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Seven dockless devices now authorized for operation in Santa Monica



Matthew Hall

OPTIONS: Four companies now offer scooters and there will be three bicycle choices available.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The wild-west era of scooter transport officially ended Monday with the start of a new program to limit and regulate dockless bikes and scooters within Santa Monica's borders.

Bird, Lime, Jump and Lyft have been permitted to offer bikes and/or scooters under the terms of the program that will cap the total number of devices in the city, increase transparency for the companies and increase regula-

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City opens North Beach Playground to kids of all ages, abilities

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

It didn't take very long at all for a group of elementary school-aged children to take over a very tall, very purple spinning net Saturday

after city officials cut a ribbon to open the North Beach Playground. The spinning web is one of two rope structures that replaced a pair of rusted swings near the Jonathan

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Kate Cagle

NOW OPEN: A new play structure is available north of the Pier.

SMC's Pico Promise provides guidance to disadvantaged students

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

For first-generation college-bound students, navigating life after high school can prove difficult. Experiencing higher education

alone, these students face many questions and fewer answers, an overwhelming time that can cause some to forego the college experience altogether. Luckily for these students, there's a local helping hand-- the Pico Promise Program.

The Pico Promise Program, a joint venture between SMC and the City of Santa Monica, fills the void of guidance for underserved, near-by neighborhood students. The promise this program keeps is helping these students with textbook

vouchers, trips to potential transfer schools, course advisement and mental wellness assistance.

Operating annually at just below 60 students a semester, the program gives a caring, hands-on support during a potentially confusing tran-

sition into college and beyond.

Gabriela Corona was one such student, initially baffled by her first foray into the collegiate world.

Like many students who've gone

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Tuesday, September 18

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group: Woman With a Secret by Sophie Hannah

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Discussion Title: Woman With a Secret by Sophie Hannah. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Paws to Read

Practice reading with a therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Limited space. Ages 5 - 10. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading, Writing, and Online Skills

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, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Scarecrow Stories and Games

Welcome the Fall season with themed stories and mini carnival games. Limited Space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Pirate Crafternoon

Ahoy! Use pirate speak on International Talk Like A Pirate Day

while making pirate crafts, matey! Ages 4-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 4 - 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Commission for the Senior Community meeting

A special meeting of the Commission for the Senior Community is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 1:30 pm in the Main Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 2nd floor, Community Meeting Room

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting

The Recreation and Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation. Meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

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. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Chrysalis Workshop: Cover Letters

Instructors from Chrysalis lead a workshop to help you on the right track to employment. Chrysalis offers employment preparation classes and services designed to improve your job search skills, self-confidence, self-sufficiency, and employability, so you can reach your career goals. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

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PLAYGROUND
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Club with the goal of giving families on the north side of the city a park at the beach.

The ribbon cutting at 810 Pacific Coast Highway marked the end of a 3-year-long revitalization, as Santa Monica's youngest community members gave the \$2 million project its official review.

"We tried to use equipment that was unique, fun and looked good too," said architect Patrick Tighe, as he watched the first wave of children bring his park to life. "All of the equipment is accessible for children of all abilities."

The North Beach Playground is Santa Monica's third universally accessible park, removing traditional barriers that may hold children with physical, cognitive, vision or hearing disabilities back from the rest of the group. For example, kids can climb stairs, hop on round, purple bumps or roll up a ramp to move from one space to the next. The playgrounds also have additional space around structures for wheelchair access and feature for kids who learn through touch.

"I guarantee you, every playground we build from now on will have the same sorts of features this one does, meaning it will be

a place where no matter what your abilities are you will be able to play and enjoy it," said Mayor Pro Tempore Glean Davis.

The new playground has distinct spaces for 2 to 5-year-olds and the older crowd, with the net structures providing imaginative space for kids up to 12-years-old.

The city began soliciting public feedback on the project in 2015 through an online survey about playground use and favorite types of equipment. The resulting swing-set has a large oval for group swinging, a regular swing, and a yellow swing with back support and a seatbelt for children with disabilities.

Planners selected the area to bolster park offerings on the north side of the city. Recreation and Parks Commissioner John C. Smith said the new park has a great location for families heading out to a day at the beach.

