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Court appoints receiver amid legal dispute at Ocean Towers



Chelsea Seifer

DISPUTE: **The luxury apartment complex in Santa Monica has become the subject of a court case.**

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's largest luxury co-op building is in the midst of major upheaval, with a court-appointed receiver assuming control of Ocean Towers Housing Corporation. The Los Angeles Superior Court order instructs the independent mediator to immediately hold an election for a new board of directors to head the 317-unit building.

The move by Judge Lisa Hart Cole follows years of turmoil between the co-op's current board and shareholders, resulting in mounting legal fees at 201 Ocean Avenue. Shareholder Michael Reach's lawsuit claims board member John Spahi and CEO Joseph Orlando have brought the homeowners association (HOA) to the brink of insolvency through mismanagement and "gross abuses of loyalty and trust."

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Aviation leasing rules return for final debate on Monday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

After almost seven months of review, new rules for aeronautical businesses are scheduled to land at the Santa Monica Airport Commission on Monday night.

The July 23 meeting will be the second time the commission has heard the Minimum Standard proposals following outcry from both airport critics and supporters that the original hearing in June did not provide enough time for public comment.

The new standards include insurance rules, security requirements, application procedures, general operator requirements and specialized rules for individual types of businesses. Commercial service providers such as fixed base operators (FBO), aircraft charter/air taxis, flight training schools, aircraft maintenance and

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Officers aim to curb scooters on beach path



Kate Cagle

BANNED: **Scooters were impounded on the beach path recently.**

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City began putting the squeeze on Lime and Bird riders Friday morning, kicking off a three-day enforcement campaign to get electric scooters off the Strand. No tickets were issued but law enforcement impounded about 150 of the scooters, according to City Manager Rick Cole.

"Every single person was cooperative," said Cole, who personally oversaw the enforcement push near the Shutters on the Beach, just south of The Pier. "They either dismounted or they carted their scooters to the street where they belong."

Cole noted most of the riders were tourists who had no idea they were breaking the rules. He said

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Metro drill to simulate bus vs. train accident

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

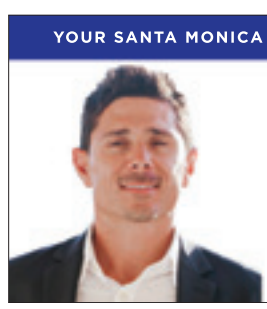
Emergency service providers will stage a fake train crash on Sunday to practice and coordinate emergency responses.

Metro is planning to simulate a bus vs. train accident at 5th and Colorado between about 5:30 and 10 a.m. Officials said setup for the drill will begin at about 5:30 a.m. with the drill starting at 7 a.m. Roads in the immediate area will be closed for the duration of the exercise.

A Big Blue Bus will be staged across one of the tracks but the other will remain open. A mock Command Post with unified com-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday July, 21

Lawn Bowling - Open House

The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling. Sessions are at 10am and noon every Saturday in July at Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes – we provide everything else. $10 covers all Saturdays.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group: The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, Discussion Title: The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy.

Authors on Architecture: Harby and Fisher on Venturi's Rome

Stephen Harby and Frederick Fisher share from their new guidebook Robert Venturi's Rome. The book takes the reader on a journey through the Italian capital as seen through the eyes of Robert Venturi, author of the classic text Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture (1966), a book that became fundamental to the development of every young architect's outlook on architecture. This event is co-sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 – 2:30 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.

Micro Imaging with Brittany Ransom

Dive into the practice of microscopy and find hidden worlds with your camera phone or small tablet. Using a lens from a laser pointer, participants will construct a platform that allows their common device to be used as a microscopic lens to take images of different objects and surfaces. Brittany collects micro-imagery to play with scale in her work - using images blown up in her sculpture. Bring a smartphone or other camera enabled phone or tablet. 1450 Ocean, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost: Free. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/65738

Bookmaking series with Debra Disman

Please note that there is a $10 material fee to be paid in cash at the first class, drop-ins pay $15 each class. July brings Tunnel Books, which draw the reader into a three-dimensional story. Bring your work back to the Camera for second Saturday craft lounges and continue your experiments in bookmaking. 1450 Ocean, 3 – 5 p.m. Cost: $40 + $10 cash material fee. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/66954.

Paws to Read

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Signup in advance for a 15-minute period. Call (310) 458-8682 or visit the branch to reserve your spot. Ages 5-10. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 – 3 p.m.

Lego Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 22

Guest House open

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

L.A. County Launches First-of-its-Kind Online Portal to Address Street Homelessness

The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority have launched the Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal, dubbed LA-HOP, the new Countywide Web-based portal that channels outreach support to people experiencing homelessness. Funded by Measure H, the mobile-friendly platform empowers members of the general public, first responders and service providers to provide information on homeless persons on the street and request outreach.

