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Bikeshare rates proposed, still on schedule

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The city's incoming bike-share, Breeze, is still on schedule to open this year, city officials say.

City Council will consider approving rates from the system during its budget meeting on Tuesday.

The bikeshare will allow riders to check out one of the system's 500 bikes from one of 75 locations in the city and drop it off at another.

For an hour of riding, a tourist or an infrequent user will pay \$6, if council approves the proposed rates.

More frequent riders can pay \$20 per month for 30 minutes of

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Presidential visit impacts local roads

BY MATTHEW HALL

Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE President Obama will visit the Los Angeles area on June 18.

According to his official schedule, the president will arrive on June 18, he will attend two events organized by the Democratic National Committee, stay overnight and then depart for San Francisco on June 19.

While in San Francisco, Obama will deliver remarks at the Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and attend DNC and DCCC events before returning to D.C. on June 20.

Obama's schedule will disrupt local roads as he participates in a roundtable discussion in Pacific

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SMMUSD to explore separation

District plans to hire law firm to evaluate possible split

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Say hello to the elephant in the room.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District appears ready to explore the separation of the district into two entities, a topic that has been simmering for months among officials and stakeholders.

The local Board of Education last week voiced its support for the hiring of law firm Dannis Woliver Kelley, which would analyze the

potential ramifications of splitting the district into Santa Monica and Malibu factions.

The issue returns amid ongoing tension between the district and Malibu activists, who have repeatedly criticized the district for its handling of chemical testing and cleanup at Malibu campuses and its centralized fundraising system.

The contract in question will be funded entirely by Advocates for Malibu Public Schools, a nonprofit group of which SMMUSD board member Craig Foster is a founding member and former president.

"The students of Santa Monica and the students of Malibu would both be better off if we separated the school district," Foster says in a video on the AMPS website.

Foster and his fellow school board members voted in support of the contract but postponed its approval until a formal agreement with AMPS has been signed — a step that is expected soon.

The item was initially moved by board vice president Jose Escarce and seconded by Foster. Board member Oscar de la Torre was not present for the 6-0 vote.

Separation gained momentum about a year ago, when the district's Financial Oversight Committee was tasked with weighing the fiscal consequences of separation. The committee was asked to look into the potential division of assets and liabilities as well as possible impacts on operational costs.

The committee has compiled "a great deal of information" and is prepared to present it to the school board in the coming weeks,

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YOUNG WINNERS

Courtesy photo

The Santa Monica Girls Fast Pitch softball 6U Santa Monica All Star team made history this year. The 2015 team eventually played to the Championship game of the Hawthorne tournament where they lost 15-14. Organizers said the girls were proud to take second place. The 12U Gold team also won the South Huntington Beach tournament the same weekend.

REPORT:

Pier beach still among most polluted in state

Drought helps water quality

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER A Santa Monica beach just moved up a slot on a top 10 list that no one wants to be on.

The beach adjacent to the Santa Monica Pier was placed sixth on Heal the Bay's Beach Bummer list.

The Santa Monica-based environmental advocacy nonprofit ranks the most polluted beaches in California every year. The pier beach was seventh on the list last year.

Overall water quality improved locally this year thanks to the drought, Heal the Bay Vice President Sarah Sikich said at a press conference on the pier beach on Wednesday morning.

About 94 percent of Los Angeles County beaches got A or B grades in Heal the Bay's 25th annual report, up 4 percent from last year.

"Unfortunately, when it did

rain over the last year, water quality plummeted," Sikich said, with only 63 percent of California's monitoring locations receiving A grades."

Nearly a quarter of the monitored beaches got F grades after the storms.

"We can't give an exact percentage in terms of what the drought benefits are on water quality," she said.

Over the past few years, she said, water quality has improved during the dry season.

"We really consider it to be reducing the amount of flow and storm water getting to the ocean during the drought and that's reducing the amount of pollutants that are getting there," Sikich said. "We do hope that this is a sign to local governments that diverting storm water, and making sure that

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, June 18

Free 'Harold and Maude' screening

Come to a free screening of the '60s love, life and death cult classic "Harold and Maude," followed by a roundtable discussion with audience Q&A. The film features a folksy soundtrack by Cat Stevens. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Recreation & Parks Commission

Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St., <http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards>.

Pico Branch Book Group

Join organizers for the Pico Branch Book Group, which meets the third Thursday of each month and discusses a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction genres. This group is open to all, including newcomers and those who have joined us for past discussions. This month they will be reading the second part (Parts 4-6) of Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow, a biography that uncovers the interior life of George Washington. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Writers' Workshop with Laurie Horowitz

This four week workshop covers long and short fiction and non-fiction. They work to make their writing clearer, to help each writer evoke the 'vivid and continuous dream' that John Gardner writes about in 'The Art of Fiction.' Join others to polish your vision. Cost: \$40, drop-ins accepted at \$15 a session. 1450 Ocean, 7 - 9 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44623

Adult Summer Reading

Screening: "What's Love Got To Do With It" (1993)

Based on the life of the legendary soul singer Tina Turner, starring Angela Bassett and Lawrence Fishburne. (Film runtime: 118 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m. <http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards>.

Introduction to Social Media

Overview of social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter, and how you can get started. Seating is first come, first serve. Advanced Level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

LEGO Block Party at Main

Use your creativity to make something remarkable. Organizers provide the Legos, you provide the fun. Ages 4 and up. Main Library Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Friday, June 19

Explore. STEM Storytimes

Storytime with a fun science, engineering or math twist. Ages 3-5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, 601 Santa

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ocean Park
9th annual July 4 Parade

