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Elected officials call for more transportation spending

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

CALIFORNIA INCLINE Congressional leaders used Santa Monica's California Incline project as a backdrop while advocating for a long-term reinvestment in American infrastructure last week.

Congressman Ted Lieu and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi organized a joint press conference on July 17 to highlight the value of federal investment in infrastructure and criticize Republicans for passing short-term increases rather than a multi-year transportation bill.

"We're going to highlight that the Highway Transportation Fund is going to expire in two weeks," said Lieu. "This fund is so critical for funding infrastructure across America, including California and

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Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

PRESS CONFERENCE: Officials gathered at the California Incline to advocate for more transportation funding.



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SMMUSD striving to close achievement gap

'Not enough is being done' to address issue, panel co-chair says

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Many parents and stakeholders are aware that gulfs in academic performance exist between student groups in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district. Perhaps less well-known, though, is what the administration is doing to eliminate them.

It's a complex problem with no easy solutions, but it's constantly

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At 93, local Clinton fan finds Internet fame

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A video of a 93-year-old man singing an original tune about Hillary Clinton was shared with the presidential candidate's 3.87 million followers on Twitter. It quickly gained traction online, popping up in posts by Time, AOL and The Huffington Post. The video also garnered thousands of views on YouTube.

It's certainly been a thrilling experience for Jerry Rosenblum, a longtime Santa Monica resident and loyal Clinton supporter. But although he's enjoying the spotlight, he's made it clear that he was enamored with the Democratic frontrunner well before he became an Internet sensation.

"I really feel that she is very

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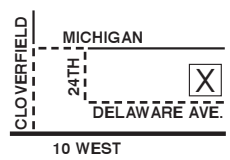
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

July 18

Meet and Greet with Actress/Author Vanessa A. Ryan

Actress and mystery author Vanessa A. Ryan will be signing "A Palette for Murder" at the Santa Monica Barnes & Noble. In the book an insurance claims agent named Lana is drafted to play detective. Although Lana's knowledge of art is limited to the one art history class she took in college, she soon discovers, when art and greed collide, the result is deadly. Stop by to meet the author. 12 p.m.

The Lit Show

In the tenth annual celebration of song and literature Suzy Williams performs songs with lyrics taken from classic literature. You've read the book, now hear the song. This year features new pieces based on works by George Orwell, J.R.R. Tolkien, Jorge Luis Borges, John Kennedy Toole, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd, Venice, $15, 8 p.m., (310) 306-7330 or http://laughtears.com.

Free Compost Giveaway.

Residents have the opportunity to cart away free compost at our Compost Giveaway - a quarterly thank you to residents for your efforts in recycling your yard trimmings. Five burlap sacks will be provided per resident. Please bring gloves and be prepared to scoop your own compost. City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library at the Beach

Grab your towel and sunscreen; Santa Monica Public Library is heading to the beach. Stay tuned for more details. Dorothy Green Park @ the end of Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Verizon Celebration Event

Celebration of Southern California culture with art, music, games, tech. Free to the public. 1300 block of the Promenade, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Seaside Story Time

Catch a wave of stories at SMPL at the Beach. Have fun in the sun at the seaside storytime with special activities for kids. Look for them at the SMPL at the Beach cabana. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

1450 Ocean: Pen & Ink Drawing with Miles Lewis

In this class, students will receive an introduction to traditional and contemporary methods of working with inks on a variety of papers. With different kinds of pens, it will cover the basic range of line-making applications, such as hatching, cross-hatching, and cross-contouring. Students will leave with a deeper idea and practical knowledge about the potential of pen and ink. Cost: $20 + $10 cash material fee to instructor, which includes specialty pen kit. 1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/45621

Ocean Park Pulitzer Prize Book Group

A monthly book discussion group for books that have won the Pulitzer Prize. Meets the third Saturday of the Month. No Registration Required. July and August title: "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (two-part discussion). Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

South Beach Reads Book Discussion

Enjoy an outdoor book discussion on the beach this summer. Meet us at the Santa Monica Public Library Beach Cabana at Dorothy Green Park to discuss "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter, the story of a young Italian innkeeper and his almost-love affair with a beautiful American starlet. 12-1 p.m.

What's the Story? Writing with Stacie Chaiken

Whether you're creating a memoir, screenplay, stage play, one-person show, or even if you have no idea what you want to write, What's the Story? is a great place to figure out what you want to say and how. Bring a page of your writing about something, anything, that means a lot to you. It doesn't have to be "good" so don't sweat it. Cost: $25. 1450 Ocean Ave., 2 - 4:30 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/sa

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HushLA Silent Dance Parties at the Pier

Returning to the Pier on the third Saturdays of the month May-Sept. Top DJ's transmit music to our signature wireless headphones. For more information call 213-465-3123 or visit www.hlpresents.com. 7 - 11:30 p.m.

Guitar class

As seen on PBS, CBS & NBC, "Learn to Play Guitar in a Day," is a 1-day workshop for busy adult who want to learn to play guitar, but don't have time for weekly lessons. At Santa Monica College, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Visit http://commed.smc.edu for more information.

July 19

Mark Miller presents 500 Dates

Author Mark Miller and special guests - online dating expert Julie Spira, media expert Michael Levine, and ukulele chanteuse Janet Klein - present a reading and scene performance, with musical interludes, of his book 500 Dates: Dispatches From the Front Lines of the Online Dating Wars. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Fundraiser for Nepal

Please join organizers to raise funds for Nepal. The Cerny Brothers and Manohar Gurung will provide the music, there will be a silent auction, food and drink and an exhibition of Nepal's Danger Dog art. All proceeds will be donated to two charities that are providing shelter and water filtration for Nepal. Suggested donation: $20. C. Nichols Project gallery, 12613 1/2 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles. 3 to 6 p.m.

Record release party

Join organizers to celebrate the release of Randi Cee's first EP. Eat, drink and be merry with Speakeasy Jazz player live by Randi Cee and The Speakeasys. Celebrate the release of the record in pure speakeasy fashion with hot live jazz that is sometimes naughty but always nice. Areal Restaurant, 2820 Main Street.

