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PCB controversy continues for SMMUSD

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Although additional testing was conducted at several campuses over the summer, the Santa Monica-Malibu school district and activist groups remain at odds over the sampling and cleanup of chemicals in old school buildings.

An issue that began with the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls in Malibu schools about two years ago continues to weigh on the district, which will likely have to defend its actions in court next year following the filing of a lawsuit by America Unites for Kids and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility earlier this year.

SMMUSD, which has spent millions of dollars on consultants and legal fees related to the Malibu controversy, has embarked on a public relations campaign in

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Westside Food Bank partners with Montana Avenue businesses for Buy Local, Give Local Week 2015

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

For this year's Buy Local, Give Local Week merchants associations and individual Buy Local Santa Monica businesses are partnering with five Santa Monica non-profits and charities to support them. This series covers each of the separate location based charity fundraisers.

Montana Avenue and the Westside Food Bank are partnering for the Santa Monica Peanut Butter Drive for this year's Buy Local, Give Local Week, running Sept. 12 - 20.

The Westside Food Bank, founded in 1981, is an independent, non-governmental, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that provides food to social service agencies on the Westside of Los Angeles County.

"Their food donations often enables low-income people to stay in their homes, deterring the problem of homelessness,

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DONATIONS: Texture, one of the stores on Montana Ave. is supporting the food drive.

SMMUSD board nominates Allen for legislative award

State senator 'making public education a priority'

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu school board on Wednesday nominated a former member for a professional honor.

A resolution was passed unanimously in support of State Senator Ben Allen as a candidate for the California School Boards Association's outstanding freshman legislator award.

For about three decades, the association has recognized state politicians for their support of public schools.

The local school board's nomination form was submitted Thursday morning, district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said.

The final selection of honorees will be made later this month, according to the CSBA website. The awards are expected to be presented during the association's annual conference in December.

The local school board praised the efforts of Allen (D-Santa Monica), who has tackled a variety of issues related to education during his time in state office.

"Senator Allen continues to make public education a priority," the resolution reads.

In addition to serving on the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and that group's education subcommittee, Allen has worked on several bills dealing with education-related issues.

Allen co-authored Senate Bill 277, which aims to increase vaccination rates by banning personal-belief exemptions. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law earlier this year following a measles

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 8

Laughter Yoga
Come get the endorphins flowing. There will be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8 p.m.

Common Core, New SAT, New PSAT: How Do The Changes Affect You?
Why are the PSAT and SAT changing? Why do we need the Common Core? C2 Education explains the changes and why you need to know about them. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Beach=Culture: New Short Fiction Series Reading
Stories of work and working in the City of Angels, presented in New Short Fiction style by three actors reading pieces by three local authors. Authors: Robert Morgan Fisher, Tommy Kim and Mary Kuryla; actors: Alex Boling, Shaun Shimoda and Sally Shore. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

City Council Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Snapchat Teen Club
Love to Snapchat? Come with your mobile device or smartphone to create some fast and fun creative photos/videos. Refreshments will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Touchdown!
Celebrate the beginning of football season with a crash course in referee hand signals and paper football. Wear your favorite team's colors or jersey. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

September 9

Tongva After Dark: Holly Rothschild
At Tongva Park. Seaclipse is a site-specific dance work that features five areas of the Park with public artwork Wave/echo by Catherine Wagner. For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/tongvapark/events, Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Shell Games
This thriller takes place along the northern California coast and features an ex-DEA agent, John Marquez, who heads a special investigative unit of the CA Department of Fish and Game. As Marquez stalks the culprits in a multimillion dollar poaching ring, he runs up against an old nemesis from his DEA days.
Co-sponsored by the California Center for the Book. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
Regular meeting, 7 p.m., Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31919

Community Meeting
The City's Landmarks Commission has filed an application (15ENT-0278) for the creation of a new historic district affecting certain properties along San Vicente Boulevard generally between Ocean Avenue and 7th Street. The City of Santa Monica Planning and Community Development Department will be conducting an informational meeting to describe and answer any questions that impacted property owners, residents and/or tenants may have concerning the historic district designation process, the effect of a historic district designation on future

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CAC Studios

The Experiment - An Insane Rocky-Hedwig Cabaret

Creating Arts Studios is proud to present The Experiment a 360-degree immersive theatrical cabaret running for eight weeks September 11 - October 31, 2015 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at CAC Studios 3110 Pennsylvania Ave. Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Upon arrival guests are checked in at the asylum and escorted by candy stripers to the dayroom, where music and oddities are merged into a dazzling yet haunting pre-show before the actual show even begins.

