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BACK TO SCHOOL

Students returned to area schools, including John Adams Middle School, on Aug. 19. Drivers should be aware of increased traffic near schools and watch for children crossing the street.

Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

Election Roundup: 14 candidates qualify for ballot

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The balloted candidates for City Council have been whittled down to 14 from the 18 who pulled the necessary paperwork.

Candidates were required to collect signatures from 100 registered Santa Monica voters.

On Monday, the City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Registrar finished verifying the signatures of all the candidates who will appear on ballots this year.

Two of the filers are incumbents, Mayor Pam O'Connor and Councilmember Kevin

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Pro, anti-SMO groups spar through lawsuits, cash, forums

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO As we inch closer to the November election, the Santa Monica Airport is feeling less like an airport and more like a battleground.

Activists on both sides of the issue are squaring off on a daily basis through forums, campaign contributions, and lawsuits.

The airport, which saw major growth during wartime, is hated by many residents who complain about the pollution and noise caused by the jets. Those who live nearby fear for their safety with runway just a few hundred feet from homes.

Proponents of the airport say it would be essential in the case of widespread disaster and point to the cash it generates for the region.

In November, residents will decide between two ballot measures. One, financially backed by aviation interests, would

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Beat cops fighting crime though community building

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

PICO / MID-CITY The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has hundreds of officers covering the City of Santa Monica but for a small section of SMPD employees, the city takes on a distinctly neighborhood feel thanks to their position as Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO).

The NROs are partnered with a civilian Crime Prevention Coordinator (CPC) and assigned to one of four distinct beats. There are four NRO/CPC teams within the department's Community Affairs Division and each team is dedicated full time to their one beat providing specialized services while building an in depth knowledge of the area.

Beat 3 covers sections of the Pico and Mid-City neighborhoods ranging from Pico to Wilshire and from Lincoln to Centinela. The team, comprised of CPC Alexandra Sanchez and NRO Richard Verbeck will be hosting "What's the scoop" on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 12 - 2 p.m. in the Colorado Center Park. The officers will provide ice cream and residents are encouraged to stop by to ask questions. The team said it's a good example of their partnership and the benefits it brings to the community.

Sanchez said "What's the scoop" offers residents a chance to interact with an officer in a relaxed, informal setting. While Verbeck can address questions about policing, she can provide information about services.

"It can help make people feel more comfortable with the officers," she said. "He knows the laws and he gives people that perspective. I give them more the 'OK, this is what we can do' or offer services."

By offering access to both kinds of information, she said the community develops a sense of trust with the department.

"Getting both perspectives is very helpful," she said. "When we're there, he'll answer those technical or law enforcement questions, which I never could, and I'll do more of the programmatic information."

Verbeck said the CPC's have a host of valuable services to offer, many of which even he was unaware of before joining the division.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, August 20

Keller Williams Career Day

Keller Williams Santa Monica
2701 Ocean Park Blvd, #140,
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Event will cover opportunities for those interested in a real estate career including residential, commercial, luxury and global business. For More information contact Chase Milner (310) 844-0840 ext. 700

Association of Professional Organizers and is a mother of seven.

This program is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ... a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

CCD Site Captain Training

Heal the Bay
1444 9th St., 6 - 9 p.m.
Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer day on the planet! Heal the Bay coordinates more than 50 beach, inland, dive and kayak cleanup sites in L.A. County. The Site Captain Training is designed to teach captains everything they need to know about Coastal Cleanup Day in order to ensure that they are well prepared to serve as leaders for their sites. Visit www.healthebay.org for more information.

Book Group: The Year of the Flood

Montana Avenue Branch
1704 Montana Ave. 7 p.m.
Discussion of Margaret Atwood's novel, set in a visionary future, in which a long-feared waterless flood has occurred, altering Earth as we know it and obliterating most human life.

Thursday, August 21

Twilight Concert Series

Santa Monica Pier
7 - 10 p.m.
LA's favorite Summer tradition and premier outdoor concert series, the 30th Annual Twilight Concerts at the Pier, returns. Free.

Shakespeare on a tennis court

Reed Memorial Park
corner of 7th & Wilshire, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica's 11th season presents As You Like It and The Comedy of Errors. It will take place outdoors on Tournament Tennis Court #1. As You Like It - Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24, 30, 31 Sept. 6, 7, 13, 14. The Comedy of Errors - Aug. 28.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide
Rip Current Coasters

To promote ocean safety and remind beachgoers of the dangers of rip currents, the Los Angeles County Surf Life Saving Association (LACoSLSA) has created an awareness campaign targeting local restaurants.

The organization will be distributing drink coasters to restaurants throughout the beach cities of Los Angeles County during the months of August and September. The coasters provide education on how swimmers can safely escape from a rip current.

"This summer we've all become aware of how treacherous the ocean can be at times," says Chris Linkletter, President of the LACoSLSA. "These coasters provide important information that beachgoers can use to ensure they have a safe day at the beach."

