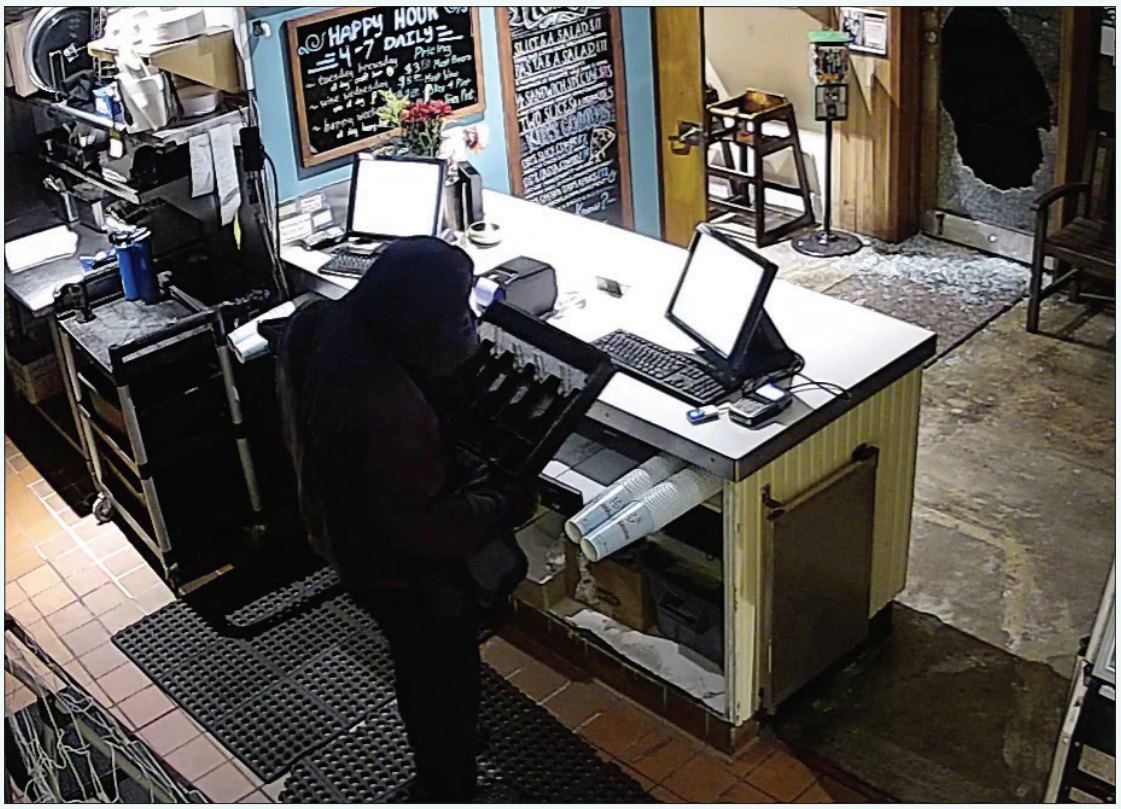
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Police warning businesses of restaurant burglary ring



Courtesy image

THEFT: Dagwoods Pizza was one of the businesses targeted in recent weeks by thieves.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A group of men is breaking into restaurants in Santa Monica and other nearby cities late at night and stealing thousands of dollars in cash.

Four to five young men wearing athletic clothing and drawstring hoodies pulled down over their faces are breaking into restaurants through glass front doors that lack bars or roll up gates, said Cynthia Renaud, the Santa Monica Police Department's chief of police. The crew has burglarized five Santa Monica restaurants since the end of May.

The men most recently stole $800 from Upper West, said SMPD Sgt. Rudy Flores. They broke into the restaurant at 3321 Pico Blvd. Wednesday at 3 a.m.

The previous three burglaries happened within one week.

They first took $500 from Viet Noodle Bar at 3221 Pico Blvd. around 3 a.m. June 27 and then stole $4,000 from Mediterranean restaurant Z Garden at 4:30 a.m. July 1. The group broke into Dagwood's Pizza after 2 a.m. on July 3,

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Person with measles visited Westside businesses

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Local public health officials said a person with measles visited several businesses in Venice, Brentwood and Santa Monica last week.

The infected person visited Groundworks Coffee in Venice between 12:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. They then went to Frontrunners Shoe Store and CVS in Brentwood between 1 and 4 p.m. before going to American Beauty in Venice between 5 and 7:15 p.m.

On Monday, July 15, they went to Comerica Bank in Brentwood between 2:30 and 5 p.m. They then traveled to Groundworks Coffee in the Arts District between 3:45 and 6:30 p.m. and California Chicken Cafe in Santa Monica between 8:30 and 11 p.m.

The following day, they went to

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SISTER CITIES

Courtesy photo

Santa Monica Sister Cities exchange students arrived on Wednesday at LAX. Students from Fujinomoya and Kizugawa, Japan, Mazatlan Mexico and Hamm Germany will be visiting Santa Monica for the next two weeks. Pictured from left to right: Maya F (Santa Monica), Lily T. (Santa Monica), Sister Cities Chairman Jeff Jarow, Selinay (Hamm), Ajla M. (Hamm),.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Related to the R1 (Single-Unit Residential) Zoning District Development Standards

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance recommending amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance related to the R1 development standards, including, but not limited to, parcel coverage, building height, upper-story stepbacks, upper-story outdoor space, and parking.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California.

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

Address your letters to: Ross Fehrman, Associate Planner
Re: R1 Update
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman, Associate Planner, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at ross.fehrman@smgov.net. Additionally, more information can be found at www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/R1-Update/.The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

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

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, July 26

Sunset Swim
Ages 18+ - Enjoy a fun evening at the pool, exclusively for adults. $10 adults, $5 senior (60+). No reservations required. 7 – 10 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Mat Pilates
Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library.

Franklin Haynes Marionettes
Experience "The Princess and the Pirates," a funny pirate adventure with music, laughs- and a look behind the scenes! For ages 4-11. (45 min.) 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library

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

Free screening of "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?"
This week, Mind Over Movies screens the Coen Brothers' satirical odyssey through the Depression-era American South. Film features Coen vets George Clooney, John Goodman and John Turturro. Rated PG-13. Screening followed by respectful discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Saturday, July 27

And then there is California. Short video screenings
In conjunction with the 'And then there is California.' exhibit, exhibition artists present an evening of screenings featuring video works from Kelly Wall, Hanieh Khatibi and exhibition curators Beck+Col. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6 – 9 p.m.
Reservations available online: https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

American Stories Book Group
Book: Mistress of Spice by Chitra Divakaruni. A mystical tale told by Tilo, a young Indian woman in an old woman's body who has been trained in the secret powers of spices. Pico Branch Library. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Meet Me at Reed
Outdoor performance series in Christine Emerson Reed Park. 3 – 7 p.m.

