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# Powerful thunderstorms rage throughout California




Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

**WIND: A weekend storm had significant impact throughout California but moved through Santa Monica with relatively little damage.**

**CHRISTOPHER WEBER**
Associated Press

Powerful thunderstorms raged throughout California on Monday, walloping the Sierra Nevada with blizzard conditions and briefly knocking out power at the Los Angeles airport.

Damage in Santa Monica was limited to a handful of isolated power outages, some minor flooding and a few traffic accidents.

According to the Santa Monica Fire Department, the most serious incident occurred on Sunday when winds threatened to blow debris from a construction site into a nearby home.

SMFD Administrative Captain/PIO, Dale Hallock, said firefighters responded to a call at 160 Hart Ave. at about 2:30 p.m. on March 6. Firefighters found that scaffolding had come loose from a four-story apartment building currently under construction.

"This first fire department unit,

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# Pier hosting STEAM innovation expo

## *Student machines contest, panel discussion to highlight Saturday event*

**BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN**
Daily Press Staff Writer

Why open an umbrella with your hands when you can create a series of 20-plus chain reactions using science and technology skills to accomplish the same goal?

That's the challenge put forth by the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, a highlight of the innovation expo taking place March 12 on the Santa Monica Pier.

Students from Santa Monica

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# State budget encouraging for SMMUSD

## *Maez cautions against potential for slowdown*

**BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN**
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu school district's budget appears relatively secure, at least for now.

Although Gov. Jerry Brown has highlighted the risk of another economic downturn, local officials said the state's latest financial projections contain positive signs for public schools.

The rosy outlook is due in part to general economic growth, the restoration of funds that were sliced during the recent recession and the influx of taxes for education that voters approved in 2012.

Jan Maez, chief financial officer for SMMUSD, said Brown has done "a wonderful job" stabilizing the state budget in recent years.

"Next year appears to be a good year for schools," she said during a budget presentation at the local

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## CANCER SYMPOSIUM

Angela Daves-Haley

**The Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research held the 12th Annual Agi Hirshberg Symposium on Pancreatic Cancer at UCLA on March 5. Clinicians, researchers, patients and survivors gathered to learn about the latest breakthroughs, treatments and developments in pancreatic cancer. The symposium was complimentary to the public and was a resource that was made available to those who may not otherwise have had access to the latest, multifaceted data and facts about pancreatic cancer. Pictured are Dr. Howard Reber, Pancreatic Surgery Emeritus director, UCLA Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Diseases, Agi Hirshberg, Founder of the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research and pancreatic cancer survivors including actress Charlotte Rae.**

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Tuesday, March 8

### International Women's Day: A Living Library

Have a chance to speak to different women who work in public service careers. Check out a living book for 30 minutes and have a personal conversation with them. You will be able to learn more about each of their unique careers. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3 - 5 p.m.

### Computer Class: Internet Security

Learn how to protect yourself and your computer from threats such as viruses, spyware, and scams. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 4 - 5 p.m.

### Spring Sprinkles

Come and join Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals for lots of wonderful stories full of laughter and fun. This program is for children ages 3-7. Tickets are free but must be picked up on the day of the performance after 12:00 p.m. No phone reservations. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 4 - 4:45 p.m.

### "In Case You Missed It:" The Man from U.N.C.L.E. (2015)

In the early 1960's, a CIA agent and a KGB agent participate in a joint mission against a mysterious criminal organization that aims to proliferate nuclear weapons and destabilize the balance of world power. Directed by Guy Ritchie. (116 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Women of Mystery: Alison Gaylin & Shari Shattuck

Mystery author Alison Gaylin discusses her new novel What Remains of Me, a psychological suspense tale set in Hollywood, with actress and fellow mystery author Shari Shattuck. A book sale and signing follows. Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 9

### Celebrate National Bubble Week with Best Bubble Party

Enter the captivating world of bubbles in this engaging and informative show, bursting with fun for the whole family! Ages 3 and up. No tickets required. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### The Living Room presents "The Big Kid's Table: Graphic Novels"

Part of a monthly series of programs designed to inspire adults to get in touch with the big kid inside. This month: start and color your own graphic novel. We'll also have coloring books and relaxing music. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

### Considerations for College-Bound Artists

Interested in pursuing a career in the visual or performing arts? Independent college counselor Nick Soper will discuss the different types of opportunities and requirements for participating in the arts during college. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

### Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, March 10

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Montana Ave.

## Sustainable Works to screen 'Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret' at Aero Theatre.

"Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret" is an environmental documentary following filmmaker Kip Andersen as he examines what he describes as the most destructive industry facing the planet today - and investigates why the world's leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it.

Sustainable Works will host a screening of "Cowspiracy" at the Aero Theatre (1328 Montana Ave.) on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

A panel discussion will follow the screening. Panelist will include Jenny Marques, co-owner of eLOVate Kitchen,a Santa Monica vegan cafe and bar, Walker Foley, Food & Water Watch Southern CA Organizer as well as other experts in the field.

