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Local frozen fruit company expanding with retail options



Courtesy photo

FRUIT: Victoria and Michael Philippou are growing their Montana Ave. based business with pints for sale.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Vegan ice cream purveyor Frozen Fruit Co. fits right in on trendy, health-conscious Montana Avenue.

Co-founders Victoria and Michael Philippou serve frozen desserts made from three to five ingredients in a small, bright purple store at 729 Montana Ave. Since the store opened three years ago, Frozen Fruit Co. has expanded to a food truck — LA's first vegan ice cream truck — and in March began selling pints of its most popular flavors at Erewhon, which include chocolate and passion fruit.

But although Frozen Fruit Co. could serve as a symbol of Santa Monica's healthy food scene, it originated half a world away.

The Philippous began making ice cream in 2012 after quitting

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Coast returns Sept. 15

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's open streets celebration will return Sept. 15, turning two miles of streets into a car-free haven.

COAST will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature live music, food, art and activities, including the creation of a communal mural highlighting car-free mobility, a roller rink and skate workshops. The festival will close Ocean Avenue from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, Colorado Avenue from 5th Street to Ocean Avenue and Main Street from Colorado Avenue to Pier Avenue.

"COAST creates a car-free public space that allows the community to experience our streets as places for community and creativity, not just for cars," said city of Santa Monica spokesperson Constance Farrell.

Big Blue Bus will offer free rides on all routes all day Saturday so attendees can get to the event more easily, and bike rentals will be available at multiple locations along the festival route. A free bike valet will be provided at the Farmers Market at Ocean Park and Main Street.

Car-free days across the United States, including Los Angeles' CicLAvia, have been inspired by Ciclovia, a program in Bogata, Colombia, that closes 76 miles of streets every Sunday and holiday. Ciclovia is believed to be the biggest and most frequent mass recreation event in the world, requiring about a thousand volunteers every week to orchestrate.

COAST takes six months, hundreds of city staffers and about $400,000 to plan and implement.

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Home share revisions coming to Council tonight

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Three items added to Tuesday's City Council agenda shortly before close of business Friday could reshape Santa Monica's housing regulations.

The council will hold a study session on how to protect the city's existing housing stock and incorporate new housing models. It will then vote on tightening the city's home-sharing law and extending relocation benefits to tenants in duplexes and triplexes.

The council will hold the study session to address the local and regional housing crisis by confirming policy goals, such as how long leases should be and whether micro-apartments should be allowed in Santa Monica.

City staff recommends the council confirm the city's intent to encourage the production of new housing to serve the full range of family and household sizes while protecting Santa Monica's existing rental stock — particularly affordable and rent-controlled units — from the impacts of the growing

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2018 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2018 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and the 2018-19 Action Plan adopted by City Council in May 2018 and submitted to HUD. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

The CAPER is now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending on September 25, 2019. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Claire Hester at the above address or via email at humanservices@smgov.net by September 25, 2019.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

601 Colorado Avenue, Development Review 18ENT-0199. Development Review Permit to allow a new eight-story, 84-foot high, 90,000 square-foot mixed-use building with 140 market rate residential units, 10,665 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and a three-level subterranean parking garage designed to accommodate 114 automobiles and 239 bicycles.[Planner: Scott Albright] **Applicant: WS Communities – Scott Walter. Property Owner: 601 Colorado NMS, LLC.** [This hearing item was continued from September 4, 2019.]

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or to provide comments, please contact Steve Mizokami at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at steve.mizokami@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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

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

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Sept. 10

How to Be a Pirate
Practice your "arrrs," "ahoys" and pirate-speak with the library's Mango Languages course, hear pirate stories and learn what it takes to join a pirate crew. For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. 5:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring
Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

SMPL for School Resource Fair
Get ready for school and visit the library booth to learn and discover what you can do with your library card. Drop-in sessions will be available with your local librarians! (Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park) For families with students in Pre-K - 12. THELMA TERRY ROOM at Virginia Avenue Park. 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Read & Play
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities. Ages 0-5. Main Library, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting
The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group
Looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group! Earn community service credit by helping with special projects and library programs. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: The Death of Mrs. Westaway
Hal receives a mysterious letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance. She quickly realizes the letter was sent to the wrong person but has a plan to claim it nevertheless. But at the funeral, it dawns on her that something is very, very wrong about this situation and the inheritance at its center. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

The College Process from A to Z
Learn about the entire college process, including high school academics and course planning, forming a college list, the application process, and financial aid. Presented by Diana Hanson of Magellan College Counseling. Grades 9-12. 7 - 8:30 a.m. Main Library.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Mat Pilates Class For Beginners With Raghavan
Develop core strength and coordination, this class draws traditional Pilates exercises with breath and correct alignment. Including resistance to body weight training and core isolation. Helping the body to increase movement to joints and tone the abdominal muscles. Pico Branch Library. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

Juul warned over claims e-cigarette safer than smoking

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

Federal health authorities on Monday blasted vaping company Juul for illegally pitching its electronic cigarettes as a safer alternative to smoking and ordered the company to stop making unproven claims for its products.

The Food and Drug Administration also upped its scrutiny of a number of key aspects of Juul's business, telling the company to turn over documents about its marketing, educational programs and nicotine formula.

The FDA action increases the pressure on the nation's best-selling vaping company, which has been besieged by scrutiny from state and federal officials since a recent surge in underage vaping. Federal law bans sales to those under 18. The FDA has been investigating Juul for months but had not previously taken action against the company.

A Juul spokesman said the company "will fully cooperate" with the FDA.

In a sternly worded warning letter, the agency flagged various claims made by Juul representatives, including that its products are "much safer than cigarettes." Currently no vaping product has been federally reviewed to be less harmful than traditional tobacco products, and that won't happen for a while.

In the past year, Juul has tried to position its e-cigarettes as a tool to help adult smokers stop smoking, using the tagline "Make the Switch." In a separate letter to the company's CEO, the FDA said it is "concerned" that the advertising campaign suggests "that using Juul products poses less risk or is less harmful than cigarettes."

