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School district's educational future begins to take shape

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The future of Santa Monica and Malibu's education begins to take shape this week as the SMMUSD school board will hold a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 29 to discuss educational specifications that will inform how new spaces are designed and built and how they'll support 21st-century learning throughout the district.

The meeting at Santa Monica's SMMUSD offices will shed light on what direction the district will go educationally in their new 21st-century learning venture and how buildings, both existing and new, will complement this kind of learning in the district.

The district says they'd like to get all buildings modernized and able to support this learning as well as accommodate technology and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) classes.

21st-century learning refers to an alternate approach to education that the district will soon take. This includes collaborative teaching methods such as Inquiry-Based Learning and constructing an environment that could foster that type

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Trump takes on Google, alleges bias in searches

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Associated Press

President Donald Trump lashed out at U.S. tech companies Tuesday, accusing Google and others of suppressing conservative voices and "hiding information" and good news. He cited no evidence for the claim, which echoes both his own attacks on the press and a conservative talking point.

Google, operator of the world's most popular search engine, responded by saying: "We never rank search results to manipulate political sentiment."

Trump tweeted before dawn: "This is a very serious situation-will be addressed!" Hours later, Larry Kudlow, the president's top economic adviser, said the White House is "taking a look" at whether Google searches should be subject to some government regulation.

Trump has made similar complaints before, but he carried it a step further Tuesday.

"Google search results for 'Trump News' shows only the viewing/reporting of Fake New Media. In other words, they have it RIGGED, for me & others, so that almost all stories & news is BAD. Fake CNN is prominent. Republican/Conservative & Fair Media is shut out. Illegal?"

He added, without offering evidence, that "96% of results on "Trump News" are from National Left-Wing Media, very dangerous."

A query Tuesday morning several hours after the president tweeted showed stories from CNN, ABC News, Fox News and the MarketWatch business site, among others. A similar search later in the day for "Trump" had Fox News, the president's favored cable network, among the top results.

Trump tweeted that Google and others "are controlling what we can & cannot see."

In response, Google said its goal is to make sure users of its search engine get the most relevant

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Lime offers $1 million to stay in Santa Monica



Jonah Dylan

SCOOTER: Lime has made an offer to pay for infrastructure if it can continue operating here.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Electric scooter start-up Lime has offered the city of Santa Monica $1 million for infrastructure improvements as part of negotiations to participate in a pilot program launching next month, according to a source with knowledge of the discussions. Planning Director David Martin is expected to announce which companies will be allowed to operate dockless rideshare businesses in the city Thursday.

The negations have heated up since an official selection committee of city staff and a Santa Monica Police Department traffic officer recommended awarding contracts to Lyft and Jump (which is owned by Uber) earlier this month. Martin has the final say in which companies will participate in the 18-month pilot and is not bound by the committee's recommendations.

Both Lime and Bird Scooters' temporary permits to operate in Santa Monica expire before the pilot begins, meaning they may be pushed out of the city if they do not win a bid. The City Council created the pilot program to rein the burgeoning industry with rampant bad behavior by users who often ride on sidewalks and without helmets and leave the devices in the public right-of-way. There have been several serious accidents since Bird launched in September, according to a recent city report.

The selection committee results further escalated the scooter wars, with more than a dozen companies battling for the opportunity to operate in one of the most progressive cities in America. Bird and Lime launched a public campaign to stay, staging a protest outside City Hall and shuttering operations during a "day

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

1828 Ocean Avenue, Development Review Permit 15ENT-0300, Waiver 18ENT-0229, Major Modification 18ENT-0226, EIR 18ENT-0215. Development Review Permit, Major Modification, and Waiver to allow a new five-story (47 feet) 81,630 square-foot mixed project consisting of 83 residential units, 2,000 square-feet of ground floor commercial space, and 273 automobile parking spaces within a three-level subterranean parking garage. Waiver application seeking relief from the Active Commercial Design standard which requires the ground floor level along commercial boulevards not to exceed 18 inches lower or higher from the adjacent sidewalk. The proposed project has a ground floor level 36 inches above the adjacent sidewalk. Major Modification application seeking relief from the Active Commercial Design standard which requires the ground floor (floor to floor) height to be within 11 feet to 16 feet. The proposed project has a ground floor (floor to floor) height of 19 feet. Certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report (18ENT-0215) and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will be necessary to approve the project. The Draft Environmental Impact Report was circulated for a 45-day public review period which commenced on April 10, 2018, and concluded on May 25, 2018. The property is located within the Oceanfront (OF) District and Beach Overlay District. [Planner: Russell Bunim, AICP] **APPLICANT: Koning Eizenberg Architecture. PROPERTY OWNER: NEXT2 SHUTTERS, LLC.**

1921 Ocean Front Walk, Development Review Permit 15ENT-0297, EIR 18ENT-0215. for a new four-story mixed-use residential and commercial building with 22 residential units, 4,000 square-feet of ground floor commercial tenant space, and 56 parking spaces located in a subterranean parking garage. Certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report (18ENT-0215) and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will be necessary to approve the project. The Draft Environmental Impact Report was circulated for a 45-day public review period which commenced on April 10, 2018, and concluded on May 25, 2018. The property is located within the Oceanfront (OF) District and the Beach Overlay District. [Planner: Russell Bunim, AICP] **APPLICANT: Koning Eizenberg Architecture. PROPERTY OWNER: NEXT2 BEACH, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission before or at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the City Plann at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail firstname.lastname@smgov.net The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, August 29

Movie & Discussion: Land of Mine (2015)
At the close of World War II, a group of young German POWs is captured by the Danish Army and forced to clear two million land mines from the Danish coast. With their lives on the line with every grain of sand the touch, the boys soon discover the war is far from over for them. (film runtime: 101 min.) Stick around afterwards to discuss how the film impacted you. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

A Lego Building Afternoon
Join organizers for fun with LEGO building. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Abstraction & Freedom, a painting session with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth
A free painting workshop in which we address abstraction both as a way to explore the self, and as a strategy for freedom. No experience necessary, bring a smock/apron or clothes that can take drips.3 – 5 p.m., 1450 Ocean, register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68073 or call (310) 458-2239.

