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PROCESSION

Photo courtesy Ray Solano

Church members walked in a procession from Virginia Avenue Park to Saint Anne's Church to celebrate the Festivities of Saint Anne's last week. The procession includes various saints including Saint Monica, Our Lady of Solitude and Señor de Tlacolula of Oaxaca. The feast begins every Sunday prior to July 26. The Santa Monica Police provided escort to St. Anne's on Sunday afternoon.

Airport closure discussion returning Aug. 23

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Hall is reiterating its long-standing and repeated desire to close the Santa Monica Airport.

Council will discuss formalizing their intent to close the airport in August following a request this week from Mayor Tony Vazquez and Mayor Pro Tem Ted Winterer that a specific discussion be added to a future agenda.

In order to take formal action on any topic, that item must be added to a council agenda with

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Why SMMUSD hired two interim leaders

Co-superintendents in place through calendar year

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The leadership change in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district didn't seem to come at an opportune time.

Sandra Lyon left her post as superintendent amid a period of transition and challenge in SMMUSD, which is facing litigation over chemical testing in Malibu and exploring a possible splitting of the district as it upgrades facilities with bond money and attempts to close long-

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TSM alum crosses Catalina Channel

Local swimmer completes oceanic journey in just over 11 hours

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

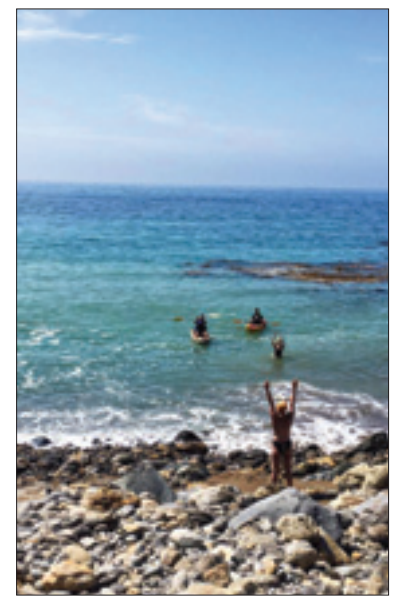
Abby Bergman wasn't even half an hour into her journey across the Catalina Channel when the magnitude of the challenge overwhelmed her.

She had access to liquid carbs and applesauce for energy, which she typically needs about twice an hour on her long-distance swims, but her roughly 20-mile excursion didn't seem to get off to a great start.

"It felt like it kept going and I would never get to that first feed," she said. "I was like, 'If the first half hour feels so long, how is the rest of this going to feel?' It takes a lot mentally to get through."

Bergman, a 20-year-old Team Santa Monica alumna, overcame

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Courtesy Photo

CHANNEL: Abby Bergman swam from Catalina to a Rancho Palos Verdes beach.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, July 28

Library Board Meeting

Special meeting to discuss and receive input on recruiting a new Director. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Ocean Park Baby Time

Story Series for ages 0 to 23 months. 10:45 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St.

Paws to Read

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. 2 - 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Puppet Scene

Join Mr. Jesse and his puppets for active reading, rhyming and rocking time. 2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St.

Free screening of "Harvey"

Jimmy Stewart stars in "Harvey," a classic comedy of errors and the only one to feature an invisible seven-foot-tall rabbit. Black and white. Free screening followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA

Friday, July 29

Gemini 10: Reaching Higher

A look at the July 1966 flight of Gemini 10 - commanded by John Young, with pilot Mike Collins. The John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. 2 - 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Mad Science: Marvels of Motion

Discover the fun-damentals of moving science. Includes egg tossing and rocket packs! Ages 4 and up. Fun for the whole family! Seating for the show is limited and on a first arrival basis. Free tickets will be available starting at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Library the day of the event. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd

Saturday, July 30

Enameling Copper Pendants with Sharon Kaplan

Select a vintage copper base from Sharon's collection, and add vitreous (glass) enamel to make a gorgeous one-of-a-kind pendant. All skills welcome. Cost: $65. Register by calling (310) 458-2239. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Palisades Park.

Movie: Mr. Holmes

A retired Sherlock Holmes deals with dementia as he tries to remember both his final case and a mysterious woman. 3 - 4:45 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

How-To Festival

Join organizers for three 45-minute workshops on a variety of topics. 12 - 3 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Take a walk with The Santa Monica Airport2park Foundation

The Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation will join with Los Angeles Walks (www.losangeleswalks.org) for a walk around the perimeter of the Santa Monica Airport Saturday, August 6. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the southwest corner of Clover Park in Santa Monica.

The walk will be a moderate 3.5 mile walk, and walkers will learn about issues and impacts relating to the airport, experience pedestrian access issues, see progress on the new 12-acre Airport Park expansion and get to envision a future "grand park" at the airport that will be open and accessible to all. Walkers will see a part of Santa Monica that most people rarely see and even fewer get to walk. Michael Brodsky, a Professor at Loyola Marymount University and a member of the board of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation, will be the "Walk Ambassador" for the walk.

Free parking is available at Clover Park, which is also served by Breeze Bike Share and the #8 Big Blue Bus. For more information, check the L.A. Walks website, www.losangeleswalks.org/airport_2_park_walk. Los Angeles Walks is a pedestrian advocacy group that makes walking safe, accessible and fun for all Angelenos. The Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization working to transform Santa Monica Airport into a grand park for everyone.

Donations are tax-deductible as provided by law. For more information, visit www.airport2park.org.

- SUBMITTED BY FRANK GRUBER

Sacramento

Governor's appointments

Robert J. Goodwin, 43, of Santa Monica, has been appointed to the California Volunteers Commission.

Goodwin has been director of corporate affairs and philanthropy at Mattel Inc. and executive director at the Mattel Children's Foundation since 2014. He was co-founder and chief executive officer at Executives Without Borders from 2008 to 2014 and chief operating officer at International Aid Inc. from 2007 to 2008. Goodwin was deputy assistant secretary of force management integration for the U.S. Air Force from 2005 to 2007. He was deputy associate director at the White House Office of Presidential Personnel in 2005 and special assistant for stability operations at the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2004. Goodwin was chief of staff and deputy senior advisor for the Iraqi Ministry of Health team as part of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq from 2003 to 2004 and director of humanitarian affairs for the Sudan Task Force at the U.S. Department of State from 2002 to 2003. He was logistics director and interagency coordinator at the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance from 2001 to 2002 and a defense fellow in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 2000 to 2001. Goodwin served as program manager, executive officer and communications chief for the U.S. Air Force from 1994 to 1999.

He earned a Master of Business for Veterans degree from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Goodwin is a Republican.

- SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

Citywide

Santa Monica Public Library Director Maria Carpenter begins new chapter

Santa Monica Public Library Director Maria Carpenter has resigned her position to pursue professional opportunities close to her family on the East Coast. She has accepted the position of Library Director of Cambridge Public Library in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Carpenter has served as SMPL Director since June 2014.

"Maria has been an outstanding leader who has set the standard for what a 21st Century library looks like through the Library Strategic Plan that she initiated," said Rick Cole, Santa Monica City Manager. "We have a beloved local library system which continues to be on the cutting edge of public innovation. Maria has provided exceptional vision that will leave a lasting legacy. We will miss her, but are grateful for her dynamism, dedication, and inspiration."