Shark Sundays

Shark Sundays are a favorite weekly feature at the Aquarium. At 3:30 p.m. every Sunday, you can watch and listen to an informative presentation about these often misunderstood animals while our horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Everyone is invited to make a fun shark craft project to take home. Kids 12 and under are free; all others: $5 per person; groups of 10 or more: $3 per person, regardless of age. Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk.

July 20

Redesign Your Concert T-Shirt

BYO t-shirt and transform it into something new. For grades 6-12. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Swazzle's Puppet Show @ Main

In Swazzle's "Superconductor- An Adventure Through Music", Superconductor saves Melody, Harmony and Rhythm from the clutches of an evil villain. Ages 4 and up. Free tickets will be available at 2pm outside the MLK, Jr. Auditorium. Main Library Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Movie Screening: The Soloist (2013)

Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr. star in this movie film about a journalist tracking the story of an extraordinarily talented musician, struggling with homelessness and battling the demons of schizophrenia. Based on the book by "Los Angeles Times" writer Steve Lopez. (117 min). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards/

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. City Hall Counsel Chamber, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards/

Main Library Book Group

This book group, which is open to all, features an eclectic selection of literary fiction and nonfiction. The July 2015 book being discussed is No Stopping Train by Les Plesko. Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Letter from Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community

Editor:

In his May 28th Letter to the Editor, Dennis R. Malm requested that the Big Blue Bus reinstate their monthly trips which were popular with the senior community. As the Chair of the City's Commission for the Senior Community, I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about the various transportation options that are currently available for older adults in Santa Monica.

If, like Mr. Malm, you are looking for fun and educational trips, WISE & Healthy Aging offers excursions every month. A sample of upcoming trips includes: the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, the California Science Center, Huntington Gardens, and the LA County Fair. The travel costs for these trip vary, and you will need to pay the venue admission and meals, but the trips are very affordable and some are even free to Dial-A-Ride members.

What's Dial-A-Ride, you might ask? Dial-A-Ride is a shared ride service offered by the City, the Big Blue Bus and WISE & Healthy Aging seven days a week. Dial-A-Ride will take you anywhere in Santa Monica, and to some destinations outside of the City (e.g., UCLA Medical Center) for only fifty cents each way. In addition, Monday through Friday you can request a free ride attendant to give you a little extra help getting to and from your door to the van, or from the van to your destination. Attendants can even help you carry your bags!

Dial-A-Ride also sponsors after-hours group outings to local restaurants, attractions and movies for fifty cents each way plus your meal or admission; and after-hours taxi rides for $3 each way are available to any destination in Santa Monica for residents over 70 years of age; and to City-sponsored events for those under 70.

To find out more about all of the travel and transportation services offered by WISE & Healthy Aging, and to become a Dial-A-Ride member, please call (310) 394-9871 x455.

And let's not forget about the Big Blue Bus. You can go to fun destinations such as Olvera Street and Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles using BBB's Rapid 10. Or take Route 3 to Marina Del Rey, or one of eight different routes to UCLA on Big Blue Bus any day of the week. Get a group of friends together and make a group trip of your own. Regular fares are one dollar and half for adults 62 and over.

And finally, I'd like to invite Santa Monica residents to learn more about the Commission for the Senior Community and other programs for older adults by visiting our website at: www.smgov.net/seniors, or by attending one of our meetings, the third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center 1527 4th Street.

Paula Fern

Chair, Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community

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City of Santa Monica

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **C-10 or B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Common Ground in Our City

RICK COLE, SANTA MONICA'S NEW CITY manager, has suggested that despite the vigorous and sometimes acrimonious political debate in our city, residents may actually share common ground on many issues. Putting the focus on issues on which there is broad agreement can be a way to bring the city together successfully, and accomplish things that residents really want.

Here are several items on which we feel there is broad-based support in the community. In no particular order:

1. A Green city. Most of the city's residents are keenly interested in making the city environmentally more sustainable, healthier to live in, and more attuned to our environmental realities. Examples abound, but one is the strong interest in the city's urban forest. Several years ago the city experienced strong conflict when much of the downtown urban forest was earmarked for destruction. Over 10,000 residents became involved in the effort to preserve the city's trees, and the result is an active Urban Forest Task Force, and significant attention paid by otherwise less-involved citizens to the health and presence of trees in their neighborhoods and throughout the city.

There is much interest in alternative transportation as well, as has been seen with the great increase in bicycle ridership. The spectrum of interest ranges from bicycles, to electric automobiles, to public transit. Stop a person on the street to discuss any of these items and you'll get an earful.

Other concerns about sustainability are crucially important too. The water shortage, for example, has made waves, of course, affecting many dinner-time discussions throughout the city. These are just a few examples, out of many, indicating residents' intense interest in the city's sustainability.

2. Solving (or lessening) the traffic problem. This years-long issue is probably the most widespread source of complaints, debates and arguments in the city. There's hardly a conversation where traffic is not brought up in one form or another, linking separate issues together under the common umbrella of oppressive traffic's impact on residents' lives. Traffic has affected the city's development plans, it is a factor in the arguments about the airport, and it even causes disagreement about solutions to the drought.

Differing views about how to fix traffic problems have led to the creation of political groupings - and indeed parties - with increasingly intense animosity on display. Bring together residents who are diametrically opposed on development issues to a conversation about traffic, and they will all express intense frustration, each from their respective corners. In many cases, the conversations about rents, development, sustainability and housing justice are really arguments about traffic. Alleviate the root causes of the traffic problem (including, not the least, the grossly inadequate public transportation system within the city) and much of the quarreling will fade.

3. Affordable housing. A core motivating principle with Santa Monica for Renters' Rights, and a widely-held core value among large segments of the city's residents, if not their overwhelming majority. Affordable housing is seen as a fundamental tool in helping to solve social and economic inequities. How affordable such housing might be, who is to subsidize and fund the construction of affordable housing, who gets to live in this housing, how much of this housing to provide-these are the subject of many disputes throughout the city. But there is little argument that providing affordable housing is an important part of this city's social and economic commitment, and a central feature of the city's identity.