"It's right at the foot at the stairs," Smith said while pointing at the Montana Avenue pedestrian overpass from Palisades Park, "below the cliffs, right on the bike bath, right up against the restrooms."

The City Council awarded the \$2 million construction contract to C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc in Dec. 2017 to build the park. The construction fencing officially came down Friday.

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Kate Cagle

OPEN: The new facility at 810 Pacific Coast Highway is universally accessible with features that allow children of all ability levels to access the park.

As Senate weighs Kavanaugh, Thomas example offers cautions

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Associated Press

The sexual assault allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh recall Anita Hill's accusations against Clarence Thomas in 1991, but there are important differences as well as cautions for senators considering how to deal with the allegations.

The decision to have Thomas and Hill testify publicly before the Senate Judiciary Committee, as Kavanaugh and his accuser have offered to do, had far-reaching implications for American politics and society's efforts to grapple with sexual harassment in the workplace.

Republicans were perceived as too harsh in their questioning of Hill. Democrats faced criticism for being timid in her defense. Former Vice President Joe Biden, then the committee chairman, told Teen Vogue magazine last year that he should have acted more thoroughly on Hill's accusations.

"I wish I had been able to do more for Anita Hill. I owe her an apology," said Biden, a Democrat.

Kavanaugh's confirmation, which once appeared all but certain, was cast in doubt after Christine Blasey Ford said in an inter-

view published Sunday by The Washington Post that a drunken Kavanaugh groped her and tried to take off her clothes at a party when they were teenagers. Ford said Kavanaugh put his hand over her mouth when she tried to scream.

Kavanaugh, who was nominated by President Donald Trump, said in a statement Monday that Ford's accusation was "completely false."

There are parallels in the two cases. Like Kavanaugh, Thomas denied he had acted inappropriately. In both cases, the allegations became public only after the nominees went through their initial confirmation hearings. Both accusers initially sought to stay anonymous but later changed their minds.

In 1991, an estimated 20 million people watched as Hill, then a University of Oklahoma law professor, accused Thomas of making unwanted advances and lewd remarks when she worked for him at the Education Department and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the 1980s.

Thomas, who was nominated by President George H.W. Bush, related in his memoir that when he was first asked by

FBI agents whether he made sexual advances to Hill or talked about pornography with her, he replied, "Absolutely not." By the time he testified in a second round of hearings, following Hill, he said, "From my standpoint, as a black American, as far as I'm concerned, it is a high-tech lynching for uppity blacks who in any way deign to think for themselves, to do for themselves, to have different ideas."

Republicans aggressively questioned Hill, who is also black, suggesting that she had made up the unwelcome advances from Thomas and trying to raise doubts about her stability.

Thomas won confirmation by a vote of 52 to 48, with 11 Democrats supporting him in a Senate they controlled.

But on both sides of the aisle, there was wide agreement that the questioning of Thomas and Hill was not the Senate Judiciary Committee's finest hour. For one thing, the committee was made up of 14 white men, and there were only two women in the entire Senate at the time.

By comparison, the current committee has 11 Republicans, all men, and 10 Democrats, four of whom are women. Overall, there are now 23 women in the

Senate: 17 Democrats and six Republicans.

Coming just a year before the 1992 presidential and congressional elections, the hearings were credited with helping spur the first year of the woman in American politics. A half dozen women won Senate races that year and early in 1993.

One of them, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, said recently on Twitter that she first ran for the Senate "after my daughter and I watched Anita Hill being grilled by an all-male Judiciary Committee that didn't look anything like me or so many others across the country and that wasn't asking the questions so many of us wanted asked."

The allegations against Kavanaugh by Ford, a Palo Alto University professor, are occurring in a society that has changed since 1991. Spurred on by the #MeToo movement, sexual misconduct receives much more attention than it did then, and allegations of wrongdoing have toppled powerful men in politics, media, the arts and other fields.

In a statement issued Friday, Hill said, "I have seen firsthand what happens when such a process is weaponized against an accuser, and no one should have to endure that again."

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WASHINGTON
GOP, Dems unite behind Senate bill fighting addictive drugs

Republicans and Democrats joined forces to speed legislation combating the misuse of opioids and other addictive drugs toward Senate passage Monday, a rare campaign-season show of unity against a growing and deadly health care crisis.

