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Residents near Chess Park say arrests, complaints yield little results

KATE CAGLE

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When Tom Lackey moved into this ocean front apartment thirty years ago, he thought he'd found paradise.

"Originally it was a dream come true," Lackey said. "The first thing I saw in the morning and the last thing I saw at night was the sea. It was peace."

But the pictures of Lackey's view on Thursday morning evoke the opposite of tranquility. His photos, which have been shared with police, show a homeless man openly masturbating at Chess Park. Lackey said he didn't realize what was happening until he got a closer look through his lens.

"I couldn't believe this," Lackey

said. "Once again, it was a kick straight into my stomach."

The Daily Press has chosen not to publish the pictures because of their graphic nature. They illustrate the grim reality of Chess Park - the beachside park has become a place chess players, parents, and locals avoid. Pictures and videos taken by residents have captured public sex, drug use, paraphernalia and weapons at the .29 acre park near Seaside Terrace. Players have been attacked in the middle of matches.

Local leaders have been aware of the issue for more than a year. However, little has changed since August, 2017, when the Daily Press published the headline "Crime is king at Santa Monica Chess Park."

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Santa Monica Pier showcases series of summer events

ANGEL CARRERAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

While the city of Santa Monica itself is a hotbed for tourist attraction, there's always one instagrammable landmark that stands out from the rest, and for good reason: the Pier.

With a boardwalk that stretches to the infinite of the ocean's horizon, the Pier has anything anyone could possibly want — food, an amusement park, and even horrifyingly authentic impersonators of international despots.

This summer, the Pier aims to engage the community with it's Summer Series Pier.We.Go., a triad of events held directly on the Pier from July to August.

With the Pier's wildly popular Twilight Concert Series moved to

the fall season, Santa Monica Pier Corporation Executive Director Negin Singh helped put together the diverse events that comprise Pier.We.Go. The summer-long programming is meant to give residents and tourists a "world-class experience every week."

"It's time to check back in with this jewel of the city," Singh said. "These events are all about engagement and connection with yourself, the city, and others around you."

Kicking off the Santa Monica Pier Corporation's event is ROGA. No, that's not Scooby Doo's enunciation of 'yoga', it's a portmanteau of 'running' and 'yoga'. Dubbed "The Workout by the Waves" in a press release, ROGA has participants line up beneath the Pier sign

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Fresh Finds: Stone fruit



Kate Cagle

PEACHY: Peaches, plums and apricots are in season at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

If you want a good peach, you are sure to find one on Arizona Avenue these days. Simply stand at the front of the booth for Andy's Orchard each Wednesday at the Downtown Farmers Market, lean forward and pick a piece of paradise from either a peach, plum or apricot.

If you want a good story, however, you should wander toward the back of the booth. That's where you'll likely find David Karp, the self-proclaimed and nationally renowned 'fruit detective.'

"I'm very fond of my customers and I like to hook them up with some great fruit," Karp said on a recent Wednesday in July as he directed the pastry chef from Craft in Century City to his four boxes of Santa Rosa Plums. A label on the box promised "famous Santa Rosa flavor - both tart at the skin and at the stone, but in between pure succulence with a sweet, classic, 'plummy' flavor."

Pastry Chef Shannon Swindle said the plums would most likely end up served raw, no extra sweetness or time in the oven necessary.

The professionals at Andy's Orchard are ded-



icated to growing the best varieties in the best climate. They sell their fruit in Santa Monica for only three months - typically picking the last peaches and plums before the end of August.

While Karp himself has been published, interviewed and featured in major magazines like The New Yorker, Smithsonian, Gourmet and more, when speaking to the Daily Press about his produce he preferred to lavish praise

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 14

Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook

Something terrible happened to Junie B. Jones at school today! Someone stole her new furry mittens! So when she finds a cool pen, she should be allowed to keep it, right? Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook is a hilarious and heartfelt play based on the best-selling book series about everyone's favorite kindergartner. July 14-29 at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Blvd. www.morgan-wixson.org or call (310) 828-7519.

Anniversary Celebration

Enjoy a magical afternoon of remembrance, musical entertainment and delicious refreshments at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Vocalists, Jennifer and Andy Warren, will perform popular songs from favorite operas and Broadway musicals. There will also be a 50% Off Anniversary Sale in the Friends Bookstore through July 31. Call (310) 575-8273 for more information. 2 p.m.

Lawn Bowling - Open House

The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling and experience how much fun it is. Sessions are at 10 a.m. and noon every Saturday in July at Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes - they provide everything else.