Summer Drumming with Rhythm Child!
Try out rhythms and drums, or dance along! Ages 3 and up. For Families. 11 – 11:45 a.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Guest House
Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Marion Davies Guest House, 415 PCH.

Thursday, August 30

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.

Indian Classical dance for all with Aparna Sindhoor
Aparna Sindhoor, her students and company members lead you through basic movements of Bharata Natyam, an Indian classical dance form with origins in the temples and courts of Southern India. The form has a strong component of rhythmic footwork, musicality, lyricism, and Abhinaya or acting/expressive technique. This is class is open to all ages and abilities. No prior experience necessary; bring clothes to move in and comfortable shoes and socks. Cost: $5. 1450 Ocean. 2 – 3 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68066

Friday, August 31

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. 9-10 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Pool Open
The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Free screening of "Millennium Actress"
This week, Mind Over Movies screens anime auteur Satoshi Kon's sophomore film about love, time, memory and making movies. In Japanese with English subtitles. Screening followed by audience Q&A and roundtable discussion. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LAKEWOOD

LA sheriff's deputies save baby that stopped breathing

A traffic stop by a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy saved a baby boy who had stopped breathing.

The Sheriff's Department says a Lakewood station deputy saw a car driving erratically late Monday and pulled it over.

The driver quickly got out while holding a 9-month-old boy.

The deputy quickly determined the baby was unresponsive and put out a radio call about the emergency.

Another deputy arrived and they rushed to Long Beach Memorial Hospital as one deputy performed CPR.

The department says the baby was resuscitated before reaching the hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

The department says there's no evidence of foul play.

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LOS ANGELES

Rotten Tomatoes takes steps to diversify critics pool

Film review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes is attempting to diversify its film critic pool after a recent study found the site's reviews of top-grossing movies were heavily male-dominated.

The company says Tuesday it's expanding criteria to be a "Tomatometer-approved critic" and giving $100,000 to non-profit organizations to help offset the cost of attending film festivals.

The first $25,000 is going toward sending critics to the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

An Annenberg Inclusion Initiative survey of Rotten Tomatoes-complied reviews for last year's top box-office hits found that nearly 80 percent of critics were male .

Rotten Tomatoes executives say the company is committed to advancing inclusion in criticism. The company will now look at an individual's body of work, including on new media platforms, instead of a critic's outlet or employer.

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LOS ANGELES

Abby Huntsman joining 'The View' in season 22 as a co-host

Former "Fox & Friends Weekend" host Abby Huntsman is joining "The View."

In a statement Tuesday, Huntsman said she was excited to return to her professional roots at ABC, where she began her journalism career.

She'll be working as a co-host with "The View" moderator Whoopi Goldberg and co-hosts including Meghan McCain, daughter of the late Sen. John McCain.

Huntsman shares family political credentials with Meghan McCain: Huntsman's father, Jon, is U.S. ambassador to Russia.

"The View" launches its 22nd season next Tuesday, Sept. 4. Guests announced for the season include former Secretary of State John Kerry, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, actress Taraji P. Henson and porn actress Stormy Daniels.

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SACRAMENTO

Bill to make California first state to end bail before trial

California will become the first state to eliminate bail for suspects awaiting trial under a bill signed Tuesday by Gov. Jerry Brown.

The bill will replace bail with a risk-assessment system, although it's still unclear how the system will work. It will take effect in October 2019.

Brown's signature gives the state's Judicial Council broad authority to reshape pretrial detention policies.

Each county will use the council's framework as a basis to set its own procedures for deciding whom to release before trial, potentially creating a patchwork system based on where a suspect lives.

Most suspects arrested for nonviolent misdemeanors will be released within 12 hours of being booked under the new law. Those facing serious, violent felonies will not be eligible for pretrial release.

The legislation gives officials 24 hours to determine whether other suspects should be released before trial. That time can be extended by 12 hours if necessary.

Some criminal justice reform advocates worry defendants will spend weeks in jail while their lawyers try to prove they deserve to be set free.

Opponents of the legislation say it gives judges too much power. Some worry dangerous people will go free and won't return for trial.

Supporters, including the Judicial Council headed by the state Supreme Court's chief justice, say the change will end the unfair practice of imprisoning people simply because they are poor. Incarceration should instead depend on the risk a defendant poses if they are released, they argue.

Other states such as New Jersey and New Mexico have overhauled their bail systems, although neither state has completely eliminated bail.

The Judicial Council is the policy-making body for California's courts. It creates rules and procedures to ensure consistency across the state.

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AP-NORC Poll: Few Democrats favor liberal cry to abolish ICE

THOMAS BEAUMONT & HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

The rallying cry from some liberals to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement isn't a likely winner this election year, as a new poll finds only a quarter of Democrats support eliminating the agency that carried out the Trump administration's policy of separating immigrant children from their parents.

But even as they don't want to fully dismantle ICE, 57 percent of Democrats view the agency negatively, including nearly three-fourths of those who describe themselves as liberal, according to a poll released Monday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The findings demonstrate tension among Democrats about how to address the crisis at the border that intensified in June when the Trump administration instituted a family separation policy to deter illegal immigration.

Some potential Democratic presidential contenders, such as Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, backed getting rid of ICE in response to the separations. Others, including Sen. Kamala Harris of California, urged a rethinking of the agency, but stopped short of calling for its abolition.