The measure takes wide aim at the problem, including increasing scrutiny of arriving international mail that may include illegal drugs and making it easier for the National Institutes of Health to approve research on finding nonaddictive painkillers and for pharmaceutical companies to conduct that research. The Food and Drug Administration would be allowed to require drug makers to package smaller quantities of drugs like opioids and there would be new federal grants for treatment centers, training emergency workers and research on prevention methods.

Lawmakers' focus on combating opioids comes amid alarming increases in drug overdose deaths, with the government estimating more than 72,000 of them last year. That figure has grown annually and is double the 36,000 who died in 2008.

Besides the sheer numbers, Congress has been drawn to the problem because of its broad impact on Republican, Democratic and swing states alike.

California, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania each had more than 4,000 people die from drug overdoses in 2016, while seven other states each lost more than 2,000 people from drugs, according to the most recent figures available. The states with the highest death rates per resident include West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire, along with the District of Columbia.

West Virginia's Sen. Joe Manchin and Florida's Sen. Bill Nelson, both Democrats, are among those facing competitive re-election races in November's midterm elections. Republicans are trying to deflect a Democratic effort to capture Senate control.

Money for much of the federal spending the legislation envisions would have to be provided in separate spending bills.

The House approved its own drug misuse legislation this summer. Congressional leaders hope the two chambers will produce compromise legislation and send it to President Donald Trump for his signature by year's end.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Lunch And Landlords
At Le Meridien

I had not been inside what is now known as Le Meridien in years, back when it was the Sheraton Delfina. I've now been there twice in two weeks.

The first occasion was an invitation to come visit and experience the wonderful menu and environment by the Director of Sales and Marketing Kevin Anawati. We had a lovely luncheon seated bar-side in the lobby. Starting with a cheese and charcuterie plate, we next had one of the best rib eye's I've ever eaten. I have to say if the rest of the menu is as tasty as this was, I'll be back more regularly.

Of course no hotel visit would be complete without a tour of the facility, from the poolside lounging to the top floor rooms with ocean views and ballroom for conferences, Le Meridien has become quite a lovely hotel.

The last time I was there, was for one of those typically boring Bar Association meetings where all the young associates are trying oh so hard to impress each other with their prodigious knowledge and amazing law firms. Which, come to think of it, may be why I haven't been back in years. I distinctly remember meeting one new associate from the late Connolly Oyler's office, a young man excited to be engaging in the wonderful world of family law. I wonder how he made out.

In any case, my second occasion to visit Le Meridien was for a show and tell by the developer and architect of what will be known as the 234 Pico project - the Bowling Alley to those of us who live here. Last Thursday night about 20 neighbors trekked in to a small conference room that had been set up with a projected, some renderings and a smattering of veggies and cookies. The event was organized by Melissa Sweeney of Eumenides Consulting as an outreach to the community.

The developer, Patrick Tooley and his trusted aide de camp, the uber stylish Ryan, were undoubtedly charming, warm and at least superficially open to the suggestions and concerns of the community. I found Patrick to be quite easy to speak with and though I have no idea what he actually thought about the suggestions and concerns at least he presented himself well and seemed like he cared about the community concerns. We disagreed on design, but as the saying goes, 'de gustibus non disputatum' - there's no accounting for one's tastes.

On the other hand, the architect from Frederik Fisher and Partners, Joseph Coriaty was not so friendly. Maybe it was my criticism of his design work when I said it was "Boring. Just another block building with some splashes of color that was uninteresting. It looks like all the other boring box buildings in town." He said it "was a timeless design that like the work I did at the corner of Wilshire and 2nd will age well. I'm a very well known architect in town."

Frankly, he may be a genius architect, that's not for me to judge, but he should not

be allowed to present in public. He came across as arrogant, supercilious, pompous and condescending. And that was not just my opinion, but of the four other people I spoke with. He did not communicate a sense of concern for the community ethos. His description of the project as evoking the 'pluralism of the community' was not well received. He described his 2nd and Wilshire project as the "living room" of Santa Monica. It did not go over well with the residents I spoke with.