LA-HOP (la-hop.org) is a valuable new tool to get services to vulnerable residents living on the street. It makes it easier and more efficient for the public to request help and have it dispatched to connect homeless persons with outreach workers. The portal takes the guesswork out of figuring out geographic boundaries, by seamlessly routing requests and tracking the response. An outreach coordinator in each region serves as the "air traffic controller" for all requests and deploys the most appropriate outreach team, with the goal of reducing response times to those in need.

The Countywide movement to prevent and combat homelessness is constantly seeking new approaches to deliver what's working more effectively. LA-HOP is designed to advance efforts to help people move from homelessness to housing by activating the general public to become part of the solution.

LA-HOP was designed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Health Agency and the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. Due to high demand, it may take a few days for an outreach team to be deployed; coordinators will prioritize those individuals who are most vulnerable. With nearly 40,000 people living on the streets of LA County, the need for outreach services is great.

Outreach teams responding to LA-HOP requests also conduct ongoing outreach all across the County. The portal does not replace homeless encampment reporting protocols established by the City of Los Angeles (my311), the County of Los Angeles and other jurisdictions.

"This website is an important new addition to the many ways in which county, city, nonprofits and community leaders are working together to reduce homelessness," said Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. "It gives the public a way to directly seek help for men, women and families experiencing homelessness. No single solution is a magic bullet, but each step we take gets us closer to our goal of making sure that every man, woman and child in L.A. County has a home."

The L.A. County Homeless Initiative, created by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, is charged with combating and preventing homelessness throughout the County. The Chief Executive Office/County Homeless Initiative provides oversight and hands-on guidance to deploy the infusion of funds from the landmark Measure H sales tax for services and programs and maximize the alignment and effectiveness of this unprecedented commitment. For more information, visit homeless.lacounty.gov.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages more than $300 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. For more information visit LAHSA's website.

SUBMITTED BY NAOMI GOLDMAN, COMMUNICATIONS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE?

Gandara Park

Jazz on the Lawn Returns for its 13th Season at Gandara Park

The Jazz on the Lawn summer concert series returns for its 13th year each Sunday in August. Everyone is invited to grab friends, family and dancing shoes for free concerts in the park. A sampling of jazz and world music genres, free dance lessons and intermission performances (on select dates), and some of the area's finest food trucks will be presented in Gandara Park (formerly Stewart Street Park). Patrons are invited to come early to enjoy new family-fun activities for children and adults, providing entertainment like corn hole, giant blocks and more beginning one hour prior to each concert.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

MUSIC: At 5 p.m., vibraphonist/marimbist and composer Nick Mancini will bring his instrumental group the Nick Mancini Collective, along with featured vocalist Laura Mace, to the stage. The performance will feature original material notable for expansive and lyrical melodies, lush, otherworldly harmonies and groovy melodic bass lines.

EMCEE: Actor, spoken word artist, humanitarian, and TED speaker Sean Hill will host the evening's festivities.

FOOD TRUCKS: The Berlin Truck (grilled cheese sandwiches and German style sausages) the Yalla Truck (falafel and chicken kabob sandwiches) and the Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream (fresh baked cookies and homemade ice cream).

PRE-CONCERT GAMES: Begin one hour prior to the concert at 4 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

MUSIC: At 5 p.m., enjoy Scambooty, an upbeat, 5-piece vocal band, which weaves jazz, swing, folk, blues, jump, country and the Great American Songbook into tight, three-part vocals. A free swing dance lesson at 4:30pm will be led by Marshall Watson, professional swing dancer and DJ, along with his dance partner Chelsea Beach.

EMCEE: Joe Hernandez Kolski, co-founder of Downbeat 720, an open-mic event for high school performers, will be hosting the evening. Downbeat 720 has been running for over sixteen years and is sponsored by the City of Santa Monica.

FOOD TRUCKS: The Berlin Truck (grilled cheese sandwiches and German style sausages), Tacos Super Gallito (burritos, tortas, quesadillas and tacos) and King Kone (ice cream and sweet treats).

PRE-CONCERT GAMES: Begin one hour prior to the concert at 4 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

MUSIC: At 5 p.m.,Twanguero performs with an incomparably engaging style that connects Spanish guitar, American folk, blues, rockabilly, flamenco and tango. Considered by many to be one of the best guitarists in Spain, GOYA and Latin GRAMMY winner, Twanguero is a pioneer in the Latin twang genre. An intermission concert at 5:50 p.m. will feature The Samohi Jazz Combo performing contemporary jazz standards.

EMCEE: Actor, spoken word artist, humanitarian, and TED speaker Sean Hill will host the evening's festivities.

FOOD TRUCKS: The Gastrobus (farmers' market bistro with locally-sourced dishes), the Yalla Truck (falafel and chicken kabob sandwiches) and the Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream (fresh baked cookies and homemade ice cream).

PRE-CONCERT GAMES: Begin one hour prior to the concert at 4 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

MUSIC: At 5pm, Orquesta Tabaco y Ron performs a high-energy, hard-edged brand of salsa music with a tropical sound that has appealed to devoted salsa dancers and Latin music DJ's worldwide. The 10-piece big band orchestra is comprised of musicians from all over Latin America. A free salsa dance lesson will be offered before the concert, at 4:30 p.m., led by Rudy Zalez, a professional salsa dancer known for his charisma and distinctive style.