This is a zero waste event. Enjoy the concessions, but when finished, please discard in a sustainable manner to minimize waste, ideally zero. You can do this by discarding items at the Zero Waste stations at the theatre. Sustainable Works staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you sort and place materials into the correct compostable, recyclable and landfill bins at these stations.

Contact Gina Garcia at gina.garcia@sustainableworks.org for more information.

Sustainable Works is a nonprofit environmental education organization and a project of Community Partners, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

- DAILY PRESS STAFF

7th St.

## The Santa Monica History Museum presents 'Discover the History' Women's History Month

The Santa Monica History Museum will celebrate Women's History Month with a special guest speaker, Jacqueline A. Seabrooks, Santa Monica Chief of Police on Wednesday, March 9 at 6 p.m., for their free Discover the History lecture.

Santa Monica's - and California's - first African American, female Chief of Police. Jacqueline A. Seabrooks' more than three decades of progressively responsible municipal policing experience includes service in the California State Police Division, the Inglewood Police Department, and the Santa Monica Police Department. Organizers describe her story as an engaging tale of talent, hard work, and dedication to the communities she serves.

The Santa Monica History Museum is located at 1350 7th St. Doors for the event open at 5 p.m. Seating will be honored in the order of RSVP. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited.

Please RSVP to Kathryn Evans at (310) 395-2290, or kevans@santamonicahistory.org.

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# WEATHER

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activated a USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) alarm, and received aid from the fire department's most specialized Heavy Rescue resources; The USAR Rescue Truck, and the Ladder Truck. These units were able dismantle portions of the scaffolding, and hoist other parts back into the apartment building under construction," he said. "The battalion chief on scene reported no injuries, and minimal damage to the neighboring structure."

Hallock said there was an increase in calls for service Monday morning at about the time a lightning storm moved through the area but those calls did not translate into major incidents and could have been caused by power cuts/surges triggering automatic alarms.

The storm had a more significant impact across the state.

Some San Francisco Bay Area roads were under more than a foot of water during the morning commute. Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties saw about 11 inches of rain over 72 hours.

Commuter traffic also slowed to a crawl on Los Angeles-area freeways as cars were pelted by hail and motorists struggled to see roadways and navigate flooded lanes.

Douglas Barkley said he was driving on State Route 91 when he saw a bolt of lightning that ignited a pair of palm trees along the freeway.

"Embers were flying in the wind along with the rain," he wrote in an email.

Dozens of arrivals and departures were delayed but only a few flights were canceled after a storm briefly knocked out power at all terminals at Los Angeles International Airport. Backup systems kicked in and full power was restored within an hour, airport spokeswoman Nancy Castles said.

The rain could strike a blow against the ongoing California drought. As much as 20 inches was expected this week in some parts of Northern California amid a deepening snowpack that provides water to the state when it melts in the spring.

The storms arrived as the ocean-warming phenomenon called El Nino persists in the Pacific.

In the Sierra Nevada, a blizzard forced authorities to close Interstate 80 at Donner Summit for several hours overnight. Forecasters warned of whiteout conditions as up to 2 inches of snow fell each hour.

Strong winds knocked down trees and power lines across Southern California. Several vehicles were crushed by falling trees at a Central Coast RV park. No injuries were reported.

Snow fell in the mountains, bringing a welcome sight at ski resorts around the state. Sugar Bowl ski resort near Lake Tahoe saw 33 inches of snow at the summit overnight, said National Weather Service meteorologist Brian O'Hara.

Snow was expected at the 5,000-foot level in the mountains of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. Drivers on mountain passes, including the Grapevine section of Interstate 5, were cautioned about possibly icy conditions.

Over the weekend, Chia Xiong, 51, of Marysville died in Yuba County after being trapped in a car that became submerged in floodwater on a highway.

The driver, who was able to get out of the car, was arrested for investigation of driving under the influence and vehicular manslaughter, CHP Officer Jodie Beck said.

- MATTHEW HALL CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT

# LISTINGS

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people pass by, they are invited to write their question on our board. For more information call 858-395-9329 or visit www.sayerapp.com. 1300 block of Third Street Promenade, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Computer Class: Internet Basics I

Learn what the internet is, how to use a web browser, find information, evaluate online sources and more. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 4 - 5 p.m.

### Reducing Stress Through Meditation

The scientific community has recently been exploring the use of meditation as a healing modality. Join Doug Frankel as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6 - 7 p.m.

### Movie Screening: 'Grandma' (2015)

In this comedic drama, Lily Tomlin turns in an award-worthy performance as a pot-smoking, lesbian grandmother, reunited with her estranged granddaughter in a scheme to deal with the younger girl's unexpected pregnancy. (79 min.) Seating first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular meeting of the Rent Control Board. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

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## What's the Point?