His actual design is perfectly fine, even as boring as I think it is. It's demonstrating the constraints put on any project by the planning commission. A developer has a need to maximize their development - I understand that. I just wish there was some artistic element that was provided beyond using the red from the currently landmarked BOWL sign. Coriaty was proud of his use of balcony railings that were closer together to "shield the view of the civic" from the residents, and his use of screens on a walkway to prevent the Bay Street residents from looking into the new apartments. I'm sorry but as he touted his efforts for the past year on this project, I was not overwhelmed with his creativity and design.

The neighbors have real concerns about the placement of a trash bin in the middle of the block/alley that will necessitate trash trucks blocking the alleyway more than they already do. There was great concern about the way the design was using landscaping to prevent the transients, but every neighbor seemed convinced it would only lead to a giant toilet zone being created.

Tooley and Coriaty said the city's waste management team would not allow the bins to be moved off the 3rd street side, which frankly would make much more sense. That way there would be trash bins on each end of the building.

The ingress and egress of cars to the underground parking is certainly a concern as it would be off the Pico Ct alleyway, which would necessitate drivers either illegally cutting across a double yellow line on Pico, or coming around the block from Bay Street.

As a developer Tooley said his plan was to build and maintain property as he did with the location at Abbot Kinney and Venice. That's a good thing for the neighborhood, if it happens. Being an engaged part of the community would indicate that he has a need and a desire to establish good relations now.

I'm sure the project will move forward, it will likely change some and in the end, hopefully Mr. Patrick Tooley will be a good neighborhood landlord.

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PICO

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through the program, Corona came to SMC from a working-class family, the first to go to college. Corona jokingly says that when she had school problems, her devout Catholic parents would tell her to pray for help. A kind gesture, but one that doesn't offer immediate assurance.

"I wanted to go to college but didn't know what to do at SMC," Corona said. "I didn't know we were supposed to see counselors, I didn't know anything. I wanted to quit. Then I got a letter in the mail."

That letter was from SMC's Pico Promise. "An old-school propaganda letter," Corona jokingly called it, but the letter changed her life.

The counselor's in the program held Corona accountable, checking in on her several times throughout the semester. She says they helped her manage time, assist with any wellness concerns, and kept her in check academically.

She notes a time her counselor immediately called her during a semester where she received two Cs, overwhelmed with concern. "I felt like I disappointed him," she said. "I knew I had to get focused and get back on track."

Initially aiming for only an Associate's degree, Corona's counselor urged her to transfer and continue her education. She moved on to Mt. Saint Mary's and then to Loyola, ultimately receiving her Master's in counseling.

Now, Corona does give back to the very program that helped her, working as an outreach counselor for the Pico Promise Program. As an outreach counselor, Corona says she looks to help students who find themselves where she once did, at a crossroads in life, uncertain how to handle the oncoming future.

"I wanted to give back, work with the kids

like me who could have slipped through the cracks," she said.

She eventually found a student that fit the description, Arnold Cortez.

Fresh out of high school, Cortez started SMC at 17 years old. With no college-experienced person in his family to guide him, he took as many units as he could in an attempt to sprint through his education.

For a college first-timer, this was an exercise in futility.

"My first year was nothing but bad," Cortez says with a laugh. "I just overloaded myself."

While his parents supported him, urging him to be "better than what we could be," Cortez thought about quitting school but persevered.

After hearing about textbook vouchers the program provides, Cortez signed up with Pico Promise. There, he found his way to Corona's office.

Corona helped Cortez in numerous ways, helping narrow down his career goals, reduce his school workload, and carefully going over college and financial aid applications.

"I thought it was a chore at first," Cortez says of Corona's calls, emails, and periodic meetings. "I was on him," Corona said with a smile.

"But I realized it helped. Her guidance made a world of difference."

Now, Cortez is at CSULA, two years away from having a Bachelor's in graphic design. He and Corona still talk, forever linked by a program that helped shape their bright futures.

"Having that support, that's something a lot of people can't say they had," Cortez said. "I can say, yeah, I had help. Knowing that someone was proud of me, it motivated me to go higher. I don't think either of us would be where we are without the program."