The Ocean Park Association (OPA) has announced that the 9th Annual 4th of July Parade will once again come to Main Street of Santa Monica on Saturday July 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade organizers encourage all local residents, service and family groups, along with businesses, to become participants and/or spectators. The 1.5-mile route takes participants from the Santa Monica Civic Center south on Main Street, turning west on Marine Street and then north on Barnard Way to Beach Parking Lot 5 South. Spectators are welcome to sit along the route and are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to the parade route. Jim Lawson, OPA president and parade co-chair shared "On

behalf of OPA we are excited to produce this fun community event for the 9th year and look forward to seeing thousands of smiling adults and children as participants and spectators decked out in red, white and blue." This year's theme is "Inspirational Heroes" and the parade's Grand Marshal is one of Santa Monica's local athlete heroes, Will Montgomery, Global Messenger for Special Olympics. Montgomery shared, "I'm happy to be the Grand Marshal of the parade and to remind everyone that people with disabilities can do anything!" Montgomery, featured as the parade heralds Santa Monica into the role it will play with the Special Olympic World Games to be held in late July in Los Angeles. Prior to World Games, from July 21-24, the commu-

nity will be home to about 100 international Special Olympics athletes from Brazil and Romania. The City of Santa Monica is excited for them to experience the cultural, recreational and social activities it has to offer. Participant forms for the parade may be found at <http://www.opa-sm.org/parade> and must be submitted by June 25 along with the \$25 fee. Groups may walk, ride bikes, scooters, other forms of unique transportation or may ride in a classic car or float. Live or recorded music and animals are allowed pending permission from OPA. In addition to participants, parade organizers are looking for volunteers to help with the event. If interested, volunteers should email july4thsm@gmail.com.

Parking will be available on meters West of Main Street and at the Civic Center surface lot and garage for \$3, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Please be aware that there will be bus delays and detours and several streets will be blocked: Main Street from Colorado to Pico 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. Main from Pico to Marine 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Neilson at Marine 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Pico, Bay, Bicknell, Strand Hollister, Ocean Park, Hill, Ashland, Pier and Marine between Fourth and Neilson Way 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, contact OPA at (323) 521-9672, or go online to <http://www.opa-sm.org>.

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Monica Blvd., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20

Frontier Day

Santa Monica Jaycees annual free event where everyone is encouraged to wear your best Western gear for interactive games, fun, and a Law Enforcement visit. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SantaMonicaJaycees. Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Juneteenth 2015

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Soap in Wool Jackets

Utilize basic wet-felting skills and merino wool to hand-felt a bar of goat milk or olive oil soap. This 'soap in its own washcloth' is naturally anti-microbial and tidy. Colorful success guaranteed. Cost: \$15 + \$5 cash material fee to instructor. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44686

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: Pygmalion

Join organizers as the Santa Monica Rep returns for the first in another summer series of stage readings tied to their Adult Summer Reading program. First up is George Bernard Shaw's classic play Pygmalion, in which Professor

Henry Higgins takes a bet that he can transform Cockney street urchin Eliza Doolittle into a presentable society lady. Directed by Sarah Gurfield. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 4:15 p.m.

Sisters In Crime Mystery Author Panel Discussion

Los Angeles based mystery novels are the focus of this Sisters in Crime author talk. Panelists include Laurie Stevens, Christopher Lunch, Mar Preston, Lisa Seidman and Craig Faustus Buck. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 2 - 4 p.m.

Musical Story Time @ Main

Bring the family for musical stories, songs, rhythm fun and a craft. Ages 2 and up. Main Library Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Ocean Park Pulitzer Prize Book Group

A monthly book discussion group for books that have won the Pulitzer Prize. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the Month. No Registration Required. This week's title: "Laughing Boy" by Oliver La Farge (1929). Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Multicolor Felt Pods/Bowls

Learn how to wet-felt around a 'resist'

to create a hollow pod. Colorful and organic, these little bowls make modern, eye-catching ornaments, or can serve as functional containers fillable with anything. The techniques in this class can be applied to make bags, hats ... and more pods. Cost: \$35 + \$10 cash material fee to instructor. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44687

Thai Film on the Beach

Movies from Kantana, live music, Thai Food, souvenirs from Thailand, Thai massage. For more information call (909) 575-7256 or visit www.hollywoodpros.us. Santa Monica Pier, 2 - 10 p.m.

Lego Club

Come have fun with Legos and build something amazing. Board games will also be available. Ages 4 and up. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

HushLA Silent Dance Parties at the Pier

Returning to the Pier 3rd Saturdays May-Sept. Top DJ's transmit music to wireless headphones. For more information call (213) 465-3123 or visit www.hlpresents.com. Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

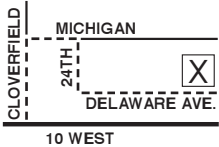


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You Don't Have To Be Jewish

WHAT'S IN A NAME? "BAD JEWS" IS A provocative title but it's also, according to Variety, the third-most performed modern play in the U.S. this season. In London, promotional posters for it were forbidden in the Underground for fear of causing offense.

Joshua Harmon wrote this verbally vitriolic comedic hit play about family, faith and what you choose to believe in when you're one of the "chosen people." "Bad Jews" is now making its L.A. premiere at the Geffen Playhouse in Westwood.

The plot revolves around two feuding cousins and two innocent bystanders caught in their rhetorical smackdown. But it's also about the generational divide when it comes to religion, especially one as fraught as Judaism long after the Holocaust ended.

Daphna Feygenbaum (played by Molly Ephraim) claims to be the most devout Jew in her family; she's also got an Israeli boyfriend and an impressive head of hair. In the script Daphna is described as one-third girl and two-thirds hair.

Liam Haber (played by Ari Brand) is a secular Jew who arrives following their grandfather's funeral to claim a family treasure, a religious symbol that Poppy kept hidden under his tongue while imprisoned for two years in a concentration camp.

Daphna doesn't think Liam deserves to have this "chai" (not to be confused with Indian tea), the Hebrew word for living. Caught in the maelstrom between them are Melody (Lili Fuller), Liam's blond "shiksa" (not-Jewish) girlfriend and his brother, Jonah (Raviv Ullman), who tries to stay out of the fray.

I asked cast member Ari Brand, who describes himself as culturally Jewish, what exactly it means to be a "bad Jew."

"It's sort of like when you say I'm on a diet but I've been bad this week. In the parlance of the millennial generation, it means a negligent or non-observant Jew, who doesn't go to temple or keep kosher or do any of the many things that Jews are

supposed to do."

Many a comedic punch line — and serious issues, too — end with the question,

"But is it good for the Jews?" So I asked Ari Brand that question about this play.

