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ASHLEY NAPIER
Special to the Daily Press

Heal the Bay has released their annual beach report card for 2021 on the cusp of Fourth of July weekend, giving us a glimpse of the safest options to enjoy a nice day at the beach.

The Santa Monica based non-profit's mission is to preserve and protect coastal waters and watersheds with the annual report serving as a foundation of their public education efforts.

Heal the Bay CEO and President, Shelly Luce gave her rundown of the 2021 Beach Report Card, in the shadow of the Chevron Oil refinery and the Hyperion sewage treatment center on beautiful El Porto beach.

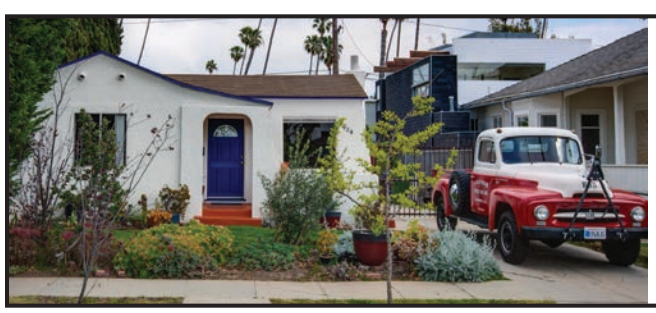
The annual report is used as a free, comprehensive tool the public can use to stay up-to-date with the latest water quality information at their favorite beach along the California coast and Tijuana beaches. The report assigns an A-to-F rating "based on levels of bacterial pollution in the ocean measured by county health agencies" to help beachgoers know when it's safe to swim, according to last year's report

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Beach	Summer	Winter	Wet
Big Rock Beach	A	A	A+
Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	A
Topanga Beach	D	A	B
Castle Rock Beach	A	A+	A+
Will Rogers: Bel Air Bay Club	A	A+	A
Will Rogers: Pulga Canyon	A+	A+	B
Will Rogers: Temescal Canyon	A	A+	D
Will Rogers: Santa Monica Canyon	A	A	B
Santa Monica: Montana Ave.	A	A+	F
Santa Monica: Wilshire Blvd.	A	A	F
Santa Monica Pier	D	F	F
Santa Monica: Pico-Kenter storm drain	A	A	F
Santa Monica Beach: Strand St	A+	A	C
Ocean Park: Ashland Ave.	A	A	B
Venice Beach: Rose Ave.	A+	A	C
Venice Beach: Brooks Ave.	A+	A	D
Venice Beach: Windward Ave.	A	A+	D
Venice Beach: 50 yards south of Fishing Pier	A+	A	B
Venice Beach: Topsail St.	A+	A+	D
Mother's Beach MDR: Lifeguard Tower	C	F	F

Beach grades are from Heal The Bay's 2020-2021 Beach Report Card

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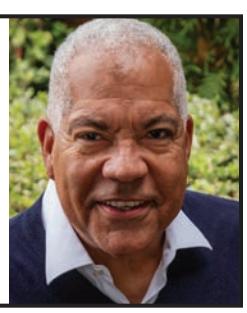
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Battery Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Encampment 21st St / San Vicente Blvd 7:59 a.m.
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Bike Theft 1500blk 2nd St 8:21 a.m.
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Traffic Hazard 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:28 a.m.
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Attempt Auto Theft 1200blk Arizona Ave 9:09 a.m.
Burglary 500blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:29 a.m.
Burglary 2500blk Main St 9:34 a.m.
Armed Robbery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:38 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:45 a.m.
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Person With A Gun 20th St / Pico Blvd 9:59 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000blk Arizona Ave 10:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 400blk Broadway 10:12 a.m.
Grand Theft 2100blk Ashland Ave 10:35 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 15th / Santa Monica 10:50 a.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700blk Broadway 11:16 a.m.
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Bike Theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:42 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 6:44 p.m.
General Parking Problem 6th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:51 p.m.
Burglary 200blk California Ave 6:52 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:56 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2900blk 31st St 7:32 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:55 p.m.
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Newsom's gamble: Recall win could hinge on jobs, virus cases

MICHAEL R. BLOOD AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Democrats gambled by accelerating the date for the state's Sept. 14 recall election that could cost Gov. Gavin Newsom his job. Their hope is that during a relatively brief stretch of about 10 weeks, the economy will continue to rebound, coronavirus cases will remain low and the embattled Democratic governor can avoid any politically embarrassing missteps.

The risk is that it doesn't go that way.