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# Thyme for a revival

**THERE'S YET ANOTHER STARBUCKS GOING** up in this city, now it's replacing the Kentucky Fried Chicken at 28th and Pico across from the 99 Cent Store. I have no accurate count of how many Starbucks Coffee shops we have in the city, but I think it's about 31. I have mixed feelings about the loss of the KFC, it was an annual indulgence for me, so horribly delicious, and dangerous to eat. But truly, it's probably better for all of us that the Double Down (two fried chicken patties and cheese) is not available here. I never had the guts, or the metabolism, to try it, but it was always there as possibility of caloric catastrophe to seduce me towards those biscuits, the mashed potatoes and gravy, and with the slightest nod to salad, a mayonnaise explosion euphemistically called coleslaw.

Do we need another Starbucks, I guess so. They're good for real estate values I've been told, along with Whole Foods and Trader Joe's. As a harbinger of good fortune and future growth they seem to be as accurate as the Swallows who return to San Juan Capistrano each year. The far end of the city is due for some upgrading and it's nice to see the beginnings of a revival.

It's easy to forget that there's more to Santa Monica than just the downtown area with its Promenade, Ferris Wheel and Pier. The city has distinct neighborhoods and as easy as it is for me to forget that and ignore them, I don't think it's wise to do so. With that in mind, and in the interest of adventuring, I made a point of having breakfast somewhere I'd never been before last week, on a street that I don't often visit these days - Ocean Park east of Lincoln.

Normally I visit this part of the city every 6-8 months when I drop off my shoes to have the sole protectors redone at Maya Shoe Repair. I've been having my shoes repaired here for the past 20 years and as it is the biggest draw for me, it's not something you have to do often. As a young boy I recall taking the Big Blue Bus down Ocean Park to the beach, and I'd occasionally stop in at Bob's Market to grab something to eat on the way home.

Curiously this patch of Ocean Park hasn't changed that much. The storefronts still have an old school neighborhood feel to them, all pre-corporate monolith. Which is why when I was looking for a breakfast joint, Thyme stood out.

This restaurant has a neighborhood feel to it, but it's in the wrong neighborhood. The white interior and shabby chicness of it all feels very Cape Cod to me. It's like a locally owned Joan's on Third. There's a selection of gourmet goods and jams, lots of frozen pre-made entrees and ready to eat soups in the refrigerator for the grab and go crowd. The pastry case is the first thing you have to navigate before ordering, a wise choice on their part, as I was almost waylaid into a carbohydrate orgy of cakes and delicacies that are definitely not on the diet.

I forged on to a menu of "real food" - the stuff that your mother wants you to eat. The menu was wide and charming, with some great selections for breakfast and lunch. I chose a healthy omelet of goat cheese, avocado and potatoes. The omelet was delightful, and Thyme does something I wish more places would, they have chilled water bottles that you take to your table that are actual glass, with glasses that are chilled.

Assuming all the food at Thyme is as delightful as the omelet I had, and the pastries look, this place is a great family stop for healthy food, that is high quality. All in all I found it to be a nice enhancement to the community, and I'm sure I'll get over my initial discomfort at its design not fitting my ideal of what a restaurant should be in our little city by the bay. I'll be back there to try other great choices. It's clear there's a revival going on beyond Ocean Avenue, and Thyme is just one of the many great indicators of it.

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# Sustainable eating

**LAST YEAR, FACING A DROUGHT OF** historic proportions, Gov. Jerry Brown called on California residents and businesses to restrict our water usage. It was a directive that predictably generated national media attention, while also stirring up much debate within the state about water usage. Every analysis and study on California's drought finds animal agriculture to be the state's biggest water user. Amidst a wet winter in which we received a decent rainfall, it's easy to forget that we're still amidst a severe drought.

"As California goes, so goes the nation," so goes the saying. And in our state, Santa Monica's a real trailblazer. Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment has been the nation's leader in its promotion of Meatless Monday, which it's been doing for years. This March, Santa Monica's also encouraging employees to walk the walk by taking a Meatless in March challenge. It's a brilliant challenge that can truly make a difference. One thing each and every one of us can do to reduce our water footprint is to reduce the amount of meat we put on our plates.

Animal agriculture is water intensive. National Geographic estimates that it takes approximately 468 gallons of water to produce a single pound of chicken- that's more than a month's worth of showers. A 2012 report from the Pacific Institute implicates animal feed as having the greatest water requirement of any crop in California (or any other human use for that matter).

There's an abundance of science indicating that not only is the amount of meat, eggs and dairy our society is consuming too heavy a burden for our planet and water supply, but reducing meat consumption could also help reduce the risk of chronic disease. A diet rich in plant-based foods will help us look and feel better. The American Heart Association reports, "A pro-vegetarian diet that emphasizes a higher proportion of plant-based foods compared to animal-based foods may help lower the risks of dying from heart disease and stroke by up to 20 percent." Heart disease is the top killer of American men and women.

