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County provides ash cleaning tips

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

While fires continue to burn in other parts of California, locals are providing tips on cleaning up the ash

that has blown into Santa Monica.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has pointed residents to existing cleanup guidelines established to help after a fire. Those tips include

food safety information and advice for removing ash from streets.

“Take precautions during cleanup following a fire,” say the guidelines. “Ash, soot, dust, and other airborne particles may have been

deposited inside and outside of homes and businesses. While ash from wildfires is relatively non-toxic and similar to ash that may

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House and Senate tax bills treat disaster victims unequally

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

If the House Republican tax bill became law, victims of hurricanes in Texas and Florida who've yet to account for all their losses could deduct them on their 2018 taxes. Not so for victims of the California wildfires.

If the Senate version prevailed, victims of all federally declared disasters — a category that cover victims of both hurricanes and the wildfires — could deduct their losses. But people who lost homes in smaller-scale disasters couldn't.

Such disparities, seemingly arbitrary, show how political decisions have helped shape the tax legislation being crafted by Republicans, who insist they're trying to simplify the tax code, reduce rates and treat everyone fairly.

“I don't know that treating disasters differently makes sense as economic policy, but it's understandable as part of the political process,” said Michael Simkovic, a tax professor at the University of Southern California law school. “That's how things work.”

No one is sure which provisions of the House and Senate bills will end up in the final reconciled version that Republicans are working on and hope to finalize as early as this week. But whatever changes survive the reconciliation process could have far-reaching consequences for a vast range of households, including victims of natural disasters.

The House bill was written by Rep. Kevin Brady, the chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means committee. His district adjoins Houston, which was thrashed by Hurricane Harvey in September. Brady's provision would end the personal loss deduction that has

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City registering volunteers for 2018 Homeless Count

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The largest regional homeless count in the United States is looking for volunteers to help tally the number of homeless people sleeping on Santa Monica streets on Jan. 24. The count takes place overnight — from about 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. — to best capture the number of homeless sleeping in Santa Monica. Organizers need about 250 volunteers to do the count efficiently.

“It's an opportunity to engage people and meet your neighbors who are interested in being part of a solution on homelessness,” said Margaret Willis, Human Services Administrator. “It's a serious subject but it's a lot of fun to go out together and meet your neighbors and meet new people and walk the city.”

More people are living on the street in Santa Monica than at any time since the City started conducting a yearly count of the homeless in 2009. Last year's count found 581 people sleeping on the street or on the beach, up nearly 40 percent from the previous year. The number of people living in shelters and institutions rose 9 percent year over year, from 312 to 340 in 2017.

“This surge has not only raised the number of homeless individuals in our midst, but included a dis-

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POOCH DOGTOWN

Courtesy photos

Local dog owners gathered at Perry's to launch “Pooch Dogtown: Z-Dogz of DogTown” by authors Annie Goeke and Joanne Manzella. Book sales help support k9 Connection, a local nonprofit that allows local youth to train homeless shelter dogs to aid in their adoption. Visit poochdogtown.com for more information.



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BID # 4310 FURNISH LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR RUCKUS EQUIPMENT, SITE ASSESSMENT AND INSTALLATION SERVICES.

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit proposals for the:

**Citywide General Contractor Pre-qualification List
SP2524**

Statements of Qualifications shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services, Suite 300, 1437 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 8, 2018**, with submitting Contractor names to be read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in the **Architecture Services Conference Room**. Each Statement of Qualifications shall be in accordance with the Request for Qualifications.

Request for Qualifications Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Contractor is required to have a Class A or B license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Statement of Qualifications containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

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**What's Up
Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA**

Wednesday, December 13

**Mystery Book Group:
Shadow Prey**

From John Sandford, A slumlord and a welfare supervisor butchered in Minneapolis...a rising political star executed in Manhattan...an influential judge taken out in Oklahoma City...all with the same grisly modus operandi: the victim's throats were slashed with an Indian ceremonial knife. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Science subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

**Commission on the Status
of Women Meeting**

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, 7 p.m.

**Movie Screening: A
Christmas Story (1983)**

This beloved holiday comedy follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker, who spends most of his time dodging a bully and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a Red Ryder air rifle. Starring Jean Shepherd, Peter Billingsley, and Darren McGavin (98 minutes). Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

**Winter Movie Night: Happy
Feet (2006)**

An outcast penguin uses unique talents to save his colony from enemies, both human and animal. Come watch this "hippity-hoppity" film for the whole family and enjoy hot cocoa. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

**Anita L. DeFrantz: My
Olympic Life**

Santa Monica Public Library welcomes Olympian Anita L. DeFrantz, a member of the rowing team that took Olympic Bronze in 1976 and a long-time member of the International Olympic Committee, for a discussion of her new memoir and her role in planning for the LA 2028 Olympic Games. A book sale and signing fol-

lows. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

**Classic Movie & Discussion:
The Strawberry Blonde**

Film scholar Vivian Rosenberg screens and discusses this classic starring James Cagney as a dentist in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn who marries out of spite when his childhood sweetheart is betrothed to his rival. Believing he married the wrong woman, he changes his mind when he discovers his true feelings for his wife. (Film runtime: 99 min.) Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sing in the Season with the
Lyric Chorus**

