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BASEBALL RESULTS SEE PAGE 10

Zoning Ordinance passes, marijuana dispensaries allowed

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL "That only took nine and a half years."

That was Mayor Kevin McKeown's comment after City Council unanimously passed a new Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday night.

The ordinance, which will dictate land uses throughout the city for years to come, got some last minute tweaks before a short political discourse and the unanimous vote.

Council had spent hours hearing public testimony on and debating the ordinance in the past the month. It will be given a second reading and be adopted, likely later this month. From there, opponents would have 30 days to challenge the ordinance through a referendum if they choose to.

Aside from broader issues surrounding development-related density and height standards, one of the most significant changes will be the allowance of two medical marijuana dispensaries within the city limits.

Dispensaries were previously zoned out of the city of Santa Monica.

The council majority, consisting largely of McKeown, Sue Himmelrich, Tony Vazquez, Ted Winterer, and often Gleam Davis, ratcheted back some of the density

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SMMEF giving lacks parity

Fundraiser participation varies across school district

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY WIDE Major discrepancies exist across school sites in the levels of participation in the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's annual fundraiser as the June 30 deadline looms.

District families had raised about 45 percent of the money in the current drive and 28.7 percent of families had contributed as of last month, according to agency data.

But giving rates varied significantly at the various Santa Monica-Malibu campuses, data show, underscoring the obstacles of the district's recently imple-

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COUNCIL WRAP:

Short-term rentals, city property sold

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Dozens of Airbnb users gathered on the lawn of City Hall to protest the second reading of an ordinance that promises to crack down on short-term rentals in the city.

Numerous reporters showed up to council's meeting to watch City Council adopt the ordinance in less than a minute without any discussion; a first reading of the ordinance passed unanimously last week after more than an hour of public comment and debate.

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RAIN DAY

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A brief rain storm passed through Santa Monica on May 14. Locals scrambled keep dry and a few tourists were unprepared for the wet weather.


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, May 15

Classic film series: 'Teacher's Pet'

The 1958 romantic comedy written by Fay and Michael Kanin delves into ethics in journalism. Directed by George Seaton and starring Clark Gable, Doris Day, and Gig Young, the film is about a school-of-hard-knocks newspaperman who scorns journalism schools, but, after seeing one of the teachers, signs up for a journalism class. 6 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Classic film series: 'Adam's Rib'

The 1949 film written by Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin takes a look at marriage and the legal system. Directed by George Cukor and starring Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, and Judy Holliday, the exquisite comedy depicts the problems of a husband and wife who are opposing lawyers in a case involving a wife who shot her husband. 1:30 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

'Splatoon' buzz event

Dive into Nintendo's game before its release to splatter enemies and claim your turf as an Inkling. Cheer on your favorite celebrities as they Swim Like Squids. For more information, visit www.nintendo.com. Santa Monica Pier, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Word I (MS Office 2010)

Introduction to using Microsoft Word 2010 to create and format basic documents. Intermediate level. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 - 5 p.m.

SM Theatre Guild: 'The Still Alarm' and 'Black Comedy'

"The Still Alarm": The hotel bedroom is on fire. In the face of crackling flames, deadly heat, and imminent catastrophe, the guests, the bellboy, and the firemen remain resolutely British.

"Black Comedy": Desperate sculptor Brindsley Miller has "borrowed" furniture and art from the absent collector next door. When the collector unexpectedly returns, joined by a tipsy tee-totaling spinster, a horny ex-girlfriend, and a German electrician, Brindsley frantically tries to keep everyone in the dark long enough to return the stolen items before light is restored, illusions are shattered, and his lies are revealed.

8 - 11 p.m., Morgan Wixson Theater, 2627, Pico Blvd. http://morgan-wixson.org, (310) 828-7519

Saturday, May 16

Walk to Africa

Register and form a team to raise pledge money for the 7th annual Walk To Africa, a fundraiser for overseas medical missions. Scenic 4- and 8-mile walks in Santa Monica starting on the beach. Water station every 2 miles. 2-mile children's walk with family fun zone featuring clowns and bands. T-shirt and goody bag with registration. Register at walktoafrica.com. 9 a.m.

Straight from Cuba

The Lois Lambert Gallery will present an exhibition of three incredible contemporary Cuban artists: Alan Manuel Gonzalez, Darwin Estacio Martinez, and Luis Rodriquez NOA. The opening reception is from 6 - 9 p.m. and will run through July 11 at the Lois Lambert Gallery located in Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave.

Tennis day

Come to Christine Emerson Reed Park

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Sugar bill fails

Legislation that would impose a fee on distributors of sugary drinks and create a dedicated revenue source to address the alarming health impacts of childhood obesity, diabetes and heart disease failed the Assembly Health Committee today by four votes. The Legislation, AB 1357, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) and jointly sponsored by the American Heart Association, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, and California Dental Association and supported by numerous health advocates around the state, would generate an estimated $3 billion a year to prevent and treat obesity, diabetes, heart and dental disease. Currently, California does not allocate any state funds towards the prevention and treatment of diabetes.

"I am disappointed that the committee failed to act today on one of the biggest health crises facing our nation," said Bloom. "Diabetes is now the seventh largest cause of death in the nation. If current trends aren't reversed, one-in-three children born after 2000-and specifically one-in-two African-American or Hispanic children-are expected to develop type 2 diabetes. The overwhelming view of health experts is that the single most significant cause of obesity and diabetes is over consumption of sugar."

Since 1977, Americans have doubled their intake of sugar and consume approximately 300 more calories per day. Sugar-sweetened beverages, including sodas, sweetened teas, sports drinks, sweetened waters and fruit flavored drinks, account for 43 percent of that increase, and the average American now drinks more than 45 gallons of sugar-sweetened beverages per year. In 1980, there were no Type 2 diabetes cases among adolescents. In 2010, there were approximately 58,000 cases. Over the past 10 years, the percentage of American teens that has diabetes or pre-diabetes has increased from nine percent to 25 percent.

Across California, low-income communities of all types face great barriers to healthy lifestyles. Obesity and diabetes are costing the state billions every year in hospitalization and Medicare costs. In fact, one estimate has it that 75 percent of every healthcare dollar goes to maintenance or treatment of chronic metabolic disease.

While Type 2 diabetes is fully preventable, once diagnosed, people face many complications that combine to lower both quality of life and life expectancy. These include hypoglycemia, hypertension, heightened death rates from cardio-vascular disease, higher risk of heart attack and stroke, blindness and eye problems, kidney disease and amputations. In 2010 alone, about 73,000 non-traumatic lower limb amputations were performed in adults aged 20 years or older with diagnosed diabetes. Doctors are reporting strokes in 8 year olds, heart attacks in 10 year olds and 30 year olds on dialysis for kidney failure.

By imposing a health impact fee on sugar sweetened beverages, the largest source of sugar in the American diet, the state will be able to distribute funding to programs that seek to fight childhood obesity and diabetes. Funds collected through this legislation would also go back into the community to improve participation in physical activity, promote access to healthy fruits and vegetables for kids, and to fund oral health programs. Parents and children, particularly those in disadvantaged communities will have new access to information about nutrition and other healthy lifestyle choices.

"Across the nation and in California, diabetes and heart disease have reached epidemic proportions. Regardless of this reality, the beverage industry continues to market larger sized bottles and fountain drinks and their products are front and center at every grocery store. Much like the tobacco industry did for decades, the industry's marketing practices have preyed on our children. There are zero health benefits to drinking these beverages and public health experts agree that a reduction in consumption is imperative. It saddens me that the Legislature, once again, failed to address this crisis head on. The evidence shows that epidemic grows worse with time," added Bloom.

"Californians are becoming increasingly overweight — consuming more empty calories per day — and the number one cause is consumption of sugar sweetened beverages," said Kathy Rogers, Executive Vice President, American Heart Association, Western States Affiliate. "For example, a Super Big Gulp, which is 44 oz., has approximately 523 calories and the equivalent of 35 teaspoons of sugar. That's nearly six times what the American Heart Association recommends for most women in one day. We should aim to protect the health of our children and families."