"JUUL has ignored the law, and very concerningly, has made some of these statements in school to our nation's youth," said FDA acting commissioner Ned Sharpless, in a statement.

The agency's warning letter highlights an incident recounted by two New York high school students during a congressional hearing in July. The students told House lawmakers that a representative from Juul was invited to address the school as part of an assembly on mental health and addiction issues. During the presentation, the students said the representative told them the company's product was "totally safe." The representative also showed students a Juul device and claimed the FDA "was about to come out and say it was 99 percent safer than cigarettes."

Juul says it discontinued its school programs — which were intended to discourage underage use — last September. Juul and similar small, discrete e-cigarettes have become a scourge in U.S. schools nationwide.

FDA warning letters are not legally binding, but regulators can take companies to court if they don't comply with their requests. Juul has 15 business days to respond with a plan for fixing the problems.

E-cigarettes have been on the U.S. market for more than a decade, but the FDA didn't gain the authority to regulate them until 2016. E-cigarette makers have until next May to submit their products to the FDA for health reviews.

Most experts, though, agree the aerosol from e-cigarettes is less harmful than cigarette smoke since it doesn't contain most of the cancer-causing byproducts of burning tobacco. E-cigarettes generally heat liquid containing nicotine. But there is virtually no research on the long-term effects of vaping.

The recent outbreak of lung illnesses mostly involves people who said they vaped marijuana.

In the letter to Juul CEO Kevin Burns, FDA regulators said they were "troubled" by a number of other points raised at the congressional hearing. The letter cites testimony that Juul's advertising "saturated social media channels frequented by underage teens," and "used influencers and discount coupons to attract new customers."

Last year, Juul closed down its social media sites. And under pressure, it also voluntarily removed its fruit and dessert flavors from retail stores. The FDA has proposed regulations on e-cigarettes that would restrict their sales in most stores, though they have not been finalized.

In a tweet Monday, first lady Melania Trump said she was concerned about the "growing epidemic of e-cigarette use in our children."

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance Related to R1 (Single-Unit Residential) Development Standards

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance amending the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance related to R1 (Single-Unit Residential) development standards.

On August 7, 2019, after review and discussion of the proposed amendments, the Planning Commission adopted a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council make these proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M.

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: R1 Update
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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Your column here

By Paul Scott

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Defending peace and quiet

Last year, a group of 17 members of the Assembly Budget Committee inserted a rider in an otherwise unrelated bill (AB 1824) that changed the penalties in the CA vehicle code for operating a vehicle with an illegal exhaust. The bill passed quietly with no opposition presumably because those affected were unaware of it. Our own Assembly Member Richard Bloom voted yes, so kudos to him for wanting to protect his constituents!

Prior to this change, a motorcycle rider with loud pipes, or a person driving a car with loud pipes, might be pulled over, but the penalty was a mere $25 fine and a "fix it ticket". This meant the vehicle owner had to replace the illegal pipes with legal ones and have it inspected by the state before operating it. Of course, the penalty was so low, and the chance of getting pulled over so slight, they would just replace the legal pipes with the loud ones again. Because of this weak penalty, Santa Monica police wrote only 11 tickets for loud pipes over the past five years! The loud pipes crowd learned they could disturb our peace anytime, anywhere with no penalty.

The new penalty is a mandatory fine of $1,000, and there is no longer the option of a fix it ticket. That got their attention!

The reason the rider option was used, essentially hiding the provision in another bill, is because the manufacturers of loud aftermarket exhausts are now a big lobby. They attack any effort to reign in these law breakers who assault our communities with extremely loud vehicles, and they marshall thousands of bike riders and car enthusiasts who like loud pipes to assist in the lobbying effort.

If you want to see what kind of people we are talking about, Google AB 1824 and watch the dozens of videos produced by angry young men (they are virtually all young men), and read the comments. These people talk openly about making as much noise as possible without any regard to the harm they cause to innocent people. People, I might add, who have a legal right to the quiet enjoyment of their property.

Petitions have been started to overturn the law and thousands have signed. AB 390 was introduced to overturn this law and allow loud vehicles to once again run rampant with no penalties. It's as though the state took a stick and clobbered a hornet's nest. These are very angry young men. I'm certain Assembly Member Bloom will vote against this new bill, but it could pass.

I have worked with the Santa Monica City Council and SMPD for over four years to get them to ticket loud motorcycles riding through our community. For most of that time, there was little interest from the City to deal with the problem, but after Cynthia Renaud was named Chief of police, I was informed by the head of the traffic division, Captain Darrick Jacob, they would now begin ticketing loud bikes. This change took place toward the end of last year, but after hearing about this new law, Captain Jacob informed me that it would help in their efforts to rid our streets of the problem. I thought at the time that this was good news and a real turning point in our city.

I appear to have been misinformed. Since January, I have asked Captain Jacob three times how many tickets the Santa Monica PD has issued for loud pipes, and his response was - crickets. Nothing. I can only assume that no tickets have been written for loud pipes and that the SMPD is not enforcing this law. Certainly, the daily assault by loud vehicles continues, so the loud pipes crowd feels it's safe to make all the noise they want. They sure aren't afraid of Santa Monica's police department.

All year long, Santa Monica residents have to put up with these extremely loud vehicles disrupting our peace and quiet. It is the job of our police to protect us from these law breakers, and our state legislature gave them a good law with teeth to use against them, but our police department apparently refuses to enforce the law as it was intended.

Clearly they don't consider it a priority. That's too bad because it's an easy problem to fix. If the PD were to write an article for this local paper informing the loud pipes crowd that they are going to aggressively enforce the law on loud vehicles, and then follow up by having their patrol officers listen for, and ticket, these law breakers, it won't be long before those with loud pipes either replace them with legal factory pipes, or stop riding through Santa Monica.