The campaign, a co-branding effort between Spy Optic and the LACoSLSA, marks the first community outreach by the newly formed LACoSLSA. It is expected to be the first of many such agreements with local businesses to promote open water safety education. "We are delighted that Spy Optic is collaborating with the Los Angeles County Surf Life Saving Association to provide important and potentially life saving information to thousands of restaurant patrons," says Michael Marckx, President/CEO of Carlsbad-based Spy Optic. "It underscores our long tradition of supporting notable community

groups, especially those associated with the ocean."

The original rip current artwork was developed through a Sea Grant project in collaboration with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and the USLA (United States Lifesaving Association).

The LACoSLSA is a California public benefit corporation organized in March and created to promote beach and open water safety education for public safety personnel. It will also support programs, events and initiatives that foster public safety awareness in open water environments.

Every dollar donated to, or raised by, the LACoSLSA is used to support Junior Lifeguard programs, for the purchase of training equipment and maintenance, create and distribute open water safety educational materials aimed at the public, beachgoers and public safety personnel.

Information on LACoSLSA can be found at www.lacoslsa.org. The Los Angeles County Surf Life Saving Association (LACoSLSA) is distributing beverage coasters to local restaurants in an effort to promote ocean water safety, specifically how to escape a rip current. A press release and the art of the two-sided coasters are attached.

The coasters are bilingual, and will be available in local establishments, such as O'Briens, Finn McCools, Patrick's Roadhouse, and The Galley.

EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

Mount Olive Church
Anti-airport advocates to host campaign kickoff

With its campaign kick-off event set for Aug. 20, the Committee for Local Control of Santa Monica Airport Land (CLCSMAL) has announced that its initiative on the November ballot has been designated Measure LC (for Local Control).

CLCSMAL (ItsOurLand.org) was organized to ensure future low-density use of city-owned Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and to protect the city from Measure D, sponsored by two powerful and wealthy pro-aviation lobbies. Measure D would block city control of SMO, making it all but impossible to ever reduce the increasing jet traffic and flight school problems at SMO.

CLCSMAL is inviting residents who want to maintain Local Control over our airport to join them on Aug. 20, from 7-9 p.m. at Mount Olive Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Some parking available in the church lot off 14th St.; or walk, bike, ride the bus.

All leases at SMO held by aviation or non-aviation businesses are set to expire next July. Measure LC guarantees any SMO land now used for aviation would have only low-density uses after aviation activity was reduced or eliminated. Any attempt at higher (denser) development would require voter approval. Low-density uses include parks, open space, recreational areas such as playing fields, spaces for arts, festivals and community events, while

retaining current attractions such as restaurants, Museum of Flying, Ruskin Group Theatre and Barker Hangar.

For additional information, go to ItsOurLand.org

Santa Monica
SP+ hires Angel Diaz as a Senior Manager

- MH

SP+ is a diverse provider of professional parking, ground transportation, facility maintenance, security and event logistics services to real estate owners and managers in a wide array of markets including Santa Monica.

Diaz is new to the west coast and Santa Monica area. He comes to Santa Monica by way of Richmond, Virginia, where he first joined the Standard Parking team 2_ years ago as Senior Manager responsible for managing the on- and off-street parking operations for the City of Richmond. He now will oversee the City of Santa Monica's parking contract, which accounts for over 40 locations that include just over 10,000 parking spaces and generate more than \$50 million in annual parking revenue.

Prior to Richmond, Angel lived in Miami, Florida, where he worked for the City of Miami's Parking Authority for 19 years. Angel has more than 20 years of parking experience in the municipal sector and is a Certified Administrator of Public Parking (CAPP). This certification is administered through the International Parking Institute and The University of Virginia.

- MH

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29 Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21. Bring a blanket, it can get a little chilly. :) Food and Drinks are allowed! :) Come have a picnic and laugh. Suggested 20\$ donation per ticket, kids get in free. Call (310) 270-3454 for more information.

Recreation & Parks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. Call (310) 458-8310 or visit www.smgov.net/departments/CCS for more information.

Housing Commission Meeting
Main Library
601 Santa Monica blvd. 4:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Call (310) 458-8702 or visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HE/D/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Division.aspx for more information.

Pico Branch Book Group
Pico Library
2201 Pico Blvd, 7 p.m.
Join organizers in reading Winter's Tale by Mark Halprin a bestseller that takes readers on a journey to New York of the Belle Epoque, where Peter Lake attempts to rob a Manhattan mansion only to find the daughter of the house at home. Thus begins the love between the middle-aged Irishman and Beverly Penn, a young girl who is dying.