During her tenure in Santa Monica, Carpenter developed the Library's Strategic Plan, which shapes policy and operations over the next three years in alignment with City Council's Learn & Thrive Strategic Goal to promote lifelong learning and educational partnerships as well as support the City's Cradle to Career Initiative and Wellbeing Project. Other significant accomplishments include the creation of the Library Foundation, SMPL at the Beach, mobile computer classes, the renovation of the Fairview Branch Library, and YALLWEST, a popular teen literary festival bringing distinguished authors and 5,000 participants to Santa Monica.

Assistant City Librarian Erica Cuyugan will serve as the interim Library Director until a successor is selected after a national search.

The Santa Monica Library Board will hold a special meeting on July 28 at 7 p.m. in the main Library community meeting room to discuss and receive input on the search for a new Public Library Director. The Main Library is located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. and the public is invited to attend.

- SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Malibu

Dr. Dre beats gun rap following Malibu driveway encounter

Los Angeles prosecutors have declined to bring gun charges against rapper Dr. Dre.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles district attorney said Wednesday there was a lack of evidence that the record producer and entrepreneur had brandished a gun in public.

Sheriff's deputies had cited Dre for a misdemeanor after a man reported that Dre pointed a handgun at him and threatened him outside his Malibu home Monday.

Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, told sheriff's deputies he didn't have a gun and had only asked the man to move the car blocking his driveway.

Dre was briefly handcuffed, but no weapon was found. Prosecutors say there were no other witnesses, and there were discrepancies in the man's account.

The man then filed a citizen's arrest complaint.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and setting the deadlines for submittal of arguments, and rebuttals in favor and in opposition of the following measures:

MEASURE " ": To maintain and improve Santa Monica community services including support for preservation of affordable housing, reducing homelessness, school repair and improvement, education of Santa Monica children and students, and other general fund services, shall an ordinance be adopted to increase by one-half percent Santa Monica transactions and use tax, subject to independent annual audits, all funds used locally, and no money going to Sacramento, raising approximately $16 million annually, until ended by the voters?	Yes No
MEASURE " ": ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: If a local transactions and use tax is enacted in Santa Monica, should half its revenue be used to improve and maintain local public schools, including attracting and retaining high-quality teachers, expanding access to preschools, assisting at-risk students, and improving school technology, arts, music, math, and science instruction; and half to help preserve and ensure housing in Santa Monica that is affordable, protect residents from displacement by rising housing costs, and reduce homelessness?	Yes No
MEASURE " ": Shall Article XXII of the City Charter be amended to, among other things: expand the prohibition against kickbacks as rewards for certain official actions, create an exemption for volunteers serving certain City-funded non-profits, clarify the application of the Article's prohibitions, the City Attorney's authority and enforcement responsibilities, and the scope of the available remedies?	Yes No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measures. No more than five signatures of authors shall be accepted with any argument submitted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed **Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**, during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measures may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at City Hall, Santa Monica, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.125, rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, and shall be signed by any one of the persons filing the original argument, any combination of the persons signing the original argument or by all of the persons filing the original argument. The rebuttal shall not be signed by any person who did not sign the original argument nor shall it contain more than five signatures. The deadline for filing rebuttals with the City Clerk may be not more than ten days after the final date for filing original arguments, the date being **Monday, August 22, 2016, 5:30 p.m.** (Friday, August 19, 2016 is a Closed-Friday).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190, the City Clerk shall make any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct arguments and rebuttals filed under the authority of the elections code available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office for a period of ten calendar days immediately following the filing deadline of such materials. Any person seeking a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted shall comply with the time requirements in Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 for filing such actions. Please call (310) 458-8211 for any additional information.

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Taming Testosterone


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PERFORMANCE: Debra Ehrhardt takes on sex with her new show at the Santa Monica Playhouse.

Editor's note: the performance reviewed this week contains adult themes and potentially offensive language. The author makes use of the same language in the context of the review.

WHEN DEBRA EHRHARDT GREW UP ON the island of Jamaica, the subject of sex was taboo.

"My very conservative Christian mother said absolutely no sex before marriage," Ehrhardt told me in an interview. "The women in my family never talked about sex. Anything to do with the body was shameful. I didn't even know what it was, I had to figure everything out myself. Men talk about sex all the time. And I wondered why can't women? I wanted to break that legacy."

Now that her mother is retired and living in Ecuador, Debra Ehrhardt is breaking the legacy with her latest one woman show, "Cock Tales: Shame on Me," at Santa Monica Playhouse, opening this Saturday.

Ehrhardt is an attractive, vibrant, dark-haired writer/performer with a melodic and ever-so-slightly accented voice, through which she creates multiple characters. Her previous show "Jamaica, Farewell" told the story of her harrowing adventure getting to the U.S. 25 years ago.

In "Cock Tales" she shares true stories about encountering men and their private parts, beginning in childhood with her uncle, who was the same age as she and played a particular kind of peekaboo with her.

On Sundays, her pastor admonished his flock, "We must fight for victory over the flesh, over the world and the devil."

The pastor should have practiced what he preached. Her mother tried to explain, "That thing in men's pants makes them do bad things sometimes. That's where the devil lives."

With that background, it's no surprise that Ehrhardt married at the age of 18. "I married the first guy I met in Christian University, had two children immediately and then I was divorced within four years." Their sex life took place with lights out, under the sheets, very quickly. She says she never really saw her husband naked.

"I didn't want to spend my life reading the Bible morning, noon and night, so I broke away. Where I grew up you waited till you got to Heaven to enjoy yourself, and I thought no, I'm going to get some Heaven down here on Earth."

The show takes her from her first encounter with the "one-eyed snake" at age 9 through her conversations with God, all the way to her now-happy current marriage. "I'm so glad I'm here in America, where I could go to school, learn, grow and enjoy every bit of my life before I'm dead."

After her divorce, Ehrhardt's mother helped raise her daughter and son and practiced her religiosity on them. "She told my son, 'It's a sin to masturbate, it depletes the body of zinc and you will go blind. Go get the Bible and pray.' And my poor son sat there trembling. I tried to explain later that this wasn't true, but it's tough to hear such things when you're young and hard to forget."

She says her children, now nearly 30 years old, have turned out amazingly well and that her daughter is confident in her sexuality. "But after seeing a preview my daughter said, 'Mom, you have no idea of the psychological damage you've done! Whose mother gets up on stage and talks about cock! Please don't introduce me to anyone; I don't want them to know I'm your daughter.' "

She may have only been partially kidding.

Ehrhardt chose her title deliberately. "I did not want to mislead people about the play's content, and I don't want to offend people and have them walk out. I just want to share some stories I think are meaningful.

"But it's not lewd or pornographic, just true tales, some sad, some funny, some sexy, some about betrayal or molestation, always with humor, but it ends up here: I'm good, I'm fine, I'm living an amazing life and I'm not damaged goods, a phrase so often used in my childhood.