4. Responsive and transparent government. Nobody who has visited the city after a long absence would dispute the observation that Santa Monica has grown dramatically. The city's permanent population has increased modestly, certainly, but the daytime population has zoomed to unprecedented levels, and so has the city's budget. What many people still think of as a small town by the beach has grown to be a city, with a city's finances, problems and challenges.

The city's government structure, however, has been sorely tested in the transition from a small town to a small city. In the past, personal relationships between members of city government, residents and businesses were key features of an unspoken social and economic contract in the city. But more recently, this same approach has become vulnerable to misunderstandings, inappropriate acts and poor governance. Recent scandals, such as the Elizabeth Riel matter, and alleged violations of the Oaks Initiative ordinance by the former City Manager and a sitting member of City Council have riveted much public attention on faults and fissures in the city's government and its actions.

Many people gloss over the government improvements that have, nonetheless, occurred in recent years. This writer remembers vividly one example from 2007, when - during the public comment period at a City Council meeting - he was rudely shut down in mid-sentence by the then-mayor while responding to a question by another council member. Many residents also remember when companies owned by members of City Council were routinely selected to fulfill lucrative contracts with the city. Those days are gone. But the interest in clean government, free of conflicts of interest remains intense, and even heightened by recent scandals.

An increasing number of community discussions have focused recently on moving the city toward a more fiscally-responsible and transparent government structure, with fail-safe institutional tripwire mechanisms (such as an independent ombudsperson position accountable to City Council). Efforts to promote these values would not only bolster the city's progressive principles in a real and tangible way, but would enjoy widespread support among residents.

These are just a few of the issues on which there is, in our view, broad agreement in the community. There are others, of course, including education, assistance to the homeless, housing for younger folks, and many others. For all of these, the devil (and the focus of widespread disagreements) is in the pesky details. But broad agreement on overall goals provides a tantalizing glimpse of opportunities waiting, like ripe fruit, to be picked.

Daniel Jansenson, architect, for SMa.r.t. (Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Motorcycle Safety Enforcement

In an effort to reduce deaths and injuries, the Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on Sunday, July 19 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Extra traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle collisions are prevalent. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle accidents. Their efforts will focus on drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, and engaging in unsafe and/or hazardous behavior.

Motorcycle fatalities saw a sharp drop of 37 percent from years 2008 to 2010, but the trend reversed by 2012 with a marked 23 percent increase. Operations like this are aimed at curbing and reversing the upswing in motorcycle deaths.

California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved collisions include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs by both riders and drivers alike.

SAFETY TIPS FOR RIDERS -

Ride with lights on during daylight hours, use your lane position to increase visibility; change lanes only when there is ample room, match your speed to surrounding traffic, always wear a DOT compliant helmet and brightly colored, protective clothing.

SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS -

Look twice for motorcyclists, especially when entering the roadway, turning or changing lanes, motorcyclist are allowed in HOV lanes unless prohibited by signage

Riders are urged to get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at www.californiamotorcyclist.com/ or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely "sharing the road."

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Citywide

Tax Board targeting nonfilers

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is sending letters to more than 46,000 California businesses that have not filed their 2013 state income tax returns as a first step to recovering unpaid taxes.

According to the FTB, there are 306 business nonfilers in Santa

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON JULY 6, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 P.M.

Officers responded to assist fellow officers whom were involved in a foot pursuit of multiple robbery suspects in the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue. According to the officers, the victim was walking near Appian Way and Seaside Terrace when he was approached by three male subjects. The victim had earphones on and removed them because he believed they were asking him a question, at which point the subjects began to punch the victim all over his body and tried to remove his computer shoulder bag. After a brief struggle, the subjects proceeded to run away when they were unable to remove the victim's bag.

The victim was unable to fully identify all victims, as he stated that the incident happened so quickly, yet he did remember general information and the specific brand and design of the sandals one of the subjects wore. Assisting officers detained all three subjects. Booked for robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime and resisting arrest were Deondre Collins, 23 of Los Angeles, Christopher Jones, 21 of Los Angeles and a minor that was cited and released. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 363 calls for service on July 16.

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

Prowler 1000 block of Hill 12:21 a.m.
Party complaint 400 block of 21st 1:03 a.m.
Drunk driving 2000 block of Wilshire 1:48 a.m.
Hit and run 2300 block of Kansas 6:25 a.m.
Construction noise 2500 block of 26th 7:36 a.m.
Burglary 1800 block of 20th 8:25 a.m.
Hit and run Stewart/Delaware 8:37 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of 16th 8:41 a.m.
Bomb threat 1500 block of Ocean 9:19 a.m.
Person down Main/Bay 9:25 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 2000 block of Cloverfield 9:47 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 900 block of 21st 10:45 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1400 block of 25th 10:52 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 4th 10:56 a.m.
Speeding 4th/broadway 12 p.m.
Drinking in public 17th/Alta 12:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 4th 12:52 p.m.
Vandalism 1900 block of 17th 12:57 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block of Santa Monica 1:13 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block of 17th 1:39 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block of 4th 2:45 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 4th 3:07 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service on July 16.

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

EMS 2600 block of 26th 3:35 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 29th 5:13 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 6:09 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Santa Monica 9:08 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Main 9:24 a.m.
Assist pd with IED 1500 block of Ocean 9:35 a.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Franklin 10:11 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of California 10:23 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 10:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block of Ocean 11:01 a.m.

BRIEFS
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Monica. Due to confidentially laws, the names of individual businesses are not available.

Business taxpayers filed 1.7 million tax returns for the 2013 tax year. Each year FTB reviews more than 5 million income records received from the IRS, the State Employment Development Department, the State Board of Equalization, financial institutions, and other businesses. FTB then matches this information against its tax records to identify nonfilers.

Last fiscal year, FTB collected approximately $36 million from businesses that initially failed to file tax returns.

FTB gives business nonfilers 30 days to file a tax return or show why one is not required. Businesses that disregard the letter will get a tax assessment based on income and other information reported to FTB. The tax assessment includes interest, fees, and penalties.

For more information go to ftb.ca.gov. Search for: Demand for Return. Select: Respond to request or demand for tax return. Businesses can request more time to respond, get information to help file a return, sign up to receive an email reminder to file, and more. Information is also available by phone at 866.204.7902.