Two-Part Moldmaking with Brittany Ransom

Construct a mold box using pre-cut parts to create a replica of a three-dimensional object. Together with the instructor, participants will mix their own silicon to cast an object and make a copy of it in plaster. This is a single class that covers 2-part moldmaking (not a two-session class.) Bring a small three-dimensional durable non-precious item to cast (plastic, metal, stone etc.) that is no larger than 2x2x2 inches. If desired an apron would be appropriate to wear. Rubber gloves for mixing will be provided. \$10 + \$10 cash material fee due to instructor. 1450 Ocean, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/65730

Movie Screening -- Comix: Beyond the Comic Book Pages

Comix is an award-winning, family-friendly documentary for comic book lovers of all ages, featuring some of the greatest talent in the industry. Stan Lee (co-creator of the Marvel Universe), Frank Miller (Batman: The Dark Knight), and other comic book creators, publishers and fans discuss their passion for the industry. Q&A with film creator Michael Valentine and composer Michael Crane follows the screening. Learn more at comixthemovie.com. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 4 p.m.

Lensed Cyanotypes with Brittany & Melissa

Cyanotypes use a photographic printing process that produces a cyan-blue print. Guest instructor Melissa Tran is an artist and educator who is an Assistant Curator at the Torrance Art Museum and Educator at MOCA. Her work stems from an ongoing interest in traces, such as through identity and culture that run parallel to her interest in static and moving images as remnants of what once was. 1450 Ocean, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 + \$5 cash material fee due to instructor. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/65737

Digital Security

Learn to secure your personal data, control privacy in your online accounts, and avoid threats such as phishing. Taught by Painted brain. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ukulele Saturdays

Learn to play the "happiest instrument in the world!" Heidi Swedberg of Sukey Jump Music teaches you how in this free, four-week series of classes. Registration required. Class size and instruments are limited. Email libraryprograms@smgov.net. Include participant's name and age level, and let us know if you will bring your own ukulele or need to borrow one from the library. 10:30 to 11 a.m.: Ages 5-8 with participating adult (SESSION FULL). 11:30 a.m. to noon: Ages 8-12. 1 to 2 p.m.: Adults and teens (SESSION FULL) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Woman charged with hacking Selena Gomez’s email

A woman has been charged with 11 felonies stemming from the hacking of the email of Selena Gomez and one of the singer’s associates.

Los Angeles County prosecutors said Friday that 21-year-old Susan Antrach of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, has been charged with five identity-theft counts, five fraud counts and one count of accessing and using data without permission. The charges are felonies that collectively could get her nearly 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors allege Antrach accessed the accounts of the 25-year-old Gomez and the unnamed associate several times in 2015 and 2016, and also posted private media from the accounts online.

Antrach has not entered a plea. Prosecutors did not know if she has hired an attorney who could comment, and no phone listing could be found for her.

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LOS ANGELES
California officer pleads guilty to lying about mafia ties

A Los Angeles-area police officer has pleaded guilty to lying to investigators looking into whether he has connections to the Mexican Mafia and Armenian organized crime.

Court records say Glendale police Detective John Balian pleaded guilty Thursday to all three charges he was facing – bribery, obstruction of justice and lying. His sentencing is set for Sept. 24.

Balian, who was arrested in May at his home in Seal Beach, pleaded guilty as part of a deal with prosecutors.

Prosecutors say a Mexican Mafia associate told investigators that Balian relayed key law enforcement information to criminals about investigations and was involved in extortion plots.

When investigators interviewed Balian, prosecutors say he lied to hide associations with gang members, the Mexican Mafia and Armenian organized crime.

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LOS ANGELES
2 sentenced in murder of Chinese grad student in Los Angeles

A woman has been sentenced to life in prison for the beating death of a University of Southern California graduate student from China, and a co-defendant was given a term of 15 years to life.

Twenty-year-old Alejandra Guerrero was sentenced Friday on a first-degree murder conviction in the 2014 attack on engineering student Xinran Ji. Her prison term is without possibility of parole.

Authorities say Guerrero got out of a car to beat Ji with a wrench, while 23-year-old co-defendant Jonathan Del Carmen remained in the car. Del Carmen pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney John McKinney says after the attack Ji staggered to his off-campus apartment where he died.

A third co-defendant is already serving life without parole and a fourth is awaiting trial.

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ALHAMBRA
Baby sitter pleads not guilty to leaving boy, 6, in hot car

A baby sitter accused of leaving a boy in a hot car has pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The District Attorney’s Office says 60-year-old Helen Law entered the plea Friday to one felony count of child abuse.

Prosecutors say Law was baby-sitting a 6-year-old boy on June 12 when she left him in the locked car for more than an hour while she had lunch at a restaurant in suburban Alhambra.

A passer-by saw the boy crying in the car and called police, who removed the boy and found Law.

If convicted as charged, Law faces up to six years in state prison.

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SACRAMENTO
Woman pleads guilty in California movie studio fraud case

A California woman has pleaded guilty to fraud charges related to a phony film studio project.