"Art is supposed to make you think, so when you come out of the theatre, I hope it's going to start a conversation between men and women about the need to share their stories and forget about shame."

"Cock Tales: Shame on Me" runs Saturdays at 4 and Sundays at 6 p.m. through September 11 at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street. Reserve seats at www.brownpapertickets.com or call (1-800) 838-3006.

PHILS CAMINO

Thousands of spiritual seekers of all religious stripes have walked the ancient pilgrimage route called the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile journey through Spain that ends at the church where Spain's patron

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Play Time

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Make a date to see "Church and State"

KEEP YOUR EYE ON PLAYWRIGHT JASON Odell Williams. If he keeps writing plays as extraordinary and impassioned as his latest play, "Church and State," he may in time be hailed as this country's newest Eugene O'Neill.

Ostensibly a play about gun control, "Church and State" broadens to include some of the most crucial issues Americans currently face.

As the audience enters and noisily seats itself, continuing their conversations with companions, most of them are oblivious to the fact that the play is already underway. Onstage on a large screen, snippets are running from C-SPAN's coverage of various Senators discussing their concerns on the Senate floor. Bernie Sanders speaks about the economy and greed; John McCain talks about the need to defeat ISIL; Elizabeth Warren talks about Wall Street and the role of money in politics.

Senator Cruz inveighs against the slaughter in Orlando; Rand Paul worries that the president will avoid going to war; and Christopher Coons of Delaware condemns Planned Parenthood for performing abortions and selling the baby parts.

On and on it goes, with speeches from Senators Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Marco Rubio. And then actor Rob Nagle storms onstage. He is portraying Republican Senator Charlie Whitmore, running for reelection in North Carolina.

Whitmore has just returned from the funeral of two little boys, brothers who were two of the 29 victims killed in an attack on their elementary school. Whitmore is distraught and traumatized by the incident, especially because the brothers were friends and playmates of his own two young sons.

Confronted by a sleazy reporter at the funeral, Whitmore is goaded into a diatribe against guns and God. "Do you turn to prayer in your time of need?" the reporter asks. "Prayer doesn't help!" Whitmore responds angrily. "How can God allow this to happen?" He questions God's relevance and repeats John Lennon's comment that "God is a concept by which we measure our pain."

Whitmore, now backstage in a holding room in preparation for making his boilerplate speech three days before the election, gets embroiled in a heated argument with his campaign manager, a beautiful young woman named Alex Klein (a luminous Annika Marks). He confesses his remarks about God to her and wants to explain himself to the potential voters who have come to hear him speak, but she is adamantly opposed to his doing that.

One of the remarkable things about this play is how real it is. The two combatants do not listen politely to each other; they both shout at the same time, so you can only intermittently distinguish what they're saying. And when Whitmore's overbearing wife Sara (Tracie Lockwood) joins them, she also joins the argument. She is resentful of Alex for many reasons, but mostly because she had been the campaign manager for her husband's first campaign (she chose his campaign theme song: "Jesus Is My Running Mate") and now that responsibility has been turned over to this brusque New York fireball. At one point Sara angrily accuses her of being a lesbian, and when Alex denies it Sara shouts, "Well, you're a Democrat - it's the same thing!"

Sara herself is an ardent religionist steeped in "Christian Values." She is not supportive as Whitmore goes through his crisis of faith. When the women learn that the reporter's interview has been picked up by the press and gone viral, however, they are supportive of Whitmore's determination to explain his position, and he marches out to the stage and gives the speech of his life.

This powerful play might seem aggressively dogmatic were it not for the amazing relevance of its subject matter, its impeccable language, its unexpected conclusion, and the flawless direction of Elina de Santos. But above all, it is the actors who make this production exquisite. They are the most effective ensemble I've seen in quite a while. Especially Rob Nagle, as Senator Whitmore, whose emotionally charged speeches and angry tirades are the very heart of this production.

"Church and State" can be seen Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through August 14th at The Skylight Theatre, 1816 North Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles. Make reservations at (213) 761-7061 or online at SkylightTix.com.

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CULTURE

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saint, the Apostle James is said to be buried. Martin Sheen made a commercial film called "The Way" about it few years back.

Annie O'Neil walked those 500 miles with a metal plate in her hip, and along with five other pilgrims, was featured in and co-producer of "Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago," a 2013 documentary film with numerous film festival awards to its credit.

Now O'Neil has produced and directed "Phil's Camino." Phil is free-spirited, a veteran, husband, father, outdoorsman and Catholic with Stage IV cancer, and the story of his dream to walk the Camino seems unattainable.

Instead he builds his own Camino in his backyard, fields and forest behind his house, and tracks his progress on a map of the Camino, getting healthier and stronger along the way. Will he make it to Spain?

Phil's Camino" has already won 7 independent awards and its Oscar Qualifying run in the Documentary Short category begins Friday, July 29 through Aug. 4, at 12:30 p.m. at Laemmle's Royal Theatre in West L.A. There'll be two panel discussions and a Q&A with Phil himself following the weekend screenings.

You'll be inspired. Get tickets here: http://www.laemmle.com/index.php/films/41047#get-tickets

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AIRPORT

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enough time to notify the public of the pending discussion. The council discussion on July 26 didn't delve into the actual debate over the airport but was limited to scheduling the item for a future meeting.

In this case, Winterer and Vazquez requested a discussion and potential action occur at Council's Aug. 23 meeting.

"It was our thinking for sometime and as we've been having these discussions, mainly with a lot of the neighborhood groups, and people have been asking what is the intent or the goal of this council and mayor Pro Tem Winterer and myself felt it's time to officially take a position and move forward when legally possible to at least put it out there that our intent is to close the airport," said Vazquez. "When that may happen will be determined by the courts."

As agendized, the August discussion will cover a resolution explicitly stating the Council's intent to close the airport, provide direction to staff to begin planning for future uses of the land and include a list of intermediary steps that could be taken to reduce aviation operations on the property.

Winterer said beginning the planning process as soon as possible will facilitate the transition from an airport to other uses.

"Just as importantly is the second part of the item which is to start initiating the land use planning that is required for us to look at what we might do when we take over that land in terms of developing into the sort of things that are stipulated in Measure LC," he said.

Several members of the public came to the meeting in support of closing the airport and many more submitted written comments. Anti-airport speakers consistently asked for the airport to be closed as soon as possible and for additional steps, such as reducing fuel sales or evicting tenants, to occur immediately.

"I think this is a good step in the right direction," said resident Robert Rigdon. "I don't think there's anybody in the room that thinks the FAA hasn't weaseled on its deal to close this thing in 20015. There's just no explanation other than bad faith on the FAA's part so I shed no tears for them."

Airport proponents said the facility provides a multitude of services including medical flights, education opportunities and economic benefits.

"If the demise of aviation at our airport is allowed, we the public lose our access and our ability to exercise our rights to transit the airways from our cities," said Jon Jerabek. "Air travel would cease in Santa Monica for the first time in 100 years, since virtually the dawn of aviation."

The Vazquez/Winterer measure includes language that stipulates any closures will be conducted in compliance with the law and City Manager Rick Cole said the airport is a piece of outdated infrastructure but warned City has a responsibility to move with caution when it comes to airport matters.