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SCOOTERS

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tions for safe use.

The initial cap on bikes/scooters will be 3,000 (2,000 scooters and 1,000 bikes) but the number of devices will vary based on usage data. With the City's official bikeshare program there will now be seven different devices operating on five different apps.

At the official program launch Monday, City officials acknowledged the community's mixed feelings about dockless scooters but said participation in the pilot program requires the companies to address some of the frequent complaints such as improper parking and unsafe riding.

Mayor Ted Winterer said approving the devices is part of the city's ongoing efforts to fight climate change.

"Santa Monica and our partner operators here today are dramatically reinventing how we think about traveling from point a to point b," he said. "This pilot is another chapter in our long history of commitment to being a multimodal city where the car is not the only option to get around and fossil fuel transportation doesn't threaten our planet."

Ryan Fujiu, Vice President of Product for Bird, said the new program would be a model for other cities.

"(The program) is a natural evolution given the city's historic past of encouraging and driving climate friendly leadership and now this visionary city is charting a path forward that other cities around the world will soon follow," he said.

David Fairbank, Market Manager for Lyft Bikes & Scooters in Los Angeles said the company will run its operations out of a Santa Monica warehouse and their hands-on approach will allow the company to stage devices in appropriate locations.

"From the start we've always wanted to provide a better solution to transportation by giving people a convenient reliable ride whenever they needed one," he said. "More people biking, scooting and walking is better for the city. With our bikes and scooters everywhere, we are helping to reduce the number of cars on the road, increase public transportation trips and provide equitable transportation options."

Lime CEO Toby Sun said despite the company's global reach, they maintain a focus on the Southern California market and their commitment to working with local regulators, merchants and customers has created a partnership that provides community-specific services.

"We do value and consider California, especially southern California, a very, very important market for us," he said.

Jump CEP and Founder Ryan Rzepecki said his company had recently been purchased by Uber and said the new class of small electric powered vehicles shows promise for transforming habits.

"The rate of adoption on electric vehicles is much, much higher and much more engaging," he said. "We think it really broadens the user base and gets more people out of cars and onto these light vehicles. We think it really is a game changer and we're excited to introduce the jump product to the streets of Santa Monica."

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LOS ANGELES

Trump-tape-hunting Tom Arnold, 'Apprentice' producer scuffle

Comedian Tom Arnold filed a police report Monday over an incident involving the producer of the "The Apprentice" at a weekend pre-E Emmy Awards party, police said.

Detectives will investigate Arnold's allegations that Mark Burnett choked him at the party Sunday night, said Los Angeles police officer Jeff Lee.

Burnett's wife, actress Roma Downey, tweeted that Arnold "tried to ambush" the couple, and she posted a photo of what she says is her bruised hand.

Arnold's lawyer, Marty Singer, told The Hollywood Reporter that Burnett "attacked" Arnold.

Actress Alyson Hannigan tweeted that she witnessed the confrontation and thought it was a joke until security jumped in.

Emails to the celebrities' representatives were not immediately returned.

Arnold's new show, "The Hunt for the Trump Tapes," is set to debut Tuesday.

The show follows Arnold's attempts to find tapes that show Donald Trump expressing bigoted views on the set of "The Apprentice," which Burnett produces.

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Candidates for California governor agree to radio debate

The candidates for California governor have agreed to a debate, but only on the radio.

Republican John Cox and Democrat Gavin Newsom will square off Oct. 8 on San Francisco public radio station KQED, the station reported Monday.

It's the only forum both candidates have agreed to after months of back and forth and will be the first time they've shared a platform since a pre-primary debate in San Jose in May.

The debate will be a crucial opportunity for Cox, who has trailed Newsom in polls and fundraising, to get his message out or try to trip up Newsom ahead of the Nov. 6 election.

The debate will broadcast at 10 a.m. during KQED's public affairs show, "Forum."

It will follow the show's typical format without strict time limits or rules, the station reported. It will be offered to other stations around the state for live or recorded broadcast.

Cox and Newsom agreed to meet after months of back and forth over when and where to debate, with each candidate rejecting forums accepted by the other. For a while it appeared they would not debate at all.

Newsom agreed to a CNN debate but Cox sought to limit discussion to specific California-focused topics.