Movie: 12 Years A Slave
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Chiwetel Ejiofor stars in this harrowing account of Solomon Northup, a black man, born free in New York, who was drugged, kidnapped and sold into slavery in 1841 and forced to endure twelve years of brutality. Based on Northup's slave narrative of the same name. (134 min)

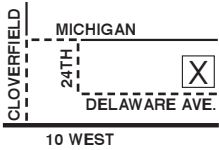


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An Open Letter to Santa Monica City Council Editor:

Last Tuesday night I had the unfortunate experience of watching on TV the latest hearing on the Santa Monica Airport. I expected better from council members. You sat there listening to ridiculous complaints that the city has no jurisdiction to regulate. As you understand the legal issues regarding the airport far better (I hope) than constituents you should be educating not passively listening. When you passively listen you waste council time and encourage a mob of airport opponents to expect more than the council can deliver.

1. Federal regulation precludes the city of Santa Monica from regulating aircraft exhaust emissions. The Administrator of the EPA is granted exclusive jurisdiction over the creation and enforcement of regulations governing emissions from aircraft engines. 42 U.S.C. § 7571(a)(2)(A) and (a)(3). So why not end the dialogue firmly saying that the city has no jurisdiction? The city has refused to accept Federal grant money to reduce aircraft noise. If the city goes to court on the noise issue the FAA will immediately point out that the city not the U.S. govt. has limited noise abatement and the city has no jurisdiction regulating airport noise. It is my understanding that the city had passed just a few years ago, an ordinance limiting aircraft types that could takeoff from and land at Santa Monica Airport. The city spent over 1.3 million dollars on legal counsel defending what was a losing position. You should have well known that only the FAA has jurisdiction on the matter. Irresponsible behavior on the part of city council is not at all in the interest of residents.

2. You fail to mention that ownership of the airport has not been settled. If the city continues to attempt to obstruct or make prohibitively costly airport operations the FAA can go to court to gain full possession of the property.

3. You have not disclosed how much has been spent by the city litigating this issue. As a Santa Monica taxpayer I would appreciate transparency. The cost of staff hours and the cost of outside legal counsel should be known to the public. Neither have you told the public what the estimates are for the cost of a protracted legal battle. How much taxpayer funds are you committing to this crusade? I am sure voters would carefully weigh their feelings on the airport against the cost of continued litigation that have to date been a total loser for Santa Monica residents.

Please stand up and put the issue of your popularity with small groups of assertive, noisy voters aside and do the right thing. Educate the public and take a responsible position.

Paul H Pitkoff
Santa Monica

New year Editor:

The new school year has started. Over the next ten months, children of all ages will be dropped off and picked up at schools all around Santa Monica.

I would like to remind (and remind and remind and again remind) parents that the crosswalks and red zones are there for a reason - to protect our children from being hit by cars.

I get it - We're all in a hurry. We all have places to be. We all think that we are "special" and that the rules don't apply to us because, really, we are only stopping in the crosswalk for a few seconds or so, right?

The problem is that a lot of parents feel the same way. I have stopped counting the number of times a kid has had to walk behind a vehicle that was parked in the crosswalk, engine running, with backup lights on (indicating to those of us old enough to drive that the vehicle is about to back up!)

In one case, I had to lay on my horn to get the attention of the driver who was about to back over a child walking behind her car that she didn't see as she was idling in the crosswalk (she just dropped her child off and was watching him cross the street - safely).

My point - think about your child's safety the next time you are deciding whether to block the crosswalk or park in a red zone simply to shave a few seconds off your morning commute.

I know I would appreciate it.

Scott Bellomo
Santa Monica



Curious City

Charles Andrews

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Down the rabbit hole, up a tree

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER

Have you ever gotten involved in a battle of words and ideas on a Facebook page, and wished you hadn't?

A ha ha ha ha hahahahahaha-haaaaaaargh!!! - I'm sorry. Couldn't help that. Feeling mimsy, I guess, snapped a bit. It was a long night. "Alice: How long is forever? White Rabbit: Sometimes, just one second."

But you all know what I mean. You've all been there. Maybe you were wise enough to not be a participant, but you observed the madness and shook your head in wonder. Something needed to be said, you acknowledged firmly, and reluctantly ... so glad it was someone else who jumped in.

"But I don't want to go among mad people," Alice remarked. "Oh, you can't help that," said the Cat, "we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad." "How do you know I'm mad?" said Alice. "You must be," said the Cat, "or you wouldn't have come here."

But here is where we all come, we who care passionately about Santa Monica and want to not just "tsk tsk" but actually do something to make it as good as it can be, for all the residents. There are other sites, but primarily it's the Facebook pages "Residocracy" and "Santa Monica Government, Politics, Policies and People" that those people check out frequently, for local news and opinion. It's our forum. But sometimes it turns into the Roman Coliseum, where carnage and insanity rule.

Many days are quiet and thoughtful, with rational argument and discourse, enlightening all and ravaging none. Other times, "My dear, here we must run as fast as we can, just to stay in place. And if you wish to go anywhere you must run twice as fast as that."