The mid-September date was formalized Thursday by Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, a Democrat and Newsom ally, after election officials certified that enough valid petition signatures had been turned in to qualify the election for the ballot.

Her decision came after political maneuvering in the Democratic-dominated Legislature that cleared the way for a late-summer election, rather than the fall contest many had been expecting.

Newsom has steadied his public standing since the tumultuous depths of the pandemic, when his popularity declined. With recent polls showing Newsom would beat back the recall, Democrats believe the earlier date will benefit his chances.

Businessman John Cox, one of the leading Republicans in the race, shrugged off the strategy.

Newsom's "insiders and allies have done their best to manipulate the election date ... but it doesn't matter," Cox said in a statement.

Wildfires "are starting to rage, we're still not sure schools will open on time, homelessness is out of control and taxes are way too high," Cox added. "We have shortages of electricity and water. Crime is out of control. ... Newsom will be recalled."

The election in the nation's most populous state will be a marquee contest with national implications, watched closely as a barometer of the public mood heading toward the 2022 elections, when a closely divided Congress again will be in play.

The announcement will set off a furious burst of campaigning through the California summer, a time when voters typically ignore politics to enjoy vacationing, barbecuing and traveling.

It's not uncommon in California for residents to seek recalls but they rarely get on the ballot — and even fewer succeed. A sitting governor has been ousted just once in the state, when unpopular Democrat Gray Davis was recalled in 2003 and replaced by Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Many voters have yet to pay attention to the emerging election. And while polls have shown Newsom surviving the recall, those same surveys reveal signs of an unsettled public. Independent voters, for example, tend to view his job performance skeptically and most say the state is going in the wrong direction.

Amid a homeless crisis and a continuing pandemic, the election will give voters in the heavily Democratic state a stark choice between Newsom's liberal-minded policies or a change that could bring a Republican into the governor's office for the first time since Schwarzenegger's tenure.

Republican candidates have depicted Newsom as an incompetent fop whose bungled leadership inflicted unnecessary financial pain statewide, while Democrats have sought to frame the contest as driven by far-right extremists and supporters of former President Donald Trump eager to stop Newsom's agenda.

Newsom's campaign has described the election as "a naked attempt by Trump Republicans to grab control in California." Kevin Faulconer, a former San Diego mayor and another leading Republican in the race, predicted that "retirement is coming for Gavin Newsom."

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A look at 8 lawmakers appointed to probe Jan. 6 attack

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is acting swiftly to launch a new investigation of the violent Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, choosing a diverse slate of eight lawmakers — one from the opposing party — to serve on a select committee with subpoena power.

Republicans have the chance to recommend five additional members, but it's unclear whether they will do so. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who could be called to testify about a conversation with former President Donald Trump as the attack unfolded, has not committed to any appointments.

All but two Republicans voted against creating the committee in a vote Wednesday. Pelosi made one of the two Republicans — Liz Cheney of Wyoming, an unsparing critic of Trump — one of her appointments to the panel.

A look at eight lawmakers who have been appointed to the committee so far:

REP. BENNIE THOMPSON, D-MISS.

Thompson is chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee and will be leading the Jan. 6 select committee. Serving his 14th full term in office, he is the only Democratic member of Mississippi's congressional delegation. He was a teacher before entering local politics, serving as a mayor and country supervisor, which served as a springboard to the House. He says the committee will focus on delivering a "definitive accounting of the attack — an undertaking so vital to guarding against future attacks."

REP. ZOE LOFGREN, D-CALIF.

Lofgren is chairwoman of the Committee on House Administration, which has oversight of the U.S. Capitol Police. She has been a member of the House since 1995 and is an immigration attorney and immigration law professor who participated in the impeachment process for three presidents — Trump, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon, the latter as a congressional staffer. She said making the Capitol safer is not a substitute for what happened on Jan. 6th: She said: "Who paid for it? How was it organized? We need to find that out to keep the country safe."

REP. ADAM SCHIFF, D-CALIF.

Schiff is chairman of the House Intelligence committee and best known as the leader and public face of Trump's first impeachment for his actions involving Ukraine. He has served in the House for two decades and prior to entering Congress served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles and as a state senator. He expressed dismay on Twitter that only two House Republicans voted for the select committee: "An attack on the Capitol. The Article I branch of our government. Our temple of democracy. If Republicans won't support that, what will they support? Only what Trump wants."

REP. LIZ CHENEY, R-WYO.

The daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney is so far the lone Republican on the new committee. She is one of 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump over the insurrection at the Capitol, saying he "lit the flame" that ignited the attack. She has only amplified her criticism of Trump since then, angering colleagues who voted to remove her from a leadership position. She took time to visit law enforcement officers and families on Wednesday in the House galleries while lawmakers debated whether to form the committee. She says what happened on Jan. 6. can never be allowed to happen again. "Those who are responsible for the attack need to be held accountable and this select committee will fulfill that responsibility in a professional, expeditious, and non-partisan manner."

REP. JAMIE RASKIN, D-MD.

Raskin is serving his third term representing a district adjacent to Washington. He served as a professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law for more than 25 years and was the lead prosecution lawyer in Trump's second impeachment trial. In a memorable presentation, he recalled for senators how he was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 with his daughter and son-in-law when Trump supporters broke into the building. He fought back tears as he told senators how he had promised his daughter her next trip would be better and she replied: "Dad, I don't want to come back to the Capitol." The siege of the Capitol came just days after Raskin's 25-year-old son, Tommy, took his own life.

REP. ELAINE LURIA, D-VA.

Luria has only been in Congress since 2019, but held many weighty responsibilities before then, serving two decades in the Navy and retiring at the rank of commander. She served at sea on six ships, deployed to the Middle East and culminated her career by commanding a combat-ready unit of 400 sailors. She represents a swing district with a large military and veterans population along the Virginia coast.

REP. PETE AGUILAR, D-CALIF.

Aguilar is serving his fourth term in the House and now holds the No. 6 position in House Democratic leadership. He is a former mayor who now serves on the House Administration and Appropriations committees. "Everyone touched by Jan. 6 deserves to find the truth of what transpired, what led up to it, and how we can protect our democracy moving forward," Aguilar said Thursday.

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Citywide

Bank of America Awards Nearly $4 Million to Nonprofits

Bank of America has announced $3.97 million in grants to 104 Los Angeles area nonprofits that will help drive economic opportunity and upward mobility for individuals and families and put them on a path toward stability and success.

The local nonprofits receiving funding primarily provide workforce development services building pathways to employment, including providing education and resources to rebuild careers that may have been impacted by the pandemic. Additional programs funded by these grants support basic needs such as hunger relief, healthcare and emergency shelter, resources also critical throughout the pandemic.

The first of two rounds of grants to be issued by the bank in 2021 is coming at a critical time as the region reopens and rebounds, with local economists estimating it could take three more years until Los Angeles' employment levels reach pre-pandemic levels, noting a fundamental need for developing more resilient, inclusive systems to address the disproportionate impacts to people of color, women and those in education, including teachers.

"The strategic investment into immediate short-term and longer-term needs has been key in helping disadvantaged communities progress as society and the economy begin to safely reopen," said Raul A. Anaya, president, Bank of America Los Angeles. "By investing in Los Angeles' incredible network of nonprofits, Bank of America provides philanthropic capital to help advance economic and social progress, enabling our region to succeed."

Many nonprofits already are putting the bank's recent round of investments to work in communities hardest hit by the pandemic or to address social injustice. Many recipient organizations are providing job skills in some of Los Angeles' poorest neighborhoods where unemployment rates are as high as 30 percent.

For example, JVS SoCal, which continues to see a demand for its services due to lingering economic impacts of COVID-19, is using its funds to provide career-readiness training to residents in low-income areas across Los Angeles County for jobs in healthcare, medical back-office support, apartment management, and in banking. More than 70 percent of JVS' clientele are Latino and Black. The P.F. Bresee Foundation sees high unemployment and socio-economic isolation in Central Los Angeles and is utilizing its funds to train and mentor youth from low-income families on such soft skills as resume writing, email etiquette, and emotional intelligence. The program generally secures jobs for youth after training. EXP, which has seen how the pandemic left many Los Angeles teens and young adults feel disconnected and hopeless, is looking to reach hundreds of underserved high school students across the county to improve graduation rates and prepare them for college or careers.

Santa Monica grantees include:
Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica
The Boys and Girls Club of Venice
The Chrysalis Center
Upward Bound House
Westside Food Bank
Visit about.bankofamerica.com for more information.

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NEWSOM

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While a final date wasn't set until Thursday, the campaign has been underway for months after it became clear that organizers had gathered more than the required 1.5 million petition signatures needed to place the recall on the ballot.

Conservative talk show host Larry Elder, 69, said in a statement Wednesday night that he was seriously considering entering the race and would announce his decision early next week. His candidacy would give the Republican field another jolt of celebrity sparkle — he's known through his nationally syndicated radio show and appearances on Fox News.

