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Former Coogie's site to become 46 units of housing



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DEVELOPMENT: A new mixed-use development will replace the Coogie's Cafe and a pair of businesses on the 2900 block of Santa Monica Blvd.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

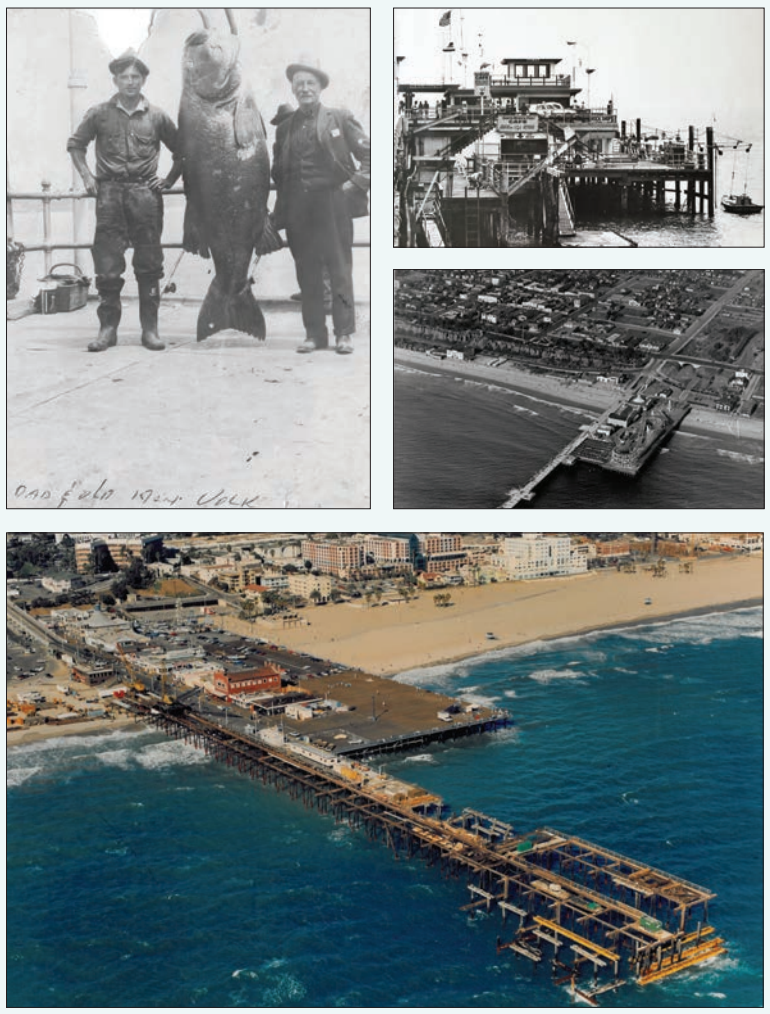
A three-story development will replace two Mid-City buildings occupied by Coogie's Cafe, a barbershop and a hobby store.

The Planning Commission on Wednesday approved a mixed-use building with 46 units and 13,735 square feet of commercial space at 2906-2918 Santa Monica Blvd. The corner site at Yale Street and Santa Monica Boulevard is owned by Yale West LLC, managed by producer and director Marius Markevicius.

Coogie's, a diner that closed in April after a fire and the death of its owner Lawrence Rhee, occupied 2906 Santa Monica Blvd. decades. Aero Hobbies and Don's Cutting Edge occupy 2918 Santa Monica Blvd.

The 36-foot tall building will feature a brick, wood and glass facade, interspersed with balconies and living walls. The building's upper floors are broken into six blocks.

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Courtesy photos

RETROSPECTIVE: The Santa Monica Pier will celebrate its 110th birthday on Monday with several events including a photo retrospective. See Page 10 for more information.

Trump challenges California power to control auto pollution

TOM KRISHER AND ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

The Trump administration on Friday launched an all-out assault on California's authority to set its own automotive emissions standards in a battle over mileage rules, as government agencies opened an antitrust investigation and told state officials that they appear to be violating the law in a deal with four automakers for tougher emissions limits.

The emissions fight will make or break an effort by President Donald Trump to relax mileage standards nationwide. California's congressionally granted authority to set its own, tougher emissions standards under the 1970 Clean Air Act has long prodded automakers to adopt more fuel efficient passenger vehicles.

Ford and Honda confirmed receiving a letter from the U.S. Justice Department informing them of an antitrust inquiry into the July deal, in which the two automakers along with Volkswagen and BMW agreed to stricter emissions standards than preferred by Trump, who is seeking to ease Obama-era mileage standards. And the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency sent a letter to California claiming the deal appears

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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. September 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

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Sunday, September 8

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

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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.annenbergphotospace.org/light-the-barricades/

Monday, September 9

Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting. Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 7 - 9 p.m.

Appy Hour Device Workshop for Seniors

Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Marina Del Rey

The Maiden Factor

Join fellow racing enthusiasts and fans of sea going adventure on Friday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. at California Yacht Club for a fascinating presentation by Tracy Edwards, who will talk about Maiden, the iconic yacht which carried the first all-female crew around the world with Tracy as their skipper. 'Maiden" is also the title of the highly praised documentary currently in theaters. Tracy will also discuss the film and the historic entry in the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race, as well as The Maiden Factor.

The Maiden Factor is a social enterprise dedicated to the empowerment of women through equality. The Maiden Factor will utilize Maiden, during a two-year world tour, to raise awareness of and funds for the rights of women and the education of girls everywhere.

Maiden, the yacht , will be at CYC early September; stay tuned for their open boat, when members can view Maiden and meet some of the crew.

Presentation 7:30 p.m. Free. Reservations requested, reservations@calyachtclub.net. Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure. As a public service of CYC. California Yacht Club 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. 310 823-4567

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Pacific Palisades

Enjoy a Summer Afternoon of Songs and Sundaes

The Santa Monica Oceanaires are serving up both scoops and songs at their annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 14 at 2 p.m. at Palisades Lutheran Church.

Get an icy cool blast in the last weeks of summer as the Westside-based chorus and chapter quartets serenade Saturday afternoon sundae-lovers with old-time barbershop polecats and patriotic anthems. The Santa Monica Oceanaires are pleased to welcome award-winning and celebrated guest quartets Vixen, Oddly Enuf, and The Velvet Frogs.

"The Oceanaires' annual Ice Cream Social is a popular way to spend a summer afternoon enjoying barbershop harmonies," says Ken Scholtz, Ice Cream Social Co-chairman. "And you can enjoy all the ice cream you can eat afterwards."