President Donald Trump has seized on the Democratic criticism of ICE to paint the party as weak on immigration and national security. The administration reversed its separation policy amid an international outcry, but hundreds of children remain separated from their families.

Overall, opinions about ICE are divided along partisan lines. While a majority of Democrats view the agency negatively, Republicans largely have favorable views of ICE.

A sizable chunk — a full one-third of Americans — are too unfamiliar with the agency to form an opinion.

Dianne Stone, a 68-year-old retired bus driver from Charlotte, North Carolina, said ICE should be modified but not scrapped. After spending decades living in Southern California, she said ICE ought to be less of a law enforcement agency and more dedicated to helping immigrants negotiate the border.

"Yes, there are more drugs and crime coming across the border than years ago. But you can't keep kids in cages," Stone said. "ICE can be part of a more sophisticated vetting process where you're keeping criminals out."

The public is largely critical of the administration's progress in reuniting families. Nearly 6 in 10 think the Trump administration is doing too little, though 8 percent say it's doing too much, and a third think it is doing enough.

Anna Lee Lish was appalled by the scenes of children separated from their parents at the border in June, but does not blame ICE for the problem.

"I thought it was horrific," said the 60-year-old social worker from Pocatello, Idaho. "ICE was just doing its job, following orders. But it's the policy of separating families that needs to change, not abandon ICE."

The partisan divide is dramatic: 85 percent of Democrats say the administration is doing too little to reunite children with their families, compared to 22 percent of Republicans. Still, that means nearly a quarter of Republicans feel the administration should be doing more.

Reviews of Trump's overall handling of immigration are also divided. More than three-quarters of Republicans have largely favorable views of the president's immigration performance while more than 90 percent of Democrats disapprove. Nearly two-thirds of independent voters said they don't approve of Trump's handling of the issue.

And while the Trump administration seeks to curb legal immigration, Americans are more likely to say they want to keep it at existing levels (42 percent) than to want the number of immigrants let in to be increased (29 percent) or decreased (28 percent).

The push to abolish ICE became something of a litmus test among liberal Democrats this summer after Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez unseated a 10-term party leader for a New York congressional seat in part by campaigning on the issue. But it hasn't proved a political winner in other races.

Democrat Brent Welder, endorsed by Ocasio-Cortez in July, backed ending ICE but was narrowly beaten in an August primary in suburban Kansas. And no Democrats running in competitive Senate races in November have advocated abolishing ICE.

More common among prominent Democrats is the suggestion the agency be reformed.

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, a Democrat running for Senate in Republican-heavy Arizona with its 378-mile (608-kilometer) border with Mexico, said last month that "ICE does provide some important functions," though she has recommended changes to the agency.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Pardon scooter liberals? No way!

FORGET THE ALAMO

Remember the Bird.

I know, there was Lime squeezing in too, and a couple of others tried to scoot in later.

But Bird is the word. Don't forget that word. Remember that word when you vote in November. To un-Bird-en yourself of City Council members who clearly, demonstrably, do not have your best interests in mind. And don't forget too, what the Phil Brock incident signifies. (I'll remind you. It's not about Brock.) I say, these two items tell you all you have to know.

Bird just did what any red blooded American corporation must do — try to make the most money possible. Corporations acquire a social conscience only when the PR value outweighs what they have to give up in profits. The exceptions are as rare as birds who don't lay eggs.

To this day Bird touts itself as Santa Monica's homegrown, local company, when in fact they came out of Silicon Valley and chose us as their beachhead.

WHY US?

Maybe, for the same reason we seem to be the locale of choice for the homeless and the criminal. Maybe, because the word is out that we're easy, we're suckers, Santa Monica does not enforce its laws.

That our City Council is more concerned with its image as a progressive, innovative, compassionate, forward-thinking, transportation modally magnificent city than it is for the wellbeing of its residents. Ask yourself: was the way in which Bird was allowed to come in unpermitted, unregulated, completely unrestrained, do your thing, baby, we dig it, makes us look good, cutting edge, it's soo Santa Monica, don't worry we'll walk around those things and not mention all the injuries but pray no one gets killed — is that your idea of a City Council who is looking out for you?

As other cities stopped the invasion on day one, issued cease and desist orders, confiscated scooters, insisted rules be put in place BEFORE permitting, we did nothing but slap a meaningless $300,000 fine (on a $2B company) and stage one day photo op confiscations (and then GIVE the scooters back, no penalty).

All those violations of the laws we do have, about helmets, underage drivers, riding tandem, obstructing pathways (for the handicapped, even), riding on the sidewalks and the beach path, not following traffic rules — well, we're 23 police officers short of where we need to be, and apparently our understaffed City staff doesn't have enough time to figure anything better out. What can we do?

HERE'S ONE SUGGESTION

Don't spend $140,000,000 on a needlessly prestigious, resume enhancing, political career boosting City offices building when you could do it for half that.

Even figuring "only" $200,000 per year per officer for salary and benefits, that means we could hire those 23 we desperately need and pay them for the next 15 years. That's not forever but I think it would help, don't you? With crime and homelessness too, ya think?

Here's another suggestion. Hire enough people to issue citations for traffic violations and you'll not only have the revenue you need, you will suddenly see people obeying the laws rather than have their $2 scooter ride cost them a $200 ticket.

This might surprise you: I approve of scooters. I think they are a good idea for cutting back on auto trips and increasing use of the transit we have. What I don't like is the way they were rolled out here, and the way our City Council rolled over.

WHY DID THEY ROLL OVER?

Could be any number of reasons, doesn't matter, the thing to remember is that they did. The first job of any government is the safety and well-being of its citizens. Do you think that was the guiding philosophy in this debacle?