When we choose kung pao vegetables over chicken stir-fry, we support water conservation efforts, improve our health and reduce the number of animals subjected to inhumane factory farm practices, such as confining animals in cages and crates so small they can barely take a step in any direction. We can each do our part by embracing the Three Rs: "reducing" or "replacing" consumption of animal products and "refining" our diets by choosing products from sources that adhere to higher animal welfare standards.

Fortunately, more California municipalities are recognizing that this small change can make a big difference. Santa Monica is joined by Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Berkeley, Escondido, Long Beach and Santa Cruz, which have all passed resolutions or proclamations declaring Mondays to be Meatless Mondays. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District recently kicked off Meatless Monday serving vegetarian meals to students at the start of each week.

Doing our part individually to address the drought may seem like a drop in the bucket, but each day we have three opportunities to save water, improve our health and help animals: at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We can all join the Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment to help fill that bucket by enjoying more meatless meals.

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Board of Education's meeting March 3.

But Maez also cautioned that the sunny financial skies could soon turn stormy. She noted that the temporary taxes from Proposition 30 will come to an end, and she added that there's always a possibility of turbulence in the economy.

"We need to start preparing for a slowdown," Maez said, alluding to indications she's received from state officials. "They're not at all in a crisis mode. They're not panicking. But they want us all to be aware that that's a potential."

Brown's budget proposes Proposition 98 funding of $71.6 billion in 2016-17, an increase of $2.4 billion over the 2015-16 level.

The aforementioned funding includes $2.8 billion toward further implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula, which is gradually giving districts more responsibility in handling state money. That would mean an 85-percent implementation of the LCFF in the first four years of the system. The proposed 2016-17 growth would provide an average increase of $489 in per-pupil funding across the state, Maez said.

Once the program is fully in place, however, school districts will only be able to count on cost-of-living increases of approximately 2-3 percent each year, Maez said.

The governor's budget also includes $1.6 billion in early education block grants and $1.2 billion for discretionary one-time uses, including content standards implementation, technology upgrades, professional development, programs for beginning teachers and deferred maintenance.

Maez said rules governing the cap on district reserves are not currently in play and that they probably won't be in 2016-17. The rules require the district to explain their funding reserves if they are over certain levels.

"It's something we need to be aware of and do some planning on," she said.

So what do the state figures mean for SMMUSD?

The district anticipates LCFF revenue for 2016-17 to total about $90.7 million and one-time discretionary funds of about $2.3 million. Local district budgeting depends on LCFF revenue, enrollment projections, staffing allocations and employee benefits, among other factors.

Board member Jose Escarce noted that the district was funded above LCFF levels this year because it qualified for additional state aid.

Meanwhile, Maez said employer rates for the California State Teachers' Retirement System will hit nearly 12.6 percent next year, up from 10.7 percent this year. No specific funds are being provided for the increased expense.

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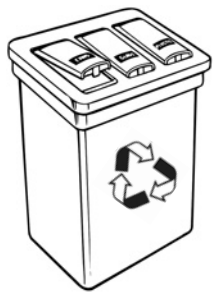
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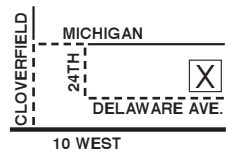


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## STEAM

FROM PAGE 1

High School and Lincoln Middle School as well as peers from across the region will convene at one of Santa Monica's most iconic destinations to participate in the competition, which is part of the third-annual STEAM Machines Innovation Fair.

The free, family-friendly event on Saturday will bring together hundreds of children, parents, educators and tech enthusiasts for workshops and exhibitions that aim to inspire the next generation of skilled creative thinkers.

"The environmental issues of today are going to be solved by these kids who are smart scientists," said Heather Doyle, educational programming curator for the pier and director of Heal The Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. "We need to cultivate the scientists of the future so we can help save our environment."

Doyle said the proximity to the Pacific Ocean and the solar-powered Ferris wheel in Pacific Park make the pier an appropriate destination for the expo. She added that it's important for youngsters to experience science in non-classroom settings. There will be bicycle-powered ice cream, automated drawing machines and recycling machines made out of trash.

"That hands-on experience actually has a greater impact than in school on a worksheet," she said. "When kids visit a museum, they never forget what they learned."

Saturday's event will also include a discussion panel featuring leaders in science and technology, including Diana Skaar, head of business innovation for X (formerly Google X); Kristina Kipp, a systems engineer at Jet Propulsion Lab who has worked on Mars rover mission planning; and Cynthia Erenas, an award-winning robotics student from the Boyle Heights area.

"It's a powerhouse group of women," Doyle said.

Winners from the regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest will be announced after the panel, and they will advance to the national competition. The contest aims to promote the use of technology and creativity to solve real-world problems.

The competition is inspired by Goldberg, a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and inventor who spawned interest in unnecessarily complicated contraptions.

"Rube Goldberg machines inspire creativity and innovation and have become a fixture in education, pop culture and entertainment thanks to these annual competitions and, of course, the Internet," Santa Monica Pier executive director Jay Farrand said in a press release.

