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US job growth slowed in August but economy still looks solid

JOSH BOAK
AP Economics Writer

The U.S. job market hit a lull in August, with employers adding a solid but less-than-robust 156,000 jobs and holding back on meaningful pay raises for most workers.

Friday's jobs report from the government pointed to an economy that is still steadily generating jobs, though more slowly than it did earlier in its recovery from the Great Recession. With the economy now in its ninth year of expansion and unemployment near a 16-year low, fewer people are looking for work and fewer jobs are being filled.

The hiring data for August had yet to account for the damage from Hurricane Harvey, whose economic impact will be felt in coming months as more people seek unemployment benefits and industrial production will likely reflect the loss of Texas refineries and factories.

The unemployment rate ticked up from 4.3 percent to a still-low 4.4 percent, the Labor Department said. The government also revised down its estimate of job growth in June and July by a combined 41,000, leaving an average monthly

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Heat impacting local power supply

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Southern California's heat wave has strained the statewide electrical grid and while Santa Monica has been spared triple digit heat, officials said local residents should still do their part to ease the burden on the power system.

The heat and associated weather has strained the Southern California power supply for the past week.

Colton, a city of 53,000 about 60 miles east of Los Angeles, widely lost power Thursday morning after lightning struck the city's main electrical substation. In Los Angeles, the Department of Water and Power said crews fully restored power to 11,000 customers in Boyle Heights last week and another 800 customers were without electricity elsewhere in the county. The number of LA customers impacted peaked at 14,000 overnight and forecasters said high pressure causing the heat wave might have peaked but torrid conditions could continue into next week.

Managers of California's power grid asked for voluntary electricity conservation Friday as forecasters predicted more extreme heat statewide.

Southern California has also had lightning, thunder, downpours and localized street flooding fed by monsoonal moisture.

The California Independent System Operator predicted demand on the system would set a record higher than the 50,270 megawatts on July 24, 2006. Consumers were asked to cut back on use of electricity between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m. when use of air conditioners is at its peak.

Officials said everyone should be concerned about blackouts when the electrical system is under stress.

"All of the areas in the State are interconnected and the power is flowing in all areas of the State. No

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AWARDS

Courtesy photos

Downtown Santa Monica presented three awards at the organization's annual meeting on Thursday. The Envision Award was presented to Elana Buegoff in recognition her dedicated service to the community. The Eclipse Award was presented to Richard Lawrence for his dedicated partnership and willingness to always lend a hand and support programs that benefit the community. The Essence Award was presented to Jeanie Madsen for being a devoted partner who constantly exudes the essence of Downtown Santa Monica.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, September 2

Ocean Park Branch Book Group: Necessary Lies by Diane Chamberlain

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Natural Loom Weaving with Shannon Freshwater

Make woven wall art made from yarn, branches, and natural elements. Participants will learn how to build a loom with tree branches and learn the basics of weaving with synthetic and natural materials. Materials will be provided although bringing your own branches, leaves, yarn, thread, found items will make the result more personal. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost: $5 Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/59080 or call (310) 458-2239.

Chili Roast!

It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest! Join us for a southwest style chili roast at the Pico farmers market located in Virginia Avenue Park. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, September 3

Gallery Open

Gallery hours 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Hours are subject to change; please call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. 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.

Broad Fest

The plaza will be lively with activities, booths, sounds and people of all ages who love the arts. Come hear an array of live musical performances intermixed with DJ grooves. The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. 2 – 7 p.m. Free,

Monday, September 4

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Preschool Story Time

Story time series for 3-5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, September 5

The Wizard of OZ (1939)

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this classic film about a girl named Dorothy who is swept away to the magical land of Oz and embarks on a quest with new friends to see the Wizard who can help her return home to Kansas. (Film runtime: 102 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Basics I

Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Write Away

Gain support and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meetup. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 12 – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Back to School: Library Resource Workshop

Drop in and meet your library staff, get a library card, learn about library services and resources to make this your best school year yet! This workshop includes a DIY duct tape pencil pouch craft. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Let's Give the President a Chance

Editor:

There was inaccuracy, omission, and innuendo in the August 16 opinion piece entitled "Free Speech Has a Price". Might less criticism of our president & more prayer for wisdom result in a better outcome for our country? Like all human beings, President Trump may be flawed but he does believe in God. And so does a multitude of his Jewish and African-American supporters.

Dhun May
Santa Monica

Young US immigrants mobilize effort to avoid deportation

BY ASTRID GALVAN & AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

President Donald Trump is facing increasing pressure from CEOs, Roman Catholic bishops, celebrities and a national mobilization effort as he weighs eliminating an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from deportation.

The last-ditch effort has taken on greater urgency in recent days amid reports that the White House may end the program as soon as Friday.

Immigrant groups have been staging daily protests in the scorching Phoenix heat, mobilizing people with phone banks in California, and demonstrating outside House Speaker Paul Ryan's church and office in recent days.

Roman Catholic archbishops around the country have been sending letters urging the president to maintain the program. The CEOs of Microsoft, Apple, Google, Facebook, Starbucks and others also joined the effort, saying the economy will take a hit if the program is eliminated.

Immigrants are bracing for the prospect of losing their jobs as their work permits end and possible deportation if the president does away with the program.

Eli Oh of San Jose, California, said he was among the first to apply for the program after working as a waiter under the table to pay for his nursing degree.

Oh, 30, has lived in the United States for nearly two decades since his Korean parents overstayed their visa. He works as a rapid response nurse in Northern California, where he responds to hospital emergencies, and fears he'll be unemployed if his work permit goes away.

