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## Mario warps onto the freeway



Photo by Matthew Hall

**FREEWAY ART:** Bohemia Incorporated installed a Mario sculpture on the 10 freeway.

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

The sight of a cartoon plumber appearing on the local freeway might have had drivers thinking they were hallucinating, but unlike the subject of the sculpture, magic mushrooms have nothing to do with their experience.

A sculpture of Mario from the classic Mario Bros. video game has been installed atop a column on the 10 freeway in Santa Monica. The character is visible from the corner of Olympic and 5th Street and to vehicles entering the freeway at that intersection.

It is the work of Bohemia Incorporated and the arts duo said the location had been on their radar for years but it took some time to figure out what to put there.

"That particular column stood out to me as soon as we started doing this and we've been doing this for about two years now," said one of the artists who only identify themselves by

their artistic nom de plume.

He said they debated other ideas, such as a guy with a fishing pole, but the column's uncanny similarity to the classic video game pipes — used by Mario to travel around the Mushroom Kingdom — made the feisty plumber a natural fit.

The Styrofoam sculpture is about 32 inches tall and is painted to match the concrete it sits atop.

Bohemia Incorporated is earning a reputation for transit adjacent work but they didn't begin with the goal of decorating freeways.

"When we first started doing this, we just thought it would be fun to do three-dimensional street art," he said. "We started sculpting some figures and then we thought 'where do we put them?' that was a dilemma we did not anticipate."

Their early work was installed on streets throughout the area but the pieces were

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## City hopes new Electric Vehicle plan will jumpstart purchasing



Photo by Jessica Ramirez

**ELECTRIC:** The Office of Sustainability and Environment plans to increase the amount of charging stations for electric vehicles within the City.

**HANNAH JANNOLL**  
Daily Press Intern

After six years of preparation and research, the Office of Sustainability and Environment presented their first draft of a plan to incentivize the use of Electric Vehicles to the Planning Commission on Wednesday night.

Garrett Wong, Senior Sustainability Analyst of Climate & Energy, presented the plan which illustrated how Santa Monica could gradually increase the amount of charging stations for

electric vehicles (EVs).

According to the staff report, the plan's overarching goals are that of the state: to increase EV sales to 15% of all vehicle sales by 2025. Doing so would decrease greenhouse gas emissions and carbon intensity of vehicle fuels, which in turn improves air quality, a major determinant of general physical health.

Right now, EVs and hybrid-electric vehicles account for less than five percent of vehicles owned in

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## O.J. Simpson triumphant, others devastated as he gets parole

**KEN RITTER**  
Associated Press

Barring any last-minute snafus, O.J. Simpson will walk out of prison a free man in about three months, having persuaded a Nevada parole board the bungled hotel-room heist he pulled nearly 10 years ago was a monumental error in judgment and one he will never repeat.

Although he still adamantly maintains he was trying to retrieve his personal property when he barged into a hotel room with five other men in September 2007, he acknowledged repeatedly Thursday that it was something he never should have done.

"I thought I was glad to get my

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The Guest Cottage perched higher at the back of the property is quaint and comfortable with hardwood floors throughout. This cottage features a vintage O'Keefe & Merritt stove, separate laundry, an open living room/dining area with vintage built-ins, and a wonderful sitting porch with superb westerly views. This charming house is perfect as a home office, guest quarters, or source of rental income. Close to the surf, Main Street cafes, boutiques, and the Sunday Farmer's Market. Park your car, breathe the ocean air, and enjoy life at the beach. This rare and superb 3rd Street property with peek-a-boo ocean views is a California dream come true. Will be delivered vacant.

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What's Up  
**Westside**  
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA**Saturday, July 22****Engineering for Kids Summer Camp:**

Everyone has to travel, and engineers are involved in all the steps of designing different modes of transportation, as well as inventing and designing tools that aid in travel. Everyone's travel needs are different, whether they need to walk around their local community to do errands, or they need to be half way across the world by evening! During this program, students will get their passports and travel to a new country every day by a different means. They will engineer their mode of transportation or tool to aid in transportation daily to get to their destination country. St Monica Catholic Community 725 California Ave, Jul 24 - 28, Ages: 4-6, Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost: \$225 <http://engineeringforkids.com/location/beachcitiesLA>

**Weave a Wool Trivet with Tracy Bromwich**

Use a potholder loom to create a handwoven wool trivet or coaster in this class. Weaver and Studio Resident Tracy Bromwich covers weaving terms and gives an easy and fun introduction to the weaving arts with this quick and rewarding technique. Leave with a useful household item or housewarming gift. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$10. Register at [https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonica-recreation/Activity\\_Search/58541](https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonica-recreation/Activity_Search/58541) or call (310) 458-2239. 1450 Ocean.