Step into the twisted world of the Experiment, where Dr. Brad and Nurse Janet welcome you into their private asylum. The immersive, in-the-round seating arrangement will put you up close and personal with the patients in this insane Rocky-Hedwig cabaret mash-up. Explore a tangled tale of sex, power and madness that is perfectly on point for Halloween.

The professional cast brings Broadway style singing and dancing to life with Hollywood style humor in this original one of a kind show.

Tickets are $30 and can be purchased online at CACStudios.com/theexperiment Seating is general admission, for this intimate yet rambunctious event, and every seat is in on the action. Special VIP Tables are available on some dates. The first snack is on the house to all patrons who arrive costumed in Rocky, Hedwig or asylum costumes.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for live music, pre-show entertainment and snacks, show starts promptly at 8 p.m.

Creating Arts Studios is a non-profit artistic studio for live theatrical performances, recordings and original works.

For more information about The Experiment please visit http://www.cacstudios.com/theexperiment

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Tongva Park

2nd Annual Walk for World Peace and first time Peace in the Park festival

The purpose of the walk is to create awareness among the community of how connecting with your inner peace through meditation creates world peace.

Peace in the Park festival brings together the diverse communities to unplug and explore activities of peace and happiness in a fun, inspiring and healthy atmosphere.

The festival will host live entertainment by various artists and performers like Taiko drummers, Indian instrumental music, Bollywood dance, Zumba, songs and much more. There are also booths of food, free energy healing, oral care education and meditation.

Please note there is no vending in the park therefore, register free for the event and buy the food tickets online at Event Brite.

Organizers are providing free T-shirt, water bottle and snack bar to all the registered participants of the walk. Peace in the park attendees can buy a T-shirt online and will get a free snack bar and all the free services at the park. Please bring your printed ticket to the event.

September 12. Registration 10 a.m., walk 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., festival 1 - 5 p.m. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave.

- SUBMITTED BY BRAHMA KUMARIS

Virginia Ave. Park

Committee for Racial Justice presents Awakening the Genius in the African American Student

To kick off the new school year, UCLA professor Dr. Tyrone Howard will speak on "Awakening the Genius in the African American Student" at CRJ's September 13 meeting. At UCLA Dr. Howard is on the faculty in the division of Urban Schooling in the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies and teaches African American studies. He is also the founder and director of the Black Male Institute. In addition he serves as faculty associate director of the Academic Advancement Program, which is the nation's premier program for retention of underrepresented students. Author of Why Race and Culture Matters in Schools: Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Classrooms," Dr. Howard is one of this country's most renowned scholars on educational equity, the African American experience, Black males, and urban schools.

Those present at the workshop will hear briefly about action plans developing in a local study group on police issues. This will be followed by Dr. Howard's presentation and a Q & A.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

Sunday, September 13, free workshop, 6 - 8:30 p.m. (potluck supper at 6 p.m. & program at 6:30 p.m.), Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave.

For more information, call (310) 422-5431.

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development, and the benefits and incentives offered to those who may be included in the historic district. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.

Computer Basics: Beyond the Mouse

1.5 hours. Use your growing mouse skills to perform a variety of basic tasks on a computer.
Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

September 10

Minion Party

Join organizers for crafts, games, and all kinds of fun featuring these lovable villains. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Twilight Concert Series

Free musical concerts every Thursday night with food vendors, sponsor booths and beer/wine pavilion. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 10 p.m.

Movie Screening: My Man Godfrey (1936)
In this classic romantic comedy set during the worst of the Great Depression, Carole Lombard stars as a scatterbrained socialite who hires a vagrant (William Powell) as her family's butler and proceeds to fall in love with him, much to his chagrin. (94 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Class: Email Basics

Learn how to attach and send documents, images, and more using email in this hands-on class. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 2 p.m.

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Natural architecture

Dear Earthtalk:
What is biophilic design in architecture and where can I see it implemented?

Winston Black
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BIOPHILIA IS DEFINED AS THE INHERENT human inclination to affiliate with nature. The moral imperative of biophilia is that we cannot flourish as individuals or as a species without a compassionate and considerate relationship to the world beyond ourselves of which we are a part. Biophilic design, an extension of biophilia, incorporates natural materials, natural light, vegetation, nature views and other experiences of the natural world into the modern built environment.