"We are tired of burying our family members from Type 2 diabetes. It is a tragedy that this disease is so prevalent in our community that many Latinos now believe that getting diabetes is normal. The revenue from AB 1357 will establish a long overdue, sustained funding source for diabetes prevention in California, prioritizing communities with the highest diabetes rates," says Xavier Morales, Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.

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to try tennis for free with the Santa Monica Tennis Club. Designed to be a comprehensive look at all that makes the game great, Try Tennis for Free will offer demos, tennis fashion, speed serve station, clinics, raffles and free gifts. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Doubles matches will be played until 2 p.m. 1133 7th St.

Classic film Series: 'Harold and Maude'

The quirky 1971 film about the relationship between a young man and a much older and wiser woman, focuses on living life to the fullest. Directed by Hal Ashby and starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, and Vivian Pickles, the dark, provocative comedy explores ageism and social nonconformity. 6 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Silent dance party

Returning to the Pier on third Saturdays from May to September, top DJs transmit music to wireless headphones. For more information call (213) 465-3123 or visit www.hlpresents.com. 7 p.m., Santa Monica Pier.

Working with home-remodeling contractors

Penny Spark of Slate Ltd. explains how to find trustworthy contractors and navigate through the home remodeling process, from the preliminary stages through inspections, warranties, final payments and unconditional releases. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2 - 4 p.m.

Pop-up cards and books with Angharad Caceres

Make a set of colorful, active greeting cards while practicing a variety of pop-up paper engineering techniques. 1450 Ocean, $20 plus a $5 cash material fee to instructor, 1 - 4 p.m.

Call (310) 458-2239 for more information or register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44617.

What's the story? Writing with Stacie Chaiken

Everyone has a story they want to tell. Whether you're creating a memoir, screenplay, stage play, one-person show, or even if you have no idea what you want to write, this is a great place to figure out what you want to say and how. Bring a page of your writing about something — anything — that means a lot to you. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 1450 Ocean. Call (310) 458-2239 for more information or register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/43075.

Hanging paper sculptures with Richard Hutman

Join studio artist-in-residence Richard Hutman to unlock some of the rich potential waiting to be discovered in a sheet or two of folded paper — just by imposing specific rules and repetitions. See examples of completed works and learn how they are put together. Or explore a brand new size, shape, and interlock style of your own. Build and decorate your own hanging paper sculpture to display at home or gift to a friend. 1450 Ocean. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., $5. Call (310) 458-2239 for more information or register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44602.

City Council meeting

Special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, 9 a.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St., www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Bridget Howard's 'Secret Self'

Howard's "Secret Self" taps into the fear of being judged and blows it up for all to witness, taking her hidden artistic treasures and showcasing for others to explore. It opens not just herself, but also the viewer, to the possibilities of sharing yourself with the world. "Secret Self" serves as a visual timeline, peaking into the mind of a growing artist. Reception is from 6 - 8 p.m. Wine Expo 2933, Santa Monica Blvd.

Movie screening: 'Silver Linings Playbook'

Join the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission in celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month by attending the screening of "Silver Linings Playbook," an Academy Award-winning film about a man with a bipolar condition struggling to readjust to life after a stint in a mental institution. There will be a panel discussion with mental health advocates familiar with dual diagnosis. Dual diagnosis is when a mental illness and a substance use disorder occur simultaneously. Refreshments will be served. For bus and accessibility information, contact Adriana Torres at (310) 458-8701. Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Multipurpose Room. 1-4 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

Adat Shalom Jerusalem Day gala

Dinner, games, strolling magician, silent auction, photos of Jerusalem, photo opportunities. A night of fun to benefit the educational activities of Adat Shalom. Donation: $150. Includes chips for games, food and entertainment. 3030 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m. (310) 475-4985; www.adatshalomla.org.

Classic film Series: 'Friendly Fire'

The 1979 award-winning made-for-TV movie written by Fay Kanin takes a look at government corruption and war. Directed by David Greene and starring Carol Burnett, Ned Beatty, and Sam Waterston, the film tells the story of a couple and the lies they encounter when they try to find out how their son died in Vietnam. 5:30 p.m. Free screenings held in Room 165 of the SMC Humanities & Social Science building, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

'The Architecture of Space'

Donna Sternberg & Dancers with the Venice Symphony Orchestra will lead audiences throughout Tongva Park, exploring the aesthetic and psychological affects of the Tongva architecture. For more information call (310) 260-1198 or visit www.dsdancers.com. 3 - 4 p.m.

Run for Nepal

Register at 10 a.m. Run at 11 a.m. For more information, call (310) 970-2895 or visit thistimefoundation.org. Beach Park 1.

Copa Cabana beach soccer tournament

Youth beach soccer. For more information call (949) 294-2989 or visit www.copacabanabeachsoccer.com. 8 a.m., 1550 PCH Beach Lot.

Laughing Matters

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And Jeb is the smart one?

ON MONDAY, I WAS WATCHING FOX News. (Actually while flipping channels.) Anchor Megyn Kelly asked Jeb Bush, "On Iraq, if you knew what we now know, would you still have invaded?" His answer left me dumbfounded.

"Yes,' Bush responded "and so would have Hillary Clinton and almost everybody else who saw the intelligence." He completely glossed over that 57.5 percent of Democrats voted "no" whereas 97.5 percent of Republicans voted "yes."

The following day, Jeb admitted he had misunderstood the question. I assumed Jeb would now say, "I wouldn't have invaded because the predicate for the war, the WMD intelligence, was faulty." But Jeb's "corrected" answer suggests that possibly he's more like his older brother.

"That's a hypothetical and I don't answer hypothetical questions," Jeb said looking authoritative and vacant simultaneously. That night, conservative TV political pundit Joe Scarborough blasted Jeb saying anybody with a brain would answer, "Hell, no!"

But perhaps it was sibling loyalty, or just trying to protect what's left of the "Bush brand," Jeb's answer was basically, "Maybe, maybe not," Suddenly I had a "W flashback." If Jeb's elected in 2016, like a bad horror movie we could have the Iraq War trilogy: Gulf War, Iraq War1 and now Iraq War 2. And you thought Godfather III was bad?

Frankly, I always thought Jeb was the intelligent one. For starters he can pronounce "nuclear" and finish sentences. Even his parents often suggested in not so subtle ways that Jeb was the one they thought would be president, not W with the "youthful indiscretions" until he was 40.

I'll never forget in 2001when W's twin daughters were cited for underage drinking, Barbara Bush was brusquely approached by an aggressive reporter. I was positive she would justifiably answer, "This is a private family matter so please respect our privacy."

Guess what? Almost enthusiastically, Barbara told the reporter that now George would know what she went through. She smiled and walked away. (After eight years of his W's presidency we all should be able to relate.)

Say this for Jeb, he looks terrific. He's recently lost 30 pounds on his "paleolithic diet," also known as the "paleo" or "caveman diet." It's based on food humans' ancient ancestors might likely have eaten such as meat, nuts and berries, but no grains, which means no bread. (And for me, no Subway subs.)

The paleolithic diet lasted about 2.5 million years, which must be a bit of a conundrum for the evangelicals in the GOP who believe the world is only 6,000 years old. (I'd like to ask Jeb what he believes but he might say it's "a hypothetical.") In any event, maybe the paleo has been great for Jeb's look but perhaps not for above the shoulders.

As for the "faulty" intelligence it was more like a "faulty Bush administration." It's well documented that W. considered the only great presidents were war-time presidents and wanted to invade Iraq eight months before 9/11. When counter-terrorism czar Richard Clarke assured Bush Iraq had absolutely no connection to the attacks, W. put his finger on Clarke's chest and said forcefully, "Look again."

The "intelligence" was cherry picked and even altered. For example, the classified NIE (National Intelligence Estimate) from 16 different agencies all said Saddam was not an imminent threat to the U,S. But the de-classified version given to Congress and the public mysteriously had that portion deleted. How convenient.