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GAP

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on the minds of the members of the district's advisory committee on intercultural equity and excellence.

"We're dealing with issues of trying to help the district in closing the achievement gap," committee co-chair Gary Avrech said. "A lot of us feel not enough is being done or that many things are being done but the fruits of that work are not making enough of an impact. And we're not closing the achievement gap at a pace the community is hoping for."

Avrech's comments came last month during a presentation to the Board of Education, which heard brief updates from several district committees. Further discussions are expected in the coming weeks, and the school board plans to approve the various panels' 2015-16 goals by October.

Closing the achievement gap is one of Supt. Sandra Lyon's stated priorities for the upcoming school year.

"As we continue to work toward that goal," she wrote in a letter to stakeholders, "this year we also dig deeper in our work to eliminate access and equity gaps across our district."

The equity committee, helmed by Avrech and co-chair Ericka Lesley, is charged with identifying and striving to eliminate inequalities in educational outcomes in the district.

The committee's meetings are breeding grounds for ideas about how to meet the needs of the district's diverse student and parent populations.

The panel then makes recommendations to the board on how to improve intercultural relations in the district and "facilitate the building of bridges of understanding ... so that all groups feel connected to and part of the school community," according to the SMMUSD website.

The committee draws from a wide swath of area organizations, including the local chapter of the NAACP, the area Human Relations Council, the Committee for Racial Justice, Santa Monica Bahai Center and Church in Ocean Park. Lesley, for one, has been working on a project to get students involved in community conversations with the help of the Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute.

In addition to supporting the district's upcoming work with scholar Pedro Noguera and passing a resolution to recommend that the school board fully fund the Village Nation program at Santa Monica High School in 2015-16, Avrech's panel this year explored solutions through subcommittees on engagement, male youth of color and global citizenship.

This spring, the engagement committee convened community conversations with parents of African-American and Latino students in the district.

The subcommittee on minority male students set out to survey students, teachers and administrators at the district's middle and high schools to get their perspectives on issues of gender, ethnicity and education. The project is ongoing.

Meanwhile, the global citizenship committee aimed to ease tensions among students and improve cultural proficiency among teachers by working to expand Samohi's ethnic studies program.

"The focus on where the problem is, the achievement gap, needs some dramatic attention," Avrech said. "Incremental recommendations that we've seen over many years just don't bear a lot of fruit. ... In the next year, we're hoping to work together to make more dramatic changes and help SMMUSD close the achievement gap."

Conversations about achievement gaps in the district come amid flaring racial strife across the country following a spate of incidents, including the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin by neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman in Florida, the fatal shooting of robbery suspect Michael Brown by Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson, the death of Eric Garner in New York and the Charleston church shooting that left nine dead.

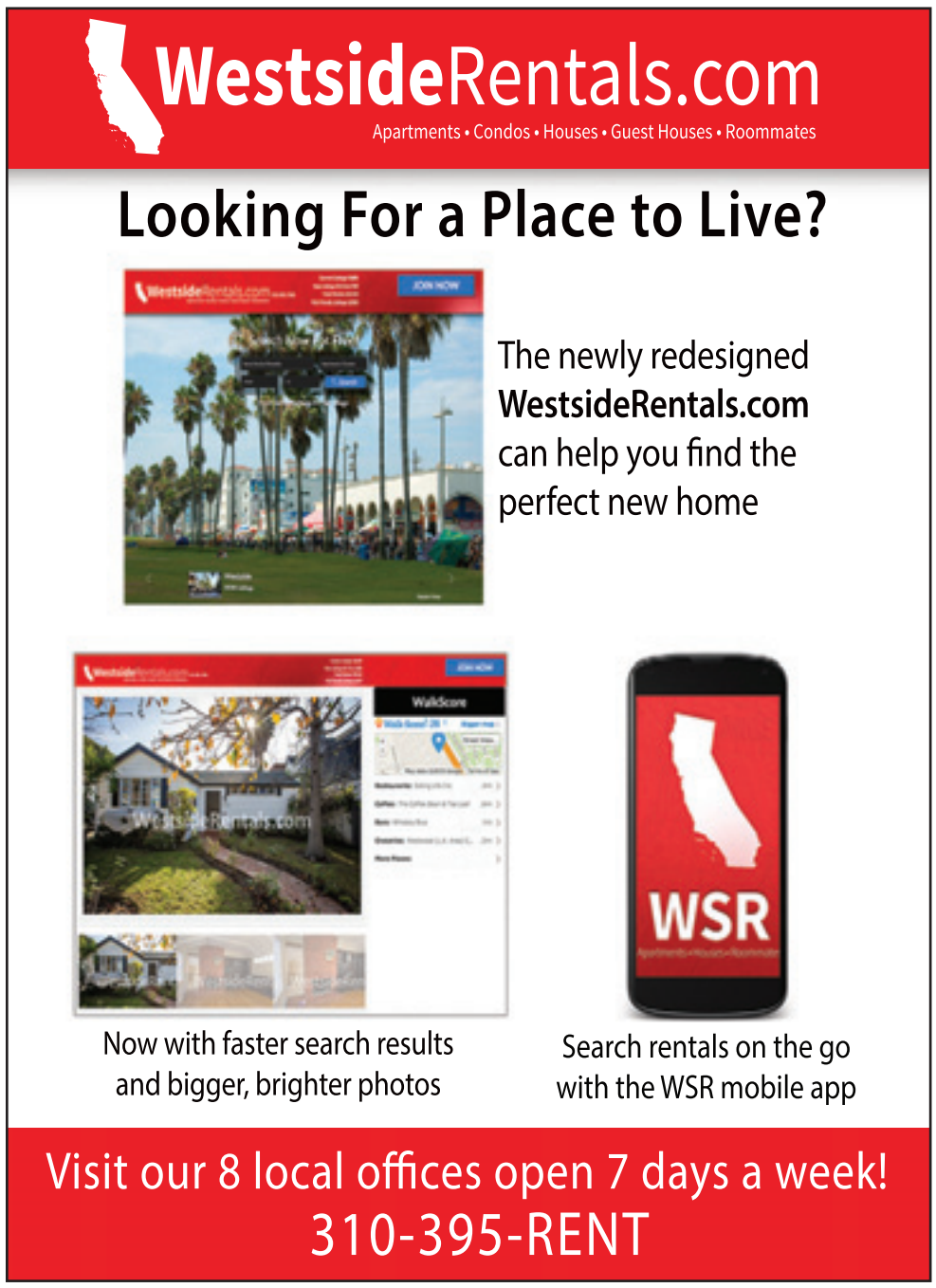
Avrech said it irks him to hear people respond to the "Black lives matter" refrain with the declaration that all lives matter.