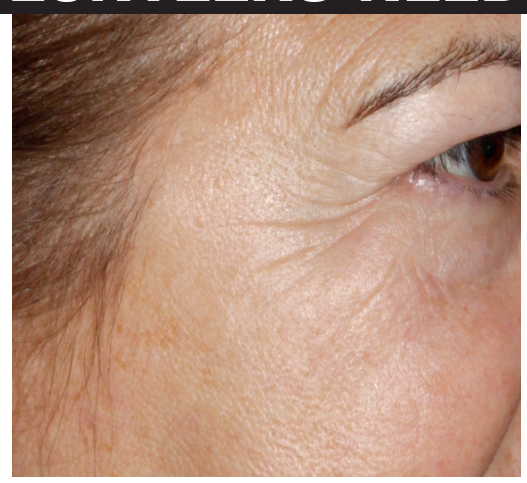
The action will begin around 11 a.m. with do-it-yourself stomp rockets by the Columbia Memorial Space Center, 3D printer demonstrations and activities at the pier aquarium. Attendees will be able to drive a remote-controlled submarine under water.

The machine contest will run until about 2 p.m., when the panel hosted by "The Tomorrow Show" host Gray Bright is scheduled to begin.

For more information, visit santamonicapier.org/steam.

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11-2PM
Royal Rumble of rube
12 teams have taken DIY machine-building to new heights as they face off and compete for the best Rube Goldberg machine that can open an umbrella in 20 steps or more! Prize money and everlasting glory are on the line so come pick a champ and cheer them on.

2-3:30PM
The Path to Innovation
A panel of innovators, including Google's Diana Skaar, Kristina Kipp from JPL's Mars Rover, 18-year-old LA robotics champ Cynthia Erenas, and hosted by The Tomorrow Show's Gray Bright, will discuss the challenges of their fields and the opportunities that await!

11-4PM
Come Space Out
Home of the Challenger Learning Center, the Columbia Space Center will be out with DIY stomp rockets made of recycled bottles and a Star Wars BB-8 robot!

11-4PM
Everyone Loves Robots
But how do you know which one to fall in love with? Barnes and Noble will be demo'ing Meccanoid, the Sphero Sprk, 3-D printers and more.

11-4PM
Swim With the Fishes
Visit Heal The Bay's Aquarium under the Pier to check out the coolest creates and even pilot an underwater ROV mini-sub.

And if that's not enough there will be bicycle-powered ice cream, automatic drawing machines, recycling-machines made out of trash (mind = blown) and more.

# SURF REPORT




## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.5°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Decreasing WNW swell, potential for some new NW swell. Small SSW swell.. Stay tuned.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Modest NW swell. SW swell builds and becomes the dominant source of surf. Potential for light wind. Stay tuned.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Modest NW swell. Modest SW swell. Onshore wind may return. Stay tuned.

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# CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

### ON FEBRUARY 26 AT APPROXIMATELY 1 P.M.

Officers responded to a call in the 500 block of Pacific Coast Highway in regards to a vandalism that had just occurred. Upon officers arriving, they spoke to the victim whom stated that he arrived and parked in the lot at 9 a.m. and when he arrived at his car at 12 p.m., he noticed a black jacket on the trunk of his vehicle. Upon closer inspection of his car, he noticed substantial damage had been done to his vehicle. The victim looked around his vehicle and saw a subject, later identified as Ana Rya, a 27-year-old transient, walking in tight circles near the center of the lot. When he asked Rya if she had seen anyone damage his car, she answered that is was her and she had trust issues and was trying to learn and teach. Rya was arrested for felony vandalism. Bail was set at $20,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 303 calls for service on March 6.

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

Party complaint, 1300 block of 14th, 12:07 a.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of 15th, 12:25 a.m.
Loud music, 1700 block of Pico, 1:29 a.m.
Battery, 1500 block of Ocean, 1:59 a.m.
Burglary, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 2:42 a.m.
DUI, 100 block of Wilshire, 3:06 a.m.
Burglary, 1400 block of Ocean, 5:53 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 500 block of Olympic, 8:03 a.m.
Vandalism, 1900 block of Cloverfield, 8:28 a.m.
Fight, 7th/Wilshire, 8:38 a.m.
Identity theft, 1800 block of Euclid, 10:18 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of 7th, 11:14 a.m.
Vandalism, 2700 block of Pico, 11:29 a.m.
Sexual assault, 300 block of Civic Center, 11:56 a.m.
Threats, 1000 block of Montana, 1:37 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 2:18 p.m.
Vandalism, 2000 block of 5th, 2:31 p.m.
Grand theft, 600 block of Georgina, 2:42 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 500 block of Santa Monica, 3:15 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2600 block of Ocean Park, 3:16 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 1500 block of Pearl, 4:01 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 4:01 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1300 block of 4th, 4:22 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 2000 block of Wilshire, 4:31 p.m.
Vandalism, 3000 block of Lincoln, 4:35 p.m.
Battery, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 4:41 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1600 block of Lincoln, 4:57 p.m.
Grand theft, Ocean/Bay, 6:00 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 900 block of Georgina, 6:12 p.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block of 7th, 6:13 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2600 block of Ocean Park, 6:49 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2000 block of Main, 7:00 p.m.
Threats, 2100 block of Colorado, 7:02 p.m.
Public intoxication, 500 block of Colorado, 8:08 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2000 block of 6th, 8:21 p.m.
Threats, 2400 block of 34th, 9:06 p.m.
Burglary, 1400 block of Lincoln, 9:21 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1100 block of Lincoln, 9:31 p.m.
DUI, 14th/Olympic, 9:34 p.m.
Hit and run, 1200 block of Michigan, 10:22 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 38 calls for service on March 6.