"There are lots of people who think we can tell the federal government to take along walk of our reasonably long pier and I understand that frustration and that sentiment," he said. "I've heard it directly from people in the flight path and I understand why they feel that way. This is the only airport that I know off that jets take off a runway 300 feet of the rooftops of people's homes but we can't defy federal law.

Reasonable people disagree about what tactics we can and cannot take, but you took an oath of office, as I did when I became City Manager that we uphold the Constitution of the Unites States and the Constitution of the State of California and so within the power you have and the responsibility you have, you have directed me and I have implemented everything we can do to make Santa Monica Airport safer and to reduce the health and safety impacts on surrounding residents and we will continue to do that if you pass this resolution in August.

There will be more steps that are already in the planning stage, but I want to emphasize how sensitive it is, that we have six lawsuits currently going, the threat of many more lawsuits, all of which are costly to litigate. So while I understand people's frustrations, I do ask for their patience because all seven members of the city council are dedicated to reclaiming local control."

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SCHOOL

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standing achievement gaps.

There's also the annual challenge of preparing for the upcoming school year during the busy summer months, when teachers and administrators hold planning and professional development sessions to establish guidelines and map out points of emphasis.

"Experienced superintendent leadership is necessary to ensure continuity and advancement in all these areas," district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said.

The local Board of Education recently hired two interim superintendents, bringing on Chris King and Sylvia Rousseau to manage the district through the end of the calendar year as the search continues for Lyon's long-term replacement.

"The board ... has brought on two people who can bring a comprehensive approach to guiding the district for the short, but crucial, time they will be present," Pinsker said. "Each of them brings knowledge, experience, and leadership skills that can advance an intensive short-term effort that provides a framework for the new superintendent to complete the second half of the school year. Together, they can provide the oversight SMMUSD needs at this time."

Officials said having co-chiefs will help the district keep alive its momentum on improving equity, a focus for the school board and district personnel this past year. SMMUSD is working with education reformist Pedro Noguera to close academic achievement gaps that have persisted along racial and socioeconomic lines.

Strategic planning is required to put in place Noguera's recommendations.

"Dr. Noguera's report identifies key areas for improvement; however, implementing the required actions steps in response to that report demands in-depth coordination among multiple people, while also sustaining effective efforts already underway in the district," Pinsker said. "To delay action until a new superintendent is appointed would mean delaying progress for another year."

Also factoring into the board's decision to hire two superintendents was a stipulation related to the state retirement benefits system, which limits the number of days a California retiree can work. Rousseau, a former Santa Monica High School principal and longtime administrator in the region, can work only 39 days over the course of her 6-month stint in SMMUSD. King spent the bulk of his career in Colorado and does not have the same restriction.

Each superintendent will earn $1,071 per day.

"We are fortunate to have both education leaders on board to further our district priorities, including closing the achievement gap," board president Laurie Lieberman said in a statement.

King and Rousseau will collaborate on all issues while serving as lead administrators on particular initiatives, Pinsker said. King will act as a liaison for Malibu while overseeing bond projects, fiscal services, safety, maintenance and operations. Rousseau will handle teaching and learning, including professional development, and data analysis.

"Their work will overlap," Pinsker said, "and they will both be involved in all aspects of district business."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

California heat prompts energy conservation 'Flex Alert'

Operators of California's power grid called for electricity conservation Wednesday as high temperatures hit much of the state, including scorching weather under a dome of high pressure over the Mojave Desert.

The California Independent System Operator asked consumers to use less power Thursday, especially during the peak demand period of 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Electricity supplies were expected to be tight because of increased air conditioner use and because California is seeing reduced power imports from neighboring states with high temperatures, CAISO spokesman Anne Gonzales said.

Flex Alerts are a voluntary level of conservation. People are urged to set air conditioner thermostats at 78 degrees or higher, to use fans, close curtains, turn off unneeded lights and use major appliances only in the morning or late evening when it is cooler and there is less demand for electricity.

The only previous Flex Alert this year was on June 20 and consumers voluntarily reduced electricity demand by 530 megawatts, roughly enough to power 400,000 homes, Gonzales said.

The National Weather Service issued an excessive-heat warning for a vast swath of southeastern California, from the Eastern Sierra through the Mojave Desert to the Mexican border.

Heat advisories were posted in adjacent regions including the Coachella Valley and the Anza Borrego desert.

The town of Needles on Interstate 40 at the Colorado River baked at 115 degrees at 1 p.m.

Death Valley was expected to record a high temperature of 125 degrees by Thursday, the NWS said.

The Central Valley sizzled in triple digits from Redding to Bakersfield.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

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John Vee
Santa Monica



Courtesy Photo

CROSSING: **It took Abby Bergman more than 11 hours to swim the Catalina Channel.**

SWIM

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the mental and physical challenges to accomplish her longtime goal of swimming from Catalina Island to the mainland shore. She arrived late Monday morning at Terranea Beach in Rancho Palos Verdes, throwing her hands in the air from a rocky perch on the sand after swimming consecutively for 11 hours, 11 minutes and 24 seconds.

"It was something else," she said. "I was very happy. It was just amazing to stand on that beach and be able to say I swam [across the channel]. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done."

Bergman first got the itch for long-distance swimming eight years ago after reading about it in Lynne Cox's book, "Swimming to Antarctica." Although she wasn't a particularly fast swimmer at the time, she let the idea germinate in her mind as she participated in an area junior lifeguard program.

By the time she started at Smith College in Massachusetts, where she'll be a junior in neuroscience and exercise sports science this fall, she was determined to make the trek a reality.

"It was something I just had to do," she said.

A Culver City native who attended Vistamar School in El Segundo, Bergman nurtured her passion for swimming as a member of Team Santa Monica.

She joined in middle school and continued her training with the locally based club through the end of high school, acquiring the skills she needed to excel at the collegiate level.

"They gave me a firm background," she said. "I had pretty much seen it all with them. I had done different training, so I knew I could handle the training that was thrown at me.

"But I really developed my love of the sport also. When I started swimming, it was because friends were doing it, and after my friends stopped, for a while I hated it. I was not a sporty kid. It took me a while to find out that this was the sport I liked, and TSM allowed me to take ownership. They expected a lot of dedication, and that taught me to be dedicated to it."

When her college swimming season ended in February, Bergman began long-distance training with teammate Eliza Cummings. And she ramped up her practices in recent weeks, swimming several miles at a time in the pool and in local sections of the Pacific Ocean with a training plan crafted by college coach Kim Bierwiert.

In the evening July 24, Bergman took a boat from San Pedro and arrived at Catalina Island around 11 p.m. She set out on her oceanic swim shortly thereafter, guided only by lights on an escort boat on one side and an accompanying kayak on the other. The darkness was all-encompassing.

"You have to get to the sunrise," she said. "I knew I had to keep pushing."

