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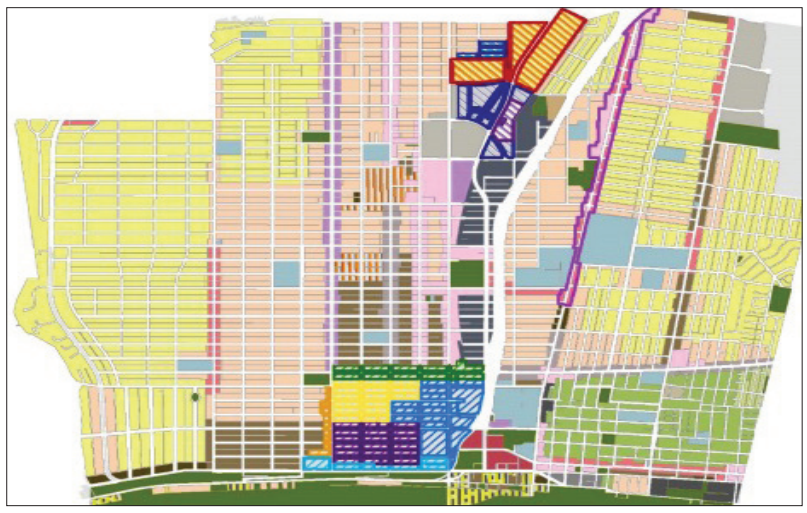
Planning officials allow restaurants, bars and cultural facilities on Pico

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Local officials are trying to encourage more businesses to open on Pico Boulevard without accelerating displacement in the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood.

City Hall is changing Pico Boulevard's zoning to create a commercial district that better serves the surrounding community, which is more diverse and less affluent than the rest of Santa Monica. Although the city has conducted more than a year of outreach to the Pico community, there is still a disconnect between officials and residents around what types of businesses should be promoted and whether they will contribute to gentrification.

On Wednesday, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adjust the street's zoning to attract businesses the community has told City Hall they want, such as small restaurants, cultural facilities, commercial kitchens, gyms and dance studios.



Courtesy image

PICO: The proposed Pico Overlay runs from Euclid to the city limits.

The commission's recommendations include allowing nursing homes and health clinics, prohibiting medium-sized retailers and limiting large restaurants unless they are food halls or performance venues that serve food.

While the commission also voted to recommend letting bars, nightclubs and lounges open on Pico, community members who have spoken at public meetings on the zoning changes have said they believe that new nightlife establishments

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Memorials show community's grief over boat fire

STEFANIE DAZIO AND JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

Just hours after a fire raced through a scuba diving boat, a memorial started sprouting up to commemorate the lives of 34 people who died trapped below decks.

Days later, it has all but enveloped the sprawling harbor boardwalk where the boat, the Conception, once docked in Santa Barbara. Hundreds of flowers, framed photographs, flags, candles, seashells, swim fins and other mementos stretched for yards, some accompanied by heartfelt expressions of grief.

"Our city is weeping for the dive group lost at sea. Our heart is breaking for their loved ones left behind," read a sign with a large red heart intertwined with an anchor posted outside a paddle-board shop.

Across the harbor, behind a jetty, a second memorial grew Wednesday, with flowers framing a permanent plaque commemorating all those who have been lost at sea.

The poignant displays, though common following a tragedy, showed the impact of the fire on Santa Barbara, a picturesque community of historic buildings, hilltop mansions and pristine beaches. Many residents knew those who worked on the Conception or other boats like it or had dived from the decks themselves.

JJ Lambert, who arrived at the boardwalk with his fiancée, Jenna Marsala, recalled diving off the Conception when he was young.

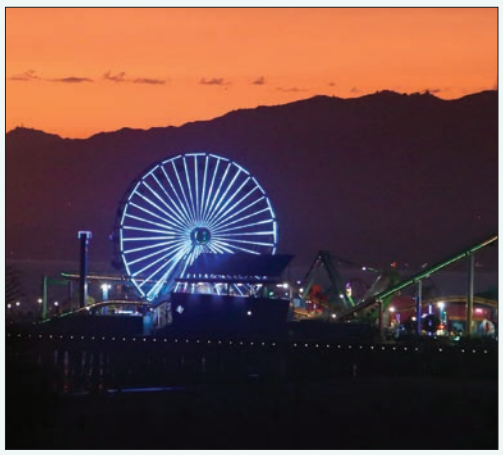
Several of the victims were families on the boat to mark a birthday or just celebrate a good time, and Lambert, 38, wondered, "What father and son were going out there for a dive weekend?"

As the boardwalk memorial grew, many people stopped to kneel quietly.

Twelve-year-old CJ Andelman arrived with her mother, Courtney, and her harp. She played "Silent Night," ''Greensleeves" and other songs as her mother left seashells she had gathered.

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Photos by Chance Artworks

CANCER FIGHT:
On Tuesday, September 3, stars came to the Casa del Mar Hotel in Santa Monica to kick-off the "Light It Blue"month-long campaign sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) to commemorate Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Stars came out to see the Ferris wheel at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier lit blue joining many other landmarks and structures in all 50 states making history by "lighting America blue." Light blue is recognized as the official color to shed a light on prostate cancer. On one specific day, "Light It Blue" will serve as a visual reminder that nearly 32,000 men are predicted to die from prostate cancer in 2019. By encouraging Americans (especially men) to take notice and take action, that number can be significantly reduced because prostate cancer is 99% treatable if caught early. For more information about the Prostate Cancer Foundation and prostate cancer, visit www.pcf.org.


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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 090319SF
TITLE : PARKING LOT RESEAL AND RESTRIPE

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: Tuesday 10/08/19 at 10:00 am
All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Friday 09/20/19 at 11:00am sharp.
Meet at Kiosk in Parking Lot 5 on Pearl Street side of SMC Main Campus 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica CA 90405
Sign in is required and late arrivals not permitted.
Job Walk will cover multiple parking lots and campuses, sign in required at each location

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $140,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 20 days as per bid schedule
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $2,500/day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

The Contractor is required to have a C-32 or A license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 090619SH
TITLE : REFUSE HAULING AND RECYCLING SERVICES

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS OCTOBER 8TH 2019 AT 2PM PST:
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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: APPROXIMATELY $75,000 PER YEAR

CONTRACT DAYS: Three (3) Years with Two (2) optional one year extensions

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: N/A

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, September 6

Sunset Swim

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

Art Break Day - Make Art With The World

Stop by the Camera Obscura Art Lab to participate in the 9th annual Art Break! It's a daylong celebration that encourages all people to sit down, take a short break from their busy lives, and make art for free, together with people from around the world. Free. 1450 Ocean, 12 – 4 p.m. To register, click https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-art-break-day-make-art-with-the-world-tickets-60674549210 or call 310-458-2239.

