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THE WE COULD USE THE RAIN ISSUE

AFM: Civic Auditorium, new theater essential to the future

Lucrative market wants film festival for Santa Monica

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD A representative of the American Film Market told an audience of local businesspeople and city officials Thursday that the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and proposed Downtown movie theater were critical to the market's plans in the city by the sea.

That could be unfortunate, considering both of those projects have fallen through within the last year.

Jonathan Wolf, executive vice president of the Independent Film & Television Alliance, broke the news at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's State of the City event, where he was accepting the 2012 Economic Excellence award on behalf of AFM.

AFM is the world's largest film market where thousands of movie industry professionals from roughly 80 countries gather to

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CLOSING TIME? **The Santa Monica Civic Auditorium is slated to be mothballed.**

Poll: Many say let illegal immigrants stay in U.S.

DENNIS JUNIUS
ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON More than 6 in 10 Americans now favor allowing illegal immigrants to eventually become U.S. citizens, a major increase in support driven by a turnaround in Republicans' opinions after the 2012 elections.

The finding, in a new Associated Press-GfK poll, comes as the Republican Party seeks to increase its meager support among Latino voters, who turned out in large numbers to help re-elect President Barack Obama in November.

Emboldened by the overwhelming Hispanic backing and by shifting attitudes on immigration, Obama has made overhauling laws about who can legally live in the U.S. a centerpiece of his second-term agenda. In the coming weeks, he's expected to aggressively push for ways to create an eventual pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants already in this country.

The poll results suggest that the public overall, not just Hispanics, will back his

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Achievement gap a key concern for SMMUSD officials

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials unveiled a plan last week to tackle the achievement gap between minority students and their white and Asian counterparts, proposing not just a change in instruction, but in district culture.

The proposal tackles the problem from multiple fronts that target not only material and methods of teaching, but also attempt to foster a sense of belonging and acceptance in the school setting.

In a time of reduced resources, that will also require that the district put other initiatives on the backburner as it pushes forward with its goals to even up achievement between students, said Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of educational services.

"We may have to say that we'll put [a new initiative] in the parking lot because right now, we're focusing on the achievement gap," Deloria said.

The problem is simple to state, but historically difficult to solve.

In general, minority students, English language learners and low-income students lag behind other groups in terms of performance measured by standardized tests.

One national measure, called the Academic Performance Index, shows African-American students trailing Asian students by almost 200 points in the SMMUSD in 2012.

Approximately 6 percent of African-American males in SMMUSD high schools are considered proficient in mathematics, a statistic that became a talking point in the November Board of Education election.

Attendance and dropout rates are also

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 25, 2013

Cafe Samo
Humanities Center Theater, Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Come enjoy a cup of coffee at the annual cabaret night produced by the Samohi Vocal Music Program. Cafe Samo features a range of acts performed by Samohi students from a cappella classics to original compositions. Food and drink are available for purchase. There are two more showings on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost: $10 suggested donation. For more information about the show or program, call (310) 395-3204 or visit www.samohichoir.org.

What happens after?
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Best selling author and filmmaker, Richard Martini, will discuss his book "Flipside: A Tourist's Guide on How to Navigate the Afterlife" and his documentary "Journey of Souls." He will go deep into the journey he took of studying the afterlife, reincarnation and hypnotherapy. Martini will be available to sign books and DVDs before and after the lecture. There is a $10 donation at the door. For more information about the lecture, call (310) 451-1303.

Get a job
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
In the Computer Classroom, advice, resources and tips on creating a winning resume and succeeding in your job interview will be discussed. Seating is first come, first serve. This class is intermediate level. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013

Music for the homeless
Dakota Lounge
1026 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
8MM and The Sister Ruby Band will be headlining a charity performance to benefit PATH (People Assisting The Homeless). The debut live DJ performance of Standing Shadows will follow the bands. The show is limited to the first 150 people. Entry is free with RSVP by e-mailing tickets@rabbits-black.com. This is a 21 and over event.

Meeting of the minds
Colorado Center
2425 Colorado Ave., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The monthly Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Colorado Center near the Elabrew Coffee House and the entrance to Palm Court. Guest presenters include former City Council candidates Armen Melkonians and John C. Smith, who will focus on development and its impacts on residents and how to increase the group's membership. Free refreshments will be served, and there is free parking in the Colorado entrance closest to Cloverfield Boulevard.

Quest to meet Dolly
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2:30 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
In the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, the documentary "Hollywood to Dollywood" will be playing, which follows gay identical twins Gary & Larry Lane on their cross-country quest in a rented RV named Jolene to meet their idol Dolly Parton and give her a script they've written for her. A Q&A session with the Lane twins and director John Lavin will follow the film. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Let's fly away
Museum of Flying
3100 Airport Ave., 11 a.m. — 1:30 a.m.
Douglas World Cruisers — First Around the World, the museum's latest aviation presentation, will be held. Bob Dempster, executive director of the Seattle World Cruiser Association, will be presenting. Admission is $10 for adults, $8 for students and seniors, $6 for children aged 6 to 12 and children under 5 are free. For more information, visit museumofflying.com.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Santa Monica boys' basketball sits atop league

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

HAWTHORNE Santa Monica's boys' basketball team retained first place in the Ocean League Wednesday with an easy 67-48 win over Hawthorne.

The win gives Samohi a perfect 5-0 record in league, a game ahead of Inglewood at 4-1.

Inglewood's lone loss came at the hands of Samohi earlier this month. The two schools will renew their rivalry on Monday at Samohi. The game begins at 7 p.m.

Samohi is currently ranked No. 1 in CIF-Southern Section Division 1A and No. 10 in the state by CalHi Sports.

SAMOHI GIRLS FALL AGAIN

The girls' basketball team from Samohi slid to 1-4 in Ocean League play with a 52-28 loss at Hawthorne on Wednesday.

The loss sends Samohi to 2-18 overall.

Next for the Vikings is a home game against league rival Inglewood on Friday at 6 p.m.

Inglewood enters the game 12-11 overall and 3-2 in league.

CROSSROADS' BOYS' SOCCER DROPS IN POLL

A loss and a tie last week has Crossroads' boys' soccer down in this week's CIF-SS Division 5 poll.

Crossroads fell from No. 3 to No. 6 this week as they prepare to take on Alpha League foe Windward on Monday at home. The game begins at 7 p.m.

Windward is tied for 10th on the poll with Saddleback.

NO. 11 ST. MONICA BOYS PREPARE FOR ST. PAUL

St. Monica's boys' basketball team is ranked No. 11 in the latest CIF-SS Division 4A poll, it was announced this week.

The Mariners are 9-11 overall and 1-3 in league heading into a road game at St. Paul on Friday.

St. Paul is tied for the Camino Real League lead at 4-1, 11-10 overall.

The game begins at 7 p.m. in Santa Fe Springs.

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JUMPING FOR JOY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

A group of young women play in the surf on Santa Monica Beach on Thursday. Skies were cloudy all day on Thursday as a storm rolled out of the area. The National Weather Service is forecasting showers on Friday with a high temperature of 66 degrees.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, DC

Fighting climate change

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-33rd District) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) have announced the formation of a bicameral Task Force on Climate Change to address the issue of global warming.

The task force will be dedicated to focusing congressional and public attention on climate change and developing effective policy responses, and will be open to all other members of Congress interested in collaborating on the issue.