Singing Rounds with Studio Resident Alex Wand
Sing rounds with some guitar accompaniment; round singing is a musical form where one group starts off with a melody and the next group starts with the same melody a bit later and so on. The result is a harmonious canon of voices in perpetual motion. The workshop is meant for non-musicians and musicians alike; all are welcome. 1450 Ocean, 1 – 2 p.m. Free RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/singing-rounds-with-studio-resident-alex-wand-tickets-56720072263

Preventing Sexual Abuse: A Workshop For Parents
Parents and caregivers play a unique role in child abuse prevention. Learn how we can all help protect the children in our lives. Presented in partnership with Family Service of Santa Monica. Childcare for children provided for children 3+ by CREST. Call 310-458-8621 to register. Main Library. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

Dahn Gim and Alex Wand: Sympoiesis
Join organizers for a Studio Residency culminating event featuring open studios, a documentary screening and a new site-specific performance that moves from the Camera Obscura to the beach, from Dahn Gim and Alex Wand. Light refreshments provided. Note that part of the performance takes place in the Camera tower, located up 14 steps, and part takes place on the beach. For those guests following the performance to the beach, sun/wind protection and comfortable shoes are suggested. 5 – 8 p.m. For more information and registration, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dahn-gim-and-alex-wand-sympoiesis-tickets-58296039022

Monday, July 29

Summer Activity Program: Monster House Musical Puppet Show
A unique "kindie rock" concert with Kiddle Karoo and her monster pals will have you dancing. Ages 4-11. Free tickets will be available starting at 2 p.m. outside the MLK Jr., Auditorium, Main Library. 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California gets environmental oversight on rail project

The Trump administration has given California permission to oversee federal environmental reviews for a high-speed rail line between San Francisco and Los Angeles, even as the administration tries to cancel a nearly $1 billion grant for the project.

The designation announced Thursday will speed up the environmental review process for the troubled project, said Brian Annis, chief financial officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority

It's the latest development in the rocky relationship between California and the Trump administration over the project, which has been plagued by cost overruns and delays since California voters first approved it in 2008. It's now expected to cost $79 billion and take until at least 2033 to complete.

California sought environmental approval in early 2018 and has previously faulted the Trump administration for the delay in approval.

"We've certainly been anxious to get it," Annis said.

The state referenced the delay in a May lawsuit it filed seeking to block the Trump administration from cancelling a $929 million grant for the project. That money is part of $3.5 billion the state won under the Obama administration that must be used by 2022 to build an initial segment of track in the Central Valley and complete environmental reviews.

The Trump administration alleged in cancelling the funding that California wasn't making enough progress toward the deadline.

California's lawsuit alleged the Federal Railroad Administration stopped environmental clearance work on the project in September, stalling the state's efforts.

"We've lost valuable time waiting with the FRA's disengagement, so I am very thankful for this action, and I am hopeful this step is the beginning of a more collaborative and cooperative relationship prospectively," Brian Kelly, the project's chief executive, said in a statement.

It's not unprecedented for the federal government to give a state the authority to oversee environmental reviews. California is one of six states that can do that on highway systems. But this is the first time the railroad administration has granted similar status for a rail project.

"FRA is taking this step after working diligently with the State through technical issues and considering public comment," spokesman Warren Flatau said in an email.

KATHLEEN RONAYNE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Citywide

Man charged for multiple sexual assaults

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office – Airport Branch has filed charges on Fernando Venancio Jr., a 43-year-old male from Lynwood CA., for his involvement in a series of robberies and sexual assaults that occurred in Santa Monica.

On July 22, at about 4:16 p.m., officers from the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) responded to a radio call for service at the 800 block of 18th Street regarding an unknown trouble in which a struggle could be heard over an open 9-1-1 call. When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim of a robbery and an attempt sexual assault. Following a search for the suspect, officers located the suspect at the 900 block of 19th Street. The suspect was taken into police custody and booked at SMPD Jail.

Following a preliminary investigation, SMPD Detectives have been able to link Venancio to two other incidents, a sexual assault occurred at the 800 block of 18th Street on June 16 and a sexual assault and robbery occurred in the area of 17th Street and Santa Monica Blvd on July 12.

Venancio has been charged with multiple counts of rape, robbery and assault. He is being held without bail.

Anyone with any information related to these incidents or any other similar incident is encouraged to contact Detective Murphy at 310-458-8941; Detective Carrillo 310-458-8983; or Sergeant Art Williams at 310-458-8475.

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Are Facebook users better off after its $5 billion fine?

MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

If you're one of Facebook's more than 2 billion users, are you any better off now than you were before the Federal Trade Commission imposed new privacy restrictions and a $5 billion fine on the company this week?

Facebook's settlement with the FTC after the agency's yearlong investigation provides a detailed account of the company's sneaky behavior and secures a handful of new safeguards, many of them backward-looking. They limit how Facebook shares some data with third-party app developers, circumscribe the collection of phone numbers for advertising purposes and require "clear and conspicuous" notice before people's photos and videos are subjected to facial recognition technology.

But privacy experts say there's little that will slow Facebook's harvesting of vast amounts of sensitive personal information. That data is key to how the tech company makes a profit through targeted advertising — and Facebook has a spotty record of protecting it.

"It will take us quite a while to figure out whether this will have any effect on how Facebook does its business," said Michelle Richardson, director of privacy and data for the Center for Democracy and Technology. "These are small, incremental changes. There's no easy advice to give individuals about any switch they can flip to make the privacy risks go away."

Richardson said it's possible that accountability measures imposed on Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who must personally certify compliance, may give the company pause before launching new services that could threaten users' privacy or data security.

But she said the FTC's order lacks firm rules that could have guided how Facebook uses and shares the information it collects. That's in part because, unless Congress follows through with proposals to enact a comprehensive federal privacy law, the FTC has little authority to police online privacy concerns, she said.

The deal also absolves Facebook of any known consumer-protection claims prior to June 12, effectively wiping the slate clean of past privacy violations.

Yale Privacy Lab researcher Sean O'Brien said FTC's limited penalties will enable Facebook to publicly say it is changing course while maintaining an illusion of privacy. It may bolster the ranks of privacy-focused managers and executives, he said, and could add new menu items to the platform's already confusing settings, "which most users never change anyway."

The company has also made a public push for improving the privacy of conversations on its WhatsApp, Messenger and Instagram chatting services, but O'Brien said it won't give up spying on far more valuable information about users' online behavior and social lives.

"Facebook has surveillance at the core of its business model, which is the monetization of data profiles about humans and about human social interaction," he said. "Far too many companies are making money off of Facebook and the data economy in general for there to be fundamental change."

FTC's ruling fell along partisan lines, with its three Republican commissioners voting in favor of the $5 billion fine and other actions and the two Democrats dissenting because they wanted tougher restrictions and penalties. Republicans argued they couldn't have done much more without a difficult legal battle.

While the commissioners disagreed on how to penalize Facebook, the FTC's formal legal complaint makes clear what is at stake for users and outlines years of deception following a 2012 FTC consent order that was supposed to curb Facebook's privacy abuses.

Wednesday's complaint noted that over 100 million Americans "use Facebook every day to share personal information, such as their real name, date of birth, hometown, current city, employer, relationship status, and spouse's name, as well as sensitive personal information, such as political views, sexual orientation, photos of minor children, and membership in health-related and other support groups." The complaint also points to research showing a user's "likes" of public Facebook pages "can be used to accurately predict that user's personality traits, sometimes better than the user's own friends and family."