Every time you hear one of these exceptionally loud vehicles in your neighborhood, or blasting you as you eat at an outside cafe, just know that your police department has deemed that action OK, and that in spite of the law, they will not protect you from that bad actor.

If you want your police department to enforce this law, call or email Captain Darrick Jacobs, Police Chief Cynthia Renaud, and be sure to let your City Council members know as well. They have the power to instruct the police chief to enforce the law, but they need to hear from you, so make noise to end the noise!

All City employees as well as the Council Members contact info can be found here: https://www.smgov.net/departments/council/ and https://santamonicapd.org

For background on the health issues related to noise, refer to Noise Free America: https://noisefree.org.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Eve Of Destruction

Tomorrow we will be inundated with statements and memories of that fateful day 18 years ago when planes were hijacked, buildings were destroyed, and heroes were created as lives were lost. 18 years makes an adult. 18 years should be enough for the wounds to heal, the horror we felt to subside and for justice to have prevailed.

But it hasn't.

Sure we've caught and eliminated the mastermind behind the worst foreign terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Yes the World Trade Center has been rebuilt into Freedom Tower and life has moved on for most of us.

It's easy to think you weren't affected by the attacks if you didn't know anyone who died in the Towers, or the plane crash in Pennsylvania or even the Pentagon (which still confuses me, and is the fountainhead of many a conspiracy theory). Truthfully though we all were affected, and still are.

I'm leaving tomorrow for a quick trip to Pennsylvania – a conference on Parental Alienation and its effects on the family, but to do that means I have to navigate my way past the Transportation Safety Authority, which is a constituent Department of Homeland Security. I will have to wait in lines and be inspected with x-rays and/or have my bags searched if, God forbid, I have too much toothpaste in the wrong size package. I will have to present formal identification, and soon we will have to be using a brand new level of proof of who we are with the "REAL ID" that proves to the government that I am who I say I am.

Coming soon, in a bit of a bureaucratic feedback loop I will have to either provide a U.S. passport to travel, or have my REAL ID, which oddly, I secured with having a passport...The story of how one gets a REAL ID is a study of governmental absurdity at its finest. You have to apply for the REAL ID with a Social Security card, a Passport and or a birth certificate, along with proof of your residency. In my first attempt at getting the REAL ID I somehow neglected to have proof of my Social Security card, silly me, I thought my passport would be sufficient, after all I can travel the world with it, why not to Texas? But I was wrong.

On my second attempt at getting the REAL ID, I had my Social Security card, my passport and a utility bill – which the clerk thought was sufficient and in line with Department protocols. She was wrong. The Department of Motor Vehicles then sent me a formal letter that verified my mailing address, and so long as I signed it and sent it back I would have confirmed my residency and they would now be satisfied that I was me.

All in all, it took me four hours and 2 minutes (the signing and returning of their letter) to get the new upgraded version of proof the government needs that I am a U.S. Citizen, and they can believe the California Department of Vehicles California Driver's License I hold.

In addition to all of that, I have been approved for the TSA's Pre-Check and Global Entry system which is another level of security that I am who I am. I've used it in New Zealand, S. Africa and the United Kingdom. Currently I am waiting for the renewal of my entry in that program, but it's taking an extended time to renew due to the government shutdown and the redeployment of resources at the southern border to defend against the invading hordes of Central Americans and Mexicans who are coming here to work in the fields.

I am hopeful that I will have my TSA Pre-Check and Global Entry renewal approved before the end of the year when I travel to Mexico – assuming they'll allow the entry of Americans still.

It's 18 years since that horrible morning. 18 years of watching our society become more scared, more xenophobic, more dysfunctional as the rot of fear permeates our lives. In 18 years I've seen people become more distrustful, more hateful and I don't like it. Tomorrow is a day of remembrance; for those who died, but also for the way we lived, for a time that was more open, loving and sociable.

My thoughts go to those who died, and to those who suffered the loss of loved ones, but we all feel the effects of that day, one way or another.

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City of Santa Monica

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Downtown Parking Wayfinding Digital Parking Signs
SP2601

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **October 4, 2019,** to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: None required

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,800,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 150 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,090 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: **http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/**. The Contractor is required to have an A license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Mark J. Benjamin Community Impact Award Winners

The Human Relations Council of the Santa Monica Bay Area (HRC Santa Monica) has announced the recipients of the 2019 Mark J. Benjamin Community Impact Awards. The two individuals will be honored on, September 11, at 6 p.m. at the Santa Monica Baha'i Center.

Named after long-time HRC Santa Monica board member and former Morley Builders CEO Mark J. Benjamin, the award recognizes those individuals who volunteer their time to promote understanding among diverse people, take actions that make a difference and demonstrate compassion for others. They are "ordinary people doing extraordinary things" in the community.

The 2019 Mark J. Benjamin Community Impact Award recipients are Terri Decker and Barbara Inatsugu, both nominated by nonprofit organizations on the Westside, Culver City and Santa Monica, respectively.

Terri Decker, born and raised in Santa Monica, recently retired after 45 years of retail banking. She began volunteering as a teen and has been active in many local charitable and civic organizations and has served on many nonprofit boards over the years. Currently she is board president of No Limits for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, the organization which nominated Decker for the award and where she volunteers many hours each month.

Barbara Inatsugu has been involved in the community since moving here from Hawaii in 1982. She has been active in PTA, locally and at the state level, for all of the years her children attended Santa Monica schools and in 1992 she joined the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica where she has been very active locally and also on the state level. The League nominated Inatsugu for the award from the Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area.

"The HRC is pleased to honor two remarkable women, Terri Decker and Barbara Inatsugu who embody the mission of the HRC and one that we strive for in our daily lives. This recognition of their volunteerism and dedication to our communities is overdue and we look forward to celebrating with their family, friends and peers," stated Stephanie Cohen, chair of the 2019 Mark J. Benjamin Community Impact Awards.

The goal of these awards is to recognize individuals who, through their behavior and commitment, are role models for a respectful and socially just community and whose involvement with community organizations as a volunteer contributes to and impacts building an inclusive community.

