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Fresh Finds: Cape Seafood



Kate Cagle

FISH: Vegetables are not the only fresh food available at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.



KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

Sarah Rathbone wants to change the way you shop for seafood in the spring.

"I'm encouraging people to eat the unknown," Rathbone said on a recent Saturday at the Downtown farmers market. "Eat the fish you haven't heard about. All these tiny little boats are avoiding the bad weather and finding unusual species."

Cape Seafood and Provisions get their fish from a variety of hook and line fishermen based in Santa Barbara.

On that particular morning, a few of Rathbone's customers were playing with a half dozen Southern California Box Crabs. NOAA considers the crabs an "underutilized species" with tasty meat in the claws and legs. While commonly caught as bycatch, they rarely show up at the market. That's where farmers market fish purveyors like Cape Seafood and Provisions

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Students from across Santa Monica and beyond rally at City Hall



Angel Carreras

PROTEST: Students walked out of class on Friday to protest gun violence.

ANGEL CARRERAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

Even with a potential unexcused absence to their attendance record hanging over them, students around Santa Monica weren't deterred; On April 20, the anniversary of the Columbine High

School shootings, students across Santa Monica and L.A. were going to march, bus, uber, jump in a friends car and drive, or walk to City Hall to let their voices and message be heard. That message: end gun violence.

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DIY grow-kit company Plant Buddies looks to light up cannabis industry

ANGEL CARRERAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

We've all done it, even tangentially. Whether in the form of taking a bong rip, unfortunately inhaling at your friend's sister's quince, or eating what you swear was just a weird-tasting brownie, we've all had experiences with marijuana. It's become legal(ish) due to Prop 64

which has helped reform aspects of marijuana prohibition, but prices have gone up since regulation.

Keenan Chao (who prefers you just call him Keenan) is a budding entrepreneur looking to lower costs for cannabis users within the Santa Monica / Los Angeles areas with his DIY marijuana plant-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, April 21

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (downtown)

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood which offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Lego Club

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Sunday, April 22

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Zero Waste Earth Day at the Santa Monica Farmers Markets. In the spirit of Earth Day, the Santa Monica Farmers Markets want to inform their customers about how to make the most responsible choices when it comes to disposing of their waste! A team of eco-friendly volunteers will be standing by our waste receptacles to help customers sort their waste, answer "Can I compost this?" questions, and educate patrons in the process. Must RSVP at: <https://goo.gl/forms/3efAND6ctrlPa5x1> 2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Loves Art with Dinah Berland

Dinah Berland invites poets at all levels to experience the pleasures of "ekphrastic" poetry—the practice of writing poems in response to visual art. Participants in this workshop will read and discuss the work of master poets, look at art in a range of media and styles, and generate new poems within a supportive community of writers. Six-session commitment required. Series cost: \$90.00, drop-in \$20. Drop-ins can come directly to their class of choice to register onsite. Palisades Park. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23

Social Services Commission Meeting

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 7 p.m.

Airport Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Airport Commission meets the 4th Monday of each Month. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

ESL Classes at SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222 ext. 76203 to enroll. Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 24

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

Seven Steps to Managing Your Memory

Dr. Andrew Budson, professor of neurology at Boston University, uses clear language and short patient stories to teach seven simple steps for improving memory. Budson will answer many questions on topics such as changes in memory due to Alzheimer's versus normal aging, memory loss and medications, and tests and evaluations. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Malibu City of Malibu to Hold Public Safety Town Hall Meeting To Discuss Alerts and Warning Systems

The City of Malibu is holding a Public Safety Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to offer residents information about the range of emergency alert systems that are available to residents, how they work, how to sign up, and the best ways to incorporate alerts into emergency preparedness.

"Wildfires are the greatest threat to life and property in Malibu," said Mayor Rick Mullen, who works full-time as a Los Angeles County Fire Department Captain assigned to Fire Station 72 in Decker Canyon. "It is very important for fire preparedness to have emergency alert systems that are as reliable as possible, and the community needs to know how to use them as effectively as possible."

The meeting will feature presentations by the L.A. County Fire Department, L.A. County Sheriff's Department and Malibu's Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas. Sheriff and Fire representatives will provide information about the process of immediate response operations when a fire breaks out, how evacuations are initiated and when and how the alert systems are used.

The event is part of a series of regularly scheduled town hall meetings to discuss public safety related issues that impact Malibu. Topics include earthquakes, terrorist or active shooter incidents, storms and flooding.