So when Congress voted on the war authorization they didn't have the facts. As for Bush's big Intel source, it was a fellow aptly named "Curveball" whom German intelligence warned us was a schizophrenic alcoholic.

Furthermore, Curveball was personally brought to us by Ahmed Chalabi, a convicted embezzler, inveterate political schemer/con man who we were paying $350,000 a month for a crock of lies. (But he looked so dapper in a $3,000 Armani suit.)

During the build-up to the Iraq War, I reluctantly wrote that such an invasion would be the worst foreign policy mistake in our history. If anything, I understated it.

Even cursorily let's summarize: 4,500 dead Americans; 32,000 wounded; 100,000 dead Iraqis; the creation of ISIS; Iran's dominance; and $5 trillion for the care of those with missing limbs, or afflicted with PTSD or homeless; not to mention the psychic cost of 20 ex-servicemen and women who commit suicide daily. (What a national scandal.)

I realize Hillary has her issues but given the ruthless Bush/Cheney cheer-leading and lying to promote the invasion, her Iraq vote, which she regrets, shouldn't be one of them. As for Jeb, it disturbs me greatly that his already hand-picked "foreign policy advisers" are many of the same chickenhawks W. employed and we know how that turned out.

As for Jeb, the next time a reporter asks him about his brother's war, perhaps he should eat a sandwich instead of his words.

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Just MOVE!

MAY IS NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND Sports Month, and the second week of May is National Women's Health Week. The very idea that we "need" to exercise would have no doubt seemed ludicrous to our ancestors. In the past, our ultimate survival depended on a certain level of physical activity. Unfortunately, in an industrialized world, sedentary has become the norm - most of us no longer having time to hunt, fish and forage for food (surprise, surprise!). We sit at work and then travel during our leisure time (okay, so we might exercise a bit on vacation). And don't even get me started on all the time we spend in front of computers, glued to smartphones, tinkering with iPads. The problem here lies within our very make-up - while we are always on the move with our jobs, kids and social lives, we are not necessarily moving our bodies in ways that offer long-range health benefits. If our bodies are not used, they deteriorate quickly, making way for an explosion of health problems. The #1 health complaint in the US is headaches; #2, back pain. And then, of course, the serious health issues we read about daily due to poor diet (don't get me started!) and lack of exercise - heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer and so on.

So may I make some suggestions to help bring more movement into your life? And I guarantee, there is joy in movement. It is inherent in our true selves!

Discover what brings you joy. Do you love to dance? To be outdoors walking or hiking? Playing tennis or basketball? Being in a great yoga class? Whatever the movement is that makes you feel good - do it! You don't necessarily have to join an expensive gym because movement is free!

Find a good time of day when you can do your movement of choice and schedule it like an appointment. Make it a priority in your daily routine.

Enlist the support of a friend, neighbor, loved one or doggie to move with you. Whatever physical activity turns you on; you will be more motivated with a friend or two. BTW, dog experts recommend walking your dear one twice a day for a healthy and happy pup (and owner!).

Set goals. Make them realistic, but don't be afraid to challenge yourself, just be safe. You can also track yourself and your progress with a pedometer or one of the gazillion tracking apps available online (although I feel a bit guilty giving you yet something else to do online)!

If there is a voice inside you that tells you "we don't have time for this … I don't feel like exercising" IGNORE IT! If you listen to that voice, your very best efforts will be sabotaged.

Reward yourself. A simple reward for a job well done is in order, and I don't mean cupcakes.

We should move 30 minutes a day which is ideal; however, do whatever you can do. Really want to see results? Make sure you do some type of strength training - two to three times a week and cardio 4 to 5 times a week. Want a HOT workout? Try HIIT training - High Intensity Interval Training. It's exercise that alternates between short, intense bursts of anaerobic exercise (20 to 30 seconds) followed by a recovery period of moderate exercise (10 to 30 seconds). The beauty of HIIT training is that you only need to do 20 minutes of this and you're good to go, and it improves your athletic ability, your glucose metabolism and absolutely torches calories and fat. A simple example would be to walk at a moderate pace to warm up for 5 minutes, then add in 20 to 30 seconds of an all-out sprint, followed by moderate walking recovery for 10 to 30 seconds. Do this for 20 minutes, cool down for 5 minutes and you're done! Of course, check in with your doctor before beginning any exercise program. Just remember to MOVE!



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Kiwanis Club honors longtime members

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SANTA MONICA started off this month honoring our longtime members and we will finish this month celebrating the youth of the community. At the first meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica this month, we inducted into the Kiwanis Legion of Honor our members who have been with us for 25, 30 and 35 years. These folks have given back to this community in immeasurable ways in their cumulative 140 years in the Club. Thank you to Anthony Antich, Phyllis Baggesen, Joseph Deering, Dee Eckman, Charlie Wiese and Edward Guerboian. And at the end of this month we will honor the hard working youth of our community by hosting our annual Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica high school scholarship awards. Over $24,000 will go to 13 area high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership and community involvement. Most of the awards are in honor or memory of a remarkable Kiwanian, from the late John Drescher, the benefactor of the Santa Monica College Drescher Planetarium, to entrepreneur Ray Carriere and his late wife Alice, from the late Dr. John Gilmore, the first ophthalmologist to implant the intraocular lens, to Dick Wagnon, the beloved Santa Monica schools music instructor who passed away late last year. Our newest award is the Chris Carrey Charitable Foundation Scholarship that will be given out by Chris' father and Kiwanis member, Neil Carrey. A Santa Monica High School student, Chris passed away from bone cancer at age 16. The charitable foundation established in his name has been honoring his memory every since.

The student scholarship winners are from area high schools including Santa Monica High School, New Roads School, Olympic High School, Saint Monica's High School, and Crossroads School for Arts and Science. And this year, for the first time, the local youth organizations such as the Police Athletic League, the YMCA, the YWCA, and the Boys and Girls Club were asked to nominate students for an award. One of the things that makes these scholarship applicants and winners so special is their achievement of academic excellence despite significant financial and personal hardship. These students are Girl Scouts, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, tutors, and stage 3 cancer patients. They have failed out of one school and then excelled at the next, they take all honors classes, they aspire to be veterinarians, trauma surgeons, archeologists and beauty salon owners, and they are responsible for the care of a disabled parent. These extraordinary students are why the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is proud to have provided scholarships for over 90 years.

To find out who wins the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica high school scholarship awards this year, join us on May 27 at 5:30 p.m. at The Thelma Terry building in Virginia Park. The community is invited to celebrate these outstanding youth. Refreshments will be served. RSVP for this free event here: http://kiwanisclubsmhighschoolscholarships.eventbrite.com

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Citywide

Pacific Palisades Knitting Group Gives Back to Families in Need

This spring, the Westside Family Health Center (WFHC) waiting room filled up, not with patients waiting to be seen, but with several women from the Pacific Palisades bringing stacks and stacks of handmade baby blankets.

The Blankie Brigade, started by WFHC supporter, Cecilia Peck, met over several months to make as many blankets as possible for WFHC patients. Blankets were knitted, felted, crocheted, tied and quilted with all with different colors, sizes and patterns and each blanket came complete with a "Made with Love" tag. When all was said and done, 20 women became involved with the project, spending over 500 hours and making almost 30 blankets for moms in WFHC's Blooming Babies Prenatal Program and Strong Start Pediatrics Program to choose from.

Blooming Babies provides pregnant women with comprehensive prenatal care, including childbirth preparation classes and lactation counseling and support, complete with individualized attention and goal-setting. Strong Start provides sick-child exams and well-child checkups, school-readiness physicals, recommended immunizations, screenings for lead poisoning, hearing and vision tests, books as part of WFHC's pediatric literacy program, and Mother-Infant Groups.

Most of the patients at WFHC are low-income and over half have no health insurance.

"Providing a warm, soft blanket to our littlest patients is just one more way to help pregnant women and new moms during a joyful - but also a stressful - time," said Debra A. Farmer, WFHC's President/Chief Executive Officer. "But WFHC can't do it without volunteers like the Blankie Brigade."