Along with Faulconer and Cox, who was defeated by Newsom in 2018, other Republicans who have said they intend to run include former U.S. Rep. Doug Ose and reality TV personality and former Olympian Caitlyn Jenner.

The GOP field is expected to continue to grow: Candidates have until July 16 to file papers to declare their candidacy.

In the recall election, voters will be asked two questions: First, whether Newsom should be ousted, and second, if he is removed, who from the list of candidates should replace him.

Tom Del Beccaro, a former head of the state Republican Party who chairs Rescue California, one of the groups promoting the recall, said Elder would help drive support for the critical first question in his home Los Angeles area, the most populous in the state.

"Statewide races in California are often won or lost in L.A. county," said Del Beccaro, who is not aligned with any candidate. Elder "is going to bring a constituency that is going to help us get a 'yes' on the question No. 1."

Elder, a Black man, also would bring more diversity to the Republican ranks.

Claremont McKenna College political scientist Jack Pitney said Elder's entry into the race would be a setback for Cox because "Elder would appeal to the hard-core Republican, conservative base that would have been Cox's base." Faulconer is considered a GOP moderate.

Pitney doubted Elder's race would play a significant factor, with the Black vote typically running strongly Democratic. Elder "has a reputation for being a provocative conservative, not a champion of African American interests," Pitney said.

Blood reported from Los Angeles.

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Citywide

Please Keep Pets Safe and Protected this Independence Day



With the Fourth of July approaching, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) would like to remind pet owners that extra precautions are necessary in order to protect pets during celebrations.

To ensure the safety of your pets, here are a few tips:

• Make sure your pet has a collar and tags with your personal information. Include a phone number where you can be reached.

• Get your pet microchipped and make sure you register your pet with the company. Do not take your pets with you when going to see fireworks displays. The noise and other activities at these events can easily frighten and overwhelm your dog or cat.

• Keep your pets indoors in a cool, comfortable place with some "white noise" distraction.

• Your pets may want to hide; allow them access to a room away from windows.

• If your dog is outside, make sure all gates are closed and locked and fencing is secure. Your dog may try to escape if they become startled.

• If you are leaving town for the weekend and cannot take your pets with you, make sure you leave them with someone who will be cautious and keep them secure during the Fourth of July celebrations.

• Talk to your veterinarian if you feel your pet may need additional support through medications.

"Independence Day is a time of celebration for humans but not for animals. Fireworks can terrify our beloved pets, and they may become injured or lost as a result. Please make sure your pets are safe and properly identified in case they flee, and keep a close eye on your pets to monitor their behavior and stress level" says DACC Director Marcia Mayeda.

If your pet does get out of the yard or is lost, post flyers in your neighborhood and on social media sites including Nextdoor, Ring, and Facebook and check the websites of all nearby shelters. For more information about what to do if your pet is lost, including customizable, downloadable flyer templates, please visit their website at https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/if-you-lost-your-pet/

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REP. STEPHANIE MURPHY, D-FLA.

Murphy is a former national security specialist at the Defense Department now serving her third term in Congress. She worked on a wide range of security issues: counterterrorism, foreign military relations, strategic planning for the department and more. She is the first Vietnamese-American woman elected to Congress. After her appointment to the select committee, she recalled that her family fled Vietnam when she was a baby. "We were rescued by the U.S. Navy and given refuge in America," she said. "I love this country beyond words." She added: "To see the citadel of American democracy assaulted is a reminder that our democracy is not self-sustaining. It needs to be preserved and protected by American patriots of every political stripe."

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A Shore Thing

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Beach Food





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EATS: Other beach communities have figured out beach eats.

"To eat well is to live well," Thomas Jefferson once said. Our gourmet Founding Father appreciated fine dining as much as he did democracy. It's a good thing he never made it to Santa Monica's bustling shoreline, where egalitarianism reigns but the food is meh.

A vacation hop to Waikiki this week reminded me again of our dining deficiencies. I stayed in the laid-back Kaimana Beach area, which is home to the Barefoot Beach Cafe. A mix of tourists and locals lined up each morning to order from a small menu that speaks of its place and features fresh, local ingredients. Staff whipped up frothy lattes and pineapple smoothies. A pair of grandma-looking cooks plated macadamia-nut pancakes and bulging breakfast burritos dotted with Spam.

Wooden tables encircled a giant banyan tree, which provided welcome shade. Slack-key guitar wafted on the breeze. Right in front, wave-riders navigated peeling left-handers at a break called Publics. I wolfed down the "Surfers Special" — a sunnyside egg draped over fried rice and Portuguese sausage. Two young British women chatted nearby, relishing acai bowls heaping with the brightest tropical fruit you can imagine. Nothing on the menu cost more than $12.