Last year, California experienced catastrophic wildfires that claimed dozens of lives and destroyed thousands of homes and buildings. Malibu was extremely fortunate that there were no major wildfires last fall and winter when extremely high winds, warm temperatures and low humidity created some of the most dangerous fire conditions seen in years.

The fires in northern California and in Ventura County revealed weaknesses in the emergency alert systems that government agencies use to warn residents and conduct evacuations during fires and other disasters. The City of Malibu is working to ensure that its emergency alert systems are as effective as possible. Since the beginning of this year, the City has conducted three tests of its Disaster Mass Notification System to find potential weakness and areas of improvement, and to refine its ability to use the system as part of its overall emergency preparedness.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome to attend, no RSVPs are required. For more information, contact Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas at (310) 456-2489 ext. 313 or email SDuenas@malibucity.org.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MALIBU MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

SACRAMENTO Climate Resiliency & Watershed Protection Bill Passes Out of Committee

AB 2528, a measure that incorporates four state watersheds into the triennial California's Climate Adaptation Strategy report, has passed out Assembly Natural Resources on a 7-3 vote. The bill, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), will help the state create more climate resilient habitats and protect the state's largest estuaries and most pristine river systems.

"Climate change poses a considerable threat to our state's habitats and wildlife. Well managed habitats provide opportunities for energy generation, water storage, and carbon sequestration," said Assemblymember Bloom. "AB 2528 identifies four such habitat areas and makes sure we consider these zones as we contend with the impacts of climate change."

Every three years, the Natural Resources Agency, along with thirty different state agencies, compiles a report entitled California's Climate Adaptation Strategy. This report is a highly useful tool that directs the legislature, conservation organizations, and agencies to act to mitigate and adapt in the face of climate change. The Strategy addresses the new reality of decreasing availability of productive habitats, but is insufficient as currently drafted to adequately protect the best remaining watersheds. Source watersheds in the Shasta region supply an estimated 40% of the State's hydroelectric power generation and contribute 700 billion gallons of water to the Shasta Reservoir, yet they are under researched and under protected. There are also 200,000 acres of meadows in the Sierra Nevada, yet 90,000 of these ecosystems are degraded.

As the research evolves, it has become abundantly clear that certain watersheds will need to be more resilient as we move towards the realities of climate change.

AB 2528 identifies climate resilient habitat areas that offer the best opportunity to remain ecologically productive and amends the Climate Adaptation Strategy to include definitions of four watershed zones: salmon and steelhead strongholds, spring-fed source watersheds, mountain meadows, and estuaries. By adding these zones, the bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to research the importance of these resilient watershed areas in its next Climate Adaptation Strategy. By maintaining resiliency and mitigating the impacts of climate change in certain resilient watersheds, California can continue to maintain ecological function and support abundant wildlife into the future.

"While we may not spend a lot of time thinking about watersheds on a daily basis, they continually help sustain our ecosystems. Although we may not be able to mitigate every single impact of climate change, it is essential that that we maintain the resiliency of our watersheds," said Assemblymember Bloom.

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

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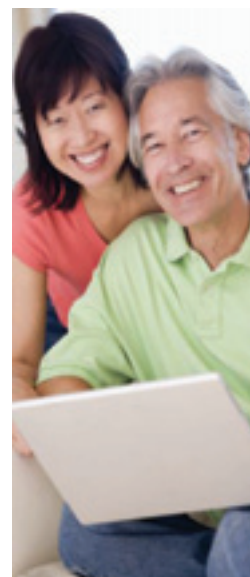
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growing business, Plant Buddies.

Keenan, 38, is an east coast transplant that moved to Santa Monica in 2009 saying it's "like nowhere else on earth." He studied engineering in college and dabbled in finance, which indirectly led the eventual-entrepreneur to the cannabis industry.

"I absolutely wanted to save money," Keenan says with a laugh during a phone call with the Daily Press. "I did not get into this as a growing-enthusiast by any means. Basically, I wanted to save a lot of money."

Money can easily be blown as a frequent marijuana user. Keenan estimates that with his mild marijuana usage, he was spending around \$200 a month at his local dispensary. Factor in occasionally broken smoking methods, and that price gets even higher.

Frustrated with spending his hard-earned money (he works as a tutor in the Santa Monica/Palisades area and helps students with SAT/ACT and college essay preparation) on something he uses for reasons both medical and leisure ("I see it more as a means for me to process the world around me rather than an escape"), he attempted to further learn about self-growing and cannabis culture — and, you know, save himself a few bucks.