"I went from saving lives at a hospital and delivering health care, and now I am like, I might have to drive Uber to pay rent," he said.

President Barack Obama in 2012 created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that has allowed nearly 800,000 immigrants brought to the country illegally as children to remain in the U.S. and legally work.

Trump railed against the Obama program on the campaign trail, calling it illegal "amnesty." He later said it's been one of the most difficult issues he's dealt with.

Republican officials from 10 states have threatened to bring a lawsuit to stop the program, giving the Trump administration a Sept. 5 deadline to act.

To qualify, immigrants must have no criminal records and proof that they were brought to the U.S. before they reached age 16. Their work permits and protection from deportation must be renewed every two years.

The White House insists the president has yet to make a final decision on the issue, though advocates on both sides of the debate expect him to announce he will begin phasing out the program as soon as Friday.

Applying for the program costs nearly $500, and most applicants hire attorneys to help them navigate the complicated process. It takes several weeks or months for the government to review applications.

The issue is especially prominent in California, home to one of every four people covered by the program. In Los Angeles, immigrant advocates have planned a week of scripted phone calls, demonstrations and meetings with lawmakers. The efforts and others next week are aimed at putting pressure on elected officials and the public to save the program.

In Arizona, a coalition of immigrant rights groups set up a protest camp this week in front of Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices near downtown Phoenix in the midst of a heat advisory and temperatures of nearly 110 degrees.

Their daily protests come amid immigrant anger over Trump's pardon of Joe Arpaio, the former Phoenix-area sheriff found by a federal judge to have racially profiled Latinos with his immigration raids. Arpaio was convicted this year of misdemeanor contempt of court for violating a judge's orders to stop the immigration patrols.

"We are calling on people of conscience that if you believe that this is an injustice, there's no room to stay silent. Silence allows for injustices to happen," Reyna Montoya told reporters Monday. Montoya said she was brought to Arizona as a teenager after her family fled political violence in Mexico.

In Wisconsin, the pressure extends specifically to Ryan, who has said previously he supports young immigrants. In a radio interview Friday, Ryan urged Trump to keep the program.

"These are kids who know no other country, who were brought here by their parents and don't know another home," he said.

The immigrant advocacy group Voces de la Frontera staged a protest outside of Ryan's Roman Catholic church in Wisconsin on August 20. They planned a hunger strike starting Friday in front of his Milwaukee office and a march on Tuesday.

Ilse Merlin, of Racine, Wisconsin, said she was prepping for the worst by staying informed and active within the immigrant rights movement.

"I'm not scared because I have faith that my God is going to provide and he's going to protect. That might not sound very reasonable I guess to people that don't have faith, but for me I think it's enough," Merlin said.

Merlin, 22, was brought to Wisconsin as a 5-year-old and has had protection from the program since it began. She said it changed her life by allowing her to get a job, which she used to pay for college. She works as a children and youth director at her church and hopes to finish a bachelor's degree to become a teacher.

Others lending support for the program include celebrities like Shonda Rhimes, the television mogul, and actress America Ferrera, who took to Twitter to lend their support.

Dozens of CEOs and executives who wrote a letter Thursday urging the program to be spared so its beneficiaries, known as Dreamers, are allowed to stay in the U.S.

"Dreamers are vital to the future of our companies and our economy. With them, we grow and create jobs," the letter said.

Taxin reported from Santa Ana, California.







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Gardening and Community

By Cris Gutierrez
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Randy Ziglar, A Community Gardener with an Ecological Way of Life


Photo by Andy Liberman

IN THE EARLY LIGHT OF DAY, RANDY Ziglar walks or rides his bike to his community garden at Santa Monica's Main Street Gardens, wearing his long-treasured Millet backpack. Fittingly, Randy moves by his own power from home to garden, for he is dedicated to an ecological way of life that compels him to consider how to live in harmony with Nature. He asks, "Is it possible for us to live on this planet in a nondestructive, beneficial way?"

Born in Los Angeles, Randy grew up in towns in the United States and Canada, traveling with family to Idaho, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, Northern California and Alberta, then settling in Burbank at the age of twelve. Randy reminisces, "Each place brought out different aspects of you, depending upon the environment or the classroom you were in or the friends you made and the people around you."

Gardening became interesting as "My mother liked to play around in the yard. She liked flowers. I thought gardening was as good a thing as anything to do." His serious commitment began with Peter Dukich, the late biodynamic organic gardening teacher who taught Randy how to compost and prepare soil and seedbeds for healthy foods and plants. Dukich demonstrated the fine layering of food scraps or "waste," manures, grasses, leaves and other organic materials to compost. Randy's willingness to dumpster-dive behind One Life or Ms. Gooch's in the 1980's led to transforming other people's "trash" into healthy topsoil for his community garden. His dedication generated friendships and a team of peers, who with him began a composting program at Ocean View Farms. Today, gardeners or neighbors know that Randy will compost their clippings or kitchen scraps and allow Nature to do its magic into creating humus and vibrant soil. His significant contribution has been to show the value of composting.

The essayist and naturalist Wendell Berry, particularly his The Unsettling of America, has impacted Randy's understanding of the American footprint on the continent. When he thinks about human existence, Randy considers that it is "too much one of taking, when it needs to be one of giving back."

Gardening means "to relate closely with Nature, with people and with the mystery of the 'Wheel of Life.' Gardening involves an intimate relationship with the possibility of partially moving beyond words and into sensations. It's a full spectrum natural yoga, yielding human relationship, physical exercise, food, and beauty."