Tickets for the event are $15 and can be order at brownpapertickets.com or calling 323-247-SING (7464). Palisades Lutheran Church is located at 15905 W. Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

The Santa Monica Oceanaires is a non-profit 501(c)(3) group founded in 1976. Its roster consists of more than 45 men who meet weekly to sing barbershop style. It is an official chapter of the The Barbershop Harmony Society.

SUBMITTED BY TERRY DELEGEANE, PR CHAIRMAN

Citywide

Rotary Club of Santa Monica Invites Applications for Community and Youth Grants

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is currently accepting applications for its Community and Youth Grants program from non-profit organizations serving the Santa Monica community.

Grant applications are due by October 30, for the next funding cycle. Grants range from $500 to $3,500. Funds may be requested for sustainable projects such as new construction or renovation materials, equipment, and furnishings. Funds are not available for operating expenses, giving or endowment campaigns, fund-raising or other events, sectarian religious projects, political activities, and foundations that fund other non-profits.

Non-profit organizations may apply annually for funding. Applications and instructions can be obtained by contacting the Rotary Club of Santa Monica at (310) 917-3313, by e-mailing RotaryClubofSantaMonica@Verizon.net, or from the Rotary Club website at www.rotaryclubofsantamonica.org. Organizations must provide proof of non-profit 501(c)(3) status, requested supporting materials, and be able to verify that the funds benefit Santa Monica residents or community that align with Rotary's service mission.

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Community Concerns

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Thank you for your coverage of the Planning Commission's consideration of Pico Boulevard zoning amendments. I've learned a great deal from listening to the diverse voices of our community through more than a year's worth of workshops and meetings - Wednesday night was no exception. As you rightly noted, the Commission was unanimous that any changes on Pico should occur in the context of sustained commitments to local economic development and affordable housing preservation.

However, the wording of the zoning resolution as approved does not fully address community concerns about large restaurants. These objections are just as important as the concerns you reported about new bars (as distinct from lounges or nightclubs, which many in the Pico neighborhood actually have requested).

There has been widespread opposition to new large restaurants for many reasons, including concerns about gentrification. At the same time, though, there is growing community interest in culturally diverse multi-vendor food halls and performance venues with food & beverage service, as well as dance floors (which the code currently bans).

Along much of Pico, the existing rules prohibit all these food service uses because the zoning code currently conflates these distinct concepts in a single use classification ("restaurants," subdivided into three size categories), just as it currently lumps together bars with nightclubs and lounges.

There is broad agreement that we need better defined and more clearly distinguishable categories for food halls and performance/event venues, with parameters that make sense along Pico and citywide. However, if seat caps on large restaurants are raised before these improved definitions go into effect, there could be a risk of applications from the very establishments that Pico community members have said clearly they do not want.

To avoid such unintended consequences, we should proceed with caution: move forward with the other amendments but keep current large-scale restaurant and bar/nightclub/lounge limits in place until new community-responsive provisions are ready.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Veteran Healthcare Leader named Chief Executive for Providence Saint John's Health Center

Michael Ricks, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, has been named as the new chief executive of Providence Saint John's Health Center and its renowned John Wayne Cancer Institute.

Ricks will join the Santa Monica hospital on Sept. 30, succeeding Marcel Loh, who recently announced plans to retire.

Ricks was selected for his experience, vision and passion for creating healthier communities by providing advanced technology and research, and by increasing access to care.

"We are extremely fortunate to have found a highly respected, experienced and qualified candidate to replace Marcel," said Jim Fordyce, chairman of the hospital's board of directors. "I'm confident he will bring strong leadership and innovative thinking as we expand our campus, advance our clinical institutes and grow our primary care networks so our patients have access to expert care close to home."

"Saint John's is known nationally for excellence in health care and for its groundbreaking cancer research," Ricks said. "I'm honored and excited to work alongside the excellent clinicians and all caregivers as we work together to provide quality care and exceptional patient outcomes."

While at Hoag, Ricks was responsible for the day-to-day operations of its Newport Beach and Irvine campuses and its health centers across Orange County. Under his leadership, Hoag grew its five nationally ranked clinical institutes, expanded outpatient care and partnered with the community in key fund-raising campaigns. Previously, Ricks held top leadership positions at nationally recognized healthcare organizations, including Sentara Healthcare and Dignity Health.

An Orange County native, Ricks earned his master's degree in health administration at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis. He is an elite athlete, having completed Ironman triathlons, marathons and countless cycling events. Ricks and his wife, Heather, have three children, all of whom are pursuing higher-level education in healthcare-related professions.

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US health officials report new vaping deaths, repeat warning

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

U.S. health officials on Friday again urged people to stop vaping until they figure out why some are coming down with serious breathing illnesses.

Officials have identified about 450 possible cases, including as many as five deaths, in 33 states. The count includes newly reported deaths in California, Indiana and Minnesota.

No single vaping device, liquid or ingredient has been tied to all the illnesses, officials said. Many of the sickened — but not all — were people who said they had been vaping THC, the chemical that gives marijuana its high. Many are teens.

Health officials have only been counting certain lung illnesses in which the person had vaped within three months. Doctors say the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury, with the body apparently reacting to a caustic substance that someone breathed in. Symptoms have included shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain and vomiting.

The illnesses have all surfaced this year, and the number has been growing quickly in the last month as more states have begun investigations. A week ago, U.S. officials pegged the number at 215 possible cases in 25 states.

It's unclear whether such illnesses were happening before this year.

"We're all wondering if this is new or just newly recognized," Dr. Dana Meaney-Delman of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told reporters Friday.

An Illinois health official, Dr. Jennifer Layden, said officials there don't know when such illnesses first began, but she said there has been a marked increase since spring.

Deaths previously were reported in Illinois and Oregon .

Indiana officials said the person who died there was an adult, but they didn't say when it happened or release other details. Health officials in Los Angeles said they were investigating a vaping death as well. And Minnesota health officials said that state's first known vaping-related death was a person over 65 years with a history of lung problems who had vaped illicit THC products and died in August.

Recent attention has been focused on devices, liquids, refill pods and cartridges that are not sold in stores.

New York state has focused its investigation on an ingredient called Vitamin E acetate, which has been used to thicken marijuana vape juice but is considered dangerous if heated and inhaled. State investigators have found the substance in 13 cartridges collected from eight patients. In several cases, the ingredient made up more than half of the liquid in the cartridge.

CDC officials said they are looking at several ingredients, including Vitamin E acetate. But Meaney-Delman added that no single factor has been seen in every case.

