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WILDFIRE PREVENTION



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U.S. Forest Service seasonal worker James Stewart, 28, directs a Neptune Aviation BAe-146 air tanker during a demonstration at the U.S. Forest Service air tanker base at San Bernardino International Airport on Monday.

SMOKEY BEAR WANTS YOU

Job market: Forest Service seeks 1,500 temporary workers for wildlands across California

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With temperatures rising because of global climate change and millions of forest trees dying from heat and pest infestations every year, the potential for more wildfires is real.

To combat this growing threat, the U.S. Forest Service on Monday began accepting applications for 1,500 temporary jobs to work in the 18 national forests across the state next spring and summer, said Brenda Kendrix, a USFS spokesperson for the Pacific Region in Vallejo.

The need for temporary workers is well above last year's call for about 1,000 openings, Kendrix said, although many other factors besides fires are at play, she said.

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U.S. FOREST SERVICE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Hotshot fire crew member rests near a controlled burn operation near the Rim fire near Yosemite National Park in 2013. Area hot shot crew members are being sought.

INLAND EMPIRE

Pastor's suicide spotlights mental health issue

Struggles of clergy often not openly discussed because of social stigma and religious beliefs

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Barely three years after being named the first female pastor of a large United Methodist church in San Diego in 1991, the Rev. Susan Gregg Schroeder found herself so depressed that she was drawing up an elaborate plan to take her own life.

"I felt disoriented and disconnected from my feelings and myself," she said. "I couldn't eat or sleep. Nothing brought me plea-

sure. I was simply going through the motions. I couldn't stand to be around others and isolated myself from everyone."

Schroeder's struggles are common in the faith community but are not often openly discussed because of the stigma surrounding mental illness and the negative aura around suicidal deaths in most faith traditions.

In the Inland Empire, two



Wilson

pastors have died by suicide in just the past year. On Sept. 9, Jarrid Wilson, a 30-year-old associate pastor at Riverside's Harvest Christian Fellowship church died by suicide. Wilson, who was open about his struggles with depression, also led the church's mental health ministry.

On Aug. 25, 2018, Andrew Stoecklein, lead pastor at Inland Hills Church in Chino who was

battling depression and anxiety, took his own life. He, like Wilson, was also 30. Both men left behind a wife and young children.

Wilson's death by suicide has renewed the conversation around clergy and mental illness. But, Schroeder says, there is still little awareness about the mental health struggles of pastors who offer support to their flock and beyond and yet get very little of it for themselves.

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ENVIRONMENT

Trump targets California auto rules

Administration set to revoke state's power over vehicle emissions

By Coral Davenport
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » The Trump administration is expected today to formally revoke California's legal authority to set tailpipe pollution rules that are stricter than federal rules, in a move designed by the White House to strike twin blows against both the liberal-leaning state that President Donald Trump has long antagonized as well as the environmental legacy of President Barack Obama.



Trump

The announcement that the White House will revoke one of California's signature environmental policies will come while Trump is traveling in the state, where he was attending fundraisers in Los Angeles, San Diego and Silicon Valley over two days.

The formal revocation of California's authority to set its own rules on tailpipe pollution — the United States' largest source of greenhouse emissions — will be announced this afternoon at a private event at the Washington headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency, according to two people familiar with the matter.

A White House spokesman referred questions on the matter

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1ST DISTRICT

Cook to run for county supervisor

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Rep. Paul Cook, R-Yucca Valley, said he will be running for San Bernardino County supervisor.

Cook, who represents the 8th Congressional District, announced Tuesday that he would seek the 1st District supervisory seat in the March 2020 election after Supervisor Robert Lovin-good announced his retirement in August.

"After 26 years in the Marine Corps, my attention turned first to local government," Cook said in a statement. "And while I've been called to serve in other capacities such as Congress, my focus has always been on empowering communities and making sure local residents have the strongest voice in decisions that affect



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