According to Stephen R. Kellert, author of Birthright: People and Nature in the Modern World, humans may have evolved in the natural world, but the habitat of contemporary people has largely become the indoor built environment where we now spend 90 percent of our time. The result has been an increasing disconnect between us and nature. However, the emerging concept of biophilic design recognizes how much human physical and mental well-being relies on the quality of our relationships to the natural world.

"We put people in windowless offices and give them a computer and a desk and think they should be able to work just fine because they've got all the obvious things they need, like air to breathe, artificial light to see by and access to all kinds of information," Kellert says. "But we find that they don't actually work all that well in those kinds of environments. They are more likely to experience fatigue, lack of motivation and higher rates of absenteeism. If you just put certain aspects of nature into these environments, it actually results in improved well-being and productivity."

Current low-impact design, like the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system, emphasizes avoiding pollution, eliminating chemical toxins, minimizing waste, increasing energy efficiency and decreasing water use. However, due to rapidly evolving technological advances, energy-efficient solar collectors and other low-impact design features quickly become outdated. Biophilic design's aesthetic, sensory-rich fusion with nature, along with its health benefits, make it the missing link in most sustainable design, Kellert says, and only development which incorporates both biophilic and low-impact design can achieve true and lasting sustainability.

Furthermore, Kellert says. "…you need to create a sense of affiliation or attachment to these structures that motivates people to want to sustain them over time, which is just as important as reducing harmful impacts. We've done ourselves in the environmental field a disservice [by] only focusing on the negative impacts and forgetting the root of the environmental movement, which, whether it's Henry David Thoreau or Ralph Waldo Emerson or Aldo Leopold, was very much a celebration of our connection to the natural world and how it's fundamental to who we are as individuals and as a species."

Recent biophilic design can be seen in structures like Yale University's Kroon Hall, the Bank of America Tower and the Cook+Fox Architects office in New York City, Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, Texas, and more. Kellert says one of the most satisfying projects he worked on last year was an elderly health care complex in Indiana. By incorporating biophilic design into the complex, it created a less alienating, more positive, therapeutic environment for people with memory loss.

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Affordable Housing Debate

Editor:

Santa Monica Daily Press featured an article that most below market rent controlled units will be flushed out in fifteen years. In order to supplement the reduction of low rent units, more development is required through allowing builders to benchmark a percentage toward low income units in exchange for development. Herein lies the problem for our city:

1) Rent Control will no longer needed to control private units since most will be market rate and balance supply and demand.

2) The city officials must craft ways to increase funding to cross subsidize low income housing through more taxes and user fees

3) The city officials will be pressured to allow out of scale projects to get affordable housing.

The city of Santa Monica is expensive to live. Allowing overdevelopment to accomplish housing shortages will only diminish our quality of life. Allowing city government to push higher fees on the residents will only make it more expensive. Our Mayor Kevin McKeown on the issue; "When we say we need to create affordable housing, the need is probably near infinite." Therein lies the problem for our city, where everyone wants to live in Santa Monica, at a bargain price.

Bob Gomez
Santa Monica

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outbreak that affected a Santa Monica High School baseball coach and an infant at the school's child care facility.

Another bill Allen wrote, Senate Bill 380, intends to encourage students to become teachers by offering them college scholarships in exchange for five-year teaching commitments.

He has also sponsored bills on Common Core science education, English language education and career technical education.

"Certainly education has been at the heart of my work," he told the Daily Press last year. "And there's a lot of experiences that I've had that I can build off of as I'm working with various issues relating to the state."

Allen was elected to the local school board in 2008 and served for six years, including as president and vice president. He was a major supporter of Measure ES, which voters passed in 2012 and which allocated $385 million in bonds for infrastructural and technological upgrades in local schools.

Allen, who was born and raised in Santa Monica, attended local public schools and served as student body president at Santa Monica High School.

He studied history at Harvard University before earning a master's degree in Latin American studies at the University of Cambridge and pursuing a law degree at UC Berkeley, where his research focused on the law and politics of California school finance.

Allen has also taught a public policy course at Santa Monica College and worked as an adjunct faculty member at UCLA's law school, where he taught a seminar on education policy.

"Of course, remember, that half of the state's budget is in education," he told the Daily Press last year. "It's an enormously important part of the state's work so all of my education work, both on the school board and teaching, is very relevant to working at the state level."

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PCB

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recent months to inform stakeholders of its actions at Santa Monica and Malibu sites.

In late July, the district released the results of tests it conducted at Santa Monica and Olympic high schools.