Federal prosecutors say 55-year-old Carissa Carpenter bilked investors and municipalities out of millions of dollars that were supposed to build a movie studio in Northern California.

Prosecutors say Carpenter never bought property for the studio and the Hollywood executives and business firms she claimed backed the project had little or no involvement.

Instead, authorities say Carpenter used investors’ money to support an extravagant lifestyle.

She pleaded guilty Thursday to two counts of mail fraud and one count of lying to a federal agent.

She could face more than 20 years in prison.

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Citywide
It’s Election Season

The Nomination Period for three seats on the City Council, three seats on the Rent Control Board, four seats on the Santa Monica College District Board, and four seats on the Santa Monica-Malibu School District Board starts on Monday, July 16.

Interested candidates are invited to attend Candidate Workshops on July 16 at 8:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. to learn about the nomination process and pick up forms. Completed forms must be filed by the last day of the Nomination Period on Friday, August 10 at 5 p.m.

Visit smvote.org for more official election information.

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SAN FRANCISCO
Suspected California rapist posed as ride-hailing driver

San Francisco police say a serial rape suspect has been arrested after he allegedly preyed on women by posing as a ride-hailing driver and picking up women waiting for rides.

Police said Friday that 37-year-old Orlando Vilchez Lazo of San Mateo was arrested on multiple charges including four counts each of felony rape, false imprisonment, kidnapping and assault.

Vilchez Lazo allegedly committed at least four rapes, one in 2013 and three this year, with the most recent attack in June. Commander Greg McEachren says he often waited outside bars late at night, then drove to other locations.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that Vilchez Lazo was being held at the San Francisco Jail on \$4.2 million bail. It could not immediately be determined if he has a lawyer.

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LOS ANGELES
California man sentenced for bondage sex rapes, murder

A Southern California man who raped four unconscious women during bondage sex and killed one of them has been sentenced to 286 years to life in prison.

Thirty-three-year-old Kevon Ross of Gardena was sentenced Friday. He was convicted in May of more than two dozen charges, including first-degree murder.

Authorities say Ross raped a girlfriend in 2007 and three other women in 2015.

Prosecutors say Ross bound the women and covered their mouths and noses or, in one case, hung one from a noose. When they were unconscious, he videotaped himself having sex with them.

Prosecutors say video caught one woman dying from suffocation after she was wrapped in cellophane and duct tape.

The defense argued that the alleged crimes were consensual sex and the death was accidental.

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Proposal Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Consultant is required to have a City of Santa Monica Business license at the time of bid submission. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.



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POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 6 de noviembre de 2018, para los siguientes funcionarios:

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El período de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 16 de julio de 2018 y cierra el 10 de agosto de 2018 a las 5:00 p.m. Dos talleres de candidatos se celebrarán el 16 de julio de 2018 a las 8:30 a.m. y 4:30 p.m. en el ayuntamiento, en la sala del Consejo.

Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 10 de agosto de 2018, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de la elección, el 15 de agosto de 2018, para nominar otros candidatos que no sean la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

Si no se nombra a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

Los centros electorales estarán abiertos entre las 7:00 am. y 8:00 pm.

/s/ Denise Anderson-Warren, Secretaria Municipal

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Wrong solution

Editor:

The city's focus must be on public safety.

The primary issue for the city should be considering how to keep scooters from being dropped in front of doorways and the middle of sidewalks. The city should also consider how to keep riders off sidewalks. At 15 mph it's too dangerous a place to share with seniors, wandering children, dogs on leashes, pedestrians and pedestrians focused on their phones.

Gary Reiss
Santa Monica

Television academy: thumbs down on the latest reboots

DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

Television executives and many viewers love the idea of reviving series and ideas from the past. Emmy voters? Not so much.

"Roseanne" quickly became television's top-rated comedy upon its return, until ABC pulled the plug following star Roseanne Barr's racist tweet. The series was not among the eight comedies nominated for an Emmy on Thursday, however. Laurie Metcalf earned a supporting actress nod, but Barr and Conner family patriarch John Goodman were ignored.

Similarly, NBC's "Will & Grace" reboot didn't earn a comedy nomination despite solid reviews. Of the four main stars, only Megan Mullally has the chance to bring home some hardware from the September show. Sean Hayes' absence was a particular surprise.

Popularity doesn't indicate much with the television academy, anyway. "Young Sheldon," a spinoff of CBS' popular "The Big Bang Theory," got no Emmy love, either. "The Walking Dead" got little respect from the Emmys when it was a sensation; still popular but fading, the show still isn't recognized.

Being a returning series — as opposed to something shiny, new or streaming — seemed to hurt "Twin Peaks." The Showtime reboot won't compete in the limited series category. Actor Kyle MacLachlan similarly did not earn an actor's nomination.