**Mini How-To Festival at Reed Park**

We're taking the How-To Festival on the road! Join us at Christine Emerson Reed Park (1133 7th Street) for an afternoon of fun outdoor workshops. Learn how to hula-hoop, swing dance, play the ukulele, improve your tennis game, get started with tai chi, and more! For all ages. 12 - 3 p.m.

**American Stories Group**

Elegy of a Disease: A Personal and Cultural History of Polio by Anne Finger. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Paws to Read**

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Sign up in advance for a 15-minute period. Contact branch for details at (310) 458-8682. Advanced registration required. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3 p.m.

**Armchair Visit to Edinburgh**

Sheila Stone helps you build a better world by learning about another culture through her images and tales about her travels there. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

**Swim Center Celebration**

The Santa Monica Swim Center is celebrating its 15th Anniversary with a community pool party. The event will take place from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. and guests can expect music, games, giveaways and a beautiful afternoon to spend with friends and neighbors. Gather together and say cheese for the 2 p.m. community photo. This event will be free to attend for all Santa Monica residents (Non Resident: \$3 youth, \$7 adults, \$3.50 students & seniors) and is part of Parks Month. Santa Monica Swim Center 2225 16th St. <http://www.santamonicaswimcenter.org/15th-anniversary-celebration/>

**Sunday, July 23****A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz**

Drop-in participation is available for \$35, cash only. Please note that this series requires a \$20 cash material fee to be paid to the instructor. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call (310) 458-2239 to confirm drop-in availability if you are not bringing your own rig. All basic materials will be provided, but students are encouraged to bring their own brushes, palettes and nontoxic colors. 1450 Ocean.

**POOL OPEN**

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

**Monday, July 24****Summer Activity Program: S.T.E.A.M. Works Puppet Musical**

Zany characters from Noteworthy Puppets strive to take top prize in the Build A Better World Science Fair. Ages 4-11. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Free tickets will be available at 2 p.m. outside the MLK Jr., Auditorium. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PARAMOUNT

Woman stole car with autistic teen, sparking Amber Alert

Los Angeles sheriff's officials say a woman stole a car outside a fast-food restaurant in Paramount without realizing there was an autistic teen in the vehicle.

Sheriff's Lt. Charles Calderaro says Friday that 17-year-old Frank Barboa was in the back seat of a black 2015 Honda Civic when his sister went into a Jack in the Box and left the keys in the car.

He says a woman hopped in the driver's seat and drove off. Calderaro says the woman was "kind" to Barboa and he wasn't harmed.

The car was abandoned about 2 miles from the restaurant. Barboa, who has the mental capacity of a 12-year-old, was able to take a bus home.

Calderaro says investigators are looking for the woman.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles officer charged with having sex with teen cadet

Prosecutors say a Los Angeles police officer has been charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old cadet.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office says Robert Cain is expected to be arraigned Friday on charges that include unlawful sexual intercourse.

Cain was arrested in June amid a widening probe into wrongdoing in the department's cadet program for minors who are aspiring officers.

Prosecutors say Cain befriended the teenage cadet and had sex with her on three occasions at three locations.

Cain's attorney declined to comment Friday on the allegations.

In a separate case, Cain has pleaded not guilty to 10 felonies after police said they found illegally modified assault rifles and other restricted firearms while searching his San Bernardino County home during the sex investigation.

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SACRAMENTO

California's June unemployment rate unchanged at 4.7 percent

The California Employment Development Department says the state's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in June, unchanged from the previous month.

The department said Friday that nonfarm payroll employment fell by 1,400 jobs in June. In June 2016, California's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Attorneys general urge Trump to keep immigrant program

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas on Friday joined 19 other Democratic attorneys general around the country urging President Donald Trump to keep a program that gives temporary resident status to young immigrants in the country illegally.

In a letter to the president, the attorneys general said the 800,000 immigrant students covered under the Obama-era Deferred Actions for Childhood Arrival Program, or DACA, have been a boon to universities and employers.

"They are our neighbors, co-workers, students and community and church leader," the letter said. "And they are boosting the economies and communities of our states every day." The effort is being led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

The letter came after 10 Republican attorneys general urged the president in their own letter to end the program.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and the others threatened to amend a district court case to challenge the program unless the Trump administration acts to phase it out.

Earlier this month, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly told Hispanic lawmakers that the program that protects young immigrants from deportation is likely illegal, though he personally supports it.

The program gives work permits to young people brought into the U.S. as children.

Trump pledged as a candidate to immediately end the program. But as president, he has said those immigrants will not be targets for deportation.

He said his administration is more interested in deporting criminals.

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**Gardening and Community**

By The Santa Monica Community Gardeners Send comments to [editor@smdp.com](mailto:editor@smdp.com)

**Reuse in the Garden:  
"Best Scarecrows Yet"**



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**GARDEN:** Santa Monica community garden is reusing materials to spark growth.