EMCEE: Joe Hernandez Kolski, co-founder of Downbeat 720, an open-mic event for high school performers, will be hosting the evening. Downbeat 720 has been running for over sixteen years and is sponsored by the City of Santa Monica.

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Gandara Park amenities include a children's playground, restrooms and accessible parking. Free bike valet will be offered starting at 4 p.m. in the Gandara Park lot. The 26th Street/Bergamot Expo Line Station is an eight-minute walk from Gandara Park and Big Blue Bus Route 5 has a stop in both directions on Olympic Blvd. at Stewart St. Gandara Park, 1819 Stewart St., Santa Monica.

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L.A. Sports: Wishing Upon Stars

GIVEN THE 24 HOURS NEWS CYCLE, BY THE time you read this, there's a remote possibility the Dodgers' signing of All-Star shortstop Manny Machado will be "old news." I hope not because, for local sports fans, it's terrific news. Praise goes to Andrew Friedman the 41-year-old Dodger President of Baseball Operations. (Mannywood 2?)

The Dodgers gave up 5 prospects to the Orioles, but only one was considered "top ten." Meanwhile, Machado dramatically elevates the Dodgers' chances to win the World Series for the first time since 1988. (Reagan, a Republican was president then and now Trump, a Republican is president. I'm just sayin'.)

Some east coast sports pundits are criticizing L.A. that our "spoiled fans" are addicted to "stars," as opposed to their cities where their fan base love the game for itself. "Hogwash" motivated by jealousy. But even if it were true, so what?!

Yes, we love stars, from the Hollywood Walk of Fame to our politicians (Reagan and Schwarzenegger) to our sports franchises (Koufax, Baylor, West, Wilt, Kareem, Magic, Gretzky, to name but a few. And, of course, our latest and possibly brightest star of all, LeBron! My view is, if we've got horrific traffic congestion and smog (again, to name but a few) the least we are entitled to, is our stars.

Yes, of course, we have great beaches and fabulous weather but personally, with climate change, I miss the seasons. People back east and in the mid-west complain in the winter about frigid temperatures and snow and scraping ice off their windshields. (We don't have to worry about that unless we are DUI and plow into a meat packing plant in Vernon.) But we've got earthquakes and, especially this summer, threats of massive forest fires. So getting a few stars to highlight our sports teams, seems a fair trade-off.

With training camp opening July 23 (Hall of Fame game August 2) people may have forgotten that in March, the Rams signed Ndamukong Suh, star defensive tackle and former Defensive Rookie of the Year, to a 1-year $14 million contract. If the Rams successfully resolve Pro-Bowl defensive end, Aaron Donald's contract, they could be one of the most imposing defenses in the league. Yes, we love our stars and with them maybe this year the Rams will make it to the Super Bowl, assuming we don't have an earthquake.

And of course, only a week ago (seems forever) LeBron officially signed his 4-year $153,312,846 contract with the Lakers. (Makes you wonder how they arrive at such an odd number and not just round up to $154 million.) The Lakers have little (as in none) chance of making it to the NBA Finals this coming season but, unquestionably with LeBron, the future is as bright as his shining star. And that brings us back to Machado.

I suppose there are two worries with Machado and the Dodgers. One, being, will he be enough to propel the team through the playoffs, given their suspect middle-relief pitching. (Hopefully that issue will be addressed somehow before the July 31 trade deadline.) And two, will Machado stay past this season or wind up just a "rental." The latter problem would only likely occur if free-agent Machado's asking price (10 years/$300 million?) would break the Dodger bank.

Breaking the Dodger bank, however, is impossible given their 25-year local TV deal in which they receive $330 million a year. It's not the bank, it's the Dodger ownership that doesn't want to go above the $197 million luxury tax. or as the league prefers to call it, the "Competitive Balance Tax."

Limiting the payroll is obviously the Dodgers right. My attitude, albeit perhaps peculiar, is when traffic gets manageable and the air is clean, I'll cast no judgment on their decision to be under the luxury tax

Keep in mind, Dodger fans are among the country's most loyal. Even if you and I were on the team, they'd still draw 3,000,000 a year. (Assuming you and I are ambulatory.)

Historically, the L.A. "star" phenomenon may have started with the first Rose Parade in 1890 where our weather was the "star." The event was essentially designed as an ad campaign by the L.A. Times to lure easterners buried in January snow to move here after seeing images of Los Angelinos basking in the sun. More residents, more Times subscribers, more power.

And of course the movies have always been star driven. Today, to get movies financed, it's not the script or the director, it's which bankable star can play the lead opposite which other star.