Cox agreed to other debates sponsored by California media outlets that Newsom rejected.

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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 SEPTEMBER 5, AT ABOUT 6:40 P.M.

Officers responded to 1432 4th Street - "West 4th & Jane" restaurant regarding a disturbance at the business. The business reported a male subject walking in and out of the business disturbing customers. The subject left the location. Officers located the subject loitering in Parking Structure 5- 1440 4th Street. The subject did not have a car in the lot and could not provide a valid reason for being in the structure. The subject refused to provide any identifiable information to officers. Thomas A. Parker, 47, homeless was issued a citation for loitering in a parking structure and resisting arrest.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 382 Calls For Service On Sept. 16.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Burglary 900 block 2nd 12:01 a.m.
Prowler 300 block California 12:42 a.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln/Pico 12:56 a.m.
Person down Ocean/Broadway 01:24 a.m.
Person w/gun 1400 block Ocean 01:43 a.m.
Drunk driving 4th/Arizona 01:51 a.m.
Battery 2900 block Main 01:53 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 2nd 02:06 a.m.
Arson 4th/Olympic 02:35 a.m.
Person w/gun 300 block Santa Monica Pier 03:14 a.m.
Arson 600 block Broadway 06:12 a.m.
Rape 1400 block 16th 06:48 a.m.
Threats 500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 06:49 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 21st 06:56 a.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block The Beach 07:41 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1300 block 4th 08:51 a.m.
Lewd activity 2900 block Ocean Park 08:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 09:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1200 block 22nd 09:39 a.m.
Animal related incident 400 block The Beach 09:45 a.m.
Animal related incident 1600 block 9th 10:19 a.m.
Person down 200 block Santa Monica Pier 10:24 a.m.
Vandalism 2nd/Broadway 10:31 a.m.

Person down 7th/Colorado 10:41 a.m.
Family disturbance 1100 block Pearl 10:48 a.m.
Identity Theft 2000 block Idaho 11:58 a.m.
Grand theft auto 700 block 21st 12:23 p.m.
Animal related incident 1300 block Marine 12:37 p.m.
Person down 1100 block Lincoln 12:42 p.m.
Family disturbance 2900 block Pico 1:07 p.m.
Panic alarm 2600 block Main 1:09 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:11 p.m.
Threats 1400 block Olympic 1:15 p.m.
Grand theft 1600 block Hill 1:15 p.m.
Person down 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:17 p.m.
Burglary 300 block Colorado 1:19 p.m.
Drinking in public 2700 block Barnard 1:35 p.m.
Public intoxication Ocean/Colorado 2:09 p.m.
Animal related incident 2800 block Lincoln 2:26 p.m.
Battery 1600 block 11th 2:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block Colorado 2:54 p.m.
Critical missing person 300 block Olympic 3:13 p.m.
Battery 2300 block Main 4:47 p.m.
Fight 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 5:50 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block San Vicente 5:51 p.m.
Prowler 900 block 10th 6:01 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block Ocean 7:32 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Wilshire 7:53 p.m.
Fight 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:21 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block 12th 9:00 p.m.
Attempt burglary 2300 block Broadway 9:09 p.m.
Person down Appian Way/Seaside Ter 9:38 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block Ocean Park 9:50 p.m.
Attempt burglary 900 block 2nd 10:18 p.m.
Family disturbance 2900 block 4th 11:22 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On Sept. 16.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Emergency medical service 1400 block 17th 12:40 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean 12:41 a.m.
Brush fire 4th/Olympic 02:36 a.m.
EMS 200 block Montana 03:11 a.m.
EMS 7th/Colorado 10:41 a.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 11:17 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 11:37 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 14th 12:22 p.m.