**REUSE IN THE GARDEN CAN YIELD** healthy harvests and boosts the spirit. Imagine all sorts of typical materials and items that one might recycle or discard becoming useful, even whimsical, tools for cultivating plants and growing local food. When "reduce, reuse and recycle" are internalized habits, a gardener's creativity hums with productivity. The results can be surprisingly effective.

That is what Kent, a local resident and home gardener—and avid bicyclist—discovered when he considered what value a used coffee container might have. This week he shared his invention. Kent recollected, "I'd saved the bladders of a few Starbucks cardboard to-go carafes wondering what to do with them. As my figs started to come ripe, a light bulb went off. In past years the rodents and birds have left me few ripe ones. So far this year I have seen no evidence of poachers. They [the scarecrows] really dance in the wind! Wish I'd thought of this a month ago when my apricots were getting ripe." Welcome, the "best scarecrows yet!"

Kent's commitment and creativity are inspiring. So, too, are many of the ingenious reuses in the Santa Monica Community Gardens. Tim and Ishihara have reused mannequins as scarecrows, dressing them in fanciful, colorful garb that wave away crows or other hungry birds or pesky creatures. The mannequins did double-duty at the 2016 Coast event as charming photo booth companions, where Tim and Ishihara invited gardeners and visitors to be pictured in the comely, verdant habitat.

There are so many needs that reusing materials may meet. With all the coffee houses or cafes in the neighborhoods, a plethora of burlap sacks exists. Laid beneath mulch in garden paths, the sacks deter weeds and slowly break down into organic matter that helps give texture and nourishment to

the soil. The burlap also can provide cover for a compost pile. Earthworms snuggle and wriggle in such a woven, warm haven.

The sacks may also serve as cover for newly planted seeds, retaining moisture and heat. Be careful not to leave the beds for more than two or three days depending on the weather. Sprouts burst forth readily beneath burlap, and with too much warmth, they may start to wilt. Seedlings also need light. Left too long in the darkness, those seedlings stretch and becoming etiolated, which is the condition of being blanched, often long and stringy, because of not receiving light.

Containers of all kinds can be imaginatively repurposed. Spice bottles and filtered tops help broadcast seeds. Egg cartons are suited to plant seeds. So, too, are wood crates. Just add leaves in the crates or boxes beneath the topsoil to give the seeds a space to set roots. Make sure to provide good drainage. Obviously, containers with plants from the nursery can be reused for new plantings. Raised beds can be bordered with bottles—the prettier, the better. Milk, water or juice containers turn into temporary mini-greenhouses for seeds and seedlings in the cold. Upside-down fruit and berry baskets prevent birds or pests from digging up seeds and nibbling on plants. All kinds of possibilities of reuses arise once imagination energizes the garden.

The key is to be considerate. Reusing materials offers so many benefits. Good gardening is healthy and attractive. Remember that just as refusing to reuse ends up polluting the Earth, reuse is not refuse. Active, observant home and community gardeners know the difference.

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**CRIS GUTIERREZ**, Santa Monica Community Gardener

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MARIO

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removed within hours.

"We realized we'd have to really plan it out more, think about a place and a piece that would work for that place and the mermaid is the most successful one," he said.

The mermaid sculpture is on the west-bound 10 freeway near Cheviot Hills and has remained on the wall of the road for about two years. Their roadside art has included a large work of a woman taking a selfie that stretched more than 12 feet wide.

Installing rogue sculptures on public property is not legal and the artist said the pair keep details of their regular life secret. However, he said the pair do have art training and work in the creative industry.

As for why they spend their free time risking jail and dodging traffic, he said it's about brightening the daily lives of Angelenos.

"Commuting on the freeway is never fun so if you see something that breaks that up, that's definitely a cool thing and that's what we're going for," he said. "To make something that's cool or funny or they like seeing."

The appearance of the Mario sculpture coincides with a larger effort by City Officials to provide more public art. The City has partnered with Downtown Santa

Monica Inc. on a rotating set of installations throughout Downtown and City Hall is developing a citywide Public Art Master Plan.

Officials are inviting the public to contribute to the official plan at a pair of upcoming meetings. Feedback will be taken on Saturday, July 29 at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesday, August 2 at the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

An online survey is also available (<https://bit.ly/2uRh7Mr>).

"The City of Santa Monica presents Paletas Santa Monica, an artist-led community outreach project by Mario Mesquita, to engage residents throughout Santa Monica in conversations about the future of public art in the city," said the city announcement of the meetings. "Mario and his team of local artists and educators will travel throughout Santa Monica's neighborhoods between July 29 and August 29, 2017 on two custom pedal-powered Paletero Carts. They will stop at predetermined locations to gather input on residents' awareness of existing public art and what and where they would like to see public art in the future. In exchange, each participant will be treated to a delicious ice-cold, hand-crafted popsicle."