Even our stadiums will be "stars." Just wait until 2020 when the $2.6 billion stadium in Inglewood opens. In the meantime, the Rams have Suh, Donald, Gurley and Goff. The Lakers have LeBron and the Dodgers have Kershaw, Jansen, and now, Machado. Cynic that I normally am, I say there's no harm in wishing upon our stars.

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METRO

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mand and representatives from multiple agencies will be on scene. Participating Agencies include the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Santa Monica Fire Department, Metro, Santa Monica Police Department, California Highway Patrol and the Big Blue Bus. Metro is the coordinating entity and SMPD is responsible for local traffic control and collision investigation.

Metro organizes quarterly safety drills across the train network

"This is really an opportunity to reach out to other jurisdictions and work with them in terms of response times and responsibilities and roles," said Metro spokesman Rick Jager.

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- 7 a.m., Exercise commences
- 9:05 a.m., Exercise concludes
- 10 a.m., Station reopens

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- Westbound traffic on Olympic will be directed northbound on 7th St.
- Southbound traffic on 5th St at Broadway will be limited to local access only.
- Westbound turns will be allowed onto Colorado from 5th St.
- Limited to no pedestrian access southbound of the train tracks on 5th Street from Colorado.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Weekend activities in Marina Del Rey

JULY 21 – SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

R&B siren Lalah Hathaway performs Saturday's free concert at Burton Chace Park. A full crowd is expected this weekend, so arrive early and picnic on the lawn. Details and season lineup at visitmarinadelrey.com/concerts; 424-526-7900.

JULY 21 – TASTE OF BRAZIL DINNER CRUISE

Savor Brazilian-style churrasco meats and authentic side dishes and desserts on this two-hour harbor cruise in Marina del Rey. Enjoy the views while listening to Brazilian music and sipping a specialty cocktail. Meal is included in your cruise fare; alcoholic beverages for purchase. Embarkation at Dock 52. Parking available on-site and down the street at Fisherman's Village (County Lot #1). Questions? Call 844-227-7771 or email info@cruisesandfestivals.com. Tickets at http://cruisesandfestivals.com/Marina-Del-Rey-Events_c_327.html

JULY 21, 22 – WEEKEND CONCERTS AT FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE

Break out your dancing shoes! Enjoy free concerts on Saturdays and Sundays year-round at Fisherman's Village. U.S. 99 plays the blues this Saturday, and Chazzy Green brings the funk on Sunday. Spring and summer hours: 2-5 p.m. July's full lineup: http://bit.ly/july18fv; 424-526-7900.

JULY 22 – SUNDAY BOATHOUSE

The Marina del Rey Hotel annually offers a summertime series of Sunday pool parties (open to the public). Come for DJ entertainment, themed events, and poolside bites and libations. No cover charge! Non-hotel guests must be age 21+. This year, the events stretch through September 2. http://bit.ly/mdrboathouse; 310-301-1000.

COMING DOWN THE PIKE...

JULY 28 – MARINA MOVIE NIGHTS

The free movie nights at Burton Chace Park continue on July 28 with Dirty Dancing. Movies start at 8 p.m., but come early at 6 p.m. to enjoy a participatory dance class on theme with the evening's film. This one is a tango class. http://bit.ly/2018flicks; 424-526-7900.

JULY 29 – KILLER RIDES

Killer Shrimp Restaurant & Bar opens its parking lot to hot rod, classic car, and motorcycle displays. Free admission, free to show. http://www.killershrimp.com; 310-578-2293.

JULY 29 – OLD FASHIONED DAY AT THE PARK

The Classic Yacht Association's annual event displays beautifully restored yachts from the 1920s-'50s and an array of vintage automobiles at Burton Chace Park. Free admission. https://classicyacht.org;

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"In the last four years, they have looted several million dollars from HOA solely for their own benefit, to fund their scheme to use HOA to defraud secured lenders and misappropriate HOA units for themselves, and to fund the numerous lawsuit and settlements or damages awards arising therefrom," said Reach's motion asking for a court-appointed receiver. Reach claims financial documents contain errors and inconsistencies that cloud the true financial situation at the ocean-view complex.

While popular in New York City, co-ops like Ocean Towers are relatively rare in Southern California. Under the corporate structure, shareholders have proprietary lease and a specified number of shares. When a shareholder finances the purchase of a unit, the bank also gets a security interest in the lease and the shares. In addition to loan payments to lenders, shareholders pay fees to cover corporate expenses, including property taxes, maintenance, insurance and management.

In appointing Stephen J. Donell, Cole found "property is in danger of being lost, removed or materially injured" under the current leadership. Last week, Donell took exclusive possession and control of the corporation, including all assets, bank accounts, and other documents.

The receivership could be devastating to shareholders, according to Spahi and his lawyers, who warn current negotiations to refinance the building are now in jeopardy. Spahi argues the receivership also automatically triggers a default under current loans, resulting in skyrocketing interest rates. He disputes the allegations in the underlying lawsuit.

"Nobody is looking out for the benefit of the shareholders," Spahi said. "These are attorneys enriching themselves on the backs of the shareholders."