"Oh absolutely," he replied. "The Jewish tradition is one of debate, discussion, dissent and open-minded dialogue. This millennial demographic that I'm part of, we're at an interesting crossroads. As secular, non-observant Jews with maybe a little sprinkling of religious education but not much of a religious identity, we are trying to figure out what it actually means to be Jewish, how to define ourselves as Jewish, and how that correlates with our other beliefs and values, whether it's politics or day-to-day life that contrasts with what other people think being Jewish is."

Brand's grandmother doesn't appreciate the title. "Of course, I totally understand," he says. "When the word 'bad' gets put in front of 'Jew,' it brings up sensitive memories for the nonagenarian generation and especially anyone who's suffered discrimination for being Jewish. But I think the title is intentionally provocative, and I think if they saw it, they would understand you shouldn't judge a play by its title."

Brand admits that he looked to both his own life and to Facebook, in part, to find the template for his character. "I certainly feel like I know a lot of people like Liam, New York-born, secularly-raised Jewish progressive pseudo-intellectuals; I might from time to time define myself as one."

But, says Ari Brand, you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy this play. "I think it's a universal story about family and the horrible people we allow ourselves to become when we're around the people we are closest to. Whether you're Jewish, male, female, black, Asian or anything in between, we all have family or people we love that we allow ourselves to our best and worst with. Most importantly, though, it's just really funny."

As for me, I'm consumed with the question of

whether there's any symbolic meaning to the chai having been hidden under Poppy's tongue. After all, it is the very organ of communication, one which gets an epic workout in this rapid-fire, language-driven theatrical piece.

"Bad Jews" is onstage at The Geffen's Gil Cates Theatre through July 19. Visit www.geffenplayhouse.com for showtimes and tickets.

CHAGALL-MALEVICH

Marc Chagall, the famous artist whose characters and cows fly over rooftops and landscapes, says that he was born dead. Dipped into a bucket of freezing water and pounded on his back, he finally let out his first cry.

In the film "Chagall-Malevich" Chagall comes into the world as his town and house are burning; he is dunked but the rest is not exactly history.

This film is one part fairy tale, one part cartoon, one part fantasy, and one part lesson in art history and political philosophy.

Chagall is a hopeful dreamer and fantasist, Konstantin Malevich is a hard-core abstract visionary, and both attempt to serve the Revolution while being true to their art. That's a precarious place for an artist in a world of radical upheaval and rapidly shifting political manifestos, not to mention human emotions such as jealousy and betrayal.

This expressionistic film will be of interest to lovers of art and film technique, especially those who enjoy arguing whether art should elevate the masses or soothe the soul.

"Chagall-Malevich" opens at Laemmle's Music Hall in Beverly Hills and the Town Center in Encino this Friday. Visit www.laemmle.com for more info.

SARAH A. SPITZ spent her career as a producer at public radio station KCRW-Santa Monica and produced freelance arts reports for NPR. She has also written features and reviews for various publications.

"The fact that this is on the agenda means the district is paying attention and prepared to move forward," he said.

Foster said it will be crucial for district officials, stakeholders and community members to have an understanding of how the firm's progress will be monitored.

The contract starts the conversations "that literally take us through filing papers to separate the districts, which we all agree is many decisions away," he said. "This is creating a capacity."

Board member Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein saw the contract as a major turning point for the board, the district and the people they serve.

"If we're asking members of the community to put money on the table, we as a board have to say, 'We are on this path, the train is leaving the station,'" he said. "It seems to me like one of those moments."

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SPLIT

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according to SMMUSD chief financial officer Jan Maez. The law firm would build on the finance committee's work with input from the school board, she said.

"There are some solutions in the question of assets and liabilities, but we feel there's a need for additional legal advice in developing a plan and how to execute that plan should the board choose to give us that direction," Maez said.

Janet Mueller's team at Dannis Woliver Kelley will be expected to evaluate the ramifications of separation, develop a plan for a possible split and potentially assist the district in executing the plan, according to Maez. The entire process will involve checkpoints that require district approval.

The district's contract with the law firm includes hourly rates of \$225-310 for partners and special

counsel, \$185-225 for associates and \$120-140 for paralegals and law clerks. The pending agreement requires AMPS to reimburse the district on a monthly basis.

Maez estimated the total cost of the firm's services to be between \$110,000 and \$185,000.

Board members said they fully support exploring separation but sought confirmation from AMPS before moving forward.

"It's about not wanting to have a contract without having an agreement that I know where the money is going to come from to pay for it," Escarce said. "It would be awful for AMPS and people in Malibu to be ponying up the bill for this and then to feel that something happened and it didn't work out. ... For us, we don't want to be in a position where our decision to investigate is interpreted as a decision to deunify."

Board member Ralph Mechur concurred, saying the contract with the law firm and the agreement with AMPS should be reviewed simultaneously.



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The Library Lowdown

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'Read to the Rhythm' at the Library

ALMOST 600 CHILDREN AND TEENS CAME into the Santa Monica Public Library branches to sign up for summer reading, setting a new record for our first weekend. The program is in full swing now that school is out and the library is a perfect summer destination for youth. The Library expects 5,000 children and teens to participate in this popular program celebrating its 85th anniversary this summer. The last day of the program is Saturday, Aug. 15.

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. According to research, a child who reads only one minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade; a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will be exposed to almost 2 million words. That's a huge difference in vocabulary for just 20 minutes a day of reading. The Library stocks bestsellers, popular series, classics and informational books about hundreds of subjects of interest to youth.

The Library's program is designed to be fun and educational, but also to help with this "summer slide." This year, the program is themed around music with "Read to the Rhythm" for children and "Play Dance Read" for teens. Youth can read any books they like and time spent reading can be redeemed for music-themed prizes; the top prize is a paperback book to keep. The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library sponsors the summer reading prizes and programs.

How does music and sound actually work? The Mad Science show at all libraries will answer these questions for children. Here's a sampling of some fun children's programs: marshmallow engineering at the Ocean Park branch, "jungle boogie" animal show at Main, One World Drumming at Montana and a bilingual family concert at Pico. There will be magic shows, puppet shows, Legos, films and crafts. Younger children will enjoy weekly storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Teens will want to attend our new cultural dance series featuring Brazilian, Bollywood and Cuban Salsa dance, crafts just for them using duct tape and old con-

cert T-shirts, films and even teen karaoke night. Santa Monica High School students who join the reading club will receive a free copy of the school's required reading book, "Ready Player One," thanks to a donation from the Kiwanis Club (while supplies last). Middle school students can borrow from the extra copies the library has to support their summer reading lists.