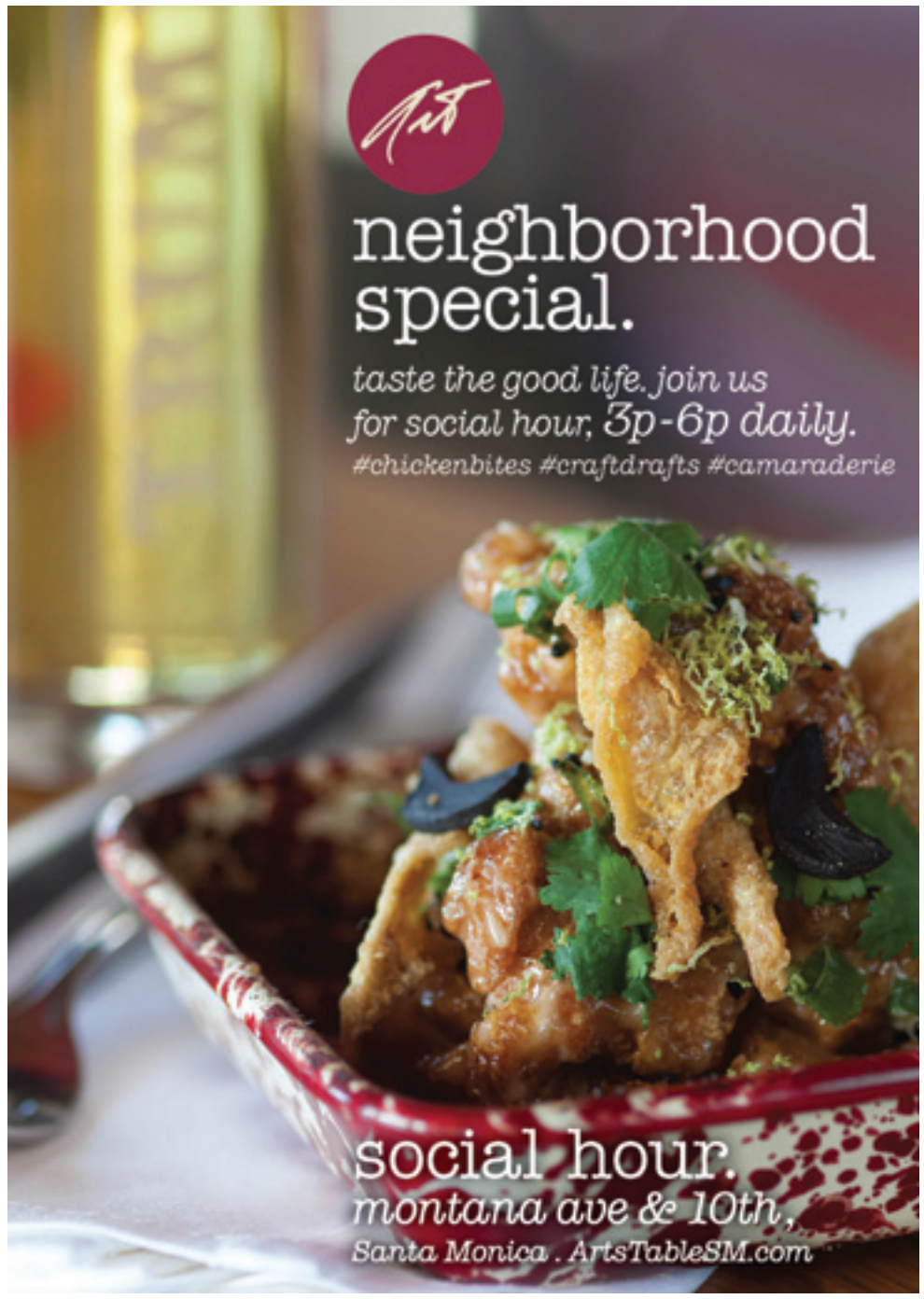
With support from a friend, who swam three hour-long segments alongside her, Bergman powered through the water as light trickled into the sky. It helped, too, that the currents favored her path from Doctors Cove on Catalina Island to the Southern California shore. Loved ones were waiting to greet her when she finished the trip at 10:48 a.m. July 25.

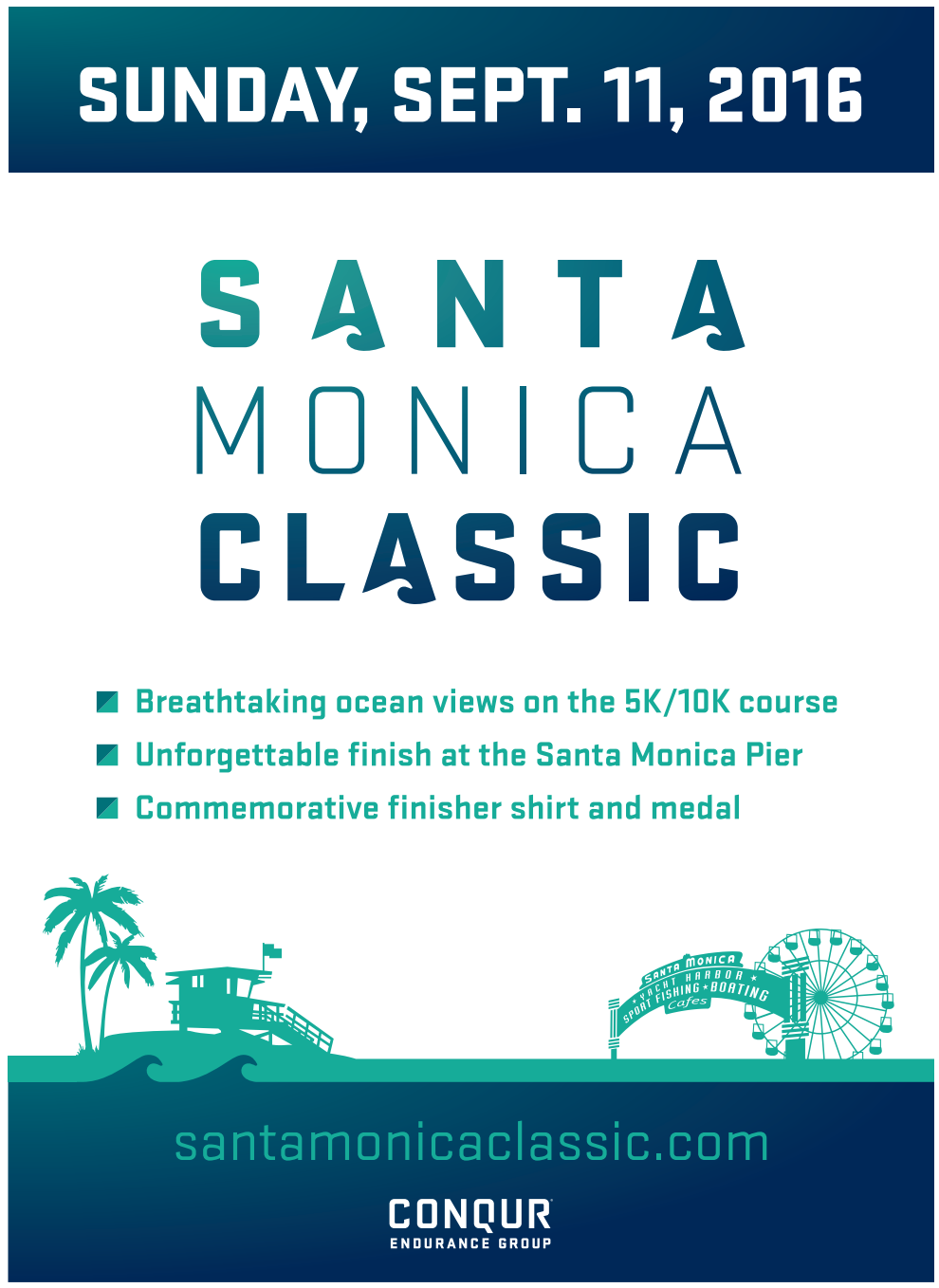
"My goal was to be under 11 hours, so I wasn't that far off," she said. "I fought a current for the last two and a half miles, but who really cares? I'm happy that I swam it. You can't predict how fast you're going to swim something like that."