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**ELECTRIC**

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Santa Monica, according to the report. However, that number is going to quadruple in under 10 years. To accommodate this growth, a proposed five-year plan would expand the amount of charging ports from the current 75 to 296, costing an estimated \$1,871,880.

The chargers would be distributed across curbs, parking lots, retail lots, streetlight stations and multi-family unit dwellings (MUDs). MUDs are the most challenging, and yet the most convenient, place to install chargers, according to Wong. Someone living in an apartment cannot always plug into their living room or garage's outlet, because it is probably too far from where their car is parked. The plan aims to develop "a pilot rebate program for multifamily charging to help property owners and residents install charging stations."

The plan also emphasized creating a system to meter and time the charging ports which would cover operations and maintenance costs while still making EV ownership cheaper than owning a gasoline vehicle. Wong also said the city would like to make purchasing EVs and charging outlets more accessible via an EV Program Coordinator, online resources and outreach programs.

Five public speakers were mostly in favor of the plan but some wanted it to go even further.

"You would have to be an idiot to do what I do," said Kelly Richard Olsen, former City councilman (1990-1994), Planning Commissioner (1999-2003) and an owner of an electric vehicle.

He described how he used to charge his EV overnight at Virginia Avenue Park, by arriving at around 11 p.m. and waking up at three or four in the morning to unplug it. But two years ago new parking restrictions were put in place that stopped people from charging late at night. Now, Olsen must drive to downtown Santa Monica to charge his car. The other speakers all essentially had the same gripe: it's inconvenient to own an EV in Santa Monica.

Olsen came with Paul Scott, co-founder of Plug in America, an advocacy group for plug in vehicles and their owners. Both believed the plan presented was not aggressive enough, asking for 400 charging ports now and 1,000 in five years.

Garrett Wong believes the Electric Vehicle Action Plan (EVAP) is realistic, factoring bureaucracy.

"We would love to go faster," he said. "But we realize that there is a process for all of these things. The city is a bureaucracy and

the utility is a bureaucracy, and we have to work together to get these projects done."

Among the cities that are ahead of Santa Monica with incentivizing EVs are San Francisco, San Jose and Seattle. In March, San Francisco made it a part of City Code to incentivize EVs by requiring all new buildings to be '100% electric vehicle ready,' a press release stated.

"This 100 percent EV Ready ordinance requires all new residential and commercial buildings to configure 10 percent of parking spaces to be 'turnkey ready' for EV charger installation, and an additional 10 percent to be 'EV flexible' for potential charging and upgrades," said the release. "The remaining 80 percent of parking spaces will be 'EV capable,' by ensuring conduit is run in the hardest to reach areas of a parking garage to avoid future cost barriers."

Wong said he only expects new buildings to be 15% EV ready since "we're not getting to 15% of all cars being electric until 2025," he said.

"(The plan) recommends increasing the requirement of EV-ready spaces to 15% of all commercial parking, and require one EV-ready space per dedicated set of residential unit parking in new buildings and major alterations," the Staff Report stated.

During the meeting, Commissioner Richard McKinnon seemed to be in favor of placing charging stations in retail lots all around the city, particularly in grocery store lots. Since people have to go to the market, and an hour of charging for a 120V EV provides 25 miles worth of charge, markets seem like an ideal place to start placing charging ports.

After the meeting, Paul Scott and Olsen said that Santa Monica has a history and a habit of "deferring to the business community" by concentrating putting chargers in areas frequented by visitors and tourists. They said more chargers need to be placed where residents live such as multi-family neighborhoods where they are needed the most, to truly incentivize the purchase of EVs.

Wong said he is focused on placing charging ports in newly constructed and existing MUDs.

"I prefer to provide charging for where people live, where they go and work is secondary," he said. "We want to provide people the ease and comfort of charging relatively close to where they live. I don't want the focus to be just on the commercial centers because there is already a lot of activity."

The plan will circulate among city boards and commissions in the coming weeks with staff hoping to have a final version before the Council in October.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS**

On **TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2017-18 fiscal year. These fees and taxes are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2017-18 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. A copy of the Reports has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and at City libraries, and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.

**PAROLE**

FROM PAGE 1

stuff back, but it just wasn't worth it," he told the board. "It wasn't worth it, and I'm sorry."

After a nationally televised hearing that clearly revealed the public's fascination with Simpson continues, four parole commissioners voted unanimously to release him.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you," he said quietly as he buried his head on his chest with relief.

Then, as he was led down a hall and back to prison, the Hall of Fame athlete and 1995 murder defendant raised his hands over his head in a victory gesture and said: "Oh, God, oh!"