If you know a teen who loves to write, the Library is offering "Write On! A Teen Writers' Workshop" this summer at the Main Library. Workshop sessions will be led by young-adult genre authors and provide a unique experience for teens to work with professional writers. The Middle School Writers' Workshop for teens in grades 6-8 runs June 23-25 from 3-5 p.m. The High School Writers' Workshop for teens in grades 9-12 runs July 7-9 from 3-5 p.m. Each workshop will be limited to 15 participants, so interested teens are urged to sign up as soon as possible at the Main Library or call (310) 458-8621.

There's lots to do for adults, too. Programs celebrating the music theme include author talks, musical performances, staged readings and movie screenings. Adults can sign up for summer reading just like kids and teens. Cardholders who turn in a "Read to the Rhythm" participation form by Wednesday, Aug. 12, will be eligible to win one of several prizes, including our grand prize: a Kindle Fire e-reader.

The Library is taking part in a challenge to get 1 million Californians into summer reading programs throughout the state. State Librarian Greg Lucas shared the importance of getting everyone involved, saying "Summer reading programs help prevent summer slide. They close the opportunity gap. They offer learning opportunities for all ages and build communities."

For a complete list of library programs, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

ROGER KELLY is the Youth Services Coordinator for the Santa Monica Public Library. He invites kids to come visit "Rock Star Chompers," the guitar-playing, Mohawk-sporting, sunglass-wearing T-Rex mascot at the Main Library.

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• <http://venders.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm>

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The Best Comic Book Stories You've Never Read: *Fables 1,001 Nights of Snowfall*

"FABLES: 1,001 NIGHTS OF SNOWFALL"

is a graphic novel that builds upon the world of a larger series. While people familiar with the book will enjoy it, if you've never read a single issue of the parent series, you will still love it just as much. You don't have to know the series at all to be able to read and enjoy this graphic novel, you only need to have a passing familiarity with fairy tales.

Fables, the series, ends this month with a final issue that doubles as a final graphic novel. Using a wide variety of mythological (and, importantly, public domain) figures, the story has presented a world where good and evil fight it out. Snow White and The Big Bad Wolf fight for humanity's safety, while nefarious foes under the control of "The Adversary", seek to take over our universe, and various others, for their own purposes.

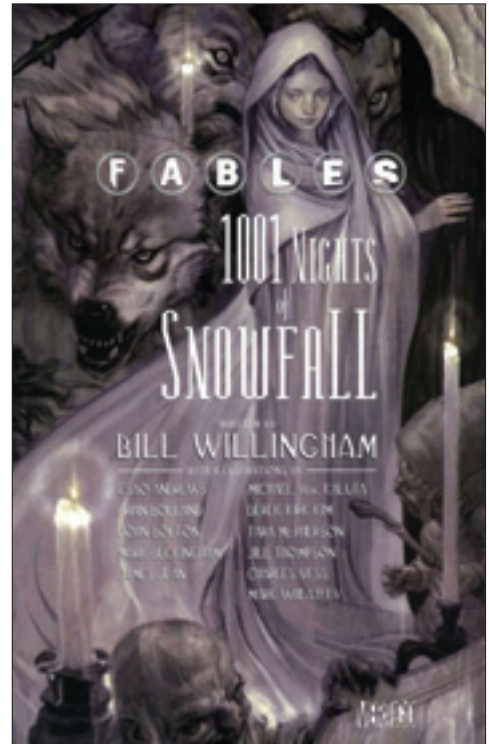
The impact of the series cannot be stressed enough, from comics to television. Fantasy books are more easily accepted on our shelves, with "Rat Queens" being a clear favorite amongst staff and clientele. In a time before Game of Thrones became the biggest show on TV, Fables was weaving long, intricate fantasy stories with hundreds of characters that would span years. It proved popular enough that the book was optioned to be a television twice, once each by NBC and ABC. Those same networks would pass on the show, but within a few years each managed to debut their own, network-owned, series about Fantasy characters in the real world: Grimm and Once Upon a Time.

Public domain, remember?

The absolute pinnacle, in my humble opinion, of the series came in 2006's "Fables: 1001 Nights of Snowfall". It's a take on One Thousand and One Arabian Nights, with our Snow White being sent to negotiate with the Arabian fables. Taking the role of Scheherazade, Snow White is held captive by the Sultan. In order to avoid being beheaded, she tells him a new story every night for 1,001 nights.

The graphic novel includes this framework as a way of presenting 10 different tales about the characters found in the main series. With a rotating cast of artists and styles, each story is a lavishly presented and expertly written by author Bill Willingham.

But, as the series teaches us, life is not a fairy tale. The stories contained within run the gamut from joyful, to dark, to funny to absolutely heart-wrenching. Bill Willingham



FABLES: 1001 Nights of Snowfall

knows not only the mythology behind his stories, but he also knows each of his characters intimately, providing exposition for the series and helping to round out characters with an ease that is not replicated often, in comic books or otherwise.

In a golden crown of a graphic novel, the story "A Frog's Eye View" is the crowning jewel. Painted by longtime cover artist James Jean, the story reveals why the Frog Prince, Flycatcher, turned into a frog. And, disturbingly, lays out the circumstances that led to Flycatcher being an exile in our world, while his family did not. In eight short pages, we're charmed, shocked and made ill. It is the single most effective use of so few pages as I've ever read.

And the comic book community agreed. The graphic novel went on to win two Eisner Awards (that's our version of the Oscars) for "Best Anthology" and "Best Short Story" for the aforementioned "A Frog's Eye View". There are few books that hit the mark so well. Do yourself a favor and pick up a copy, it's an experience to be had.

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Citywide

Rent Control Board Announces 2015 General Adjustment of 0.4% with a \$7 maximum

At the Rent Control Board meeting of May 14, Chairperson Christopher Walton announced that the 2015 annual general adjustment percentage will be 0.4 percent, based on the application of the formula set forth in the City Charter. Following the passage of Measure GA by Santa Monica voters' in the 2012 election, the annual increase is now 75 percent of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles region, rounded to the nearest tenth decimal place. Also as required by the Charter, the Board scheduled a public hearing to consider imposing a dollar-amount ceiling on the general adjustment.