I guess that's why I'm so bushed. It takes it out of you to call a spade a spade (no offense, Queen of Hearts) and try to get the conversation back to a point that makes sense and has value. It's sometimes like arguing with the climate change deniers, or (holy metaphor, Batman!) members of the Tea Party. "Well, I never heard it before, but it sounds uncommon nonsense."

"Off with their heads!" would probably be the appropriate response, but don't you have to believe these are good people, fellow concerned citizens, just seeing the world differently than you, perhaps misguided, misinformed?

Nah. You want to think the best, you try, but face it: some of them are just trolls, loonies, genuinely disturbed, or folks with an agenda, and hitting them with facts and logic is like throwing pop bottles at the Ferguson police tanks.

It's a dilemma. Do you let outrageous statements stand, hanging there in the cyberspace like a smelly gym sock, or do you step up and say no, I can't let that be.

I am haunted by the truth that "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." I don't mean to blow our local issues out of proportion, but a principle is a principle, not just a catch phrase, and I've always thought that a good one.

I'm not talking about one incident or one person or just the battles I've been involved in. I've seen enough, and I've reached my limit. I'm not really talking about them; it's

me. Now I'm trying desperately to keep my mouth zipped and my keyboard silent. Won't you help me? "She generally gave herself very good advice (though she very seldom followed it)."

I'm passing the torch. There have been a handful of good, courageous people in our concerned citizens cadre I can count on to back me up in these forays, but now I want to be the back up.

"It is better to be feared than loved," said Machiavelli. Nope. I'm a lover, not a fighter. Fear is not in my quiver, not intentionally, though I do believe in the power of the pen, because words have meaning and properly put together they can express ideas and ideas can change the world, for better or for worse.

"Keep your temper, said the Caterpillar." "If you don't think, then you shouldn't talk." - March Hare. Talking less, I hope, means I'm thinking more. I'll be in my cave if you need me, sitting on a mushroom. Reading my Alice.

"Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality."

JOHN MUIR'S DOING ALRIGHT FOR A GUY DEAD 100 YEARS.

His spirit hasn't yet convinced the Public Art Committee to issue a statement of support, that the Muir Woods mural at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park is important art, important Santa Monica history, culturally significant, and must be preserved rather than painted over, as is the plan at this moment. But various members of the committee had some very nice things to say, and that was gratifying.

Their decision Monday night to delay deciding is too complicated to waste space with here, but completely understandable. Maybe next month.

But several members remarked at how often they've heard people in the community talking about it positively, even affectionately, with nary a discouraging word, no one saying paint it over, I hate it, it's bad art and meaningless.

Two members offered eloquent advocacy, of the mural's personal significance to them and its place in the community, having been there since 1978. They spoke of Muir's California connection and worldwide stature, of their having been inspired, like so many, to retrace his footsteps and discover the wilds for themselves, and its healing qualities. When we're trying to beautify one of the ugliest streets in town (Lincoln), one said, why would we paint over that mural?

The Campaign to Save the Muir Woods Mural will be staging a rally for support for an hour on Sept. 6, from noon to 1 p.m., at the site of the mural. They hope to have a big turnout. There are so many reasons to treasure this art piece. Let's not lose it. Show up and sign a petition.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Doubt is not a pleasant condition, but certainty is absurd" - Voltaire

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require a public vote for any significant changes to the airport. The other, formulated by City Council, leave council in charge of most decisions surrounding the SMO but would require a public vote to allow development of the land.

On Monday the president of the Maryland-based Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the president of the Washington, DC-based National Business Aviation Association will attend a Pilot Town Hall at the airport.

"AOPA President Mark Baker and NBAA President Ed Bolen will be joining us to talk about the most significant land use decision in Santa Monica History," says a release from AOPA.

AOPA and NBAA have each spent more than \$100,000 in support of the pro-SMO initiative.

Meanwhile, the Committee for Local Control of Santa Monica Airport Land (CLCSMAL), the political action committee formed to oppose the pro-SMO measure and support council's measure, will host a kickoff meeting tonight at the Mount Olive Church.

"At the Wednesday meeting, we'll show how Measure LC provides voters a concrete way to overcome the Washington aviation lobby's attempt to run SMO for its benefit, allowing more jets, more pollution and more uncertainty," a release about the event said.

On Sept. 20, Marty Rubin will host a City Council candidates forum focused on the airport. Rubin is the director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP).

Some residents who are opposed to the airport have filed a second lawsuit opposing the pro-SMO ballot measure. The first lawsuit, filed against both City Hall and the

backers of the measure sought to have the pro-airport measure thrown out. While City Hall wants to close the airport, the City of Santa Monica filed a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP) motion in response to being sued and the case is now delayed. The anti-airport litigants filed the second suit, which also names City Hall, with the goal of amending the pro-SMO measure. The first hearing is scheduled for Friday.