Some two hours earlier, Simpson, gray-haired but looking trimmer than he has in recent years, had walked stiffly into a small hearing room of the Lovelock Correctional Center in rural Nevada dressed in jeans, a light-blue prison-issue shirt and sneakers.

He chuckled as parole board chairwoman Connie Bisbee began the hearing by mistakenly giving his age at 90 before quickly correcting herself.

"Feels like it though," Simpson, 70, said as laughter erupted.

Bisbee and three other parole board commissioners were gathered in another hearing room about two hours away in Carson City, the state's capital. They questioned Simpson via video.

Several major TV networks and cable channels — including ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox, MSNBC and ESPN — carried the proceedings live, just as some of them did two decades ago during a famous Ford Bronco chase over Southern California freeways that ended in Simpson's arrest and again when a jury in his murder trial returned with its not guilty verdict.

During Thursday's hearing, the charisma and charm that once made Simpson one of the most popular figures in American pop culture was clearly on display.

By turns remorseful, jovial and defensive, he heatedly insisted the items he and five others took during the armed robbery in a Las Vegas hotel room in September 2007 were "my stuff."

Asked what he planned to do if released, Simpson said he would move to Florida to be close to two of his four adult children.

"I could easily stay in Nevada, but I don't think you guys want me here," he joked.

At one point, he set off a storm of sarcasm and mockery on social media when, assuring commissioners he would stay out of trouble, he said: "I've basically spent a conflict-free life, you know."

He also insisted he never meant to hurt anyone during the 2007 confrontation, never pointed a gun and didn't make any threats during the holdup of two sports memorabilia dealers.

"These were friends of mine, actually guys who helped me move and store some of this stuff," he said of the dealers, Bruce Fromong and the late Alfred Beardsley.

Fromong testified that was true, adding it was one of the men accompanying Simpson who pointed a gun at him.

"He is a good man. He made a mistake," Fromong said of Simpson, adding that if Inmate No. 1027820 asks him for a ride from prison when he is released he will be there.

"I mean that," he said turning to face Simpson.

Simpson was widely expected to win parole, given similar cases and his good behavior behind bars. His defenders have argued, too, that his sentence was out of proportion to the crime and that he was being punished for the murders he was acquitted of in Los Angeles in 1995, the stabbings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Arnelle Simpson, at 48 the eldest of Simpson's four children, told the board, "We recognize that he is not the perfect man." But she said he has been "a perfect inmate, following all the rules and making the best of the situation."

Simpson said he has spent his time in prison mentoring fellow inmates, often keeping them out of trouble, and that he has become a better person during those years.

"I've done my time. I've done it as well and respectfully as I think anybody can," he told the board.

Asked if he was confident he could stay out of trouble, he replied that he learned a lot from an alternative-to-violence course he took in prison and that in any case he has always gotten along well with people.

An electrifying running back dubbed "The Juice," Simpson won the Heisman Trophy as the nation's best college football player in 1968 and went on to become one of the NFL's all-time greats.

The handsome and charming athlete was also a "Monday Night Football" commentator, sprinted through airports in Hertz rental-car commercials and built a Hollywood career with roles in the "Naked Gun" comedies and other movies.

All of that came crashing down with his arrest in the 1994 slayings and his trial, a gavel-to-gavel live-TV sensation that transfixed viewers with its testimony about a bloody glove that didn't fit and stirred furious debate over racist police, celebrity justice and cameras in the courtroom.

Two years after his acquittal Simpson was found liable in civil court for the killings and ordered to pay \$33.5 million to survivors, including his children and the Goldman family.

Last year, the case proved to be compelling TV all over again with the ESPN documentary "O.J.: Made in America" and the award-winning FX miniseries "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story."

The long prison sentence that resulted from the hotel-room stickup brought a measure of satisfaction to some of those who thought Simpson got away with murder. Among them were Ron Goldman's sister, Kim, and their father, Fred.

"The Goldmans are devastated," family spokesman Michael Wright said of Thursday ruling.

Associated Press writers Scott Sonner in Carson City; John Rogers, John Antczak, Christopher Weber and Michael Balsamo in Los Angeles; and Terence Chea in Lovelock contributed to this report.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED FARE ADJUSTMENTS MAIN LIBRARY, AUGUST 1, 2017, 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 Tuesday, August 1, 2017 for Big Blue Bus customers. 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.

Beginning in 2015, Big Blue Bus (BBB) initiated a strategic campaign aimed at reducing cash boardings across its system by encouraging more customers to use prepaid fare media, TAP cards, and mobile ticketing using smartphones in an effort to reduce:

- Dwell time – the time the bus spends at a scheduled stop to board and alight customers;
- Average travel time for all our customers; and
- Amount of time staff spends counting revenue.