The awards presentation will take place on Wednesday, September 11 at the Santa Monica Bahá'í Center, 3102 Colorado Boulevard, Santa Monica. Street parking is available along with parking at the Westside Christian Fellowship Church.

There will be a buffet dinner at 6:00 pm and the awards presentation begins at 7 p.m. The free event is open to the community, but RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to:

https://markbenjaminawards2019.eventbrite.com.

The Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area is a non-profit organization that promotes a culture of fair treatment, inclusion and equal access to opportunities. It is led by an all-volunteer board of directors who represent residents, business, non-profit organizations, faith congregations and local government.

SUBMITTED BY DONNA GENTRY

Citywide

The Santa Monica Fire Department Will Commemorate 9/11

Wednesday marks eighteen years since the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and Shanksville, PA. 2,977 perished that day, of whom 343 were firefighters, 60 were police officers, and 8 were private EMT or Paramedics. All told, 411 emergency personnel died on September 11, 2001. To honor their memories and selfless sacrifice, the Santa Monica Fire Department will hold its annual remembrance ceremony consistent with the International Association of Fire Chiefs' recommended protocols.

Four of our community fire stations will participate. City staff, as well as the public, especially neighbors of the fire stations, are encouraged to attend at any of the fire stations listed below, promptly at 6:45 a.m. The ceremony should last no longer than 20 minutes.

Station 1 1444 7th Street. Station 2 222 Hollister Avenue. Station 3 1302 19th Street. Station 5 2450 Ashland Avenue.

An artifact from the Ground Zero site resides on the second floor of the Public Safety Facility (333 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica CA 90401) just outside the Santa Monica Fire Department's administration office and is open for viewing by the public during normal business hours.

SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN PATRICK NULTY

HOUSING

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medium-term rental market, also known as corporate housing.

Staff is also asking that the council assess the benefits of requiring property owners to offer minimum one-year leases for rental units and rent only to individuals. The council will consider whether to permit medium-term housing and, if so, how to regulate that market.

The council will consider whether market-rate micro-apartments and other new housing models are a desirable and necessary component of Santa Monica's housing stock. In March, the council voted to temporarily halt construction on all micro-apartments when developer WS Communities filed plans to construct six buildings comprised of units small than 375 square feet. The city and WS Communities have since reached a legal settlement that will allow the developer to move forward with the buildings.

The first ordinance the council will vote on would extend relocation benefits to tenants in duplexes and triplexes who are evicted when a landlord moves into a unit and to give income-qualified tenants priority on the city's affordable housing waitlist. Councilmember Ted Winterer introduced the law Aug. 27.

While the city has mandated relocation assistance to displaced tenants since 1986, the proposed ordinance would require a landlord to pay out when they decide to occupy one of the units and when tenants in the remaining units are not evicted but are subject to illegal rent increases.

The second ordinance would strengthen Santa Monica's home-sharing ordinance. The city passed a home-sharing ordinance in 2015 that is meant to prevent permanent housing from being converted to vacation rentals and allows residents to host guests in their home for 30 days or less while living on-site throughout the guests' stay. It does not set a limit on the number of guests allowed, however.

After a five-bedroom home North of Montana was converted to an Airbnb housing up to 36 people, prompting outrage from neighbors, Councilmember Ted Winterer asked city staff to prepare an ordinance that would require home-share hosts to be permanent residents, restrict the number of home shares that a property owner can operate in the city and limit how many guests can stay in one room or dwelling.

The ordinance staff have proposed would also require proof of insurance, compliance with noise limitations and annual permit review.

The City Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 10)

This is the year to apply your imagination and see what happens. You'll be amazed at how the most amorphous, kooky and improbable things can come into being. Things don't have to make sense, to make life shift in wonderful ways. The money from a November business deal doesn't hurt either! Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 19, 4 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If people don't respond to your messages, then it could be for a variety of reasons. They don't understand. They don't know the answer. They are at a loss as to how to move it forward. None of this should be taken personally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Do you dare reach into the past? Talking to someone you haven't talked to in a long while will be a kind measuring stick inserted into the annals of personal history.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you miss a beat, don't scramble back to try and pick it up. Be like the professional musicians and show people. Keep moving forward, no explaining, complaining or excusing... onward, always onward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In her defense, Dorothy didn't know about the power of the shoes she was wearing. Have you been minimizing the big blessing of your life? Have you been pocketing the secret weapon, the special sauce, the X factor?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's the science that matters today – what can be proven via systematic observation, measurement and experiment. Make your hypothesis and test it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though fighting for love is an oxymoron, you'll do it anyway, mainly because you're up to it, you're a believer and if anything could make things better, love has the best chance of being that thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you're trying to do is far more important than what you're trying to resist. The people in your life are only starting to support you in this. They need more training. Excuse them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What a happy day this will be – a day when you'll happen to catch the most important events of the sky involving clouds and a very fortunate diffusion of light.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Who wants to live in mystery? Everyone! No one! Because the tension of mystery is essential to living and also the release of that tension is implied. Unsolved mysteries are no fun!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love gets confused for ownership all of the time. But no one can say, "I love you and therefore you must do as I want" and still stay nestled in the folds of reason or the true emotion and nature of love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The amateurs go for one moment, the pros go for another – a moment that's much further... months, maybe even years, down the line. The pros take long-term risks and grow rich or poor by them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you want radiates through your body language whether you want it to or not. You don't have to talk if you don't want to, because people understand you loud and clear.