The cash continues to roll in for the pro-SMO measure. Santa Monicans for Open and Honest Development Decisions, the committee supporting the measure, had raised more than \$250,000 by mid-July, with much of that going toward the paid signature gathers who helped collect the necessary John Hancock's to get it on the ballot.

Just last week they got an additional \$45,000 according to campaign disclosure statements.

CLCSMAL has yet to raise any money, according to the most recent statements, but founder John Fairweather told the Daily Press previously that they hoped to raise about \$250,000 of their own. They expect to be outspent handily.

What: CLCSMAL Kickoff meeting

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. (doors 6:30 p.m.)

Location: Mount Olive Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd.

What: Pilot Town Hall

Date: Monday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

Location: Justice Aviation, 3011 Airport Ave.

RSVP not required but appreciated: events@aopa.org

What: CRAAP's City Council Candidates Forum

Date: Saturday, Sept. 20 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Location: Santa Monica Business Park, 3250 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 160

dave@smdp.com

BEAT FROM PAGE 1

"There are things she does that I had no clue about," he said. "There's a lot that happens behind the scenes and Alex just handles that."

As part of her role as CPC, Sanchez said she follows up with residents who are victims of burglaries to offer a free security survey. The service is available to homeowners and businesses as a way to help victims prevent repeated crimes and provide peace of mind. While few crime victims capitalize on the offer, Sanchez said she makes a phone call to everyone that reports a burglary.

"I talk to the victims of all kinds of crimes to answer their questions or provide information on safety, we're here for the aftermath of anything that happens like that."

Sanchez said some of her projects include organizing resident academies that provide locals with an opportunity to learn about the department. She publicizes the department's non-emergency number (458-8491) as a service for residents who may have questions or concerns and facilitates visits to local schools, neighborhood watch organizations or other interested groups.

Many of the individuals at those community meetings recognize Verbeck from his patrols within the beat. Verbeck said the community policing approach has real benefits to public safety because residents feel

more comfortable talking with him.

"You know the people and the people know you. It's when I have a person call me and say 'I'm telling you this because I trust you' and they talk about a problem. I can reach out to the public and there's trust. It's not just a uniform, a man and a badge. It's Ricky."

He said working in the specific area provides him with a level of knowledge that helps build strong relationships.

"I have a knowledge of the history of the neighborhood," he said. "I know the different families. On patrol, we just go where the radio takes us. As opposed to now, if I get a call on 17th Street, I might know the family next door and maybe pay them a visit to see how they're doing. I like being given the opportunity to be someone they know and trust, that's huge to me."

The Beat 3 team said their area has fewer residential burglaries, auto burglaries and bike thefts as compared to the city at large. They are currently handling a small increase in commercial burglaries, mostly focused on suspects targeting alcohol from retail stores. Verbeck said overall crime numbers were down compared to this time last year. "For being the middle of summer, and our crime is down, people are getting the message," he said.

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Teens arrested in plot after Web activities eyed

CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

SOUTH PASADENA Investigators acting on a tip unraveled a plot to carry out a mass shooting at a suburban Los Angeles high school, arresting a pair of students who planned to target three school staffers and kill as many people as possible, police said Tuesday.

School officials learned of the plot on Thursday and notified detectives, who began watching the 16- and 17-year-old boys and monitoring their online activity, South Pasadena Police Chief Arthur Miller said.

The pair didn't have a date for an attack or weapons, but their online messaging included the names of three staffers to target and threats to randomly kill students, Miller said.

They were also researching automatic firearms, handguns, knives, explosives and tactical techniques, he said.

"Three or four days' worth of surveillance on the Internet indicated that they had a very real threat," he said. "They had a plan in mind that they were going to execute."

The names of the teens have not been released because of their ages. Police expect to present their case to the district attorney later in the day.

Miller said police interviewed the boys and realized how cold-hearted the plot was. He provided no specifics, and officials at South Pasadena High School did not disclose details of the initial tip.

Classes start again Thursday in the quaint San Gabriel Valley suburb known for its quality schools and community involvement in education. Police plan to have a larger presence than usual on campus for the first day of school.

School cheerleaders Zoe Bullard and Leah Schexnayder, both 16, said they were frightened by news of the arrests.

"I don't even want to go to school on Thursday, because what if something hap-

pens?" Schexnayder said.

"What if they missed a person?" Bullard asked about the police investigation.

Miller said his officers saved lives by thwarting the attack in the town of about 25,000 people about 6 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

"They were making a huge, a huge plan of a school massacre," Miller said. "They just wanted to kill as many people as possible."

Enough evidence was gathered to serve warrants at the boys' homes Monday.

Police had to break into one boy's house as he resisted and they took him into custody as he tried to run, officials said.

One boy allegedly said he had a relative with a gun that he might be able to get. Police contacted that relative, who said the weapon was secured.