After hearing from the public at the June 11, 2015 meeting, the Rent Control Board voted to impose a ceiling on the 2015 general adjustment. The calculation of the ceiling is also based on the application of a formula set forth in the City Charter, which results in a ceiling for 2015 of \$7.

The general adjustment may be implemented on eligible controlled units as of September 1.

Video of all Rent Control Board meetings can be viewed on the Rent Control website at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol

- SUBMITTED BY NEIL WESSEL

Citywide

2014 Robbery Suspect Sentenced

On June 5, 2015 Robert Lee Taylor (45) of Los Angeles waived his right to a trial and pled "No contest" to a 2014 attempted robbery and assault case. Taylor will serve 13 years in State prison.

On July 30, 2014, Taylor approached the parking booth attendant located on 2nd Street and Santa Monica Blvd. He pointed a Taser at the employee and demanded money. A physical struggle ensued and Taylor tasered the attendant multiple times in the neck and upper shoulder. Taylor fled on foot before police arrival.

DNA evidence was found on a bag left at the scene linking Taylor to the crime. DNA evidence was also recovered from the victim's shirt left by Taylor during the struggle. The victim suffered moderate injuries from the incident. On October 23, 2014, Santa Monica Police Detectives tracked and arrested Taylor.

- SUBMITTED BY RUDY CAMARENA

BIKE

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daily riding time or \$25 per month for an hour of daily riding.

A basic annual pass — which gives users 30 minutes of usage 365 days of the year — will run \$119 and an extended pass, which bumps that ride time to an hour, would cost \$149.

For Santa Monica residents, the basic annual pass will cost only \$79 and the extended \$99.

Santa Monica College students are offered the greatest discount: \$47 for six months of 60 minute daily riding.

The \$6 an hour casual fee simply buys 60 minutes of ride time that never expires. For monthly and annual passes, however, daily minutes do not roll over.

One of the things that city officials loved about the operator they selected, CycleHop, is that their technology allows bikes to be returned to locations other than the 75 stations throughout the city.

If a bike is returned to a regular bike rack — even if it's not an official station — within the Santa Monica-area, riders will only pay an additional \$2. If a rider hops on that bike, which is not connected to an official Breeze rack, and returns it to a Breeze station, she'll get a \$1 credit for bikeshare

usage.

If a bike is locked up outside of the Santa Monica-area, the rider will pay a \$20 fee.

If a bike is returned to a generic bike rack within 100 feet of a hub that is full, the rider won't be charged \$2.

Council agreed to pay CycleHop \$5.6 million for installation and operation of the bikeshare. They plan to recoup some of that money through a corporate sponsorship. The sponsor hasn't been selected yet but, city planner Elizabeth Bar-El said, an agency is helping City Hall with the search.

"The contract with CycleHop was signed a few months ago," she said in an e-mail last month. "The Breeze name was selected by the Council and a bright green bike color was chosen. Equipment has been ordered and all is going well. The staff report noted that we would be testing the bike share system in the summer for a system launch by end of year, and we are still on target for both of these milestones."

CycleHop has struggled with delays in all of the previous city's it worked in but those contracts were different, putting more responsibility on the bikeshare company. Santa Monica is the system owner, meaning it finds the sponsors, sets fees, and collects revenues, which, city officials have said, takes pressure off the operator.

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ROADS

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The Big Blue Bus has announced impacted travel in the following areas:

Ocean Avenue between Pico and San Vicente boulevards between 4 and 7:30 pm.

San Vicente Boulevard between Ocean Avenue and 25th Street between 4 and 7:30 p.m.

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West Pico Boulevard between Overland Avenue and Century Park East between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Avenue of the Stars between West Pico and West Olympic boulevards between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING AREAS SHOULD BE AVOIDED WHEN POSSIBLE:

Thursday June 18

The area around Sepulveda Boulevard between Lincoln Boulevard and Century Boulevard between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The area around Pico Boulevard and 23rd Street between 2 to 3 p.m.

The area around Barrington Avenue and Palms Boulevard between 2 to 3 p.m.

The area around Centinela Avenue and Bundy Avenue between 2 to 4 p.m.

The area around Bundy Avenue and Interstate 10 Freeway between 2 to 4 p.m.

The area around 405 Freeway and Sunset Boulevard between 2 to 4 p.m.

The area around Evans Road and Monorca Drive from 1 to 6 p.m.

The area around Napoli Drive and Sunset Boulevard from 1 to 6 p.m.

The area around Sunset Boulevard and 405 Freeway from 3 to 6 p.m.

The area around 405 Freeway and Mulholland Drive 3 to 6 p.m.

The area around Mulholland Drive and Coldwater Canyon 3 to 6 p.m.

The area around Coldwater Canyon and Beverly Drive 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The area around Beverly Drive and Sunset Boulevard 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The area around Sunset Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday June 19

The area around Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard from 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Santa Monica Boulevard and Century Park East from 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Century Park East and Pico Boulevard from 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Pico Boulevard and Overland Avenue from 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Overland Avenue and National Boulevard from 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around National Boulevard and Interstate 10 Freeway 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Interstate 405 Freeway and Centinela Avenue 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Arroyo Boulevard and Mountain Street 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Mountain Street and the 210 Freeway 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around 134 Freeway and Colorado Boulevard 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around Colorado Boulevard and Figueroa Street 8 to 11 a.m.