EMS 1100 block Lincoln 12:53 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 4th 12:55 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 1:20 p.m.
EMS 700 block Wilshire 1:26 p.m.
Lock in/out 1000 block 9th 1:44 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 3:09 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 3:11 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 3:21 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 17th 4:24 p.m.
EMS 5th/Santa Monica 5:17 p.m.
EMS 5th/Wilshire 5:21 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd Prom 5:36 p.m.
EMS 300 block San Vicente 5:59 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 11th/Pearl 6:12 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 6:54 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 12th 9:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:20 p.m.
EMS 14th/Wilshire 10:10 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 3200 block Wilshire 10:18 p.m.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 18)

Though you're not striving for it, you'll still net a fair amount of extra money by the end of the year and do something great with it, too. Other highlights of this solar year include: a voice from the past becoming a figure in your future, a brush with fame that becomes a fun story and a love connection growing powerfully. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 1, 22, 41 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Emotional bumpers can go up like air bags, preventing injury but also closeness. These protective cushions have their drawbacks and need only be employed in extreme situations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You and yours will agree about the big-picture items though there will be some major differences of opinion on the topic of how to go about bringing that vision to life. Luckily, it's a fine day for finding compromise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

For complicated reasons, you're more easily unsettled today than most days. While there's nothing wrong with this, it could be uncomfortable for you. Consider buffering your emotional core with extra self-care and kindness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Creativity takes courage. By definition, it's doing something new, which means uncertainty, which is the birthplace of fear. Give yourself credit for your creative bravery.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You like to think of yourself as spiritually more evolved than a lot of the ego-gratification-based desires that people around you seem to be chasing. And yet a certain status symbol still appeals to you. Embrace it. You're human.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This represents a window of time when you feel strongly about your choices. Next week you'll see other options and even more open up after that. In this light, flexible and short-term contracts are favorable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

It's one of those days in which it will be easy to tell others what to do and hard to implement your own plans for your life. Therefore, skip the former and focus all of your energy on the latter, where it will do the most good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Sometimes you get to live life on your own terms. Enjoy it fully, realizing that, as a rule, life (being considerably bigger than any individual) doesn't make a habit of acquiescing to any particular person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

How do you know what's true? That's the question of the day, and you'll be sure of many true things by sundown. One test of truth: It remains unchanged by weather or moods.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're really trying to be better than you were yesterday in one particular regard, and you will be. Trust that it happens naturally, whether you try so hard or not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll stand and face a thing. It's a small bit of unpleasantness you could have easily blown off, but you won't. And this minor act of courage speaks to something major about your character. You're a quality person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

As the sign that rules the feet, you realize the importance of being where your feet are. And as the sign of imagination, you don't always follow the dictum, but you'll bring yourself fully to the present moment when it counts.

Cosmic Conundrums

Today is an effect of our past and yet maybe we wouldn't have predicted it. Today is the cause of our future, though we can't tell how. The cosmic conundrums come to mind courtesy of a conflict between Mars and Uranus. Accuracy in forecasting requires us to remove bias, dash assumptions and think as clearly as possible.

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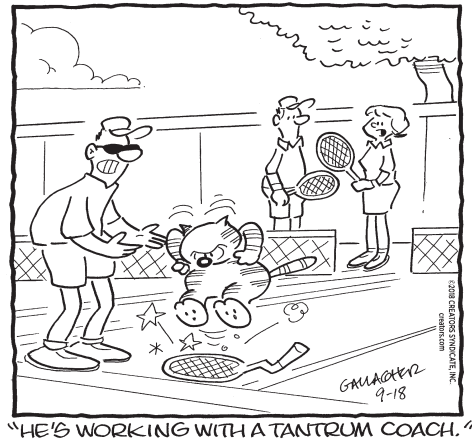
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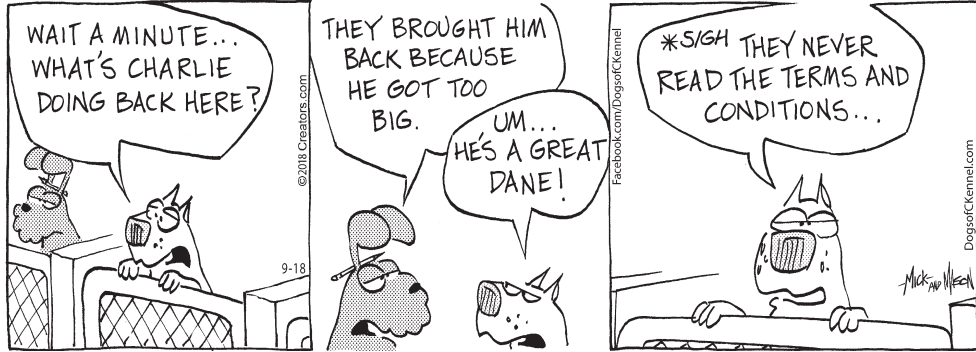
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Saudi sovereign fund invests \$1B in US electric car firm

JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund invested over \$1 billion Monday in an American electric car manufacturer just weeks after Tesla CEO Elon Musk earlier claimed the kingdom would help his own firm go private.