The two teenage boys, who were about to become seniors, were arrested on charges of making threats and conspiracy. They were being held at a juvenile facility.

Miller didn't provide information about the dynamic of their relationship. He said the parents of the suspects were cooperating with investigators.

The FBI joined the investigation to help search for evidence on the computers seized from the boys' homes.

Officials must investigate all threats, and discretion comes later as they decide how to deal with students who make them, said Ken Trump, president of the National School Safety and Security Services, a consulting firm.

"They're better off to find dozens of threats that are not credible than to have one case that's missed," he said.

In Trump's opinion, the South Pasadena threat was reasonably well-developed based on information released by police.

Associated Press writers Justin Pritchard in Los Angeles and Raquel Maria Dillon in South Pasadena contributed to this report.

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CANDIDATE FROM PAGE 1

McKeown.

Another six have run before: former Mayor Michael Feinstein is running for the first time since his 2004 defeat, Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon was just about 4,000 votes shy of breaking onto council in 2012, former Planning Commissioner Frank Gruber fell a couple slots behind McKinnon in 2012, and Jon Mann, Terence Later, and Jerry Rubin, who have run in the last several elections, fell behind Gruber.

Planning Commissioners Jennifer Kennedy and Sue Himmelrich have thrown their hats into the ring this year. Kennedy has received support from the Steering Committee of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's largest political party. Himmelrich was endorsed, alongside McKinnon and McKeown, by the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City.

Recreation and Parks Chair Phil Brock is running for the first time on a firm anti-development stance. Whitney Scott Bain, who favors the Santa Monica Airport, is also making his first run. Nick Boles says he'll make the city affordable for the next generation of Santa Monicans. Zoe Muntaner is often present during council meetings, speaking during the public input portion of the meeting about housing issues.

Longtime Councilmember Bob Holbrook announced earlier this month that he would not seek reelection, leaving one seat up for grabs and extending the filing deadline by several days for the candidates.

DESPITE SETBACK, MANN PULLS OFF QUALIFICATION

Self-proclaimed "neomarxist revisionist / utopian Libertarian hybrid" Jon Mann has

run for council in the last five elections and 11 times over the past few decades. A last minute hitch almost kept him off the ballot this year.

"When over 200 signatures and my clipboard mysteriously disappeared, I almost dropped out," Mann told the Daily Press. "Fortunately by himself dropping out at the penultimate moment, Holbrook gave me the time I needed to collect another 250. I always collect extra signatures."

Two other candidates, Muntaner and Later, turned in their signatures after Holbrook's decision not to run extended the window.

RUBIN NOT AN ACTIVIST (ON THE BALLOT)

Peace activist Jerry Rubin won't get that title on the ballot. State law prohibits the use of the word "activist" as a title for any candidate, according to city officials. He asked that he be referred to as a peace activist, activists group coordinator, or activist sticker distributor. City officials told him that group coordinator or sticker distributor, without the word "activist" would be acceptable. Rubin has asked them to reconsider.

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Independent expenditures allow outside groups to support a candidate without coordinating with the candidates themselves.

Dexter Johnson, a director at Santa Monica College, has contributed \$1,000 to "Re-Elect Louise Jaffe for College Board 2014," the first independent expenditure of the election.

Jaffe is one of four incumbents running along with two challengers for four Santa Monica College Board seats.

As the races heat up, so will outside spending, which allows anyone from developers to political parties to individual donors to indirectly support (or oppose) candidates.

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Number of wet days -- 4

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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 8

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.		
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Lafita Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point rent).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 POH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Los Flores County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Cedwick Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 POH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugos).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Rolland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	D
Marino del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

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Ballmer steps down from Microsoft board

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is stepping down from the company's board, closing a chapter on 34 years with the software giant.

Ballmer says he plans to devote more time to his ownership of the Los Angeles Clippers, civic contributions, study and teaching a business class at Stanford in the fall.

Microsoft Corp. published Ballmer's resignation letter on its website Tuesday along with a response from current CEO Satya Nadella thanking him and wishing him well.

The 58-year-old says he plans to hold on to his Microsoft stock and will continue to offer feedback on products and strategy. With 333.3 million shares worth \$15 billion, Ballmer's 4 percent stake in the company makes him the largest individual shareholder. A few institutional investors hold slightly more.

"I bleed Microsoft - have for 34 years and I always will," Ballmer wrote. "I will be proud, and I will benefit through my share ownership. I promise to support and encourage boldness by management in my role as a shareholder in any way I can."

Ballmer stepped down as chief executive in February, and since then Microsoft shares have risen about 24 percent. The stock closed Tuesday up 0.5 percent at \$45.33. He noted his resignation from the board comes as the company prepares for its next shareholder meeting set for sometime this fall.

Nadella thanked Ballmer for his support during the transition period and used the opportunity to reiterate the company's new focus on mobile devices and cloud computing.