The area around York Boulevard and North Avenue 51 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The area around Yosemite Drive and North Avenue 56 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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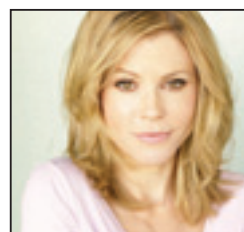
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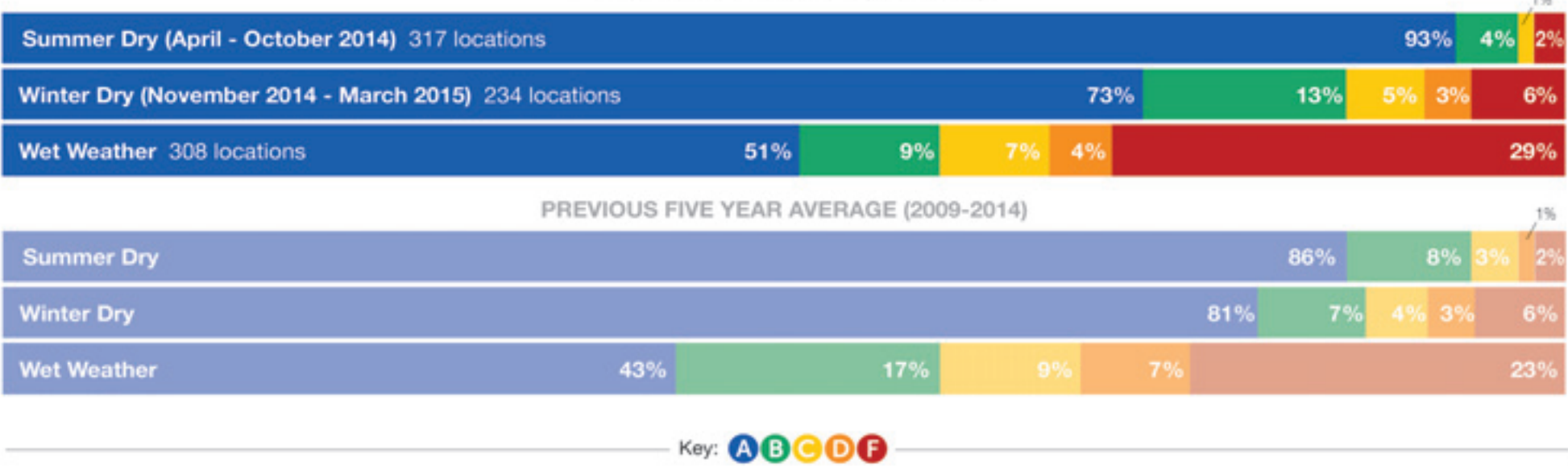
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Combined grades for Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (2014-2015)



RATINGS: Heal The Bay has released ratings for beaches statewide and the Santa Monica Pier did not rank well. The report and ratings are available online at www.healthebay.org.
Courtesy images

WATER
FROM PAGE 1

water doesn't get to the ocean, actually benefits water quality."

The pier beach consistently ranks among the worst California but Heal the Bay is always quick to point out that City Hall works very hard to fight the dirty water.

"We applaud the city of Santa Monica for taking proactive actions," Sikich said. "They are one of the places that's actually looked at this problem and started to take measures to reduce these pollution problems and we hope that in future years it will no longer be on the list."

Birds have sullied the water, so City Hall added nets underneath the pier. When the nets had holes, City Hall quickly patched those holes. Three years ago they improved the storm drains, which pump back into the

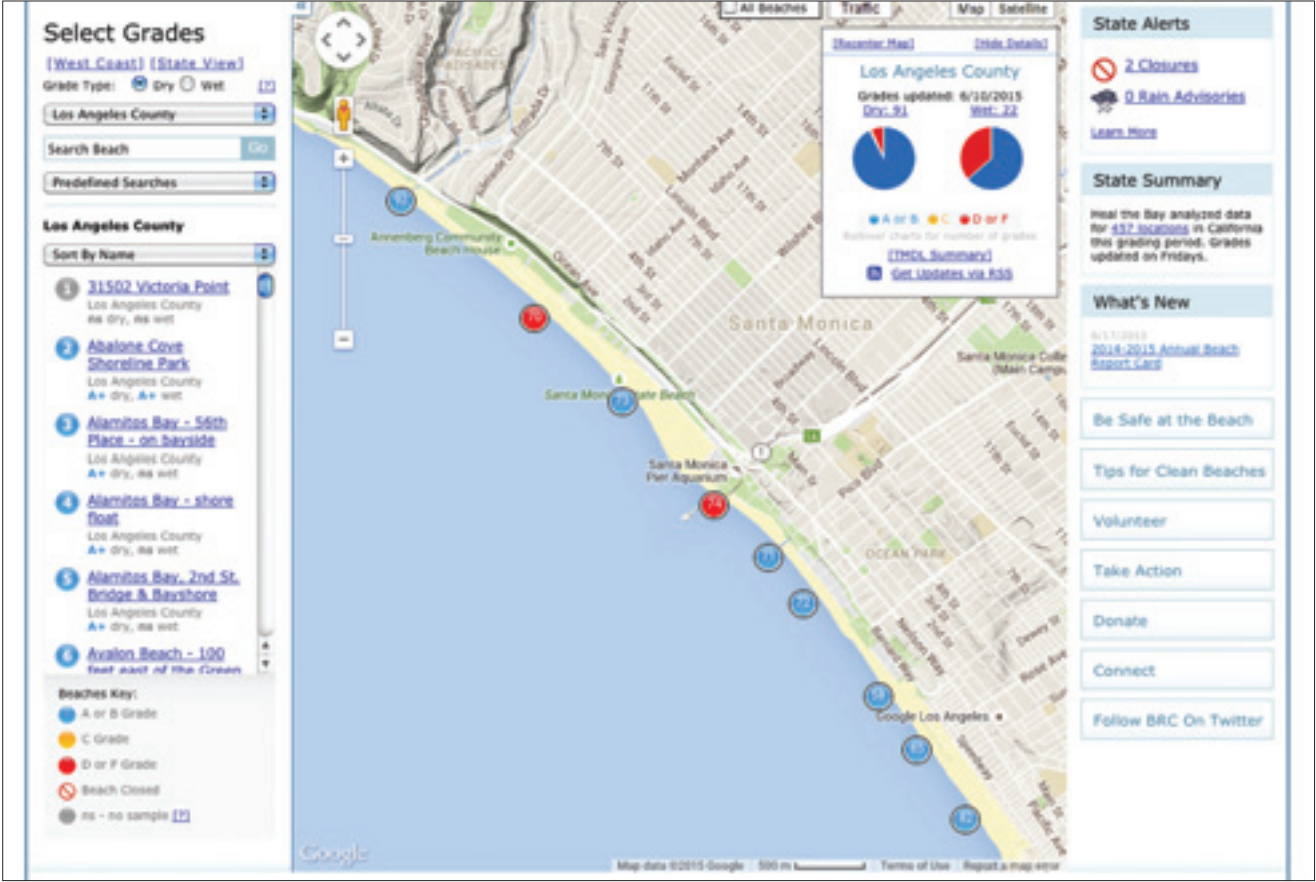
Santa Monica urban Runoff Facility. They check the pipes for leaks regularly. Piers, Heal the Bay officials have said, are always a challenge.