In a July 9 hearing on the matter, Spahi and Orlando offered to step down in order to avoid receivership.

In dismissing their offer, Judge Cole pointed to a report by a special litigation committee that found Spahi sold family members and various entities condominiums priced millions of dollars below market value. Spahi then allegedly rented out the units for thousands of dollars a month, pocketing the profits while the co-op footed his legal bills.

"Lawsuits ... have been filed and legal fees...have been paid out of OTHC funds for your client based upon conduct that has been determined by an independent, impartial body has been a breach of their fiduciary duty and basically fraud," Cole said, according to the court transcript. "That's financial mismanagement no matter how you look at it."

Spahi said the SLC report was one-sided and hearsay, claiming the cash flow problem is caused by legal fees from the lawsuit itself. In court, Spahi's lawyer, David Rosen, disagreed with how dire the situation had become in recent years.

"There is a cash flow problem caused by attorney's fees," Rosen said. "There's not insolvency. There's half a billion dollars...in equity in this corporation. It is far from insolvent."

Spahi plans to file a writ in hopes of reversing Judge Cole's decision.

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PATH

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the city plans to put out more signage along the path to educate riders they are not supposed to be there.

The enforcement push comes after the scooters exploded in popularity over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Cole said there were more than 100,000 rides in a seven day span.

Santa Monica police will continue to stop scooters over the weekend, impounding scooters ridden by children, by multiple riders or by those without a helmet. The confiscated scooters will end up at City Yards, where Bird and Lime must pay a $60 fee before picking them up.

Cole said several officers will be working overtime to ensure other calls can be answered throughout the city. On Tuesday, the enforcement push will extend to other areas in the city.

"This is an important issue but the reality is, our police department is primarily focused on crime and the impacts of homelessness, but we make an effort to enforce all the laws, especially the ones that directly affect public safety," Cole said. "Given the volume of traffic on the beach, we are making additional commitments that we are paying for."

Cole said city rules ban motorized vehicles on the Marvin Broade path, however, there is still ambiguity regarding the rest of the 22-mile coastal route. That means curbing the number of electric scooters here remains difficult, as scooter riders zip along from different jurisdictions.

Sure enough, hours after Cole and officers left the path, the path was once again packed with motorized scooters and nearly every type of vehicle code violation, from children riding without a license to adults without helmets.

Dozens of riders zipped past an electronic sign that warned "No electric scooters on beach path it's the law!" near the Perry's Cafe on Ocean Front Walk

Both Lime and Bird participated in the enforcement campaign, stationing employees along the path to educate riders. Both companies have promised not to deploy scooters on the path or in Palisades Park. On Sunday afternoon, Lime is hosting an LA Launch Party in Venice to give out free helmets and demonstrate safe riding.

The electric scooter companies are currently competing to be one of four comapnies selected for a city-wide pilot program launching Sept. 17. The program will initially cap the number of devices in city limits at 3,500, with up to 1,000 e-bikes and 2,000 scooters at the launch. Companies will then be allowed to apply to increase their fleet if they can demonstrate they average four rides a day per scooter.

Applications are due Friday.

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SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
More SW/SSW swell.

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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.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 366 Calls For Service On July 19.

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

Disturbance 1100 block Wilshire 12:12 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block Wilshire 12:19 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Ocean 1:11 a.m.
Loitering 1200 block 15th 2:28 a.m.
Disturbance 1800 block Lincoln 4:24 a.m.
Fire Lincoln/Wilshire 6:24 a.m.
Search warrant 2100 block Prosser 6:53 a.m.
Vandalism 900 block Idaho 7:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision Cloverfield/I-10 8:18 a.m.
Death investigation 1500 block 5th 9:11 a.m.
Threats 1500 block 26th 9:30 a.m.
Grand Theft 100 block Santa Monica 9:32 a.m.
Person down 1200 block 6th 9:52 a.m.
Hit and run Neilson/Strand 10:19 a.m.
Sexual Assault Euclid/Pearl 10:20 a.m.
Fight 1100 block Lincoln 10:49 a.m.
Vandalism 7th/Colorado 11:02 a.m.
Battery 1700 Ocean Front 11:27 a.m.
Suspicious person 2600 block Barnard
Petty theft 18th/Pico 11:52 a.m.
Disturbance 2200 block Virginia 12:40 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Bay 12:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision Lincoln/Grant 12:58 p.m.
Loitering 1900 block Euclid 1:01 p.m.
Fight 2600 block Santa Monica 1:56 p.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Santa Monica 2:15 p.m.
Disturbance 700 block Broadway 2:37 p.m.
Burglary 1200 23rd 2:51 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1500 block 2nd 2:51 p.m.
Hit and run 6th/Ocean 3:23 p.m.
Disturbance 2500 block Pico 3:51 p.m.
Encampment 2300 block 4th 3:59 p.m.
Person with gun 1600 block Ocean 4:30 p.m.
Battery 6th/Colorado 4:37 p.m.
Medical Emergency 400 block Santa Monica 4:45 p.m.
Death investigation 2500 block Beverly 5:07 p.m.
Lewd Activity 18th/California 5:18 p.m.
Robbery 1300 block 3rd 5:43 p.m.
Fight 2300 block 4th 6:09 p.m.
Domestic 2300 block 4th 6:09 p.m.
Theft suspect 2600 block Lincoln 6:34 p.m.
Fire 200 block Arizona 6:52 p.m.
Hit and run Main/Olympic 6:58 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Euclid 7:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision 300 block Civic Center 7:30 p.m.
Grand theft 1200 block 21st 7:54 p.m.
Disturbance 1800 block 10th 8:08 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd 8:20 p.m.
Missing person 200 block San Vicente 8:41 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 4th 9:33 p.m.
Vandalism 200 block Ocean 10:26 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 4th 10:56 p.m.
Vandalism 600 block Wilshire 11:12 p.m.
Unknown trouble Lincoln/Wilson 11:25 p.m.
Missing person 1100 block 6th 11:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 34 Calls For Service On July 19.