Also Friday, the New England Journal of Medicine released a series of articles that give medical details about cases reported in Illinois, Wisconsin and Utah.

An article on 53 illnesses in Illinois and Wisconsin noted that nearly one-fifth of the cases were people who said they vaped nicotine and not anything that contained THC or CBD oil.

For that reason, doctors and health officials are continuing to suggest people stay away from all vaping products until the investigation establishes exactly what's at the root of the illnesses.

Meaney-Delman said avoiding vaping is "the primary means of preventing this severe lung disease."

It's not yet clear what impact the recent illnesses are having on vaping rates, but some health officials are hoping more Americans will become wary.

There's been a split among public health experts about the value of vaping nicotine. Some argue e-cigarettes are not as lethal as conventional cigarettes and can be a valuable aide to smokers trying to kick the habit.

But others say studies have not established that adult smokers who try vaping end up quitting smoking long term. And they fear that kids who might never have picked up cigarettes are taking up vaping.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials "has long been cautious about endorsing e-cigarettes even before the recent spate of illnesses, because little scientific evidence exists to show that e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices are effective cessation devices," spokeswoman Adriane Casalotti said in a statement.

The states reporting vaping-related lung illnesses to the CDC are Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

AP reporters Tom Davies in Indianapolis, Doug Glass in Minneapolis, Matthew Perrone in Washington, and Carla K. Johnson in Seattle contributed to this report.

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Sheriff: Dive boat victims killed by smoke, not flames

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Dozens of people trapped on a scuba diving boat that caught fire off the Southern California coast appear to have died from smoke inhalation, not burns, authorities said Friday.

"The indicators are from the preliminary examination of the bodies that the victims died prior to being burned," Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said. "The burn damage to the victims was postmortem."

More than half the 34 people killed as they slept in bunks below deck early Monday have been positively identified through DNA, and their family members around the world are being notified, Brown told reporters. Divers are searching for the one body that still has not been found.

Five crew members jumped overboard after trying to rescue the 33 scuba divers and one crew member whose escape routes were blocked by fire, federal authorities and the boat's owner said. The crew, including the captain, said they were driven back by flames, smoke and heat.

Multiple investigations into the disaster are focused on determining what happened and have not become a criminal probe, though Brown said charges are possible.

Notifying families that their loved ones were aboard the Conception and gathering DNA to identify remains burned beyond recognition has taken an extraordinary worldwide effort.

A mother in Japan was told Thursday that her child was on the boat. The FBI also had to deliver the news to a family in Singapore and relatives from India who flew into California, Brown said.

The remains of 18 people have been positively identified, and the sheriff released the names of nine whose families have been notified.

A salvage crew working with the Coast Guard was trying to recover the ship that sank in 60 feet (18 meters) of water off the rugged Channel Islands, where the boat took a three-day excursion.

Speculation has grown about whether the captain and four other crew members who survived had tried to help the others before jumping from the flaming vessel. But they said that by the time they saw flames, it was too late.

The crew members told investigators a "harrowing story" about the moments after the blaze erupted before dawn Monday as it lay at anchor, Jennifer Homendy of the National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday.

They jumped from the bridge area to the main deck — one breaking a leg in the effort — and tried to get through the double doors of the galley, but they were on fire.

That cut off both escape routes from the sleeping quarters: a stairway and an escape hatch that exited in the galley area. The crew then tried, but failed, to get into windows at the front of the vessel.

"At that point, due to heat, flames and smoke, the crew had to jump from the boat," Homendy said.

Captain Jerry Boylan stayed aboard trying to send radio distress calls and was last in the water, said Glen Fritzler, co-owner of Truth Aquatics Inc. of Santa Barbara, which operated Conception.

"The other crew at a certain point when the flames had engulfed the boat and they were in the water, they could see Jerry jump from the upper deck, a long jump. And there was a trail of smoke following him. They thought he was on fire," Fritzler told KEYT-TV in Santa Barbara.

"Within minutes, they would've been consumed," he said. "So they did their best. They did re-enter the vessel from the back of the boat after they swam around it. They could not get to firefighting equipment because everything was engulfed."

The survivors used a skiff at Conception's stern to reach a nearby boat, and two of them then returned to see if they could rescue any other survivors, Homendy said. They found no one.

Fritzler said the experience has traumatized the survivors.

"They're breaking down," he said. "They're seeking counseling. It's a very tough time for them."

Meanwhile, Truth Aquatics filed a lawsuit Thursday in federal court that uses a pre-Civil War provision of maritime law to limit their liability from any victims' claims. The lawsuit argues that the company and its owners made the boat seaworthy and it was properly manned and equipped.

Coast Guard records show the boat passed its two most recent inspections with no safety violations. And previous customers said Truth Aquatics and the captains of its three boats were very safety conscious.

The NTSB is just a few days into what will be a lengthy investigation that seeks to determine the fire's cause and identify potential safety enhancements to avoid future disasters.

Investigators are examining potential ignition sources for the fire, including electronics, kitchen stoves and the vessel's wiring systems. Investigators know photography equipment, batteries and other electronics were stored and plugged in on the Conception.

"We are not ruling anything out at this point," Homendy said.

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Los Angeles

Bonin Proposes New Commission Composed Of People Who Are Or Have Been Homeless

In an effort to improve City efforts to combat the homelessness crisis, Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin has proposed the creation of a new advisory commission, composed entirely of people who are or have been homeless in Los Angeles.

The commission, modeled after city advisory commissions on disability issues, children's Native American issues, and transgender issues, would provide expert and real-world experience to improve policy-making, program development, and budgeting decisions.

"We set ourselves up for failure if we do not take into account the experience of people who have been homeless," said Bonin. "Programs that sound good on paper or in a City Council meeting may not work given the complexities of being without housing. We need to be listening to the people who can tell us if the programs taxpayers are paying for are working as intended."

To broaden their perspective on important policy issues, and to increase the voices of constituencies into decision-making that impacts them, City officials have created standing commissions and advisory councils in recent years, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Disability, the Commission on Community and Family Services, the Native American Indian Commission, and the Transgender Advisory Council. Other cities, including Austin, Texas and Vancouver, Canada, have also used "lived experience" advisory commissions to offer guidance on homelessness policy decisions.

In legislation Bonin submitted, he asked the city's Chief Legislative Analyst to make recommendations to the City Council on the most effective way to establish a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness, composed entirely of people who are currently, or have been in the recent past, homeless in Los Angeles. Bonin's legislation further instructs the Legislative Analyst to consult with people who are or who have been homeless as they prepare their recommendations.