The complaint said third-party apps given access to much of that data by Facebook were by September 2013 sucking out vast quantities of personal information, with a Facebook audit finding that a single app made more than 450 million data requests in a 30-day period. The volume was so great, according to the complaint, that it led one Facebook employee to comment, "I must admit, I was surprised to find out that we are giving out a lot here for no obvious reason."

Only after March 2018, when the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal broke, did Facebook begin a "massive cultural shift" to enforce its own publicly stated policies designed to protect user privacy, the complaint said. Prior to that, even after claiming it cut off all developers in April 2015, the company let several dozen "white-listed" partners suck up data that "Facebook knew consumers might be sensitive to sharing" without their knowledge or consent, it added. Microsoft and Sony continued to have access to certain data until Facebook publicly cut them off after the settlement announcement Wednesday.

Even with the piecemeal restrictions the FTC did impose, O'Brien said it's possible the company can find enough wiggle room to work around them. He is particularly skeptical about the FTC's requirement that Facebook provide "clear and conspicuous" notice on how it is using facial recognition technology and obtain "affirmative express consent" from users if it expands the use of facial recognition beyond what it has previously disclosed. The FTC imposed that restriction after finding that Facebook broke a similar promise last year when it updated its data policy in a way that misrepresented the extent to which consumers could opt out of facial recognition.

Besides, after years of people tagging friends' faces as they uploaded photos onto the social network, the company already has a valuable repository of images stored in its data centers.

"It's closing the barn door after the horse is gone," O'Brien said.

AP Technology Writer Frank Bajak contributed to this report.

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Election security divides Congress after Mueller's testimony

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

Former special counsel Robert Mueller's warning that Russian interference is still happening "as we sit" is putting pressure on Republican leaders in Congress to join Democrats in passing additional election security legislation.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, halted a bipartisan effort to beef up state election systems ahead of the 2018 election and on Thursday blocked Democrats from pushing forward a House-passed bill to authorize funding for the states.

McConnell said President Donald Trump's administration has already made great strides to enhance election security, and he called the House bill "not a serious effort" coming from the same side that he said spent the past two years "hyping" Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

"Obviously, it's very important that we maintain the integrity and security of our elections," McConnell said Thursday.

The Senate already unanimously approved one bipartisan measure, which makes interference in elections a violation of immigration law. But Democrats — and some Republicans — say Congress must do more.

A report issued by the Senate Intelligence Committee says the Russian government directed "extensive activity" against U.S. election systems ahead of the 2016 presidential election.

The report, released Thursday, says states weren't appropriately warned of the threat against their systems and warns many of them still have outdated voting machines.

The nation's intelligence chiefs say Russia remains intent on disrupting U.S. elections after attempting to breach the election systems of 21 states in 2016. There is no evidence that any votes were changed.

The Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, called inaction a "disgrace" and is pledging to keep putting forward requests for votes on bills.

Mueller's testimony "should be a wake-up call," Schumer said.

"Leader McConnell, let me read you that sentence," Schumer said from the Senate floor, citing Mueller's testimony Wednesday about Russian interference. "'It wasn't a single attempt. They're doing it as we sit here, and they expect to do it in the next campaign.'"

On Thursday, Schumer tried to push forward consideration of the House-passed bill that would authorize $775 million in grants over the next two years to help states secure their voting systems. It also would prohibit voting systems from being connected to the internet or wireless technologies and tighten standards for private companies that provide election infrastructure.

Republicans said Thursday that money has already been allocated from an earlier spending bill and that no new funding is needed immediately.

Giving a nod to longtime concerns from some states, including those in the South, about maintaining control over election systems, McConnell said any efforts must be done with "extreme care and on a thoroughly bipartisan basis."

Mueller's 448-page report said the Russian government interfered in the 2016 election in "sweeping and systematic fashion." The Russian influence campaign produced fake Facebook and other social media postings that were viewed by millions of Americans. Hackers gained access to some voter databases in Florida.

As action in Congress has stalled, federal agencies have moved to address the problem on their ends.

The director of national intelligence, Dan Coats, established a new elections threats executive position last week. Meanwhile, the National Security Agency director and Cyber Command chief, Gen. Paul Nakasone, created a new cybersecurity directorate focused on election security.

But time may be running out to address concerns in the states before the next election.

The most pressing issue is replacing electronic voting machines that do not produce a paper record of each ballot cast that is verified by the voter and can later be audited.

In 2018, 10 states had more than half of their jurisdictions using such machines, which cybersecurity experts have warned are vulnerable to hacking and must be replaced.

Even if Congress were immediately to send funds to states to replace voting equipment, it would be extremely difficult to make substantial upgrades in time for the 2020 elections. It can take months to decide on replacement machines, develop security protocols, train workers and test the equipment.

Some states have opted to move ahead with replacing these machines by the 2020 elections, but others have not.

Associated Press writers Tami Abdollah in Washington and Christina Almeida Cassidy in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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Calif. skirts Trump, signs mileage deal with four automakers

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Four major automakers have reached a deal with California to toughen standards for gas mileage and greenhouse gas emissions, bypassing the Trump administration's push to relax mileage standards nationwide instead.

Ford, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen signed the deal with the California Air Resources Board, the state's air pollution regulator, which had been at odds with the Trump administration for months, in a contest that automakers fear could set up years of confusion and litigation in the industry. California has said it would exercise its powers to set more stringent pollution and mileage standards than the federal government has proposed.

The Trump administration reacted strongly to the end run, with Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Michael Abboud calling it a "PR stunt."

"The federal government, not a single state, should set this standard," White House spokesman Judd Deere said. The Trump administration would keep going on its competing effort to relax mileage standards nationwide, Deere said.

The administration has sought to freeze Obama administration standards, keeping fleetwide new-vehicle mileage at 2021 levels of about 30 mpg. The administration says the extra expense to comply with the requirements will raise the price of new cars, making them unaffordable and depriving buyers of new safety technology. Many experts, including former EPA engineers, challenge the administration's argument.

The administration also has threatened to challenge California's ability to set its own standards.

In a statement Thursday, California regulators said their deal delays by one year the new-vehicle fuel efficiency requirements approved under the Obama administration for model years 2022 through 2025. That means the fleet of new vehicles would have to average around 36 miles per gallon in real-world driving by 2026. The deal also slightly slows the rate of growth in the early years "to provide additional lead time" for the auto industry, the statement said.

The four automakers see the California agreement as "insurance" to provide some certainty to the industry and the state no matter who wins the 2020 presidential elections, according to a person familiar with the talks who asked not to be identified because details of the negotiations haven't been made public.

The four automakers represent only about 30% of U.S. new-vehicle sales.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents a dozen automakers in and out of the California deal, said in a statement that the industry still wants nationwide standards with year-over-year mileage increases that fit with what people are now buying, SUVs and trucks.

"Today's announcement of the framework of an agreement by California and certain automakers acknowledges that the MY2022-2025 standards developed by the Obama administration are not attainable and need to be adjusted," said the statement from the alliance.

Alan Baum, a Detroit-area consultant who does work for the auto industry and environmental groups, said the deal is clearly designed to get the rest of the auto industry on board and to force the Trump administration to the bargaining table with California.

"This really puts California in a much stronger position because this really puts some pressure on the federal government," Baum said. "These four automakers don't want to be out on an island here. They would like their competitors to do this as well."