If you would like to volunteer for Westside Family Health Center, contact volunteers@wfhcenter.org. If you would like to donate money or services, contact cbernstein@wfhcenter.org. If you need an appointment for primary medical care, call (310) 450-2191.

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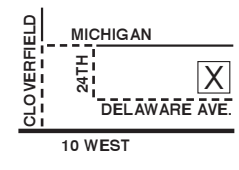


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Cold, windy storm hits coasts of drought-stricken California

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA Scattered thunderstorms hit the coasts of central and Southern California on Thursday ahead of a stronger dousing of rain and snow expected to sweep much of the drought-stricken state before the weekend.

The storm's first rains have been felt from Santa Maria to Santa Monica, but most of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas have remained dry so far.

And don't expect the dousing to ease the state's worsening water shortage, National Weather Service meteorologist Ryan Kittell said.

"It won't have any huge impact on the drought, but any little bit will help, especially if we get some snow in the mountains," he said.

About a quarter-inch of rain is expected in Northern California before the storm winds down, National Weather Service forecaster Diana Henderson said.

"Even using the word, 'storm,' is probably hyperbole," she said.

But it could end up packing a bigger punch in Southern California.

Scattered showers and possible thunderstorms Friday are expected to follow an initial period of steady rain Thursday, Kittell said.

Up to a half-inch of rain could fall in and around downtown Los Angeles, while foothill neighborhoods might see about an inch. Flooding and debris flows are possible if thunderstorms form over foothill areas stripped bare by wildfires.

In the mountains, the storm may dump up to 2 inches of snow as low as 5,000 feet.

Kittell said a mid-May storm packing so much moisture in Southern California is rare, though the region got a similar dousing last week.

RENT

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Second readings are almost always approved and are largely procedural.

The ordinance, which was the brainchild of Unite Here, Local 11, a hospitality union, and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city's largest political party. The organizations tend to work hand in hand during election campaigns but they split over several candidates in November.

It reinforces the fact that short-term rentals are illegal, as they have been, in the city but adds three new workers to City Hall's enforcement team. It legalizes home-sharing, which was previously illegal, but requires those who wish to do it to get business licenses, pay transient occupancy taxes, and notify city officials when tenants will be sharing their homes.

Landlords have long complained that the City Hall has done little to crackdown on the hundreds of illegally operating units within the city.

The ordinance will go into effect next month.

LAND TRANSFER

On Tuesday, on top of approving a Zoning Ordinance that includes the allowance of two medical marijuana dispensaries and asking city officials to study ways to reduce the impacts of emissions at the Santa Monica Airport, both of which the Daily Press has covered previously, council handed two residential properties over to Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM), the city's largest affordable housing provider.

Council voted unanimously to have the city manager execute an agreement with the housing provider that ensures that the Ocean Avenue properties, which are currently occupied by rent controlled tenants, would not remain affordable housing. The current tenants won't be ousted. When they decide to leave, the tenants will be replaced with low-income renters.

"People live here," Mayor Kevin McKeown said. "This is the home for some people currently and it is always been the policy of our city that we protect the residents who already live some place."

If after 80 years, CCSM decides it wants to get out of the affordable housing game, City Hall would be allowed to purchase the units back for one dollar apiece.

"I'm not a big fan of actually selling city land," Mayor Pro Tempore Tony Vazques said, "but in light of what's happening with the housing dollars I will be supporting this motion."

With the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, resources for the production of affordable housing have run dry in recent years.

Council also voted unanimously to sell a vacant lot on 19th Street. The money from that sale will be put back into an account that will support the production of future affordable housing. The lot is zoned to allow developers to build four units, if they so choose.

City officials will first try to sell the land to a public entity before offering it up to the general market.

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ZOU

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and height allowances put forth in the draft version approved by the Planning Commissioners, who debated the ordinance for 33 weeks before it got to council.

Councilmembers Terry O'Day and Pam O'Connor expressed frustration in these decreases.

O'Connor called overdevelopment a "myth" and criticized the council majority, stating that their unwillingness to allow denser and taller development near public transit hubs will lead to a decreased production of housing.

"If you think there's overdevelopment of housing, if you think too much housing has been built, you need to say that, rather than putting in place policies to impede housing," she said. "Be upfront that you think that you think there's too much housing."

Council repealed several development-friendly sections of the Land Use And Circulation Element, or LUCE, a document meant to guide the creation of the Zoning Ordinance.

"We're not the progressive city that folks claim Santa Monica is. The LUCE was progressive. It was a progressive document," O'Connor said. "It limited development to a few strategic locations but now we're creating a framework that's going to limit and impede housing development and it's going to put pressure to redevelop in our neighborhoods and it's going to put targets on people who live in that neighborhood, especially in rent controlled buildings."

She said that the ordinance is making Santa Monica into a city for "the one percent."

McKeown called the ordinance "progressive without being excessive."

"I disagree with the abuse of the word 'progressive' to exclude those whose progressivism includes a willingness to listen to community concerns," he said.

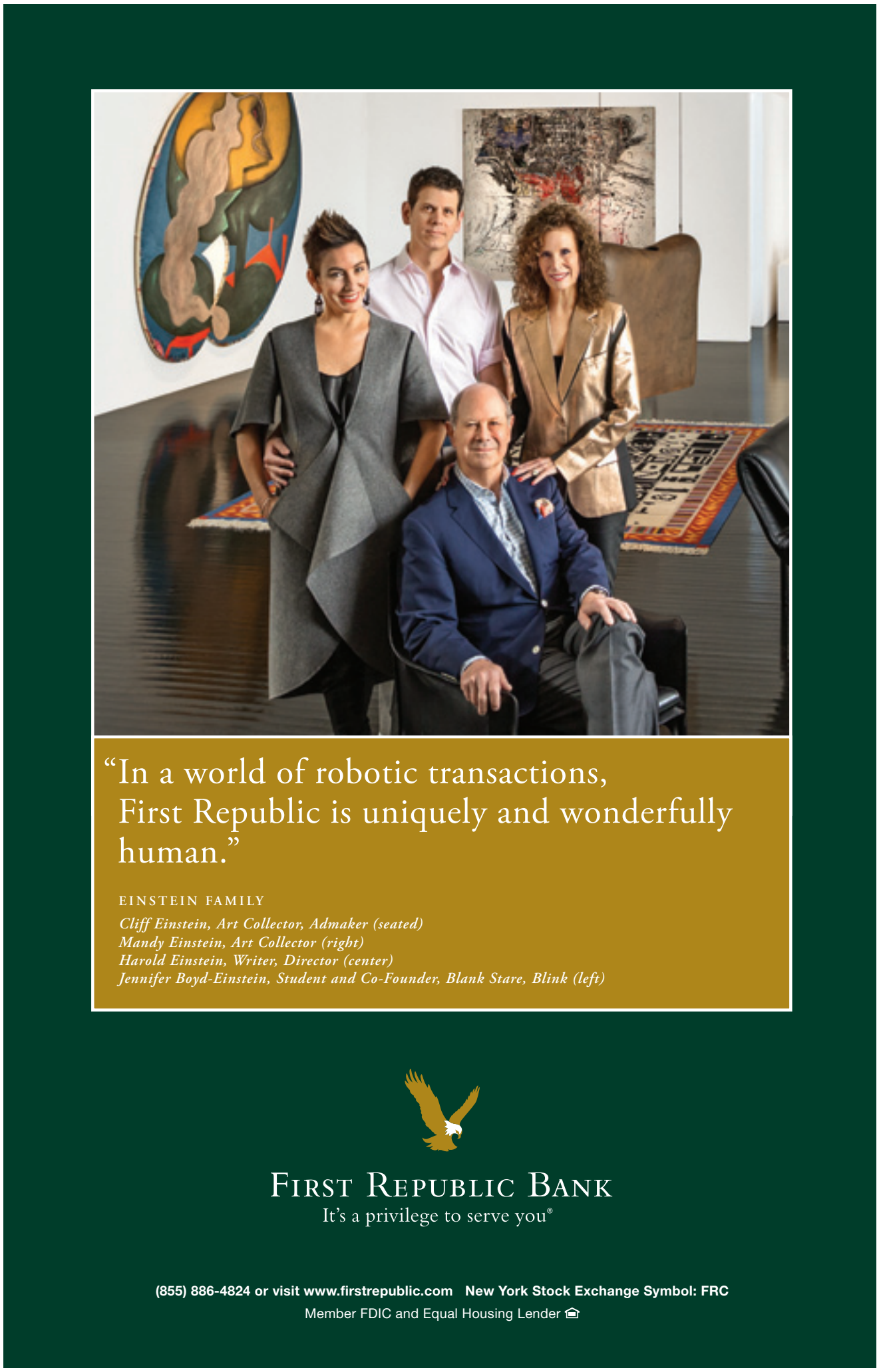
Himmelrich said the council majority's zoning standards would protect current tenants.