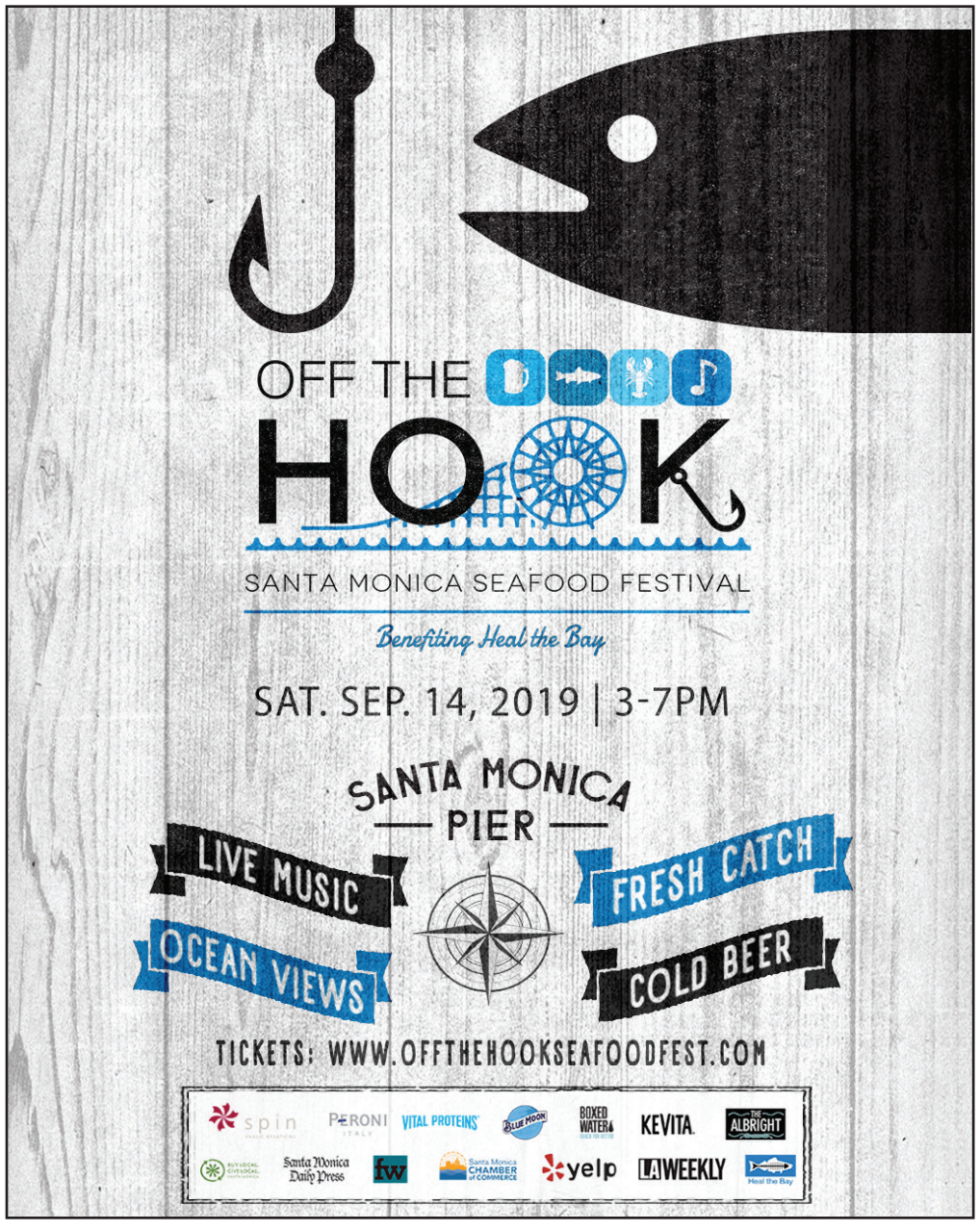
Bonin's legislation was seconded by Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson and was referred to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee.

SUBMITTED BY DAVID GRAHAM-CASO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

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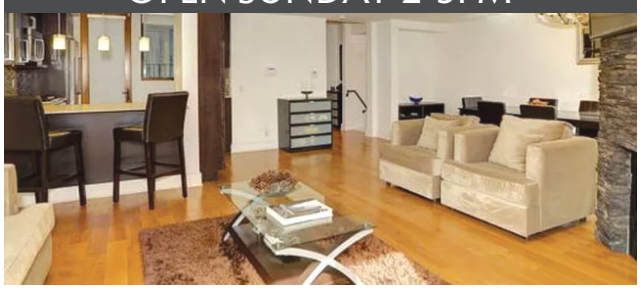
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State defends tax return law

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California's attorney general is urging a federal judge not to halt a state law requiring presidential candidates release their tax returns, arguing it doesn't bar anyone from accessing the ballot or deprive voters of their rights.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a Democrat, made his arguments in a Thursday filing in response to a Trump campaign request for an injunction, which would stall the law from taking effect as lawsuits proceeds.

The new California law says candidates for president and governor must release five years-worth of tax returns to appear on the state's primary ballot. Republican President Donald Trump has bucked precedent by declining to release his returns, which he says are under audit.

A federal judge is set to hear the request for an injunction on Sept. 19 in Sacramento.

The Trump campaign has sued to block the law alongside the state and national Republican parties and several individuals. Roque De La Fuente, a serial candidate for federal office, has also sued.

They argue the law violates the U.S. Constitution by adding an additional requirement to run for president and by denying voters their right to associate with their chosen candidates.

But California says the law does nothing to bar people from accessing the ballot, because every candidate is capable of releasing their tax returns. Those who do not, Becerra argued, are simply choosing not to.

"If these candidates are precluded from appearing on the primary ballot, it would be because of their deliberate refusal to comply with the same financial disclosure requirement that applies to all candidates," Becerra wrote.

Blocking the law would be against the public's interest, Becerra further argued. Tax returns reveal a person's sources of income, charitable giving and business ties, all information California Democrats say is vital to determining a candidate's fitness for office.

He said the law imposes a "slight burden" on plaintiffs' rights, but not a severe one because it is ultimately up to candidates to choose whether to forego the ballot.

The request for an injunction will go before U.S. District Judge Morrison England, Jr., who was appointed to the bench by former Republican President George W. Bush.

The deadline for candidates running in the March 2020 primary to submit their tax returns to the state is in November.