He said the deal could delay a final rule that's supposed to come from the federal government in August or September, keeping the current standards in place longer. For the automakers, it's not much different from how they were preparing to meet the Obama administration standards, he said.

Under the agreement, fuel economy and corresponding greenhouse gas emissions standards would rise by 3.7% per year starting with the 2022 model year, through 2026, according to the statement from the four automakers. They would have gone up by 4.7% per year through 2025 under the Obama standards, according to California.

Automakers could get 1 percentage point of the increase by using advanced technology credits such as those for hydrogen fuel cell, plug-in gas-electric hybrids, and battery electric vehicles. And they would get credits for devices that aren't counted in EPA test cycles such as stopping the engine at red lights and restarting it quickly when the driver wants to go. The process would be streamlined to get credits approved for new technologies.

The automakers also agreed to recognize California's authority to set its own standards, which are followed by at least a dozen other states, and they will not challenge the state's authority, according to the statement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which draws up federal standards with the EPA, said the government continues to work on a final fuel economy rule that will apply to all automakers. The administration's proposals do not prevent any automaker from designing and building highly fuel-efficient vehicles, the agency said in a statement.

The four automakers came to California with the proposal, and the Air Resources Board hopes other companies will join them, Chairwoman Mary Nichols said Thursday. The state is reaching out to other automakers, California Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

"We can have a single vehicle fleet regardless of what Trump does," Newsom said.

Some environmental groups like the Sierra Club praised the agreement, saying it shows that California won't stand by while the Trump administration tries to lower standards for carbon pollution.

But Dan Becker of the Safe Climate Campaign said the deal has so many loopholes for automakers that it will cut in half the fuel efficiency and pollution improvements under the Obama-era standards.

Kathleen Ronayne contributed from Sacramento, California. Knickmeyer and Jill Colvin reported from Washington.

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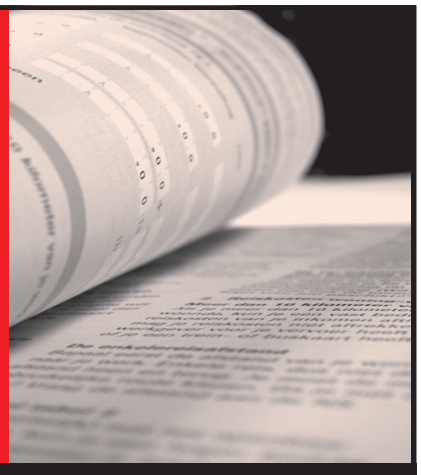
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In Search of Trump's Soul

In 2018, following the horrific school shooting massacre in Parkland, Texas, Donald Trump met with the survivors, and the family and friends of the 17 victims. Being such a macho man, he boasted, "I would have run into the building, even if I didn't have a gun." That was beyond Trump's typically absurd, self-aggrandizing lies. In addition, our plump POTUS hasn't "run" in decades, except perhaps to grab the last Happy Meal off the banquet table.

At the understandably somber meeting, Trump held a note in his palm, "Tell them you're listening." Given the circumstances, who would need a note reminding yourself to listen? But, as we've painfully witnessed for three years, unless it's about him, Trump's incapable of listening.

Just last week in the Oval Office, Trump once again exhibited this disorder. He hosted survivors of religious persecution, including Nadia Murad, the 26-year-old Iraqi-born human rights activist and 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

She pleaded for America's help in saving her oppressed ethnic minority. She described genocide, mass rape, the murder of her mother and brothers, and her being beaten and raped. It was a heartbreaking tale that would seemingly elicit emotion from any human. But, as she spoke, Trump, with the attention span of a humming bird on crack, might as well have been clipping his toenails.

Finally, Trump asked, "Where is your family now?" Nadia exclaimed, "They're dead!" seemingly resisting the urge to scream, "Haven't you heard a word I've said?"

However, Trump was interested that Murad won a Nobel Prize. But, instead of questions reflecting empathy, it was obvious Trump was fishing for ways to improve his chances of getting a Nobel. (In late 2018, The New York Times reported that, according to the Nobel Committee, Trump's nomination had been falsified.)

In the past three years I've written 63 columns about our Predator in Chief, and I confess my title, "searching for Trump's soul," is misleading. I don't think he has one. I'm convinced he's a sociopath without a conscience. In addition to being racist, greedy, cruel, vile and vengeful, he doesn't have a drop of empathy for anyone but himself. (Unless it benefits him, which is the same thing.)

Ever see him putting a loving arm around Barron? Instead, there are reports he has almost nothing to do with his young son. Michel Cohen testified that Trump shamed Don Jr. by asserting he has "the worst judgment in the world." Reportedly, finding Jared Kushner effeminate, Trump jokingly refers to him as his "daughter-in-law."

His "compliments" about Ivanka have often included gross sexual references as when he volunteered on "The View," "If she weren't my daughter I might have dated her." When the audience groaned in disgust, a bewildered Trump asked, "Did I say something wrong?"

On live radio, Trump probed Howard Stern to see if he found Ivanka "hot." What



Courtesy photo

TRUMP: The President does not listen.

father does that? With Tiffany, however, when he greets her dispassionately, to me he looks like he's silently saying, "And I would know you from?"

In his book, "Trump on the Couch," psychiatrist, medical school professor and best-selling author Dr. Justin Frank, theorizes that when Trump was 2, he experienced a terrifying abandonment from his mother who had almost died giving birth to his younger brother. Returning from her month-long hospital stay, suddenly she was less interested in mothering than being the socialite wife of a wealthy real estate developer. Protecting himself from paralyzing fear, Trump became a bully to frighten others.

He still does. On Monday, Trump casually said, "I could wipe Afghanistan off the face of the earth. But I don't really want to kill 10 million people." Notice with Trump it's always "I" or "my" generals. Name another POTUS who commented so casually about nuclear war.

Teddy Roosevelt's motto was, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." Trump's should be, "I speak so loudly because I have such a small stick."

For over a week, "Small Stick" has viciously attacked four Congresswomen of color, three of whom were born in the U.S. He's tweeted they should "go back to their crime infested countries." And recently, when referring to Article 2 of the Constitution, Trump also said, "As president I can do anything I want."

Finally, a quick word about Robert Mueller's congressional testimony. The former Marine Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient (as opposed to Donnie Bone Spur) seemed as exhausted as most of the country is.

As I write that, I'm sure I'll get venomous emails from the gang who unquestioningly defend their cult leader. Last time I wrote back, "When Trump said he could shoot someone on 5th Avenue and not lose any voters, did you ever consider he was talking about you?"

This "Trump column" is #64. With much needed breaks (for both of us) I'll keep trying.

For more, go to www.trumponthecouch.com. Jack can be reached at jackdailypress@aol.com.

Ready to fight: Biden leans into racial debate with Dems

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Associated Press

Joe Biden no longer plans to turn the other cheek.

His front-running status fragile, the former vice president is embracing an aggressive plan to confront Democratic rivals who have tried to undermine his popularity with black voters.

After ignoring his Democratic competition for much of the year, Biden and his team shrugged off the risks Thursday and leaned into a deliberate campaign to push back against New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and California Sen. Kamala Harris, the only high-profile African-American candidates in the race.