Keenan studied the do's and don'ts of Prop 64 and with help from a Northern Californian friend, took baby steps towards what his business would eventually become.

They tinkered with the most "economic alternatives" of grow kits (a DIY marijuana grow kit with an LED light, tent, inline fan, and humidity monitors, to name just a few components) going through months of testing to find the "Goldilocks" of kits.

Then, they attempted growing their own supply of marijuana plants. The duo killed nearly 80% of the plants they initially tried to self-grow, but after "a whole lot of trial and error," eventually started seeing results.

"I don't have kids or pets, but man, I'll never forget seeing my first harvest," Keenan jestfully says. "Drying it up and using it, makes you appreciate what goes into growing, you look at it differently." In February, 2017, Plant Buddies was born.

Kits start off at \$599, with installation, set-up, and check-ups included. A steep price for some, but eventually, you'll reap the rewards, according to Keenan. "I've saved around \$3,000, easily," he says. "Customers have told me they've saved anywhere from \$150-\$500 a month."

Wanting to gain outreach and build a bigger community to educate others about self-growing and Plant Buddies, Keenan attended numerous cannabis-related events. However, he found himself not relating much to the culture, jokingly adding, "I thought I'd need to wear a tie-dye Grateful Dead shirt and grow a beard to start my business." Thus, a side venture of sorts was born: Westside Growers.

Westside Growers is an educational marijuana group that meets monthly in the Santa Monica Public Library. There, people from 20-60 years old, from students to seniors to veterans, meet with Keenan to learn things pertaining to marijuana such as laws, more about self-grow equipment, and where to find more resources. "I remember how daunting my first experiences were," he says. "I'm here to help."

Johny Yepez, an office manager for a hospitality public relations agency in the L.A. area, lives in Lawndale and came across Plant Buddies and Westside Growers via meetup.com. Yepez sought the group as he, too, was upset with the amount of money he was spending on his marijuana habit. Although Plant Buddies has an initial steep price, Yepez says he's already saved more money in the long run.

"Why should I be paying \$80 for a quarter of weed when this kit can consistently give me more than enough weed to satisfy my needs? It just made sense to me."

Yepez says both groups, especially the personal business touch, has been invaluable. "[Keenan] comes and installs it himself, which is amazing," Yepez says. "All you need do is set up the light, put on a timer, put in the plant, and that's it."

Although still small and mom-and-pop in scale, Keenan has hope that Plant Buddies and Westside Growers can become something more. However, his number one priority will always be helping others wanting to learn more about marijuana and growing.

"I take pride in everything we do," he says. "Installation, follow up, whatever, we're very much a part of you and want to make sure you're successful, even if it's not our kit. I know how happy this medicine can make you, especially once you become self-sustaining."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Westside Family Health Center's Director of Development Honored at LA Lakers Game

Westside Family Health Center's (WFHC) Director of Development, Celia Bernstein, received a Comerica Bank Best of LA Women's Business Award/Woman of Philanthropy before start of the LA Lakers game vs. Houston Rockets at STAPLES Center on Tuesday, April 10. The nomination was made by Hayana Kwon, SOCA CRA Market Manager, Community Reinvestment, Corporate Compliance for Comerica Bank. This is the ninth season that the Lakers and Comerica Bank have partnered to create a business awards program that recognizes women in leadership.

Kwon nominated Bernstein "in recognition of her outstanding dedication, leadership and passion in raising awareness, advocacy, and fundraising to empower patients to take an assertive role in caring for their well-being through all stages of their lives and by educating and providing affordable health care for the underserved and vulnerable populations in our community."

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Trump lawyer told put up or shut up to slow porn star suit

BY BRIAN MELLEY & MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's personal lawyer must declare in writing that his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination may be jeopardized if legal proceedings aren't delayed in a lawsuit filed by porn actress Stormy Daniels, a federal judge said Friday.

Los Angeles federal Judge S. James Otero said there were "gaping holes" in Michael Cohen's request for a delay and it was not enough for his attorney to file a statement on his behalf. He gave Cohen until Wednesday to do so himself.

Daniel's lawsuit is aimed at dissolving a confidentiality agreement that prevents her from talking about an alleged affair with Trump. She's also suing Cohen for defamation.

Cohen sought to delay the civil case 90 days after FBI agents raided his New York office and residence, seeking records about the \$130,000 agreement that Daniels signed days before the 2016 presidential election.

Otero, speaking from his experience on the bench and without knowledge of the investigation, said it was "substantially likely" there would be some criminal action.

"This is not your standard case," Otero said. "I would expect something big to follow."