Carrot and Stick Opposition

The sun in Virgo pulls across the sky from Neptune in Pisces, creating a cosmic opposition akin to a carrot tied to a stick held over the snout of the workhorse. Every step taken pushes the whole scene forward, carrot and all. The distance between appetite and fulfillment will always be the same until someone cuts a string and changes the game.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I'm a Pisces with Leo rising and don't play well with others. Things start out smoothly, but then my siblings, mother, girlfriend, boss, roommate, whoever, starts to annoy me. I lose my temper and ruin everything. Any advice? My Mars is in Sagittarius, and my Mercury is in Pisces." I commend you on reaching out for help with your anger problem. Hot-headed Mars in fiery Sagittarius makes for enough emotional intensity to melt whatever comes within a mile's radius. So treat your temper like professionals treat an explosive – with respect for its power. Take precautions. Have a plan. The best one usually includes backing up and walking away when you get the very first signs of a potentially triggering situation. Consider having a few mantras in your pocket you can repeat to yourself as you're walking away. It will calm and cleanse the emotional charges from your mind. Try this one on for size: "You will not be punished for your anger; you will be punished by your anger." – Buddha

CELEBRITY PROFILES

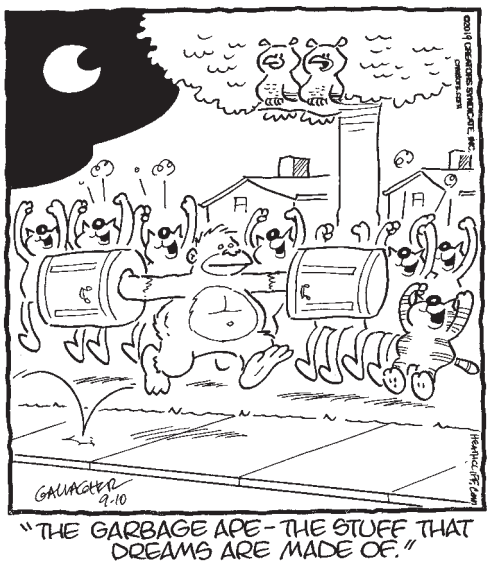
Oscar winner Colin Firth stars in this year's Christmas holiday release, the war drama "1917." Shortly following that will be the fantasy "The Secret Garden," so it's a fertile year for Firth. Then again, every year seems to be so. This superstar Virgo has natal Venus in Libra suggesting that he is, like so many of the characters he plays, as charming as he is loyally dedicated to his purpose and craft. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Ikebana
Noun [ik-uh-bah-nuh; Japanese ee-ke-bah-nah]
The Japanese art of arranging flowers..

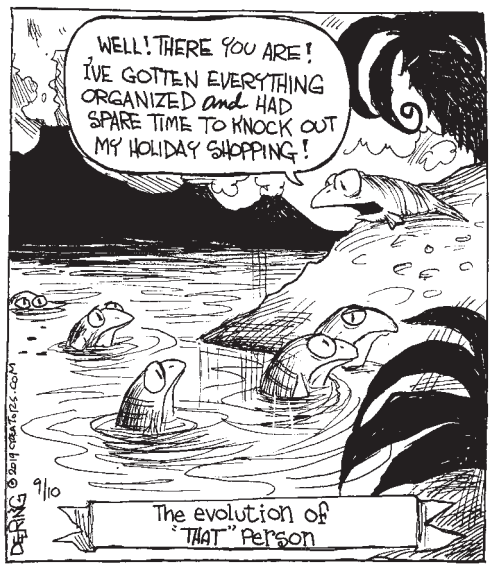
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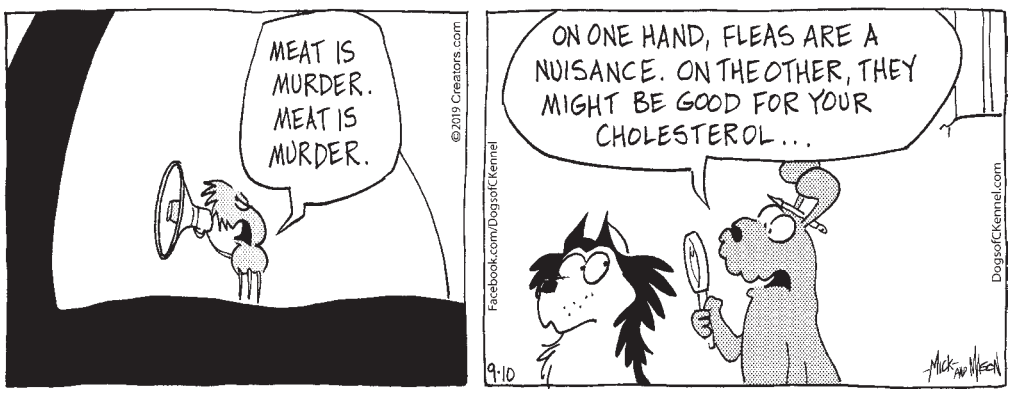
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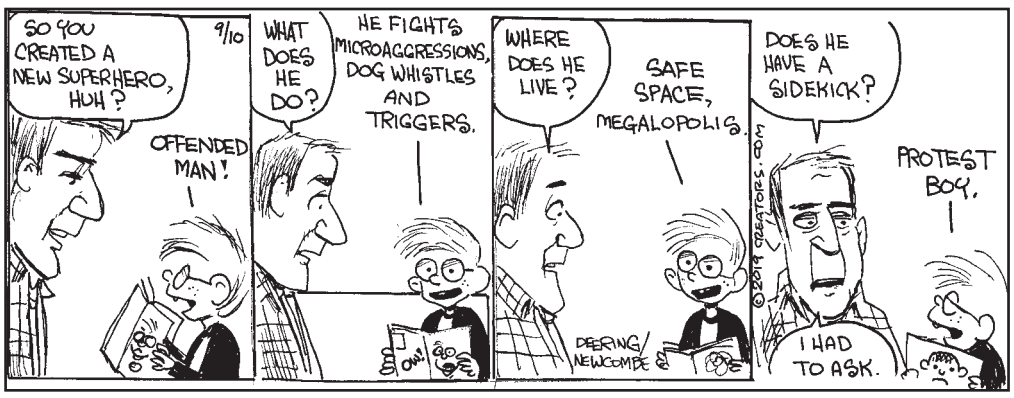
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POWERBALL
Draw Date:09/07
11 20 41 42 56
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 50 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 09/06
4 11 13 19 31
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 154 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 09/07
8 18 20 23 43
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 09/08
2 4 8 16 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 09/08
Evening: 1 3 5
Draw Date: 09/09
Midday: 4 4 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 09/04
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
3rd: 03 - HOT SHOT
RACE TIME: 1:47.21

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.7°

TUESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
SW/SSW swell up a little further. Minor NW swell-mix. AM winds favor west facing areas.

WEDNESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
SW/SSW swell continues. Minor NW swell-mix. Watching AM winds.

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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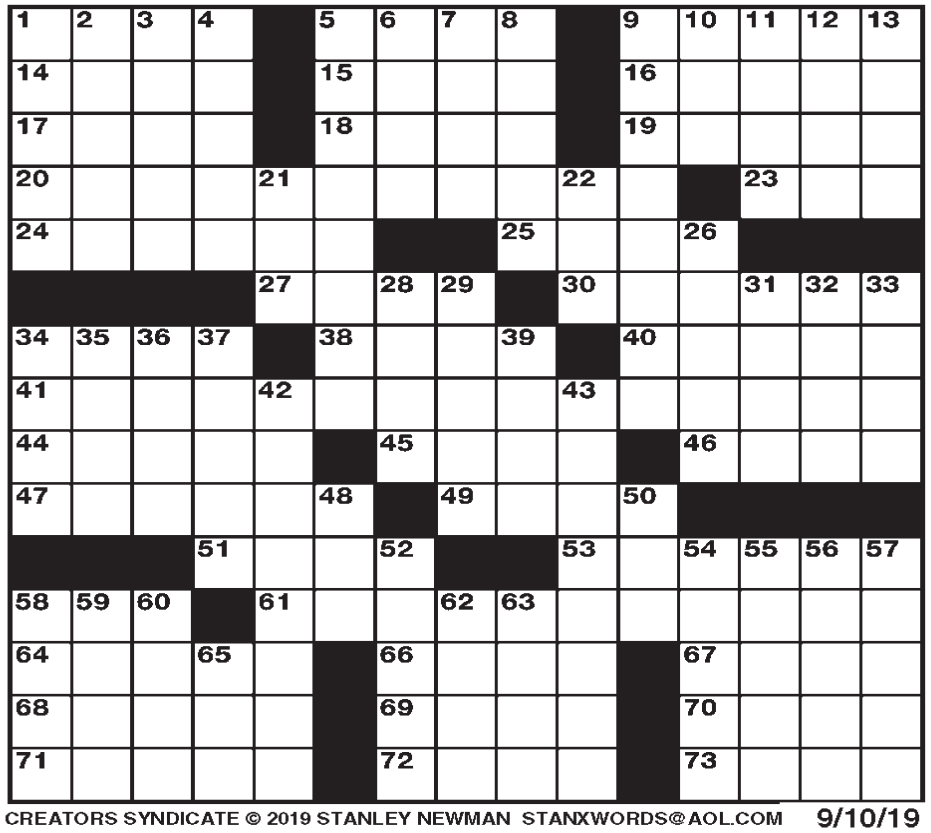
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Newsday Crossword

THREE JACKS by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 First claim, slangily
5 "Look what I did!"
9 Fills a suitcase
14 Doing nothing
15 Corrosive liquid
16 Online message
17 Gotten a glimpse of
18 On an even __ (balanced)
19 "Bald" bird
20 What Jack Be Nimble jumped over
23 Finale
24 Familiar saying
25 Canoe or kayak
27 Quick swims
30 Interest-paying govt. securities
34 Nile snakes
38 Do, re, or mi
40 __ a time (singly)
41 Jack Horner's boast
44 From this neighborhood
45 Women's links org.
46 Occupation ending for mob or poll
47 End a dispute
49 Southeastern European
51 Sports cable station
53 Conqueror's domain
58 Corn core
61 What Jack went to fetch with Jill
64 French-speaking Caribbean nation
66 __ Canaveral, FL
67 Mexican food that's folded
68 Room just below a roof
69 Leg joint
70 Dressed (in)
71 Unifying idea
72 Religious faction
73 Promote excessively

DOWN
1 '70s dance club
2 As perfect as possible
3 Mix together smoothly
4 Mails off
5 Start flying
6 Highest cards in bridge
7 Weight-loss program
8 Go off-script
9 Game played with a baby
10 Physicians' grp.
11 Pet hamster's home
12 Pottery oven
13 Toboggan, for example
21 Young boy
22 Foldaway bed
26 Broadway awards
28 Hotel's place to swim
29 Comes to a halt
31 Tidy
32 Titled British woman
33 Mix with a spoon
34 Hole making tools
35 Sneaker or sandal
36 Treaty
37 Alaska or Arkansas
39 Narrow advantage
42 Pumpkin pie seasoning
43 They're stuffed into socks
48 Pollution monitoring org.
50 Upscale German car
52 Small scratches
54 Repair, as a trouser leg
55 Sicily's country
56 After-game summary
57 Wear away
58 Casual conversation
59 Swearing-in ritual
60 Taste of food
62 Narrow road
63 Oil cartel
65 "Tiny" Dickens boy