"Under your leadership, we created an incredible foundation that we continue to build on - and Microsoft will thrive in the mobile-first, cloud-first world," Nadella said.

Ballmer's departure leaves Microsoft's board with 10 members. It has no immediate plans to replace him. The company, which is based in Redmond, Washington, adds a new board member about once every year or so. The most recent addition was John Stanton, chairman of wireless technology investment fund Trilogy Equity Partners, in July.

Robert Breza, an analyst with Sterne Agee & Leach, said Ballmer still lives in the Seattle area and will no doubt be accessible if needed.

"Steve will still be relevant for the next two years if someone asks him a question," Breza said. "It gives them the chance to remake the board. At the end of the day it's a good thing."

In February, co-founder Bill Gates increased the amount of time he spent at Microsoft as a technology adviser at Nadella's request, but other than his board seat, Ballmer hadn't had a formal role after stepping down as CEO.

Ballmer's resignation from the board came a day after he high-fived and chest-bumped his way through a crowd of 4,500 Clippers fans at a rally at the Staples Center. He bought the team for \$2 billion in a sale that a judge confirmed last week.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your intuitive voice often points you down an intriguing path. You will find that you are a lot better off than you might have anticipated. Keep your opinion to yourself for now. Tonight: Head home early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Friends might have a unique way of supporting you. You'll need to consider what will be the best way to share your feelings. Your creativity could be triggered by a new friend. Tonight: Make plans for the coming weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be aware of what is happening between you and someone else. A discussion might be in order. A family member could decide to take a stand. Having an important person on your side is likely to increase your security. Tonight: Treat a favorite person to dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are much more in your element than you realize. You seem to have pushed beyond your normal limits, and somehow you still might not get your desired results. Your personality will blossom with a newfound self-confidence. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Sit back and say little; you will learn a lot more by observing. Others initially might feel awkward, but you'll learn a lot more about the people who surround you. A hunch that involves money could pay off. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Don't question your direction today. Your present course will lead you where you want to go. Remain sensitive to a loved one who seems to be wearing rose-colored glasses. You might need to help this person get in touch with reality. Tonight: Go with an imaginative idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a stand, but only if you must. Loved ones whom you rarely see but who play a key role in your daily life will appreciate your newfound curiosity. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a boss or an important older relative. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use your intellect, and mix it with a deep emotional resonance. As a result, you'll create a positive change in an area of your life that you already find richly rewarding. Open up to a loved one; it will be good for this person to see your thought process. Tonight: Break a pattern.

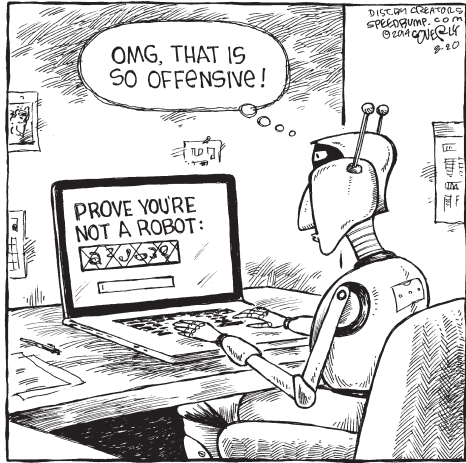
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to open up to a different way of proceeding, one that a partner seems to have an easy understanding of. You might be torn between following a long-desired dream and doing what is logical. Do not restrict yourself either way. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You could be pleased by a partner and his or her choices. This person might opt to draw you in closer by reaching out to you for help. As you fulfill this request, you also will be making yourself happy. You'll delight others with your spontaneity. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a countdown to complete a project. Your ability to understand what others expect from you tends to put tremendous pressure on you. Tonight: Head to the gym for some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your mind could be fixated on a child or loved one. If someone else needs to have a serious conversation with you, you will be hard-pressed to be present in the moment with him or her. Your personal life is so much more exciting! Tonight: Let romance in.

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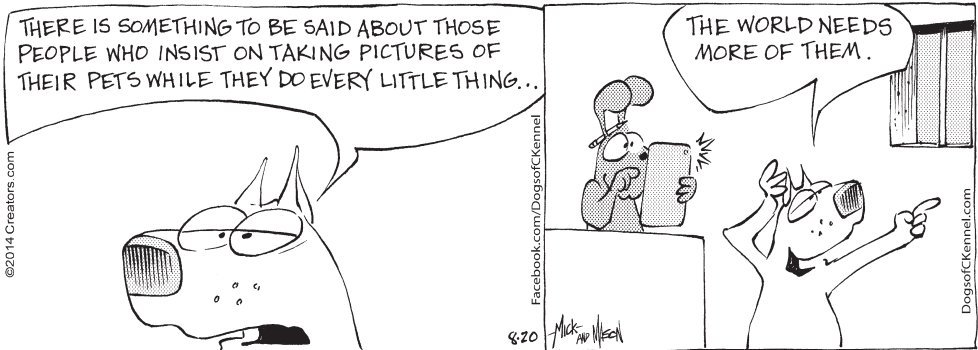