Saturday, September 7

Training for Tech Teen Volunteer and Leadership Program

Become eligible to volunteer at library tech events by attending this mandatory two-part training. High school students only. Must commit to both sessions, Sept. 7 and 8. Sept. 7, 2 – 5 p.m. – Introduction to library technologies including 3D printing and coding toys. Main Library

Sign & Tell Stories

Experience a story time using ASL with educator and storyteller Charles Katz. Learn some basic signs and about deaf culture in this dual ASL/spoken word presentation. For families. Fairview Branch Library, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Temporary art interventions in the public sphere with Mimi Haddon

Activate the urban landscape with temporary soft sculptural interventions. Bring empty doorways to life! Personify the crack in the sidewalk! See your everyday environment in a different light and document the moment (bring your camera or smartphone.) We'll then restore the area to its original state and rendezvous at the Camera to discuss and journal about the experience. Free! RSVP to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/temporary-art-interventions-in-the-public-sphere-with-mimi-haddon-tickets-65327860389 or call 310-458-2239. 1 – 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 8

Training for Tech Teen Volunteer and Leadership Program

Become eligible to volunteer at library tech events by attending this mandatory two-part training. High school students only. Must commit to both sessions. 2 – 5 p.m. Sept. 8 – Strategies for working with the public and facilitating creative projects. Main Library

Adventures in Poetry with Dinah Berland

Taking pen to paper in the service of poetry can be an invitation to adventure - whether that means discovering new ways to use language or diving into unexplored depths of memory. If you're lucky, you may find something in the making that will surprise and delight you or even set you free. Five Sundays: 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and one culminating Saturday reading, 11/16. 2 - 4 p.m. Cost: $90, Drop-in $20. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/72963

Light the Barricades, an installation by Candy Chang and James A. Reeves

This interactive installation reimagines the wall as a site for contemplating our inner obstructions. Inspired by the ancient I Ching, Light the Barricades offers a series of public walls that engage with rituals of pilgrimage and silent contemplation observed by cultures the world over. Annenberg Community Beach House. For more about the Annenberg Community Beach House, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com. https://www.annenberg-photospace.org/light-the-barricades/

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Probe to find cause of boat fire could lead to criminal case

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The captain and crew who leapt from a burning dive boat off Southern California saved themselves as 34 people perished below deck.

Whether their escape from the Conception before dawn Monday was the only viable option, an act of cowardice or even a crime has yet to be determined. While the old saw about the captain going down with his ship is more an antiquated notion, there are laws to punish a ship's master who shirks his duty to safely evacuate passengers.

The responsibilities of captain and crew are broadly defined, said professor Martin J. Davies, who is the maritime law director at Tulane University. With passengers, their duty is take reasonable care in all the circumstances, which is dependent on those circumstances.

If that captain made no attempt to save passengers trapped in a burning boat that would be a violation of his duty. But it wouldn't necessarily be wrong if the crew decided there was nothing they could do to help the passengers in the berth and abandoned ship to seek help from a boat nearby.

"The notion of the captain always goes down with the ship is consistent with that only because the captain is expected to stay there and do something if that's going to help," Davies said. "The idea that the captain is actually supposed to die along with everyone else is not any kind of a legal requirement."

While authorities have said they view the disaster as an accident, prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles and the Santa Barbara County district attorney's office are taking part in the investigation.

Whether anyone is criminally charged will depend on the conclusions of a multi-agency investigation on land and sea into the cause of the fire. Investigators interviewed the captain and crew members Wednesday, but wouldn't reveal any of what they learned.

Few details have emerged about what happened before the breathless captain made a mayday call at 3:15 a.m. Monday as he was apparently being overwhelmed by smoke on the boat. Passengers would have been sleeping at the time while the boat was anchored just off Santa Cruz Island.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said fire above deck blocked the one stairway and an emergency exit hatch where 33 passengers and one crew member were sleeping in bunks. It's not known if any alarm sounded or what the people below deck may have done to try to escape.

Finding the cause of the fire could be difficult with the boat largely destroyed and sitting upside down in 60 feet of water. Other items that could provide valuable clues could have been carried away by the tides or destroyed in the fire that burned so hot DNA was needed to identify the dead.

"All of that will be a very large hurdle to overcome," said George Zeitler, a former Coast Guard inspector, who runs his own marine investigation firm.

Investigators will want to produce a timeline of the ship's final voyage from the moment it pulled from a Santa Barbara dock early Saturday morning until the crew jumped overboard, experts said. They will look at the ship's layout and whether the bunk room below deck was too cramped and had enough exits, review maintenance records, even study photos and videos from people who have been on the boat to look for valuable evidence.

While lawsuits are almost a guarantee with such a high death toll, it's not clear if any crime was committed, experts said.

Under federal law, a captain or crew member can be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison if misconduct, negligence or inattention to duty leads to a death. The law can also be extended to a boat owner or charterer who engages in "fraud, neglect, connivance, misconduct, or violation of law" that takes a life.

Some high-profile boating disasters have sent ship captains to prison for failing to perform their duties.

Capt. Francesco Schettino was sentenced to 16 years in an Italian prison for abandoning ship and other crimes when he fled in a lifeboat after the Costa Concordia ran aground off Tuscany in 2012 and killed 32 people. He refused an order from the Italian Coast Guard to return to the listing ship.

The Conception, owned by Truth Aquatics, was being chartered for three days by a commercial dive outfit based in Santa Cruz to explore the rugged Channel Islands, sometimes referred to as the Galapagos of North America, about 20 miles south of Santa Barbara.

Coast Guard records show fire safety violations on the Conception in 2014 and 2016 were quickly fixed. There were no deficiencies found in February or August 2018 inspections.

The five survivors were all crew members, including the captain. They apparently jumped from the bow, where the stairway led to the sleeping quarters in the berth, and swam to the stern, where they took a dinghy to a nearby boat.

Attorney Gordon Carey, who practices maritime law, said the captain and crew should have done what they could to put out the fire, but not to the point of losing their own lives.

"They may have an obligation to put themselves at risk, but they don't have an obligation to commit suicide and certain death to save the passengers," he said.

Carey, who is not a criminal lawyer, said it's possible the owner of the boat or captain could face charges for being criminally negligent for behavior reckless they should know peoples' lives would be at risk.

Carey has been scuba diving for 50 years and has been on many long-distance voyages to exotic dive spots around the world. He said he's never been on a boat where the passengers slept below deck and he questioned why so many were crammed in a space toward the bow with only one staircase and one emergency hatch.