Biden's team highlighted Booker and Harris' past praise of Biden while raising questions about their own records related to race. And Biden's allies made clear that the former vice president was prepared for a fight in next week's debate. They also point to numerous surveys showing Biden with durable support among black voters that far exceeds that of Booker or Harris.

"He's going to forcefully defend his record and not let it get distorted," declared Cedric Richmond, a Louisiana congressman and national co-chairman of Biden's campaign. The comments echoed Biden's own from the night before in Detroit when he warned his competitors that he was "not going to be as polite" in the upcoming prime-time faceoff, where Biden will share the stage with both Booker and Harris.

Biden's shift underscores the escalating racial rift roiling the Democratic primary just days after President Donald Trump issued racist calls for four female congresswomen of color to leave the country, even though all of them are American citizens. For Democrats, the evolving fight represents an unwelcome distraction away from Trump's record.

In some respects, however, it is only beginning.

Both Harris and Booker have hit Biden in recent weeks by highlighting his support for criminal justice reform that disproportionately hurt the minority community and his willingness to cooperate with segregationist senators in the 1970s, among other trouble spots from his nearly four-decade career in Congress. Booker this week called Biden the "architect of mass incarceration" for his support of a crime bill in 1994.

Biden struggled to defend himself against Harris on race in the first debate, but his team insists he won't be caught off guard again.

The strategy marks a critical test for Biden, who has worked in the past month, with varying degrees of success, to stress his eight-year partnership with President Barack Obama over a 36-year Senate career he long saw as worthy of the presidency.

In the past month, he has sought to move beyond those early Senate years, attempting to untangle himself from awkward comments lauding his collaboration with segregationist colleagues and his opposition to federally mandated busing. Instead, he has stressed key roles alongside Obama and married his own policy proposals to gains made during that administration.

During a speech in South Carolina last month, he apologized for anguish caused by the segregationist comments, but also said he did not plan to relitigate in 60-second debate answers his long Senate career, a sentiment reflected in some supporters' observations that Biden has appeared defensive or dismissive.

Biden's preemptive criticism of Booker's time as Newark, New Jersey, mayor suggests Biden sees value in a level of defiance. But in some cases, he has come off as defensive and dismissive, even to his supporters.

In an interview, the Rev. Al Sharpton, whose support many candidates covet to help win votes from African Americans, said he didn't know if Biden could execute the delicate strategy.

"In the past he has had fumbles. We'll see if he can operate with discipline now," Sharpton said. "He needs to be cautious."

Indeed, Biden's strategy pits an older white male against two younger people of color at a time when the Democratic Party's most passionate voters are demanding a new generation of diverse leaders.

So far, Biden can take comfort in polls that show him with a commanding edge among black voters. A survey released Thursday by Monmouth University found that 39% of likely South Carolina Democratic voters supported Biden. That was more than any other candidate — including Harris, who had support from just 12%, and Booker, with 2%. Biden's support was particularly strong among black voters, winning 51%.

Biden strategist Kate Bedingfield used his strong support from black voters as ammunition to attack Booker on social media on Thursday, tweeting pictures of poll results that showed Biden far ahead of Booker among black voters.

The day before, she released a statement condemning Booker's tenure as mayor of Newark, where, she said, he ran "a police department that was such a civil rights nightmare that the U.S. Department of Justice intervened." She also highlighted Booker's "zero-tolerance" policy for minor infractions and a stop-and-frisk policy that disproportionately hurt African Americans.

Biden himself noted this week that Harris has been a vocal supporter long before she used his record on school busing to attack him in the first debate.

At the 2016 California Democratic convention, Harris heaped praise on then-Vice President Biden. "I say from my personal experience that the Biden family truly represents our nation's highest ideals, a powerful belief in the nobility of public service," she said.

To complement the campaign against his Democratic opponents, Biden has also tweaked his message on the campaign trail.

Since the first debate, he has almost completely dropped references to his Republican friendships and focused instead on his eight years as President Barack Obama's vice president.

"I think anybody in this race would love to have the record of achievement alongside Barack Obama that Joe Biden has," Bedingfield said. "If they want to tear it down, I'd say best of luck to them."

Democratic strategist Antjuan Seawright worries about the long-term consequences of sustained Democratic attacks on Biden's commitment to minority communities, who will play a vital role in the November 2020 general election. Still, he says Biden has a real opportunity to project strength ahead of a prospective general election matchup against Trump.

"When you get swung at, you don't have to swing back, but you also have to show that you know how to fight," he said.

Peoples reported from New York and Beaumont reported from Des Moines, Iowa.

Juul exec: Never intended vaping device to be used by teens

MATTHEW PERRONE AND RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

A top executive for vaping giant Juul Labs told House lawmakers Thursday that his company never intended its electronic cigarette to be adopted by underage teenagers and is working to keep them away from kids.

Juul co-founder James Monsees said they developed Juul for adult smokers who want to stop.

"We never wanted any non-nicotine user, and certainly nobody under the legal age of purchase, to ever use Juul products," Monsees told members of a House subcommittee.

But he acknowledged statistics showing "a significant number of underage Americans are using e-cigarettes, including Juul products."

Thursday's hearing marks the first time Juul has been called before Congress. Federal law bans the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 18.

The privately held company has grown into a multibillion-dollar business on the success of its small, discrete vaping device and nicotine pods.

Monsees reiterated past steps taken by Juul, including shutting down its Facebook and Instagram pages and pulling several of its flavored pods out of retail stores. Lawmakers are scheduled to hear from Juul's chief administrative office, Ashley Gould, later in the hearing.

But Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi of Illinois opened the hearing saying he is "extremely concerned about Juul's marketing tactics in targeting youth." The Democrat convened two hearings this week after asking Juul last month to turn over thousands of documents detailing its marketing, technology and business practices. The Democrat chairs the economic subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

A day earlier, lawmakers heard from parents, doctors and others who accused the company of deliberately pitching its products to teens with candylike flavors and colorful, youth-oriented online marketing.

E-cigarettes typically heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable aerosol. They are largely viewed as less harmful than traditional paper-and-tobacco cigarettes and some adult smokers use them as an alternative source of nicotine.

Juul grew out of graduate work by Monsees and co-founder Adam Bowen, Stanford University design students. Last year, Marlboro-maker Altria bought a 35% stake in Juul, valuing the company at $38 billion.