"Game of Thrones" and "The Handmaid's Tale" were no surprises with big nomination hauls in the drama categories. Although "Game of Thrones" actors Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Peter Dinklage and Lena Headey will compete for supporting actor trophies, the Emmys stubbornly refuse to consider the show's stars for the top acting trophies, probably because it's in the fantasy realm, said Tom O'Neil, editor of the awards handicapping web site Gold Derby.

"For the lead roles, they want pretension and 'Game of Thrones' doesn't deliver that," O'Neil said.

In the major categories, both HBO's hitman comedy "Barry" and the drama "Westworld" overperformed in terms of expected nominations, setting up some spirited competition, O'Neil said. For example, many critics anticipated "Atlanta" and "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" would be the top contenders for best comedy, but "Barry" can't be counted out, he said.

Mandy Moore of "This is Us" and Al Pacino, who portrayed the late Penn State football coach Joe Paterno in an HBO movie, were other actors whose absence from the nominations can be characterized as a surprise.

"Tonight" show host Jimmy Fallon struck out as a nominee, perhaps because of a long-held belief that he went too easy on Donald Trump during a 2016 campaign interview. He's been snubbed before; Fallon was nominated in 2015 and didn't win.

Some Trump-unfriendly talk show hosts — Stephen Colbert, Trevor Noah and Jimmy Kimmel — were nominated, as was Samantha Bee of TBS' "Full Frontal." She attracted heat this spring for a lewd comment about Ivanka Trump.

Just to show that not all comics who aggressively go after the president were recognized — or maybe that the genre has gotten so large — HBO's Bill Maher and NBC's Seth Meyers were left out.

Last month Entertainment Weekly posed the question: "Why do the Emmys keep snubbing Jeff Probst?" No answer, but the "Survivor" host was again among the missing when nominations for reality show host were issued Thursday. So was the CBS show itself, arguably the granddaddy of the genre and still popular among viewers.

Count "American Idol," now on ABC, as another one of television's reboots sniffed at by the television academy.

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Motorized madness coming to an end on the beach path

We began this week planning to talk about scooters on the beach path and we started with some simple questions: what are the rules, who makes them and who enforces them. It turns out, those were not simple at all and the answers changed almost up to our print deadline. However, some clarity has emerged from the haze.

The scooters have caused confusion in many cities because most regulations don't account for them. Their size, speed, motor type and the option to power them with a kick borrow from just enough existing vehicle concepts to defy easy classification. These problems have been magnified in an area like the beach where multiple jurisdictions have a vote in the regulatory process.

As of now, all city departments have settled on a definition and classification for the scooter. Both enforcement (police/city attorney) and regulatory (Council/staff) divisions will consider them vehicles, a designation that will actually apply to most forms of transport that have a motor.

The definition is critically important because as vehicles, they will be subject to a pair of municipal code sections that will specifically ban them from the beach path. This definition will limit the local path to pedestrians and things with wheels but not motors. A few exceptions are made for wheelchairs and electric bicycles (because bicycles are allowed by name according to the code).

However, defining (and therefore regulating) scooters in Santa Monica doesn't settle the issue because the path stretches 22-miles across local, county and state jurisdictions. At any point, the rules on what can and can't be on the path may change. Just because our local jurisdiction picked the "vehicle" definition doesn't mean everyone else will. Scooters have their own definition in California law and they could qualify in a third category as an electrical assisted mobility device. The scooters could jump on and

off the path based on patchwork regulation that varies by their perceived transit type.

That's why Santa Monica is currently working closely with the County to develop a more iron-clad and hopefully universal understanding of the system but that work can't (and won't) delay the end goal of this recent administrative discussion: the ban-hammer is coming.

A significant enforcement operation is anticipated locally and from everything we've learned this week, it will include the beach path. City officials said the City Attorney's office is ready to enforce rules from the California Vehicle Code (despite concerns that some past tickets have been dismissed) and the local rules.

This may come too late for scooter-haters and fans will no-doubt bemoan the crack-down but this should actually be good for everyone.

Nothing will motivate compliance quite as fast as a \$190 ticket, except perhaps a second fine. If the goal is to change rider behavior, strict and repeated enforcement is the best way to go.

For the companies, this is an opportunity to show where their priorities actually fall. If Bird, Lime and co. want to be legitimate players in the future of urban transport, they shouldn't be afraid of weeding out the bad actors. The beach path isn't about first/last mile transportation and the wealth of under-age riders is only a liability for the company.

The beach path is one of many issues raised by the new transit options and this won't be the last time a new idea upsets the balance along the ocean but hopefully, the anticipated increase in attention will calm some of the local ire just in time to get riled up again about election season.

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CHESSE PARK

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In the past, Santa Monica police have said the park faces the same challenges as other public spaces throughout the city, which also see their share of criminal behavior. The temporary presence of police may shift the problem elsewhere, with the criminal element returning once the cops move on. Police say they don't have the resources to keep police officers in parks around the clock.