His relationship with Santa Monica's Community Gardens began in the early 1970's because it was "worthwhile." A joy is becoming "more self-reliant and less part of the market system," while a challenge is to **ZIGLAR** "use the harvest in a graceful, appropriate, and pleasurable way." A favorite and routinely practiced cultivation is companion planting carrots and radishes.

Welcoming fellow gardeners and visitors from nearby or across the world, he shares his harvest, including string beans, tomatoes, collards, arugula, garlic chives, purslane, etc. Carried home in his backpack, the vegetables grace his culinary talents as he sautés homegrown collards or greens and garlic; makes ratatouille with garden tomatoes and zucchini or blends fresh basil and garlic into pesto to eat seasonally.

A perfect day in the garden means "to extend yourself but not to the point of collapse," to walk away with "some satisfaction looking back at the garden at the end of the day and see an improvement, with things in place, and to feel that there's appropriate care for that small area."

His best advice for a gardener just starting out or for gardeners starting out each day is to "Do it step by step, one step at a time." Most important, "Slow down and see what happens. A good gardener, more than being a hard worker, is a good observer. See what the birds and insects are doing in the garden, look for the first seed sprouts, and watch how the plants in the big bed grow. Good observing takes time and patience."

To Randy, the virtue of community gardening is "to learn from each other and other people's successes or failures. That's an important part of time-binding."

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Fewer Americans buy insurance in coastal areas

BY TERRY SPENCER, MEGHAN HOYER & MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

Amanda Spartz nearly did not renew her home's flood insurance policy after her first year in Florida. Two hurricanes came close to the Fort Lauderdale suburbs last year, but they didn't hit and her home isn't in a high-risk flood zone. She figured she could put the $450 annual premium, due next week, to another use.

Then Harvey hit Houston, its historic rains causing massive floods even in low-risk neighborhoods. Spartz, a business analyst, paid the bill this week.

If Spartz had dropped her policy, she would not have been alone. Far fewer Americans compared with five years ago are paying for flood insurance in coastal areas of the United States where hurricanes, storms and tidal surges pose a serious threat, according to an Associated Press analysis of government data. The center for the problem is South Florida, where Spartz lives. The top U.S. official overseeing the National Flood Insurance Program told AP that he wants to double the number of Americans who buy flood insurance.

"I was talking to my husband and I said that if something like Harvey happens here, I don't want to be on the hook," said Spartz, who relocated from Cincinnati. "It isn't a lot of money to save yourself the heartache if it does happen."

What's driving the drop in policies? Congress approved a price hike, making premiums more expensive, and maps of some high-risk areas were redrawn. Banks became lax at enforcing the requirement that any home with a federally insured mortgage in a high-risk area be covered. Memories of New Orleans underwater in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina have faded.

Without flood insurance, storm victims would have to draw on savings or go into debt — or perhaps be forced to sell.

The number of policies in force today has fallen in 43 of the 50 states since 2012, dropping from almost 5.5 million to just under 5 million, a decrease of 10 percent, AP's analysis found. In low-lying Florida, where by far more flood insurance policies are sold than in any other state, the drop has been almost 16 percent. In only two states — Hawaii and South Carolina — are at least 50 percent of homes in flood hazard areas insured under the program.

AP's analysis also showed the percentage of homes in high-risks areas that have flood insurance is sometimes frighteningly low. In Spartz's home of Broward County, it's only 13 percent. In Houston's Harris County, it's 28 percent. In New Orleans, it's 46 percent.

Roy Wright, the director of the insurance program, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, acknowledges that the decrease is alarming and says he hopes to double the number of policies in the near future. He also wants to persuade more communities to limit construction in high-risk flood zones. Congress is likely to reauthorize the insurance program before it expires Sept. 30.

President Donald Trump's homeland security adviser, Tom Bossert, said he expects changes to the flood program to be debated on Capitol Hill later this fall, after the immediate Houston recovery is underway.

"This administration's been pretty clear that we'd like to see some responsible reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program," he said Thursday at the White House. "I don't think now's the time to debate those things."

Last year, the program collected about $3.3 billion in premiums and paid out about $3.7 billion for losses. FEMA paid out $3.5 billion per year over the past 12 years, which included Katrina.

"It is about consumer choice. It's about consumer education. It's about an education related to flood risk. It's about communities galvanizing around it. It's also about communities making choices about how they want to build going into the future so that people are at less risk. When they are at less risk, their premiums are cheaper," Wright told the AP.

One way to compel more homeowners to buy policies would be for banks to enforce the coverage requirement for homeowners with a federally insured mortgage if they live in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Experts said that's not happening. Many homeowners let the policy lapse after a few years, correctly thinking the bank will not check. Or a bank will sell mortgages to another bank, and paperwork on whether homes require flood insurance isn't reviewed. About 7 out of 10 homeowners have a mortgage.

"The banks are not watching the hen house," said Loretta Worters, a spokeswoman with the Insurance Information Institute. "They sell these mortgages from a bank to another bank and to another bank, and whether that home needs flood insurance slips through the cracks."

In Mississippi, the number of federally insured properties fell by nearly 15 percent, from about 75,000 in 2012 to 64,000 this year. The decreases were even higher in some coastal communities, including Gulfport and Long Beach — cities that took a direct hit from Katrina.

Ned Dolese, president and co-founder of Gulfport-based Coastal American Insurance Co., suspects the drop in Mississippi is largely due to a lack of government enforcement.

"There are no teeth in FEMA or the NFIP to whack you over the head if you, the consumer, don't renew your flood policy," he said.