The material sampling at Samohi was done before demolition of the old technology building, where a softball field and parking lot will eventually be placed. A new $55-million science and technology facility, which features 20 classrooms, 15 science labs and an auto shop, opened last month.

None of the more than 250 samples taken at Samohi exceeded the Toxic Substance Control Act threshold of 50 parts per million, according to SMMUSD.

Testing was also done at Olympic High, where renovations are in the works on portions of four buildings. A new music classroom, a "modernized" library and computer lab are part of the $5.5-million project.

Five of the 339 chemical samples taken at the continuation school had PCB concentrations above the TSCA threshold, according to the district. The PCBs were found in paint on a metal vent at Building A and in glazing around some window frames over doorways in Building B. The materials in question would be removed, SMMUSD officials said.

News of chemical testing at Santa Monica and Olympic high schools was met with outrage by health, environmental and children's advocates, who criticized the district for what they believe are incongruent approaches to chemical cleanup at Santa Monica and Malibu campuses.

"It is beyond ironic that safeguards for PCBs taken to landfills are more stringent than those for our classrooms," PEER attorney Paula Dinerstein, who is part of the legal team suing the district, said in a release last month. "It is utterly baffling that classrooms set to be demolished are treated with far more care than those still occupied by teachers and students."

Over the summer, some contaminated caulking was removed at Malibu High School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, according to a report from consultant firm Ramboll Environ to the district.

Malibu groups remained upset that caulking was only removed in rooms where PCBs were identified because they don't have faith in the district's testing practices.

The district has since done additional testing in every "regularly occupied" room at Malibu High and Juan Cabrillo Elementary where samples had not yet been collected, according to a press release.

One sample included a reportable level of PCBs, according to the district, but officials stressed that it was below the designated federal threshold.

The district contends that it continues to comply with guidelines set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

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because it saves them from having to make the agonizing choice between paying for rent or food when they can't afford both. Receiving food also enables their 70 member-agencies to devote more of their own resources to other ways of helping clients achieve self-respect and economic independence," reads a press release from Buy Local Santa Monica.

For their Buy Local, Give Local fundraiser, Westside Food Bank has requested nut butter donations this year to help provide much-needed proteins for families and individuals with young children.

"Westside Food Bank is in need of more protein items, particularly nut butters. Let's help them out together! Bring in three jars of peanut butter to your favorite Montana Avenue shop or eatery and treat yourself to some savings!" the press release stated.

One of the shops involved in the event is Texture a sweater store and more, run by manager Jane Walker. Located at 716 Montana Ave., Texture will support the Westside Food Bank by offering a 15 percent discount off a customer's entire purchase, including sale items, when they bring in three jars of peanut butter or a $15 donation.

Walker said a great sense of community is what is to be gained from Buy Local, Give Local. "That's the most important fact," Walker said. "And when you buy local you give back to the community. I mean you're keeping your dollars here instead of putting them on the Internet where we don't get anything for our police or fire department, the library, our teachers. The more you purchase in your own town, you know the more money stays here. So our store for example, the owner lives here and works here. So up to 70 cents on that dollar stays in Santa Monica, and that profits everybody who is here."

Walker said she was particularly happy to be partnering with the Westside Food Bank, "who does so much for the community, not just the Santa Monica area, but all over LA." "It's wonderful," she added.

Walker said her discount is a thank you to her customers for supporting the local charity and buying locally. "It is a thank you to everybody."

OTHER PARTICIPATING MONTANA AVENUE BUSINESSES INCLUDE:

Citron, 1615 Montana Ave.

Offering a 15 percent discount off one piece to customers who bring in three jars of peanut butter during Buy Local, Give Local Week.

Happy Earth LLC, 12th St.

Happy Earth will donate $50 to the Westside Food Bank and give a $50 giftcard to Groundwork Coffee for each raised bed ordered with Happy Earth during the Buy Local, Give Local Week, to be installed by Happy Earth. Additionally, Happy Earth will donate an additional $50 to the Westside Food Bank, for each weekly garden maintenance program ordered with Happy Earth during Buy Local, Give Local week. For more info, email info@happyearthllc.com.

L'Occitane - 1301 Montana Ave.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2014 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2014 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2014-15) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2014. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 22, 2015. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 22, 2015.



File Photo

CHARITY: **Businesses on Montana Ave. are participating in Buy Local, Give Local week.**

BUSINESS

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free gift with any purchase made along with food donations.