"When there's a house on fire, it's not enough to say that all these houses matter," he said. "Sometimes, you've gotta put out the fire."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS

City of Santa Monica

On **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015, 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 2015-16 fiscal year. Stormwater Management Fees 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 2015-16 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.

YOUTUBE

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qualified to lead the country, no question about it," he said. "When I look at the other candidates, they don't hold a candle. When she starts really campaigning, people will hear what she has to say. You'll be amazed how well she'll handle herself under pressure."

His conviction about Clinton is seemingly matched only by his youthful energy, quick wit and encyclopedic memory. An artful storyteller, Rosenblum has more vivacity than one might expect from someone who was born during the Warren Harding administration.

The source of his recent fame is the 73-second video he recorded at the encouragement of Katie Miller, a regular volunteer at the Silvercrest Senior Citizens Residence where Rosenblum lives.

"Don't dilly-dally, let's all start a rally, don't hesitate," he sings in the jingle. "She's the one you should choose. No one else can fill her shoes. Give her your vote and you won't sing the blues. So go to the polls, and do as you're told, and vote for Hillary."

SWELLING SUPPORT

Rosenblum first saw Clinton's potential when her husband, former President Bill Clinton, gained prominence as a politician, and his support grew stronger after he read her two autobiographies, 2003's "Living History" and last year's "Hard Choices."

He was gung-ho about Clinton in 2008, though he was impressed enough by challenger Barack Obama that he wasn't upset when the latter won the Democratic nomination en route to the White House. (At the time, he amended the lyrics of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to create a Clinton campaign song.)

Then, about a year ago, Rosenblum learned that Clinton would be signing copies of her memories at The Grove in Los Angeles.

"I thought I better get down there early in the morning, otherwise I'll be 500th in line, and who wants that?" he said. "I get up very early that morning and ended up at The Grove at 7 o'clock in the morning. I start to walk to the Barnes & Noble and I see people standing in line. I realize the line stretches around the corner. I was 500th in line! I thought, 'What am I doing?' Then I thought, 'What the heck, I'm here already.'"

Rosenblum waited for hours for a chance to meet the former Secretary of State.

He said that when he reached Clinton he told her, "When I got in line I was a young man," drawing a big laugh.

SELLING POINTS

Born in Brooklyn, Rosenblum came to Southern California in 1963 at the recommendation of a doctor who said the mild climate would be better for his mother than the cold winters of New York.

Rosenblum lined up a job as a manager at the Harris & Frank clothing store in the Miracle Mile area of Los Angeles. He said he boosted business by cold-calling people in nearby offices and offering to press their suits or sew on loose buttons.

"Nobody ever did that before," he said of the promotions.

His success led the company to transfer him to its store on Third Street in Santa Monica. He said the ensuing increase in sales caught the attention of Maurice Mandel, an executive at the rival Mullen and Bluett clothing chain. Rosenblum ended up working for the rival.

Rosenblum moved to Santa Monica in 1971, he realized how much he liked the area while working here, and he's called the bayside city home ever since.

He's made something of a name for himself as a singer on the local senior circuit, an unexpected turn of events considering he had never done any real singing outside of the shower until he was 69.

One day he was asked to fill another singer's vacancy at a local senior center where his mother spent time, and it was there that others took notice.

So Rosenblum learned more tunes, Frank Sinatra's "My Way" and "It Was a Very Good Year" are firmly in his wheelhouse, and has since delighted audiences around town.

"The more I sang, the more confidence I got in myself," he said. "Now, when I go on a cruise, I always get into the karaoke contest, and I've won four of them. ...

"People say, 'What was the best time of your life?' and I tell them, 'Right now!' I feel like I'm on vacation every day."

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PELOSI

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we know our roads, bridges and highways form the spine of the American economy and we need to invest in America and to rebuild/renew our infrastructure and in doing so we'll have some significant benefits."

The current bill authorizing transportation and infrastructure work will expire on July 31. The House voted for a short-term extension to the bill on July 15 that will keep money flowing through December but Pelosi said the nation needs the stability of a five-or-six year bill. President Barack Obama has proposed a $478 billion, six-year bill but disagreement over financing has stalled any progress.

Democrats have proposed increasing the federal gas tax to help pay for long-term transportation funding and while Pelosi said she supported a gas tax, Republicans have staunchly opposed the idea. At the July 17 event, Pelosi and Lieu said money could be found to pay for projects if Congress put an end to corporate tax loopholes.

Local officials present at the press conference said Santa Monica was benefiting from federal money.

Mayor Kevin McKeown said projects like the Incline create jobs at the local level.

"This California incline project, which I'm standing in front of right now, is a perfect example of how federal dollars work at the local level. They make necessary improvements in our roadways possible," he said.

The project includes demolition of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge. The new structure will include a wider sidewalk and bicycle lanes with a safer, more seismically sound roadway.

Pelosi said construction work was a means of carrying the nation forward.

"Mr. Mayor, honored to be here with you," said Pelosi. "I identify with you with the beauty of the back drop. Not only is the backdrop the Pacific Ocean and some construction work, it's a look at the future."

Of the approximately $18 million it will take to rebuild the roadway, 88.5 percent is paid for under the federal Highway Bridge Program.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl praised the partnership necessary to undertake large-scale construction projects.

"There are six different jurisdictions that overlook that highway just from the tunnel up to the Ventura county line," she said. "And unless we all work together, we weren't going to get anything done."