The Lyric Chorus performs a winter concert of seasonal songs and Broadway tunes. Founded in the 1940s as the Santa Monica Lyric Chorus, the twenty-member group was renamed the Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College when the Emeritus College first opened in the 1970s. The group is led by Director Bill Elliott, who has been with the group for thirty years, and is accompanied by Assistant Director and pianist Tom Gerhold, who has been with them for over twenty years. Their winter concert is sure to be a big hit for all ages. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Friday, December 15

A Winter's Solstice

The feature shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m. As we head into the holiday season, find out about the history of ancient observances of the Winter Solstice, and take a look at a re-creation of the remarkable planetary conjunction in 2 BCE - a leading candidate for a scientific explanation of the Star of Bethlehem. Second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). \$11 (\$9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or \$6 (\$5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

For help submitting an event, contact us at 310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

ASH

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be found in a home fireplace, it may be irritating to the skin, nose and throat. Exposure to ash in air might trigger asthmatic attacks in people who already have asthma.”

When cleaning, effort should be taken to prevent ash from becoming airborne.

“Instead, gentle sweeping of indoor and outdoor surfaces, followed by wet mopping, is the best way to clean an area with ash. A solution of bleach and water may be used to disinfect an area, if desired,” said the report.

Household and shop vacuums should not be used unless they have a HEPA filter to remove small particles. Masks with a rating of N-95 can be worn to help filter out dangerous particles and cleaners should wear gloves, long sleeves and long pants. Ash that touches the skin can be removed with basic soap and water but efforts should be made to avoid washing large quantities of ash into storm drains.

Dry ash should be contained in a bag before being thrown into the garbage.

If ash made its way into the kitchen, food that was in sealed containers will be safe.

While cleanup is the course of action in Santa Monica, almost 9,000 firefighters remain on the fire lines and progress is being made in containment.

Calfire said that as of Dec. 12, the fires have burned nearly 260,000 acres and destroyed nearly 1,200 structures.

“Red Flag Warnings remain for most of Los Angeles and Ventura counties and have been extended into Wednesday,” said Calfire spokesperson Lynne Tolmachoff. “Strong gusts of between 20 and 40 mph expected in the Los Angeles and Ventura county wind prone areas. Local gusts to between 15 and 25 mph expected below the hills of Montecito the next few nights. Humidity remains in the single digits coupled with Santa Ana wind gusts and warm temperatures continue to elevate fire danger. Warm and dry conditions continue across the state, with no chance of precipitation in the current forecast.”

Fire updates as of December 12

THOMAS FIRE, VENTURA/

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
Santa Paula

- 234,200 acres, 20% contained
- Evacuations and road closures in effect
- 18,000 homes threatened, 95,000 residents evacuated
- CAL FIRE Incident Management

LILAC FIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Bonsall

- 4,100 acres, 92% contained
- Evacuations and road closures have been lifted
- CAL FIRE Incident Management

CREEK FIRE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Kagel Canyon

- 15,619 acres, 98% contained
- CAL FIRE Incident Management

RYE FIRE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Santa Clarita

- 6,049 acres, 96% contained

SKIRBALL FIRE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

North of Brentwood

- 422 acres, 85% contained

Birth-control coverage fight faces key hearing in California

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

The state of California and the Trump administration will square off Tuesday before a U.S. judge who will decide whether to block new rules allowing more employers to opt out of birth control coverage for women.

U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam was not expected to issue an immediate ruling on the request by California, which says the rules could result in millions of women in the state losing no-cost contraception services.

President Barack Obama’s health care law required most companies to cover birth control at no additional cost, though it included exemptions for religious organizations. The new policy by President Donald Trump’s administration marked another step in rolling back Obamacare.

Attorneys for the Trump administration said the rules are about “protecting a narrow class of sincere religious and moral objectors from being forced to facilitate practices that conflict with their beliefs.”

“This case is about religious liberty and freedom of conscience,” they wrote in a court filing.

Pennsylvania also have sued the Trump administration over the rules. The California attorney general’s office says Gilliam, whom Obama nominated to the federal court in 2014, is the first judge to hold a hearing to determine whether to block the rules while the case moves through the courts.

Delaware, Maryland, New York and Virginia joined California in its motion.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued the new policy on contraception in October. It allows more categories of employers, including publicly traded companies, to opt out of providing no-cost birth control to women by claiming religious or moral objections.

California’s lawsuit says the new rules violate the U.S. Constitution by overvaluing religious beliefs and discriminating against women. It says the Trump administration also violated federal law by acting without allowing for public comment or providing a proper legal or factual basis for the change.