"There are aspects of the Zoning Ordinance that I don't agree with," she said. "I'm sure that's true of all of us. There have been votes both ways on many things. Some of them I feel more strongly about than others but on the whole I'm happy with the direction that this is taking. I'm happy that we will be preserving more existing housing because our existing housing is our less expensive housing. I believe this will help us to preserve more rent control housing."

O'Day voted for the ordinance, he said, because on balance it is an improvement from the previous Zoning Ordinance.

"I'll be voting for this but I am voting for this in recognizing that it is better than the Zoning Code we have now," he said. "It is a step backwards from the LUCE vision and in particular in some of the categories that Councilmember O'Connor articulated, around neighborhood preservation and sustainability but particularly with regard to housing."

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SMMEF

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mented centralized fundraising system.

SMMEF has generated about $2.2 million of its $4-million goal in a fundraising campaign that supports instructional aides, literacy coaches, arts programming and other enrichment activities throughout the school district. The district's fundraising arm asks families to donate $700 per student.

Malibu families have contributed at the lowest rates, including at Malibu High School (8.3-percent participation), Point Dume Marine Science Elementary School (14.2), Juan Cabrillo Elementary School (15.2) and Webster Elementary School (17.2).

Meanwhile, just 16.9 percent of families at Santa Monica High School, the district's largest campus, have contributed to current fundraiser.

Close to 80 percent of families at Olympic High School, the district's continuation site, had donated to SMMEF as of April 23, and 72 percent of families at Santa Monica Alternative School House had contributed.

Participation rates topped 40 percent at several elementary schools, including Franklin (55.5), Muir (45.7) and Will Rogers (45.6).

"As we transition over the next few years, participation will increase across the board," SMMEF executive director Linda Greenberg said. "I do feel strongly that this process is going to take some time to transition and become part of culture. It is going to take a few more years before it becomes the way we fundraise together as a community."

Greenberg said families in the district are still learning about the new fundraising system and that PTA officials and other leaders are still educating parents about the centralized model.

For example, she said, many parents don't realize they can donate equipment and supplies - stuff, not staff - directly to their children's schools.

"Before, the programming you got was dependent on how much your PTA could raise, and that led to a lot of inequity," Greenberg said. "These are communities that care about all kids. ... All students deserve access to excellent education. The school board has done a great service to children in passing this policy."

But the centralized fundraising system has been heavily scrutinized, and district officials are trying to figure out how to maximize its potential.

School officials, including district Supt. Sandra Lyon, have expressed interest in paying for professional development and literacy coaches through the general fund.

"(Lyon) was uncomfortable with those being subject to fundraising," Greenberg said.

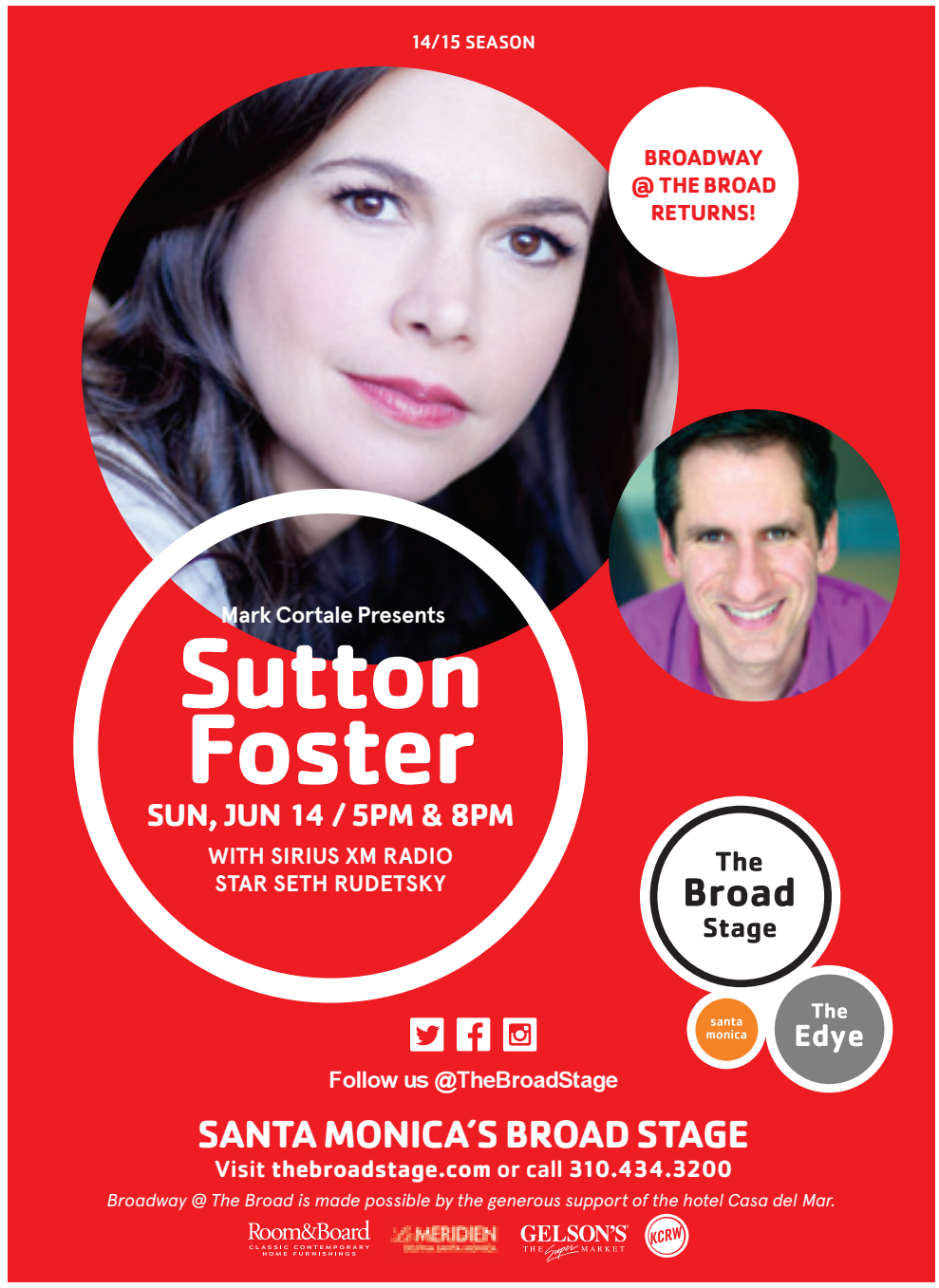
At a recent meeting, the Board of Education reviewed a preliminary 2015-16 budget that projects an annual contribution of $2.2 million from the foundation. Exactly what donations to the foundation will pay for going forward remains to be seen.

"While our goal may become $2.2 million, I think the capacity of the community is well beyond that," Greenberg said. "We will get there and raise even more. This is a change for the entire community, so it's going take some time."

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TOSS-UP

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The Santa Monica High School boys baseball team played El-Segundo on May 13 and lost 8-0. With the loss Samohi's record falls to 8-2 in league and 18-8 overall. At the end of the game both teams were tied for the Ocean League title and a coin toss the day before in El-Segundo's favor gave El-Segundo the league title. Pictures are AJ Inatsugu charging the baseball, Jaylon McLaughlin jumping in an attempt to catch the ball and Noah Barba chasing after a fly ball.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 14ARB300: 2700 Colorado Avenue: Commercial Office
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FILM REVIEW

TALES

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One Screening: This Saturday May 16, 2015, 3 p.m. only, at the Billy Wilder Theatre at the Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd 310 443 7000. Tickets at the door are $10, parking under the building is $3.