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 323 CALLS ON SEPT. 8

Living in a vehicle Berkeley St / Lipton Ave 12:10 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 12:45 a.m.
Hit and run Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:56 a.m.
Illegal weapon 1900blk Expo Bike Path 1:34 a.m.
Illegal weapon Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:41 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:00 a.m.
Person with a gun 6th St / Broadway 2:24 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk Ocean Ave 2:31 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 900blk Montana Ave 2:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:48 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 100blk Pier Ave 3:10 a.m.
Domestic violence 900blk 16th St 3:16 a.m.
Fight 1700blk 4th St 3:26 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 400blk San Vicente Blvd 5:31 a.m.
Encampment Centinela Ave / Exposition Blvd 6:21 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Franklin St 7:25 a.m.
Living in a vehicle Berkeley St / Lipton Ave 7:35 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 8:43 a.m.
Prowler 900blk 20th St 8:59 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 4th St / Colorado Ave 9:09 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400blk 2nd St 9:28 a.m.
Vandalism 2300blk Broadway 9:53 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1400blk Marine St 10:03 a.m.
Hit and run 14th St / Broadway 10:09 a.m.
Grand theft auto Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 3100blk Broadway 10:51 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk the beach 11:15 a.m.
Vandalism 1200blk 10th St 11:22 a.m.
Hit and run 14th St / Broadway 11:51 a.m.
Burglary 400blk 14th St 12:02 p.m.
Identity theft 1300blk 14th St 12:11 p.m.
Critical missing person 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:12 p.m.
Fight 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 300blk 26th St 12:44 p.m.
Petty theft 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:11 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 500blk Hollister Ave 1:22 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:38 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 1200blk Franklin St 2:14 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2600blk Highland Ave 2:38 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Appian Way 2:48 p.m.
Person with a gun 600blk Arizona Ave 2:58 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk 25th St 3:08 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1000blk 5th St 3:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 7th St 3:14 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:15 p.m.
Fraud 900blk 12th St 3:30 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:36 p.m.
Failure to pay parking fee 2600blk Barnard Way 3:54 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd St / Broadway 4:04 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500blk the beach 4:19 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1300blk Pearl St 4:20 p.m.
Petty theft 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:55 p.m.
Expired registration 2000blk Main St 5:02 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 900blk 6th St 6:10 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 3rd St / Marine St 6:13 p.m.
Critical missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:29 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:30 p.m.
Domestic violence 1600blk Michigan Ave 6:31 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500blk Ocean Ave 6:31 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:50 p.m.
Critical missing person 1300blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:59 p.m.
Animal related incident 100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:01 p.m.
Vandalism 1200blk 23rd St 7:08 p.m.
Encampment 900blk 3rd St 7:24 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Pico Blvd 7:28 p.m.
Grand theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:41 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 26th St / Arizona Ave 7:51 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:56 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 700blk Ocean Ave 7:59 p.m.
Threats /investigations 800blk 19th St 8:15 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:16 p.m.
Encampment 1300blk California Ave 9:35 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1500blk Berkeley St 9:53 p.m.
Vandalism 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:38 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation Ocean Ave / Broadway 10:59 p.m.
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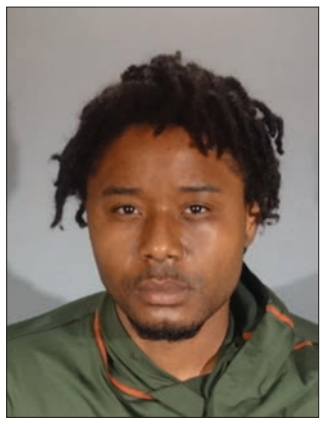
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON AUGUST 25, 2019 AT 11:13 P.M.

Officers were flagged down in the area of Pico and 19th Street by a woman who had been attacked by a former boyfriend. The victim was in a dating relationship with the suspect and earlier in the day, he had come to her residence and demanded he be let inside. The victim refused and told the suspect she was calling the police. The suspect took scissors out of his pocket and threatened to kill the both of them. He then kicked in the front door and grabbed her. The suspect grabbed her and tried to prevent her from screaming. The suspect bit her. The victim was able to get out of the house where she flagged down the police. Officers were able to locate the suspect in the area and took him into custody. Michael Nathaniel Hines, 27, homeless, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, burglary,criminal threats and grand theft automobile. Bail was set at $50,000.



File photo
MICHAEL NATHANIEL HINES

COMPANY

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their jobs at a law firm in London. While they started gaining momentum in British grocery stores, they knew sunny Los Angeles would be the ultimate market for their plant-based pints.

"We were treating the misery of being lawyers with ice cream, but we always felt a bit meh after a whole pint and we didn't like eating something with such a long ingredient list," Michael said. "We thought, why isn't there an ice cream with super simple ingredients that you can eat a whole pint of and still feel good after?"

The couple had no idea how to make ice cream. Michael said industry professionals told them it would be impossible to make ice cream purely out of fruit, but they started researching, taking classes and making samples, eventually trading their law office for a small production facility.

After a few years of growth in the United Kingdom, the couple came to a crossroads, Michael said.

"We thought, maybe the market for this is in LA, because the weather is better and the food market here is so innovative," he said. "We had to decide whether to invest in our business in the UK or move here."

The couple decided to sell their house in London, applied for visas and began scouting locations in Los Angeles. In July 2016, they opened Frozen Fruit Co. in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica has many artisanal ice cream parlors, many of which have vegan options and some that are dairy-free altogether. But Victoria said she believed that Frozen Fruit Co.'s ingredients would help it stand out in a crowded market.

Most vegan products starts with a base like almond milk, banana or avocado, to which flavoring is added, she said. Frozen Fruit Co. uses three to five different ingredients in each flavor, including sweeteners like date and peach sugars, and does not add water to them so they retain a rich, intense flavor.

"With mainstream non-dairy ice cream brands, the only difference from regular ice cream is that it's non-dairy," Victoria said.

Michael said the company markets its $6.99 pints by displaying the full list of ingredients on the front of the packaging.

"No one else in the ice cream aisle does that, because most of them include xanthan gum, alcohol sugars, Stevia, stuff like that," he said. "We find that message really resonates with customers."

The Philippous plan to launch additional flavors of their pints and start selling them in Whole Foods, Sprouts and Gelson's. From there, they said they hope to expand across the United States and are looking for partners and investors to join the business.

They added they still plan to keep their store and truck up and running, too.

"It really helps to have direct customer contact," Victoria said. "Their feedback is great for knowing what to launch next and what marketing works best. We feel that's really important because a lot of businesses don't have that connection to customers."