The other incident that reveals our City Council's governing philosophy is the one I mentioned at the top regarding Arts Commissioner Phil Brock. I detailed it last column but here's the nutshell: a couple weeks ago there were 22 reappointments of commissioners before the Council. Only 21 were approved. Brock was not. (Only Sue Himmelrich voted for him in both rounds.) Very unusual. Why?

Pure politics. Brock has run for Council before and probably will again, and has been critical of some things this Council has done (while praising others). It's not about Brock, dear readers. It's what it says about this Council, so obvious in this case because Brock has a lifetime resume of service to Santa Monica. So when he is denied when there is no visible reason for it, what can we conclude?

It can only be the Council's greed for retaining power, in their little SMRR-Forward-Next club, takes precedence over the benefit residents could gain from Brock's continued service. Arts Commission. Why not? You tell me.

Just like there is no good explanation for Council's handling of the scooter rollouts.

They're just not that into you, folks. They have other masters. Let them know in November that you got the message loud and clear and that things have to change.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Full disclosure: does my friendship with Phil Brock have anything to do with what I wrote here? Not a thing. In fact the last time we were together we were arguing pretty angrily. I would have written the same if it was anyone else.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: "I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial by strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country." — Thomas Jefferson

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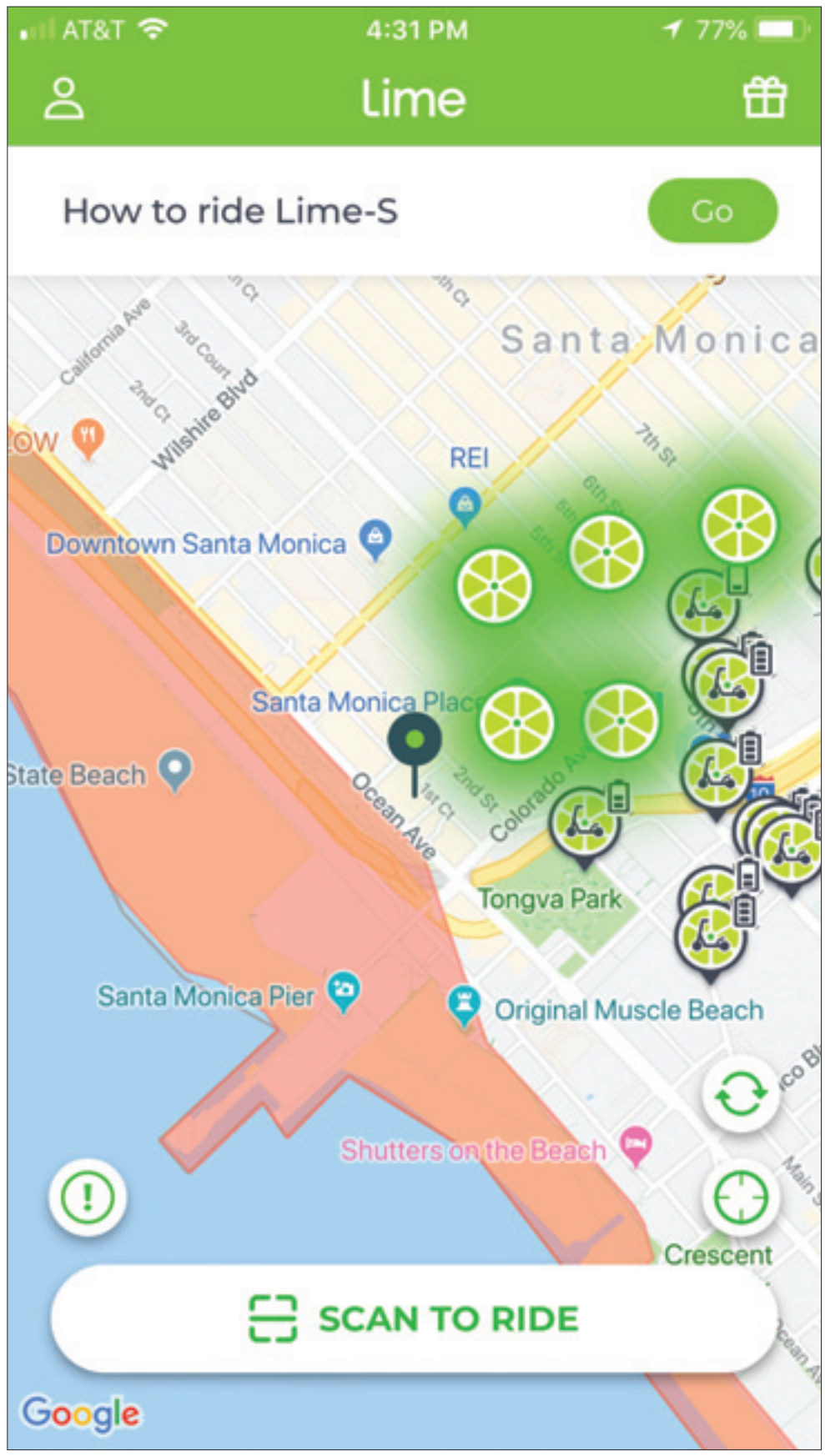
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GEOFENCE: The Lime app makes it clear riding on the beach path is prohibited.

LIME

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without a scooter."

Behind closed doors, both companies are quietly making their case to city staff and Martin himself. While hundreds of Bird and Lime employees rallied outside at the protest, Bird's lobbyists led executives to meetings with the city's unelected officials.

Lime has filed an addendum to their initial application for the pilot and offered $1 million for infrastructure improvements like bike lanes and parking areas. The company declined to comment on the infrastructure funding offer.