He said an owner or captain has to anticipate the normal range of risks — from collision to a breach of the hull to high seas to fire.

"If you have either designed or put into

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TITLE : EMERITUS AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADES

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Monday 09/23/19 at 8:30am sharp
Meet at Emeritus Campus 1227 2nd Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 Exterior courtyard next to lobby.
Sign-in is required and late arrivals not permitted.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $70,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 6
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: n/a

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.

The Contractor is required to have a C-7 license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 18ARB-0394: 1430 Lincoln Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0187: 1318 Lincoln Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0075: 234 Pico Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0260: 3223 Wilshire Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0277: 1633 Ocean Front Walk: New Restaurant
- 19ARB-0290: 1633 Ocean Front Walk: Sign Adjustment
- 19ARB-0287: 1545 26th Street: Commercial Façade Renovation
- 19ARB-0293: 1802 Delaware Ave: Multi-Unit Residential
- 19ARB-0328: 849 Ocean Avenue: Sign Adjustment

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 1448 7th Street: Mixed-Use

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail james.combs@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, 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).

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Malibu

Malibu Library Speaker Series Presents a Multimedia Presentation Exploring the Beatles' 'Abbey Road'

The Malibu Library Speakers presents Scott Freiman's "Roll Up! Deconstructing Abbey Road," an innovative multimedia exploration of how the Beatles created their world-changing music, Wednesday, September 18, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

"Roll Up! Deconstructing Abbey Road" is an engaging multimedia presentation exploring the songwriting and recording techniques used by the Beatles. The Beatles' Abbey Road is a masterpiece filled with classic Beatles songs, such as "Come Together," "Something," and "Here Comes the Sun." Using a combination of rare audio, video, historical photos, and recording track sheets, composer and producer Scott Freiman takes the audience back in time and into the studio with the Beatles as they create their music.

"The Library Speaker Series continues to bring unique events that enrich Malibu's cultural life at a time when high-quality, intimate entertainment is becoming more and more rare" said Mayor Jefferson "Zuma Jay" Wagner. "Scott Freiman's fascinating presentation will offer something for audiences of every age, whether they are new to the Beatles or lifelong fans. I very much enjoyed Scott's creative ways of examining history and pop culture."

Freiman is an internationally recognized expert and lecturer on the music of the Beatles. He has presented his lectures to sold-out audiences at theaters nationwide and has spoken about the Beatles at colleges, universities, and corporations, such as Pixar, Google, and Facebook. He also taught a course on "The Beatles in The Studio" at Yale University. Freiman composed music for more than 10 films, as well as the Emmy award-winning BBC/Discovery series "Life" and was sound editor and mixer on David Attenborough's "Flying Monsters." To see descriptions, photos and videos of Freiman's presentations, visit www.beatleslectures.com.

Freiman's multimedia presentation will be 90 minutes and an RSVP is required to attend this free event. Malibu City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Rd., Malibu, CA 90265.

The event is free and open to all, but space is limited. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers or call the Malibu Library at (310) 456-6438.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MALIBU MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

PLANNING

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would further gentrification.

Acting chair Shawn Landres, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said he thinks Pico Boulevard already has a wide variety of existing nightlife options.

"There was unanimous community opposition to bars, nightclubs and lounges," Landres said. "If we're going to respect the process, it's important to follow the community consensus."

But Commissioner Richard McKinnon said Wednesday that he believes a modern city should not prohibit bars, nightclubs and lounges in commercial areas.

"It's never a popular position to advocate that there are people in the community who enjoy going to bars, nightclubs or lounges," he said. "But the truth is, they're not coming to (neighborhood) meetings or the Planning Commission. They're probably funner, hipper, cooler kind of people, but they're still out there."

Some residents believe the problems with the proposed zoning changes go beyond nightlife, however.

The Pico Neighborhood Association and Friends of Sunset Park, which represent the two neighborhoods that Pico Boulevard runs through, have withdrawn their support for any changes to the street's zoning until City Hall conducts additional outreach to long-term residents and creates a zoning plan that preserves the character of their neighborhoods.

"The process that city staff led was pro-gentrification from day one," said PNA co-chair Oscar de la Torre. "We know the proposals to upzone Pico Boulevard will exacerbate market pressures that push out small businesses and drive up rents in commercial and residential properties. We ask city staff for a more robust community engagement process."

Some Pico residents told the commission Wednesday that they want the city to develop economic development and affordable housing plans for the neighborhood to accompany the zoning changes. Irma Carranza, a neighborhood resident and community organizer, said she had hoped the city would create an affordable housing plan and find ways to help residents open businesses along Pico Boulevard.

McKinnon said he agreed that the commission's zoning recommendations do not fully address the neighborhood's central issues.

"They help in some marginal ways by freeing up a little bit of flexibility along the street, allowing some new businesses to open and letting existing businesses do new things, but they don't stop (displacement) or rising housing costs," McKinnon said.

McKinnon, Commissioner Jim Ries and Landres led a motion to make several economic recommendations to the City Council, including a ban on chain businesses, local hiring requirements and financial incentives for legacy businesses.

"We're trying to create a playing field that allows locals to open businesses and be able to compete for space with a comparably sized entity, rather than a large multinational swooping in and grabbing the spot," Landres said.

The City Council will vote on the Planning Commission's recommendations later this year.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Man gets 88 years for kidnap after wild California RV chase

A California man who led police on a wild RV chase with his young children last year has been sentenced to more than 88 years in prison.

Stephen Merle Houk was convicted last month of kidnapping, child abuse, injuring a spouse and other charges.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says the 48-year-old was sentenced on Wednesday.

Houk was arrested in May 2018 after being on the run for two days. He escaped into a Bakersfield orchard after leading police on a 100-mile chase in his motor home that began in Hollywood.

Houk's 10-month-old and 3-year-old children were inside the RV. They weren't hurt.

Investigators said the incident began after Houk fought with his wife and threatened to kill her.

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LOS ANGELES

SMPD Captain Selected as Chief in Washington State

Captain Darrell Lowe, a 26-year veteran and accomplished member of the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), has been selected as Chief of Police for the Redmond Washington Police Department.

"Captain Lowe has truly and positively impacted the community of Santa Monica, and the Santa Monica Police Department, during his 26 years with us," said Chief Cynthia Renaud. "While we will miss him greatly, we are proud that his talents will be put to good use with the Redmond Police Department in working to serve their community."