Whenever I eat like this on travels, I feel a bit ashamed for our city. We have few affordable and savory eating options on the sand. It seems like other world-class beach cities have created a food culture along their shorelines that appeals to tourists and locals alike. Why can't we?

I still dream of a thatch-roofed café on the Greek island of Ios. My wife and I walked up a single flight of the stairs from the beach and devoured freshly grilled octopus and icy cold bottles of Mythos beer. In Barcelona, my son and I beat the heat with fizzy Basque wine and morsels of prized Iberico ham and Manchego cheese at one of a dozen oceanfront tapas bars steps from the sand. At a Montevideo beachside food stand, our family happily wolfed down chivitos – Uruguay's version of Bay Cities' Godmother sandwich, filled with slices of ham, bacon, lettuce, tomato, melted mozzarella cheese and a fried egg. Yum.

I recount these culinary memories not to make readers salivate. I list them as stark contrasts to oceanside options in our city. Hungry beachgoers have few choices here – almost all of them unappetizing.

They can clamber up to the Pier, whose takeout stands offer hot dogs, funnel cakes and other County Fair food available in Anywhere U.S.A. Sit-down eateries like Bubba Gump offer long waits and touristy food that's as generic as it comes. These establishments know it's "one and done" with out-of-towners likely never to return. There's a reason few residents think: "Hey let's go the Pier tonight for dinner." And that seems a shame in a city like Santa Monica, which rightly takes pride as a foodie magnet.

Famished families can also trudge along the sand to cafes like Perry's, one of several nondescript outlets seemingly on ever-renewing city leases. A kids chicken-strip combo will set a mother back $16. Imagine if she's feeding a family of four! It reminds me of the hostage prices you see for mediocre food at ballparks or airports.

Others may be tempted to saunter into the larger beachside hotels. The food is a step-up in creativity but the cafes cater to $500-a-night lodgers, not sandy locals in flip flops. Shutters now offers a luxe sunset picnic for two along the sand. It will only set you back $400.

To be clear: I'm not beating up on the hard-working owners and staff of these beachside spots. They do provide a service of sorts for the hungry masses. I just find the food overpriced and totally forgettable. There's no jazz, no soul.

Lest I come off as a total snob, I do have a soft spot the Pier-adjacent Big Dean's, our happy-hour hang during my tenure at Heal the Bay. It's morphed from the menacing but appealing biker-bar vibe of my youth, but it's still a good spot for a burger and brew. While not truly beachside, Cha Cha Chicken Cafe serves a garlicky jerk chicken plate with plantains and homemade ginger beer. When you see OG surfer and local chef extraordinaire Raphael Lunetta patiently waiting in line with tourists, you know something tasty is cooking.

There's nothing worse than a scribe who complains but doesn't offer solutions. So what's the answer? Here's one idea: reserving

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THE BEACH

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card.

Luce explains that "California beachgoers enjoyed excellent water quality" as we flocked back to the beaches in the summer of 2020, where 93 percent of California beaches scored an A to B rating. Although, the same cannot be said for 2021.

"This past year we're flunking," says Luce, "only 57 percent of our beaches received A or B grades when it's safe to swim." She attributes this trend to the historic lack of rainfall over the past year, a characteristic that usually "would result in better grades," but this has had the opposite effect. With longer periods between rainfall, "pollutants including bacteria and viruses" build up around the city, creating a greater amount of devastation to our oceans when rainfall does occur — causing multiple "first flushes" as Luce calls it.

With the mention of a large number of California beaches marking a grade of a C or below on their 2021 report cards, Luce gives us the "Beach Bummer List ''— the top ten worst quality beaches in California. Only one LA county beach made the list, at number five — Marina Del Rey's Mothers Beach. The popular spot for Marina locals is a "perennial" on the bummers list, says Luce, who attributes the little wave action and shallow, enclosed space to be a hotspot for "high bacteria counts."

Santa Monica Pier evades the beach bummer list, but historically scores low water quality averages, and is currently listed at a "D" rating at best. Heal the Bay staff Scientist Luke Ginger notes that Santa Monica has made "a step in the right direction" with projects such as the Clean Beaches Project for Pier Drainage Basin — a concrete subgrade stormwater runoff storage tank north of the Pier, but that beachgoers should "be aware of some of the signs of potential for water quality" such as regularly checking the Beach Report Card and staying at least 100 yards away from storm drains when swimming.