Also present at the event were Executive Secretary of LA/OC Building Ron Miller, trades, CEO of METRO Phillip Washington and Executive Secretary - Treasurer of LA County Federation of Labor Rusty Hicks.

All three highlighted the importance of construction projects to the local economy and said the kind of stable construction work made possible through federal dollars is important to middle class families.

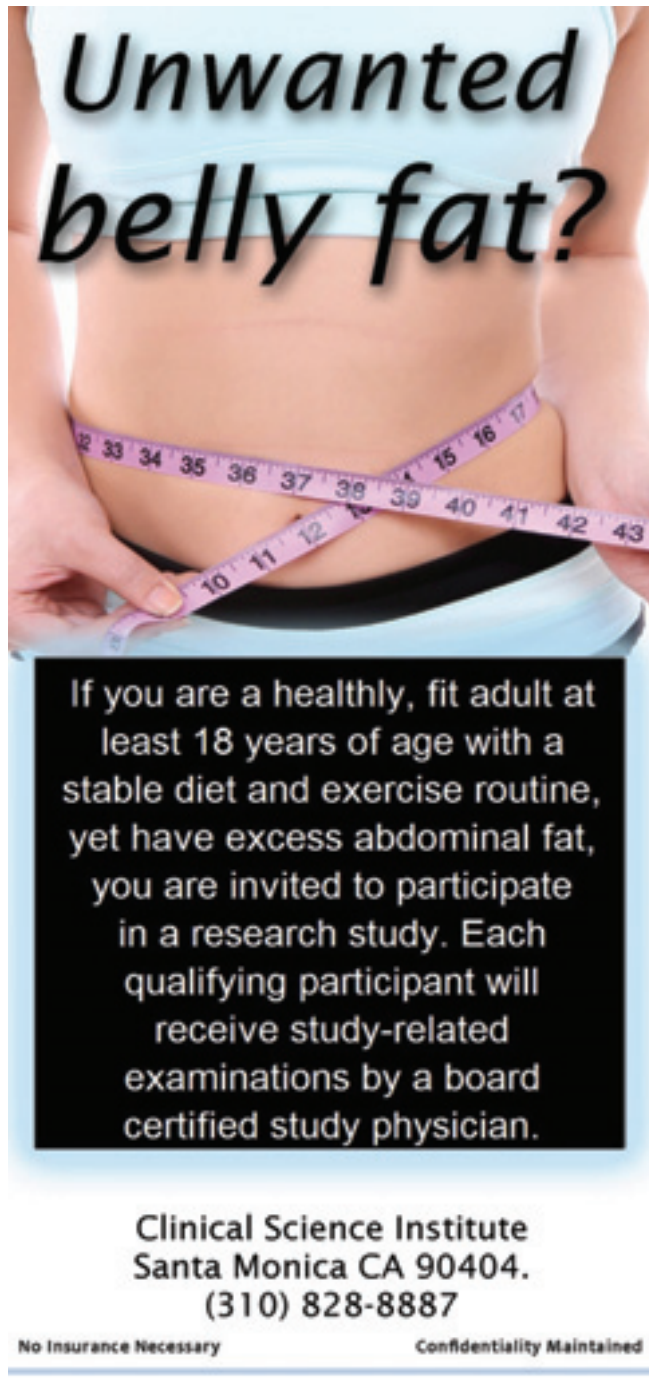
Washington said the perpetual short-term extensions were an affront to the nation.

"Our infrastructure forefathers are turning over in their graves, we must have a long-term transportation reauthorization bill and we've got to have it now," he said.

He said that after a 25 year military career, he wanted to see America reinvest at home.

"I want to see some nation building in this country, nation building where we're repairing our bridges, fixing our transit system, creating jobs for our citizens, we need some nation building here in our country."

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.6°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
SLOW EARLY - steep-angled SE swell from Dolores to build with size 4-5' late - more tucked away/ sheltered breaks in Santa Monica Bay have less size. Small mix of NW windswell and S/SW swells.

SUNDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6ft
Steep-angled SSE swell from Dolores to build further and peak - more tucked away/ sheltered breaks in Santa Monica Bay have less size.

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft
SSE/S swell from Dolores continues, easing through the afternoon - more tucked away/ sheltered breaks have less size.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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

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Chris was a tireless advocate of women's rights and invested a significant amount of her own resources and time into supporting women's causes locally. She will be sorely missed by all of the women she assisted in empowering themselves and in bettering women's living conditions whether in the greater LA area or overseas through her development work.

Chris was fiercely loyal to those who knew her and, through her training as a social psychologist, had a great capacity to listen and empathize with those who might hold opposing views and always kept an open mind and open heart to those in need. Chris greatest passion outside her women's development work was her love of the ocean in which she and found great solace in its many graces and moods. She also enjoyed diverse sporting activities including hiking, cycling, swimming, golf, tennis and martial arts training. Chris had fond memories of her many international working tours, vacations by the water as well as time spent in Santa Monica and all along the California coast.

Chris lived her life with a simple philosophy: if we all take the time every day to apply the actions of laughing, thinking, and loving our lives and the lives of others within our sphere of influence will be a better place…