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Alarm 100 block 6th 12:02 a.m.
Alarm 1900 block Ocean 1:33 a.m.
Alarm 800 bock 3rd 6:22 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1800 block Michigan 8:17 a.m.
Alarm 2100 block Ocean 8:28 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Euclid 8:32 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 8:55 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 9:07 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 9:30 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 9:42 a.m.
EMS 900 block Wilshire 9:52 a.m.
EMS 800 block Pico 9:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision Euclid/Broadway 10:34 a.m.
EMS 100 block Pico 10:59 a.m.
EMS 500 block Pier 12:24 p.m.
EMS 2300 block 6th 2:16 p.m.
Alarm 2900 block 28th 2:27 p.m.
EMS 200 block Pearl 3:27 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Montana 3:29 p.m.
Wire down 2300 block 26th 3:55 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Beverly 4:59 p.m.
Alarm 2800 block Wilshire 5:19 p.m.
Alarm 2400 block Virginia 5:19 p.m.
Alarm 2100 block Ocean 5:36 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean Front 6:15 p.m.
EMS 1500 bock 2nd 6:49 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 6:53 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 14th 7:07 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 29th 7:56 p.m.
Public Assistance 17th/Santa Monica 8:43 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 9:06 p.m.
EMS 800 block Lincoln 11:07 p.m.

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Power#: 12
Jackpot: 130M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 1/17
40 41 61 66 67
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 433M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 7/18
1 3 4 16 39
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 16M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/19
10 18 22 25 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/19
MIDDAY: 2 8 4
Draw Date: 7/19
EVENING: 8 4 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/19
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:41.07

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Potty Training

■ The number of parents with kids in the home who smoke marijuana is growing. Researchers writing in the journal Pediatrics found that 7 percent of parents with children living with them had used cannabis in the past month, up from 5 percent in 2002. Parents who smoked tobacco products were nearly four times more likely to also smoke cannabis.

Last Words

■ "Farewell, my children, forever. I go to your Father. Monsieur, I beg your pardon."

■ —French queen Marie Antoinette (1755-1793), who was executed by guillotine during the French Revolution. The final words were spoken to the executioner after stepping on his foot.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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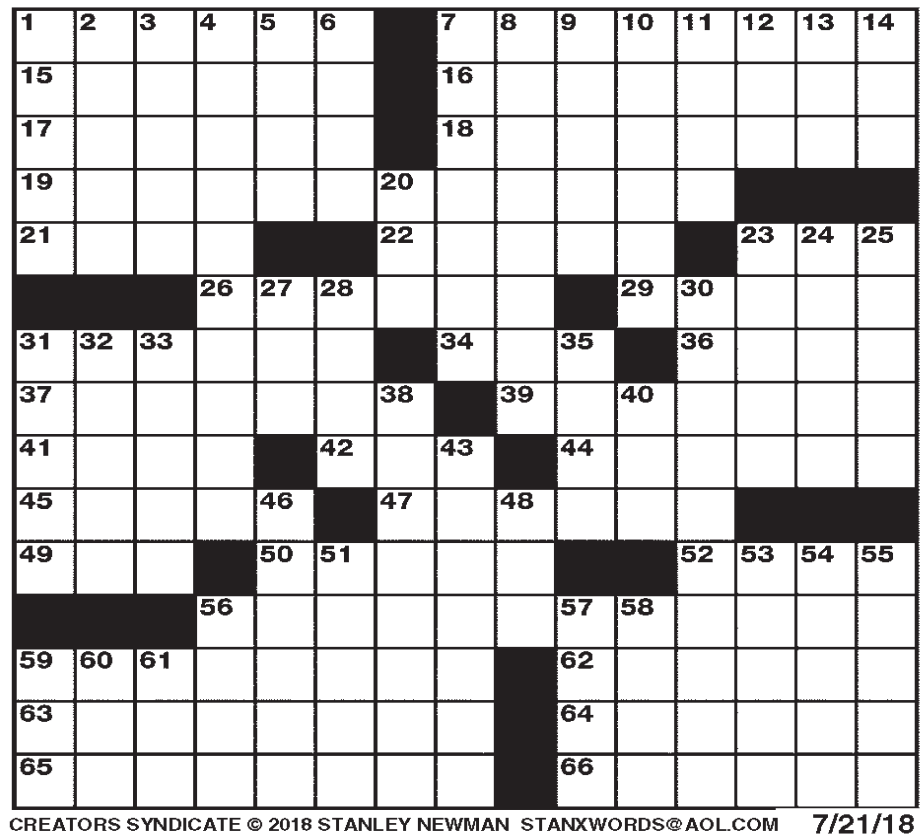
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber
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ACROSS
1 Josiah Wedgwood's scientist grandson
7 Facial feature
15 City of northern Spain
16 Venerable reference publisher
17 Disney's Beast adversary
18 Fourth moonwalker
19 Where many see butterflies
21 Texted "ta ta"
22 Oceanic heavyweight
23 One-time Marx Brothers employer
26 Recess rejoinder
29 "Now, __ God, I am so vexed . . .": Shak.
31 Begin a broadcast day
34 Fictional *Constellation* class identifier
36 Many a museum exhibit
37 Something heated up for dinner
39 Walking leaf mimicker
41 20 Down's complaint
42 EuroBonus points provider
44 Five predictors atop the Sistine Chapel
45 Goes off
47 Discreet
49 Mitt Romney's BA major
50 Request of a retail website
52 Squat
56 Weekly synagogue signal
59 Common clock setting
62 Bridge arrangement
63 Buy in filled metal-handled containers, say
64 Where many things are washed
65 Warms up or whips up
66 Glams (up)