FEMA periodically redraws flood-risk maps, moving some homes from mandatory-carry areas to a less-risky category. When the requirement is lifted, homeowners gamble or believe their home is no longer in danger. As Harvey proved, a lower-risk neighborhood is not a no-risk neighborhood.

After the city of Central, Louisiana, successfully petitioned FEMA last year to change its flood maps, it sent letters notifying roughly 2,000 residents that their homes no longer were inside the high-risk zone. Kyle Cutrer didn't get flood insurance when he purchased a house in Central last summer, outside the flood zone.

Last August, a slow-moving storm dumped an estimated 7 trillion gallons of rainwater on south Louisiana, more than two feet of rain in some places. The deluge overtopped rivers and damaged or destroyed tens of thousands of homes, inundating many neighborhoods that had never seen such catastrophic flooding.

A foot of water washed into Cutrer's home, causing approximately $40,000 in damage. He used about $16,000 from FEMA to pay for some repairs; he paid the rest himself.

Cutrer said his real-estate agent and mortgage company had both assured him he did not need flood insurance, which would have cost him about $300 annually.

"I was told, 'You'll never flood. You won't have a problem here,'" he said. "As a first-time homebuyer, I was trying to keep that note as low as possible."

A week after the flood, he called his insurance agent and purchased a flood policy.

"I'm not going to be able to stop the flood. But if it comes, I'll be fine," he said.

Hoyer reported from Washington, and Kunzelman reported from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Associated Press writers Ken Sweet contributed to this reporting.

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JOBS

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gain this year of a decent 176,000.

One reason why few analysts expressed concern about last month's slower job gain is that monthly employment reports can be volatile — especially figures for August. Employers are gearing up for the start of fall, schools are reopening and the government can't always precisely factor those changes into its August employment data.

"It's more noise than signal," Joe Brusuelas, chief economist at tax consultant RSM, said of Friday's report. "Focus on the longer-term trend of growth in employment."

One persistent soft spot in the job market has been meager pay raises. Average hourly pay rose just 2.5 percent over the 12 months that ended in August. Wage growth typically averages 3.5 percent to 4 percent annually when unemployment is this low.

Economists note that low unemployment normally results in higher pay raises once employers feel compelled to pay more to attract or keep workers. Most say they think U.S. wage growth will eventually accelerate. But economists have noted that average pay growth has been muted in part because older workers with higher wages are retiring while younger millennials who earn less are being hired.

Some employers are already feeling the need to pay more for entry-level workers.

With unemployment so low, MOOYAH Burgers, Fries and Shakes, based in Dallas, said it's paying more to attract entry-level talent and developing ways for workers to be promoted into higher positions with the company.

Michael Mabry, the franchise restaurant's CEO, said he plans to add 15 locations before year's end to the chain's roughly 100 existing sites.

"The people are out there — we just have to offer an enticing reason why to come to work for our brand," Mabry said.

The August jobs report arrives as Americans have grown more optimistic about the economy. A measure of consumer confidence in August hit its highest level in 16 years, the Conference Board said this week.

Inflation is low. Consumer spending in July rose at its fastest pace in three months. The stock market is up 10 percent so far this year. One measure of factory orders suggests that business investment is increasing.

Even the traumatic damage caused by Harvey around the Houston region may not break the national economy's stride. Gasoline prices are rising as the flooding from Harvey knocked out refineries and ports, but rebuilding efforts in the coming months could provide a stimulative benefit.

Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial, predicts that job growth in the coming months "will weaken substantially" in the wake of Harvey, only to rebound quickly as workers who were temporarily laid off are rehired.

Beth Ann Bovino, U.S. chief economist at S&P Global Ratings, said the extent of the short-term drag on the economy "depends on how disruptive the floods remain for the next few weeks."

She said hiring could be subdued in September if the flooding is slow to recede. Once the flooding ends, companies in the Houston area are unlikely to immediately hire because the focus will be on rebuilding. Eventually, though, natural disasters that involve flooding usually lead to more construction and health care jobs.

Overall, hiring this year has averaged 176,000 a month, close to 2016's average of 187,000. August was the 83rd straight month of job gains.

The slowing job gains, coupled with uncommonly low inflation, might make the Federal Reserve hesitant to raise its key short-term interest rate by December, when many Fed watchers had foreseen the next rate hike.

"The Fed has to be second-guessing December," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

The August jobs report showed that roughly the same proportion of people last month as in July either had a job or were looking for one. Anyone not actively looking for a job isn't considered part of the labor force and isn't counted as unemployed. This so-called labor force participation rate held at 62.9 percent.

The participation rate has tumbled from 66 percent over the past decade, but the decline reflects in part an aging U.S. population that is retiring. Some economists say that in light of that trend, a stable participation rate is a positive sign for the economy.

One of the leading sources of job growth last month was manufacturing, which added 36,000. An additional 28,000 jobs came from construction and 20,200 from the health care sector. By contrast, governments shed 9,000 jobs.

But increased consumer sentiment failed to increase retail hiring. Restaurants and bars — often a major source of hiring — added just 9,200 jobs. Retail stores and auto dealers added just 800 jobs after having lost 1,900 in July.

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POWER

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matter where its coming from and no matter who's using it, every point in the system is connected to every other point in the system," said Robert Villegas, Spokesperson for Sothern California Edison.

He said the sheer size of the region makes it susceptible to supply problems.

"The reality is the LA basin is a major demand center," he said. "We could be impacted in the greater LA area, whether or not we are consuming a lot and whether or not it's super hot here."