The recent Los Angeles premiere of Tales (Ghesse-ha) by writer-director Rakshan Bani-Etemad, was part of the UCLA Film and Television Archive's Celebration of Iranian Cinema. I saw this touching and courageous film about life in Tehran as the guest of the Farhang Foundation, which promotes Iranian arts and culture. The movie was nominated for a Golden Lion and won Best Screenplay at the Venice Film Festival.

Tales is a series of snapshots of urban life in today's Tehran. Featuring colorful characters that "cross over" from one story to another, these vivid accounts depict universal situations. In one chapter, a van full of dissident male factory workers stops to pick up an older woman that the workers hope can negotiate with management on their behalf. She not only calms the group - she becomes the lone voice of sanity and strength in the van. In another, a man is given a letter written to his wife by her ex-husband. Here emotions arc from distrust and anger to unconditional love and forgiveness, highlighting the woman's loyalty and fierce strength.

In the last chapter, a taxi driver picks up a female friend who has rescued a suicidal homeless girl. With the half-drugged girl as the silent onlooker, the young taxi driver and his friend bicker about life and politics, underscored by a sexual innuendo that climaxes during the journey. In the end an emotional bombshell is dropped that shifts the whole tenor of the scene.

The director/writer so skillfully commands a fluid documentary style that we seem to be looking in on these people's lives from inches away. As feelings shift, the colors shift, from sepia tones to vivid shades. Everyday sounds are carefully chosen to accompany feelings. In the Q&A that followed the screening, Ms. Bani-Etemad commented that censorship in Iran ebbs and flows, and under the new administration she was finally able to release this set of stories, which has a startling level of realism and sharp commentary on social injustice.

This film changed my preconceptions about Iran's culture and society. I was surprised to find that this director was able to graduate in 1973 from the Faculty of Dramatic Arts in Filmmaking and immediately join Iranian TV as an assistant director. She started working in television at the age of 18, and, to judge from the reaction of the mostly Persian-American audience, Bani-Etemad is revered as an artist in her home country. And commendably, she gives her award money to charities, especially those that help homeless women.

I came away from the theatre with the impression that in spite of Iran's relatively unstable government, the ancient Persian culture has grown a wise and clear-eyed view of humanity, and that their women have drawn strength and courage beneath their burkas and hijabs. In these "Tales" the men fight valiantly to get in touch with their feelings while the women are the rocks of stability.

KATHRYN WHITNEY BOOLE was drawn into the entertainment industry as a kid and never left. It has been the backdrop for many awesome adventures with crazy creative people. She now works as a Talent Manager with Studio Talent Group in Santa Monica. kwboole@gmail.com

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SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
BIGGEST EARLY and with incoming tide. Primary/easing SSW swell with secondary/easing westerly swell mixing in. Peaky combo. Light AM wind.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
BIGGEST EARLY - Primary/easing SSW swell. Minor West-NW swell energy mixing in. Light AM wind.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

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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 MAY 7 AT ABOUT 1:15 P.M.

A female driver was involved in a minor traffic collision at a gas station at Lincoln Blvd and Pico Blvd. When the victim confronted the woman about the collision, she denied hitting him and drove away from the location without exchanging information. After the victim called 911, Santa Monica Police Department dispatchers broadcast the driver's description to patrol units. The woman was spotted by a Public Service Officer shortly afterward and detained by police officers, who conducted a field sobriety test on her. Officers determined the woman was driving under the influence of drugs (medication) and alcohol, so they arrested her and booked her at the Santa Monica jail.
The suspect was identified as: Michelle Ann Kutchta, 50, of Woodland Hills. Bail was set at $15,000

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 379 calls for service on May 13.

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

Auto burglary 31st/Pico 12:11 a.m.
Burglary 2100 block of Main 4:33 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of 6th 5:28 a.m.
Fraud 1300 block of 20th 6:18 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 1400 block of Montana 6:27 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 800 block of 18th 7:22 a.m.
Animal related incident 3200 block of Airport 8:10 a.m.
Battery 2200 block of Colorado 8:11 a.m.
Missing person 300 block of Olympic 8:29 a.m.
Arson 1600 block of Berkeley 8:45 a.m.
Traffic accident of Ocean/Broadway 8:55 a.m.
Indecent exposure 500 block of Olympic 9:28 a.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block of Stanford 9:29 a.m.
Speeding 9th/pico 9:47 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1000 block of 11th 10:03 a.m.
Identity theft 700 block of Marine 10:07 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of Promenade 10:18 a.m.
Speeding 2200 block of Arizona 10:19 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Santa Monica 10:27 a.m.
Person with a gun 2nd/Broadway 10:45 a.m.
Vandalism 2600 block of Kansas 10:47 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Promenade 10:51 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block of Cloverfield 11:14 a.m.
Grand theft 1500 block of Ocean 11:30 a.m.
Identity theft 700 block of Idaho 11:30 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block of Centinela 11:53 a.m.
Burglary 2100 block of Ocean 12:13 p.m.
Public intoxication 800 block of Olympic 12:15 p.m.
Fraud 1000 block of 12th 12:37 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block of Ocean 12:43 p.m.
Traffic accident 1300 block of 20th 12:48: p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of PCH 1:01 p.m.
Fraud 800 block of 20th 1:04 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2700 block of Donald Douglas Loop n 1:17 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 1:22 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of PCH 1:40 p.m.
Petty theft 4th/Wilshire 1:51 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Promenade 2 p.m.
Traffic accident 1400 block of 23rd 2:34 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 1400 block of 16th 2:36 p.m.
Injured person 1400 block of 16th 2:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd prom 2:45 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:49 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 3:17 p.m.
Panhandling Ocean/Colorado 3:48 p.m.
Traffic accident of 21st/Pearl 3:48 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Pico 3:51 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block of Ocean 3:56 p.m.
Identity theft 600 block of San Vicente 4:30 p.m.
Fight 2700 block of the Beach 4:49 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of 9th 4:56 p.m.
Traffic accident of Pacific Coast Hwy/California Incline 6:42 p.m.
Fraud 900 block of 11th 7:06 p.m.
Drunk driving Main/Ashland 7:51 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of Yale 7:54 p.m.
Fraud 100 block of Santa Monica 7:59 p.m.
Traffic accident 2700 block of Olympic 8:50 p.m.
Drunk driving 11th/Pico 9:31 p.m.
Grand theft 19th/Colorado 9:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of Yale 10:19 p.m.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Bean-bearing tree
6 Truck stop sights
11 Sports spot
12 Like lambs
13 Homes for koi
14 Pigeon's perch
15 Spare tire
16 "Hmmm ..."
18 Purpose
19 Rick's pianist
20 — Palmas
21 Uncool fellow
23 Fido's pal
25 Remote
27 "Platoon" setting
28 Awaits
30 Writer Janowitz
33 "The Bells" writer
34 Calendar box
36 Constant complainer
37 "As You Like It" hero
39 Reduce drastically
40 Excessive
41 "Eat!"
43 Prom crowd
44 News item
45 Classes
46 Harp's ancestors