Cohen's lawyer argued that because the criminal investigation overlaps issues in the lawsuit, Cohen's right against self-incrimination "may be adversely impacted if this case proceeds" because he won't be able to respond and defend himself.

Otero said attorney Brent Blakely had not shown a large enough overlap between the legal matters to justify a delay, though he noted the defense was in a conundrum because the "breadth and scope of the investigation is a mystery."

Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, said it was a "strategic and purposeful" decision by Cohen not to previously file a declara-

tion. Outside court, Avenatti said it was "clear to me Michael Cohen and the president do not want to publicly state" Cohen intends to invoke the Fifth Amendment.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has offered to return the \$130,000 so she can "set the record straight." She argues the agreement is legally invalid because it was only signed by her and Cohen, not by Trump.

Cohen, who has denied there was ever an affair, said he paid the money out of his pocket using a home equity loan. He has said neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Daniels and he was not reimbursed for the payment.

Trump answered questions about Daniels for the first time earlier this month and said he had no knowledge of the payment made by Cohen and didn't know where Cohen had gotten the money. The White House has repeatedly said Trump denies the affair.

Cohen's attorneys have accused Daniels of violating the confidentiality clauses more than 20 times and said she could be liable for \$1 million in damages for each violation.

Blakely said the agreement hadn't stopped Daniels from doing interviews with "60 Minutes" and "The View," and that Avenatti had done 53 television appearances, "54 if you count tonight's show with Bill Maher."

Otero agreed, saying several times that Daniels was "undeterred."

The case took on new significance last week when FBI agents raided Cohen's office, hotel and residence.

The agents were seeking any information on payments made to Daniels and a former Playboy model, Karen McDougal, according to people familiar with the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly.

The search warrants also sought bank records, records on Cohen's dealings in the taxi industry and his communications with the Trump campaign, the people said.

Your column here

By Abbie Grossman

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Preparing for a Natural Disaster

THIS PAST SUMMER, I TRAVELED TO JAPAN with the TOMODACHI-MUFG International Exchange Program, which aims to deepen the understanding between the United States and Japan and to educate the next generation about disaster preparedness and relief. On the trip, we visited several regions affected by the 2011 Great East Earthquake and Tsunami, such as Sendai and Minamisanriku.

I learned about the language, culture, traditions, and people of Japan, but I also learned about how important it is to be prepared for a natural disaster. We visited museums, historic sites, city centers and spoke with survivors of the disasters, and again and again their message was simple: be prepared.

I have lived in Santa Monica for my whole life, and I have known that our city lays right along several fault lines and the coast, which is reportedly long overdue for a major earthquake. And yet when I returned, having learned about the tragedies a natural disaster can cause, I was surprised at the lack of preparedness of so many people in my community, and their cavalier attitudes when I suggested they get prepared. Although the events of the 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan may seem like a distant, unlikely occurrence, the statistics of similar events happening in L.A. — and the consequences of not being prepared — are too high to be ignored.

SO HERE IS A BRIEF LIST OF ESSENTIAL STEPS IN ENSURING YOUR PREPAREDNESS:

1. Make a meeting spot with your family (easy to access, open, clear of buildings, etc.) It is important to know where you are going to meet ahead of time, as communication is often very difficult and limited in a time of crisis.

2. Get a survival kit together (full of supplies such as food, water, space blankets, portable toilets, cash, shoes, flashlights, etc.) Your kit should include items that would help in the case of numerous natural disasters, for fires, tsunamis, etc. often follow major earthquakes. Although it's important to keep your kit small and portable, it's better to be safe than sorry, so when in doubt pack the extra items that might be useful.

3. Run practice drills for various disasters so that when the time comes, you can remain calm and collected. This step is often overlooked, but is essential! Our natural instinct is to panic when put in stressful or new situations, and even more so in life-threatening ones, so the more practice you get, the better off you'll be.

Although this is not a comprehensive list, it will start you in the right direction—which we could all use.

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come into the picture.

"We take it all," Rathbone said. "It's not on us to say 'hey, go get us this.' It's the opposite."

That means with cool temperatures and unpredictable weather in the winter and spring, customers should look for shellfish over what Rathbone calls "the big, sexy sportfish."

Or even better, Rathbone encourages her customers to try something new, like Ocean Whitefish, a light, flaky fish that works great in ceviche. Cape Seafood also stocks smoked sturgeon, salmon, black cod and mackerel throughout the year. You can find them at the Saturday downtown market or at their brick and mortar location in West Hollywood.