The administration rejected those arguments, saying that the rules relieve a burden on religious practice, draw distinctions on the basis of sincerely held religious or moral beliefs and help resolve years of litigation.

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Site and Utility Design Services for the Beach Maintenance Yards Replacement Trailer SP2521

Proposals shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, no later than 2:30 p.m. on **January 24, 2018**, to be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. on said date in the Conference Room at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California 90401. Each proposal shall be in accordance with the Request for Proposals.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City’s bidding website at <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids>. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City’s Request for Proposals.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Access Path Replacement at Palisades Park and Virginia Avenue Park SP2467

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **December 21, 2017** to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City’s bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Contractor is required to have a **Class A** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City’s Request for Bids.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Big Blue Bus Administration Building HVAC Improvements at Primary Server SP2502

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **January 22, 2018**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date **1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401**. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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Consumer Corner

Andrea Cavanaugh

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Charities: Do Your Homework Before You Donate

MARISA WAS WALKING INTO A SANTA

Monica supermarket this month when a man with a clipboard intercepted her. "Would you like to help victims of the wildfires?" he asked.

Marisa was concerned about the thousands of people affected by the recent California fires, and was eager to do anything to assist them. But she wanted some information first. She asked the man for the name of his organization.

"The California Fire Collection," he answered promptly.

Marisa thought that sounded suspicious, so she didn't give the man any money. And she was right. It seems that for every legitimate charity collecting donations, there's another with questionable credentials. With so many requests for donations – online, by phone, and at stores – it pays to ask questions.

Two key questions to ask are whether the organization is legitimate, and how much of your donation will go to the actual cause? Some solicitors are committing out-and-out fraud. Other organizations are legitimate charities – but they spend a lot of their donations on employee salaries, fundraising, or other administrative costs.

Scammers often employ similar tactics – they take advantage of the sympathies of consumers; they use high-pressure methods to get donations quickly; and they don't provide much information about the organizations they're allegedly trying to benefit. Fraudsters often adopt "charity" names that are very similar to reputable organizations, so be sure to listen and read carefully when you're being solicited!

CONSIDER THESE TIPS BEFORE

DONATING TO A CHARITY:

- Get its exact name, address, phone number and website.
 - Go to Charitynavigator.org or a similar service to see if it's legitimate.
 - Search the exact name of the group online – and also with the word "complaint" or "scam." This can provide fast information about its reputation.
 - Contact the organization and ask whether the solicitor is authorized.
- Here are more ideas for managing your charitable donations:
- Keep records of your donations.
 - Make an annual plan, and decide in advance which organizations will receive your donations.
 - Learn about the difference between "tax exempt" and "tax deductible." An organization may be exempt from taxes, but that doesn't mean you can deduct your donation on your own tax return.
 - Never donate with cash or a wire transfer.
 - Don't provide your account or other personal information unless you're very familiar with the organization.
 - Know that if you text to donate, the charge will show up on your mobile phone bill.

Donating to charitable organizations can help people in need, but it's important to do your homework to ensure your dollars are going to the causes you want to support – and not into the pockets of scammers. If you have questions about individuals or organizations soliciting for charity in Santa Monica, call the Consumer Protection Division at 310-458-8336, or visit smconsumer.org.

ANDREA CAVANAUGH is a Consumer Specialist with the City Attorney's office.

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There are those here who have always suspected there might be nefarious intent behind what we consider the wholesale selling out of our city, not just a difference of urban planning philosophies. Some corruption. Maybe even actual criminal activity. Salaries are sky high for coveted City staff positions, and it takes six figures to get elected even dogcatcher. If we had a dogcatcher. (Do we have a dogcatcher?)

Maybe there's bribery, profiteering, double dealing, wife swapping, human trafficking, gun running, drug smuggling, quid pro quos like crazy, extortion, maybe death threats? Those of us who suspect ... something, have been labeled paranoid, conspiracy theorists, out of touch with reality, living in the past, and really mean NIMBYs. Santa Monica isn't Bell, they say derisively. Maybe not, but it's beginning to look like it's not Mayberry, either.

Now we have a school board member being investigated for voting for contracts from companies from whom her mayor-Council member husband was receiving payments as a consultant. Payments neither of them ever declared, as it seems they should have years ago.

CORRUPTION? A PROFIT MOTIVE?

Somebody's making big money off development of our very pricey beach town real estate, at least the developers. Enough to spread around? That could explain why every City Council for the last decade, at least since the defeat of Prop T, has approved development after development to cram as many people into as many too-tall too-large buildings as they can in our 8.4 square miles. Remember the godawful towers they wanted to put on top of Santa Monica Place? Remember the Hines Project?

Remember the last time City Council said no to an oversized development? (Nope, me neither.) Traffic choking to a standstill? No problem. We just need to get people out of their cars.