The next phase of BBB's cashless boarding strategy includes a proposal to adjust fares as follows:

- A reduction for a Regular one-way trip from \$1.25 to \$1.10 for customers who opt to use a TAP card instead of cash;
- An introduction of a new Annual Pass for a sale price of \$500, a \$100 savings;
- An introduction of Blue to Business - BBB's Employer Annual Pass Program;
- A discontinuation of single-use tokens and introduction of a new 1-Ride Pass that is TAP enabled as its replacement;
- No changes to Senior, Disabled and Medicare cash fares and passes;
- Requirement for Personal Care Assistants travelling with ACCESS certified riders to pay a fare, creating greater fare equity among all riders; and
- All other pass prices remain the same.



See details of this proposal at [bigbluebus.com](http://bigbluebus.com).

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until August 12, 2017. 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 September. If approved by City Council in September, fare adjustments would become effective November 1, 2017.

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: Community and Government Engagement, or by email at [Suja.Lowenthal@bigbluebus.com](mailto:Suja.Lowenthal@bigbluebus.com). For additional information contact Suja Lowenthal, Community and Government 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, 18, Rapid 3, Rapid 7 and Rapid 10 serve the Main Library. Visit [BigBlueBus.com](http://BigBlueBus.com) for schedule information.



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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **72.1°**

**SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high  
Small SW/S swell blend. Minor NW windswell.

**SUNDAY – POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high  
Small Southerly blend and NW windswell. Small swell from Greg in the mix.



### CITY OF SANTA MONICA Ordinance Number 2548 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2548(CCS), which was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of July 11, 2017.

Ordinance Number 2548 adopts a temporary exemption to the Living Wage Ordinance for contractors providing emergency ambulance and billing services in the City of Santa Monica.

The ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.



### CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Consultants to complete and submit proposals for the:

#### Downtown Parking Structure Guardrail and Waterproofing Upgrades Project SP2516

Proposals shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 15, 2017** to be publicly opened and read aloud after 5:15 p.m. on said date in the Large Conference room at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Each proposal shall be in accordance with the Request for Proposals.

**NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:**  
**July 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM**  
**1437 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.**

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Consultant is required to have a City of Santa Monica Business license at the time of bid submission. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.

# 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 JULY 14, AT ABOUT 4:04 A.M.

While patrolling the area of 200 Colorado Blvd., officers saw a subject walking against a red light at a crosswalk. Officers stopped the subject and a computer check of the subject revealed a warrant for his arrest with full extradition out of Springfield, Illinois for a parole violation. The subject fled from the officers by running eastbound on Colorado Blvd. The subject was taken into custody by responding units at the Metro Parking Lot at 4th Street and Colorado Blvd. Antonio Hopkins, 31, homeless, was arrested for being an out of state fugitive and resisting arrest. He was denied bail.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 450 calls for service on July 20.

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

Suspicious Person 5th/California 12:32 a.m.  
Battery Occurred 1500 block Lincoln 12:41 a.m.  
Forensics Request -Photo 700 block Montana 1:16 a.m.  
Party Complaint 1900 block 4th 1:54 a.m.  
Unknown Trouble 1100 block 3rd 2:05 a.m.  
Audible Burglar Alarm 500 block Santa Monica 2:53 a.m.  
Living in a Vehicle 700 block Kensington 3:43 a.m.  
Trespassing 500 block Olympic 4:23 a.m.  
Person with a Gun 300 block Santa Monica PI 5:40 a.m.  
Loud Music 900 block 2nd 6:19 a.m.  
Disturbance at a Business 300 block Pico 6:31 a.m.  
Hit and Run 1800 block Lincoln 7:20 a.m.  
Petty Theft 1600 block The Beach 7:59 a.m.  
Vehicle with Excessive Parking Violations 2700 block Pennsylvania 8:24 a.m.  
Assistance Call 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 8:29 a.m.  
9-1-1 Hang Up 500 block Pico 8:45 a.m.  
Suspicious Person 600 block 11th 8:52 a.m.  
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 5th/Broadway 9:03 a.m.  
Violation of Posted Sign 1500 block Yale 9:11 a.m.  
Indecent Exposure 100 block Broadway 9:28 a.m.  
Transport Prisoner 300 block Olympic