Either place, Rathbone hopes you will linger and learn a little more about the fish that is destined for your plate.

"A lot of what we do is education and addressing 'fish fear,'" Rathbone said. "Honestly, when you have fish that's 48 hours out of the water you can't go wrong. My go-to is salt, pepper, oil, in a pan. Get comfortable with it. Enjoy yourself. It's very tasty."

Rathbone got involved with sustainable seafood after getting her masters degree in Marine Fisheries Management from the

University of California Santa Barbara. Then, she decided to get her hands dirty and spend the next year working on a fishing boat. A few years ago, she founded Dock to Dish L.A. to connect Los Angeles' top restaurants with freshly caught fish. Participating chefs rose to the challenging of crafting new dishes based on whatever the ocean provided that week.

Now, customers at Cape Seafood are doing the same.

"It's fresh and this is how fish should be eaten," Rathbone said.

High in protein, Omega 3 Fatty Acids and low in fat, Rathbone says her customers have a number of good reasons to buy her assorted catch week after week.

"You get to feel good about it," she said.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Angel Carreras

WALKOUT: Students from several local schools gathered at City Hall on Friday.



WALKOUT

FROM PAGE 1

Sidewalks spilled over with students marching towards City Hall, chanting various slogans as they arrived. “Hey hey, ho ho, NRA has got to go,” some chanted. Signs were held high, at times ironic and meme-related, some gravely serious in their message: “Will I be next?” read one sign, with painted handprints meant to evoke blood.

These students from high schools across the area — Samohi, University High School, Venice High School, Beverly Hills High School, Archer School for Girls, Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences, New Roads, and more—were united by their cause and organized by the Los Angeles Student Activist Coalition (LASAC). The student-formed-and-led activism group contains student activists from across the Los Angeles area and also organized the day’s rally.

Activities at the rally included handing out informational pamphlets concerning gun control with advice on how to contact

your representatives, sign making, and speeches from students and various organizations, to name a few.

Ryan Biehl, a 10th grader at Beverly Hills High, manned a booth dedicated to voter pre-registration at the rally. Biehl helped organize his school’s walkout on March 14 and eventually got contacted by someone from LASAC to help in the day’s festivities. Biehl said he made it a point to travel to city hall, despite any disciplinary measures, to help register disgruntled students to make a difference in future elections.

“I’ve been doing lockdown drills since I was in kindergarten and I’m sick of it,” Biehl said. “I don’t want to practice how to die anymore. I came here to change things and hopefully make kids feel safe.”

Lea Yamashiro, an organizer and media outreach specialist for LASAC, said in an email previous to the rally that LASAC will continue their activism and organizing past this event, taking on “other issues as a group and take advantage of our momentum and strong, collective voice.”

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON APRIL 13, AT ABOUT 3:14 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 1500 block of Alley 5, officers saw two subjects, a male and female, taking refuse from a city dumpster, a violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code Officers stopped and detained the subjects. The female subject admitted to possessing methamphetamine and a narcotics smoking pipe. A search of the male subject led to the recovery of several dangerous weapons to include several fixed blade knives and a pair of brass knuckles with fixed blades attached. The weapons were located in the subject's backpack Both subjects were taken into custody. Tyrone Valiant, 70, from Los Angeles was arrested for carrying a concealed dirk/dagger and possession of brass knuckles. Bail was set at \$5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 345 Calls For Service On Apr. 19.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Petty theft 17th / Colorado 12:04 a.m.
Battery 5th / Colorado 12:09 a.m.
Battery 5th / Colorado 12:34 a.m.
Trespassing 500 block Broadway 12:58 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block 2nd 2:43 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block 7th 6:03 a.m.
Trespassing 3000 block Nebraska 6:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Expo 7:31 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 23rd 7:52 a.m.
Stalking 1600 block Wilshire 8:05 a.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 20th 8:21 a.m.
Grand theft auto 700 block Idaho 8:29 a.m.
Traffic collision 200 block PCH 8:51 a.m.
Auto burglary 22nd / California 9:08 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2800 block Colorado 9:12 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 9:19 a.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Kansas 9:27 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2600 block Pearl 10:32 a.m.