If Trump chooses not to compete in the California primary, he almost certainly would still win the Republican nomination. The California Republican Party, which is holding its fall convention this weekend, may take up a rules change that would ensure they can still send delegates to the national convention next summer if Trump is kept off the ballot.

Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale is a featured speaker at the weekend event.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

La Bohème: an LA Opera Multimedia Talk

Santa Monica Public Library will present La Bohème: an LA Opera Multimedia Talk on September 14, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd

LA Opera Community Educator Steve Kohn brings to light this most romantic of all operas via a multimedia talk. La Bohème is set against the bustling cafés and hidden corners of 19th-century Paris, and follows the triumphs and toils of a band of struggling young artists as they search for love, life and laughter against impossible odds.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. This is an event of 50+ program series. For more information, call the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and other bus routes stop nearby. Bicycle parking racks are available.

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The Pier

Pier celebrates 110th birthday

On September 9, the well-known Santa Monica Pier commemorates its 110th anniversary. The first concrete pier on the West Coast, the pier originally opened in 1909 to transport sewer pipes. It wasn't till nearly a decade later that the spot became a hub of activity with the opening of a pleasure pier and quickly gained a reputation among locals as the best fishing spot in town. Charles Looff who built Coney Island's first carousel saw the potential of the Santa Monica Pier as a momentous attraction and began constructing his pleasure pier. Looff's pier opened in 1916 and featured the remarkable Hippodrome building, now a national historic landmark. Today, the Santa Monica Pier serves as a city icon and features year-round free programming for travelers and locals alike including the outdoor concert series Twilight on the Pier, yoga classes and the beloved children's experience Wake up with the Waves.

The Santa Monica Pier will celebrate its birthday on Monday with several events including: free rides from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the historic merry go-round, a photo retrospective in the Looff Hippodrome, "Save the Pier!" Play 9/8 at 7:30 p.m. and 9/9 at 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. at the West End of the Pier, free swing at the Trapeze School from 5-7 p.m. for the first 40 guests, 110 bonus tickets at the Playland Arcade for every 110 tickets won, free game card for any Pacific Park midway game with every merry go-round ride, $1.10 admission to the Heal the Bay Aquarium and learn 110 fun facts about the ocean, $11 fish 'N chips at the Albright and $11 ceviche and draft beer at Rusty's.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 308 CALLS ON SEPT. 5

Living in a vehicle 600blk 7th St 4:34 a.m.
Lewd activity 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:53 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 9th St / Washington Ave 7:47 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2600blk 26th St 8:28 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1200blk Georgina Ave 8:32 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk 23rd St 8:32 a.m.
Hit and run 400blk Adelaide Dr 8:55 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2600blk Highland Ave 8:57 a.m.
Petty theft 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:58 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:03 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2300blk Oak St 9:19 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800blk 11th St 9:40 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:53 a.m.
Hit and run 1600blk 9th St 10:36 a.m.
Out of order traffic signals Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 10:42 a.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 6th St 10:52 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 7th St / Hill St 11:15 a.m.
Fraud 900blk Euclid St 11:19 a.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:19 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:33 a.m.
Petty theft 2100blk Marine St 11:42 a.m.
Identity theft 2700blk Neilson Way 11:58 a.m.
Battery 1500blk the beach 12:11 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1500blk Berkeley St 12:30 p.m.
Fraud 1500blk 15th St 12:35 p.m.
Petty theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:38 p.m.
Hit and run 1100blk 6th St 12:39 p.m.
Identity theft 1400blk Broadway 1:05 p.m.
Lewd activity 2100blk Lincoln Blvd 1:18 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1600blk 9th St 1:19 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:52 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 300blk Olympic Dr 2:03 p.m.
Petty theft 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 700blk Broadway 2:31 p.m.
General parking problem 1400blk 2nd St 2:37 p.m.
Fraud 1900blk 18th St 2:49 p.m.
Hit and run 2000blk Ocean Ave 3:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:48 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 2600blk 23rd St 4:05 p.m.
Petty theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 4:29 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 700blk Broadway 4:45 p.m.
Petty theft 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:04 p.m.
Battery 700blk Broadway 5:38 p.m.
Fraud 2900blk Broadway 5:48 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1500blk 18th St 6:00 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk the beach 6:15 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1800blk Montana Ave 6:53 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Stanford St / Montana Ave 7:24 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:32 p.m.
Petty theft 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:44 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Arizona Ave 7:44 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 700blk Broadway 8:14 p.m.
Drunk driving 12th St / Broadway 8:19 p.m.
Hit and run 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:33 p.m.
Speeding Yale St / Wilshire Blvd 8:55 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1300blk Euclid St 9:44 p.m.
Prowler there 2400blk Chelsea Pl 11:08 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 800blk 18th St 11:15 p.m.
Domestic violence 1900blk Colorado Ave 11:19 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON SEPT. 5

Emergency Medical Service 300blk Santa Monica Pier 2:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 00blk Pico Blvd 6:57 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:26 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 8:58 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 8:59 a.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:01 a.m.
EMS 600blk Bay St 10:09 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 17th St 10:25 a.m.
EMS 00blk Pico Blvd 11:17 a.m.
Wires down 1000blk Grant St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 12:07 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:45 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 12th St 1:18 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:54 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 2:38 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Highland Ave 3:48 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 23rd St / Ocean Park Blvd 4:05 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Oak St 5:54 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 6:02 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 6:55 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Arizona Ave 6:55 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Pico Blvd 7:05 p.m.
Traffic collision with physical rescue Stanford St / Montana Ave 7:24 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:25 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:59 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:30 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:39 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Beverley Ave 9:52 p.m.

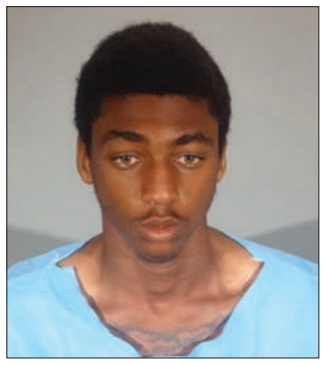
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ON AUGUST 28, AT APPROXIMATELY 03:07 A.M.

Officers responded to 700 block of Palisades Beach Road regarding a radio call of a prowler just left. The resident observed two subjects wearing hooded sweatshirts and backpacks in front of her kitchen door. The resident told police dispatch the suspects were climbing over the wall on the north side of her property and entering her neighbor's backyard. Officers made announcements for the suspects to come out at which time only one did so. The K9 unit arrived on scene and located the second suspect hiding in the bushes. Christian Noel Jones, 18, from Chatsworth was arrested for burglary. Bail was set at $50,000. A 17-year-old juvenile from Los Angeles was also arrested.