In Thursday's incident, Lackey called police as he snapped photos to document the crime. After the man ended the lewd behavior, Lackey said he appeared to take

drugs and then fell asleep in front of a chess board. Moments later, Lackey's photos show a father and young son sitting nearby with a stroller and box of crayons.

"It was so vile," Lackey said. "This is known as a kid's park."

Police arrested the 25-year-old man and Lackey handed his photos over as evidence. The location scout hopes police will do more to make the park feel safe and protect children who want to play chess or visit the nearby aquarium.

"This is good versus evil," Lackey said. "That's the bottom line. And this was horrifying."

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FRESH

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on his business partner.

"Andy Mariani is the patron saint of specialty stone fruit in California," Karp said. "There's nobody like him in the world. He is a living treasure."

Karp met Mariani nearly thirty years ago while researching apricots for an article. The two bonded over their obsession with great tasting fruit.

The Mariani family began growing quality fruit in the Santa Clara Valley in 1957, when they bought a sunny, south-facing swath of land, according to the company's website. Andy is the second generation and now maintains one of the largest collections of stone fruit varieties on the west coast.

Visitors to the farm in Morgan Hill can meet Andy himself, who gives tours of the land. Karp says the location is the key factor in producing delicious stone fruit.

"Where Andy grows, it's warm enough during the day to sweeten the fruit, but cools down at night, which is crucial for letting the fruit stay on the tree to develop full color and flavor," Karp said. He says the duo seek to attain "high flavor" in every bite, a Victorian term that connotes sweetness, acidity and aroma.

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"Gentlemen would bond over fruit in the same way they would today over a game of golf or a bottle of wine," Karp said.

Those gentlemen would likely be dismayed by the state of stone fruit in the grocery store aisle, where peaches and apricots are grown where land is cheap rather than ideal and picked before ripe, resulting in tougher, mealier, sour specimens.

In contrast, stone fruits in Andy's Orchard are allowed to linger on the tree and picked at the last moment. Each bite is soft, sweet and juicy. There is, of course, a downside to bringing boxes off tree-ripened fruit down the coast to Santa Monica - a short shelf life.

"Andy picks ripe to a fault," Karp said.

Meaning anything brought home from the Wednesday market should be enjoyed immediately.

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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PIER EVENTS

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at 8 a.m. by Colorado and Ocean to engage in a warm-up run (2 or 5 miles) before winding down with yoga at 9 a.m. at the west end of the pier. The event takes place every Saturday at 8 a.m. from July 14 - August 18.

Beginning July 24 and ending August 29 is Sea-Saw, a first-time art event co-produced by the Think Tank Gallery. The website describes the event as “genre-bending” with “eclectic and interactive work” from a rotating group of artists every Tuesday and Wednesday. Mediums such as music, dance, interactive theater, and installations appear throughout the event with art ranging from projection mapping and light-up dance concepts to “Yin”, a creepy, dark installation that looks like a melted human centipede, now worshiped as a pagan god.

With a background in arts, Singh says she created the Sea-Saw event to showcase hard-to-define-and-find art to the general public.

“So often [experimental art] is not accessible to a public audience. We wanted to create something to invite artists who have a hard time telling you what they do and give them this platform to share their work with an audience that may not typically have access to this kind of art.”

Rounding out the summer events is PRO/CON, a series of talks meant to bring

about civil discourse to contentious issues that aren’t typically discussed across the political spectrum. Every Monday in August, experts from the Left and Right will debate topics such as marijuana legalization, unions, and the abolishment of ICE. Singh and staff are well-aware of the intense political divide at the moment, saying the event will have a comedian to moderate and diffuse any tensions. Dates and guests are to be announced.

With impending November elections, Singh says the event is meant to inform the public of important issues facing anyone, no matter what their politics may be. Singh says they’re working on setting up voter registration drives at the event with the Santa Monica Public Library complementing the debate with books of the topics on hand.

While these events will bring more focus to the Pier, Singh feels the Pier should always be a place of wonder for people.

“It can get a little lost in all the hubbub ... but there’s a lot of history. If you’ve been here and had the Pacific Park experience, maybe you should come to see what’s under the deck and engage with this landmark in a different way,” she said. “And if you haven’t been here before, come check these events out. Not many cities have this many resources and we want people to connect and participate.”

Santa Monica’s Pier.We.Go. events are free and begin July 14 with ROGA. For more information, visit <https://santamonicipier.org/events/>

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Modest SSW/S swell tops out. NW swell-mix lingers. Drained early, then improving with the tide push.

SUNDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high
Modest SSW/S swell and NW swell-mix. Drained early, then improving with the tide push.