Villegas said the problem isn't necessarily the objective temperature but rather if the population is adapted to the heat. He said temperatures in the high 80's might not be considered dangerous but it can still burden the grid.

"What we do see, is we do see an increase in air conditioning use, even in more temperate areas," he said. "It's not the dramatic rise in temps, it may be on the coast it's cooler, but the use of air conditioning increases because it is hotter than people are accustomed to seeing. It makes it uncomfortable for people, demand does spike. It's all relative in terms of how people use its air conditioning in terms of how people use their homes."

Even if there's enough supply to meet the increased demand, increased use can overload infrastructure and cause equipment related blackouts. Adhering to voluntary usage restrictions can be the best defense against a local loss of power.

"It can help with the extra stress that the local equipment is facing," said Villegas "It can prevent outages at the local, at the circuit level."

When the California Independent System Operator, a coalition of local power providers, issues a Flex Alert as they did this week, they ask customers to make three adjustments. Turn off unnecessary lights, postpone appliance use until after 9 p.m. and set air conditioning to 78 or higher. They recommend using a fan with the higher air conditioning level to keep cool.

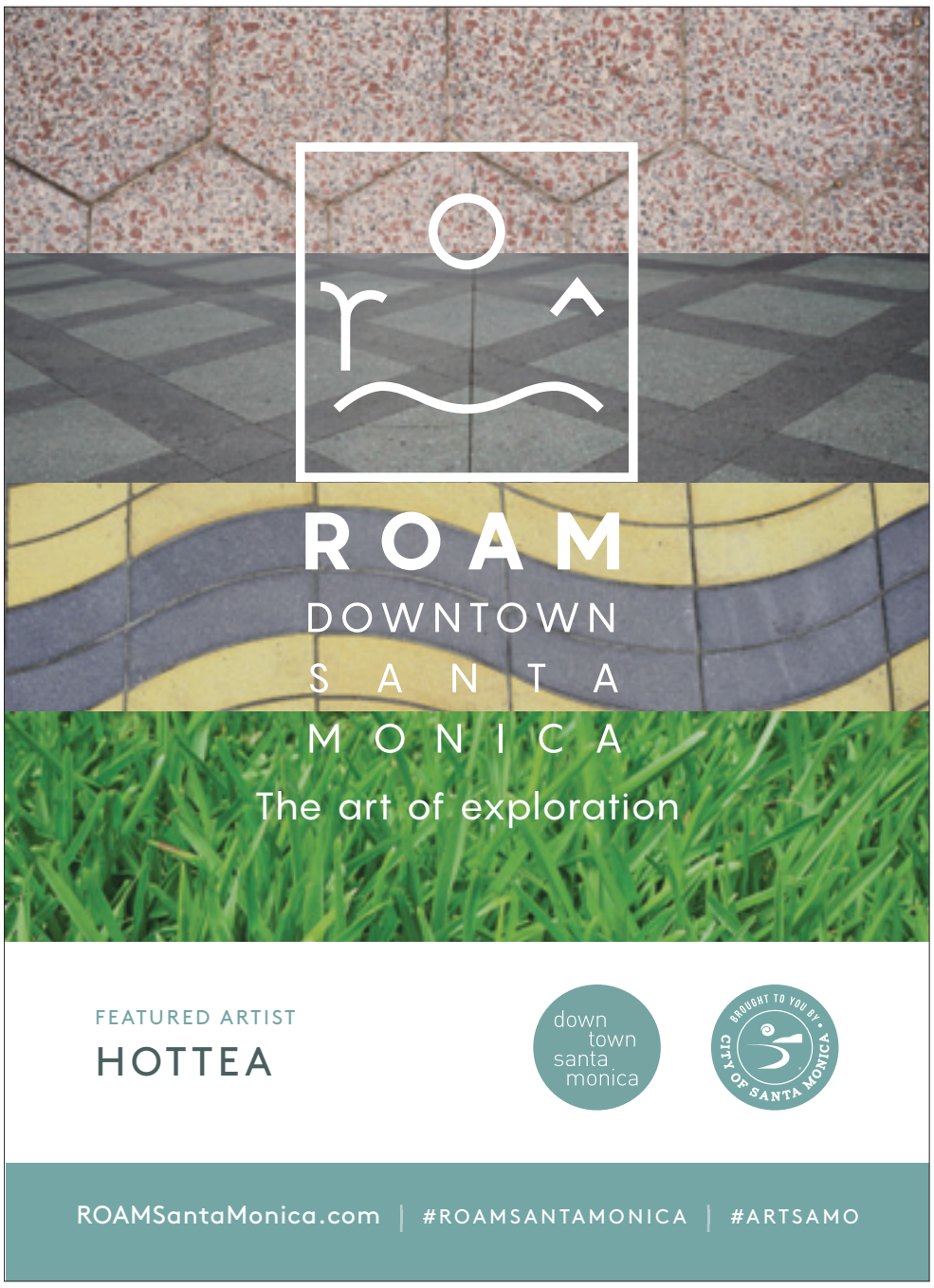
Villegas said the solution to power problems is simple, just use less.

"It's overuse of the system that does cause many of the problems," he said.

The Associated Press Contributed to this story











SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.3°**

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

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON AUGUST 16, 2017 AT ABOUT 2: 25 P.M.

Officers saw a subject in the 500 block of Colorado Blvd known to them for being on probation and having an active court stay away order from the area. Officer made contact with the subject and discovered she was in possession of a hypodermic needle and keys belonging a nearby property. Officers located the owner of the keys who told officers his vehicle was recently broken into and had his keys stolen. The subject was taken into custody. Ebony Autumn Harter,31, from Los Angeles was arrested for receiving stolen property, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, appropriation of lost property, and court order violation. Bail was set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 401 calls for service on Aug. 31.