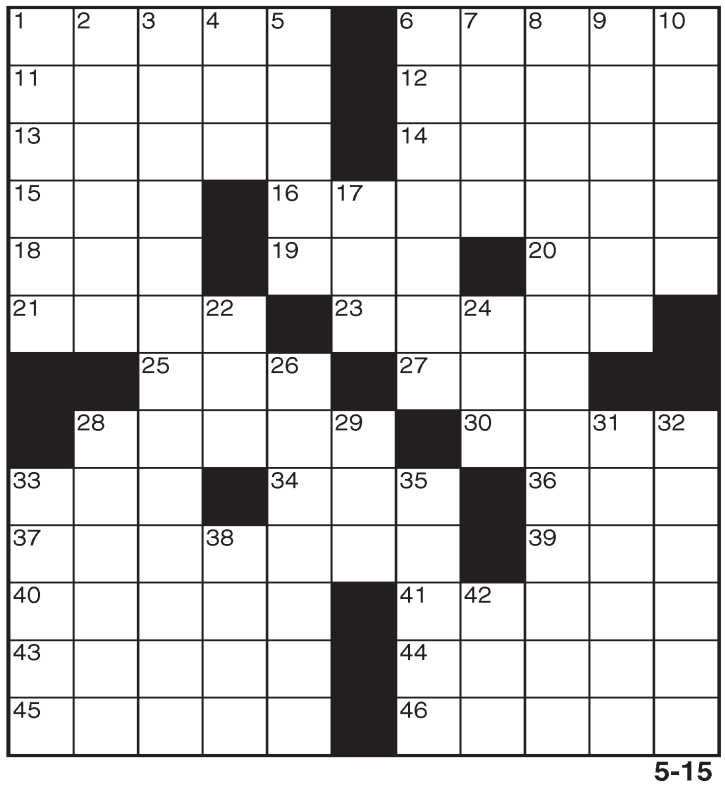
DOWN

1 Kid's shooter
2 Kindle
3 Willie Mays, e.g.
4 Plus
5 Caravan stop
6 Wise king
7 Tied up
8 Department head, e.g.
9 Engaged
10 Clairvoyants
17 General activity
22 Pop
24 Brewery sight
26 Sign of tired eyes
28 Third-largest island
29 Blue
31 Congresswoman Waters
32 FBI employees
33 Acts sullen
35 Alpine trill
38 Pop's sister
42 College climber

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Yesterday's answer

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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. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

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

1	5	6	9	2	4	7	8	3
2	4	7	3	8	6	5	9	1
8	9	3	7	1	5	4	2	6
7	2	8	4	9	1	6	3	5
5	1	9	8	6	3	2	7	4
3	6	4	5	7	2	9	1	8
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/13
1 25 29 31 47
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/12
14 30 33 36 44
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 159M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/13
12 18 28 38 43
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 34M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/13
1 7 23 25 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/13
MIDDAY: 0 7 4
Draw Date: 5/13
EVENING: 2 1 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/13
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:48.14

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WORD UP!

cynosure

1. something that strongly attracts attention by its brilliance, interest, etc.: the cynosure of all eyes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1940 – McDonald's opens its first restaurant in San Bernardino, California.

1941 – First flight of the Gloster E.28/39 the first British and Allied jet aircraft.

1942 – World War II: In the United States, a bill creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) is signed into law.

1943 – Joseph Stalin dissolves the Comintern (or Third International).

1945 – World War II: The Battle of Poljana, the final skirmish in Europe is fought near Prevalje, Slovenia.

1948 – Following the demise of Mandatory Palestine, the Kingdom of Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia invade Israel thus starting the 1948 Arab–Israeli War.

1951 – The Polish cultural attaché in Paris, Czes✣aw Mi✣osz, asks the French government for political asylum.

1953 – Cubmaster Don Murphy organized the first pinewood derby, in Manhattan Beach, California, by Pack 280c.

1957 – At Malden Island in the Pacific Ocean, Britain tests its first hydrogen bomb in Operation Grapple.

1958 – The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 3.

1960 – The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 4.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Entrepreneurship: (1) A curious woman, inspired by her own mother's attachment to her unlaundered pillowcases following the death of her dad, has partnered with France's Universite du Havre to produce a person's bottled scent by processing old clothing. A September rollout is planned, with the probable retail price of about $600. (2) Artist Mark Sturkenboom has described plans for an even more remarkable remembrance device (if the deceased is male): a sex toy that holds 21 grams of cremated ashes (accessorized, perhaps for non-sexual "cover," by a necklace and music player). "After passing," Sturkenboom explained, "the missing of intimacy" is "one aspect of the pain and grief."

■ Just west of Ferguson, Missouri, is Kinloch (pop. 299), where newly elected mayor Betty McCray was unable to start work on April 23 because the losing incumbent administration merely locked her out of City Hall ("impeaching" her for "voter fraud" in the April 7 election, despite St. Louis County election officials having already certified her victory). Of McCray's two predecessors, one was once also locked out of office by police, and the other had to go to court to get his mayoral job back after admitting that he had missed child-support payments.

Vanish tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might have decided to clear the air with someone you deal with on an intellectual level. Hold back for now, as your timing could be off and a nasty tiff might result. Be spontaneous, but make a point of returning all of your calls. Tonight: Embrace surprises.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Try getting more information before making a decision. You could be in a position where it would be a mistake to say or do anything more. The unexpected might throw off your plans; your imagination is likely to go haywire as a result. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be in a position where you would prefer to relax. Nevertheless, someone close to you will make a demand of sorts. Lighten up the moment -- not with energy and conversation, but with a smile. It will be very much appreciated. Tonight: Hang out with friends. TGIF!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be pushed beyond your limits and might feel more tired than you thought was possible. Let go of a need to control others. The unexpected will run rampant at the workplace or with an older friend. Tonight: Greet the impossible with laughter and a smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Consider taking a trip or planning to do something new; it will refresh your energy. You have a lot to do, so don't allow others to distract you for too long. A call or email from someone at a distance could be confusing. Ask questions to clarify. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A close relationship could demand a lot of your time and attention. You might feel as if someone has prevented you from doing something you want to do. You will make some decisions involving a relationship. Hold on to them for now. Tonight: A close encounter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be in a situation that causes a dilemma. You might not be sure which direction to head in or what solution would work best. Allow greater give-and-take between you and others. Your conversations will prove to be most enlightening. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, and know what you must do. Touch base with a loved one who tends to be quite controlling and unpredictable. Learn to go with the flow of this person's different moods. You will like the results, as unpredictable as they might be. Tonight: Try a new spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You could be more tired than you realize. You might want to rethink a personal issue that is affecting your day-to-day life. A loved one seems to be very touchy and difficult at the moment. Do not let this person's words get to you. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Focus on an investment that might not be financial but could involve emotions. You could feel as though someone is pushing you very hard to get you to do something. Consider asking a different person to help you with a project. Tonight: Invite some friends over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You seem to know what to say in order to calm down a situation and intrigue a loved one. In your playfulness, you could trigger someone else's temper. Try to remain sensitive to this person, not only for him or her, but also for you. Tonight: Let go of stress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to handle funds comes forward. You might feel justified in making a purchase right now, but it wouldn't be the best decision. Honor a change of pace, and seek out a friend for his or her feedback. You will feel more upbeat as a result. Tonight: Love doesn't have to cost.

Friday, May 15, 2015

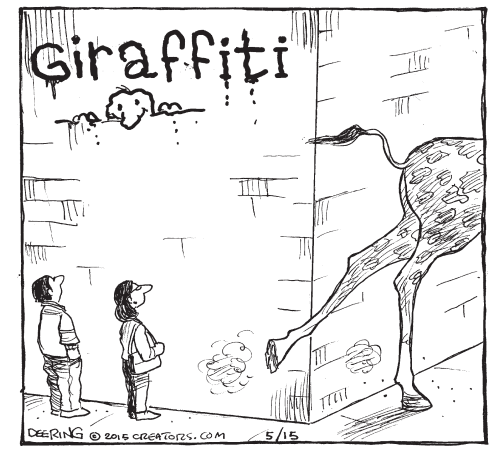
This year you open up to many different options, though you might not act on any of them right away. You have a tendency to reflect on decisions and observations for quite a while. Your perspective changes though encounters with people who are very different from you. If you are single, check out any person you are dating with care, as he or she might not be everything he or she seems to be. Do not commit until you are absolutely sure of your choice. If you are attached, the two of you love spending time away from the everyday concerns of life. Plan a special happening anytime from fall onward. You might be able to fool many of the signs, but you can't fool ARIES.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