Tesla stock dropped briefly Monday in reaction to the news, the same day that the Saudi fund announced it had taken its first loan, an \$11 billion borrowing from global banks as it tries to expand its investments. It wasn't immediately clear if that loan money played a part in the electric-car investment.

The electric-car investment is a bold move for Saudi Arabia, an ultraconservative kingdom that for decades has relied on its oil wealth as the world's top crude exporter. But previous splashy market-moving promises by the kingdom's assertive Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have yet to materialize.

The Saudi Public Investment Fund said it would invest the over \$1 billion in Newark, California-based Lucid Motors, an 11-year-old private company that has yet to bring a vehicle to market.

The investment "will provide the necessary funding to commercially launch Lucid's first electric vehicle, the Lucid Air, in 2020,"

the sovereign wealth fund said in a statement. "The company plans to use the funding to complete engineering development and testing of the Lucid Air, construct its factory in Arizona, enter production for the Lucid Air to begin the global rollout of the company's retail strategy starting in North America."

Lucid issued a statement quoting Peter Rawlinson, its chief technology officer, welcoming the investment.

"At Lucid, we will demonstrate the full potential of the electric-connected vehicle in order to push the industry forward," said Rawlinson, who worked as the lead engineer of the Tesla Model S before joining Lucid.

The over \$1 billion investment easily dwarfs prior funding for the manufacturer and puts Saudi Arabia clearly in the firm's driver seat. Three previous venture funding rounds have netted Lucid Motors some \$131 million, according to the business information website crunchbase.com.

The firm's all-electric Lucid Air will have a range of over 400 miles (640 kilometers). The company already is taking deposits for the vehicle, which they've priced at \$52,500.

Lucid plans to make the Air at a factory it's building in Casa Grande, Arizona. The company wants to make up to 130,000 vehicles per year by 2022.

The Saudi announcement comes after

Musk on Aug. 7 tweeted that he had "funding secured" to take Tesla private. Investors pushed Tesla's shares up 11 percent in a day, boosting its valuation by \$6 billion.

There are multiple reports that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the disclosure, including asking board members what they knew about Musk's plans. Experts say regulators likely are investigating if Musk was truthful in the tweet about having the financing set for the deal. Musk later said the Saudi Public Investment Fund would be investing in the firm, something Saudi officials never commented on. Musk on Aug. 24 said Tesla would remain publicly traded.

On Monday, Tesla stock fell as much as 2 percent before rebounding. The Financial Times newspaper previously reported that the Saudi sovereign wealth fund, known by the acronym PIF, had secured a near 5-percent stake in Tesla recently.

Meanwhile Monday, the PIF said it had taken its first loan, an \$11 billion borrowing. It did not say how it would use the money, only describing it as going toward "general corporate purposes."

The Las Vegas-based Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute estimates the Saudi fund has holdings of \$250 billion. Those include a \$3.5 billion stake in the ride-sharing app Uber. The \$11 bil-

lion loan allows it to make further investments without divesting from its other holdings.

Saudi Arabia's 33-year-old Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whose father is King Salman, has talked about using the PIF to help diversify the economy of the kingdom, which relies almost entirely on money made from its oil sales.

However, other business promises made by the crown prince have yet to come to fruition. The most notable is his January 2016 pledge for an initial public offering of the state-run oil behemoth Saudi Aramco.

Officials have suggested the Saudi Arabian Oil Co. could have a valuation of \$2 trillion. In comparison, Apple in August became the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion.

But analysts have offered far lower valuations for Aramco and multiple delays have struck the project since. In August, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said the kingdom "committed to the IPO of Saudi Aramco at a time of its own choosing when conditions are optimum."

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