"We're hopeful that the recent Clean Beach Initiative grant received by the city will improve water quality here," Sikich said, "as it will result in a project that takes both wet and dry weather runoff and diverts it away from the ocean."

Poor quality beach water can cause skin rash, gastrointestinal illnesses, and sinus infections, so Sikich encourages beachgoers to check Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card before swimming near the pier.

"There are hundreds of beaches in Southern California," she said. "Santa Monica Pier is obviously a great attraction for many people but beaches just north and just south of here score much better on the Beach Report Card."

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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

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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 Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
B Pascadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alas creeks.		
Escorial 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 Wildfire Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	F
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Soldado Canyon at San Becker County Beach.	A+	D
Puente State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Sanfilippo Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet.	A+	F
Sanfilippo Beach (beach 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 rem).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCI stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCI (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	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

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Heal the Bay

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of these areas surveyed. Our sleepers are happy.

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 JUNE 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M.

A female victim and her friends were spending some time on the beach and placed their belongings under Tower 10. The group walked away from the tower briefly, but when they returned they discovered all their property had been thrown around. While gathering her belongings, the victim noticed her cellphone was among the missing items. The victim saw the suspect, later identified as Deshsheen Lewis, 40, walking on the beach a short distance away from her and noticed he was eating from a bag of chips that was also missing from her bag.

As the victim began to follow the suspect, she heard her cellphone ringtone sounding from his location. The victim then saw that the suspect was carrying her cell phone, so she flagged down a beach maintenance worker and asked him to call the police. The victim watched the suspect as he entered a public restroom at the 1100 block of the beach, then waited for police to arrive. The suspect walked away, however, so a witness followed him as he headed toward the downtown area. Officers detained the suspect a short while later. The suspect admitted to taking the phone but said he broke it after it started ringing and flushed it down the restroom toilet. The suspect was then taken into custody and booked for petty theft at Santa Monica Jail. Bail was set at \$1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 389 calls for service on June 16.

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

Living in a vehicle 200 block of Alta Ave 12:02 a.m.
Battery 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 4:51 a.m.
Construction noise 0 block of Seaside Ter 7:26 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Montana Ave 7:59 a.m.
Animal related incident Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 9:11 a.m.
Hit and run 14th St / Broadway b003 9:17 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 800 block of Colorado Ave 9:22 a.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block of 17th St 9:30 a.m.
Traffic accident 2300 block of 4th St 9:32 a.m.
Animal related incident 2300 block of Oak St 9:58 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block of Ocean Ave 10:04 a.m.
Hit and run Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 10:07 a.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Pico Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Fraud 900 block of Pico Blvd 10:42 a.m.
Fight 2100 block of Santa Monica Blvd 11:16 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 600 block of Arizona Ave 12:31 p.m.

Vandalism 2400 block of 33rd St 12:34 p.m.
Sexual assault 500 block of Olympic Blvd W 1:18 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Drunk driving 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:22 p.m.
Injured person 100 block of Montana Ave 1:35 p.m.
Traffic accident 200 block of Montana Ave 1:35 p.m.
Bike theft 2400 block of 20th St 1:40 p.m.
Fraud 2000 block of Ocean Park Blvd 1:52 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1600 block of Ocean Ave 1:57 p.m.
Battery 1600 block of Main St 1:58 p.m.
Speeding 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 3:13 p.m.
Traffic accident 1700 block of Ocean Ave 3:23 p.m.
Bike theft 900 block of 16th St 3:42 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 3:58 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 5:03 p.m.
Hit and run 600 block of Santa Monica Blvd 5:08 p.m.
Speeding 4th St / California Ave 5:57 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1500 block of Berkeley St 6:05 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of Wilshire Blvd 6:36 p.m.
Child abuse 1100 block of 11th St 7:37 p.m.
Bike theft 1400 block of 10th St 7:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 44 calls for service on June 16.

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

EMS 300 block of Olympic Dr 12:14 a.m.
Smoke investigation 200 block of Pico Blvd 12:37 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 17th St 1:07 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of 7th St 2 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico Blvd 4:42 a.m.
EMS 700 block of 10th St 6:30 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Ocean Park Blvd 7:50 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Arizona Ave 8:44 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 24th St 9:01 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln Blvd 9:17 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Broadway 9:19 a.m.

Automatic alarm 2800 block of Wilshire Blvd 10:17 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Adelaide Pl 10:18 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado Ave 10:35 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Lincoln Blvd 10:39 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic Blvd 12:05 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of 4th St 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th St 12:52 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd St 1:26 p.m.
EMS 2nd St/Montana Ave 1:35 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Santa Monica Blvd 1:51 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona Ave 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Pico Blvd 2:04 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic Dr 2:22 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:39 p.m.
Request fire 1700 block of Ocean Ave 3:25 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave/Seaside Ter 3:25 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean Ave 3:31 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 4th St 3:51 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:57 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Do a checkout chore

5 Aspirations

10 Sports spot

12 Hirsch of “Milk”

13 Plague

14 Tennis legend Rod

15 Antique auto

16 Ratify

18 Horrify

20 Sandy color

21 Some babies

23 Finished off

24 Pertness

26 Egypt divider

28 Evil

29 Narrow

31 Clean Water Act org.

32 Show up

36 Inform

39 Wish undone

40 Away from the office

41 Mary’s TV pal

43 Put up

44 Was partisan
- 45 Roping contest
- 46 Turn down

DOWN

- 1 Israeli native

2 Move furtively

3 Man of morals

4 Compass dir.

5 Beatles movie

6 Poet Khayyám

7 Crucial

8 Raise

9 Calm

11 Speechless

17 Tissue layer

19 Crunch targets

22 Hidden gunmen

24 1972 Winter Games setting

25 Made suitable

27 Little devil

28 Pitch to the noggin

30 — Vegas

33 Undermine

34 “The Age of Anxiety” poet

35 All set

37 Sushi need

38 Fond of

42 Stashed

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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

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

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 6/13
29 41 48 52 54
Power#: 29
Jackpot: 70M



Draw Date: 6/16
8 19 26 56 67
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 44M



Draw Date: 6/13
14 15 33 38 41
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 44M



Draw Date: 6/16
7 9 17 19 31



Draw Date: 6/17
MIDDAY: 2 8 6
Draw Date: 6/16
EVENING: 9 9 7



Draw Date: 6/16
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:46.31

WORD UP!

lackadaisical

1. without interest, vigor, or determination; listless; lethargic: a lackadaisical attempt.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1965- Vietnam War: The United States uses B-52 bombers to attack National Liberation Front guerrilla fighters in South Vietnam.