Juul's rise has closely tracked an explosion of underage vaping. Last year, 1 in 5 U.S. high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the last month, according to government survey figures. Juul has become a scourge in U.S. schools with students vaping in restrooms, hallways and even classrooms.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gained authority to regulate e-cigarettes in 2016, but the agency has repeatedly postponed a deadline for vaping companies to submit their products for health and safety review. Earlier this month, a federal judge sided with public health groups who sued the FDA and ruled that vaping companies must submit their products for review by next May.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 26)

Your charisma is contagious, your laughter infectious, and this solar journey's theme is the fun that happens wherever you go. You connect with people on the most random and seemingly small things, but it turns into something more. Don't rush to make goals. Research; play; and relax until you feel moved to act. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 50, 12 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is the same person after a week of living. The changes may be subtle, but subtleties add up. No matter how long or thoroughly you know a person, you still have to do updates.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're not a professional storyteller, a story doesn't have to have an ending to be worth telling. In fact, your friends and fans want the play-by-play. They want to be in on it and waiting along with you to see what happens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When people are in your territory, you can't totally relax. It's not a problem if you're supposed to be alert, as is the case at work or in a certain social context. But everyone needs a place to totally unwind. Claim your space.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Thinking there is only one right answer, person, way of doing things, etc., is a great way to put too much pressure on the situation and watch it eventually implode. Open it up. There are many right options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wish lists are fun. Go on and make yours. Then expand it to include every requirement you have of life. You'll find that some of these are a bit much, but realizing this lets you laugh at yourself, let go and heal a little.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not one to keep tabs on every little interaction, but you do have a good general sense of when you're helping someone and when the person is helping you. It helps you maintain a healthy, pleasant social balance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though at times you've felt like a pawn in someone else's game of life, you've always been a royal in your own. And you can keep it that way even while serving someone today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't wait for a storm warning to create your emotional shelter. Protection is part of every beautiful life. The same storms capable of terrible destruction are things of majesty to those watching from the safety of shelter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been known to leave your heart with various people in various places. Like a smartphone, your heart has a decent location system. If necessary, you can locate and promptly retrieve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Justice wins in the end, right? You want to believe this, and yet it would be wrong to relax in good faith that life does, too. As a crusader for justice, it's your responsibility to guide it along.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stars favor you slipping into project management mode. Write down all that needs doing. Sort it. Then schedule it. The happiest part of your day will be the moment right after this planning session.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your story isn't a static piece of history. Like all of history, the tales get rewritten as distance and context evolve. Whichever way you frame your past, others will see it the same way you do.

Moon of Stray Cows

This Taurus moon is like a bull wandering into greener pastures. Unaware of map boundaries and personal property, it's easy to cross invisible lines. It's only a problem with those personally invested in where the lines should be. If no one knows or cares, rules get broken without consequence; territories overlap; new orders are established.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Love, money, friendship, responsibility... keep the categories distinct for now. TAURUS: What your family and friends think of your love matters. GEMINI: The amount of energy and attention a person requires will be a significant factor in determining how this person could potentially fit your life. CANCER: Routines, locations, time frames, cost – these sorts of logistics may seem to have nothing to do with love, but they actually have everything to do with love. LEO: Clear communication between two people becomes a bond. Those who communicate well will also love well. VIRGO: The better a person's self-care is, the less prone to jealousy he or she will be. LIBRA: You don't know how you long to hear love words until you hear them and are surprised by your own reaction. SCORPIO: Writing about your love life will help you make sense of it. SAGITTARIUS: Even though you're spontaneous and open to what life brings, it won't hurt to cultivate a specific vision you can lean into. CAPRICORN: They're not thinking what you're thinking. All the more reason to share and compare notes! AQUARIUS: Cooking is the most favorable way to show love now, but if you can't cook, eating out will be a close second. PISCES: Games teach you how another person's mind works.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Gemini and Leo have distinctly different dating and relationship styles, and that works just fine for them this weekend. Leo appreciates how easy it is for Gemini to navigate the world, socialize, make deals and generally pave the way for maximum fun wherever they go together. This gives Leo the opportunity to show up, be charming and entertain everyone, delighting Gemini and keeping the action rolling. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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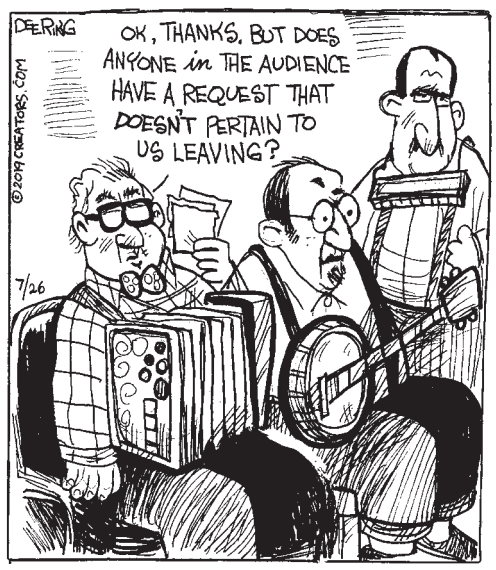
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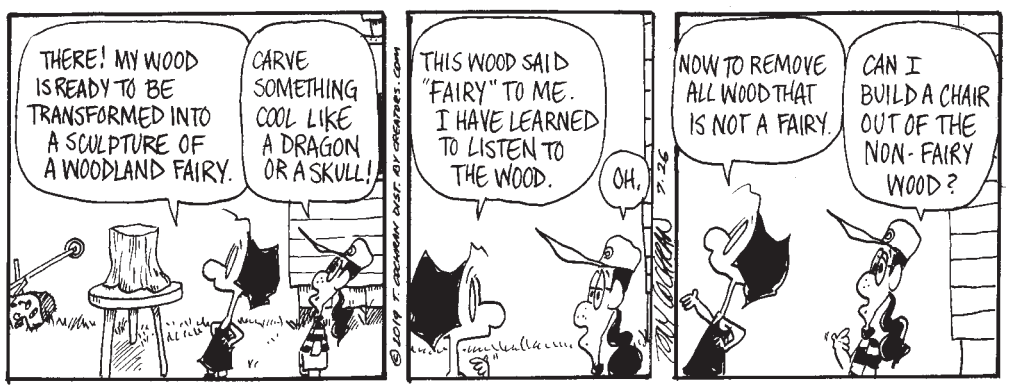
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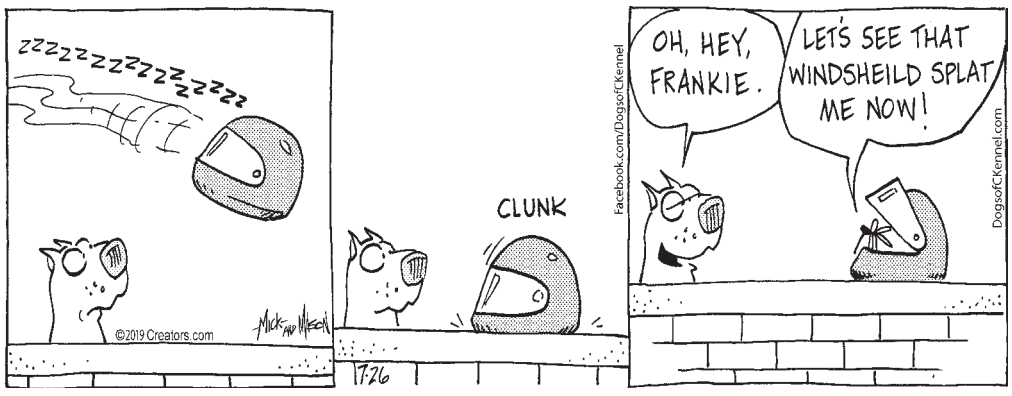
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SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
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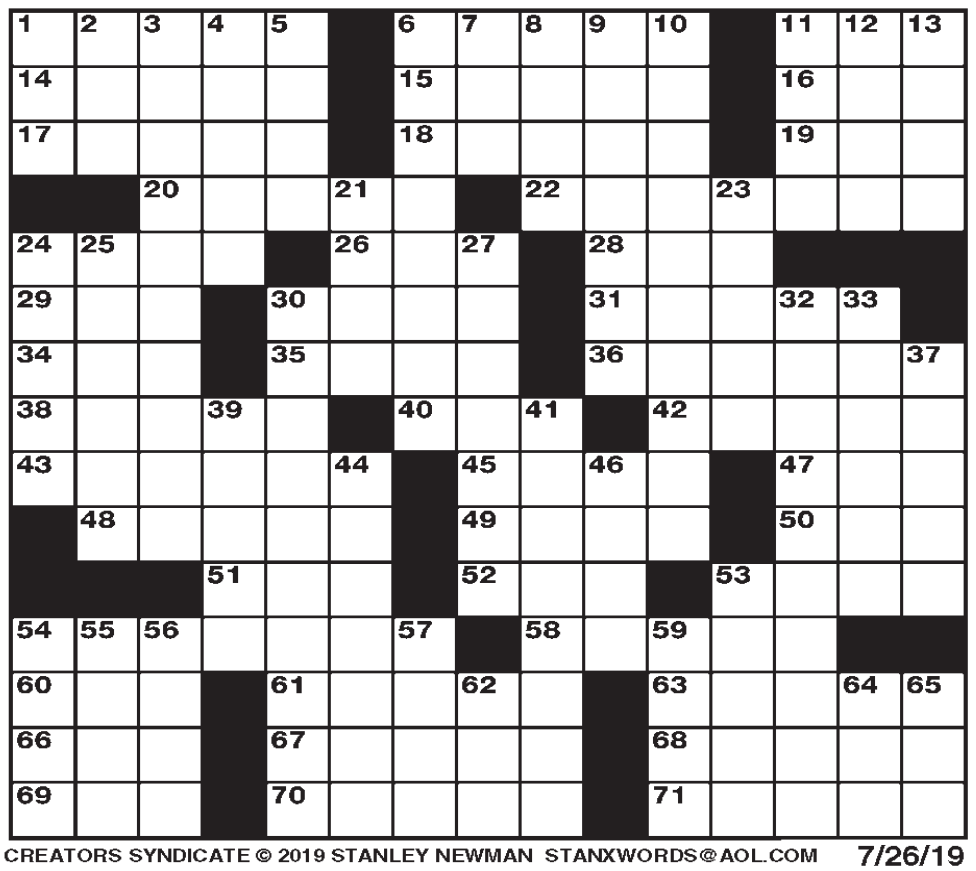
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36 Ornamental bands
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50 Nectar collector
51 Itty-bitty
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54 If nothing else
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60 Wrest (open)
61 Kind of cosmetic
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67 Oversight or overthrow
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69 ID info
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71 "I'm leavin'!"