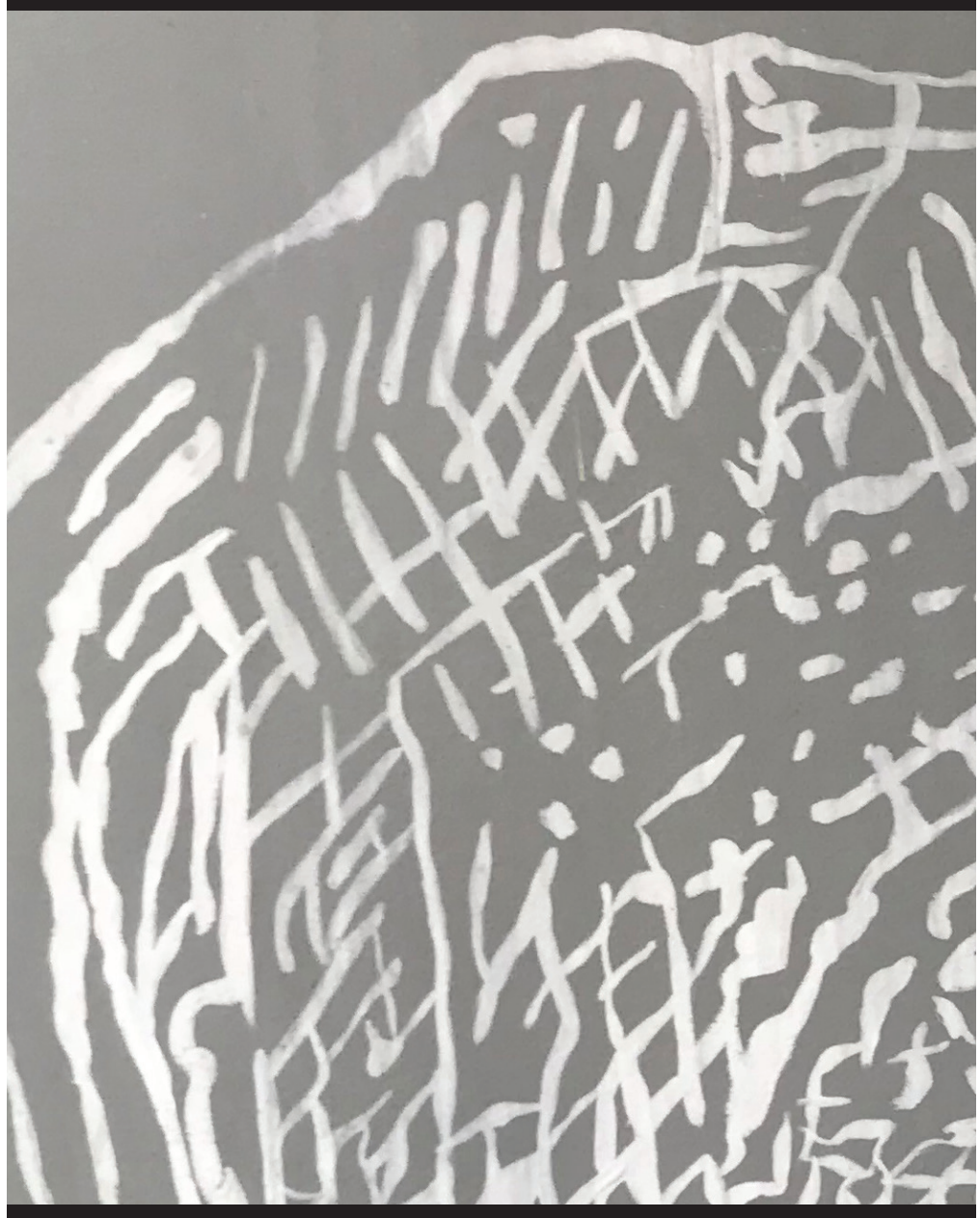
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you want to be an insider badly enough, you will be. Act like the others who belong there. Do the things they do that prove they belong. And know that some groups are easier to infiltrate than others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Who makes you feel the best about yourself? Do more with this person. You could use the confidence boost. It will help you to seize the weekend's opportunities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of reacting quickly to today's events, stay alert, take notes and let the information mature in your being for a while. Time will be your friend as well as your financial adviser.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's OK to ask people to do things for you. In fact, service endears both the served and the server. Though, of the two, it is the server that often comes away with the greater affection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's so much more to see than anyone can in one lifetime. That won't stop you from trying. Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it typically makes us humans feel more alive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even if every person were in the same place at the same time, each would have a different version of the story. You accept other people's stories as being true for them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You won't understand things the first time around. Neither will the others, though they may be too shy or incurious to ask the questions that get to clarity and deeper meanings. Not you. You'll ask fantastic questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The person who jumps in before you're finished is being rude, making a power play and is probably entirely unaware of both those facts. Be forgiving, but stand up for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You wouldn't dream of asking people to betray each other's confidences just so you could get the inside information. However, listening to freely shared stories will definitely give you a broader picture of a situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll imagine there is a door between you and another person, and you'll respect the privacy that such a door represents by metaphorically knocking before you enter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't require that the world flatter you or align with your preferences. You can feel good without all that. You'll be dealing with people who can't function optimally in a world they are not the center of. It's not you; it's them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It doesn't take a saint to do saintly work. Raising your own vibration by just 10% – that is to say being 10% more compassionate and patient – will change everything.

The Poetry of Planetary Opposition

The Mercury and Neptune opposition is the cosmic alignment that most helps us get to the truth and nothing but the truth. Keep in mind that the very sweetest truths are to be experienced instead of processed through the crudeness of verbiage. The best poetry will be nonverbal.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"How can a Pisces stay motivated? It seems lately I've given up on things only shortly after I started them." Aristotle said that the soul never thinks without a picture. Imaginative Pisces is adept at piecing together these pictures into a filmstrip of imagery that keeps Pisces engaged and excited about life. Because Pisces energy is among the most imaginative astrological influences, ruled by Neptune, the planet that governs dreams, visions and fantasies, Pisces responds best to a heightened version of reality. So the less Pisces' mental pictures have to do with the reality of how things look, the better. Outrageous, otherworldly and improbable mental pictures flip on motivational forces in Pisces, helping the sign of the fish perform at top levels. If you're a Pisces struggling to stay motivated, consider creating a vision board for inspiration. Choose images for your goal that not only spark an enthusiastic response in you but also stimulate your imagination. Give your images a twist. For instance, set your dream house on the moon. Or if your goal is to lose weight, choose a picture of the body you'd like to create and then color it pink or green so that the image stands out powerfully in your imagination.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