The train will do that, they said. Seven million visitors in 2014? Then eight? Now almost nine million? No problem. Y'all come, we'll make room for you. Somehow. We love you. We love your money (that you spend at the chain stores). The folks who live here don't mind, do ya? Sharing our beautiful beach town with folks from all over the world. And paying for your emergency services and traffic mitigation and water and power and garbage etc. To the point where it is now becoming unlivable for us.

Especially not minding are the New Santa Monicans flocking in to all those new small units being built for them, the well-heeled Millennials, surfing at the new Silicon Beach, who will stay until the next higher-paying job in the next city comes along. Santa Monica has a history? Traditions? A special place in the landscape of Los Angeles? Sorry, don't have time for that, just give me a Downtown that suits my desires and is crime-free and I will pay that exorbitant lease or purchase. Till I split. And leave y'all with the overdevelopment detritus.

OH, NIMBY, NIMBY, NIMBY

No. Realistic. Realistic about borders and that 8.4 square miles. That's all we control,

all we can vote on. Beyond our borders it's LA and King Neptune and they're pretty big guys and neither of them lets us vote on their huge portion of our symbiotic futures.

Many of us are desperate for some transparency and some governing to the will of the people not the benefit of corporate interests, and for the truth to come out, to clean house, and to proceed with reasonable, appropriate, realistic smart development for Santa Monica's future, not its destruction.

I love Millennials. Really, I do. My daughter is one. And I love old folks, for their rich lifetime achievements and wisdom and stories. But from 1 to 101, I ask only one thing if you live here, for however long: respect the place. It's earned it. Santa Monica is truly unique, and valuable and precious in so many ways. I'll never tell anyone they should leave. But if you don't have that respect, shut the hell up about our future.

SO YOU KNOW...

We've got this lawsuit in progress, to initiate district voting for City Council and school board, to presumably give more voice to minorities than happens under our current at-large system. Our City government has decided to fight it. If we (the City) lose, it could wind up costing us \$7-8,000,000, and it is almost certain we will lose, according to Kevin Shenkman, the attorney guiding the suit against the City. Every single one of the previous similar two dozen lawsuits in recent years has been decided against the cities and their at-large voting. Every one.

In the course of that suit all members of the City Council are being deposed, and it is continuing. Think Mueller and Russia. All sorts of things can come out in the process. Like the revelations about the Vazquezes. Council member Pam O'Connor will be brought back because she walked out of her first deposition when questions turned to areas she didn't want to go on record about. You can't do that. The judge she appealed to told her very sternly, you can't do that. Really looking forward to that rematch.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Was this an almost-year-end broadside of what troubles so many of us about the way our City is being run? Guess so.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." – Abraham Lincoln

"The duty of youth is to challenge corruption." – Kurt Cobain

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." – Albert Einstein

"The worst disease in the world today is corruption. And there is a cure: transparency." – Bono

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: **Bid #18.06.ES-DSA#03-118308, Franklin Elementary School – Windows, Paint, Floors, Doors & HVAC Project at Franklin Elementary School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between \$5,250,000 - \$5,750,000 and includes construction of, Abate and replace specific existing windows with new painted storefront aluminum windows and re-glaze the remaining windows in buildings D, E, F & G, Abate and replace carpet and tile flooring, Paint all previously painted interior surfaces and exterior trim, ADA renovation of selected restrooms and ramps along the path of travel, New HVAC systems to all buildings and New campus wide Fire Alarm and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 1/17/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders can attend a Non-Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 12/18/17 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

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Non-Mandatory Job Walk:

Monday, 12/18/17 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Franklin Elementary School – 2400 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica CA 90403 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives outside the front entrance of the school.

Bid Opening:

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VICTIMS

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been used by taxpayers who suffer severe losses from fires, floods or crimes.

Yet the House bill would create an exception allowing victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria to use that deduction in the future if they haven't yet totaled their losses from the storms by the time they file their 2017 taxes.

"If they call out one kind of devastation over another, that stinks," said Larry Keyser, whose home was one of 3,500 structures destroyed in fires in Northern California in October as the tax bill began to move through the House of Representatives.

"The Senate side, that stinks too," added Keyser, a retired engineer who is struggling to total all the losses his family suffered. He doubts he will have determined his total financial loss by tax time.

Despite Brady's provision, Republicans have said they are trying to extend the deduction to California wildfire victims just as they did to hurricane victims. All of California's 53 congressional representatives — including House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy — have introduced a bill that would extend into next year the personal loss deduction for victims of the state's fires.

Lauren Aronson, a spokeswoman for the Ways and Means committee, did not explain why the House bill provided tax advantages for hurricane victims but not for fire victims. In a statement, she said of the House and Senate measures:

"Chairman Brady looks forward to working together in conference to reconcile these similar proposals. At the same time, the chairman continues to work with members who have introduced legislation that will provide tax relief to families affected by the

recent wildfires in California."