Captain Lowe was the architect of both the Departments beat reconfiguration when Metro's Expo Line opened in Santa Monica and updated its Warrant due-diligence protocol. Captain Lowe worked a variety of operational assignments, including patrol, school resource officer, Third Street Promenade bike patrol, and multiple administrative assignments including: internal affairs, executive officer to the deputy chief, executive officer to the operations and investigations divisions, concluding his career as the captain of the field services division. He has been the Department's lead facilitator for its constitutional policing, procedural justice and implicit bias curriculum training the departments 500 personnel.

During his time in Santa Monica, Captain Lowe was engaged in the Santa Monica community representing the SMPD as a board member of Kiwanis, advisory board of the Boys and Girls Club, Westside Inter-Faith Council, Human Relations Council, Citizens for Racial Justice, Citizens for Police Reform, the Police Activities League, the SMPD's Explorer Program, and the recently launched Juvenile Diversion Program, which seeks alternative ways to engage and interact with youth who violate the law.

Officials thanked Captain Lowe for his many years of service to the community and wished him great success in serving the residents of Redmond Washington.

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GRIEF

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"I think everyone really appreciates the gift of music, and I feel like we owe it to the people who died here to give them that," the Santa Barbara girl said.

Orlando Aldana dropped off the first 34 candles, one for each victim.

"I saw the flowers earlier when I was here, and I just felt like, well, it's reaching nighttime," the 42-year-old from Santa Barbara said. "This is what us Latinos do: We light candles for our dead."

To much of the outside world, Santa Barbara is the American Riviera, a sun-dappled California coastal town framed by sandy beaches, a quaint downtown, a 233-year-old Spanish Mission and a harbor filled with pleasure boats that attract tourists from all over.

Santa Barbara and its neighboring community of Montecito are home to Oprah Winfrey and numerous other wealthy celebrities living in multimillion-dollar mansions. One of them, Rob Lowe, tweeted Monday that he had been on the Conception himself many times.

"My heart breaks for those onboard," he wrote.

But both Santa Barbara and Montecito and another neighboring community, Isla Vista, are no strangers to recent tragedies, as several people noted.

A ferocious rainstorm last winter sent tons of mud crashing into Montecito homes, killing 23 people and injuring more than 150. It had been preceded by one of the largest wildfires in California history, which had stripped the hillsides bare.

In 2014, a 22-year-old man stabbed his three roommates to death at his Isla Vista apartment before going on a shooting rampage that killed three University of California, Santa Barbara, students and wounded others. He shot himself to death as police closed in.

Several people said the latest tragedy felt particularly personal, however, adding that like Lowe, Lambert and others, they had been on the Conception themselves or knew others who had.

Daniel Butts and his wife, Lisa Olsen, saw divers boarding the boat Friday night for their Labor Day weekend journey. Olsen recalled the couple thinking, "Oh, that looks like it's going to be a fun trip."

"We probably saw a few of the people that vanished in that fire," Butts said as he and his wife left a floral bouquet.

Newspapers are vital to democracy.

Don't let the Legislature kill them off.

California newspapers have weathered the arrival of the internet era by continuing to play our crucial role of holding the powerful accountable. Now a bill before the state Legislature that would have a devastating financial impact on newspapers is nearing passage – without lawmakers grasping the harm it would do.

Here's what the editorial pages of some California newspapers have to say about it:

If you believe newspapers play an essential role in strengthening democracy and holding powerful leaders accountable, now is the time to speak up about Assembly Bill 5. The bill, as currently written, could force many California newspapers out of business.

It's unlikely that Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, sought to create an existential threat to California's free press when she authored AB 5. But in what seems like an unintended consequence of the bill, AB 5 would basically make daily delivery of the print version of the newspaper nearly impossible. ...

That's because the bill would require newspapers to treat newspaper carriers as employees rather than independent contractors. This would disrupt and destabilize the newspaper industry at a time when accurate, credible news is most needed – and most threatened.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

Our industry has been struggling, but we are making strides to ensure our future and don't need setbacks that only make it harder.

All we ask is that state lawmakers do us no harm — that, to help ensure the survival of local journalism, they let us continue operating under the same rules that have governed us for more than 40 years. ...

The carrier system has worked for decades delivering [the] morning paper.

It makes little sense to undermine it now. And it would make even less sense to undermine it when lawmakers have the option to leave the status quo with regards to carriers in place.

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As written, Assembly Bill 5 ... would have a devastating economic impact on countless California residents and businesses. It would be especially harmful for many (if not most) of our state's newspapers, especially in smaller communities that rely so heavily on local journalism for their news. ...

We all know independent contract workers and we don't disagree that many are deserving of employee status. But this bill goes too far, taking that decision out of the hands of thousands of contractors who enjoy the freedom offered by non-employee status.

ENTERPRISE-RECORD

The California News Publishers Association is deeply concerned that the Legislature will adjourn without helping newspapers and carriers and the communities they serve. That would be a major blow to an industry already facing declining revenues. The failure of the Legislature to act would be a tipping point in the history of California newspapers and the public's right to know.

If Assembly Bill 5 is passed by the Legislature without an exemption for newspaper carriers, California newspapers will face an expensive new obstacle to their survival. If you want to help newspapers continue to perform their crucial watchdog role, please call your state senator and urge him or her to make sure that an exemption for newspaper carriers is included in AB 5 before it comes up for a vote on the Senate floor.

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Official: Trump to challenge California mileage standard

TOM KRISHER AND ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

The Trump administration is moving forward with a proposal to revoke part of California's authority to set its own automobile gas mileage standards, a government official said Thursday, in another confrontation with a state that has repeatedly challenged environmental rollbacks.

The Environmental Protection Agency was preparing paperwork for the White House that would set a single national standard for fuel economy, according to the official, who is familiar with the regulatory process and spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

President Donald Trump has pushed for months to weaken Obama-era mileage standards nationwide and has targeted California's decades-old power to set its own mileage standards as part of that effort.

Administration moves to rescind authority that Congress granted probably would end up in court. When President George W. Bush challenged California's mileage-setting ability, California fought it. The Obama administration subsequently dropped the Bush effort.

The Trump plan would have to be posted in the Federal Register and would be subject to public comment.

His administration has tried to ease or remove scores of environmental regulations that it regards as unnecessary and burdensome. The tougher mileage standards were a key part of the Obama administration's efforts to reduce climate-changing fossil fuel emissions.

California has sued the Trump administration 27 times on environmental matters alone, often as part of a group of states. Counting preliminary injunctions, California has won in court 19 times, said Sarah Lovenheim, a spokeswoman for California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

EPA officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The mileage move would target California's half-century-old authority under the Clean Air Act to set its own, tough tailpipe emission standards. California's long struggles with smog mean the state has been setting its own mileage standards since before the 1970 law was written. Congress allowed California to seek waivers from the national mileage standards for that reason.