World-renowned dancer and pirouetting Guinness World Record holder Sophia Lucia has been featured on "Dance Moms," "America's Got Talent" and the television movie version of "The Nutcracker." The Virgo sensation was born when the sun, moon and Mars were all in the hardworking, focused and detail-oriented sign of Virgo. Mercury and Venus in Libra speak to her balance and grace. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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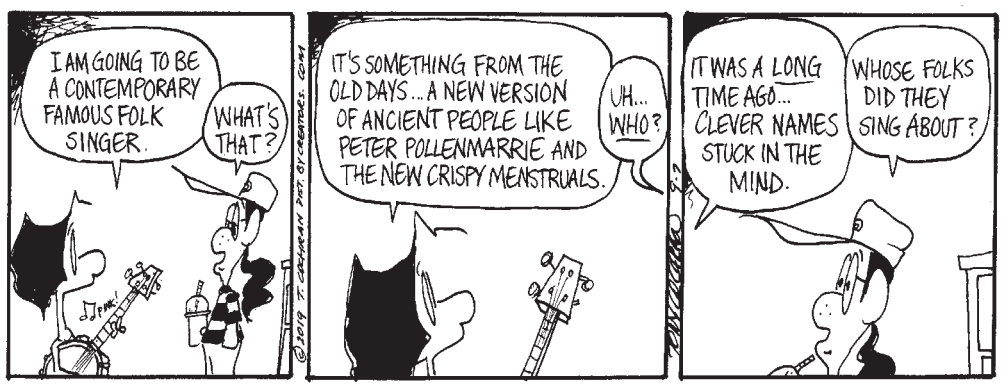
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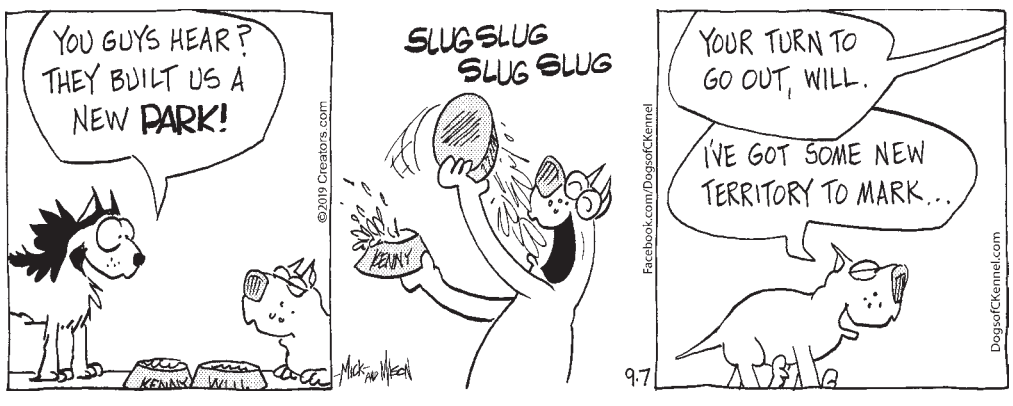
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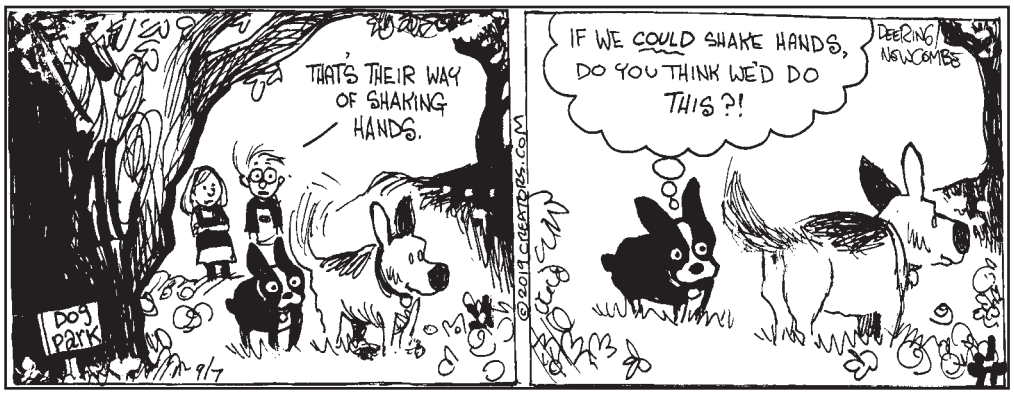
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Jackpot: 139 M

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16 22 24 43 45
Mega#: 16
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 09/05
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Draw Date: 09/05
Midday: 8 6 4
Draw Date: 09/06
Evening: 5 6 5