Trespassing 1200 block Wilshire 10:51 a.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block Pico 11:07 a.m.
Elder abuse 500 block Olympic 11:07 a.m.
Elder abuse 2900 block Virginia 11:22 a.m.
Person down 1900 block The Beach 11:59 a.m.
Fire Ocean / Broadway 12:03 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block Euclid 12:11 p.m.
Transport 1200 block Franklin 12:11 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block Hollister 12:21 p.m.
Identity theft 900 block Wilshire 12:59 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Frank 1:01 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica 1:03 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block Hollister 1:47 p.m.
Hit and run 26th / Montana 2:04 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block 2nd 2:09 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 23rd 2:32 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 17th 3:10 p.m.
Attempt burglary 2500 block Airport 3:42 p.m.
Bike theft 2800 block Ocean 3:45 p.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 22nd 3:53 p.m.
Lewd activity Main / Hill 3:53 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1000 block 26th 4:08 p.m.
Domestic violence 1200 block 17th 4:37 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Santa Monica 4:44 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block 10th 4:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 25 Calls For Service On Apr. 19.

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Emergency Medical Service 2400 block Chelsea 12:29 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean Park 4:00 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 6:12 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 8:10 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 8:44 a.m.
EMS 100 block Kinney 9:12 a.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Pico 9:14 a.m.

EMS 1000 block 19th 9:25 a.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Kansas 9:29 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 11:54 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Stewart 12:19 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Wilshire 12:51 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 1:58 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:14 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 3:37 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Appian 4:11 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Pico 4:31 p.m.
EMS Lincoln / Pico 5:30 p.m.
EMS 100 block California 7:17 p.m.
EMS 200 block Wilshire 9:07 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 2nd 9:24 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Main 9:59 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Main 9:59 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Oak 10:48 p.m.



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9 10 12 17 23
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 142M



Draw Date: 4/17
12 34 44 47 65
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 80M



Draw Date: 4/18
1 9 18 25 32
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 7M



Draw Date: 4/19
11 13 22 27 39



Draw Date: 4/19
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EVENING: 6 7 4



Draw Date: 4/19
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2nd: 01 Gold Rush
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Donation Nation

■ Dutch lawmakers have approved a new measure that signs up every citizen as a potential organ donor unless they choose to opt out. It's an effort to ease the global, chronic shortage of donor organs and reduce transplant waitlists. Under the new law, every Dutch citizen over the age of 18 who hasn't registered as an organ donor will receive a letter asking if they'd like to become one. If they don't respond, they will automatically be considered to be organ donors.

■ Other nations are considering similar measures, though critics assert the approach places too much government control over an individual's body. In the U.S., similar efforts were introduced in Connecticut and Texas last year, but neither became law.

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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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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Family that includes roses

6 Victorian-era carriage

10 West point with no residents

14 Bizarre, hard-to-escape situation

16 Generic of a sort

17 Battery side?

18 Twainesque expletive

19 Black-eyed pea's Asian cousin

20 Narragansett and Chesapeake, to geologists

21 Grinchesque expletive

22 Cross-country option

23 Supernatural signs

25 They're brushed to keep clean

27 Reachable with comparable effort

29 Guaranteeing

33 It might move stuff before moving

35 Squeaky but remediable

37 C or D, e.g.

38 Newspaper critic's area

40 Managed

41 Often-insincere approval

42 Was a sub

44 Game of Games name (2018)

46 Violative act

47 Sleeping spot

51 Mom in Disney's Hercules

52 "Don't try so hard"

55 Pantene sister brand

56 Evinced interest

57 Geometric starter

58 Cheaper or water down

59 Safety zones

60 Defying expectations?

61 Most works in a Catalanian museum

DOWN

1 Grand, as some staircases

2 Vacay

3 Mediterranean "party island"

4 ___ face

5 Play area with rounded corners

6 Simple elegance, in Japanese art

7 Trust facilitator

8 Latin word for "seaweed"

9 Two-choice, at times

10 Ready to post

11 Central Pacific collection

12 Subway line selection

13 Butte Boot brand

15 They're paid with gratitude

24 Typical Spidey foe

25 Manual recognition

26 Start of seven California county names

28 Promotion requirement, at times

29 Delivered, as 15 Down

30 10-12 minute production

31 Wall fixture

32 Five-nation range

34 Cow, e.g.

36 Start to affect

39 Boot

43 Ice-into-glass by-product

45 Inborn

47 Hindu maxims

48 What IBM first called Sonoran Sans Serif

49 Plants avoided by herbivores

50 All the works in a Bern museum

51 Savannah's co-anchor since January 2nd

53 End of Beethoven's Eighth

54 Odd-___ (rhino descriptor)

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 21)

Though you're striving to need and use less, somehow cutbacks only make you richer this year – that is to say, richer in what really matters. You'll see more of the world. Relationships will go in an interesting direction, one that invites you to hone your talents and take them in a more public and lucrative direction. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 22, 9 and 12.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can't stay cocooned in your own private drama: There's too much you'd miss. The world won't come to you. You'll have to break out of your bubble and find what's worth getting into.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You encourage others along the path of their choosing even when you're not into it, don't understand it or don't quite agree with it. This is love. And it's why your relationships stay strong (and interesting!).

