

2018 ROSE PARADE



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Musical performances and marching bands thrill visitors to Pasadena

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Music took on a headlining role at the 129th Rose Parade with big opening and closing numbers, a surprise performance by Earth, Wind & Fire, and the best marching bands from around the world.

Youtube star and singer Todrick Hall kicked off the mostly tame event with an elaborate production with 100 dancers and musicians. Hours later, pop artist Andy Grammer closed out the day with a mobile concert, complete with an accompanying audience of fans who launched into a synchronized dance.

But it was funk and soul band Earth, Wind & Fire that stole the spotlight

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The 100th Rose Queen, Isabella Marez, waves to the crowd during the parade.
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THE YEAR AHEAD

How key factors will affect finances

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
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No one wants to be caught off-guard when it comes to their finances. So The Associated Press asked several experts to share their opinion on what will happen with some key issues in 2018 that will directly impact your personal financial well-being. Here's a look at their forecasts.

Q What should I expect from gas prices?

A Gas prices are still quite low, historically speaking, and were fairly steady in 2017. But 2018 may be a bit more rocky, according to Tom Kloza, global head of energy analysis at Oil Price Information Service.

Kloza estimated that the average price for regular gasoline for

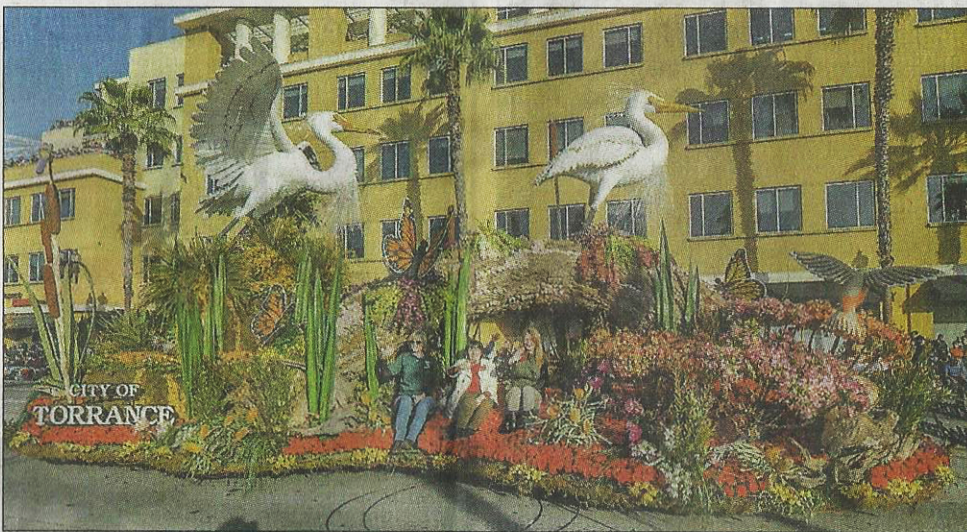
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The Georgia Bulldogs' Sony Michel, right, runs the ball in the first half of the College Football Playoff semifinal during the 104th Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena.



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The city of Torrance float is "Protecting Nature." The theme for 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade on Monday was "Making a Difference."

Top: The Singpoli float "Rising Above" wins the Sweepstakes Award on Monday during the 2018 Rose Parade in Pasadena.

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