In a letter to President Obama, Waxman and Whitehouse urged the president to "develop a comprehensive climate change plan as expeditiously as possible." One of the objectives they suggested to President Obama was to "lay out specific steps federal agencies will take to ensure that U.S. emissions of heat-trapping gases are reduced by at least 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020."

In the coming weeks and months, Waxman and Whitehouse will hold meetings of the task force, seek relevant information and release reports, memoranda and correspondence in order to foster the group's goal of increasing awareness and developing policy responses to climate change.

– ALEX VEJAR

SAMOHI

Let freedom sing

On Jan. 27, the New West Symphony will present the West Coast premier of Visions of America – A Celebration of Democracy at Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica High School campus.

The performance consists of projected images of photo-historian Joseph Sohm and will feature musical performances by Grammy award-winning pianist Roger Kellaway, vocalists Steve Tyrell and Judith Smith, as well as members of the New West Symphony Chorus. There will be a total of 93 performers on stage during the event.

Following the performance, there will be a gala reception and dinner to honor Alan and Marylin Bergman at the Sheraton Delfina Hotel. The Bergmans are Oscar, Grammy and Emmy award-winning lyricists and will be presented the Symphony's 2012 Bravo Award. U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, Norman Lear and other notable guests are expected to attend.

Tickets are still available for both the concert and the gala and are from $25 to $100. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit newwestsymphony.org. Barnum Hall is located at 601 Pico Blvd.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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One building isn't enough

Editor:

Re: "VA to break ground on building for homeless vets," Jan. 22.

This is like telling the veteran community it's raining while you're peeing on our heads!

Building 209 can't stand too much more photo flashes. Witness Bobby Shriver's photo op years ago and now it's hurry up and wait for another year and a half, for 50 beds, while thousands are in the streets. There are two other buildings, but those acts have not started yet.

"Hey disgruntled veteran, don't be so bitter, look at the glass half full; calm down."

OK, after you explain why the single term (repeated in both Act of 1887 and Deed of 1888) "maintain in perpetuity" was not upheld when Armand Hammer started slant drilling from the "home" 50-plus years ago or ever since, as demonstrated by leases to non-profit and for-profit organizations that do not provide service that is 100 percent direct benefit to veteran patients. After the logic of allowing the public to meander throughout a medical facility where wounded warriors were promised to heal from the exposure to combat.

President Obama! Got your ears on? Is this what sacred trust should look like? I don't think so, bro! Remember, we will stop having veterans when we stop having wars. Now, who's "raining on who?"

Francisco Juarez
Santa Monica

Remember the time

Editor:

"Chain Reaction" should be left as it is. As it decomposes ("Council gives 'Chain Reaction' 1 more year," Jan. 23). Put a proper barrier around it so it still can be viewed, but not hurt anyone, and let nature take its course. It becomes more beautiful and important as it decomposes.

Think about what "Chain Reaction" represented then and now, and its proximity to the location of the Rand Corporation (and their involvement on both sides of the nuclear fence). It would be a huge mistake to fix it and repair it and restore it. Let it be. Honor it.

Remember the time in which the artist created it and why it was so important that he did so.

Fiona Gonsier
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**



Courtesy photos

COMING CLEAN: **Te'o appeared on 'Katie' while Armstrong spilled the beans with Oprah.**

One was duped, the other doped

As fans of "Seinfeld" may recall, in one episode George Costanza was at an afternoon meeting at the Yankee office. On the table was a large bowl of shrimp appetizers which George was busily gobbling. This caused co-worker Reilly to quip, "Hey George, the ocean called, they're running out of shrimp." The meeting broke up in laughter.

On the way home the perfect comeback came to George, "The jerk store called and they're running out of you." But Reilly takes a job at Goodyear in Ohio. So George flies there and has a meeting with him, his boss and other executives. (George brings the shrimp.)

As George gobbles shrimp, Reilly repeats the "ocean called" line and George then delivers his jerk store comeback, but it bombs. Flustered, George adds, "Oh yeah, well I had sex with your wife!" Unfortunately for George the man's wife was in a coma. Oops.

The point of the show was that once the moment is gone there's no getting it back. Or maybe you have to wait eight years?

In 2004 I was working out in our building gym when a gung-ho exercise fiend, Lance, engaged me in debate about the upcoming Bush-Kerry election. Lance called Kerry a "traitor" for throwing his Vietnam medals back at a 1971 anti-war demonstration. (Lance was pro Bush who dodged the draft to party, I mean to serve in the Air National Guard's "champagne unit.")

As Lance left he called me a "liberal a**hole." Like George I didn't have a comeback. (At least I didn't say, "The jerk store called.")

Lance was a bully who worshipped Lance Armstrong, who was a bully on steroids. Given the hellhole Armstrong is in, I'd love to talk to exercise fiend Lance, but he moved years ago. I can only hope he reads this, but even if he doesn't at least it made for a column.

Last week, Armstrong made his "confession" during a TV appearance with Oprah on her network OWN, causing a lot of people to ask, "What the hell channel is OWN on?"

Personally, I found Armstrong's answers robotic and self-serving and I didn't believe his contrition for a second. That he survived a life-threatening battle with cancer is nothing short of remarkable. But, as he said of his own obsessive personality, and I'm paraphrasing, "It helped in the fight against cancer and in racing, but didn't as a human being."

Determined to ruin the lives of anyone who revealed the truth, Armstrong not only sued but won a judgment, even though he was lying out of his tuchus. Now, however, Armstrong's going to pay the piper, or a bunch of pipers in court. As CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin commented, "Armstrong is worth over $100 million. After what he admitted to Oprah, he's going to be worth considerably less."

If the Armstrong saga is ugly, the Manti Te'o story is just downright weird. Hawaiian-born Te'o was a star linebacker at Notre Dame and a Heisman Trophy runner-up. In fact, one of the most touching stories of the entire 2012 college season was Manti's strong play despite the devastating loss of his grandmother and girlfriend only hours apart. Except for the teeny tiny detail that the girlfriend didn't exist!

If you watched Manti's interview with Katie Couric (another hour of my life I'll never get back) it seems that Manti was the victim of a twisted hoax known as "catfishing." Reportedly, Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, a friend of Te'o's, created the persona of Lennay Kekua who would be in a coma from a car accident, be diagnosed with leukemia, be discharged from the hospital and then die. And oh yes, two months later be alive.

In four months, Manti's phone records reveal over 1,000 calls to Lennay, "the love of my life," 110 of them longer than 60 minutes! But, not only was Manti not talking to Lennay, it's likely he was actually talking to falsetto-voiced Tuiasosopo, reportedly a pastor at a Palmdale church with show business aspirations ("Christian crooner") and tried out for the NBC show "The Voice." (Can this get any weirder?)

Whereas Armstrong lived a lie for a decade, if we believe Manti, his was only for a month, from when he knew Lennay didn't exist but was so embarrassed he continued to publicly mourn her death. Talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel may have summed up Armstrong and Te'o best. "One doped and the other was a dope."

Maybe this is my "inner George Costanza" but after writing this, all I want to do is eat some shrimp.

The full Manti Te'o interview is on YouTube and is only 41 minutes. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Are Hollywood awards by gender out of touch?

LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Do Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and Helen Mirren really need a category just for women — a singular kind of affirmative action — to snare one of Hollywood's favorite accessories, an Oscar, Emmy or Screen Actors Guild trophy?

In a society tilting steadily toward gender neutrality, the separate-but-equal awards that divide actors into one camp and actresses into another have the whiff of a moldy anachronism.

True, the Association for Women in Science gives honors to encourage female success in male-dominated fields. But to mark enduring achievements, would its members ever yearn for a Women's Nobel Prize in physics?

In contests of intellect or artistry, should gender ever matter?

"It's not like it's upper body strength," Gloria Steinem dryly observed of the requirements of acting.

The separate labeling of male and female performers is losing favor in the industry. Actresses often swat the distinction away by calling themselves "actors," standing shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts.

Usherettes are long gone from movie theater lobbies, after all. And defense officials said Wednesday the Pentagon will be lifting its ban on women in combat.

SAG, which holds its awards ceremony Sunday, edged toward neutrality with its trophy dubbed the Actor, although the guild gives separate honors to best performance by a male actor and by a female actor.

That cracks the door open, but only slightly. Fling it wide so that Daniel Day-Lewis' majestic performance in "Lincoln" and Jessica Chastain's steely turn in "Zero Dark Thirty" vie for the grand prize!

"That's a great idea," said Mark Andrews, writer-director of the animated film "Brave." "At the end of the day, we're all storytellers, and I don't think when we're defining a character that the gender is the major defining factor."

In all other awards-eligible fields, including directing, writing or cinematography, everyone is "going for it," male and female alike, Andrews said.

That may be progress in theory for performers but not in practice, according to Sally Field, a SAG and Oscar best supporting actress nominee for "Lincoln."

"If you do that you won't see any actresses up there (on stage) at all," she said. "The percentage of roles is so weighted toward actors. That's the way it's always been."

Exactly, concurred Naomi Watts, "The Impossible" best actress SAG and Academy Award nominee.

"There's so much competition in life and I do think we are different," she said. "Yes, we should be able to have the same things as much as possible ... (but) life's a battle already and there's so many great roles written for men. Women are definitely at a disadvantage when it comes to volume."

Rapper Nicki Minaj, who's considering launching an acting career, has a pragmatic take on the issue.

"You see all those divas in the audience looking so pretty, and they all want to beat each other out," she said. "It's entertainment."

Hathaway, in the running for SAG and Oscar supporting actress honors for "Les Miserables," considers the gender split "an awesome question worthy of an awesome debate."

"Can I conceive of a world where performance becomes a genderless concept? Absolutely. Do I think it's going to happen anytime soon? No," she said.

As Field pointed out, the bedrock challenge is that women get fewer substantive roles than men. Ironically, that's obscured by the artificial parity on stage each year at awards shows. Five women compete, five men compete, two winners are crowned.

So what's the problem? A quick numbers check makes it clear: Females comprised about a third of the characters in the 100 top-grossing films in 2011, according to the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film at San Diego State University.

This, despite the fact women make up slightly more than half of the U.S. population. And the finding isn't an anomaly, according to the center's past research.

In this context, feminist leader Steinem sees legitimate reason to retain separate acting awards. When two unequal groups are combined it's the less-powerful one that loses, she said, as when 20th-century U.S. school desegregation lead to mass layoffs of black principals and administrators.

Hollywood, often viewed as staunchly progressive, shows no indication of abandoning tradition in the awards arena.

The Oscars Awards, a reflection of their time, launched in the 1920s with his-and-hers acting trophies (for Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor) and stuck with the formula.

The Q Line

What's up with the weather?

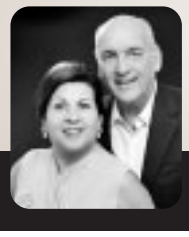
Last week was bitterly cold, this weekend was typical Southern California beautiful. It could just be a trend, or it could be something more serious.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think global warming has something to do with our topsy-turvy weather or was the big shift just a coincidence?

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SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 12-010, 395 Santa Monica Place, #308. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (12CUP010) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of distilled spirits, beer and wine (Type 47) in conjunction with a full-service restaurant in Santa Monica Place. The proposed restaurant, Redwood Grille, occupies an 8,822 square foot tenant space and consists of 187 interior seats and 109 exterior seats. Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.10.18.020, a Conditional Use Permit shall be required when existing alcohol outlet operations have been discontinued for a period of over one year. [Planner: Grace Page] Applicant: **Redwood Grille Santa Monica, LLC. Property Owner: Macerich Santa Monica Place, LLC.** [Continued from January 16, 2013.]

Conditional Use Permit 12-011, 1329 Santa Monica Boulevard. A Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer, wine and distilled spirits at a new 1,986 square-foot restaurant in the C4 District. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: Truxton's American Bistro Santa Monica, LLC. Property Owner: Henry & Regina Yarmark Lifetime Trust.** [Continued from January 16, 2013.]

Bergamot Area Plan: A study session to review and receive Planning Commission comment on portions of the Bergamot Area Plan including but not limited to the draft land use districts, development standards and design guidelines, parking, and supporting implementation strategies.

Zoning Ordinance Update: A study session to hear a presentation and discuss changes to the Zoning Ordinance, including parking and transportation demand management (TDM) provisions that are focused on making Santa Monica more sustainable by encouraging and supporting walking, bicycling, and transit use.

WHEN: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
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HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez es en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

AFM
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pitch their movies in hopes of landing distributors and financing.

Its organizers want to pair that economic force with a film festival to rival those of Cannes and Berlin, each of which also contain a separate industry component.

"Coupling that with a cultural event is something that we covet," Wolf said.

To accomplish that, however, AFM needs both a majestic place to stage red carpet premieres and the modern theaters and amenities that movie industry professionals have come to expect.

Neither of those are available in Santa Monica, and efforts to bring both to the city have fallen apart recently as a result of state policy in the case of the Civic Auditorium and a business decision for the state-of-the-art theater planned for Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue.

Those elements were factors in AFM's decision to stay in Santa Monica when the market, an economic feather in any city's cap, was being courted by Los Angeles in 2011.

Over the eight days that AFM was in town in 2012, attendees were expected to pump $20 million into the local economy, according to officials with the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, the organization that promotes the city to the outside world.

L.A.'s superior screens and cheaper hotels were a temptation for the market, which ultimately chose not to make the jump after marketers voiced their opposition to the move.

Wolf also credited the visitors bureau and Loews Hotel for their efforts in brokering a deal to encourage the market to stay.

While the restoration of the Civic Auditorium and new Downtown theater were not part of the deal, Wolf said, they were "promises and aspirations" of city leaders and AFM officials hoped to see those come true.

The Civic Auditorium was felled by the dissolution of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency, which was going to put $50 million toward rehabilitating the aging structure that once hosted glamorous events like the Academy Awards.

The auditorium had been losing money for the city for years, and the Nederlander Group, which books and manages other famous venues like the Pantages Theatre, had been tapped to take the reins.

When state officials killed redevelopment, the money went with it and Nederlander backed out of the deal. The City Council voted to mothball the venue beginning July 1, 2013, saving City Hall millions of dollars.

The loss of the proposed theater is more of a mystery.