About a dozen states have opted to follow California's mileage standards

The waiver has allowed California, the state with the most people and by far the biggest economy, to steer the rest of nation toward cutting down on car and truck emissions that pollute the air and alter the climate.

The auto industry as a whole doesn't like the far tougher Obama-era mileage standards and fears it won't be able to meet them, as U.S. consumers keep shifting away from sedans to less-efficient trucks and SUVs. Most automakers favor increasing mileage requirements at a lower rate than set under Obama. They also want one U.S. standard to avoid having to engineer separate vehicles for California and the states that follow its rules.

In July four automakers — Ford, Honda, BMW and Volkswagen — broke from the rest of the industry and struck a deal with California agreeing to 3.7 percent increases in mileage per year. That's less than the 5 percent annual increase under the Obama-era standards.

The side deal has irked Trump, who has chastised Ford in tweets.

Krisher reported from Detroit.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Man gets 88 years for kidnap after wild California RV chase

A California man who led police on a wild RV chase with his young children last year has been sentenced to more than 88 years in prison.

Stephen Merle Houk was convicted last month of kidnapping, child abuse, injuring a spouse and other charges.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says the 48-year-old was sentenced on Wednesday.

Houk was arrested in May 2018 after being on the run for two days. He escaped into a Bakersfield orchard after leading police on a 100-mile chase in his motor home that began in Hollywood.

Houk's 10-month-old and 3-year-old children were inside the RV. They weren't hurt.

Investigators said the incident began after Houk fought with his wife and threatened to kill her.

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Howard Baker, Where Have You Gone?



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GUNS: The red dots signify the location of every mass murder in the U.S. during 2019.

The late Howard Baker was a 3-term Senator from Tennessee with a reputation for fairness. Putting country over party during the Senate Watergate Hearings, he's remembered for his famous question, "What did the president know and when did he know it?"

Other GOP Senators who stood up to Nixon included Barry Goldwater who led a small group who went to the White House to tell the President he was doomed. Desperate, Nixon asked Goldwater, "How many Senate votes do I have?" "Maybe twenty," replied Goldwater, "and mine won't be one of them." (Ouch!)

I mention Baker's courage because today there's so little. Nowhere is that more painfully obvious than the zero action in response to climate change.

As I write this, category 5 tropical hurricane Dorian left the Bahamas underwater having suffered historic destruction and devastation. Deadly Dorian is approaching the southeastern Atlantic coast of the U.S. and could cause monumental flooding and damage, not to mention potential loss of life.

One state that will not get hit is Alabama, though inexplicably Donald Trump predicted they could be. Why? Who knows? The National Weather Service issued a statement saying Alabama would not be hit. It was the first time in memory that a governmental agency essentially instructed the public to disregard a POTUS.

Instead of admitting a mistake, something Trump is clearly psychologically unable to do, he more than doubled down. During an Oval Office briefing on Dorian, Trump displayed an official National Weather Service map in which the storm's projected path was extended to Alabama by someone using a black sharpie. (And thus spawning "Sharpie-Gate.")

Knowingly issuing a false weather report is subject to imprisonment and or fine. But when asked about the obvious alteration, Trump repeated "I don't know," three times. (Did he think nobody would notice? #Delusional.)

Trump reminds me of a 6th grader giving an oral report about a book he hasn't read. Trump supporters find him refreshing, I find him pathological. That said, I suppose things could be worse because at one point Trump reportedly suggested dropping a nuclear bomb in the eye of the hurricane. (Good Lord!)

Every day we see news footage of severe weather events right out of Al Gore's 2006 movie "An Inconvenient Truth." Rejecting science, Trump has said, "Weather patterns could reverse," adding, "I have a good instinct for these things."

That brings me, however painfully, to another monumental crisis, the mass murders in America, which are like a surreal horror movie. (Mass murders are defined as 4 or more people dying, excluding the shooter.) As of today, in 2019 we've had 250 days and 283 mass murders!

While the Democratic Congress has passed three gun reform bills, Mitch McConnell refuses to bring any to the Senate floor. (Known as "Moscow Mitch for failing to protect our elections, McConnell is now "Massacre Mitch" for his stunning inaction on gun control.)

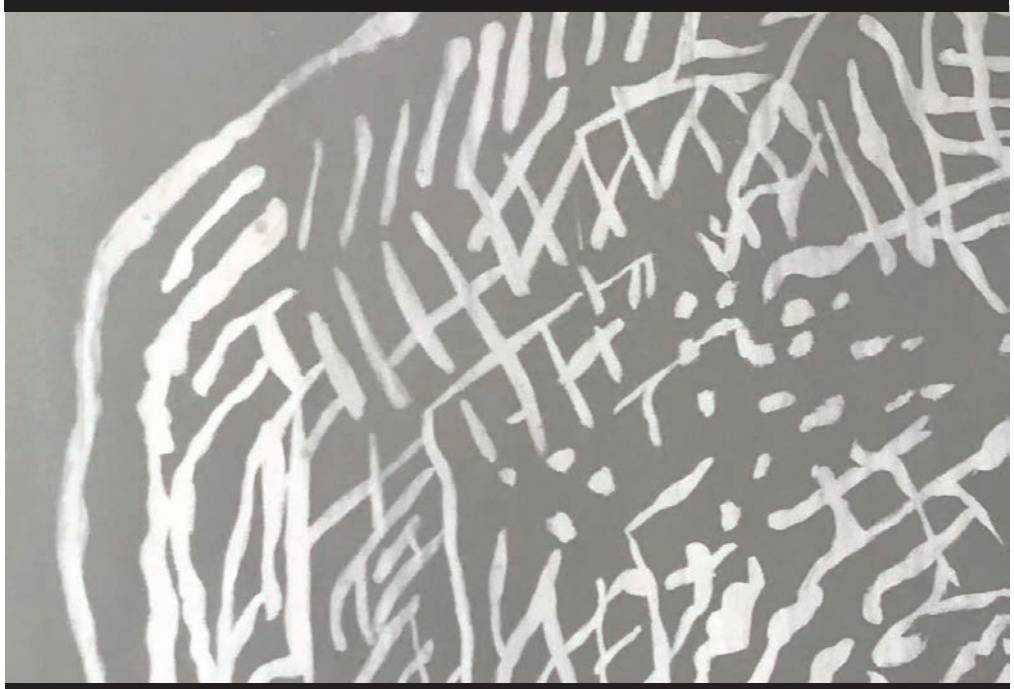
McConnell says he'll only bring a bill to the floor if Donald Trump approves of it. He's essentially turning the power of the Senate, a vital part of the balance of powers, over to the executive branch.