DOWN
1 Muster minimal muscle
2 __-*première* (French dress rehearsal)
3 Not secure
4 Grinch
5 ABC took it over last March
6 What a 20 Down might complain about
7 Strong kick
8 Where tumblers have worked since the 1860s
9 Order blank
10 It means "in opposition to"
11 Applications for Kansas City, St. Louis, etc.
12 Radar reading
13 __ courtesy
14 Pops, e.g.
20 Squirt
23 Far from up
24 Key prop in *Parsifal*
25 Tapes, at times
27 Twaddle
28 Early name in 1 Chronicles
30 Disreputable
31 Please, with "with"
32 Person at Waterloo
33 Current, as concerns
35 __.com (beer canning system seller)
38 What Sagan called the Earth
40 String __
43 Cuisinart creations
46 Much of Mali
48 Org. founded by Billie Jean King in 1973
51 Job Corps' department
53 *Parte de paella*
54 Its Illinois headquarters were designed by Eero Saarinen
55 Where 900+ volcanoes are
56 Mayan pyramid feature
57 Transportation that sounds like a restaurant
58 "In Spain they say '__'" (Andrews Sisters lyric)
59 Wallop
60 Lose points, perhaps
61 Letters engraved below five stars on a 1951 Rolex



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 21)

You were meant to lead, and this year brings your moment — and many "your moments" at that. Stay ready so you won't have to get ready. The generosity, affection and attention you give to others will be returned with interest. A financial boost comes because you educate yourself beyond what's expected. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 44, 31 and 6.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The world doesn't owe you a debt, but it also shouldn't steal from you. When you give yourself what you know you've worked for and deserve, be sure to take it without guilt or apology. Then celebrate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You can't lose! It might seem as though you're losing at some point, but in fact this is exactly the turn of events that you'll be most grateful for later. It's like this day is custom-made to be perfect for your growth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're a unique and beautiful soul, regardless of whether or not you think so at any given moment. Your self-esteem will waver, but no opinion can change who you are, not even your own.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Societal influence has a stronghold over you, as it does over most people. As a result, there are many voices in your head that aren't yours and aren't particularly helpful to your process, either. Shush them!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You built this itinerary from scratch: Kudos to you! But what you intended to be a steady stream of activity and joy is now turning out to be more of a hectic schedule. So cut it back by half. Take it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Honor and love who you are. When people feel they are lacking, their behavior reflects greed, impatience and nastiness. That's why being the best version of yourself in any given situation starts with acceptance and wholeness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Doing the right thing, again and again, has made you courageous and strong. It relates directly to today's challenge. You might have been concerned about something like this in the past, but now it's no big deal to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Tell your inner micro-manager to back off. No extra judgment, assessment or even motivation will be necessary. You already know what you're doing; now just do it, automatic-like, without thinking too much into it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
High implies low. The self implies other. Life implies death. And what does love imply? Certainly not hate. Maybe ownership, apathy or the neglect that comes from taking people for granted. Fight against the implication.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Full of doubts? Don't worry. It only means that you're intelligent — wise, even. You know who's completely certain? The fool, the dullard and the fanatic, to name a few. Still, it's time to move, so swallow the doubt and go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your work is important, but not all-important. When it's time to play, put that work out of your mind and let yourself feel as free as any child should have a right to be.