Marcia Bloom, 1527 Montana Ave.

Bring in three jars of peanut butter in support of Westside Food Bank and receive 10 percent off your purchase.

Margaret O'Leary, 1605 Montana Ave.

Bring in three jars of peanut butter in support of Westside Food Bank and receive 10 percent off your purchase.

Palmetto, 1034 Montana Ave.

Customers contributing to the Westside Food Bank food drive three jars of peanut butter will receive a 10 percent discount on the day's purchase.

Santa Monica Seafood, 1000 Wilshire Blvd.

Customers contributing to the Westside Food Bank food drive three jars of peanut butter will receive a 10 percent discount on

SemiPrecious, 1028 Montana Ave.

Offering a 10 percent discount to customers who bring in food donations three jars of peanut butter during Buy Local, Give Local Week.

Ten Women Gallery, 1128 Montana Ave.

Offering a 10 percent discount to customers who bring in three jars of peanut butter during Buy Local, Give Local Week, plus free gift wrapping on every purchase of gifts from local artists.

Urban Hardwoods, 1627 Montana Ave.

Offering a discount/special to customers who bring in three jars of peanut butter during Buy Local, Give Local Week.

For more information about the Westside Food Bank go to http://www.westsidefoodbankca.org and for a list of additional participating Montana Avenue Businesses and their specials for Buy Local, Give Local Week visit http://montanaave.com/event/montana-avenue-food-drive-2014/

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON AUGUST 29 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:25 P.M.

A loss prevention agent at the Banana Republic store on the Third Street Promenade saw the suspect enter the store and immediately recognized him from previous thefts. The agent then watched the suspect walk to the men's department and pick out a leather belt. After walking to a nearby corner of the store, the suspect removed a belt he was wearing and put the store's belt on. The suspect then walked past the registers without paying for the belt and left the store. The agent stopped the suspect outside the store and asked him to give the belt back. The suspect handed the belt to the agent and then tried running away southbound. Officers located the suspect shortly afterward and detained him. After being positively identified by the loss prevention agent, the suspect was taken into custody and later booked at the Santa Monica jail. A check of the suspect's criminal history showed he was on probation for similar thefts. David Eugene Hamilton, 24, of Los Angeles had bail set at $10,000.







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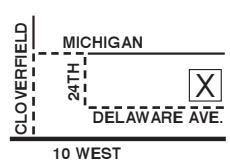


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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.4°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Potential rebound in WNW energy, showing more size in the PM

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Potential WNW energy to hold

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW energy to ease

BEACH REPORT CARD

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heal the Bay

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED FARE ADJUSTMENTS
MAIN LIBRARY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015, 6:00-7:30PM

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Big Blue Bus at the Santa Monica Main Library 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California, on Thursday, September 10, 2015 for Big Blue Bus patrons. The hearing will allow for questions beginning at 6:00pm, followed by a short presentation from 6:30-7:00pm and more questions until 7:30pm.

At the April 28, 2015 Council meeting, staff presented Evolution of Blue, the Big Blue Bus service integration plan for first-last mile connectivity to the Expo Light Rail Line, which Council unanimously adopted. The plan included a fare adjustment recommendation to help fund an 11% increase in service. Big Blue Bus' biennial budget, adopted by Council on June 23, 2015, also included a recommended January 2016 fare restructure. In summary, Big Blue Bus proposes to adjust fares as follows:

a. Senior, Disabled and Medicare cash fares or passes stay the same.
b. Adjust Regular pass prices - in many cases, pass prices are reduced.
c. Create a new 7-day pass for a sale price of $14.00.
d. Increase REGULAR fare cash prices from $1.00 to $1.25 and Rapid 10 base fare increase from $2 to $2.50
No change is proposed on the $0.50 reduced rate cash base fare, or $1.00 reduced rate base fare on the Rapid 10.

See details of this proposal, including the full proposed fare table, at **BigBlueBus.com**. Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until September 12. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may make adjustments to the draft proposals as necessary, before submitting a Staff Report for City Council review in October. If approved by City Council in October, fare adjustments would become effective January 10, 2016.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing: Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Planning and Community Engagement, or by email at Suja.Lowenthal@bigbluebus.com. For additional information contact Suja Lowenthal, Planning and Community Engagement Manager, at 310-451-5444.