Democrats have assailed Republicans for omitting California's fire victims from the House bill's tax advantages for hurricane victims. Their anger is compounded by the fact that both versions of the Republicans tax legislation would eliminate the deductibility of state and local income taxes.

That change would especially disadvantage residents of California and other high-tax states that vote predominantly Democratic. Eleven of California's 14 Republican members of the House voted for the tax bill, helping supply the margin it needed to pass that chamber.

Rep. Darrell Issa, whose San Diego district was hit by last week's fires, is one of the three California Republican representatives who voted against the bill. On Tuesday, he urged congressional leaders to include an extension for California wildfire victims in the final bill.

"As devastating wildfires continue to ravage our state, it would be unthinkable to do away with important and much-needed relief for constituents who've lost their homes, property and livelihoods," Issa wrote.

Even if the House provision is adjusted to match the Senate's, allowing victims of federally declared disasters — but not others — to deduct losses, it would still be morally objectionable, Rep. Brad Sherman, a California Democrat, said in an interview.

"Why would we treat two people who both lost homes of equal value differently, because one lost their home on a day when 15 other people lost homes and another when 200 lost their home?" he asked.

Sherman also warned that using the tax code to favor victims of federally declared disasters over other victims could open the door for Congress or the White House to punish particular states that favor the opposing political party.

"That just shows how political this all is," he said.



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VOLUNTEERS

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turbing change in the incidence and severity of untreated mental illness, substance abuse and anti-social behavior among the homeless population," read a recent City report on homelessness. "This has eroded our community's sense of Santa Monica as a safe and desirable place to live, play, and do business."

Last month, the City unveiled a plan to address the local homeless boom- including plans to bring a "C3" outreach team to Santa Monica. The team members will be assigned to specific areas in the city to identify vulnerable individuals and engage in interventions to get them into stable housing. Police, Fire and library employees will be receiving additional training in the next year on how to best deal with homeless individuals and connect them with supportive services.

"The City's new initiatives are still launching so we don't expect to see them have an impact on the night of the count," Willis said. "We're going to wait until January 2019 to see the impact."

Organizers do their best to accommodate

groups but cannot guarantee placement together. Groups larger than three people may be split between separate teams. The count takes place rain or shine and volunteers are encouraged to wear layers and comfortable shoes, as some routes require walking two to three miles. Training takes place the night of the event.

The number could impact the amount of federal funds the city receives to combat homelessness.

Volunteers for the 2018 Homeless Count have the option of driving (counting from their cars as they pass through alleys and streets, walking or a combination of the two. Volunteers should bring a water bottle, cell phone and charger. A flashlight can be helpful. There is no storage for additional items, so be prepared to carry whatever you bring.

Volunteers must be 18 years old. Younger teenagers (16 and up) may participate if their parent or guardian is also volunteering and will be placed on the same team.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 397 Calls For Service On Dec. 1.

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

- Living in a vehicle 300 block Marguerita 12:03 a.m.
- Party complaint 1200 block 6th 12:26 a.m.
- Hit and run 2500 block Kansas 12:39 a.m.
- Party complaint 2400 block Ocean Park 1:05 a.m.
- Assault w/deadly weapon 900 block 6th 1:33 a.m.
- Battery 2200 block Pico 1:45 a.m.
- Assault w/deadly weapon 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:49 a.m.
- Encampment 1400 block 2nd 3:19 a.m.
- Armed robbery 1400 block 12th 4:54 a.m.
- Grand theft 1100 block 10th 5:43 a.m.
- Fight 1500 block 2nd 6:05 a.m.
- Found person 1100 block Lincoln 6:20 a.m.
- Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 6:54 a.m.
- Bike theft 1000 block 6th 7:05 a.m.
- Bike theft 1000 block 6th 7:36 a.m.
- Vandalism 1600 block Franklin 7:57 a.m.
- Battery 400 block Wilshire 8:01 a.m.
- Petty theft 1600 block 10th 8:04 a.m.
- Auto burglary 1100 block Idaho 8:25 a.m.
- Encampment 1600 block Appian 8:29 a.m.
- Auto burglary 1300 block 6th 8:44 a.m.
- Petty theft 1300 block 20th 8:59 a.m.
- Vehicle blocking 1800 block Main 9:14 a.m.
- Petty theft 600 block Broadway 9:16 a.m.
- Petty theft 1900 block Lincoln 9:23 a.m.
- Vehicle with 1700 block Main 9:37 a.m.
- Burglary 900 block 7th 10:20 a.m.
- Burglary investigation 1400 block 4th 10:33 a.m.
- Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 10:34 a.m.
- Lost property 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 12:00 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 12:02 p.m.
- Found property 400 block Wilshire 12:22 p.m.
- Hit and run 11th / Washington 12:23 p.m.
- Traffic collision 19th / Pico 1:02 p.m.
- Found property 1100 block 2nd 1:16 p.m.
- Encampment 3100 block 2nd 1:24 p.m.
- Petty theft 1300 block 2nd 1:45 p.m.