While Bird scooters still zip down the Strand, Lime has launched new technology to geofence prohibited areas. Now when a scooter hits the beach, Palisades Park, or the Third Street Promenade, the speed automatically decreases from about 15 miles an hour to eight. The Strand became the epicenter for resident discord with the scooters this summer as the number of scooters on the path made it difficult to ride bikes without getting into an accident. Police say they have issued approximately 1,000 citations to riders throughout the city and confiscated about $3,000 worth of scooters.

Lime's Director of Strategic Development Sam Dreiman told the Daily Press they have been working on the geofencing technology for months, but the tech required an overhaul of the GPS tracking system on each scooter. Now the scooters ping more frequently, allowing the devices to adjust speed in real time if a rider goes into a prohibited area.

"On a broader level, we're really doing our best to listen to what the community has to say and what the city has to say," Dreiman said. "That includes hiring locally. We have dozens and dozens of people working on this every day."

In addition to the geofencing, riders will not be able to unlock scooters left in prohibited areas or find them on the app.

Both Lyft and Jump offered to also geofence scooters from prohibited areas if granted a bid to operate in the city.

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GOOGLE

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answers to their queries quickly.

"Search is not used to set a political agenda and we don't bias our results toward any political ideology," the Mountain View, California-based company said. "Every year, we issue hundreds of improvements to our algorithms to ensure they surface high-quality content in response to users' queries."

"We continually work to improve Google Search and we never rank search results to manipulate political sentiment."

Google searches aim to surface the most relevant pages in response to a user's query, even before he or she finishes typing. The answers that appear first are the ones Google's formulas, with some help from human content reviewers, deem to be the most authoritative, informative and relevant. Many factors help decide the initial results, including how much time people spend on a page, how many other pages link to it, how well it's designed and more.

A search for "why is the sky blue?" for example, yields initial results from NASA, universities and "Scientific American."

Similarly, entering "Trump" and clicking the "news" tab will produce results from mainstream media outlets that large swaths of the population tend to trust. That is even though Trump has derided some of these outlets as "fake news."

Trump and some supporters have long accused Silicon Valley companies of being biased against them. But, while some company executives may lean liberal, they have long asserted that their products are without political bias, and indeed no such bias has been proven.

Trump didn't say what he based his tweets on. But in a blog post over the weekend, conservative activist Paula Boylard had said she found "blatant prioritization of left-leaning and anti-Trump media outlets" in search results.

Boylard based her judgments on which media outlets were left- or right-leaning on a list by Sharyl Attkisson, host of Sinclair Television's "Full Measure" and author of "The Smear: How Shady Political Operatives and Fake News Control What You See, Think, and How You Vote." Sinclair is a significant outlet for conservative views.

Trump began complaining about the issue earlier this month as social media companies moved to ban right-wing "Infowars" conspiracy theorist Alex Jones from their platforms. The president also argues regularly — and falsely — that the news media avoid writing positive stories about him and his administration.

Apple, YouTube and Spotify have permanently removed some of Jones' content, Facebook has suspended him for 30 days and removed some of his pages, and Twitter gave Jones a weeklong timeout and was mulling deeper changes to try to limit the spread of fake news, misinformation and hate speech.

Trump has not named Jones, who is being sued for saying the 2012 shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School was staged, in any tweets on the issue. Jones has since said he believes the shooting did occur and has argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed because he was acting as a journalist.

Trump has praised Jones' "amazing" reputation.

The issue is also of concern on Capitol Hill, where the House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., recently announced that Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey will testify before the panel on Sept. 5 about the platform's algorithms and content monitoring.

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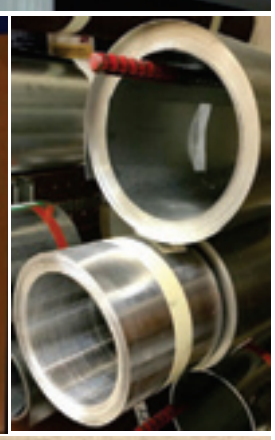
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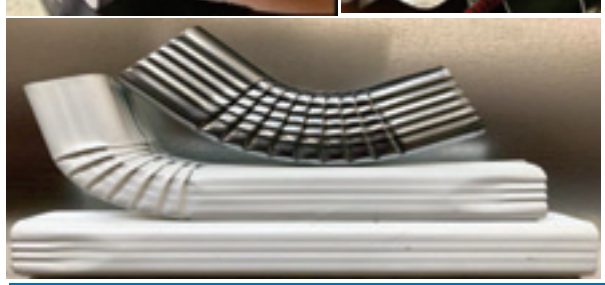


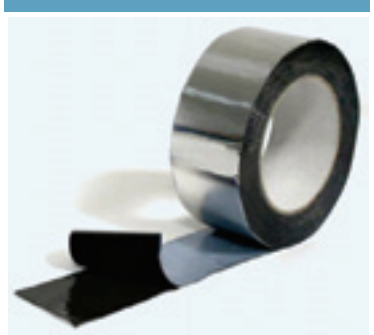


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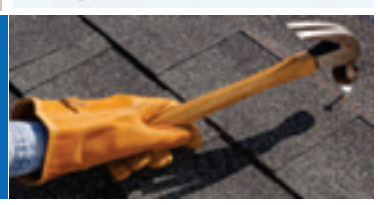








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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON AUGUST 14, AT ABOUT 1:27 A.M.

Officer responded to call of unknown trouble in the 1900 block of 18th St. The victim came home and discovered the suspect rummaging through some boxes on their property. The suspect attempted to leave on a bicycle that the victim knew did not belong to him. She called the police and the suspect proceeded to push her in an attempt to flee. Another officer responding to the area, was stopped at an intersection when the suspect pulled up next to his car and admitted to being involved in an altercation with a woman. A field show up was conducted and he was positively identified as the suspect. He arrested and transported to the SMPD Jail. Joseph Michael Mais, 64, from Rosemead was arrested for robbery.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 368 Calls For Service On August 27.