AMC, which owns several theaters in Downtown, had been working with City Hall for three years to build a new theater on municipal property. The development got all the way through the design phase and the company had almost completed its required — and very expensive — environmental review when it backed out.

The company was recently taken over by a Chinese corporation, although it's unclear if that caused the firm to walk away from the deal.

Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the visitors bureau, said that there is still hope on both fronts.

City officials are looking for another company to take up the development of the movie theater, and the Civic Auditorium is a much-beloved piece of the community.

Saving the Civic may come down to an option that elected officials have previously rejected, like selling naming rights to the facility, Kerns said.

"We may just have to get more comfortable with having it be privatized from a naming standpoint," she said. "I'm not suggesting we have a Staples Center in Santa Monica, but there are businesses that have that interest who could work hand-in-hand to get what we all want and need."

As for the Downtown theater, it's clear that the community — at least the movie-watching community — is behind that.

"All you have to do is look at Yelp," Kerns said, referencing a string of negative reviews about Santa Monica theatres on the social media rating site.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Police: Man falls asleep while driving drunk on PCH

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SATURDAY, JAN. 19, AT 3:59 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 400 block of Pacific Coast Highway on the report of a suspicious vehicle stopped in the center divider, its driver apparently asleep at the wheel. When officers got there they spoke with a tow-truck driver who told them that at around 3 a.m. he drove by the car on his way to the Palisades to pick up a vehicle. When he returned about 45 minutes later, the driver was in the same spot. He stopped and found the driver asleep and called police. Officers approached the car and saw that the engine was still running and that the driver had it in gear. The only thing that kept the car from moving was the driver's foot on the brake, police said. Officers placed the car in park and placed the driver under arrest after determining he was under the influence of alcohol. He was identified as Gabriel Benicia, 25. The suspect was placed on an immigration hold by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19, AT 4:05 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol at the corner of Lincoln and Pico boulevards when they saw a Dodge Ram truck make a left turn against a red arrow. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the 700 block of Bay Street. Officers said that when they approached the vehicle they saw what they thought was drug paraphernalia in plain view. Officers asked the driver if he had any weapons. He said he had two knives and a handgun under the arm rest. Officers removed the driver from the car and found a loaded .45-caliber handgun and the knives. The driver was placed under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon inside a car, carrying a loaded firearm in public and failing to stop for the red arrow. He was identified as James Bunsold, 30, of Pacific Palisades, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19, AT 8:24 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier — Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. — regarding a report of a woman trespassing. When officers arrived they located the suspect outside the restaurant and detained her. During their investigation, officers learned that the woman allegedly entered the employee locker room and was seen taking a cigarette from one of the lockers. The woman told officers that she planned to steal some shoes from the locker room since she did not have any, police said. The suspect was not successful. She was placed under arrest for burglary and a warrant. She was identified as Petra Leibik, 19, a transient. Her bail was set at $20,683.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18, AT 7:38 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier — Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. — regarding a customer who could not afford to pay for his meal. The manager told the officers that the suspect ordered food and several drinks. He was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Ian Hadley, 48, of South Wales.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18, AT 4:28 P.M.,
Officers stopped a pedestrian near the corner of Lincoln and Pico boulevards because they felt he was acting suspicious. Officers said the man seemed to be trying to conceal something in his pocket. When officers asked him what it was, the suspect told them it was a knife and that he was on parole. Officers searched him and found a black folding-knife and an ounce of marijuana. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession and a parole violation. He was identified as Curtis Lee Williams, 47, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17, AT 9:43 A.M.,
Officers responded to the Jack in the Box located at 2423 Wilshire Blvd. regarding a report of a man who had just broken the doors to the restaurant. When officers arrived they found the suspect about a block away. While trying to detain him, police said the man took a fighting stance and threatened officers, forcing them to use a stun gun. He was handcuffed. Officers spoke with the restaurant's employees who said the suspect walked in and began demanding money from customers. He got physical with one and employees told him to leave. If he did so, they promised to bring him food. The suspect left, but then tried to get back in. Employees held the door closed and that's when the suspect allegedly grabbed a metal trash can lid and smashed the door. He then challenged people to a fight before walking away. Once at the jail, the suspect allegedly spit in an officer's face. He was ultimately treated at a hospital and booked for vandalism, resisting arrest, battery on a police officer and a parole violation. He was identified as Delbert Nowlin, 48, a transient. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15, AT 11:43 A.M.,
Officers on foot patrol along the Third Street Promenade saw a woman smoking, which is not allowed along the shopping district. Officers approached the woman to warn her about the violation, at which time she allegedly threw her cigarette on the ground (littering) and began to curse at the officers. She refused to provide identification and demanded to be taken to jail. Officers obliged and placed her under arrest for resisting, littering and smoking on the promenade. She was identified as Annette Merar, 69, of Long Beach, Calif. Her bail was set at $10,000.

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SCHOOLS
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impacted by socio-economic status, according to the U.S. Department of Education, and a report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that children below the poverty level that read below grade level by the third grade are three times as likely not to graduate from high school as students from wealthier families.

Research shows that failure in high school has a significant negative impact on a young person's future.

Children who do not finish high school or get some kind of post-high school education are at greater risk of poverty, crime, incarceration, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, shorter lifespan and poor health.

It's today's civil rights issue, Deloria said.

"When we fail our children, this is the kind of future we doom them to," she said.

To address it, Deloria proposes tackling the problem from four directions: teaching methods, district policy, culture and mentoring and advocacy.

Addressing failures in teaching and policy are two of the more straightforward tasks.

Leadership teams within the school will create five-year plans complete with baseline scores and measurable benchmarks in academics, college readiness, attendance, discipline and other metrics to narrow the gap.

Schools will also need to find ways to encourage minority students to sign up for advanced placement classes, and find teaching methods that fit individual student needs rather than approaching a class with cookie-cutter tools.

"There needs to be a systematic way that schools can look at every student and make sure they are doing well," Deloria said.

Culture, mentoring and advocacy are intangibles and consequently harder to measure.

In the wake of a racial incident in a Santa Monica High School locker room that created waves in the community in 2011, members of the school community requested that the district engage with Village Nation, a program that teaches adults on campus to be mentors to African-American youth and presents culturally-relevant assemblies three times a year.

Officials committed $10,000 to the program, but the full cost is four times that. Mainly African-American parents within the district have attended nearly every Board of Education meeting since to advocate for full funding for the program.

Fluke Fluker, a Village Nation co-founder, came last week to speak in favor of his program, which he feels could be the missing link to build a connection between Samohi and its African-American students.

Village Nation succeeds by focusing on culture over numerical scores, and by engaging the students on their own level, he said.

"Our goal is not high test scores, it's to make better choices," Fluker said. "When they make better choices, the byproduct is that they value their future."

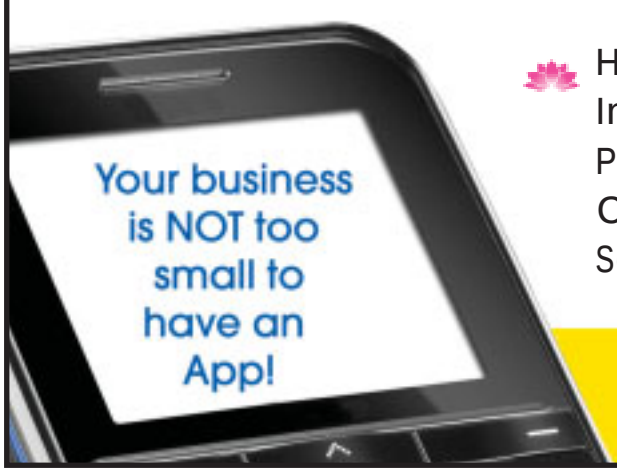
Village Nation has already begun working with teachers at Samohi that are committed to becoming "elders" or mentors in the program. When asked if it mattered if the elders were also African-American, Fluker said no.