- Vandalism 2800 block Main 1:56 p.m.
- Bike theft 1600 block the Beach 1:58 p.m.
- Traffic collision 1900 block 19th 2 p.m.
- Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 2:09 p.m.
- Traffic collision Cloverfield / Michigan 2:14 p.m.
- Fraud 3200 block Ocean Park 2:19 p.m.
- Grand theft 2800 block Arizona 2:23 p.m.
- Traffic collision 1300 block 19th 2:25 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 2:37 p.m.
- Bike theft 1700 block the beach 2:55 p.m.
- Identity theft 500 block Ashland 2:56 p.m.
- Grand theft 1400 block Ocean 3:01 p.m.
- Hit and run 7th / Marguerita 3:19 p.m.
- Traffic collision 2400 block Ocean Park 3:20 p.m.
- Encampment 1700 block the beach 3:56 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1300 block 6th 3:59 p.m.
- Hit and run 7th / Marguerita 4:02 p.m.
- Traffic collision 6th / Santa Monica 4:10 p.m.
- Indecent exposure 1600 block Lincoln 4:12 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 4:38 p.m.
- Vehicle parked 1100 block Arizona 4:40 p.m.
- Grand theft 1300 block 12th 4:54 p.m.
- Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 5:37 p.m.
- Fraud 2400 block Wilshire 5:47 p.m.
- Bike theft 1500 block Euclid 5:55 p.m.
- Encampment 2200 block Lincoln 6:02 p.m.
- Burglary 1700 block Dewey 6:21 p.m.
- Vandalism 800 block Broadway 6:22 p.m.
- Indecent exposure 14th / Montana 6:28 p.m.
- Theft suspect 200 block Broadway 6:44 p.m.
- Petty theft 100 block Santa Monica PI 6:52 p.m.
- Petty theft 1300 block 9th 7:08 p.m.
- Burglary 1700 block Dewey 7:08 p.m.
- Encampment 1500 block 12th 7:12 p.m.
- Bike theft 500 block Santa Monica 7:13 p.m.
- Encampment 1100 block 12th 7:18 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 8:28 p.m.
- Identity theft 1400 block 15th 8:30 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 8:37 p.m.
- Petty theft 400 block Wilshire 8:54 p.m.
- Critical missing person 1300 block 17th 9:09 p.m.
- Burglary 900 block 14th 9:10 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 9:17 p.m.
- Auto burglary 100 block Hill 9:25 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 9:38 p.m.
- Grand theft 1000 block Harvard 9:45 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 10:05 p.m.
- Grand theft auto 800 block Broadway 10:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 32 Calls For Service On Dec. 11.

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

- EMS 900 block 2nd 12:10 a.m.
- Flooded condition 20th / Pico 12:33 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 1400 block 10th 12:42 a.m.
- EMS 800 block 2nd 2:16 a.m.
- EMS 1700 block 4th 3:15 a.m.
- EMS 2000 block Arizona 3:22 a.m.
- EMS 400 block Ocean 5:44 a.m.
- EMS Ocean / Santa Monica 7 a.m.
- Public assist 2700 block Highland 8:03 a.m.
- EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 9:26 a.m.
- EMS 1300 block 20th 11:20 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 600 block Santa Monica 12:55 p.m.

- Traffic collision with injury 19th / Pico 1:02 p.m.
- EMS 19th / Pico 1:03 p.m.
- EMS 28th / Ocean Park 1:11 p.m.
- EMS 1800 block 9th 1:16 p.m.
- EMS 400 block Wilshire 1:21 p.m.
- EMS 2400 block Ocean Park 3:22 p.m.
- Vault fire 200 block Santa Monica 3:40 p.m.
- EMS 500 block Santa Monica 4:10 p.m.
- EMS 2200 block Ocean 4:11 p.m.
- EMS 2400 block Wilshire 4:35 p.m.
- Elevator rescue 100 block Wilshire 5:38 p.m.
- EMS 2700 block Neilson 6:53 p.m.
- EMS 1300 block 15th 7:48 p.m.
- Trash/dumpster fire 500 block Santa Monica 9:39 p.m.
- EMS 800 block Pico 9:43 p.m.
- Miscellaneous outside fire 2600 block Expo Line 9:56 p.m.
- EMS 3100 block Santa Monica 11:18 p.m.
- EMS 1000 block 12th 11:41 p.m.
- EMS 1900 block Ocean 11:48 p.m.

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Doc Talk

■ Arterial stick: insertion of an intravenous line into an artery

Phobia of the Week

■ Dromophobia: fear of crossing streets

Best Medicine

■ A doctor was giving a lecture to a group of medical students at a teaching hospital.

■ Pointing to an x-ray, he opined: "As you can see, this patient limps because his right fibula and tibia are radically arched."