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 JULY 3, AT ABOUT 3:27 P.M.

Officers responded to assist a resident at an apartment complex in the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. As officers were talking with the reporting party, a female, unrelated to the call, walked up to an officer and unprovoked punched the officer in the shoulder several times. The officers pushed the female away. The female then slapped the officer in the face. Officers took the suspect into custody. The officer was not injured. Hannah Kim, 41, from Santa Monica, was issued a citation for assaulting a police officer.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 375 Calls For Service On July 12.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Domestic 1500 block 4th 12:05 a.m.
Missing person 1300 block 23rd 12:17 a.m.
Petty Theft 200 block Santa Monica 12:43 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 2:18 a.m.
Person with gun 4th/Santa Monica 4:20 a.m.
Encampment 300 block Santa Monica 4:53 a.m.
Vandalism 2900 block Lincoln 6:16 a.m.
Hit and run 900 block 3rd 6:59 a.m.
Person down 1100 block 16th 7:34 a.m.
Burglary 200 block Montana 7:46 a.m.
Armed Robbery 1500 block 2nd 8 a.m.
Disturbance 1300 block 2nd 8:04 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block Ocean Front 8:42 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block California 9:42 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block of The Beach 9:52 a.m.
Traffic collision 700 block Broadway 10:22 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 4th 11:04 a.m.
Found person 500 block Olympic 11:25 a.m.
Fight Ocean/Bay 11:54 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block California 11:58 a.m.
Suspicious person 16th/Oak 11:59 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 3rd 12:41 p.m.

Person down 2nd/Arizona 12:52 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block Pico 1:22 p.m.
Disturbance 100 block Broadway 1:39 p.m.
Hit and run 900 block Pacific Coast 2:43 p.m.
Threats 300 block Olympic 2:47 p.m.
Rape report 1500 block 18th 3:03 p.m.
Suspicious person 1000 block 14th 3:07 p.m.
Runaway 800 block Ashland 3:50 p.m.
Lewd Activity 15th/Wilshire 4:34 p.m.
Missing person 2400 block Centinela 4:35 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Ocean 4:37 p.m.
Medical Emergency 200 block Santa Monica 5:08 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block Ocean 5:16 p.m.
Hit and run Main/Hill 5:20 p.m.
Suspicious person 1800 block 19th 5:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1300 block 2nd 6:03 p.m.
Loitering 4th/Bicknell 6:16 p.m.
Hit and run 26th/Santa Monica 6:25 p.m.
Battery 26th/Santa Monica 6:55 p.m.
Disturbance 1500 block Ocean 7:03 p.m.
Panhandling 1500 block 2nd 7:21 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Santa Monica 7:45 p.m.
Disturbance 700 block Ocean 8:19 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 23rd 8:57 p.m.
Domestic 1300 block Ocean 9:04 p.m.
Battery 900 block Pacific Coast 9:30 p.m.
Child Endangerment 300 block Main 9:48 p.m.
Theft 2400 block 25th 10:06 p.m.
Assault 1700 block Ocean 10:32 p.m.
Loitering 5th/Strand 11:05 p.m.
Disturbance 2400 block 28th 11:07 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Emergency Medical Service 1300 block Ocean 2:00 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 2:23 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Arizona 3:13 a.m.
Alarm 1300 block 17th 6:08 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 16th 7:34 a.m.
EMS Stanford/Montana 9:21 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 9:59 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 11:33 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 12:30 a.m.
EMS 700 block Ocean 12:49 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:18 p.m.
Alarm 2100 block Santa Monica 1:27 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 1:34 p.m.
EMS 2400 block 31st 2:00 p.m.

EMS 800 block 18th 2:04 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 2:35 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front 3:15 p.m.
Haz mat 2500 block Broadway 3:43 p.m.
EMS 2500 block 29th 3:57 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Bryan 4:32 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 4:40 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 4:57 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 5:13 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 19th 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Ocean 5:17 p.m.
EMS 900 block Wilshire 5:27 p.m.
EMS 900 block Ocean 6:07 p.m.
EMS 900 block Princeton 6:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision 23rd/Ashland 6:38 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Lincoln 6:43 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 7:10 p.m.
Odor Investigation 100 block Broadway 7:32 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 9:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 19th /Washington 11:24 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Franklin 11:30 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 2nd 11:32 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 11:40 p.m.

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Jackpot: 340M



Draw Date: 7/11
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 14M



Draw Date: 7/12
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Draw Date: 7/12
MIDDAY: 1 3 0
Draw Date: 7/12
EVENING: 2 1 6



Draw Date: 7/12
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2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
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vitiate

1. to impair or weaken the effectiveness of.

2. to impair the quality of; make faulty; spoil.

3. to debase; corrupt; pervert.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Med School

■ Q: Why does your skin turn red or hot to the touch when it burns?