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

Structure fire, 500 block of Raymond, 12:15 a.m.
Structure fire, 1200 block of 15th, 12:34 a.m.
EMS, 2900 block of Santa Monica, 1:17 a.m.
Injuries from assault, 1500 block of Ocean, 2:00 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Lincoln, 2:33 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wilshire, 3:07 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 2nd, 3:23 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 3:50 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 800 block of Woodacres, 3:55 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of 20th, 4:22 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Virginia, 4:46 a.m.
Transformer fire, 2400 block of Main, 4:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 800 block of Woodacres, 5:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1100 block of 23rd, 6:12 a.m.
Wires down, 800 block of Olympic, 6:18 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 7:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 3300 block of Barnard, 8:47 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 11th, 10:34 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Montana, 11:03 a.m.
EMS, 3300 block of Ocean Park, 11:36 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pl., 12:11 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 2nd/Wilshire, 12:16 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of 7th, 12:38 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Lincoln, 1:45 p.m.
Public assist, 100 block of Hart, 2:32 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Broadway, 2:58 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Stewart, 3:18 p.m.
Fire investigation, 1000 block of 3rd, 3:49 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 2500 block of Beverly Ave., 3:51 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Euclid, 4:07 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Virginia, 4:35 p.m.
Public assist, 600 block of Pico, 5:45 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 20th, 6:01 p.m.
Lock in/out, 2600 block of Santa Monica, 7:33 p.m.
Public assist, 1000 block of Lincoln, 8:14 p.m.
EMS, 3000 block of Highland, 9:19 p.m.

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# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** In — (lined up)
**5** Endures
**10** Hit the gas
**12** Band-leader Shaw
**13** It deserves another
**15** Fishing pole
**16** Some amount of
**17** — de deux
**18** Summer's end
**20** Conceal
**21** Decimal fraction
**22** Keats poems
**23** Fabric workers
**25** Infield corner
**28** Oboe parts
**31** At any time
**32** Nostalgic songs
**34** That woman
**35** Chinese chairman
**36** West of Hollywood
**37** It spoils the bunch
**40** Moon-based
**41** Parceled (out)
**42** College VIPs
**43** Danson and Nugent

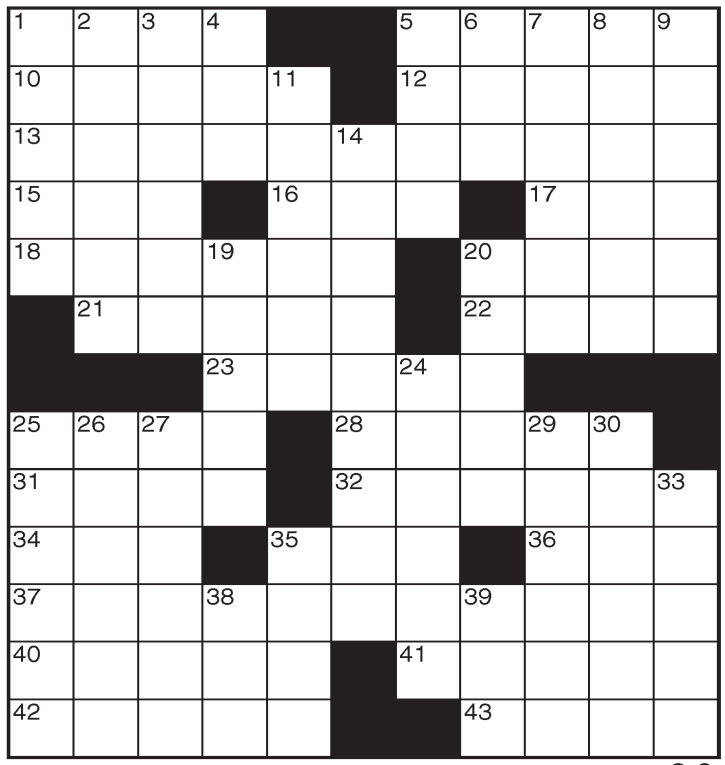
**DOWN**

**1** Old market
**2** Become depleted
**3** Anxious
**4** Toupee's kin
**5** Lord's wife
**6** Paintings and sculpture
**7** Doltish
**8** Angry rant
**9** Taste and smell
**11** Comfort-ably warm
**14** Place for Kerouac
**19** Lower than
**20** Cheated, in slang
**24** Do a muske-teer's job
**25** Look at
**26** Broad street
**27** Venus Williams' sister
**29** Golf ball feature
**30** Closed tight
**33** Garden starters
**35** Earth neighbor
**38** Prohibit
**39** Poker prize

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Difficulty Level ★★

## GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

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EVENING: 5 6 8

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## WORD UP!