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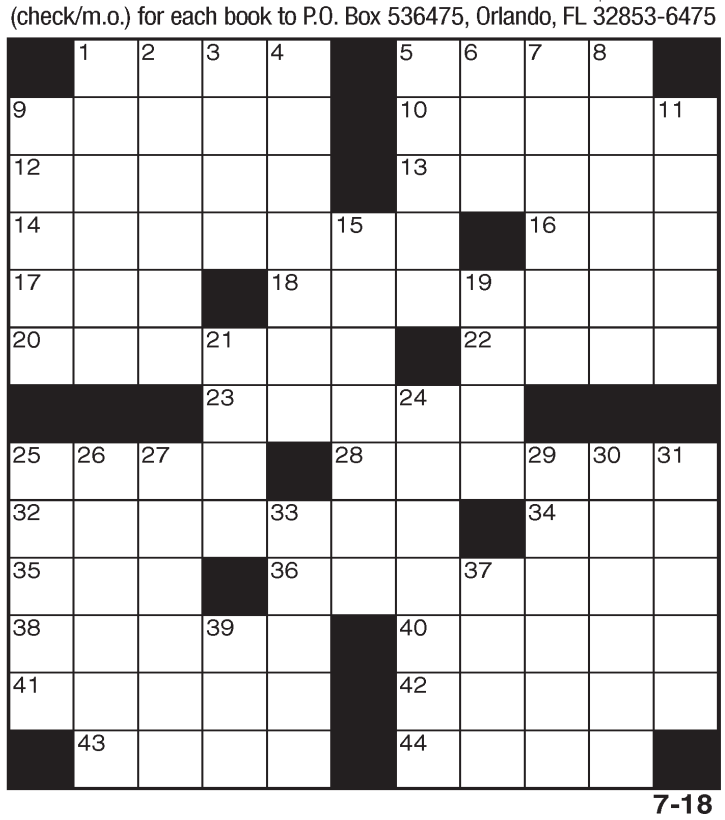
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19 Good opponent
21 "Frozen" princess
24 Long-standing
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26 "The Iceman Cometh" author
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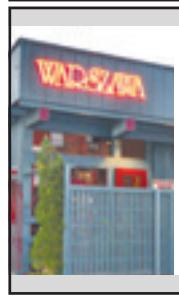
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	3	2	5	1	8	4	9	7
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WORD UP!

fogdog
1. a bright spot sometimes seen in a fog bank.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1992 – The ten victims of the La Cantuta massacre disappear from their university in Lima.

1994 – The bombing of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (Argentine Jewish Community Center) in Buenos Aires kills 85 people (mostly Jewish) and injures 300.

1994 – Rwandan Genocide: The Rwandan Patriotic Front takes control of Gisenyi and north western Rwanda, forcing the interim government into Zaire and ending the genocide.

1995 – On the Caribbean island of Montserrat, the Soufrière Hills volcano erupts. Over the course of several years, it devastates the island, destroying the capital and forcing most of the population to flee.

1995 – Dreaming of You by Selena, released posthumously, became the best-selling Latin album in the United States. It was noted by Billboard magazine as a "historic event" for Latin music.

1996 – Storms provoke severe flooding on the Saguenay River, beginning one of Quebec's costliest natural disasters ever: the Saguenay Flood.

1996 – Battle of Mullaitivu: the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam capture the Sri Lanka Army's base, killing over 1200 soldiers.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Esteban Rocha, 51, was arrested in June in Placerville, California, and charged with exposing himself to a woman -- about 25 minutes after Rocha had left the Placerville Police Department, where he had dutifully gone to register his location so that police could keep track of him.

■ (1) While a custom fitting is being prepared, Alyeska Pipeline is "servicing" a leak in the trans-Alaska Pipeline by sending an employee twice a day in June to mop up the oil with rags. (2) A man was spotted and photographed on a riverbank in Nanyang, China, carefully (and oblivious to onlookers) bathing his inflatable doll. (3) In May, at the very moment police in Akron, Ohio, had begun (with a warrant) searching the home of Andrew Palmer, 46, for evidence of drug-dealing, a UPS driver appeared at the door to make a routine delivery -- of four pounds of marijuana.

■ Fine Points of the Law: Things looked grim for Carlos Simon-Timmerman, arrested by U.S. border agents in Puerto Rico for bringing a child-sex video home from a holiday in Mexico. The star of "Little Lupe the Innocent" looked very young, and federal prosecutors in April (2010) called an "expert witness" pediatrician, who assured the jury, based on the girl's underdevelopment, that she was a minor. However, Simon-Timmerman's lawyer had located "Lupe" via her website, and she cheerfully agreed to fly in from her home in Spain with her passport and other documents to prove, at a dramatic point in the trial, that she was 19 (and "legal") when the video was made. Simon-Timmerman was acquitted.

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Every Weekend, 'Claudia's Corner' shows kids how to rock their world

Learn to walk with giants

By Megan Tambio

We all know nature is important. Trees are pretty much the bees' knees. We also know that LA County isn't exactly the most green place to find shade beneath them.

That's why The Urban Youth Wilderness Experience promotes agricultural knowledge while giving teens and young adults (16- to 24-year-olds) new opportunities. The job training program will take participants to Sequoia National Park from July 21-26 and again from August 18- 23.



As part of the North East Trees' Youth Environmental Stewardship program, the Wilderness Experience offers participants a chance to learn in-depth about what goes into taking care of our National Parks from the rangers themselves. It also teaches team-building and leadership skills.



"The service projects were really cool because we did hands-on things," Savannah Gamboa said of her experience in the program. "All the [rangers] come together to make the forest what it is."

To learn more about the Urban Youth Wilderness Experience, as well as other ways to get involved with North East Trees, visit www.northeasttrees.org.

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Zero in on what you want, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll express the spirit of your sign as you get going today. No matter what activity you choose to participate in, you will be among friends. You are likely to come up with an unusual suggestion. Go out and make the most of this summer day. Tonight: Slow down a little.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A domestic matter could be weighing heavily on you. You'll want to clear up a misunderstanding before you head out to visit with a family member. Make yourself No. 1 for a day. A flirty friend suddenly might appear. Tonight: Add that special touch wherever you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Call others and swap news. You might want to adapt your plans when you hear what a friend is up to. Recognize that you have a limited amount of energy and time. Spending time with a close friend is also a priority. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to do some shopping that you have been putting off. Catch up on a friend's news, and you'll lighten up. Accept an invitation that might not be exactly what you want to do. You could surprise yourself and have a great time. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ People seem to know when you enter a room without even looking. It is as if your energy flows in ahead of you! Opportunities emerge from your ability to draw others out. You could get fussy later in the day. Consider heading home early. Tonight: Make it your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Make today just for you. Whether you schedule a massage or get together with a favorite person, it makes no difference. Start taking better care of yourself, and you will feel the difference by the end of the day. Tonight: Wherever you are, you attract others like a magnet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others will pick up on your high energy and strong sense of commitment. You will experience success, and you'll act like a winner. Others respond to you accordingly. Take some personal time later in the afternoon. Tonight: A loved one knocks on your door.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might not be able to join friends just yet, as you have to handle a professional or personal responsibility first. A parent could make a request that you feel you must handle. By the end of the day, you'll want some downtime. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you need to take off for a short trip. A different environment seems to be just what you need to relax. In a different setting, you will be able to be completely spontaneous. You'll feel like a different person by the end of the day. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be questioning whether you want to spend one-on-one time with a loved one all day. Go along with this person's wish. The time will come when you will be able to ask for a favor from this person and receive it. Tonight: Go to a play or concert. Be entertained.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seem to be very busy, though you will be invited to join in. You might opt to go your own way and visit with a friend whom you often can be found laughing with. You'll act in a most unexpected manner and add some fun to the moment. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You seem to have a lot on your plate right now. You might prefer that no one bother you so that you can complete your to-do list for the day. You can successfully arrive at the goal, especially if you screen your calls. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