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Today will play out a bit like a suspense/thriller. It's not that you think the best is yet to come. You just want to see how it turns out. And you'll have excellent company in this fascination with what's next.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
So you care, just a little, what they think... so what? It's only smart to actively try to influence people's impressions of you. As much as you'd like it not to matter, it does. Most of the work will center on dress and deportment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The quickest way to end an argument is to lose it. "Sorry, my bad" lets the air out of the tires of the argument and may land on extremely satisfied ears. You could also pivot and walk, but it won't be the end, just a pause in the middle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The schoolyard rules of love still apply. The one who is trying to get your attention likes you. The quality of attention they draw out matters little. They may seek to irritate you because that's what they know best. Still, they like you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Take things out of the social media realm and into the real world, where it's people relating to people, and the need to impress or persuade is trumped by the need to understand and be understood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
A burden will be lifted in the next four weeks. Giving credit where credit is due will bring luck. Often this will involve honoring the spiritual aspects of your life and the many ways love shows up in your world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
People are always deciding things about one another – even perfect strangers. There's no getting around it: They are making their impressions of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
One way is to set a goal, attain it then reward yourself. Skip that last part, and what's the point? If you're going to skip something, skip the first part and just celebrate yourself. Maybe you shouldn't always have to work for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Are you where you are because of who you are? You know you're moving in the patterns that work for your current story of yourself, and yet you're also struggling to emerge, to establish a different pattern and a new story.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The ones who ask for things without first ingratiating themselves, building rapport with you or letting you know what might be in it for you – don't waste your time with them. You're too valuable for that.

Toughened by the Taurus Sun

No one is successful without cultivating a familiar relationship with rejection. As with most familiar relationships, an ease of handling comes with the intimate knowledge of the dynamics at play. The sun in Taurus toughens us up with the reminder that we have nothing to lose by risking rejection. We either get our way or get smarter.

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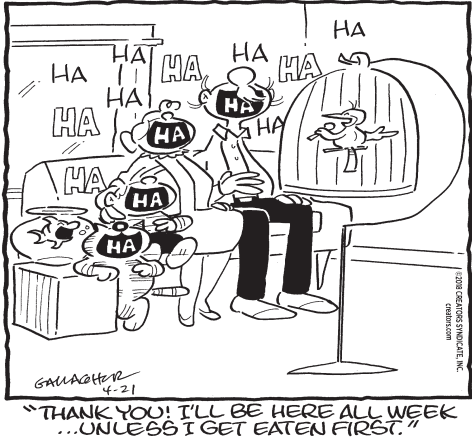