■ a) Pigment cells produce extra coloring to shield the skin from further damage

■ b) Heat raises the temperature of the skin, burning the skin's surface

■ c) UV light causes DNA damage, leading to an inflammatory immune response

■ d) UV light boosts melanin production, causing increased redness

■ A: c) Excessive ultraviolet light exposure damages DNA in the skin. The body can repair some damage, beginning with the dilation of blood vessels in the area and inflammation, but too much and the damaged DNA is just shed away, i.e. peeling skin.

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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 Erik Agard
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ACROSS

1 Added to a written exchange

5 Big breakup

14 "Rats!"

15 Philosopher analyzed by Aristotle

16 Final bid

18 Nashville-based channel

19 Establish solidly

20 Slayer of a sort

21 www.____.com/Top_News

22 Ball hitter

23 "Copy"

24 Part of a trainee's learning curve, maybe

26 Non-kosher subs

30 University endower, at times

34 CW star in the 2018 film *Annihilation*

36 Highly variable

38 Sporter of purple rays

39 College football broadcaster

40 Minimal

43 About 25% of the UN

46 Medal of Freedom architect

47 Élan

48 ___ actor

50 One repelled by orange rinds

51 Digs

55 Ersatz soldiers

56 Piece of a Manila folder?

57 Penetrating

58 Little league?

DOWN

1 Dental scrapings

2 Wood-shop safety measure

3 West Bengal, in part, surprisingly

4 Letters associated with March

5 Existential, in a phrase

6 Getting looked at

7 Neighborhood near the West End

8 Nightingale, per Shelley

9 Family first

10 Lions' zebra

11 Holds up

12 Digs up?

13 Potable art medium

15 Organ with limited circulation

17 Power outages?

23 They need resolution

25 Topic of much debate of late

27 Contemporary historian/historical novelist

28 Became grounded

29 Results of inflation

31 Four-legged boxer's movement

32 Walk all over

33 Word processor conveniences

35 Nutty nature

37 Gives up trying

40 Duck

41 Political operative

42 Program listing

44 Not giving enough

45 Fodder for *Star Wars* cannons

48 Name often followed by a number

49 Name that looks little

52 Fay Wray's best-remembered role

53 Shark Navigator Lift-Away, for instance

54 "American" bar staple

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14)

Once you marveled at how difficult it was to control your impulses and know your own secret agenda. This solar return comes as a welcome reprieve, because self-direction gets simple. You tell yourself what to do, and then you do it. You're brilliant at both planning and executing, so you're the master of your destiny. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 5, 35, 31 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

No one can change the truth, but the truth can change everyone. It's the light that brings plants up from mud. It's a curtain that opens to begin the show. You already know the truth, so you don't have to seek it, only accept it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Don't be too quick to form an opinion today, because you're likely to change it after you've had some time to consider all of the different viewpoints. Your best thinking will happen in private, in silence and after the fact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Obviously, writing, painting, acting and other artistic disciplines call on your powers of imagination. But not so obviously, so does love. You imagine the best in another person and project how you might exist together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Who are all of these friends on your list, anyway? Are they buying tickets to the raffle when you're fundraising? Do they show up to your birthday party? Have they ever even stepped a foot into your house? It's pruning time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You've a different image of yourself than the one currently being supported by your lifestyle. Reconcile the discrepancy. To make it match you'll have to think differently of yourself or do differently as yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Just because you were dropped into the environment doesn't make it your identity, but it does make it your challenge to figure it out. And figure it out you will, so long as you stick with it, resolving to handle all that comes.

Venus and Saturn Reverse Spells

The term "stonewalling" refers to the relationship dynamic in which one person shuts out the other in the manner of mentally dropping a stone wall between them. The effect is hard to come back from, but if there were ever an opportunity it's today, while a lucky trine of Venus and Saturn reverses the spell of bad relationship juju.

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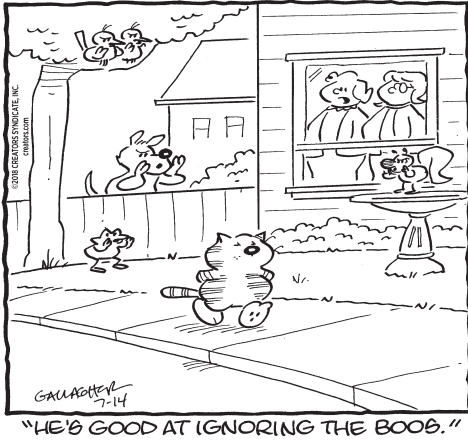
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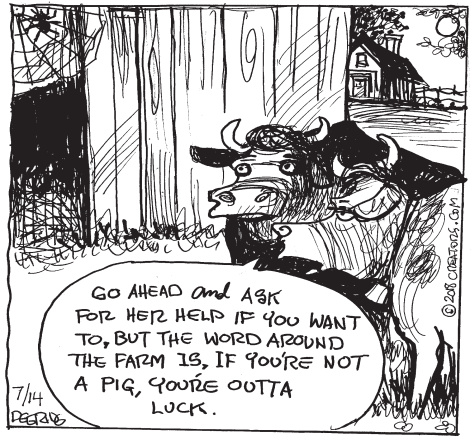
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Stormy Daniels' lawyer skyrockets to chief Trump critic