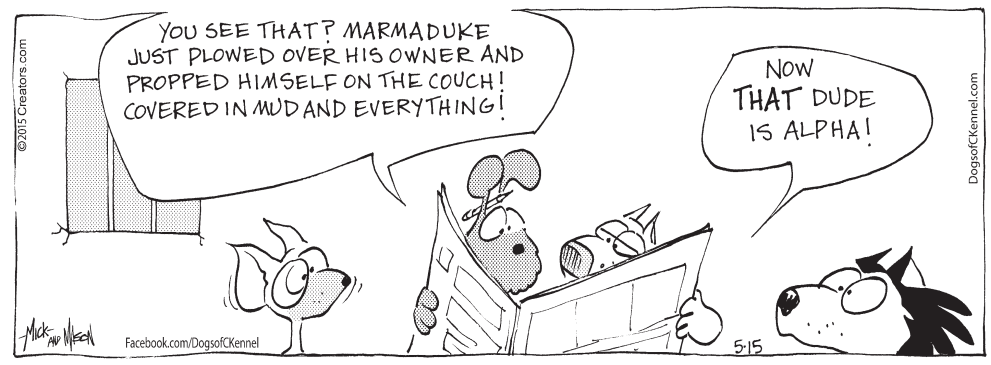
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By Dave Coverly



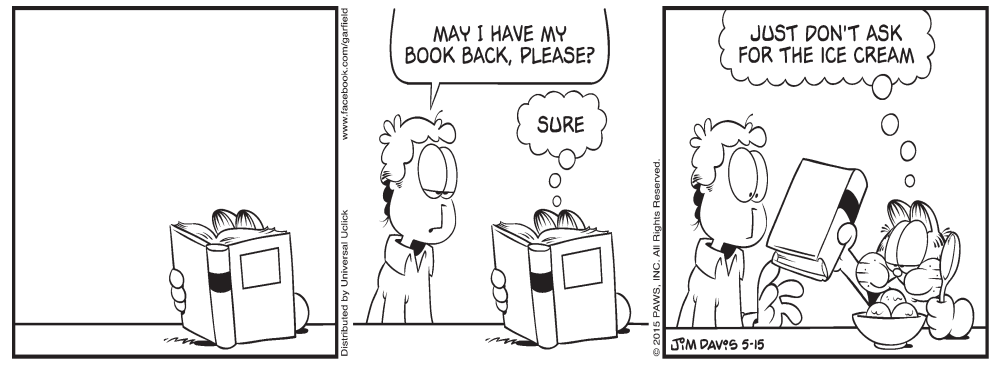
Strange Brew
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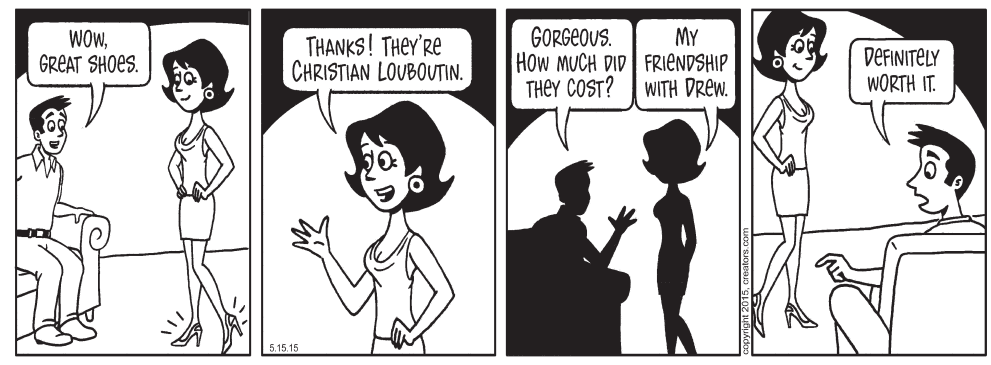
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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Fridays' 'Fresh Meets' shows you where to meet the best peeps

We'll See You on the Beach

By Katharine Romefelt



The beach cleanup is back!

Bring your friends or make some new ones while helping to keep your beach pristine. Sinking your toes in the sand while socializing on a sunny Saturday morning actually sounds pretty nice, no? Just add a little cleaning to the mix.

Heal the Bay's "Nothin' but Sand Cleanups" take place every third Saturday of the month, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at a different location on the Westside. This Saturday's cleanup will take place at Will Rogers State Beach at 15800 Pacific Coast Highway (at the end of Temescal Canyon Road in the Pacific Palisades).



Sign up in advance and to print and fill out the waiver form online in order to expedite the registration process in the morning. (Forms can be found at www.healthebay.org beneath the "Volunteer" section).

Have some cash on hand for parking, unless you arrive early enough to find street parking.

Bring your own buckets or bags from home to help reduce Heal the Bay's environmental footprint and save funds.

Be kind to the environment, your local nonprofit and your beautiful beaches. Grab a bag, meet some great people and get ready to sweep a beach clean.

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Health

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Real Estate

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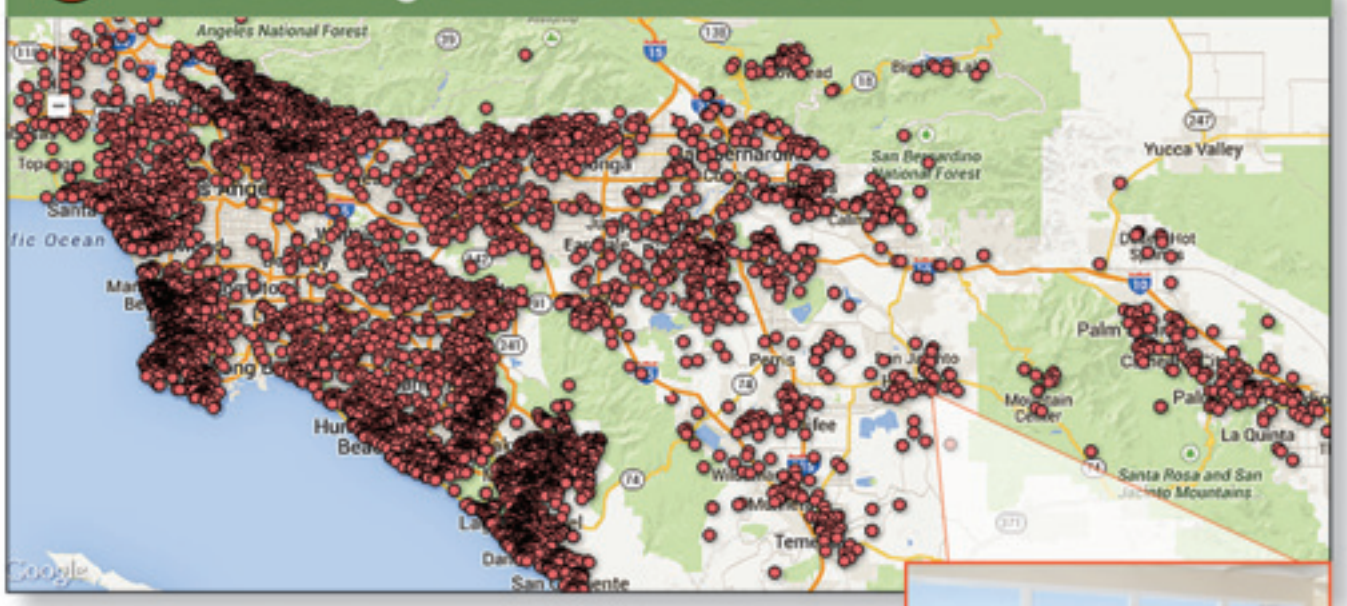
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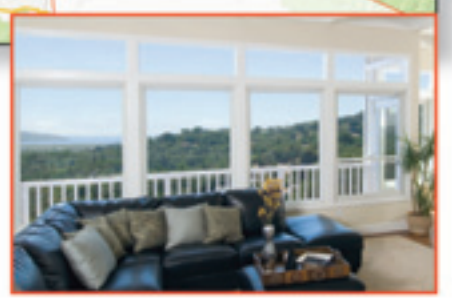
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