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

Drinking in public 1500 block 4th 12:12 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Hill 12:14 a.m.
Fight 2900 block Main 12:18 a.m.
Domestic violence 1400 block Ocean 12:22 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1600 block Lincoln 04:23 a.m.
Person down 1200 block Euclid 04:34 a.m.
Encampment 1300 block 2nd 05:09 a.m.
Animal related incident 2600 block Barnard 07:07 a.m.
Person down 4th/Interstate 10 07:47 a.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block 18th 07:51 a.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block Virginia 08:17 a.m.
Threats 1200 block Lincoln 08:32 a.m.
Bike theft 2000 block Ocean 08:52 a.m.
Animal related incident 3100 block Lincoln 09:19 a.m.
Animal related incident 800 block 26th 09:31 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block 18th 09:41 a.m.
Identity theft 600 block Raymond 09:58 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 10:27 a.m.
Animal related incident 4th/Montana 10:39 a.m.
Bike theft 900 block California 10:42 a.m.
Burglary 100 block Broadway 10:51 a.m.
Death investigation 800 block 14th 11:02 a.m.
Person w/gun 1400 block Lincoln 11:10 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 1700 block California 11:14 a.m.
Burglary 800 block 19th 11:27 a.m.
Forgery 400 block San Vicente 11:48 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Hill 12:03 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block Georgina 12:12 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Broadway 12:18 p.m.
Bike theft 100 block Hollister 12:29 p.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block 18th 12:35 p.m.
Domestic violence 2100 block Santa Monica 12:35 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 17th 1:14 p.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block 19th 1:15 p.m.
Vandalism 2800 block Virginia 1:48 p.m.
Vandalism Lincoln/Marine 2:32 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy. 3:10 p.m.
Animal related incident 2600 block 30th 3:40 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 3:42 p.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block 4th 3:46 p.m.
Arson 700 block Pacific Coast Hwy 3:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 4:14 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 4:33 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block 11th 7:21 p.m.
Grand theft 900 block Colorado 5:38 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block Broadway 6:32 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 7:21 p.m.
Identity theft 1200 block Pacific Coast Hwy 7:39 p.m.
Person down 900 block 2nd 8:06 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 8:29 p.m.
Fight 7th/Arizona 8:38 p.m.
Fight 700 block Broadway 9:09 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block Cloverfield 10:30 p.m.
Fight 2400 block Main 11:07 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 28 Calls For Service On August 27.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1300 block 03:01 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Euclid 04:34 a.m.
EMS 5th/Colorado 06:25 a.m.
Smoke investigation 900 block Harvard 06:59 a.m.
EMS 4th/Interstate 10 07:47 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Arizona 07:53 a.m.
Hydrant leak Appian/Marine Ter 08:03 a.m.
EMS 600 block San Vicente 08:52 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Montana 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 10:20 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Ocean Park 11:16 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 12:03 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 2:32 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 3:08 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd Prom 4:19 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Pico 4:41 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 25th/Pico 5:31 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Colorado 6:26 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Colorado 7:01 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 7:12 p.m.
EMS 900 block 2nd 8:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block 12th 8:35 p.m.
EMS 1700 block 9th 9:14 p.m.
EMS Neilson/Ocean Park 9:17 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 9:53 p.m.

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Super Lotto
Draw Date: 8/25
3 13 14 17 38
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/27
7 25 31 36 38

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Draw Date: 8/27
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Draw Date: 8/27
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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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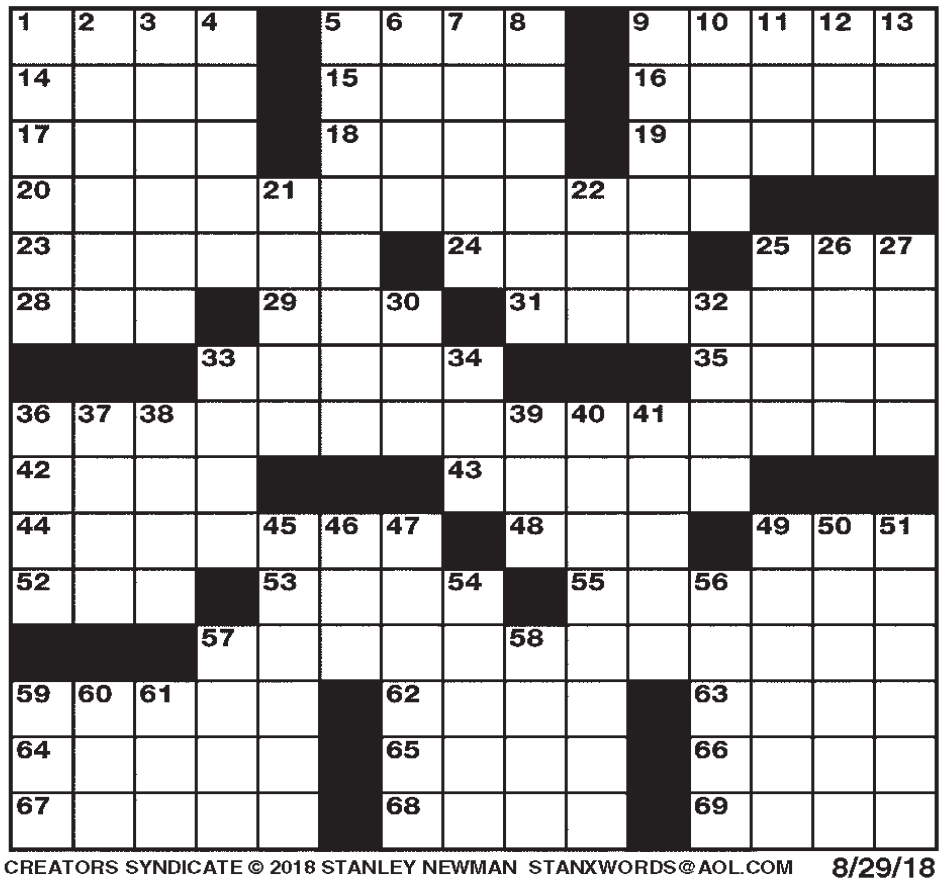
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14 Carpet salesperson's calculation
15 Ford or Ferrari
16 Spooky
17 Appear to be
18 Former abbr. for Russia
19 Twangy, as a voice
20 With 36 and 57 Across, *A Tale of Two Cities* beginning
23 Morally pure
24 Prefix for dynamic
25 Stick to chew
28 Put into words
29 Historical period
31 Wood-eating bug
33 Sticks to do magic with
35 Miles away
36 See 20 Across
42 Horseshoe site
43 Spiral shapes
44 Saw
48 Small bill
49 Stars and Stripes land: Abbr.
52 Laudatory verse
53 Loads from mines
55 Stingless bees
57 See 20 Across
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60 Drink that's brewed
61 Get __ of (discard)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Close the parks