MICHAEL BALSAMO & CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

On Monday he was accepting an award from a legal foundation in Denver. He was in Los Angeles on Tuesday, fighting to unseal a lawsuit brought by a Playboy centerfold. On Wednesday he was in New York visiting children separated from their parents at the U.S. border and on Friday he was protesting President Donald Trump in London.

It's official. Michael Avenatti is everywhere. Before Avenatti began representing porn actress Stormy Daniels in her legal fight against President Donald Trump in February, he was virtually unknown outside of the California legal community. But in less than six months the litigator has become one of Trump's chief critics.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said she had sex with Trump in 2006, when he was married, but Trump has denied it. Days before the 2016 presidential election, she was paid \$130,000 to stay silent in a deal handled by Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen. She is suing to invalidate the nondisclosure agreement.

With a media style only paralleled by Trump, Avenatti has pursued the president and those close to him relentlessly for months, taunting him in interviews and baiting him and his lawyers in tweets.

Last week, the no-holds-barred lawyer, who seems to have an endless supply of trash talk, tweeted that he would run against Trump if the president seeks re-election and no one else with a good chance of defeating him steps up.

"IF (big) he seeks re-election, I will run, but only if I think that there is no other candidate in the race that has a REAL chance at beating him. We can't relive 2016. I love this country, our values and our people too much to sit by while they are destroyed. #FightClub #Basta," he tweeted.

In recent weeks he's begun representing dozens of parents whose children were separated from them at the U.S. border as a result of the Trump administration's immigration policies.

He's also taken the case of John Melendez, a comedian who claims he pranked Trump into calling him from Air Force One by pretending to be Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez.

"For better or worse, I have become an agent for hope for those that are opposing this president," Avenatti told The Associated Press on Friday.

Avenatti, whose work had primarily focused on class-action and whistleblower cases, won a \$454 million verdict in 2017 when he prevailed in a fraud case about surgical gowns. A judge later reduced the award to \$20.7 million.

"I've been fortunate as a result of primarily the Stormy Daniels case, but also as a result of the \$450 million jury verdict last year, that I now have a significant public platform that I can use for the benefit of my client and other causes that interest me," he said. "I, unlike the president, intend on using that platform for good."

When Daniels was arrested at an Ohio strip club early Thursday morning after she was accused of illegally rubbing undercover police officers' faces against her bare breasts during a performance at a strip club, Avenatti broke the news on Twitter. Hours later, prosecutors agreed to drop the case because the state's law against physical contact between strippers and customers applies only to someone who "regularly" performs at a club. In Daniels' case, it was her first appearance the Columbus strip club.

But not all of Avenatti's newfound attention has been positive. In May, a U.S. bankruptcy court judge ordered Avenatti's former firm to pay \$10 million to a lawyer who claimed it had misstated its profits and that he was owed millions.

Last week, the Justice Department alleged that Avenatti had made "misrepresentations" in the bankruptcy case and said his former firm still owes more than \$440,000 in unpaid federal taxes. Avenatti has maintained the court filing was "part of a smear campaign" and stressed that he doesn't personally owe any of the money.

While Avenatti, who seems to have boundless energy, acknowledges the constant television interviews and preparation for cases can be a tremendous amount of work, but his frenetic schedule isn't damaging any of his clients, he said. In fact, he says, it is helping them exponentially, and cites the turnaround from Ohio prosecutors on Thursday as a prime example.

"My number one focus is representing my clients to the best of my abilities," Avenatti said. "My secondary focus is bringing attention to issues that are of significant concern to me on a personal level. I am increasingly alarmed at the direction of this president, his lack of heart, his lack of intelligence and his lack of courage. I'm going to use my voice and I'm going to use my platform to further what I believe to be noble causes."



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS**

On **TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2018-19 fiscal year. These Fees and Taxes are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2018-19 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. Copies of the Reports are available for review at the City Clerk's Office and at the Main Library. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the following officers:

For three (3) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education	Full term of four (4) years
For four (4) members of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The Nomination Period for these offices begins on July 16, 2018, and closes on August 10, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Two Candidate Workshops will be held on July 16 at 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, in the Council Chamber.

If Nomination Papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 10, 2018, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 15, 2018, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Denise Anderson-Warren, City Clerk

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