Bergman, who already has plans to swim across the English Channel next summer, celebrated her recent expedition with a long warm shower and 13 hours of sleep. She awoke Tuesday with tightness in her shoulders and neck, which she expected.

"I can't wait until I'm loose enough to get back in the water," she said.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.4°**

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Small blend of S swell and NW windswell. Modest tropical swell mix.
Few larger sets possible for focal points around the best tides.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Small blend of S/SW swell and NW windswell. Watching Frank.

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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 21, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:11 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1100 block of Wilshire Blvd. regarding a battery that had just occurred. Officers spoke with the victim. The victim stated that at about 7 p.m., she was standing on the sidewalk in the 1400 block of Wilshire Blvd when for unknown reasons and unprovoked the suspect punched the victim in the lower back. The victim turned towards the suspect. The suspect proceeded to punch the victim in the face. The suspect yelled expletives towards the victim and walked away. Officers located the suspect in the 1200 block of Alley 13. Blaine Kyle Hope, 42, from Santa Monica was arrested for battery. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 403 calls for service on July 26.

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

Medical emergency 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:10 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1500 block of 2nd 12:50 a.m.
Traffic hazard 1100 block of Broadway 1:00 a.m.
Traffic hazard 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:15 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace Ocean/Bay 1:53 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of Ocean 3:50 a.m.
Burglary 900 block of 11th 4:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block of Ocean 5:09 a.m.
Bike theft 16th/Michigan 6:25 a.m.
Public intoxication 1800 block of Wilshire 7:32 a.m.
Battery 1600 block of Main 7:45 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2800 block of Main 7:56 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block of 4th 7:58 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Ocean 8:16 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 6th 8:21 a.m.
Threats report 700 block of Cedar 8:29 a.m.
Burglary 3100 block of 4th 8:40 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2000 block of 6th 8:47 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block of 11th 8:48 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 8:53 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2700 block of 6th 9:05 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block of Santa Monica 9:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 12th 9:20 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 9:31 a.m.
Traffic collision 2nd/Ocean Park 9:38 a.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Lincoln 10:05 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1400 block of Ocean 10:13 a.m.
Identity theft 1600 block of Euclid 10:32 a.m.
Traffic hazard 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 10:36 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of Olympic 11:10 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Lincoln 11:25 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1300 block of 16th 11:29 a.m.
Traffic hazard Moomat Ahiko/Ocean 11:39 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 11:50 a.m.
Panhandling Lincoln/Broadway 12:06 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block of 4th 12:06 p.m.
Person down 1600 block of Santa Monica 12:09 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 800 block of San Vicente 12:29 p.m.
Battery 500 block of Olympic 12:48 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block of Colorado 1:32 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Olympic 1:40 p.m.
DUI 400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:58 p.m.
Battery 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 2:12 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Wilshire 2:16 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Broadway 2:18 p.m.
Traffic collision 700 block of Wilshire 2:39 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/Olympic 2:40 p.m.
Person down 23rd/Pico 3:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 20th/Arizona 3:08 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 11th 3:20 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 36 calls for service on July 26.

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

EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:07 a.m.
Flooded condition 1600 block of Wilshire 1:13 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 6th 1:17 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 5:59 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Palisades Beach 6:21 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 4th 7:59 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block of 2nd 9:03 a.m.
EMS 2nd/Ocean Park 9:38 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 10:48 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Santa Monica 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 26th 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 12:10 p.m.
Vehicle fire 7th/Adelaide 12:57 p.m.
EMS 900 block of Ocean 1:03 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Oak 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 10th 2:18 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 2:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block of Main 3:01 p.m.
EMS 23rd/Pico 3:07 p.m.
EMS 20th/Arizona 3:08 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:11 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of Broadway 3:44 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Marine 4:08 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Lincoln 4:33 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 4:54 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:00 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:21 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 12th 6:02 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Santa Monica 6:03 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of La Mesa 6:26 p.m.
EMS 22nd/Pico 6:56 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Lincoln 7:50 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Lincoln 8:01 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 12th 8:14 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Main 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Appian 9:19 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rigging support
5 Was rude, in a way
11 Spelunking site
12 Prof protector
13 Crooked
14 Ticks off
15 Way out
17 Museum focus
18 Put in office
22 Mesa's kin
24 Relish
25 Peyton's bother
26 Mine matter
27 Derisive sound
30 Kitschy
32 More reasonable
33 Pitcher's stat
34 Short scene
38 Inhabitant
41 Even, as a score
42 Late hour
43 Saddle part
44 Take out
45 "The King and I" heroine

DOWN

1 Surgery souvenir
2 Lacking color
3 Hobby
4 School paper
5 Headliner
6 Past, present, and future
7 Germany's Merkel
8 Wish undone
9 Goof up
10 — Moines
16 Salt Lake City player
19 Summoning
20 Bottle plug
21 Deuce beater
22 Porgy's love
23 Radius partner
28 Bring back
29 Hot dish support
30 Hamilton's bill
31 Singer Franklin
35 Heredity unit
36 Ocean bird
37 Writer Ferber
38 Homer's neighbor
39 Brewpub order
40 — Aviv

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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

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/23
5 7 23 35 39
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 422M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/26
1 4 31 36 54
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 20M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/23
7 23 30 36 44
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/26
4 8 19 23 25

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/26
MIDDAY: 8 2 0
Draw Date: 7/26
EVENING: 1 5 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/26
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 11 Money Bags
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WORD UP!

sonorous 1. rich and full in sound, as language or verse.
2. giving out or capable of giving out a sound, especially a deep, resonant sound, as a thing or place: a sonorous cavern.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1915 – The United States begins a 20-year occupation of Haiti.

1932 – U.S. President Herbert Hoover orders the United States Army to forcibly evict the "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans gathered in Washington, D.C.

1933 – Diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Spain are established.

1935 – First flight of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress.

1938 – Hawaii Clipper disappears between Guam and Manila as the first loss of an airliner in trans-Pacific China Clipper service.

1942 – World War II: Soviet leader Joseph Stalin issues Order No. 227. In response to alarming German advances, all those who retreat or otherwise leave their positions without orders to do so are to be tried in a military court, with punishment ranging from duty in a shtrafbat battalion, imprisonment in a Gulag, or execution.