Along with the beach bummers list, Heal the Bay releases an honor roll for the beaches that score an "A+" rating year-round. Of the 500 monitored beaches in California, 35 made the honor roll this year, down from 42 the previous year.

Orange County tops the list with 10 beaches making the honor roll this year including Newport Bay Promontory Point; Crystal Cove; Newport Beach at Orange Street; Newport Beach at 52nd/53rd Street; Balboa Beach Pier; Balboa Beach The Wedge; Crystal Cove; 1000 Steps Beach; North Aliso County Beach; and Treasure Island Beach.

Followed by Los Angeles County with seven beaches on the honor roll, an improvement from three the previous year. The Los Angeles County honor roll includes: Royal Palms State Beach, Leo Carrillo Beach at Arroyo Sequit Creek; Puerco State Beach at the creek mouth; Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek; Broad Beach at Trancas Creek; Escondido State Beach at Escondido Creek; and Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek.

Ventura County also upped their marks from last year, making seven beaches on the honor roll, previously only placing one on the list with most of them focused in the Oxnard area. Those beaches include; C.I. Harbor, at Hobie Beach Lakeshore Dr; Oil Piers Beach, south of storm drain Ventura Silverstrand, at Sawtelle Ave.; Ormond Beach, 50 yards north of Oxnard Industrial drain; Ormond Beach, at Arnold Rd.; Faria County Park, at stairs.

Heal the Bay not only deals with the negative effect that pollutants have on our oceans, but on our fresh water sources. Ginger gave a rundown of the third annual river report card that focuses on LA county rivers, lakes and streams. The river report, unlike the beach report, does not assign a letter grade, but gives a red, yellow or green grade.

Of the 28 sites sampled in Los Angeles County, 70 percent of the issued grades were green meaning that the "water quality was at a safe level, on most days, during the summer months" according to Ginger. To improve this score, Ginger calls on government agencies to "increase water quality monitoring and public notifications while taking steps to improve water quality at these sites."

Heal the Bay is working with Assemblymember Richard Bloom to put forward legislation that will begin to address the lack of monitoring and standardization in freshwater" according to Ginger. He goes on to explain that "this piece of legislation will task the California water quality monitoring council with defining and identifying freshwater recreation sites across the state, as well as make recommendations for an appropriate monitoring program at these locations."

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A SHORE THING

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some space in the main beach parking lots for a rotating crew of food trucks during the summer. Preference or incentives might be given to trucks offering unique, more affordable fare that highlights greater L.A.'s diverse demographics and food cultures. Filipino adobo ... Salvadoran pupusas ... Shanghai dumplings.

There are surely a dozen reasons why it can't work – lost parking revenue, protecting the interests of restaurant leaseholders, health regulations, blah blah. But I remember a truck brigade at the Main Street parking lots last year. And the County of Los Angeles has hosted trucks at its Beach Eats event on Thursday evenings in Marina del Rey. I'd like to see our city pilot a similar program in beach lots during the day. It'd be a start.

It's time to start living well along our shorelines.

Matthew King grew up on the beaches of Santa Monica, where his father served as a County lifeguard for 30 years. He sneaks away from his communications and marketing consultancy as often as he can to surf Bay Street and other local breaks.