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27 Piano student's key note
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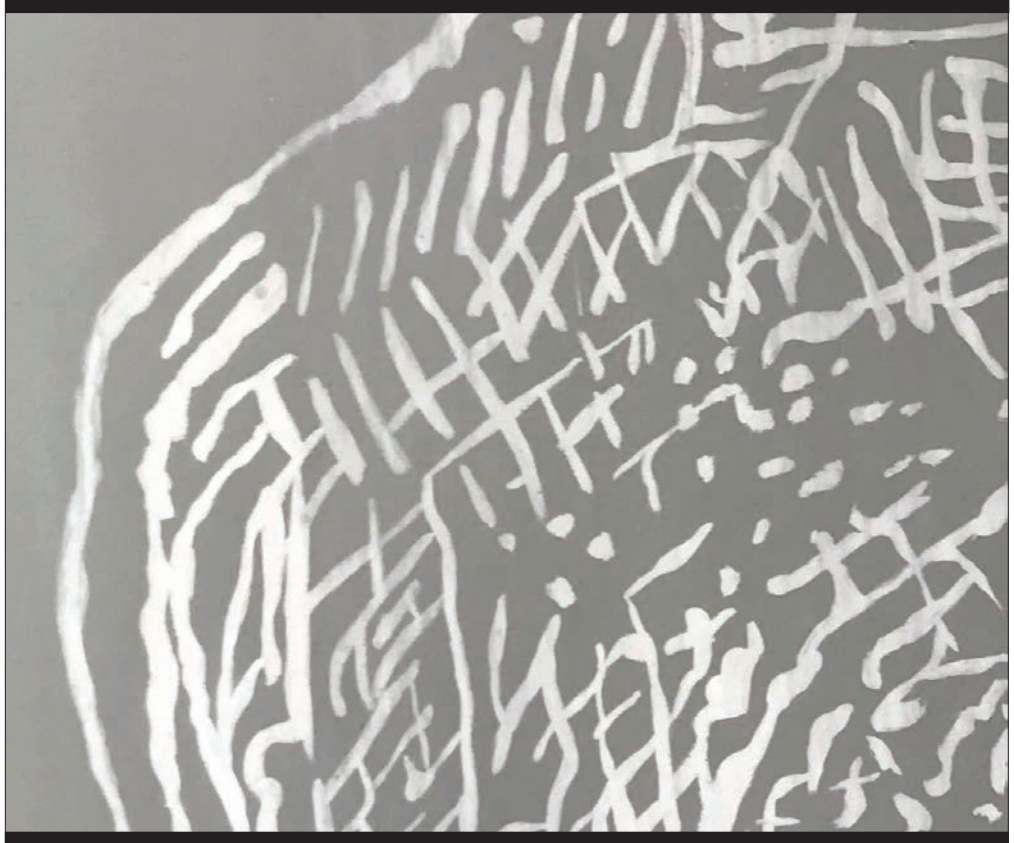


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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JUNE 10, 2019 AT ABOUT 1:07 P.M.

Officers respond to the Hampton Inn (501 Colorado) regarding a stolen vehicle report. The Reporting Party indicated that his rental vehicle was given to the valet driver of the hotel on June 8, 2019 at about 3:53 PM. Hotel video surveillance shows the valet driver, drive the vehicle off the property without the driver's consent. The officers were able to identify the suspect involved in the theft. On June 10 Officers were notified by the rental company that the vehicle (black convertible Mustang) was recovered in Las Vegas. On June 16, 2019 at about 3:53 PM, Officers observed the named suspect walking in the 1400 block of 5th Street. Officers confirmed that there was an active WANT for the subject and subsequently arrested him. Jacquari Alphonse Hill, 31, of Lynwood, was arrested for stealing a vehicle. Bail was set at $25,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 325 CALLS ON JULY 23