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

Audible burglar alarm 200 block of Arizona 12:26 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 5th 1:50 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th/Colorado 2:01 a.m.
Panhandling 600 block of Wilshire 2:10 a.m.
Trespassing 500 block of Broadway 2:47 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of 4th 2:57 a.m.
Fight 2200 block of Colorado 3:23 a.m.
Auto burglary 3200 block of Pennsylvania 3:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:34 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 2nd 6:25 a.m.
Person down 1000 block of Pearl 6:51 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of Chelsea Pl 7:06 a.m.
Petty theft 2100 block of Ocean 7:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block of Delaware 7:53 a.m.
Hit and run 2100 block of 20th 8:13 a.m.
Trespassing 3100 block of Wilshire 8:47 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of Broadway 9:32 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block of The Beach 9:35 a.m.
Public intoxication 1800 block of Lincoln 10:18 a.m.
Drinking in public 1200 block of 10th 10:19 a.m.
Trespassing Cloverfield/Virginia 10:53 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 900 block of 2nd 11:05 a.m.
Civil dispute 2200 block of 23rd 11:10 a.m.
Hit and run 18th/Olympic 11:17 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block of 9th 11:27 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Pico 11:35 a.m.
Grand theft 2400 block of 34th 12:12 p.m.
Hit and run 1600 block of 7th 12:16 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 500 block of Colorado 12:16 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 11th 2:16 p.m.
Traffic collision Harvard/Wilshire 2:31 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 2:47 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 4th 2:51 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of Lincoln 3:54 p.m.
Person down 1500 block of Yale 4:04 p.m.
Trespassing 700 block of Kensington 4:15 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block of 2nd 4:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block of Raymond 5:10 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/Virginia 5:26 p.m.
Public intoxication 2400 block of Pier 6:10 p.m.
Drinking in public 1100 block of Lincoln 7:20 p.m.
Trespassing 2400 block of Pier Ave 7:38 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block of 9th 8:03 p.m.
Critical missing person 800 block of 4th 8:08 p.m.
Traffic collision 1800 block of Cloverfield 9:08 p.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of 18th 9:04 p.m.
Person down 1400 block of 16th 10:49 p.m.
Fight 1900 block of Pico 10:58 p.m.
Public intoxication 100 block of Broadway 11:15 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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

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EMS 1200 block of Ocean 1:32 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Stanford 2:10 a.m.
Haz Mat – Level 1 1100 block of Pico 6:38 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Pearl 6:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1900 block of Ocean 7:13 a.m.
EMS 600 block of 16th 7:46 a.m.
Assist LAFD 200 block of Main 8:32 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Chelsea Pl 8:47 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Beverley 9:03 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Montana 9:23 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Bay 9:58 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block of Santa Monica 12:43 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 1:05 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:16 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Grant 1:52 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Colorado 2:13 p.m.
EMS Harvard/Wilshire 2:31 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Wilshire 2:42 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Pico 3:05 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 3:28 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Wilshire 3:48 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of 12th 3:51 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Palisades 4:18 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 4:38 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1000 block of 4th 5:56 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 6:33 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Lincoln 7:07 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2000 block of 4th 7:09 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica 7:11 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Broadway 7:33 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 6th 9:29 p.m.

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/30
19 28 43 67 69
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 68M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/29
2 13 17 35 73
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 53M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 8/30
21 22 35 38 47
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/31
3 6 14 16 17

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/31
MIDDAY: 5 4 1
Draw Date: 8/31
EVENING: 3 5 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/31
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 08 Gogeous George
RACE TIME: 1:43.40

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1. of or relating to the number seven or forming a group of seven.
2. septennial.
3. a group or set of seven.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1962, a U.S. patent was issued to Swedish engineer Nils Bohlen for the three-point seat belt. The now-familiar lap-and-and shoulder design replaced an earlier single belt style that strapped across the abdomen, but which often resulted in severe internal injuries in high-speed crashes. Bohlen assigned his patent to Volvo, where he worked, but the Swedish carmaker made the design freely available to other auto manufacturers to save more lives. By some estimates, the three-point seatbelt has save more than 1 million lives worldwide.

Med School

■ Q: What fraction of the human body is made up of blood?