1943 – World War II: Operation Gomorrah: The Royal Air Force bombs Hamburg, Germany causing a firestorm that kills 42,000 German civilians.

1945 – A U.S. Army B-25 bomber crashes into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building killing 14 and injuring 26.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a June verdict still reverberating through the telemarketing industry, a jury in Utah found that three companies run by Forrest Baker III had illegally made 99 million phone calls to consumers on the Do Not Call Registry and an additional 18 million calls telling people they were merely doing surveys when the purpose was hawking their family-friendly movies. Both charges are violations of the Federal Trade Commission's Telemarketing Sales Rule. Although the total fine and damages have not been decided, the law provides that the most serious offenders could be assessed $16,000 per phone call (for a maximum of almost $1.9 trillion).

■ A recent study by a Harvard University data scientist estimated that the government of China funds the creation of at least 488 million bogus social-media posts a year. The report refers to a rumored government-sponsored arrangement that pays people the equivalent of 8 U.S. cents per post of "news" for the purpose of distracting social-media users and channeling them to subjects preferred by the government (such as successes of the Communist Party).

Then & Now

Then/Now is an ongoing feature of the Santa Monica History Museum.

The Museum is located at 1350 7th St. and is open Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about the museum and its current exhibits call (310) 395-2290 or visit http://santamonicahistory.org.

Then



Now



SANTA MONICA HISTORY MUSEUM, BILL BEEBE COLLECTION

12/21/1944 **People lined up to buy cigarettes at Thrifty Drug**
(Location: 326 Wilshire Blvd., SW corner of 4th & Wilshire)

Treat yourself tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confusion is the natural order of the day. Others could become angry, as no one seems to be listening and/or understanding what anyone is saying. Avoid getting stuck in a difficult conversation. Postpone it, if possible. Tonight: Catch up on someone else's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You seem to be more levelheaded than many people; however, you still try to listen and understand where others are coming from. You might be a bit shaken by some confusion around your personal life. Keep money commitments on hold for now. Tonight: Treat yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Slow down in the morning. You could feel as if the world is working against you. What you can count on is getting a second wind later in the day. Someone could be a lot angrier than you realize; give this person some space! Tonight: Do not hesitate to wish upon a star.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be tired and wondering what would be the best course of action to take. Others might not be receptive in a conversation. You could find that a good friend is being slightly irritating. Try not to lose your temper. Tonight: Make a point of having a leisurely evening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Others might be unusually critical, or will come up with surprising conclusions. You might want to avoid taking a course that will cause people to be more argumentative. Someone close to you expresses frustration with a personal issue; take the time to listen. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for more feedback from experts, especially if you don't agree with someone else's conclusion on a personal matter. Take charge and assume the lead only if you are sure of yourself. Do not push others away. Tonight: Live the moment to the max.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will get you better results. You tend to walk a more conservative path, although it becomes clear that a close associate is more adventurous than you are. Know that you will be able to handle what is heading your way. Detach. Tonight: Get into a favorite game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be overly tired and withdrawn, as you seem to have difficulty relating to what is going on. You currently might find the pressure to be a little too much to handle. First try to detach rather than argue. Tonight: Try to understand where a loved one is coming from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use the morning for what you must accomplish. By the afternoon, an unexpected element involving a child or a creative matter could distract you. Others seek you out, and you respond. Weigh the pros and cons before accepting an invitation. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You seem to be serious-minded, but inside you could be laughing at what is occurring around you. You might be distracted by a personal matter involving a loved one. Curb a tendency to hold a grudge; you don't want to hold on to negativity. Tonight: Play it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Accomplishing what you must could feel overwhelming. You even might be tempted to throw out important papers or dispose of dirty dishes! Laughter will help you bypass any obstacles. A more upbeat mood will greet you in the afternoon. Tonight: Ever playful.

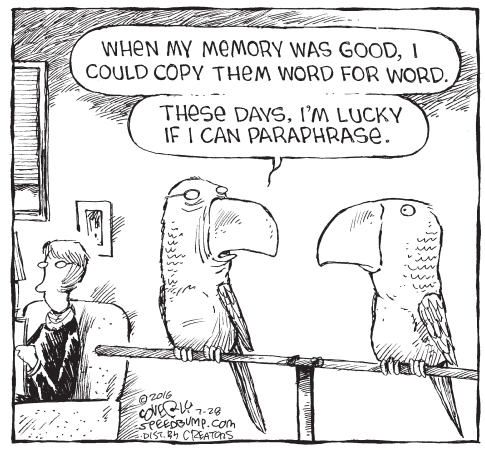
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to a neighbor or sibling rather than have an argument. Before committing any funds to a project, balance your checkbook. You could have some unexpected expenses. A conversation opens up a door. Free yourself up by midafternoon. Tonight: Do what you want.

Thursday, July 28, 2016

This year you often are driven to make a good impression. You seek to improve how you communicate and express your feelings. You also become more concerned about your image. You might overspend when adding to your wardrobe. If you are single, meeting people will not be difficult. You might date several different potential suitors before you find someone you are passionate enough about to want to commit to. If you are attached, the two of you often get involved in your community together. You also socialize and enjoy your friends to no end. GEMINI delights you with his or her multidimensional personality.