"These kids are more interested in you having soulful heart than you having soulful skin," he said.

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Parents who oppose the program are afraid board members will be throwing money at an unproven method lacking in measurable results at a time when the district can least afford it.

"We focus on things that are wonderful without focusing on what works," said Lisa Balfus, the president of the Parent Teacher Association at Samohi.

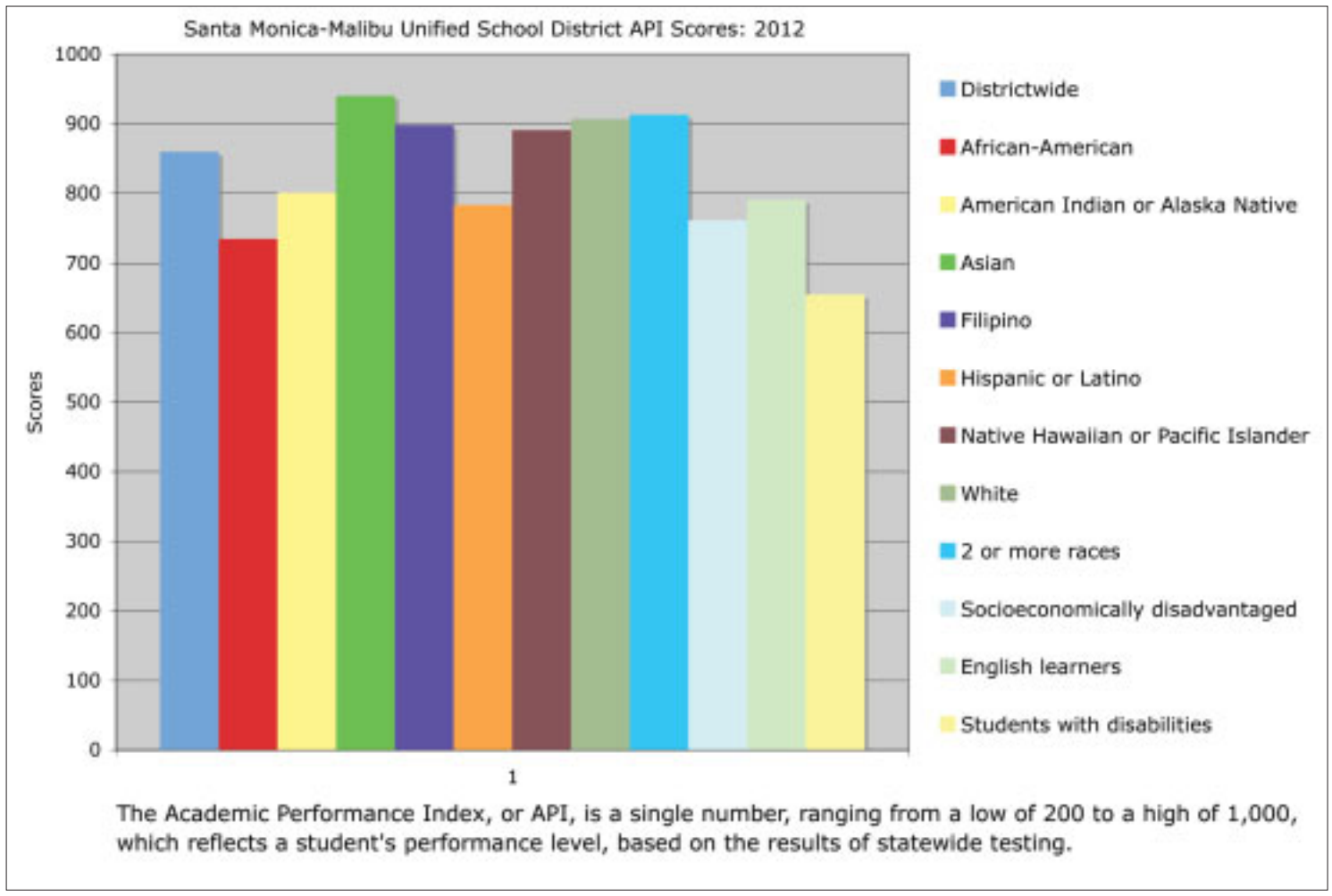
Supporters, on the other hand, tout the relationship-building qualities of Village Nation, which go beyond numbers.

Boardmember Oscar de la Torre, himself the head of an organization that targets at-risk minority youth, said that he recognized the need for measurable outcomes, and cautioned Village Nation representatives that the board would need to see outcomes to get behind the program.

"Village Nation is a step in the right direction, and I want to express my support for the methods, but I agree that we need accountability, to set clear expectations and that the investment is well taken care of," de la Torre said.

Board members directed officials to take a look at the program and see if it could be integrated into Samohi's existing programs.

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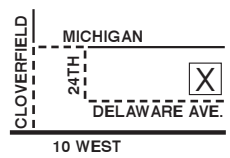
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efforts. Sixty-two percent of Americans now favor providing a way for illegal immigrants in the U.S. to become citizens, an increase from just 50 percent in the summer of 2010, the last time the AP polled on the question.

In an even earlier poll, in 2009, some 47 percent supported a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Further boosting the president on the issue, Democrats have opened a 41 percent to 34 percent advantage as the party more trusted to handle immigration, the first time they've held a significant edge on the matter in AP-GfK polling. In October 2010, Republicans held a slight edge over Democrats, 46 percent to 41 percent, on the question of who was more trusted on immigration.

Much of the increase in support for a path to eventual citizenship has come among Republicans. A majority in the GOP — 53 percent — now favor the change. That's up a striking 22 percentage points from 2010. Seventy-two percent of Democrats and 55 percent of independents like the idea, similar to 2010.

The findings suggest that those GOP lawmakers weighing support for eventual legal status for illegal immigrants could be rewarded politically not just by Democrats and independents but also by some in their own party as well. This comes amid soul-searching in the party about how the GOP can broaden its support with Latinos, who backed Obama over Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, 71 percent to 27 percent, in November. Romney received less support from Latinos than Republican President George W. Bush did. But his slice was on par with candidates Bob Dole in 1996 and George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Some Republicans have concluded that backing comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship is becoming a political necessity. Many lawmakers remain strongly opposed, and it's far from clear whether Congress will ultimately sign off on such an approach. But in the Senate, a bipartisan group of lawmakers is working to draft immigration legislation, and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a possible 2016 presidential candidate, has offered proposals that would ultimately allow illegal immigrants to attain legal status.

One poll participant, Nick Nanos, 66, of Bellmore, N.Y., said that providing a way for illegal immigrants to become citizens would respect America's history as a nation built by immigrants.

"We act as if our grandparents got here legally. Don't want to ask a single Indian about that," Nanos said in a follow-up interview. "I don't think that most of us can solidly come to a point where our grandparents or great-grandparents or great-great-grandparents were here legally. What does that even mean?"