Living in a Vehicle 1400 block Montana 12:18 a.m.
Encampment 2900 block The Beach 12:18 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block Santa Monica 12:28 a.m.
Fight 500 block Colorado 12:32 a.m.
Person Down 1400 block 2nd 12:43 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 2700 block Santa Monica 12:50 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block Delaware 1:12 a.m.
Person Down 1200 block 2nd 4:54 a.m.
Burglar Alarm 3100 block Lincoln 5:40 a.m.
Trespassing 5th / Colorado 5:47 a.m.
Burglar Alarm 3000 block 11th 6:14 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1300 block 18th 6:24 a.m.
Armed Robbery 17th / Santa Monica 7:04 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block 7th 7:25 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block Lincoln 7:46 a.m.
Hit and Run 2200 block Virginia 7:48 a.m.
Hit and Run 1400 block Lincoln 8:38 a.m.
Death 1700 block Main 8:39 a.m.
Trespassing 1000 block 4th 8:42 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block 3rd Street Promenade 8:48 a.m.
Person Down 1300 block Ocean 9:02 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block 3rd Street Promenade 9:06 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block 6th 9:15 a.m.
Search Warrant 11700 block Coldbrook 9:53 a.m.
Grand Theft 800 block 7th 10:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision 1500 block Ocean 10:29 a.m.
Rape 1200 block 16th 10:32 a.m.
Person Down 6th / Wilshire 10:46 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block Cloverfield 10:59 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400 block Wilshire 11:09 a.m.
Petty Theft 2600 block Ocean Front 11:39 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400 block 4th 11:45 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1500 block Palisades 11:45 a.m.
Fight 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 12:25 p.m.
Bike Theft 900 block 18th 12:52 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block Michigan 12:58 p.m.
Burglar Alarm 400 block 11th 1:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision Ocean / Olympic 1:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400 block 2nd 1:14 p.m.
Battery 1800 block Stewart 1:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500 block Hill 1:24 p.m.
Trespassing 300 block Santa Monica 1:30 p.m.
Person Down 1100 block PCH 2:16 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400 block 6th 2:25 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200 block 4th 2:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision 7th / Wilshire 3:04 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Arizona 3:16 p.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 4:27 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500 block The Beach 4:36 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block Ocean Front 5:02 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 39 CALLS ON JULY 25

EMS 1100blk 7th St 12:04 a.m.
EMS 300blk 17th St 12:22 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 12:43 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:24 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Stewart St 1:45 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 4:54 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 7th St 6:40 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Main St 8:12 a.m.
EMS 2100blk 7th St 8:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 9:02 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Ave 9:02 a.m.
EMS 800blk 10th St 9:22 a.m.
EMS 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:46 a.m.
Flooded condition 700blk Kensington Rd 11:32 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1200blk 20th St 1:21 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:37 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Sunset Ave 2:18 p.m.
EMS 800blk 3rd St 2:25 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 14th St 3:05 p.m.
EMS 200blk Arizona Ave 3:44 p.m.
EMS 2100blk 4th St 4:40 p.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:41 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 6:02 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 6:13 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:14 p.m.
EMS 400blk 21st St 6:18 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 7:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 4th St 7:27 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 7:31 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1500blk 7th St 7:44 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Pico Blvd 7:54 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 7:59 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:09 p.m.
Elevator rescue 600blk Arizona Ave 8:28 p.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 8:49 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Pico Blvd 9:12 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 9:26 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:15 p.m.
EMS 200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:59 p.m.

BURGLARY

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taking a safe with $8,000 inside it.

While the safe is insured, Dagwood's has to pay to repair the damage the burglars created, said general manager Mark Peters.

"Ultimately, it stings," Peters said. "We had a couple of really good months — everyone was working hard, and then something like this happens. It's hard on the team's morale."

Two days after the burglary, the restaurant posted security camera footage on Instagram and received an outpouring of support from patrons, he said.

"That made the team feel a lot better and helped us get back on track," Peters said.

The crew's first burglary in Santa Monica happened a month earlier, on May 31 around 3 a.m. They broke into the 2360 Pico Blvd. location of the Japanese fast-food chain Yoshinoya, but did not take anything.

The group has also burglarized restaurants in Los Angeles, Gardena, Agoura Hills, Culver City, Redondo Beach and Malibu, Flores said.

Flores said the crew breaks into the restaurants using saws, crowbars and hammers. After breaking in, they ransack cash drawers and look for safes, spending only two to three minutes inside, Renaud said.

They drive up to the restaurants in a late model Nissan Maxima and a recent model white Kia Optima, she added.

The burglaries have all occurred during the week, Flores said.

Renaud sent an email to the Chamber of Commerce with a list of safety pointers for restaurants, including installing bars or rollup gates to cover doors, audible alarms, and exterior and interior camera systems.

"A lot of businesses have surveillance cameras, but may not have the right passcode to get in, or they may not be functioning," Flores said. "We want them to make sure they're running and have infrared capabilities."

She also recommended not keeping cash or valuables in the building after business hours and placing a visible notice saying "No cash is left on premises overnight."

Dagwood's is installing an additional two cameras outside, replaced its office door with a steel-plated door and cemented its safe into the ground, Peters said.

"If someone tries to break in, they'll have to bring a jackhammer and do some serious damage," he said.

But Peters said he doesn't want to make security at Dagwood's feel too tight.

"If we put bars on the windows, it kind of kills the whole family pizza vibe people know and love us for," he said.

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MEASLES

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Equinox Gym in Santa Monica between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Public health officials said there is no current risk of contracting measles risk at those businesses.

Anyone who visited them at the same time as the infected person, however, may be at risk of developing measles for up to three weeks after being exposed. They should review their immunization records and contact their health care provider if they are pregnant, have an infant, have a weakened immune system and/or are unimmunized, officials said.

"The MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) immunization is a very effective measure to protect yourself and to prevent the unintentional spread of this potentially serious infection to others," said county health officer Muntu Davis, MD, MPH.

People who may have been exposed should also monitor themselves for illness with fever and/or an unexplained rash from one to three weeks after their exposure. If symptoms develop, they should stay at home and call a health care provider immediately.

"For those who are not protected, measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe disease that initially causes fever, cough, red, watery eyes and finally a rash," Davis said. "Measles is spread by air and by direct contact."

There have been 16 measles cases among Los Angeles County residents so far this year, in addition to eight non-residents with measles that traveled through the county, officials said.

Most people who have been infected were unimmunized or did not know if they were immunized.

This most recent case is not connected to previous outbreaks this year, officials said.

There have been a few other measles cases in or around Santa Monica in the last several months. People with measles visited Toscana Restaurant in Brentwood June 8, Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Santa Monica Mar. 6, and the Santa Monica Pier and Blue Plate Taco Dec. 26.

Last August, an international traveler infected with measles visited several restaurants and hotels in Santa Monica, including Urth Caffe, Chez Jay and Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

The Daily Press reported last month that local efforts to boost the historically low vaccination rates of many Santa Monica schools had steadily increased the proportion of students with all recommended immunizations between 2015 and 2018.

But in the 2018-2019 school year, vaccination rates at several schools began to erode. Three public and three private schools were not able to maintain the proportion of vaccinated students that they achieved the previous year.

Only six out of 14 Santa Monica kindergartens reported vaccination rates above 95% last school year, which is the threshold public health officials consider safe.

Public schools with vaccination rates below 95% include John Muir, Will Rogers, McKinley and Roosevelt elementary schools.

The private schools Canyon Charter, St. Anne, PS1 and Garden of Angels also have unsafe vaccination rates.

In neighboring Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Venice, kindergarten vaccination rates were much lower. Most schools reported rates between 75% and 90%.

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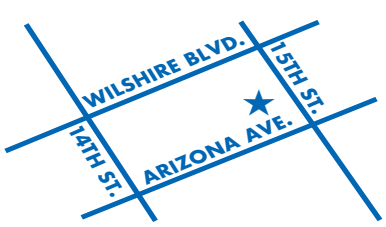
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