After Parkland, a supposedly enlightened Trump accused Senators of "being petrified" of the NRA saying, " Bring me a bill and I'll sign it. I'll take the heat!" However, after a few recent phone calls from scandal-ridden, expensive Italian suit-wearing Wayne LaPierre and his near bankrupt NRA, Trump

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Life's surprises will delight you, coming just when you need the adrenaline rush. A lively involvement turns into a full-blown quest. The characters will change along the way, and you'll finally settle into the winning team arrangement at the start of 2020. The work you once avoided will be the source of great resources. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 20, 18 and 1.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not what you thought it would be, and that's not a bad thing. Your expectation influences what happens next and stimulates your creativity as you imagine what could be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In one scenario, you'll sort out the cause of your problem, and with the help of caring people, you'll get to the solution. In an alternate scenario, you'll be taught by trouble, and you'll resolve all with your own grit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The difference between a place people live and a place people travel to is often scenery. Today you'll appreciate the loveliness around you to the same extent you would if you had saved up and gone on vacation just to see it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One person's change always leads to other changes because the environment is like water; everything we do moves things for people around us.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll notice, nurture and acknowledge people's strengths in a way that makes them want to keep improving. If you're not a manager already, you should consider officially stepping into the role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have no patience for hearing yourself talk just for the sake of talking. You want to feel that the communication benefits others somehow, if only with a feeling of being connected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're putting in the work, not some days but every day. This is what will make the difference between accomplishment and really remarkable performance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're teaching yourself without realizing it. You're figuring out what needs to be done and doing it. Get only slightly more formal with this – map out a curriculum to help you get to the goal – and remarkable things will be possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It would be a mistake to go forward assuming the other person's expectations are the same as yours. You'll get to know who you are dealing with. It will allow you to maximize the experience for both of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships create their own culture. So while the environment has its rules, those will get superseded by the unspoken agreements developing between people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your community is involved in a rivalry that you may not technically care about, though staying completely out of it is tantamount to antisocial behavior. This calls for a dance of diplomacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone believes in his or her own correctness today, and this is a problem because almost no one is completely right. Neither are they completely wrong, though. Your talent for sorting gray areas will kick in.