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

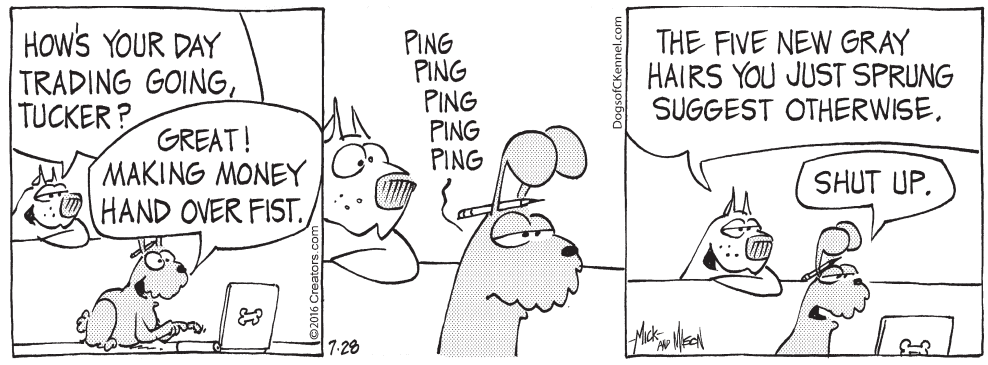


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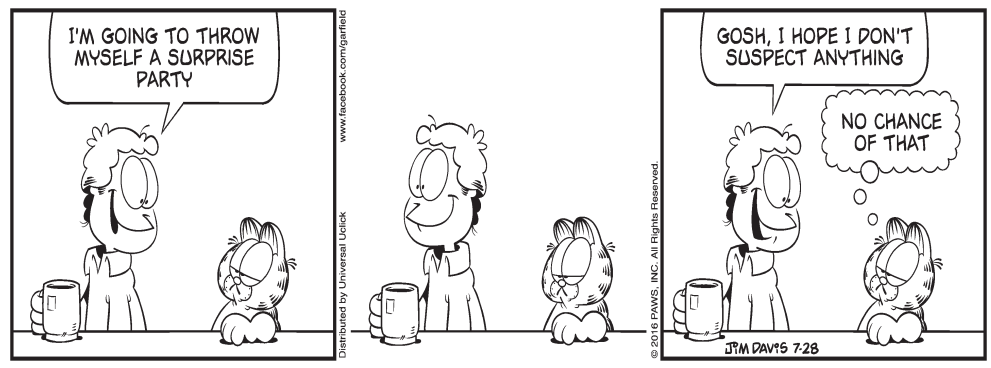
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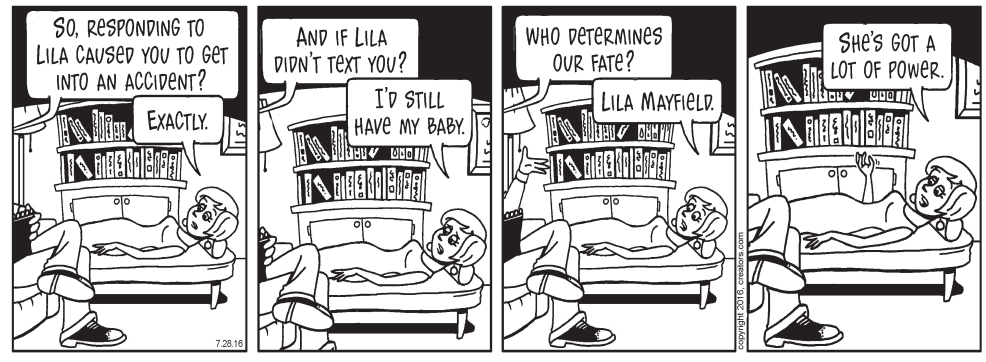
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NOTICIA DE ELECCION Y SOBRE LA FECHA DESPUES DE LA CUAL NO SE PODRA PRESENTAR A LA SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL NINGUN ARGUMENTO Y REFUTACION A FAVOR O EN CONTRA DE MEDIDAS MUNICIPALES

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 8 de noviembre de 2016, en la cual se les presentará a los votantes las siguientes medidas y la fecha después de la cual no se podrá presentar ningún argumento y refutación a favor o en contra de las medidas:

MEDIDA " ": Para mantener y mejorar los servicios de la comunidad de Santa Mónica incluyendo apoyo para la preservación de vivienda asequible, reducir la falta de vivienda, reparación y mejoria de la escuela, educación de los niños de Santa Mónica y estudiantes, y otros servicios del fondo general, ¿deberá una ordenanza ser adoptada para aumentar el impuesto de transacciones y uso de Santa Monica en una mitad por ciento, sujetos a auditorías anuales independientes, utilizando todos los fondos localmente, no enviando dinero a Sacramento, y recaudar aproximadamente $16 millones anualmente, hasta que los votantes pongan un fin?	Sí No
MEDIDA " ": VOTO CONSULTIVO SOLAMENTE: Si un impuesto local de transacciones y uso se promulga en Santa Mónica, ¿deberá utilizarse la mitad de sus ingresos para mejorar y mantener las escuelas públicas locales, incluyendo atraer y retener a maestros de alta calidad, ampliando el acceso a los centros preescolares, ayudar a los estudiantes en riesgo y mejorar la tecnología en la escuela, artes, música, matemáticas y enseñanza de la ciencia; y la mitad para ayudar a preservar y garantizar la vivienda de Santa Mónica que es asequible, proteger a los residentes de desplazamiento por aumento de los costos de la vivienda y reducir la falta de vivienda?	Sí No
MEDIDA " ": ¿Deberá ser enmendado Artículo XXII de la carta constitucional de la ciudad, entre otras cosas: ampliar la prohibición de retrocesos como recompensas por determinadas acciones oficiales, crear una exención para voluntarios de algunos sin fines de lucro financiados por la ciudad, aclarar la aplicación de las prohibiciones del artículo, autoridad y aplicación de responsabilidades del abogado de la ciudad, y el ámbito de los recursos disponibles?	Sí No

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que en conformidad con el Articulo 4, Capitulo 3, División 9 del Código Electoral del Estado de California, el cuerpo legislativo de la Ciudad, o cualquier miembro o miembros del mismo autorizados por el cuerpo, o todo votante individual o asociación genuina de ciudadanos, o toda combinación de votantes y asociaciones, pueden presentar un argumento escrito a favor o en contra de la medida municipal, el cual no puede exceder las 300 palabras, acompañado por el nombre o nombres impresos, y firma(s) de el/los autores que lo presente, o si es presentado en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor o autora del argumento. Se aceptará no más de cinco firmas de los autores por cada argumento presentado.

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que, basada en el tiempo razonablemente necesario para preparar e imprimir los argumentos y boletas electorales de muestra para la elección, la Secretaria Municipal ha fijado el **martes, 9 de agosto, 2016, a las 5:30 p.m**., durante el horario normal de trabajo, según ha sido anunciado, como la fecha después de la cual no se podrá presentar a la Secretaria Municipal ningún argumento a favor o en contra de la medida municipal para su impresión y distribución a los votantes según lo dispuesto en el artículo 4. Los argumentos deberán ser presentados a la Secretaria Municipal, acompañados por el nombre o nombres impresos y firmas de los autores que los presenten, o si son presentados en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor del argumento, en el Ayuntamiento en Santa Monica, California. Los argumentos pueden ser cambiados o retirados hasta e incluyendo la fecha fijada por la Secretaria Municipal.

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que, basado en Sección 11.04.125 del Código Municipal de Santa Monica, argumentos de refutación, como presentado por los autores en directa oposición del argumento, los cuales no pueden exceder 250 palabras, pueden ser presentados a la Secretaria Municipal, acompañados por los nombres impresos y firmas de uno de los autores del argumento principal, o con cualquier combinación de firmas de los autores que presentaron el argumento principal, o con todos los autores que firmaron el argumento principal. El argumento de refutación no será firmado por ninguna persona que no firmó el argumento principal, ni deberá contener mas de cinco firmas. La refutación tendrá que ser presentado a la Secretaria Municipal no más de 10 días después de la fecha fijada para presentar los argumentos directos, la fecha siendo el **lunes, 22 de agosto, 2016, a las 5:30 p.m**. (viernes, 19 de agosto, 2016 es un viernes-cerrado).

ADEMAS SE NOTIFICA que basado en Sección 11.04.190 del Código Municipal de Santa Monica, la Secretaria Municipal hará que toda ordenanza, análisis imparcial, o argumento directo y refutación que sea presentado bajo la autoridad del Código de Elecciones estará a la disposición del público para que lo examine en la oficina de la secretaria por un periodo de 10 días calendario inmediatamente después de la fecha límite para los documentos. Cualquier persona que quiera obtener un mandato judicial ordenando que haya cambios o redacte texto a cualquier documento aquí nombrado, deberá de cumplir con los requisitos de las secciones 9295 y 13313 del Código Estatal de Elecciones. Para información adicional, por favor llame (310) 458-8211.

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