■ A: Approximately one-thirteenth of your total body weight is due to blood.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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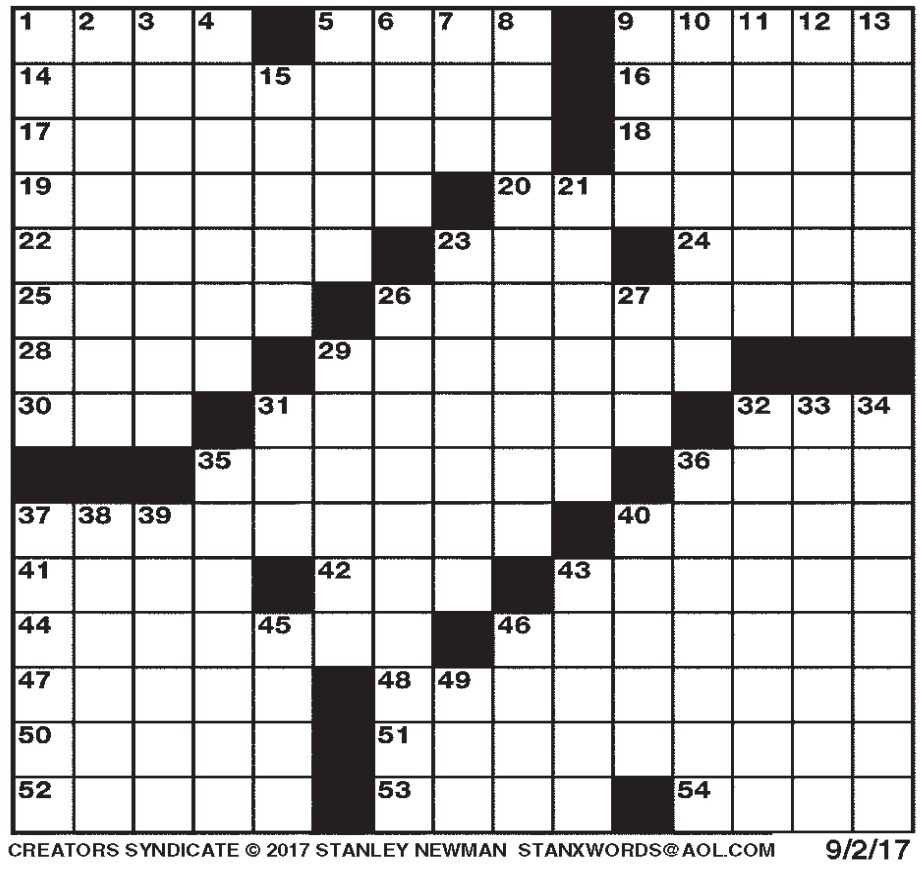
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Subject of a meter reading
5 Big hit
9 German mathematical giant
14 Debacle follower
16 First steps
17 Pint-sized pianist of the papers
18 Pay (for)
19 Percussion partner of Prince
20 Circle, to geometricians
22 Surname meaning "doorkeeper"
23 "The wise man knows himself to __ fool": Shak.
24 Break down
25 Dramatic deliveries
26 Show solidarity
28 Closed (out)
29 Put through a certain cycle
30 Before all is done
31 Longfellow alma mater
32 Stock __
35 Copies before photocopies
36 Shrew cousin
37 Williams play collection
40 Some Texas topography
41 *The Cookie Never Crumbles* autobiographer
42 Word on the European flag-carrier list
43 Form a fork
44 Bread spread since 1965
46 Percussion in Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*
47 Fabric favored at Colonial Williamsburg
48 Gift shop near Universal's Simpsons Ride
50 Try for
51 Begins bit-by-bit
52 Loads and loads
53 Frat letters
54 __ aside

DOWN
1 It might be a bomb
2 Most wanted
3 Networking technology
4 Got justifiably
5 Slathered portion
6 Slog (through)
7 Finished off
8 Trinity concept
9 Finish line
10 Dove descriptor
11 Title that eluded Sam Snead
12 Picked up somehow
13 Thoroughly absorbs
15 Billing details
21 *Animal House* director
23 Victorian-era sitting room
26 "Worcestershire" or "onomatopoeia"
27 Particular partridge
29 Owner of The Body Shop
31 Specialty, so to speak
32 Scientific calculator function
33 How some take courses
34 Commodore Perry, on the Ohio Turnpike
35 Precedential reference
36 *"Chers collègues . . ."*
37 Big eaters of plankton
38 Exotic bug-bite treatment
39 "I'm besieged right now"
40 Entangles in a predicament
43 Is far from freezing
45 Agreement to participate
46 Ramen ingredient
49 *I Love Lucy* lament



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A Look Back at Westside Food Bank's History of Innovation, Community Leadership and Efficiency, a three part series.

BY GENEVIEVE RIUTORT
Chief Development Officer, Westside Food Bank

Part One: History

Westside Food Bank was founded in 1981when the local need for food assistance was on the rise. At that time a number of Westside social service agencies had been working separately to try to meet the rising need. They soon found that space and financial constraints were hindering their ability to accept large scale donations of food and make economically efficient food purchases. A group of community leaders asked the Westside Interfaith Council to provide a 501(c)(3) umbrella for the fledgling agency. Then they gathered volunteers, rented a warehouse space, and acquired an old dog catcher's truck from the City of Santa Monica for $1, and the Westside Food Bank was born. By 1983 WSFB had become an independent 501(c)(3), unaffiliated with any religious organization. In its first year of operation WSFB distributed 100,000 pounds of food to 8 agencies, serving 2,000 people.

In 1997 Westside Food Bank added a prepared and perishable food program. Extra Helpings Westside (EHW) is our volunteer-run, food recovery and distribution program which allows us to more effectively fight hunger by minimizing food waste. EHW coordinates volunteers and member agency staff to pick up prepared and perishable food donations from markets, delicatessens, bakeries, restaurants, caterers and other food retailers. Food that might otherwise go to waste, bypasses our warehouse and is delivered directly to an agency where it can be distributed or served right away.

Now WSFB distributes over 4.5 million pounds of food each year to the food assistance programs of more than 65 social service agencies in Western Los Angeles County. Our food reaches over 105,000 local people, nearly half of whom are children. Bruce Rankin has served as WSFB's Executive Director since 1989.

Next week we will explore WSFB's role in creating a strong social service network locally, throughout the state of California, and beyond.