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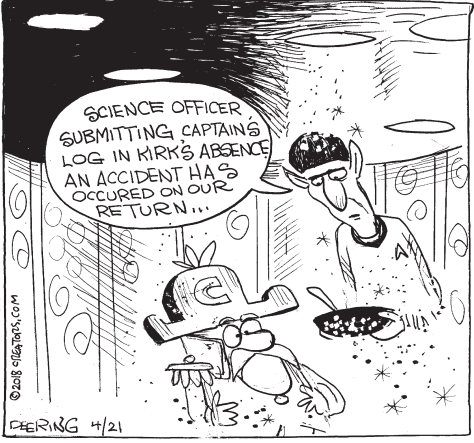
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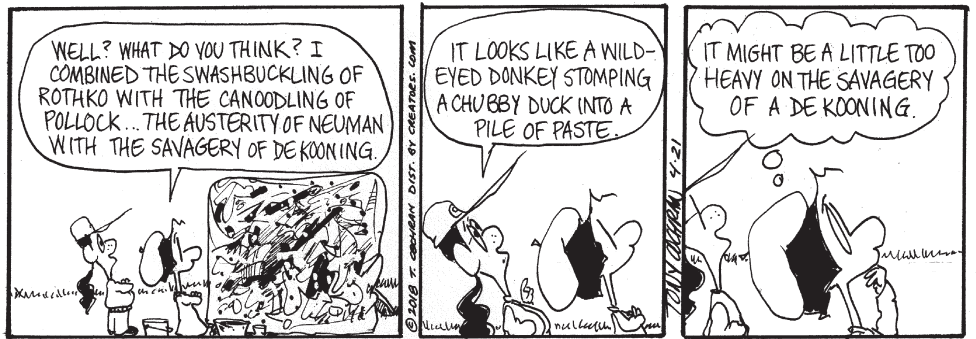
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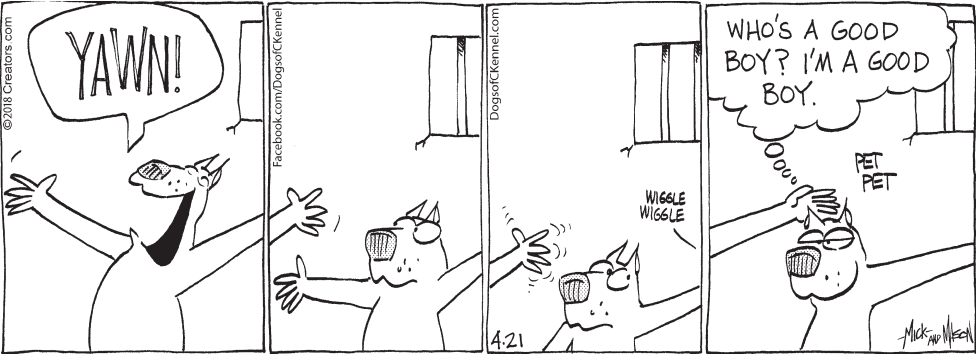
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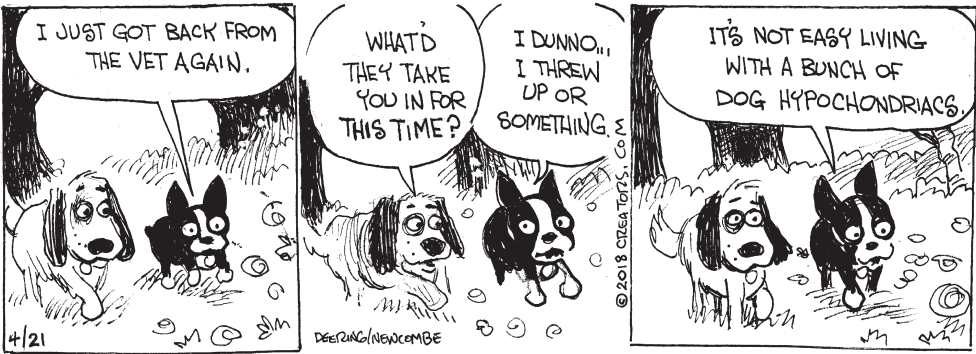
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Westside Food Bank Receives Award from West LA VA for Volunteer Services

BY AVIVA KRAUS
Westside Food Bank

On April 17th, Westside Food Bank's Director of Volunteer Services, Allison Griffith, accepted a Distinguished Honor Award on behalf of the organization from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Healthcare System's Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon. The event marked the West LA VA's celebration



of National Volunteer Week, which took place from April 16th through 21st this year.

Westside Food Bank distributes food through the services of its more than 65 member agencies located throughout Santa Monica and Western Los Angeles County, with most of the food going to individuals and families receiving free groceries at food pantries. In response to the great need among veterans in Los Angeles, Westside Food Bank also provides nutritious food for veterans, through lunch bag drop-offs at multiple VA sites and a free farmers' market-style produce distribution near the VA's main hospital building.

With the help of VA volunteers, Allison Griffith operates the produce distribution, which serves around 150 veterans each week. Fruit and vegetables provided by the food bank are healthy, fresh, and chosen with sensitivity for veterans with medically restrictive diets. Depending on the week, veterans are also offered prepared meals, snack bars, and canned items. These high-protein, low-fat items are especially helpful to veterans being discharged from the VA hospital, who may need help getting back on their feet, or for homeless veterans seeking treatment and services from other West LA VA residential or outpatient programs.

"I love getting to know the volunteers and veterans who come each week," says Griffith, "and hearing about the unique recipes they



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VOLUNTEERS: The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs has recognized local volunteers.

create with the food they receive from Westside Food Bank."

Since 2012, Westside Food Bank has also built and operated garden beds surrounding the Heroes' Golf Course on the West LA VA campus. Food harvested from these gardens supplements the produce distribution, and is provided to an on-campus teaching kitchen for veterans run by UCLA.

"We're honored to receive this award," Griffith added. "There are so many deserving veterans who served bravely and are now in need. We love being able to provide some of that help, and we hope to do even more in the years to come."

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