9:59 a.m.  
Traffic Collision 11th/Colorado 10:02 a.m.  
Death Investigation 800 block Euclid 10:09 a.m.  
Administrative Incident 3300 block Donald Douglas Loop 11:21 a.m.  
Fraud 100 block Ocean Park 11:23 a.m.  
Elder Abuse 1100 block Arizona 11:50 a.m.  
Family Disturbance 2800 block Neilson 11:55 a.m.  
Encampment 1600 block 18th 12:16 p.m.  
Fight 1500 block 2nd 12:34 p.m.  
Vandalism 2400 block Montana 12:58 p.m.  
Animal Related Incident 2000 block Ocean 1:24 p.m.  
Threats Report/Investigation 1900 block Pico 2:59 p.m.  
Grand Theft Auto 1700 block Santa Monica 3:21 p.m.  
Assault 1500 block 4th 3:33 p.m.  
Panic Alarm 800 block Woodacres 3:38 p.m.  
Critical Missing Person 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 3:55 p.m.  
Loitering 1400 block 17th 4:40 p.m.  
Attempt Burglary 1200 block 25th 6:02 p.m.  
Sexual Assault 2100 block Santa Monica 7:09 p.m.  
Suspicious Circumstances 1600 block Main 8:09 p.m.  
Shots Fired 2600 block 34th 8:37 p.m.  
Health & Safety Code Violation 2700 block Ocean Front Walk 8:53 p.m.  
Strongarm Robbery 3100 block Wilshire 9:45 p.m.  
Found Property 300 block Santa Monica Pier 10:00 p.m.  
Assault w/ Deadly Weapon 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 10:56 p.m.  
Arson 1200 block 14th 11:32 p.m.  
Loud Music 1500 block Euclid 11:53 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 61 calls for service on July 20.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 1300 block 15th 12:32 a.m.  
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EMS 1500 block Lincoln 12:34 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 1400 block 3rd Street Prom. 12:46 a.m.  
EMS 2000 block Ocean 1:06 a.m.  
EMS 2400 block 4th 1:18 a.m.  
EMS 1100 block Stanford 2:21 a.m.  
EMS 800 block 2nd 4:17 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 2400 block Colorado 4:57 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 400 block Santa Monica 5:06 a.m.  
EMS 1500 block 12th 5:12 a.m.  
EMS 1200 block Franklin 5:13 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 300 block Santa Monica

PI 5:50 a.m.  
EMS 500 block Olympic 6:27 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 1600 block 7th 9:00 a.m.  
EMS 5th/Broadway 9:03 a.m.  
Odor Investigation 1700 block Ocean 9:34 a.m.  
EMS 500 block Santa Monica 9:43 a.m.  
EMS 1600 block 11th 10:01 a.m.  
EMS 800 block Euclid 10:09 a.m.  
EMS 3100 block Neilson 19:44 a.m.  
EMS Lincoln/California 11:19 a.m.  
EMS Lincoln/ California 11:27 a.m.  
EMS 2300 block 23rd 11:29 a.m.  
Automatic Alarm 400 block Broadway 12:14 p.m.  
EMS 1400 block 17th 12:19 p.m.  
Automatic Alarm 600 block Adelaide 12:24 p.m.  
Automatic Alarm 1300 block Franklin 12:38 p.m.  
EMS Lincoln/ Pico 12:46 p.m.  
EMS 500 block Ocean Park 1:09 p.m.  
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 1:18 p.m.  
EMS 6th/Idaho 1:19 p.m.  
Automatic Alarm 600 block Wilshire 1:42 p.m.  
Automatic Alarm 2700 block Colorado 1:49 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

 <p>Draw Date: 7/19 50 51 59 61 63 Power#: 4 Jackpot: 205M</p>	 <p>Draw Date: 7/20 3 4 6 23 24</p>
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 <p>Draw Date: 7/19 6 7 17 29 46 Mega#: 11 Jackpot: 57M</p>	 <p>Draw Date: 7/20 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 05 California Classic 3rd: 03 Hot Shot RACE TIME: 1:45.50</p>

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WORD UP!

al desko

1. Facetious. (of meals or eating) at one's desk in an office: always snacking al desko; having an al desko lunch.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Best Medicine

■ During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director how it was determined whether a patient should be institutionalized. ■ "Well," replied the director, "we fill up a bathtub, offer the patient a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." ■ "Oh, I see," said the visitor. "A normal person would choose the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." ■ "No," answered the director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Would you prefer a bed near a window?"

MYSTERY REVEALED!

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Monica Rubio correctly identified where this image was captured on the 10 Freeway opposite the 5th Street exit. She wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pronounces by exhaling
- 10 All Access streamer since 2014
- 15 Unglamorous preparations
- 16 Spot in the Dutch Caribbean
- 17 A beaver once topped its label
- 18 Vamoose
- 19 NOW cause
- 20 Backing
- 21 Counter conclusion
- 23 Subject of Mailer's *The Fight*
- 24 Crash investigator
- 26 Visionary in vain
- 28 What might follow a misstatement
- 29 Dr. Oz, genealogically
- 30 Word seen twice on Ptolemy's constellation list
- 31 Go no further
- 32 Swarming
- 33 It might be driving on your head
- 34 Splinter group
- 37 Sounds displeased
- 41 At least once
- 42 Bk. records
- 47 Relief
- 48 Lets the outside in
- 49 Excitation exclamation
- 50 NOW cause
- 52 Frequent theme in Japanese pop culture
- 53 On the contrary
- 54 Place to place a \$2 place
- 55 "\_\_\_ steals my purse steals trash": lago