Daily Derby
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12 - LUCKY CHARMS
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.4°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
NW swell drops. Old S tropical swell leftovers.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Minor NW swell-mix. New, long period SW swell creeps in.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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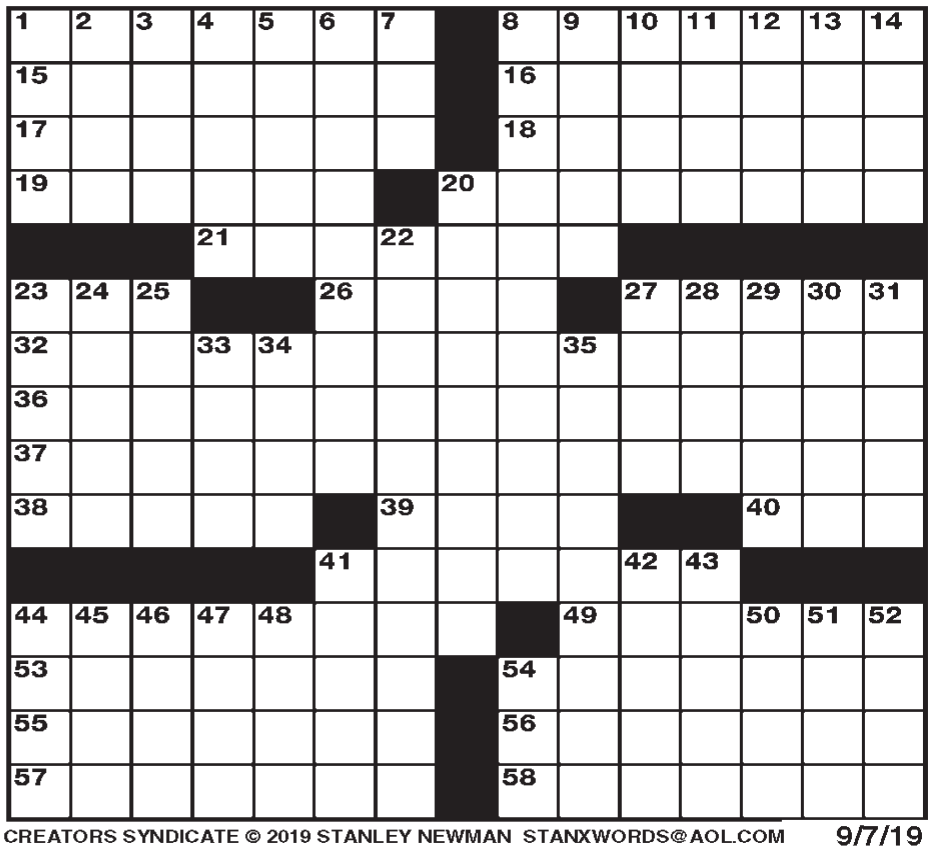
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Overcome
8 Big moods
15 Sign, say
16 Many literary anagrams
17 Bid nod
18 One writing pointedly
19 Kazakh capital renamed in 2019
20 Promises
21 Defending team
23 Speech often seen on C-SPAN
26 '90s tech
27 Prophetic book after Micah
32 Unsettling?
36 Group projects
37 Microseconds?
38 Ancient Iranians
39 ". . . Health . . . is a __ best Wealth": Franklin
40 It flies both ways
41 Wiped from the ledger
44 They need to be cut off
49 Long-time partner of 42 Down
53 Sharjah citizen
54 Moving
55 Tobacco relative
56 Train engineers, e.g.
57 One way to be out, in MLB
58 Warmly touching

DOWN
1 Gaynor, Garland, Streisand, __
2 Defense forces
3 Clip for a bulldog
4 Guitarist accessory
5 CVS' insurance subsidiary
6 Unofficial questioning
7 Many a truck and train
8 Skipping work?
9 It may start your day
10 *Ivanhoe* contest
11 Very well
12 April shower in stadiums
13 Double-__
14 IDs often 56% hidden
20 Duel venues
22 Attraction in West Potomac Park
23 State just south of the Himalayas
24 Got the job done
25 Clear or bright
27 "Who are you?"
28 DJIA company founded as a quick shipper
29 Tracks
30 Very up front
31 Prominent New Mexico sights
33 Be bamboozled
34 Sports clubs
35 Tables
41 Offensive, in a way
42 Appellation associated with large net profits
43 Put up
44 Short take?
45 Word from the Hebrew for "certainly"
46 Protection for squatters
47 "The"-rhyming dude
48 Stayed-in place
50 Data compression aid
51 Reduced after dark
52 Didn't miss any of
54 Teen who's had 40+ jobs



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COOGIES

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Eight of the building's 46 units are live-work units along the ground floor facing Yale that open directly onto the street. Six are studios and two are one-bedroom units.

The rest of the building will contain 34 market-rate units, two of which are studios. 19 have one bedroom, nine have two bedrooms and six have three bedrooms. There will also be three affordable one-bedroom units and one affordable three-bedroom unit.

A two-level subterranean garage will hold 118 parking spaces for cars and 118 for bicycles.

The project will stand adjacent to two other three-story mixed-use developments. 2822 Santa Monica Blvd. is under construction across the street and 3008 Santa Monica Blvd. was completed in April.

When the Architectural Review Board gave preliminary feedback on 2906-2918 Santa Monica Blvd. in March, board members said the building should be broken up in a different way and asked the architect to swap out some facade materials.

Planning staff said the architect has only partially responded to the feedback. While the building's facade will feature more brick and a different window pattern, staff said the architect has not broken up the building's mass.

Before approving the project, acting Planning Commission chair Shawn Landres said the Architectural Review Board should require the architect to break up the building.

"I would like the ARB to ensure that the final product does not give us one big mass of a building on Santa Monica Boulevard," Landres said.

The commission also stipulated that the building not be used as corporate housing.

As part of its development review permit, the project will pay almost $300,000 in parks and recreation, transportation and affordable housing fees. It is also providing 50% more affordable units than required and a transportation management plan that encourages residents and workers in the building to take public transportation and bicycle.

The project will now head to the Architectural Review Board.

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CHALLENGE

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to violate the Clean Air Act and other laws.

"Congress has squarely vested the authority to set fuel economy standards for new motor vehicles, and nationwide standards for GHG (greenhouse gas) vehicle emissions, with the federal government, not with California or any other state," the agencies wrote in a letter dated Friday to the California Air Resources Board, which oversees auto emissions in the state.

Ford spokesman T.R. Reid confirmed Friday that the company received the Justice Department letter and says the company is cooperating. He would not disclose which other automakers may have gotten the letter but Honda confirmed that it had also received it.

The July deal bypassed the Trump administration's plan to freeze emissions and fuel economy standards adopted under the Obama administration at 2021 levels.

The four automakers agreed with the California Air Resources Board to reduce emissions by 3.7% per year starting with the 2022 model year, through 2026. They would have gone up by 4.7% per year through 2025 under the Obama standards, according to California.

Emissions standards are closely linked with fuel economy requirements because vehicles pollute less if they burn fewer gallons of fuel.

The Justice Department wouldn't comment on the investigation. The EPA also refused further comment.

In the letter to California, the EPA and Transportation Department warned the state's pollution regulator to "disassociate" itself from the deal with the four automakers. "Those commitments may result in legal consequences given the limits placed in Federal law on California's authority," the letter said.

Former EPA attorneys who had worked on the emissions standards questioned the administration's legal arguments Friday, on both fronts.

Congress in the 1970s granted California authority, through a waiver in the Clean Air Act, to pursue tougher automobile emissions standards, in a nod to the state's battles with smog. Lawmakers also allowed for other states to follow California's tougher standards.

The move over the decades has at times led to two different pollution and related mileage standards, one set by California and the states that follow it, and a federal one. The Trump administration is now challenging whether California has that legal authority under the Clean Air Act.

"It's crystal clear that it's very hard to deny California a waiver" from national automobile emissions standards, said John Hannon, a retired EPA lawyer with decades of experience in the matter.

"Congress set it up to give incredible deference to California's authority to protect the health and safety of its residents," Hannon said, referring to the Clean Air Act.



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