**autoschediasm**
1. something that is improvised or extemporized.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1917** – The United States Senate votes to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

**1920** – The Arab Kingdom of Syria, the first modern Arab state to come into existence, is established.

**1921** – Spanish Prime Minister Eduardo Dato Iradier is assassinated while exiting the parliament building in Madrid.

**1924** – A mine disaster kills 172 coal miners near Castle Gate, Utah.

**1936** – Daytona Beach and Road Course holds its first oval stock car race.

**1937** – Spanish Civil War: The Battle of Guadalajara begins.

**1942** – World War II: Dutch forces surrender to Japanese forces on Java.

**1949** – Mildred Gillars ("Axis Sally") is condemned to prison for treason.

**1957** – Egypt re-opens the Suez Canal after the Suez Crisis.

**1963** – The Ba'ath Party comes to power in Syria in a coup d'état by a clique of quasi-leftist Syrian Army officers calling themselves the National Council of the Revolutionary Command.

**1965** – 3,500 United States Marines are the first land combat forces committed during the Vietnam War.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Prosecutors in Spain finally filed charges this year against three women for a May 2014 protest that was apparently aimed at religious intolerance of homosexuality, and are asking that the charges against the women be labeled anti-Catholic "hate" crimes. One judge particularly noted the anti-Catholic props -- rosary beads, prayer lace, canonical hoods, and a 6-foot-high plastic vulva constructed to resemble the well-known representation of the Virgin Mary. In January, judges called police to court to help identify the women in videos of the protest.

■ Progressives' Anxiety Disorder: Several students at the Ivy League's Brown University complained (quoted in a February story in the student newspaper) that classroom work (ostensibly what Brown charges $50,000 a year in tuition for) was increasingly a burden, distracting them from their more important calling: organizing and protesting against various "injustices" on campus. Students were underperforming academically (and suffering health problems and anxiety issues) because, said the students, Brown still expects them to complete course requirements even though they are busy denouncing racist columns in the student newspaper and challenging the weakness of Brown's "diversity" policies (among other targets).

# Get a lot of rest, Sagittarius

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ Do not overanalyze your feelings; instead, simply embrace them. You will get guidance through them. A change in how you approach a superior might be appropriate when you stop and reflect on a recent decision. Tonight: Enjoy being by yourself or with only one other person.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ Others seem overly emotional, and you could witness wild swings of feelings. You will be on the verge of fulfilling a long-desired wish, yet at the same time, you might feel threatened that you could lose it. Stay centered despite obstacles. Tonight: Get together with friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★ You depend on work being somewhat stable. A new beginning presents itself with your work or career. At first, it might not seem good, but surprises will head your way. You will see and experience the benefit of change. Be willing to flow with the moment. Tonight: Out late.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ You could feel discouraged by news that heads your way, as it will demand an adjustment. You might choose to do nothing. A conversation will give you a new perspective on this matter, whether you accept it or not. Tonight: Give your mind an escape; try some music or a movie.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Your attention seems to be focused on an important situation that involves a friend. You could be taken aback by everything that comes up regarding this relationship. Though you might grasp for quick solutions, you should take your time. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ You might be riding the wave that others seem to create. The good news is that you are a great surfer and will come out on top. Observe more, and you will see a different side to the people around you. A relationship gets a new beginning. Tonight: Go with the moment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★ You could feel as if you have a great idea and are right on course. Within hours you are likely to see obstacles appear. Be smart and don't push to have your way. Allow the situations around you to play out. Tonight: Change the channel, and do something totally different.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ You could feel as if a child, friend or loved one is playing on your emotions. Without grumbling, make it clear that you love this role -- it will reinforce how important you are to this person. You might need to quiet some of the complaining. Tonight: Hang with friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed with personal matters. In fact, if you could run away from these issues, you would. You will opt for a new beginning in this area of your life. A boss or client will let you know how valued you are. Tonight: Get as much as rest as possible.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ Share some of the more obscure ideas or feelings you have. By expressing this side of your personality, you will allow others to understand you better. A group of friends and supporters appears to be expanding around you. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite haunt.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★ Curb a tendency to allow money to drip through your fingers. A sense of humor will help you deal with others, especially a friend who might be sad. Treat this person as you would want to be treated. Opt for a new beginning financially. Tonight: Accept an invitation from a pal.