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JUUL

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FDA regulators also asked Juul to turn over detailed information about its potent nicotine formula. In the last year, researchers have published several papers analyzing Juul's use of "nicotine salts," a formulation which allows users to inhale higher levels of nicotine with reduced throat harshness.

Regulators asked the company to explain why it uses nicotine salts and how this affects potential addiction.

The letter also criticizes the company for apparently turning over more documents to congressional investigators than to the agency "despite previous document requests from FDA."

AP Writer Richard Lardner contributed to this report.

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Criminal probe underway in boat fire

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U.S. authorities are conducting a criminal investigation into the fiery dive boat disaster that killed 34 people off the coast of California, two officials said Monday.

The FBI, Coast Guard and U.S. attorney in Los Angeles are overseeing the investigation, according to the two people who were not authorized to speak publicly and commented on condition of anonymity.

On Friday, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said the investigation had not yet taken a criminal turn, though charges were possible. That turn of events appeared to happen Sunday when federal agents raided the office of the boat's owner, Truth Aquatics Inc. in Santa Barbara, and its two remaining vessels.

Investigators have been gathering other evidence, including interviewing the captain and four surviving crew members, since the Sept. 2 tragedy off the Channel Islands.

Thirty-three passengers and one crew member were trapped below deck when the fire broke out after 3 a.m. on the Conception. Initial examinations indicate the people died of smoke inhalation before being burned, Brown said. All but one body has been found.

Efforts by the crew to save the trapped victims were unsuccessful because the fire was out of control and they had to abandon ship, according to authorities who spoke with them and the boat's owner.

Authorities are looking into various safety issues, including whether a night watchman was on duty when the blaze broke out before dawn.

If charges are brought, prosecutors are likely to apply an obscure federal law known as the Seaman's Manslaughter Statute, which predates the Civil War and was enacted to punish negligent captains, engineers and pilots for deadly steamboat accidents that killed thousands.

The crime carries a potential penalty of up to 10 years in prison and sets a low bar for prosecutors, who only need to prove simple negligence or misconduct on the part of the captain or crew.

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. That is harder to prove and used less frequently, said attorney Kierstan Carlson, who advises maritime clients to expect a criminal investigation in the case of deaths.

A ship captain could be convicted if found to not have proper firefighting or safety equipment aboard or failing to have someone keeping watch.

"That means somebody in charge of the vessel, in charge of major operations," Carlson said. "There are some cases where a captain will put a really junior person who is not sufficiently experienced in charge. That would also be a breach of the standard of care."

While the manslaughter law was not widely used after being written in 1838 and beefed up in 1852, it has been used more frequently in the 21st century, Carlson said.

The charge was brought in the 2003 Staten Island ferry crash that killed 11, the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig blowout and the sinking last summer of a duck boat in Missouri that killed 17.

The criminal probe is taking place as multiple agencies look into the cause of the fire aboard the boat.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating the fire's cause and origin, while the National Transportation Safety Board is looking into the safety aspects of the probe.

High winds have postponed the search for the final victim.

COAST

FROM PAGE 1

Almost 200 city employees volunteered at the event in 2017.

While only 15% of Santa Monica residents went to the festival, according to a city survey, it drew more than 40,000 people that year. The city has not yet released attendance data for the 2018 festival.

For the first time this year, attendees can create or decorate their a realistic or fanciful car-free way to get around and show it off at the festival to win prizes in six entry categories around innovation, creativity, teamwork, and how people-powered it is.

Winners will receive gift certificates to some of Santa Monica's Most Loved Businesses. Judging will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in front of the Civic Auditorium at 1855 Main St.

See below for a list of other programming highlights.

Join visual artist Molly Allis in the creation of a large communal mural highlighting car-free and imaginative forms of mobility.

Location: Ocean Avenue at the intersection of Broadway

Try skate course workshops with Keen Ramps Skateboard Zone, or watch demonstrations and tricks performed by professional skateboarders.

Location: Main Street between Pico Boulevard and Bay Street

Dragon Knights ensemble wows with their imaginative street and circus performances on stilts and human-powered conveyances.

Location: Strolling Ocean Avenue between Wilshire Boulevard and Colorado Avenue

Ocean Avenue will feature two strolling groups: Mariachis Lindas Mexicanas, one of Southern California's top mariachi bands, and California Feetwarmers, masters of ragtime, Dixieland blues and early swing.

Location: Strolling Ocean Avenue between Arizona Avenue and Colorado Avenue

Roll into the disco lifestyle at the free COAST Roller Rink complete with disco, funk and groovy music. Free skate rentals available.

Location: Ocean Avenue between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue

Observe or participate in the Giant Puppet Parade led by artist Beth Peterson and created by the community. The parade will feature live music by the Los Angeles-based Latin folk group Cuñao.

Location: The parade will begin at 11 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium and return at 12:30 p.m. to the Civic Auditorium. Second parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. and return at 3:15 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON SEPT. 8

Emergency Medical Service 1400blk 2nd St 2:01 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Pico Blvd 4:36 a.m.
EMS 600blk Raymond Ave 6:07 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 7:24 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:29 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:05 a.m.
EMS 400blk 18th St 8:41 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 10th St 8:49 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk 4th St 8:55 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 4th St / Interstate 10 9:13 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 9:13 a.m.
EMS 700blk California Ave 9:25 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1700blk Ocean Ave 9:57 a.m.
Elevator rescue 100blk California Ave 10 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Marine St 10:03 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300blk 12th St 10:13 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:04 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800blk Broadway 11:38 a.m.
EMS Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 11th St 11:50 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 11:54 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Franklin St 12:27 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 12:55 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Sunset Ave 12:56 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:10 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1200blk 23rd St 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 14th St 1:56 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 5th St 2:15 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 25th St 3:19 p.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 3:25 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 17th St 3:51 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 11th St 4:06 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 6:06 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 6:08 p.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 7:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2200blk 21st St 7:34 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Stewart St 8:02 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Harvard St 10:30 p.m.
EMS 200blk Montana Ave 11:48 p.m.

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