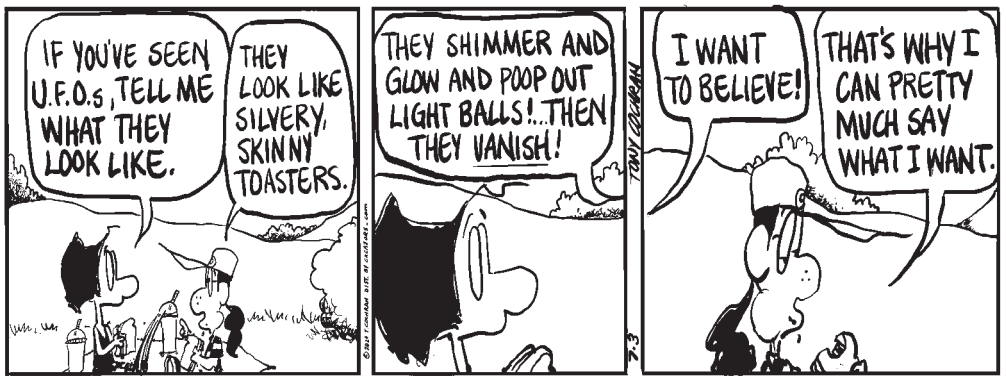
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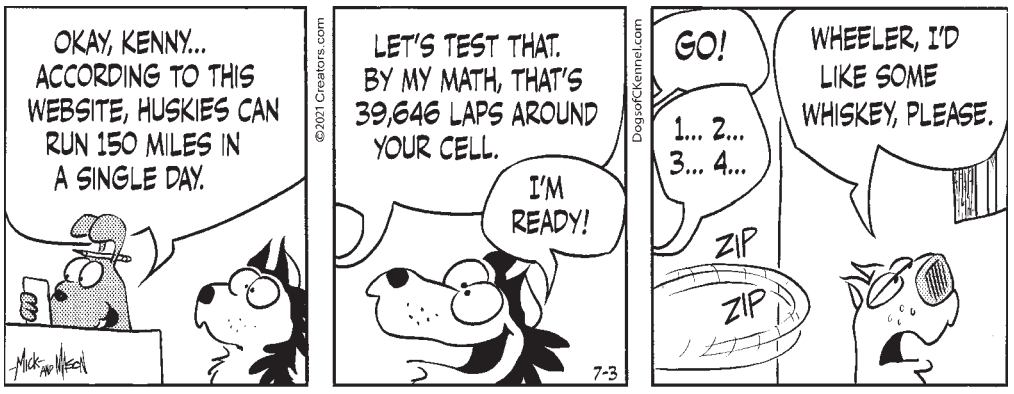
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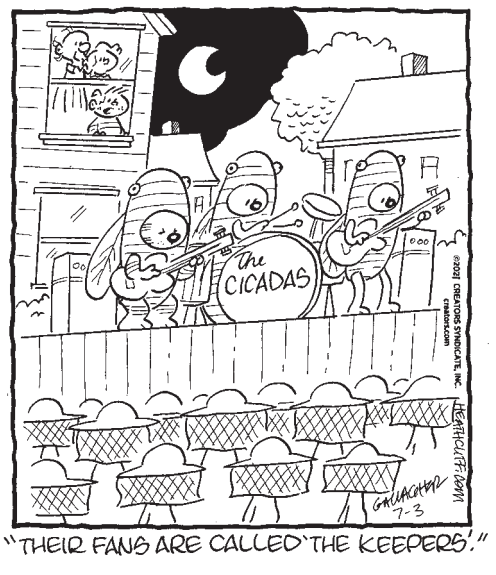
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 66.2°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest hight
SW swell tops out through the morning then new SSW swell joins in for select breaks through the second half of the day. Shape favors zones with structure, the most size west of Dume.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
SW swell lingers as new SSW swell builds further. Shape favors zones with structure, the most size west of Dume.