1972- Staines air disaster: 118 are killed when a BEA H.S. Trident crashes two minutes after take off from London Heathrow Airport.

1979- SALT II is signed by the United States and the Soviet Union.

1981- The Lockheed F-117 Nighthawk, the first operational aircraft initially designed around stealth technology, makes its first flight.

1983- Space Shuttle program: STS-7, Astronaut

Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

1983- Mona Mahmudnizhad together with nine other Bahá’í women, is sentenced to death and hanged in Shiraz, Iran because of her Bahá’í Faith.

1984- A major clash between about 5,000 police and a similar number of miners takes place at Orgreave, South Yorkshire, during the 1984-1985 UK miners' strike.

1996- Ted Kaczynski, suspected of being the Unabomber, is indicted on ten criminal counts.

2006- The first Kazakh space satellite, KazSat is launched.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among caterpillars' natural defenses against being devoured by birds is their ability to contort themselves into odd shapes for disguise -- perhaps most ingeniously (according to researchers writing in the current Animal Behaviour journal) as bird droppings. The authors created artificial dough-based squiggles that were either straight (resembling the caterpillar) or bent (to resemble poop), and found that birds zeroed in on the straight ones about three times as often.

■ Notwithstanding the suggestion in movies, stealing a 200-pound floor model safe is a very low-

return crime, as the February arrest of three pals in Kingsport, Tennessee, illustrated. After struggling to load the safe into a car's trunk (accidentally shattering the back window), they drove to one's apartment, but police were called when neighbors saw the safe being dragged across a parking lot in the middle of the night. (During the trip, it fell onto one perp's foot.) Police, following gouge marks, visited the apartment and spotted the safe, as yet unopened, in the middle of the kitchen. (Police: Why do you gentlemen have a safe? Perp: We found it in an alley.) Police opened it. It was empty.

THINK “WEEKEND”, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed. Your mood is likely to put several people off until you are able to get centered. Take a walk by water or listen to water trickling off a fountain. Later in the day, a partner could be somewhat standoffish. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll gain unusual insight through your dreams, but you might not even realize it. If you look at what is occurring around a friendship, you'll gain more awareness. A partner could be unusually difficult or touchy. Maintain a healthy distance. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have been. You need to hold yourself accountable. Remain in touch with a friend who tends to shake up the status quo. You like the excitement that enters your life when he or she is around. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ An older relative, friend or boss could alter your plans quite a bit. This person also might force you to take a hard look at a situation that is often on your mind. A child or loved one seems to need to hold back. Don't interfere with this process. Tonight: Let off some steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Know when to rein in your magnetic personality. Try to be a wallflower. You might be interested in a new activity that you had not noticed up till now. Tap into your creativity to find helpful solutions. Tonight: Try to avoid being around a depressing person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities; some are more important than others. Don't let someone rain on your parade. Your perspective will change once you start asking questions about where this person is coming from. Have an intellectual conversation. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Someone you need to respond to might shock you with his or her behavior. Let it go, but keep this situation in your memory, as you might want to revisit it at a later date. Your intuition will lead you down the right path. Be careful with money commitments. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might seem somewhat stuffy to others, but you know that you are making a difference where it counts. Are you pushing too hard to have your way? Let go for now, and detach from the situation. You will see matters differently as a result. Tonight: Think "weekend."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to see a situation differently. Your ability to get past a problem allows you to go with the flow. Don't get too upset by what is happening, and don't lose focus. As a result, your ability to move through a problem will be enhanced. Tonight: Be friendly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seem rather cold right now. Someone might say something that causes you to be upset. Be flexible; you can't change what is happening. You have an unusual sense of humor, but it probably won't work on a friend who is singing the blues. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Do what is needed to make you happier and feel more in touch with your needs and desires. Sometimes you give so much of yourself that you don't even realize how drained you are. A superior could demand a lot from you. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A financial matter could upset you and force your hand. How you deal with someone will change radically if you tap into your creativity. As a result, you'll find others to be more flexible. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Let a loved one know your expectations.

Thursday, June 18, 2015

This year you tap into your creativity more often. Though you value your friendships, the unexpected will force you to rely on your own decisions. Your finances will be far more important than you might have anticipated. Honor a change openly, and remain in touch with your feelings. If you are single, you could meet someone in the next few months who ends up being a long-term romance. If you are attached, the two of you need to take off this summer and spend a few days or weeks away from it all. Your relationship will reflect your increased closeness. CANCER can be very emotional.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

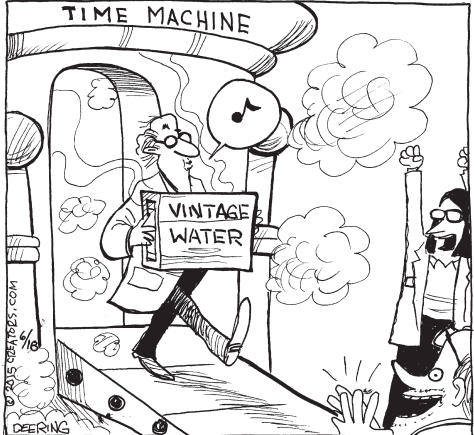
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic	★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
★★★ Average	

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



HOW TO LIVE UNITED:
JOIN HANDS.
OPEN YOUR HEART.
LEND YOUR MUSCLE.
FIND YOUR VOICE.
GIVE AN HOUR.
GIVE A SATURDAY.
THINK OF US BEFORE ME.
REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND
INFLUENCE
THE CONDITION OF ALL.

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