Editor:

In reference to the SMDP story last week about the local SMCC student slashed by a homeless resident of Tongva Park. I'm wondering why anyone is even allowed to be in the park after hours (11 p.m.) in the first place. Many parks in the country lock their gates at closing time. I'm perplexed why the homeless are allowed to occupy our city parks when there are ACTUAL posted hours of use without enforcement. Many residents of SM resisted the idea of this multi-million-dollar boondoggle (known as Tongva Park) to be built in the first place, for this very reason of homeless occupancy, knowing that citizens and tourists would eventually be discouraged from using it due to lack of enforcement. The city shouldn't make laws they don't intend to enforce.

Stephen Lancaster
Santa Monica

SMMUSD

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of learning.

This type of education would eschew the traditional model of teaching— sitting in a row of chairs, looking at a teacher. Instead, a proposed method would look something like several teachers across different disciplines collaborating together in one class to engage students. Instead of memorizing information, students become active participants experientially.

"It feels like we're taking a big step, but in 20 years, this is going to be what everyone does, how people learn," Board member Craig Foster said at a previous board meeting.

To create this learning environment, the district has already began renovations to modernize buildings throughout the district, some of which being more than 70 years old. Restoration efforts have included replacing old doors and windows, removing PCBs, installing new AC systems, reconstructing entire buildings, installing new flooring, and reconstructing some entire buildings.

Measure ES, passed in 2012, paid for many renovations and modernization efforts. To further this plan, the district will place a new bond on the November ballot seeking potentially up to $485 million for repairs and upgrades.

The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the district office board room, 1651 16th St. at 5:30 p.m.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 29)

You have the clarity of mind and the courage to really listen to yourself — past the voices of influence you've lived with your whole life and into a small but mighty chamber of your heart that holds a purpose that until now has spoken only in whispers. You'll hear it loud and follow. Your best life awaits. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 44, 38 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It's a strange day in which enjoyment has little to do with success at the task. All the fun belongs to those who are willing to be bad at something. If you're tone-deaf, sing! If you're colorblind, paint! If you're shy, orate!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll learn who keeps his word and who doesn't — knowledge that should help you navigate in the future. You only have time for those you can count on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Your intuitive methods will serve you well today. That doesn't mean you won't ask for guidance; it just means you'll have a strong feeling about from whence the best advice will come.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You can give your story a positive spin and cover it in frosted sugar, too, but the people who know you will still want to hear the real deal. Help and honesty go hand in hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
There are no guarantees today, but have a little faith anyway. The ones who will win under this sky are those who are able to tolerate uncertainty and even find a way to get comfortable inside it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Artists will be on fire with inspiration today — and everyone is an artist at something. Whatever you're willing to practice will be a conduit for your passion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You're looking at the kind of problem that can't be solved by money or anything it can buy. You know what the real solution is. It's love, of course. You've plenty of it to give.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Don't worry if you're running out of excitement for a project. It is possible to fly without a motor (then again, that's really called gliding), and there's no shame in it. Rest. You'll feel different tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Would you like a second chance at what you thought was a one-time deal? Such cosmic grace is indicated now. The day will bring a reversal of misfortune, miscommunication and other mischief.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You have excellent instincts about people and can tell right away who's going to be your close friend. For this reason, you may slow the social pace so you can enjoy getting to know others. What's the rush?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'll see a change because you made a change. It has, in fact, brought you such satisfaction that you no longer feel the need to complain about anything. Instead, you decide whether to make a change or not.