■ The doctor then turned to the class and asked a young man in the front row: "What would you do in a case like this?"

■ The young man replied, "I suppose I would limp too."

MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com



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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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ORIG	ATIT	TIDES
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SLOT	TREE	LEAD

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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Newsday Crossword

THREE-DIMENSIONAL by Fred Piscop
 Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ Raton, FL
- 5 Straight from the garden
- 10 Drove too fast
- 14 Iridescent gem
- 15 Juliet's love
- 16 Canine visitor to Oz
- 17 *Tonight Show* host before Fallon
- 18 Bother incessantly
- 19 Curved doorway
- 20 Tailor's measurement
- 23 Summer shoe
- 24 Director Spike or Ang
- 25 Strong drain cleaner
- 27 Performed
- 28 Bikini part
- 31 Fields of expertise
- 35 Leave in a hurry
- 37 Bovine bellows
- 38 Just barely
- 41 Dealership displays
- 42 Boxing match
- 43 Overly demanding
- 44 Long-running NBC weekend show
- 45 Pigsty
- 46 Bro or sis
- 48 ___ for the course (normal)
- 49 Subtly suggests
- 54 Learned thoroughly
- 59 Wood strip
- 60 Justice Samuel
- 61 "Sound off" remote button
- 62 Small clue

- 63 More cordial
 - 64 Stiffly formal
 - 65 Unable to sit still
 - 66 Summons from a teacher
 - 67 In years past
- DOWN
- 1 Door fasteners
 - 2 Gig for a soprano
 - 3 Religious doctrine
 - 4 So all can hear
 - 5 Without hindrance
 - 6 Crowd sound
 - 7 CPR experts
 - 8 Aquatic mammal with whiskers
 - 9 Innkeeper
 - 10 Performer's platform
 - 11 Place to dock
 - 12 Engrave deeply
 - 13 Homer Simpson shout
 - 21 Tex-Mex dip
 - 22 Homer Simpson neighbor
 - 26 *Zac of High School Musical*
 - 27 What IOUs represent
 - 28 Physiques, informally
 - 29 Goes bad
 - 30 Very pale
 - 31 Fundamentals
 - 32 TV host
 - 33 British nobleman
 - 34 Expresses relief
 - 36 Baton Rouge sch.
 - 37 Onetime Chinese chairman
 - 39 Spaniards, for example
 - 40 Flowed back
 - 45 Knee protector
 - 47 Pretend not to hear
 - 48 Pane sealant
 - 50 Musical pace
 - 51 Reject with scorn
 - 52 Storage spot
 - 53 Main subject
 - 54 Rode (down), as a banister
 - 55 Zesty flavor
 - 56 Writer Wiesel
 - 57 Board-game cubes
 - 58 Agenda entry
 - 59 "Steady as ___ goes!"

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Crews struggle to keep flames from California neighborhoods

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

The fifth largest wildfire in California history expanded, ripping through dry brush atop a coastal ridge while crews struggled to keep flames from roaring down into neighborhoods amid fears of renewed winds.

Firefighters protected foothill homes northwest of Los Angeles, making progress in residential areas while much of the fire's growth occurred to the north in unoccupied forest land, Santa Barbara County Fire Department spokesman Mike Eliason said Tuesday.

"There were a couple of flare-ups in the hills that put on a light show last night, but they were expected. For now the teams are fighting the fire on their own terms," he said, adding that shifting winds are always a danger.

Red Flag warnings for fire danger due to Santa Ana winds and a critical lack of moisture were extended into the week, with a pos-

sible increase in gusts Thursday into Friday. Tens of thousands of people remain evacuated, including many from the seaside enclaves of Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria and the inland agricultural town of Fillmore.

Still among evacuees due to smoke Tuesday were Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Eric Burdon and his wife, Marianna, of Ojai. Last week, Burdon wrote on Facebook about having to flee and returning temporarily to find their home still standing with ashes all around.

"A week like this gives you the perspective that life is what truly matters," he wrote.

A photo accompanying the post showed his handprint and signature written in ashes.

Residents near a Carpinteria avocado orchard said the trees could end up saving their homes.

"You have a thick layer of leaves underneath the bottom and they are watered regularly, so it's like a sponge," Jeff Dreyer, who lives nearby, told KEYT-TV. "So the fire gets

to the sponge full of water and it slows it down. It takes a long time for it to burn."

Poor air quality kept dozens of schools closed. As ash rained down and smoke blew through streets, regulators urged people to remain inside if possible and avoid strenuous activity.

Officials handed out masks to those who stayed behind in Montecito, an exclusive community about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from Los Angeles that's home to stars such as Oprah Winfrey, Jeff Bridges and Drew Barrymore. Actor Rob Lowe was among residents who evacuated over the weekend.

The blaze — known as the Thomas Fire — has destroyed more than 680 homes, officials said. It was just partially contained after burning more than 360 square miles (930 square kilometers) of dry brush and timber. The fire has been burning for more than a week.