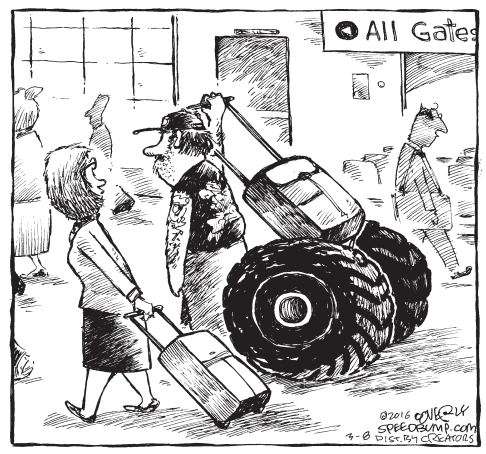
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★★ Your feelings could swing from one extreme to the other. You might not want to say anything about a serious matter until you stabilize. A close friend and a loved one will watch you go from mood to mood, and actually might find this behavior to be charming. Tonight: Out.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

This year could be one of your signature years, in which an event or a series of happenings could be significant in determining your path. You will experience a new beginning in at least one area of your life. If you are single, your status easily could change. Be honest with yourself about what you want, as you might have several suitors. If you are attached, you will find certain elements of your bond transforming. Your significant other will be unusually positive and supportive. PISCES can be very dependent at times.

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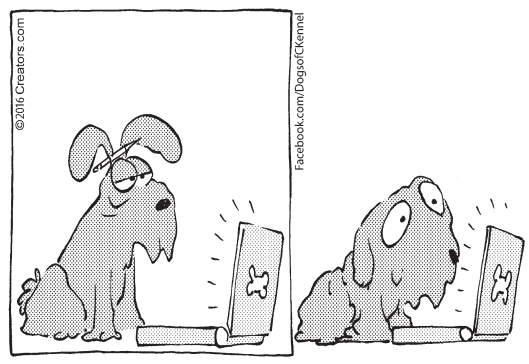
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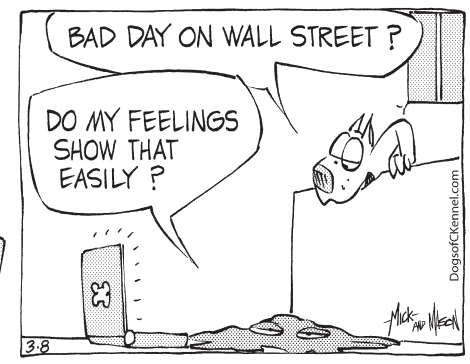



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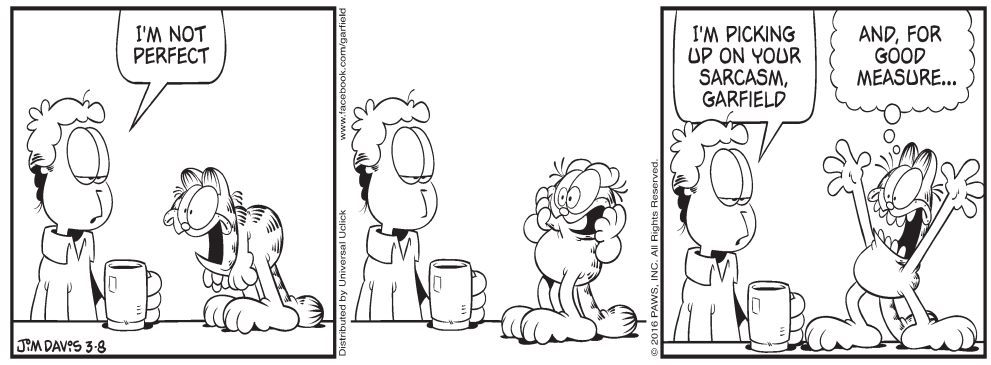



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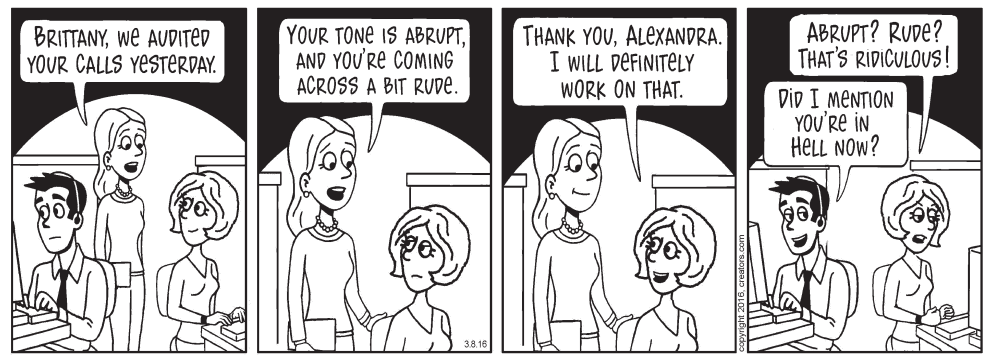



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