Planetary Traffic Jam

This is a rare level of cosmic activity – an intersection of planetary agendas. It's hard to know what to pay attention to. Pretend like you're in a rush-hour-traffic flow. Stay focus and patient. Mercury and Jupiter warn against talking too much and listening too little. The sun and Saturn turbo-boost work efforts. Venus and Pluto provide profundity.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Take a moment to acknowledge the current state of relationships, as tomorrow brings new circumstances to adjust to. TAURUS: What was once an excited buzz will mellow into a real tone, and you'll be able to tell if it's a sound that pleases you or not. GEMINI: The truth you share will touch another and bring an emotional reaction. CANCER: There's nothing that energizes you more than meeting new people. Each one you meet is a potential adventure. LEO: Don't let your expectations get in the way of enjoying an event too quirky to have anticipated. VIRGO: You live and love forward and understand it fully later when you're looking backward. LIBRA: Make sure the other person likes you for what you're good at and not for a weakness. SCORPIO: Everyone involved doesn't have to be in full agreement in order to make a good team. SAGITTARIUS: Reason will be powerless in the poetry of love. CAPRICORN: There's a score to be evened, and a better relationship will follow the rebalancing. AQUARIUS: Understanding someone's capabilities will be crucial to loving the real person instead of the role you've cast. PISCES: You've a talent for keeping on the brighter side of life and thus making the people around you lighten up.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Capricorn and Virgo are Earth signs who don't need a whole lot of introductory conversation to know each other well. They've an intuitive sense about each other and can quickly get comfortable in each other's presence. Both prefer a style of love that can be identified through demonstration, in concrete examples and deeds instead of the declaration of feelings. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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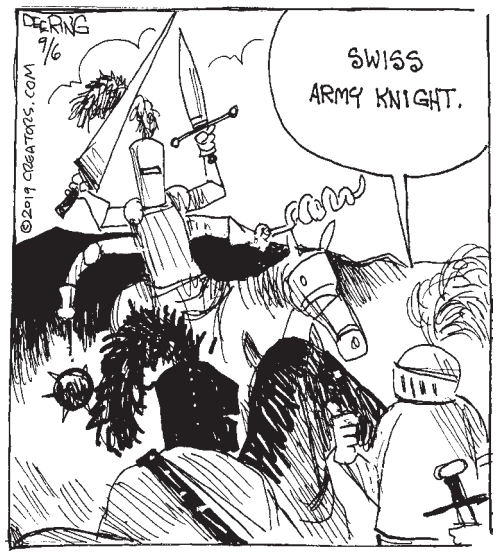
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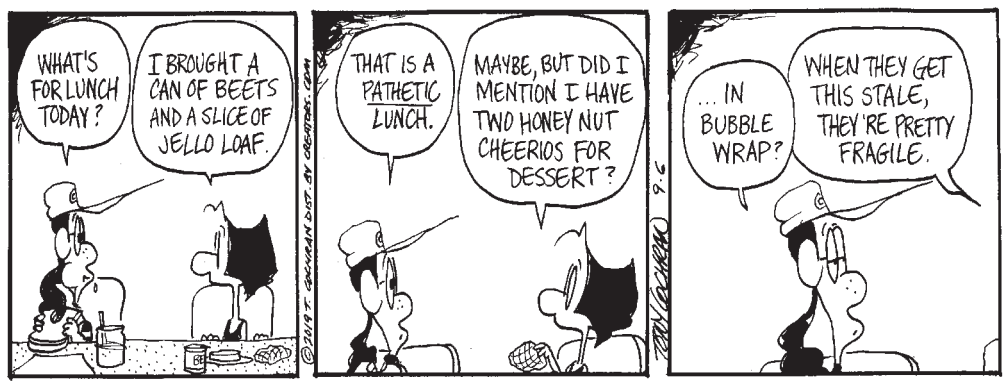
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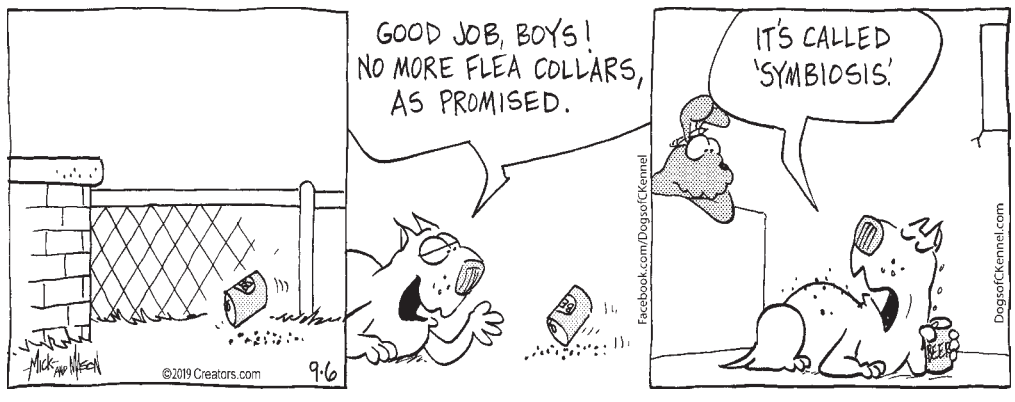
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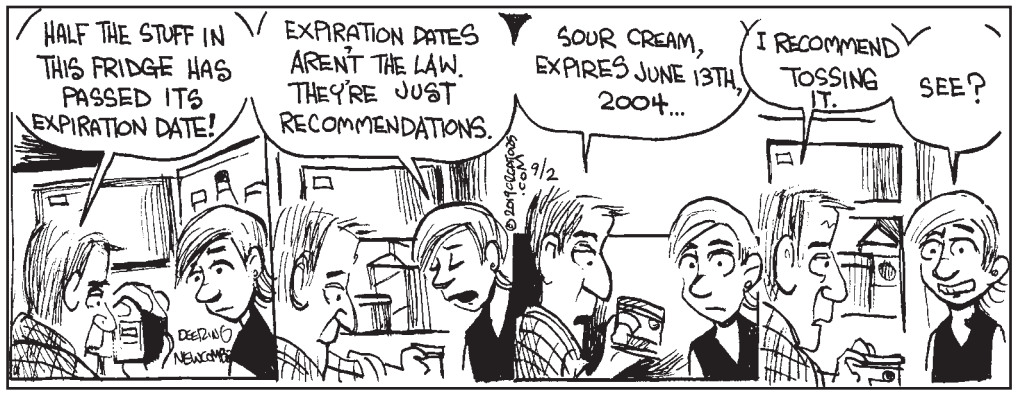
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SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
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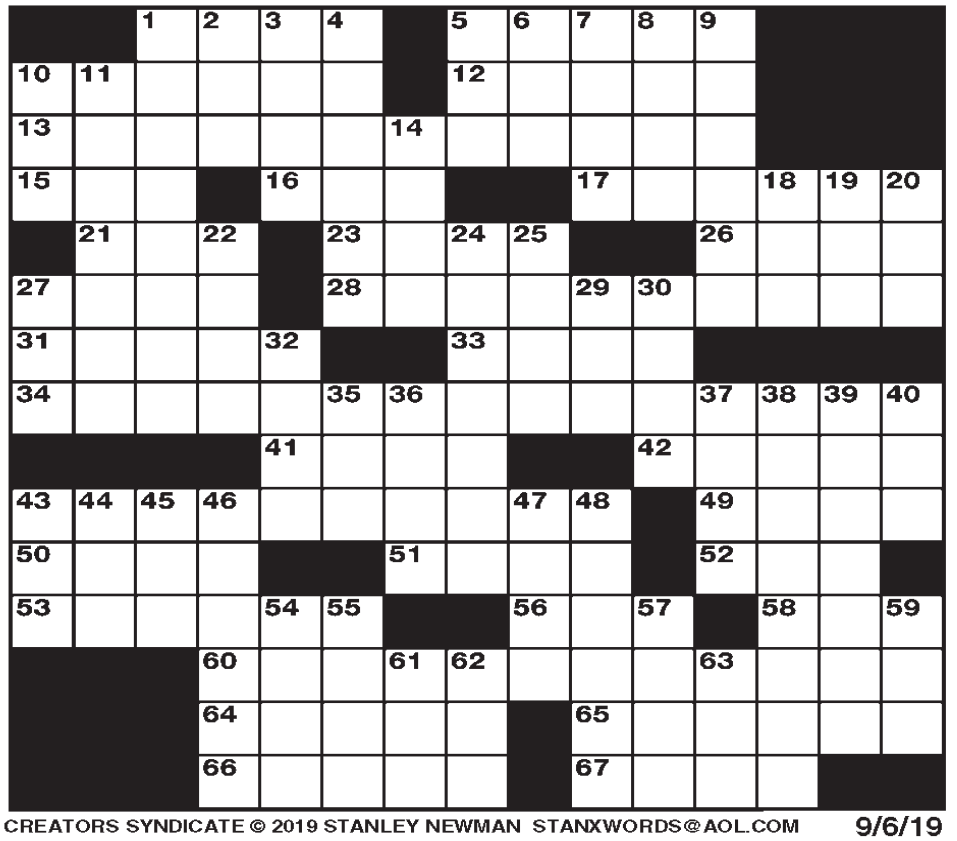
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10 Any of a literary trio
12 Precious Australian exports
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16 Flowing *agua*
17 Former Nissan SUV
21 Pointer
23 With frequency
26 Throaty comment
27 Keep under wraps
28 Part 2 of quote
31 Hapless
33 Old Testament twin
34 Part 3 of quote
41 Smooth over
42 Bounded about
43 Source of quote
49 What some taps tap into
50 Glorify
51 KitchenAid competitor
52 Series with many funny alums
53 Freebies demanded by fussy buyers
56 Nightingale Pledge takers: Abbr.
58 Something staked
60 End of quote
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65 Right around
66 Dispatches
67 Votes (for)

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3 Measure for Dr. Tyson
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5 Stadium sound
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9 "Honest!"
10 No longer edible
11 *Scream School* author
14 Southwestern tie
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19 Sleep lab acronym
20 Online DoctorFinder provider
22 Spices (up)
24 Personal identity
25 Tryout
27 Where a pager may be worn
29 Cry of derision
30 Propellant, in part
32 Level of seats
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36 "Can that be?"
37 Stovetop vessels
38 Where free spirits are served
39 Fail to keep up
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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 348 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 4