WEATHER

Saturday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As far as you're concerned, power, money and fame are not the goal. There's nothing wrong with those things, but they are only worth obtaining insofar as they can be utilized to create a better community.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Dreaming big used to entail thinking of a blown-up version of your wish. Now your consciousness has changed. Dreaming big entails expanding your vision to include the best interest of the highest number of people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones will grow and change right along with you. This is not a coincidence. You're helping one another grow. You are especially good at celebrating the many passages and incarnations inside of this life together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The sculptor chips away at everything that's not the sculpture. The detective discovers the truth by finding the lies and cover-ups. And you'll figure out what you want to do by trying things that turn out to be definitely not that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You believe in giving more than you get, and yet it's going to be a really difficult thing to accomplish because your generosity keeps repaying you exponentially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Embrace those inevitabilities you cannot get away from. There is no living in the light without the contrast to help you see things. There is no retreat from one's own shadow, but at least you always have company!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is nothing selfish about figuring out what you like. You actually do the world a huge favor by learning yourself very well. The struggle against one's own baser instincts can be as ferocious as any external conflict.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Delight yourself. Don't wait for someone else to do it; you're the one best suited to the job. Anyone who'd memorized your preferences would still be clueless as to nuances of quantity and variation that might please you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difference between a step forward and a step back is the destination. You think you know where you're headed, but life has other ideas. Right now, it's safe to assume that if you're moving, you're making progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your receptiveness earns you an insider's position. You'll learn so much by listening well that you just may save your own agenda and stories for another time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll learn through cautionary examples and aspirational models alike. Let everything absorb a while. The lessons are like a marinade; you have to soak in it to get the flavor, and there's no way to shorten the process.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is said that you can never have too many friends, and your current stars suggest you could use a more diverse array. Skills and orientations different from your own will teach you and afford you rare advantages.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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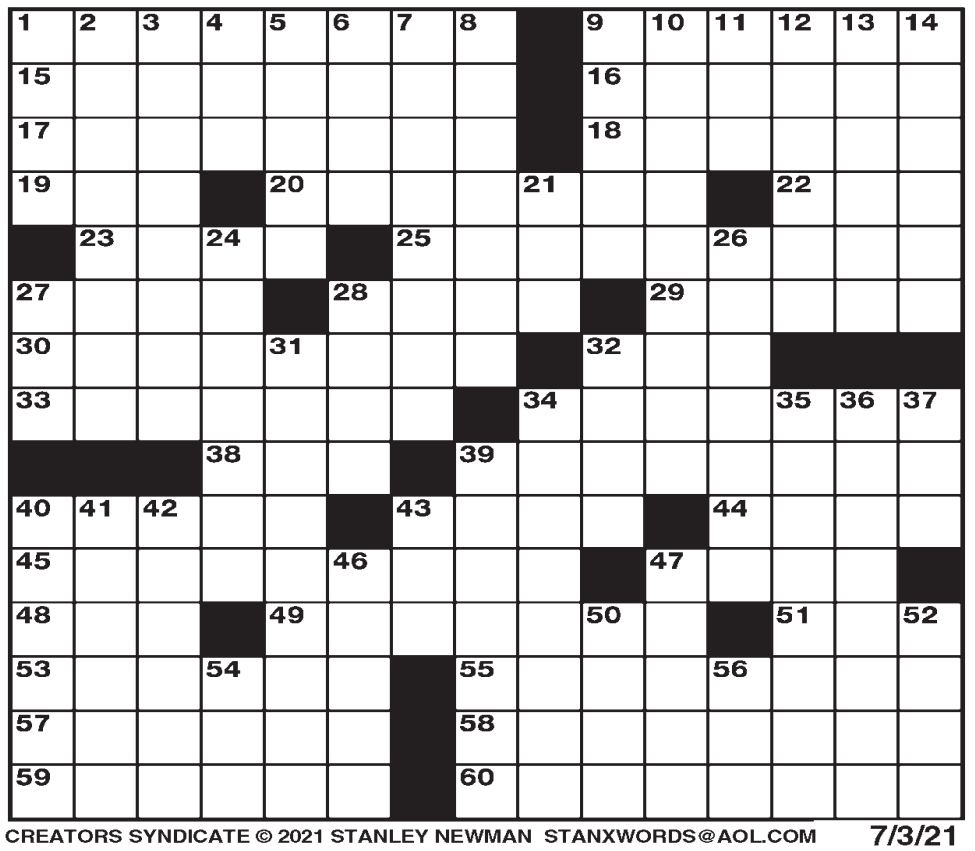
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9 Certain Summer Olympics sound
15 Anthem turning 50 next year
16 Get into gear
17 Crude path
18 Six-time director of Bogart
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20 Hymns of gratitude
22 Taxpayer Advocate employer
23 Geometric segments
25 Intrinsically, legally
27 About 25% of the UN
28 Once-popular organizers
29 Name that means "bear cub"
30 Related precisely
32 Creator of a *Gossip Girl* design line
33 Great feeling
34 Got into in a hurry
38 CNN programming note postscript
39 Big name in brake fluid
40 Be reminiscent (of)
43 Stuffy
44 Emu sextet
45 Speculative stock, so to speak
47 Flits (about)
48 It's like "-like"
49 Breakfast for babies
51 UPS concerns
53 Become depleted
55 "Your snow job won't work"
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58 Carried by galleys
59 Impresario
60 Prestigious

DOWN
1 Numbers on letters
2 Request for the impatient
3 Jeopardizes
4 Beast that sounds like a tree
5 Leaves suddenly
6 Future fiancée, maybe
7 Without reservations
8 Roller derby accessory
9 Jerk
10 Retro golf pants
11 Start of several New Mexico place names
12 Unfinished stories, often
13 Block letter
14 Name associated with Oz
21 *Nautilus* designation
24 School boasting 18 Physics Nobelists
26 *Marriage of Figaro* piece
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36 Dozen+ British pounds
37 "Super" console
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52 Tireless runner
54 Was more than superficial
56 Hostile force



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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A bite to eat

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Apron	Cube	Oven	Stir
Beef	Curry	Pan-fry	Tart
Board	Dice	Pare	T-bone
Boil	Dust	Pear	Technique
Brains	Eggs	Pies	Tongs
Bread	Flavour	Pork	Toss
Burnt	Freeze	Results	Truss
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