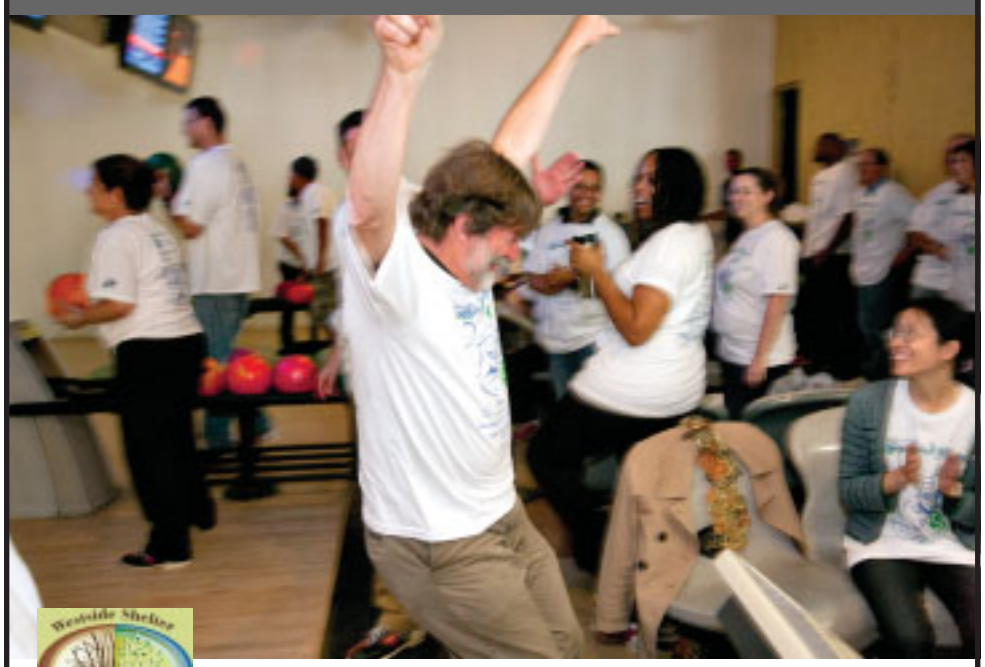
Overall, 54 percent in the poll said immigration is an important issue to them personally, a figure that's remained steady over the past couple of years.

Republicans aren't the only group whose views have shifted significantly. In August of 2010, just 39 percent of seniors favored a path to citizenship. Now, 55 percent do. Among those without a college degree, support has increased from 45 percent to 57 percent.

And 59 percent of whites now favor a way

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for illegal immigrants to gain citizenship, up from 44 percent in August 2010, and 41 percent in September 2009.

Overall, the poll found 35 percent strongly favored allowing illegal immigrants to become citizens over time, while 27 percent favored the idea somewhat. Just 35 percent of Americans opposed the approach, with 23 percent strongly opposed and 12 percent somewhat opposed. That compared with 48 percent opposed in 2010 and 50 percent in 2009.

The poll also found strong support for Obama's decision, announced last summer, to shield as many as 800,000 immigrants from deportation with conditions. Those affected would have to be younger than 30, would have to have been brought to the U.S. before turning 16 and would have to fulfill certain other conditions including graduation from high school or serving in the military. Illegal immigrants covered by the order now can apply for work permits. The order bypassed Congress, which has not passed "DREAM Act" legislation to achieve some of the same goals for younger illegal immigrants.

Sixty-three percent of Americans favor that policy, while 20 percent oppose it and 17 percent are in between or unsure, the poll said. The policy is supported by 76 percent of Democrats, significantly more than among Republicans (48 percent) or independents (59 percent).

Cordel Welch, 41, of Los Angeles, was among those poll participants who believes illegal immigrants brought to the country as children should be treated differently from people who came here as adults.

"The ones that were brought here by their parents, they're already here, they're already established," Welch said in an interview. "The adults should go through the process."

Melissa Johnson, 40, of Porter, Texas, disagreed.

"I think there were generations of people that came over here legally, and just because your parents snuck you in or snuck in while pregnant with you doesn't give you automatic citizenship," she said. "I think they should send them all back home."

The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted Jan. 10-14, 2013, by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,004 adults nationwide. Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points; the margin is larger for subgroups.

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Elizabeth Smith (1919 – 2013)

61-Year Resident of Santa Monica Dies



Elizabeth Smith slipped away peacefully in her sleep at 6:35 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at Country Villa Westwood Healthcare Center. She was 93 years old.

Elizabeth was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on May 19, 1919, to Lula Crecy and James Ivory Young. She was the 8th of 15 children born to this couple, 8 boys and 7 girls, in a religious, very loving, and very close family.

She completed her high school education in Birmingham, as did all of her brothers and sisters. Elizabeth married at an early age and gave birth to two children, James Edward and 19 months later, Lonnie Jean.

In 1945, Elizabeth moved to Brooklyn, New York, hoping to earn a better living and be able to save enough for a college education for her two children.
In 1952, Elizabeth moved to Santa Monica, California. There, she became a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the largest Black church in Santa Monica. With her beautiful alto voice, she sang in the Cathedral Choir for 48 years.

In the following years, she was responsible for bringing most of her family from Birmingham to California.

She succeeded in her early endeavor to provide a college education for her children—her son James graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in Architecture, and her daughter Lonnie graduated from UCLA with a degree in Fashion Design.

Elizabeth was employed by Teledyne Electronics for 20-plus years, and upon retiring spent most of her time visiting and comforting the sick in her church community, and volunteering for Santa Monica civic groups devoted to feeding and providing for the homeless and those in need.

Elizabeth enjoyed her life in the community of Santa Monica, being known to her own 4 grandchildren, her numerous nieces and nephews, and all of the children who knew her, as "Nana". Her faith, family, and friends were her joy throughout her life. She lived in her own apartment in Santa Monica until June 2010, when she moved at age 91, to Country Villa Westwood.

Elizabeth is survived by her sisters Helen Sunday and Sarah Young of Santa Monica; her son, James Edward Vann; her daughter, Lonnie Moore Thomas; son-in-law, Clarence Thomas; grandson, Keith Edward Vann; granddaughter, Pier Michelle Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Elizabeth's remains will be scattered at sea by The Neptune Society. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

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SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high

Tides

This week's full moon sets up 5.5-6' early morning high tides and negative mid to late afternoon lows through the weekend. Keep it in mind when you're planning your sessions.

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 16, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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 Las Alloe creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	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.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	B	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	D	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	D	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point rest).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	C	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Westward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	D	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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 is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

Heal the Bay

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Apple's sales slowdown tugs Nasdaq index lower

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A sharp drop in Apple's stock pulled the Nasdaq down with it after the tech giant warned of weaker sales. Other stock-market indexes eked out slight gains.

Apple sank $63.50 to $430.50. With iPhone sales hitting a plateau and no new products to introduce, Apple said sales would likely increase just 7 percent in the current quarter. That's a let-down for a company that has regularly posted growth rates above 50 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 0.01 of a point to 1,494.82. Earlier in the day, the S&P 500 crossed above 1,500 for the first time since December 2007.

The broad gauge of the stock market has already gained 4.8 percent this year and climbed seven days in a row.