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2)

You've seen enough plans come to fruition to think a little bigger and enough dashed hopes to respect the risk and sweat investment that must be made on the regular. Family celebrates together in December and May. You'll get a fresh start for a relationship that's been through a lot. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 2, 22, 7 and 31.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Modes of mind can be triggered automatically before you even notice or know what's happening. For this reason you can't be blamed for your moods, though you're still responsible for managing them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There are people who are just better for you. They bring out the better side of you. They make the stresses of daily life seem like no pressure at all, because you see yourself as they see you -- strong and capable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's possible you'll think more deeply than clearly, which won't be helpful. So when you feel yourself getting very ponderous without a direction, simply stop asking questions and do something physical, such as walking.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You've a very upbeat attitude, and there's nothing petty that can bother you or throw you off your game. Truly, optimism makes you immune to 80 percent of the things that bother those around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You command attention, sometimes uncomfortably so. Sometimes you'd rather deflect it or hide out than take your moments. It's fine to feel shy, but is this a missed opportunity to channel awareness to what's important to you?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You are dedicated to your chosen work and willing to apply yourself more intensely than before. In fact, the subject of your strong feelings may take over your life in the next few days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Serenity is not some distant ideal. You already experience it many times a day. It's just a matter of letting those moments spill into the rest of the hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Remember the moment when you owned the room, though quite by accident, making people laugh and want to play? Well, it gave you a taste for being the center of attention, and you'll figure out how to get back there today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Memory is kind. Happy ones get better over time, and sad ones fade. What happens over the course of this day will be a perfect package for nostalgia to wrap itself around in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Emotional states are infectious. Yawns, laughter, nerves and just about anything you can feel have the possibility of rubbing off on others. Associate with the happy and fortunate people and be one yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Since there will be people around you who have expertise they either don't mind sharing or would absolutely love to share, you'll be in a lucky position to learn -- and possibly have your problem solved for you.

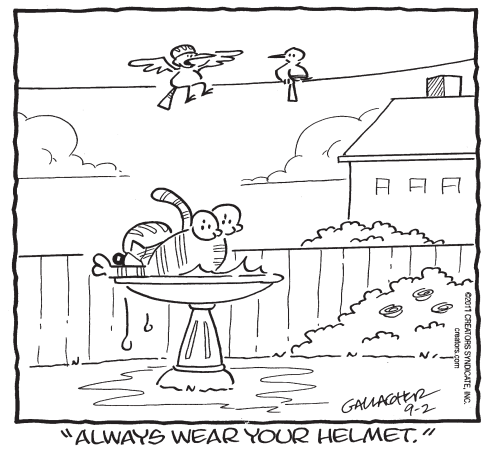
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Don't worry about willpower. Your imagination is so vivid today that when you direct it to see and taste what your work will bring you, you won't even need willpower to move toward that gleaming prize.

Vitality Trine

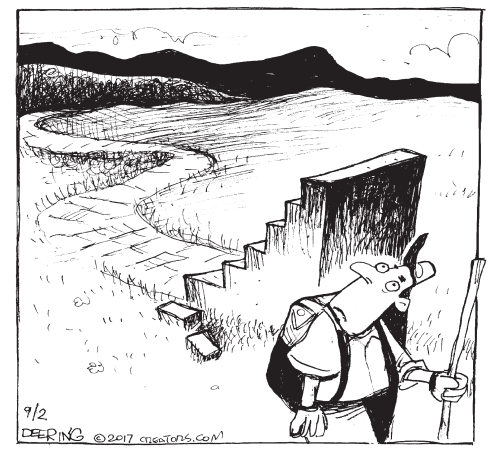
Many people are aware of how thought processes influence moods, but fewer are keenly attuned to how things loop in the opposite direction. Our bodies signal to our minds, too. Active Mars and Uranus form a trine of vitality. All stretching, exertion, care and comfort given to the body will contribute generously to a joyful spirit.

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Case No. SS029231
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of RODNEY JASON FARMER for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: RODNEY JASON FARMER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: RODNEY JASON FARMER TO JASON BRENDAN FARMER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 20, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room:
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, ROOM 102, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS029232
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of MIRIAM B. JAFFE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: MIRIAM B. JAFFE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MIRIAM B. JAFFE TO MIRIAM RENATA JANOUSEK. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 13, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: A203
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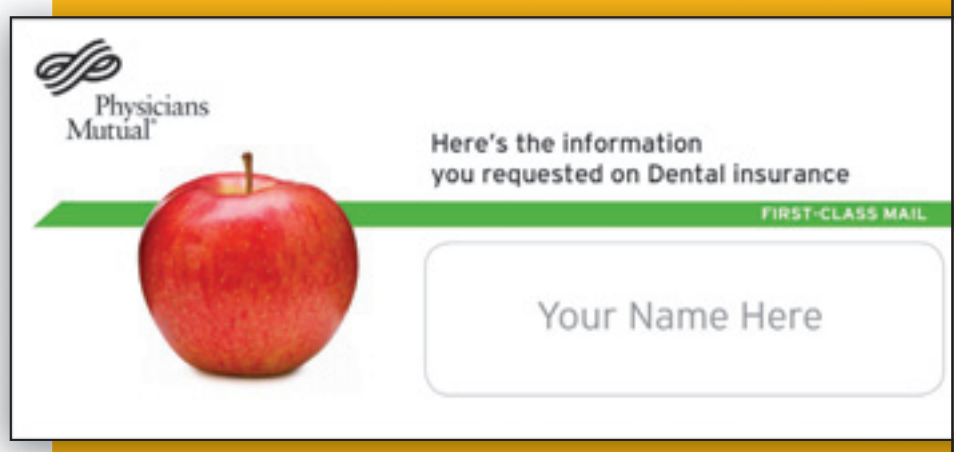


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