The Main Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-451-5444 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. All written materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Big Blue Bus Routes 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 Rapid 3, Rapid 7 and Rapid 10 serve the Main Library. Visit BigBlueBus.com for schedule information.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Components
6 Stop, as rain
11 Match in value
12 Sports setting
13 Stretchy loops
15 Bandleader Kyser
16 Pupil's place
17 Young one
18 Compete in a bee
20 Unoccupied
23 Crouton's place
27 Infield corner
28 Binary digit
29 Short
31 Coral communities
32 Water lily
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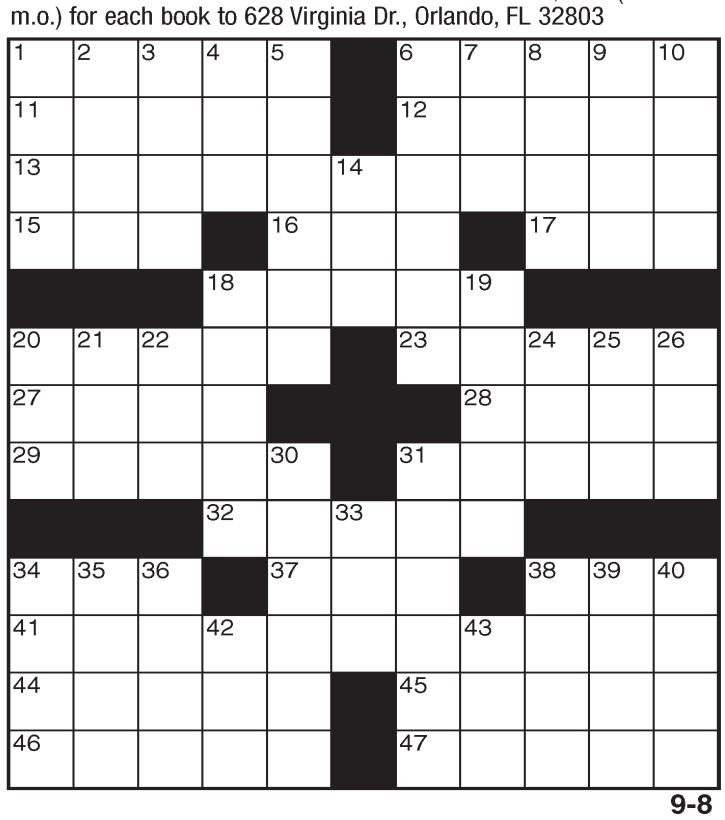
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3 July birthstone
4 Bar bill
5 Nodding, perhaps
6 Nutritional info spots
7 Pitcher's stat
8 Circus sight
9 Take apart
10 Years gone by
14 Reuben bread
18 Sword metal
19 Takes it easy
20 Flow out
21 Spoil
22 Letter before omega
24 Sheltered side
25 Sandy's sound
26 Uno doubled
30 Smiths' workplaces
31 Cuban dances
33 Make knots
34 Wildly eager
35 Turner of Hollywood
36 Prudish
38 Scissors sound
39 Notion
40 "Hey, you!"
42 High card
43 Museum focus

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Yesterday's answer

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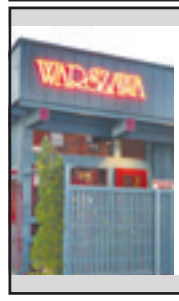
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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3				5				9
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		4				6		
8	1				5			
2				7				6
4			6				2	
	9	3	5			8		

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

9	3	5	2	7	4	8	6	1
4	1	2	8	5	6	7	3	9
8	6	7	1	9	3	4	5	2
2	9	8	4	3	5	6	1	7
5	4	6	7	2	1	9	8	3
3	7	1	6	8	9	2	4	5
1	8	9	3	4	7	5	2	6
7	2	3	5	6	8	1	9	4
6	5	4	9	1	2	3	7	8

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1930 – 3M begins marketing Scotch transparent tape.

1933 – Ghazi bin Faisal became King of Iraq.

1934 – Off the New Jersey coast, a fire aboard the passenger liner SS Morro Castle kills 135 people.

1935 – US Senator from Louisiana, Huey Long, nicknamed "Kingfish", is fatally shot in the Louisiana State Capitol building.

1941 – World War II: Siege of Leningrad begins. German forces begin a siege against the Soviet Union's second-largest city, Leningrad.

1943 – World War II: The O.B.S. (German General Headquarters for the Mediterranean zone) in Frascati is bombed by USAAF.

1943 – World War II: United States General Dwight D. Eisenhower publicly announces the Allied armistice with Italy.

1944 – World War II: London is hit by a V-2 rocket for the first time.