One reason for the market's recent rise is that some of the biggest obstacles have been pushed aside, said Brian Gendreau, a market strategist at Cetera Financial Group. On Wednesday, the House of Representatives agreed to suspend the federal government's borrowing limit until May 19, allowing the U.S. to keep paying its bills for another four months.

"Politics is off the table for now and Europe seems like it's stable. So what's left? It's earnings. And aside from Apple it seems like pretty good news," Gendreau said.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 46 points to close at 13,825.33. The Nasdaq fell 23.29 points to 3,130.38. The 12 percent drop in Apple, which makes up 10 percent of the index, was enough to pull the Nasdaq lower.

Even after its recent slump, Apple still ranks as the world's most valuable company at $423 billion, putting it $7 billion ahead of the runner up, Exxon Mobil.

Heading into this earnings season, many investors wondered whether shrinking sales would start to squeeze Corporate America's profits. Judging by the results so far, few are struggling.

Of the 134 big companies in the S&P 500 that reported through Thursday morning, 85 have beaten Wall Street's estimates, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Microsoft fell in after-hours trading after reporting that its earnings slipped 4 percent in the last quarter of 2012. Starbucks, which also reported results after the closing bell, was little changed as its revenue came in slightly below forecasts.

Netflix jumped $43.60 to $146.86, a 42 percent bounce. Analysts had expected rising costs to lead the movie and TV show distributor to post a loss in the last three months of 2012. But Netflix said late Wednesday that it turned a profit with the help of 2 million new subscribers.

The Labor Department reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment aid fell last week to the lowest since January 2008. Applications dropped 5,000 to 330,000. The four-week average also hit a five-year low.



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Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:40am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:25pm

This Is 40 (R) 2hrs 13min
11:55am, 3:20pm, 6:45pm, 10:05pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:50am, 3:35pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Haunted House (R) 1hr 20min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:20pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:05am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:35pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:45pm

Gangster Squad (R) 1hr 53min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Broken City (R) 1hr 49min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

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Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Impossible (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 1hr 55min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Last Stand (R) 1hr 47min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Movie 43 (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

Parker (R) 1hr 58min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:00am, 2:40pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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Say 'yes' to an invite, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could encounter a misunderstanding or a problematic situation. If you let yourself get sucked into it, it could ruin a creative moment. Communication accelerates, as your personal life weaves into your professional life. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ What you thought about doing today just might not happen. Others' demands or interests very well could distract you. You might feel a need to turn your attention elsewhere. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Speak you mind, but realize that not everyone has a similar opinion. Be open to other ideas or to someone else putting down what you believe to be a nugget of wisdom. You'll still get your way. Tonight: Out and about, strutting your stuff.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could discover that a creative idea falls flat. Let go, and let others find a different response or solution. Focus on what you enjoy. Make a point of going out to buy that special present or token of affection. Express your caring and do not hold back. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A little reticence disappears quickly. You could make a big deal out of a problem, or you could decide to let it go. Others are only too happy to meet with you, both professionally and personally. Tonight: Prime time!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Honor your energy level. If you feel discouraged by a conversation or a situation, try not to give it to much attention, especially as there is little you can do until later. Get into a project that involves interacting less with others. Tonight: Make plans, but keep them low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have the best intentions and want to keep a meeting all business, yet you might discover a problem. Acknowledge what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: TGIF! You need a break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ When others flake out, who steps up to the plate? You don't need to look around. You are at your best when you are in the position of handling a problem. You like feeling empowered, and you resent situations that are out of control. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Deal with others directly, and open up to someone about what you feel is a difficult situation. You might hear that you are creating the problem in your head. Try revising your thinking, and you will see the situation from a different perspective. Tonight: Be a duo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice, and you might realize that you're not on the right course for you. Others might disagree. At what point do you decide to go about this matter alone? Don't worry -- a partner or business associate will come to the rescue. Tonight: Join a close friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Defer to others, and listen to their fears. A boss might be very difficult, and your approach might not be appropriate. Others' suggestions don't seem to work, either. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can move through a project quickly once you confront the first obstacles. Good will and support among those who are involved does make a big difference. Be more upbeat, and a family member or loved one won't be able to say no. Tonight: Stay mellow.

Happy birthday

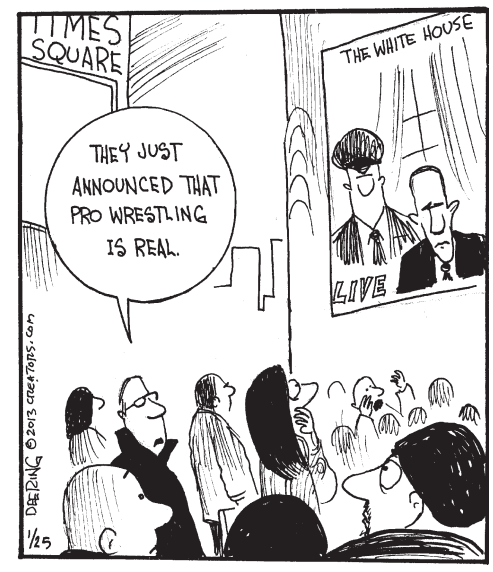
This year, you often juggle different views, feelings and thoughts. You wonder whether to do what you feel or do what you think. Others are attracted to you, as clearly you are a people-person. Your charisma is high this year, too. If you are single, there is a constant flow of potential suitors. Know that there always are more just around the corner! If you are attached, a newfound intensity emerges, especially if you defer to your sweetie. LEO is proud. Be careful -- do not offend him or her.

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

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



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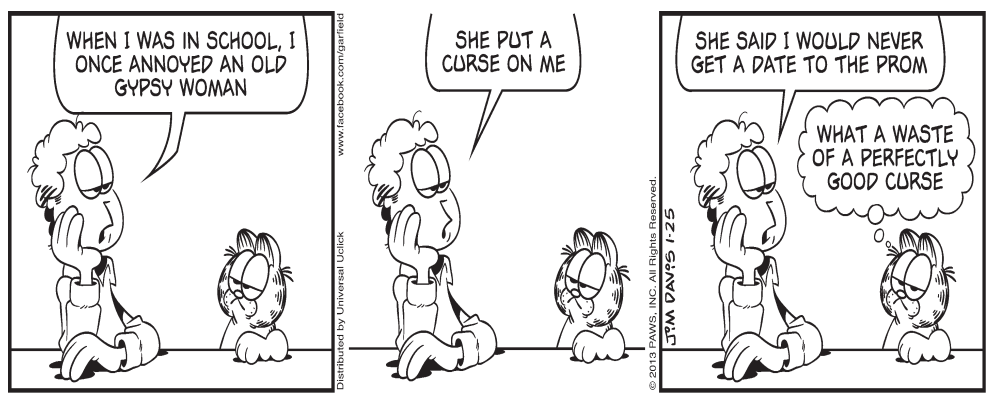
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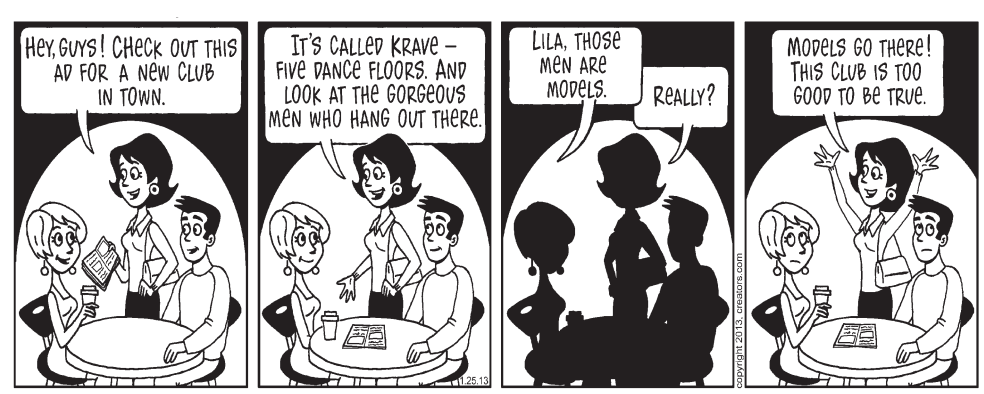
Edge City By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield By Jim Davis



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



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 ★★★★

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

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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.

