts' agency
62 Was acquainted with
63 *Sunday Night Baseball* channel
64 Finest possible



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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I	I	O	O	I	I	O	O	I	I	O	O
I	I	O	I	O	O	I	O	I	I	O	O
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5210

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H O M M E E H C Y L C A E C K
O E S U R T I C I K S G R H E
I C G T L O A F B T W N N O T
H U I I O P L E Y M Y S O Y A
C T N L P O R W I Y C A M A O
C T G L W R H N P H I V M Y T
I E E E Y P T S I T L O I S A
D L R S K E E L C L R C S A M
A P R I C O T A K A A A R R O
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Blackberry
Bok choy
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Cauliflower
Citrus
Coriander
Figs
Garlic
Ginger
Guava
Healthy
Leek
Lettuce
Lime
Lychee
Market
Mint
Okra
Onion
Peach
Persimmon
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DOG

FROM PAGE 1

include increased drinking and urinating, lethargy and a decreased interest in food. In addition, Lepto can cause kidney damage.

According to Sinatra, the Lepto outbreak- which was originally attributed to rats- has been linked to the serovar Canicola, a bacteria strain highly adapted to dogs, not rats. Most cases of Lepto have been reported in congregate settings such as dog parks, doggy daycare and other group activities.

The dog influenza (CIV) is highly contagious and almost all dogs exposed to the virus will become infected. CIV is spread through direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs — coughing, barking and sneezing — and by contact with contaminated objects such as toys and water bowls.

No dogs have died from CIV; there have been two deaths linked to Lepto to date.

County veterinary health officials are urging dog owners to talk to their veterinarians about getting their dogs vaccinated for both diseases before entering boarding facilities or participating in group dog activities.

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TALIBAN

FROM PAGE 6

Kabul but took off with only seven people on board due to the chaos. Another left later with 125 people.

U.S. President Joe Biden has defended his decision to end America's longest war, blaming the rapid Taliban takeover on Afghanistan's Western-backed government and security forces. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg echoed that assessment, while saying the alliance must investigate the flaws in its efforts to train the Afghan military.

Talks continued Tuesday between the Taliban and several Afghan politicians, including former President Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, who once headed the country's negotiating council. The Taliban have said they want to form an "inclusive, Islamic government."

The talks focused on how a Taliban-dominated government would operate given the changes in Afghanistan over the last 20 years, rather than just dividing up ministries, officials with knowledge of the negotiations said on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door talks.

A top Taliban leader, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, arrived in Kandahar on Tuesday night from Qatar, potentially signaling a deal is close at hand.

The vice president of the ousted government, meanwhile, tweeted that he was the country's "legitimate" caretaker president. Amrullah Saleh said that under the constitution, he should be in charge because President Ashraf Ghani has fled the country.

Faiez reported from Istanbul, Gannon from Guelph, Canada, and Krauss from Jerusalem. Associated Press writers Tameem Akhgar in Istanbul, Jon Gambrell in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Kirsten Grieshaber in Berlin, Jan M. Olsen in Copenhagen, Denmark, Pan Pylas in London, and Aya Batrawy in Dubai contributed to this report.

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Downtown

World Series trophy coming to Downtown

The Los Angeles Dodgers will host a pop-up celebration on the Promenade this Friday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event will include exclusive new Dodgers merchandise, a live Dodgers vs. Mets viewing party, World Series trophy photo opportunity, live DJ and appearances by Dodgers legends.

The event will repeat on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. as the Plaza Mexico in Lynwood.

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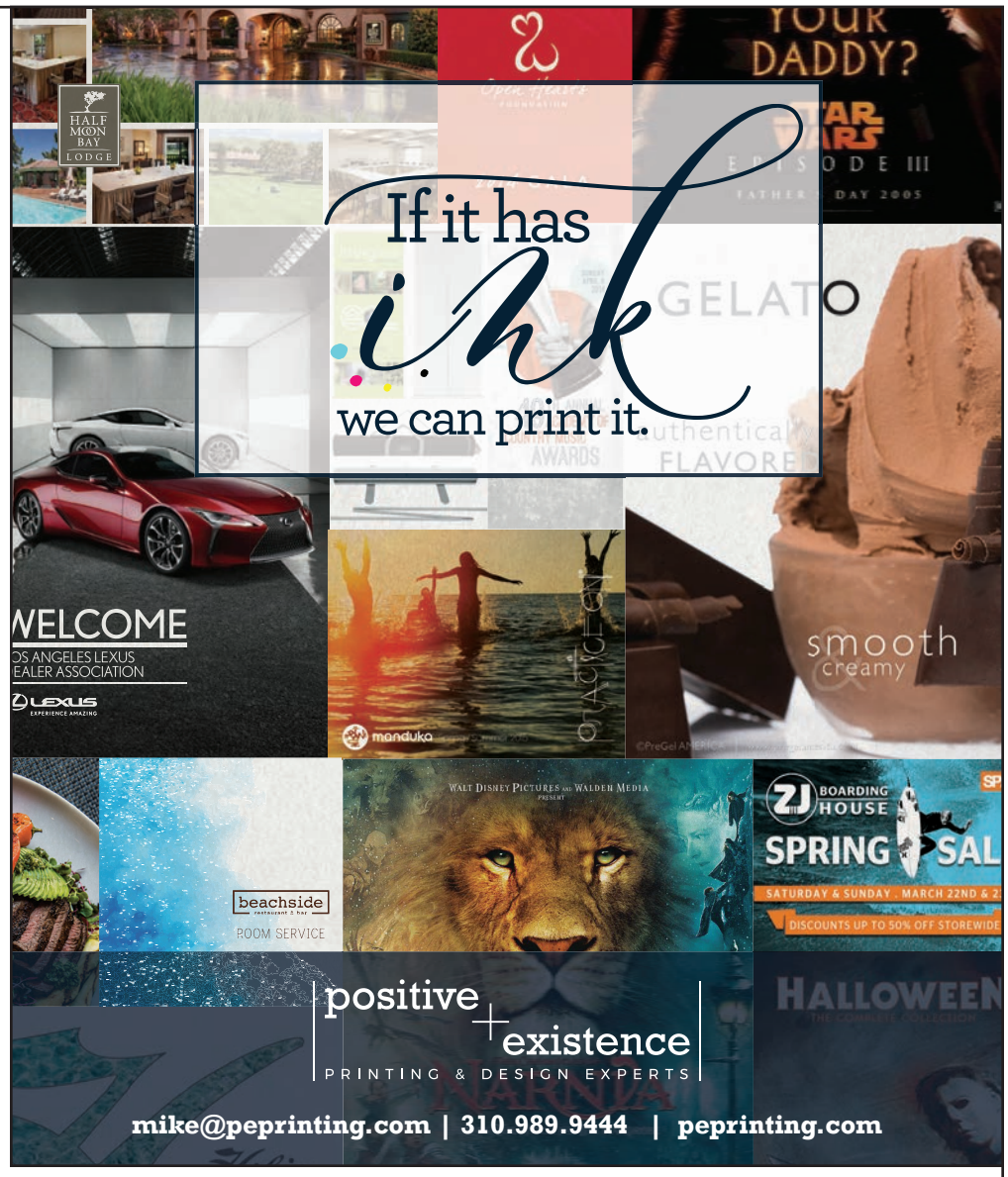
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