Weekend Edition, July 18-19, 2015

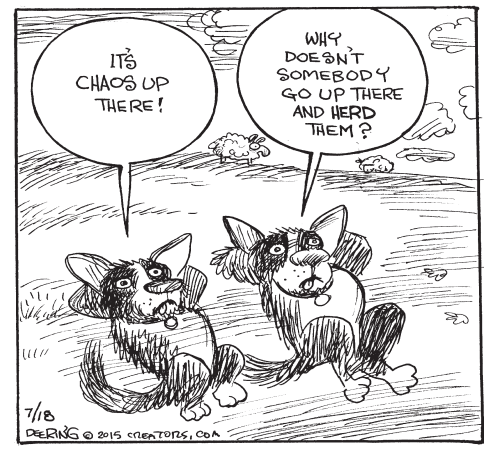
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you live your life more fully. You are likely to receive a pay raise or some kind of promotion. For some of you, financial investments will pay off. Be careful, as you might go through a high spending period. If you are single, you could be rather chatty when relating to a potential suitor, but that will be critical in getting to know this person. As a result, you will want to take your time dating. If you are attached, you might need to curb your sarcasm. Love and accept the one you are with. VIRGO is even more critical than you are.

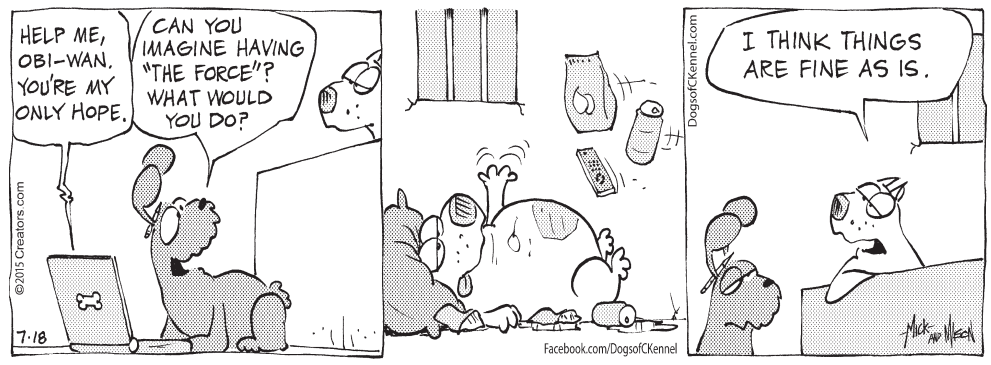
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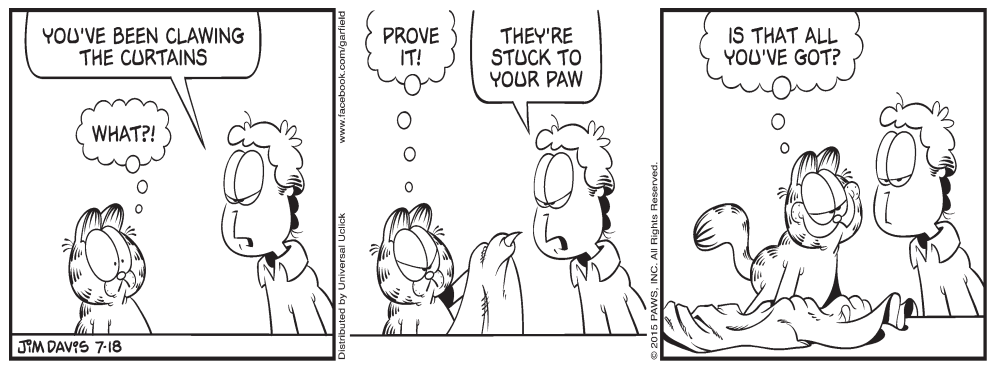
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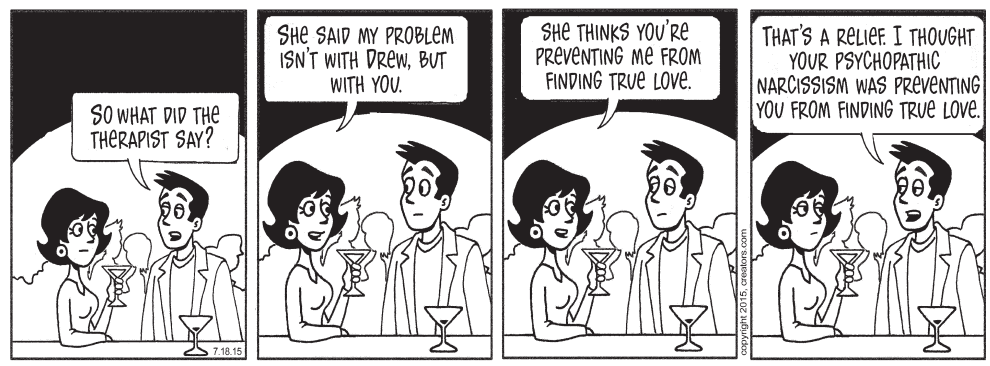
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Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Late July 2015

		Average Price	# of Listings
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$5,385,750	4
North of Montana	=	$6,016,857	21
North of Wilshire	=	$3,041,250	4
South of Wilshire	=	$2,649,500	2
Sunset Park	=	$1,936,891	11
Ocean Park	=	$2,774,000	2

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