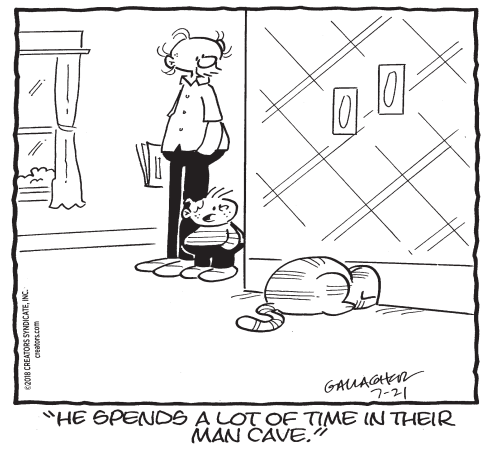
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You'll enjoy the company of those whose thought processes are a mystery to you — in particular, the animals in your life. They have something to teach you about patience, love and affection.

Heed Mercury's Warning

When shopping for support, religion, ideology, friendship, love, learning or help in any matter at all, the early stages of investigation are key. The slightest red flag is a signal to move on. Sure, mistakes happen, but the lunar square to Mercury warns that early mistakes are signs to be given extra credence and heeded without hesitation.

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"HE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME IN THEIR MAN CAVE."

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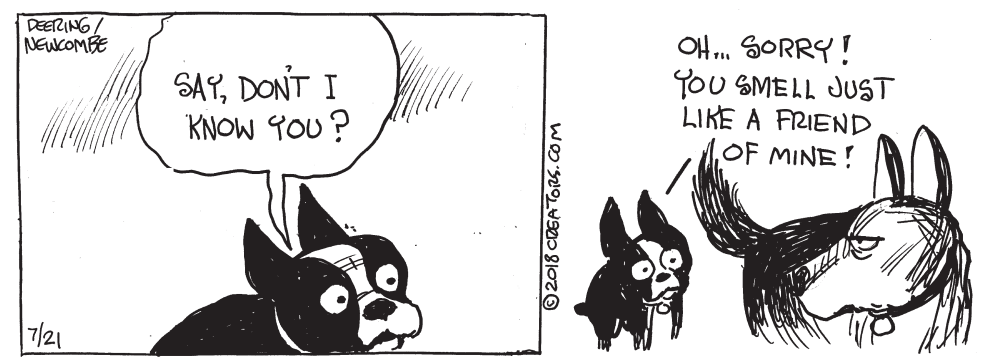
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repair stations, self-service fuel pumps, aircraft management services, air transportation arrangers, aircraft sales operators and other aeronautical services would be covered under the rules. The guidelines are an addendum to existing leasing rules and are part of a larger revision to the way leases are handled at the airport.

The process began in in January of this year with notices sent to stakeholders. The City conducted seven meetings in February and asked for all comments to be received by March 9 in advance of a June hearing.

At that hearing, several public speakers and written comments asked for additional time to review the rules. Airport supporters said the rules discriminates against businesses catering to pilots and violated requirements for maintaining operations at the airport. Critics argued the Airport Director was given too much leeway to waive some requirements and were concerned the rules didn't do enough to enforce airport safety.

After the final round of public input, much of the document remains intact from prior versions. However, revisions have been made that clarify how the Minimum Standards will apply to tenants and addresses the specific relationship between the minimum standards, the consent decree and existing city code.

The Minimum Standards do not overrule any of the existing documents and are now explicitly subordinate to other regulatory documents such as the Consent Decree, City Charter, Municipal Code or Airport Leasing Policy.

The Consent Decree allows City Hall to close the airport in 2028, shorten the runway and resolved several ongoing legal disputes between the city and the FAA. Under the decree, the City is required to offer aeronautical businesses three-year lease terms and adhere to FAA standards that make the airport available to pilots on reasonable terms. Staff said the new Minimum Standards are in compliance with those rules.

"The Minimum Standards, if adopted, would establish entry benchmarks that the City would use to determine whether and under what conditions an aeronautical service provider could conduct a commercial operation at the Santa Monica Airport," said Airport Director Stelios Makrides in an email earlier this week. "The Minimum Standards would, as an addendum to the City's Leasing Policy, build on the existing commercial operations permit and leasing processes to: provide concise and reasonable threshold entry requirements for persons or entities wishing to provide commercial aeronautical services to the public at the Airport; prevent irresponsible, unsafe or inadequate services; and, prevent unfair competition."

The most recent revisions maintain the Airport Director's ability to waive the requirements but specifically state waivers also require the approval of the city manager and could require approval by both the Airport Commission and City Council. Some requirements, such as insurance, airport security and non-discrimination clauses cannot be waived.

Interested parties can comment on the rules one last time at the Airport Commission meeting on Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St. The agenda and full report is available online at https://www.smgov.net/departments/airport/commission.

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