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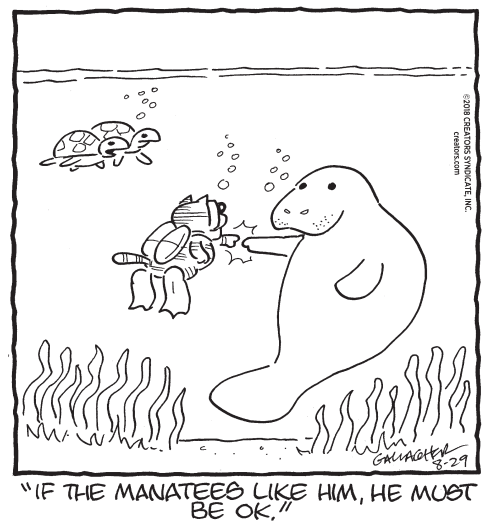
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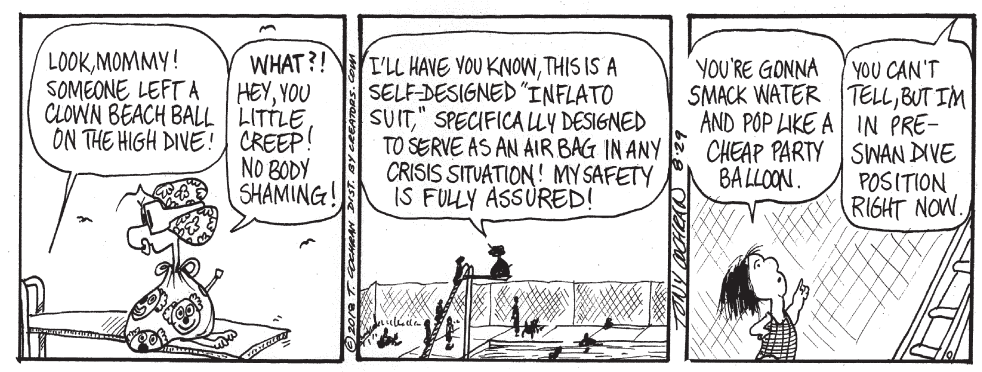
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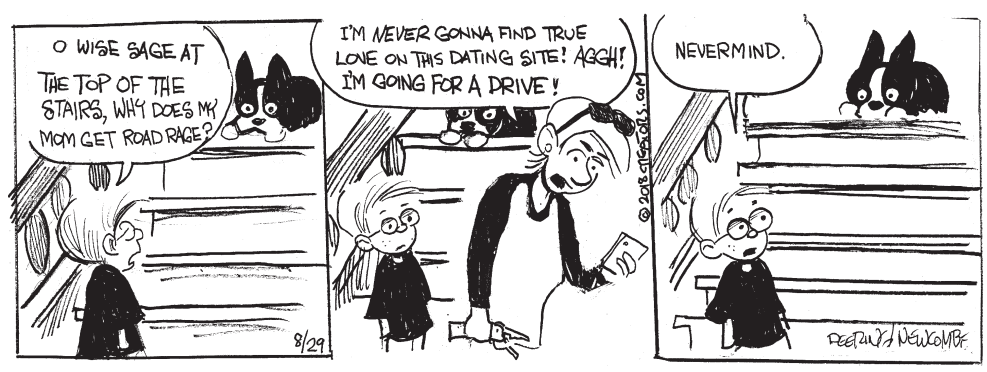
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Toxic pesticides found at most illegal California pot farms

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Nine of every 10 illegal marijuana farms raided in California this year contained traces of powerful and potentially lethal pesticides that are poisoning wildlife and could endanger water supplies, researchers and federal authorities said Tuesday.

That's a jump from chemicals found at about 75 percent of illegal growing operations discovered on public land last year, and it's six times as high as in 2012.

Federal and state officials launched a summer-long crackdown driven in part by new concern over the increase in the use of the highly toxic pesticide carbofuran.

Researcher Mourad Gabriel, one of the few researchers studying the ecological impact of illicit grow sites, said the pesticide is so powerful that a quarter-teaspoon can kill a 300-pound (136-kilogram) bear.

He and fellow researchers at the Integral Ecology Research Center in northwestern California found 89 percent of sites this year have been confirmed or are strongly suspected to be contaminated with what he called "highly deadly toxic chemicals."

The crackdown aided by $2.5 million in federal money led to 95 growing sites and the removal of more than 10 tons of fertilizer, pesticides and chemicals.

U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said federal authorities are concentrating their efforts on hazardous illegal grows on public land instead of targeting California's new recreational marijuana industry.

"This isn't about the marijuana, it's about the damage that's being done," he said in an interview before a news conference to announce the findings. "What is happening here is illegal under anybody's law."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who leads the nation's largest marijuana eradication program, said state drug agents last week found gallons of carbofuran being added to irrigation water at an illegal site in northwestern California. The water ultimately makes it into the water supply in a rugged, mountainous area near the city of Redding.

Investigators suspect some illegal grows are now being moved into agricultural areas where they blend in alongside legitimate marijuana and other crops. For example, they raided two illegal marijuana farms south of Sacramento this summer based on information on a cellphone found at an illegal grow in the Mendocino National Forest last year, Scott said.

"Because of the legalization, our operating theory is that it's a whole lot easier to go set up a greenhouse in the valley somewhere than it to have to pack all of this stuff into the national forest," he said in the interview.

The pot is mostly headed out of state and could not pass California's stringent standards for legal weed because traces of the toxic chemicals are often found in the plants, officials said.

U.S. Forest Service Chief Forester Vicki Christiansen estimated that 1.2 billion gallons (4.5 billion liters) of scarce water are diverted to illicit grows in California national forests each year. And California is not alone, with illegal drug traffickers found in 72 national forests in 21 states, she said, calling it "a major national problem."

Authorities seized nearly 640,000 plants, more than 25,000 pounds of processed pot, more than 80 firearms, $225,000 in cash and made nearly 80 arrests in California. They hauled out nearly 60 tons of trash, including nearly 84 miles (135 kilometers) of irrigation hose.

Work crews cleaned up 160 toxic sites, but have a waiting list of 830 contaminated sites, some found eight years ago and still awaiting their turn.

Part of the problem is the lethal pesticides pose a danger to cleanup crews, Scott said in the interview.

"If they go in and there's a certain level of toxicity, they just have to back away and then let time go by before they can safely go in and try to do the reclamation," he said.

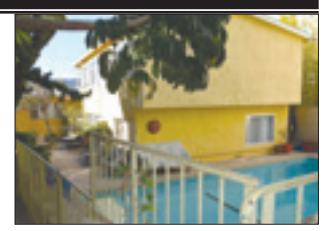
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