1944 – World War II: Menton is liberated from Germany.

1945 – Cold War: United States troops arrive to partition the southern part of Korea in response to Soviet troops occupying the northern part of the peninsula a month earlier.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Under a 1981 treaty, at least 50 countries, including the United States, have banned their militaries from employing flamethrowers (as "inhumane"), but entrepreneurs have begun to market the devices domestically for $900 to $1,600 each (based on the distance of the flame, at 25 feet or 50 feet). Federal regulators appear uninterested (as the contraptions are technically neither firearms nor explosives), and only two states prohibit them outright, though a few jurisdictions believe flamethrowers are illegal under fire codes. The Ohio startup Throwflame has sensed the need for marketing savvy and describes flamethrowers as primarily for "entertainment." (Recent news reports indicate a slight run on sales under the suspicion that authorities will soon realize the danger and outlaw them.)

■ After two women accused Sheffield Village, Ohio, attorney Michael Fine of "hypnotizing" and sex-talking to them during office consultations, police and the county bar association opened an investigation in November 2014. Though Fine was being consulted on a custody matter, he was secretly audio-recorded (according to one woman's lawsuit) touting "powerful whole body orgasms" and suggesting that he was "the world's greatest lover" -- among details the client recalls only vaguely if at all. The bar association later said as many as 25 women may have been victimized. Though no criminal charges have been filed, Fine's lawyer said in August that his client had voluntarily given up his law license and was seeking "medical" help.

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CAUTION!
That video is dangerous

by Katharine Romefelt

The wide broadcasting of last week's tragedy in Roanoke has renewed the debate about firearms in our country. But it also raises concerns over the merits of violent videos on social media.

Some exposure to tragic events can be a good thing, in that they prompt activism or bring a community together. Following the Rodney King footage in 1991, when white police officers were filmed repeatedly beating a black suspect after a high-speed chase, efforts to curb police brutality and retrain officers were put into effect.

But we aren't obligated to watch every morbid event caught on film to become more knowledgeable about the world.

Are we exposing ourselves to violence in order to become more informed citizens or is our viewing of, say, the deaths of two Virginia reporters on live television, a twisted form of shock entertainment? Too much exposure to violence can desensitize us to a point where we lose our capacity to truly empathize with victims.



There's no doubt that sharing on the Internet can benefit our society by spurring positive action. And we can learn from instances like the Rodney King film. Selective sharing and viewing is valuable to inform ourselves of complicated issues. But be wary of sharing people's suffering if it isn't for the greater good. These videos aren't games. There is no restart button.

No matter your stance, search the Causes directory at giive.org to find a nonprofit you believe in.

GET THE WHOLE STORY@ GIIVE.ORG/BLOG/

Catch up on emails and calls, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use your resourcefulness with a child or loved one who seems to be driving a hard bargain. Your sensitivity remains high, but remember not to push beyond your natural limits. Knowing your objective will help point the way. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Consider the past few days before you start any project. You will want to accomplish a lot more quickly, though you could be more tired than you realize. Stay close to home, if possible. A situation might arise that could encourage you to rethink a friendship. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on, yet you might need to handle a personal matter first. Don't settle for anything less than what you feel is right. Listen to someone else's tale of woe and recognize the tension it has created. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You see a personal matter differently from how many other people see it. The reason is that you understand people's feelings better than others. Open up to a new possibility. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a confusing situation. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be honest when you are feeling out of sorts. Sometimes you would be best off retreating and not putting on your sunny face. Everyone needs some time off -- even you. Take a day just for you, and you will see the difference. Tonight: Take a nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You can't continue to pressure yourself as you have. If you feel up to it, push yourself today, but plan on getting some downtime very soon. You seem to have been angry about a situation, and could lose your temper. Have a discussion instead. Tonight: Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be more forthright in how you deal with another person. Your sense of humor emerges once more when dealing with an irritable yet funny friend. Accomplish what you must before you socialize. You will hear a lot of news. Tonight: Be prepared for a fun happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Continue to be uninvolved with a complex situation. You understand the dynamics involved better than the majority of people, but that does not mean you need to deal with this matter. Open up to new possibilities and new ideas. Tonight: Catch up on emails and calls.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ An associate will sense your fatigue, even if you don't. Understand your limits, and attempt to tune into your inner voice and energy. You need to take more time for yourself. Listen to this person's news, but know that you don't need to agree. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are respected and known to give good advice. Listen to the nature of the questions you are being asked. You might notice that something is afoot. Just observe and get more information. Try not to let others know what you know! Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be too tired to continue to push so hard. Be aware of what is going on around you. Perhaps someone unintentionally is creating more work for you than you would like to handle. Have a conversation, if need be. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you have.