The fire is in an area of California that has remained in at least moderate drought even after last winter's powerful rains and heavy

mountain snowfall eliminated drought symptoms in much of the rest of the state.

To the north, San Francisco Bay Area firefighters quickly contained blazes Tuesday that destroyed at least two homes in hills east of Oakland — the site of a 1991 firestorm that killed 25 people.

Santa Ana winds have long contributed to some of the region's most disastrous wildfires. They blow from the inland toward the Pacific Ocean, speeding up as they squeeze through mountain passes and canyons.

The weather service said that if the long-term forecast holds, there will have been 13 consecutive days of dry offshore flow before it ends Friday afternoon. There have only been 17 longer streaks since 1948, including the record of 24 days set between December 1953 and January 1954.

High fire risk is expected to last into January.

AP reporter John Antczak contributed to this report.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 13)

You're afraid of something, and you want it at the same time. Over the next seven weeks, desire takes over and fear lessens just enough for you to dive in. This exhilaration will benefit many areas — your health, your love life and more — and the best part is that this will be true whether or not you get what you want. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 33, 38 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Arguably, half of belonging is just acting like you belong. Feeling like you belong is obviously huge, too. But if you do a little of both and still feel like a bit of a misfit, just know the others who "belong" feel about the same.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You may get a late start because there are certain things you'll do to get your head in the game; they take time. The rituals help! It's more than just coffee. It's ways you motivate yourself. Keep reinforcing what works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You've felt at times that you were fundamentally different from those you were brought up around, so it's pretty refreshing when today you recognize some nice ways in which you are alike.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The water drops seem to reach for each other. The stream is suddenly the river, and as the river connects with ocean, the river is the ocean. Today your water-sign nature will echo this tendency to join completely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're changed by every circumstance, and that's a good thing. It means you're open to letting life in. It means you're listening and learning. It's true that you have to protect yourself at times by making yourself hard, but not now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It is often the case that one broken bulb renders the whole line of holiday lights useless. Let the metaphor remind us to check on one another so we can all be bright together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Choose a memento representing the mundane aspects of your life. A picture would be enough, but it's not the same as something you can hold in your hand. Years from now, you'll want to remember.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

It doesn't feel true, but there really is a guidance system in you that never shuts down. In those directionless moments you think that your soul lacks a GPS, but it's been in your pocket the whole time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it's what keeps humans evolving. As for you, you'll prove your superior intellect by listening to many sides of a story before forming an opinion, if it even comes to that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There's something you want to know, and it will be revealed to you indirectly — through small talk, intonation and body language. So there's really no need for probing questions, deep discussions or heated arguments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Simplification is part of the brain's job. It's why the first time you travel somewhere the journey seems longer and more detailed; then later trips are short and blurry. It's also why you should go a different route today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Snap decisions will be necessary — mostly in matters of taste and style. Your decisiveness in this regard will make a project hum along at a pace that everyone can appreciate.

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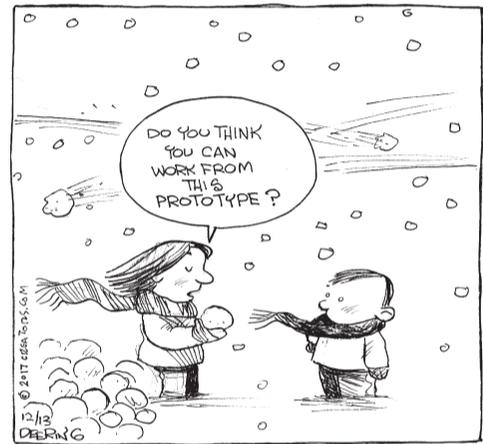
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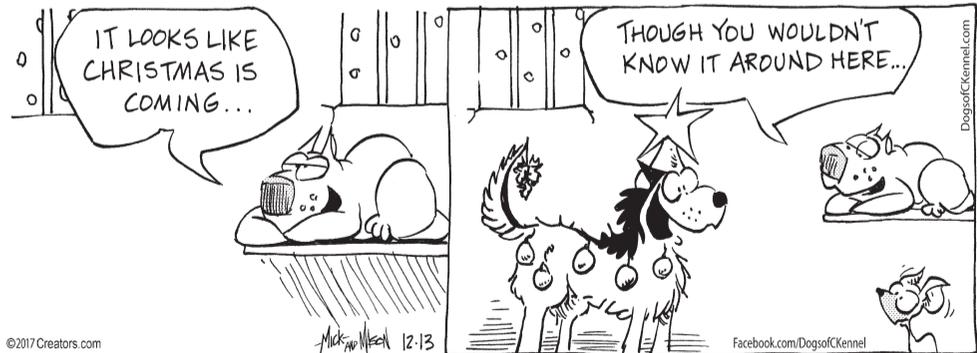
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