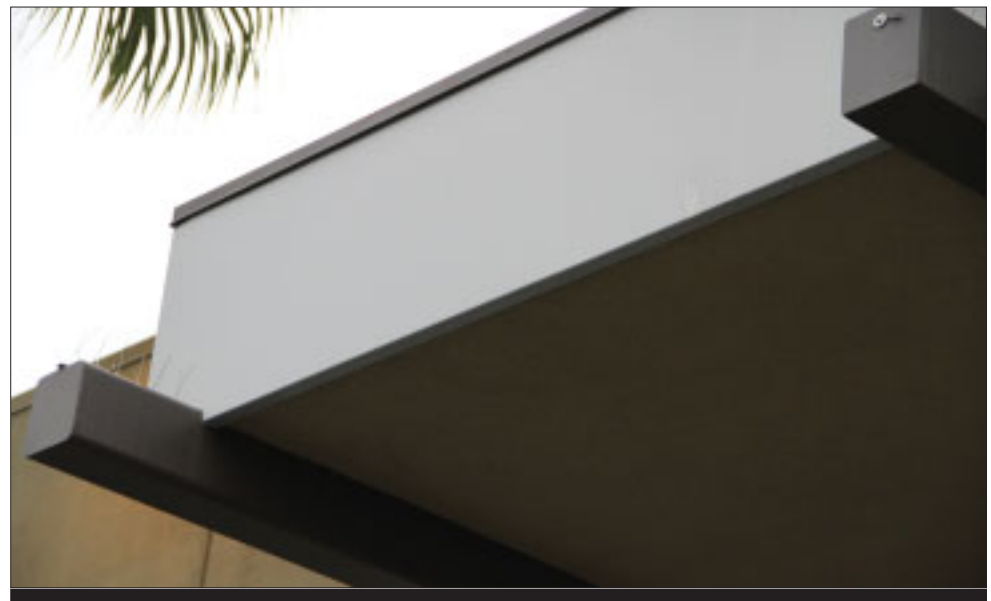
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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9	1	3	4	2	7	5	8	6
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

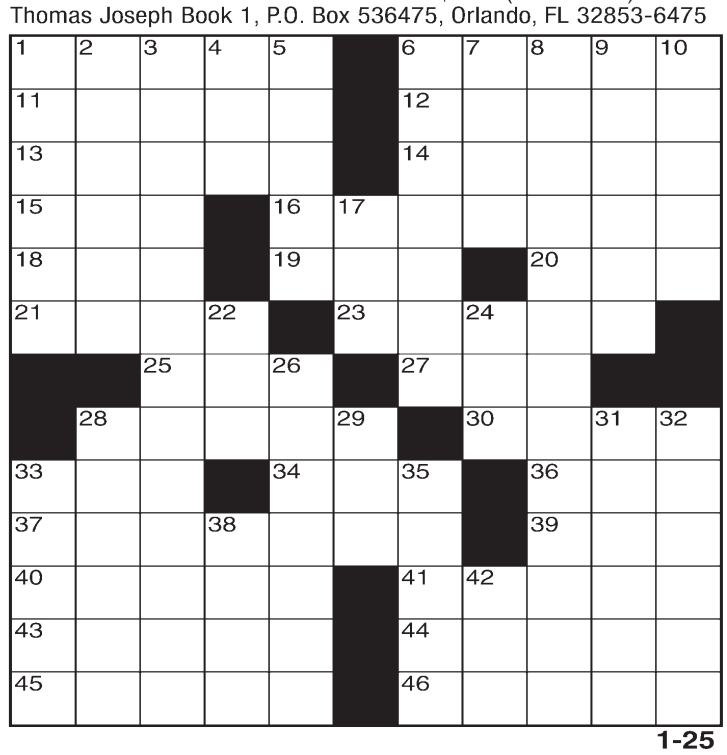
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6 Fighting
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12 Gallows sight
13 Vestige
14 Far from wordy
15 For fun, for short
16 Patted down
18 Invite
19 Decline
20 Messy room
21 Pageantry
23 Ballet costumes
25 Descartes conclusion
27 Some magazine pages
28 Egyptian dam site
30 Relaxing resorts
33 Bow's shape
34 Detective Archer
36 Clean Water Act org.
37 Learned one
39 Pen point
40 Baseball's Satchel
41 Down source
43 Static
44 Reunion girl
45 Casual eateries
46 Flanks

DOWN
1 Snare
2 To a greater extent
3 Evelyn Waugh novel
4 Catchall abbr.
5 Sailing hazards
6 Island near Barbuda
7 Low digits
8 Evelyn Waugh novel
9 Useful skills
10 Slender
17 Informer
22 Pussy foot
24 Six-pt. scores
26 Croquet needs
28 Secret stuff
29 Teachers' org.
31 Individually
32 Buffalo team
33 Jellied dish
35 Small songbirds
38 Beast
42 Clock numeral

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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/24
24 27 28 29 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/24
MIDDAY: 4 3 1
EVENING: 2 7 8

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 1/24
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2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:41.05

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ First-World Crisis (II): Researchers writing in the December issue of the journal Urology reported a "five-fold increase" over 10 years in emergency room visits for accidents caused by pubic-hair "grooming." Unsurprisingly, 83 percent of all injuries appeared to be shaving accidents, but only 56 percent of the patients were women, according to a summary of the research on MedicalXPress.com.

■ Demarco Thomas, 30, was arrested in Tucson, Ariz., in November, as a drug courier for what the Arizona Daily Star called a "local cartel," after Thomas himself had called police the day before. Thomas feared being whacked by the cartel because he had come up $20,000 short in the latest delivery. According to police, Thomas brought money in suitcases from North Carolina to his Tucson contact -- except for a little bit that he had somehow "misplaced." A police search of Thomas revealed almost exactly $20,000 on his person, and Thomas, about to be arrested, allegedly asked officers if they would please write a note to the cartel informing them that police had merely seized the $20,000 -- and not that Thomas had tried to steal it. They declined.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1955 - The Soviet Union ends state of war with Germany.

1960 - The National Association of Broadcasters reacts to the Payola scandal by threatening fines for any disc jockeys who accept money for playing particular records.

1961 - In Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy delivers the first live presidential television news conference.

1981 - Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Zedong, is sentenced to death.

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