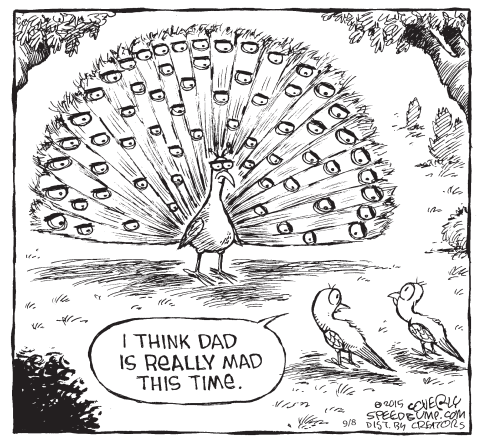
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a lot to share, and share you will. However, your creativity and imagination could point you in a new direction. A child or loved one delights you with his or her responses. Make the most of your time together. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

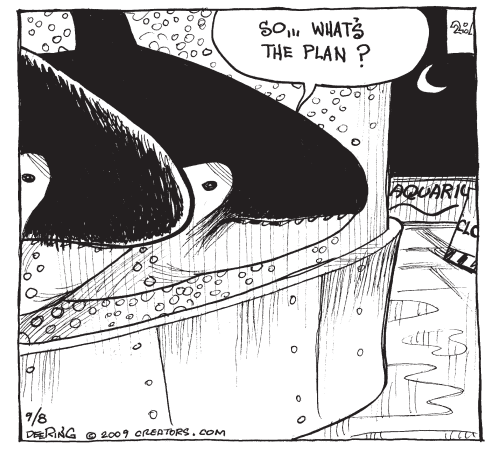
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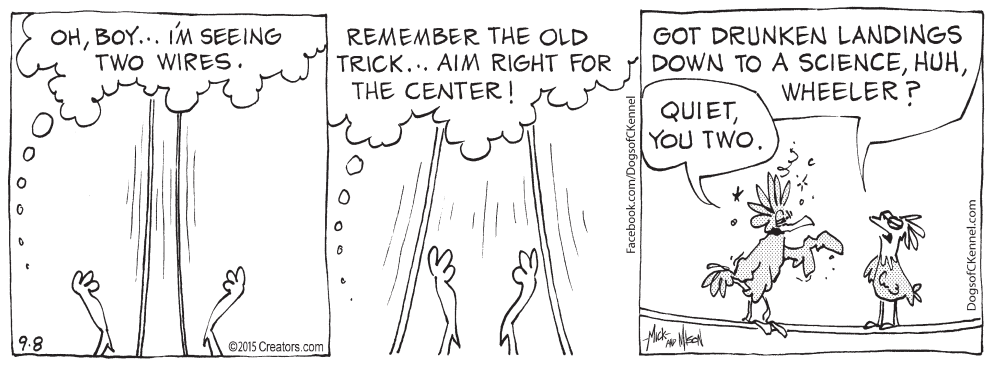
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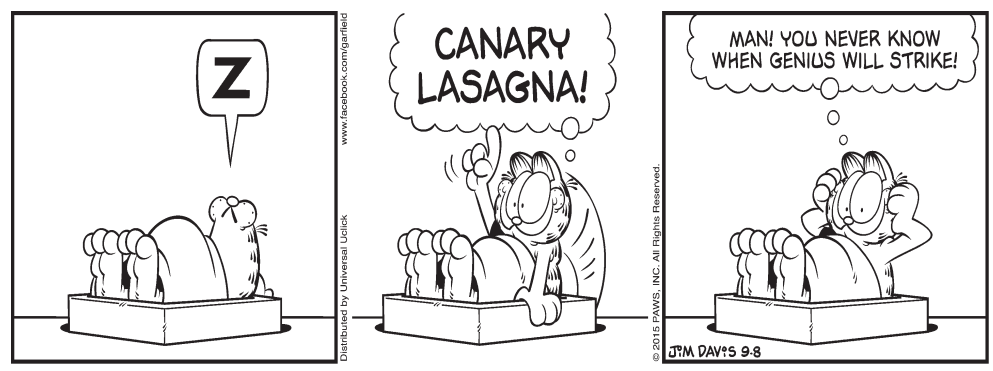
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