Battery Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 3:06 a.m.
Auto burglary 600blk Pier Ave 6:26 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Palisades Park 7:06 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 4th St / Strand St 7:23 a.m.
Battery 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:02 a.m.
Burglary 2400blk 3rd St 8:13 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk Pier Ave 8:17 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:22 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk Pier Ave 8:46 a.m.
Fraud 400blk Wilshire Blvd 8:54 a.m.
Panhandling 2nd St / Arizona Ave 8:59 a.m.
Person with a gun 1500blk 4th St 9:10 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 3rd St 9:15 a.m.
Malicious mischief 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk the beach 9:37 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2700blk Montana Ave 10:05 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 10:10 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk 18th St 10:13 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2300blk Michigan Ave 10:14 a.m.
Malicious mischief 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 400blk Alta Ave 11:01 a.m.
Threats / 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2700blk Montana Ave 11:18 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Stanford St / Wilshire Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk Hollister Ave 11:26 a.m.
Grand theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 11:59 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk the beach 12:14 p.m.
Encampment 2800blk the beach 12:35 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 1400blk 4th St 12:53 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 1:35 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 500blk Olympic Blvd W 1:55 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 1:55 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:24 p.m.
Grand theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:31 p.m.
Fight 7th St / Arizona Ave 2:37 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 1400blk 17th St 2:44 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1200blk Georgina Ave 3:40 p.m.
Battery 2400blk 23rd St 3:51 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1300blk Pearl St 4:35 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 5:00 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 5:10 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 1400blk 16th St 5:15 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 17th St / Broadway 5:29 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2200blk Broadway 5:39 p.m.
Petty theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:08 p.m.
Battery 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 6:17 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 14th St / Cedar St 6:17 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:39 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 6:50 p.m.
Fraud 500blk San Vicente Blvd 6:52 p.m.
Battery 2100blk La Mesa Dr 6:54 p.m.
Grand theft 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:58 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600blk the beach 6:59 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:50 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:08 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk Bay St 8:13 p.m.
Threats / 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:17 p.m.
Burglary 300blk 10th St 8:33 p.m.
Burglary 800blk Broadway 8:33 p.m.
Fight Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:49 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 2700blk 4th St 10:58 p.m.
Exhibition of speed Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 11:25 p.m.
Drunk driving 200blk San Vicente Blvd 11:38 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 48 CALLS ON SEPT. 4

Emergency medical service 2000blk Arizona Ave 1:15 a.m.
EMS 1700blk 18th St 1:33 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Hill St 2:26 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:12 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 3rd St 4:44 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 7:39 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 8:01 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700blk Ozone St 9:13 a.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:59 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:22 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:01 a.m.
EMS 500blk Adelaide Dr 11:10 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 800blk Yale St 11:39 a.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 12:20 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1400blk 4th St 12:53 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 7th St 2:06 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Vehicle fire Lincoln Blvd / Wilson Pl 2:35 p.m.
EMS 800blk 6th St 4:02 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:05 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 4:06 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2700blk Colorado Ave 4:38 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 4:57 p.m.
Traffic collision with physical rescue Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 5:00 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 5:14 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:22 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1200blk 14th St 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 5:59 p.m.
EMS 14th St / Cedar St 6:16 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 14th St / Cedar St 6:17 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 6:50 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 6:55 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 7:02 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 5th St 7:03 p.m.
Elevator rescue 700blk Wilshire Blvd 7:31 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:02 p.m.
EMS 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:08 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Harvard St 8:38 p.m.
EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 9:10 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1100blk Harvard St 9:16 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 9:44 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Colorado Ave 9:50 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 19th St 9:52 p.m.
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EMS 2500blk 3rd St 11:05 p.m.

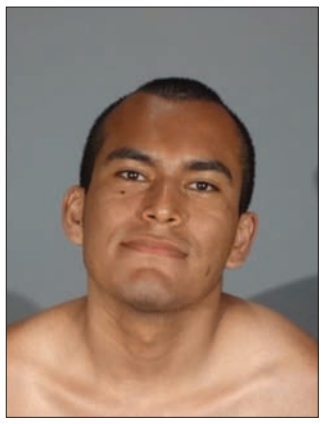
CRIME WATCH

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 AUGUST 28, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:29 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Virginia Ave regarding an assault with deadly weapon that just occurred. Officers spoke with the victim who said, he and his girlfriend were walking back to their apartment when he encountered his roommate. The roommate was holding a metal knife and in an angry and aggressive manner and told the victim that he stole his things and then ran after him with the knife attempting to slash at him two to three times. The victim was not injured and the suspect was taken into custody. Raul Peralta Rufino, 22, from Santa Monica, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and a parole violation. He was denied bail.



File photo

RAUL PERALTA RUFINO

CASE

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place an operation that, knowing the risks that are there, and fire is certainly one of them, that put people in a serious risk of dying, I guess that sort of rises to the level of what I would consider involuntary manslaughter," Carey said. "It's behaving recklessly in the face of known danger."

Don Barthelmess, a former commercial diver who has been on the Conception many times for fun and with classes he taught at Santa Barbara City College, said Truth Aquatics and its crews are industry leaders.

"For people to point fingers at this point, it's just irresponsible," he said, noting that authorities have said the captain stayed to help the Coast Guard after he and the crew were rescued.

Barthelmess said he listened to the mayday calls and heard the "panic" in the voice of "Captain Jerry," who has not been publicly identified.

"That crew would do everything humanly possible to save people if they could have," he said. "My heart just bleeds for Jerry and the crew. ... They're going to live with this for the rest of their lives."

Associated Press Writer Stefanie Dazio in Santa Barbara contributed to this report.

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BAKER

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has turned his back on background checks. (No pun intended.)

Trump says that it's "mental illness that pulls the trigger." Since gun-related deaths in the U.S. are approximately 10 times other industrialized countries, the problem must be either we have more guns (375 million) than people (325 million) or we have 10 times more mental illness than other countries.

Personally I find it ironic Trump talks about mental illness or even "fake news," while doctoring maps. It's reminiscent of when he mistakenly called Apple's Tim Cook "Tim Apple," later saying he did it to "save time."

While "Massacre Mitch" won't do anything, at least Walmart is. On Tuesday they said it would discontinue ammunition used in high-capacity magazines and military-style weapons and asked its customers not to openly carry firearms in stores even in states where it's permitted.

For the sake of our country, and our planet, there have to be modern day Howard Bakers. But who? Mitt Romney, Susan Collins, Cory Gardner? They're petrified all right, but not so much of the NRA than an impulsive, insane Trump tweet storm that unleashes his cult followers.

Baker, Goldwater and most of all, Ronald Reagan, would have despised Trump. They would have been sickened by his lying, lack of character, his transparent stupidity and his maligning women and immigrants. (Is that all?)

Watergate brought down Nixon. If only Sharpie-Gate could do the same to Trump.

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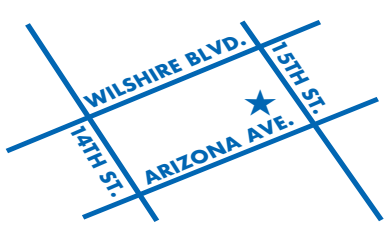
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