DOWN

- 1 Person who sounds vinegary
- 2 Restraining order
- 3 All-purpose solution
- 4 Rocky Mtn. state
- 5 Symbols of Minnesota
- 6 Opposite of "in the dark"
- 7 Front-burnered
- 8 Wander off logically

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff

Edited by Stanley Newman  
[www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

- 9 1990s faddists aloft
- 10 Floral section
- 11 Nose \_\_\_ (autoanything.com offering)
- 12 World's fifth most populous island
- 13 Place that might be wrongly entered as ATLANTA
- 14 *Angels & Demons* locale
- 22 Not much of a sport
- 25 Eats
- 26 Betraying nervousness
- 27 First pronoun in "O Canada"
- 29 Weekly pub regular, perhaps
- 35 Left the ground for a bit
- 36 Barricade of a sort
- 37 Top dog
- 38 National park including Mount Whitney
- 39 Frequent droppers
- 40 Frequent buyer of cucumbers
- 43 It resembles X
- 44 Birth of a notion
- 45 Just enough for enjoyment
- 46 Source of campaign financing
- 51 What runs through strikes
- 52 Legalese future tense
- 55 Once
- 58 Ancestor to all
- 60 Purveyor of the Lily's Blackboard blog
- 61 Kind of kernel

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22)**

You want to be admired and supported, not envied and controlled. You'll get free of oppressive influences and shine in new ways this year. Your tendency will be to work very hard. Taking vacation days may actually prevent you from having to take sick days! November and March bring opportunity to deepen love. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 27, 1, 29 and 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

A deal is on the table. The scope of this feels large -- like it will bring you everything forever or nothing ever again. Try to calm down about it because it's not as drastic as it sounds. Anyway, it's too early to decide.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Maybe nothing is anyone's responsibility. Bickering over who should do something to help is petty, ugly and weak. Your philosophy: Those who got lucky and are doing OK should help those who didn't, period.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

Your aim to increase the happiness and/or reduce the suffering of those around you will be fulfilled at little cost to yourself. You'll simply and naturally move toward the thing that feels better.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

As for the bad decision back there, it's time to forget it. Did you really have that much of a choice? Anyway, that's how it went and there's no benefit in thinking further into it. What's your plan today? That's what matters.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Socially skilled, you are punctual, you order fast and you get to the point. Making people wait is rude unless you can't help it, or unless you are artfully helping people anticipate what is to come to heighten their ultimate enjoyment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

You have something worth sharing, so do. Be crisp. Use as many words as you need to get the point across and no more. Be transparent. Hold nothing back. Make the other person's understanding your only desire.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

What's complicated isn't smarter; what's costlier isn't richer. Today's inaccessible things aren't worthwhile anyway. So don't worry. You're not missing much by skipping the doors that are closed to you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**

Your day will be inspired by love and guided by knowledge. Wanting anything beyond this is just greedy -- but hey, that's a part of being human. Keep your joyful tone and much will be accomplished.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

Life can't go according to plan if you have no plan. Maybe that will be a good thing today. There were some shortsighted aspects to your vision and that will be remedied once you get away from it a while.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Your life will be more of an inspiration than your words ever could be. So before you set out to inspire anyone, think about what would feel inspiring to you and do that.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

There's a chance that meaning inside the main event of the day is nonexistent until assigned. You'd be wise not to chase it or think too hard about it. Just name it and move forward.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Our brains already tend to build the narratives that we prefer to believe. What's going to happen when we can take it to the next level with memory implants? The science-fiction future will be today's creative playground.

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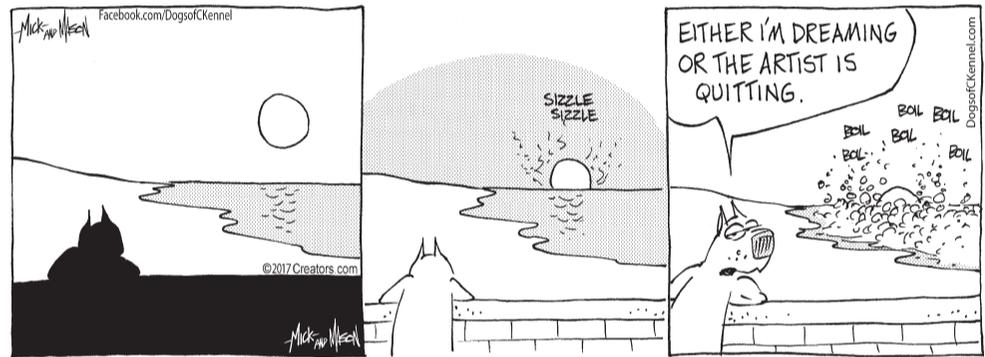
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