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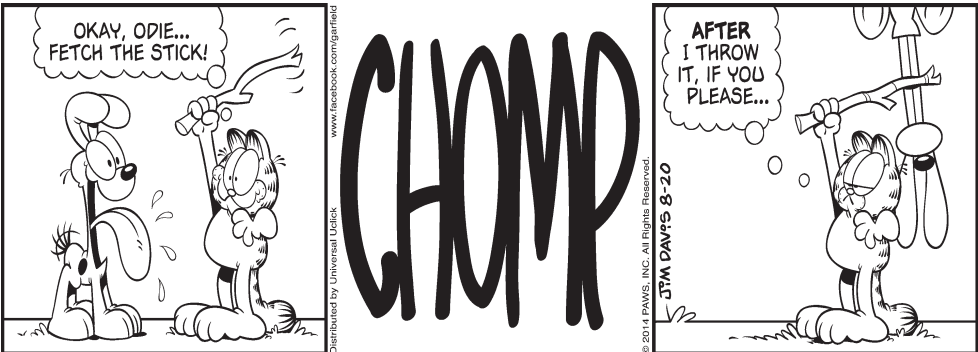
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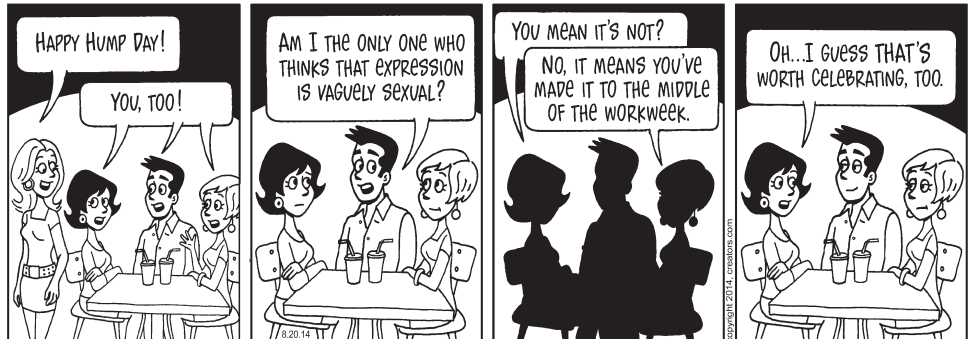
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

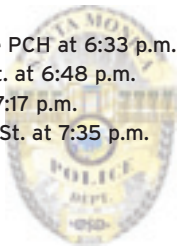
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 382 calls for service on Aug. 18.

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

- Vandalism on the 1300 block of 4th St. at 3:21 p.m.
- Burglary on the 2400 block of Main St. at 7:54 a.m.
- Auto burglary on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 8:24 a.m.
- Traffic accident on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 8:55 a.m.
- Theft of recycables on the 1100 block of 21st St. at 10:15 a.m.
- Fight on the 2300 block of the beach at 10:38 a.m.
- Hit and run on the 100 block of Hollister Ave. at 10:48 a.m.
- Traffic accident on the 1600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 11:01 a.m.
- Traffic accident on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 11:35 a.m.
- Assault on the 2800 block of Main St. at 11:40 a.m.
- Suicide on the 800 block of 10th St. at 11:51 a.m.
- Auto burglary on the 1400 block of 4th St. at 11:59 a.m.
- Fight on the 700 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 12:28 p.m.
- Fraud on the 200 block of Bicknell Ave. at 12:42 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 2400 block of Colorado Ave. at 12:51 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 2200 block of 3rd St. at 1:08 p.m.
- Indecent exposure at Yale and Wilshire at 1:50 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 2500 block of Ocean Front Walk at 1:55 p.m.
- Grand theft auto on the 1200 block of 12th St. at 2:23 p.m.
- Bike theft on the 1100 block of 20th St. at 2:33 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1400 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 3:50 p.m.
- Burglary on the 2000 block of 3rd St. at 4:22 p.m.
- Traffic accident at the 1600 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 4:23 p.m.
- Burglary on the 2200 block of 3rd St. at 4:27 p.m.
- Fight on the 1500 block of the beach at 4:31 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1200 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 5:28 p.m.
- Fight at Main and Hill at 5:46 p.m.
- Traffic accident on the 1500 block of the PCH at 6:33 p.m.
- Identity theft on the 800 block of 3rd St. at 6:48 p.m.
- Burglary on the 1200 block of Euclid at 7:17 p.m.
- Auto burglary on the 2600 block of 5th St. at 7:35 p.m.
- Fight at 4th and Broadway at 10:42 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Twitch
- 6 Computer fodder
- 10 Overly virile
- 11 Speeders' worries
- 12 Quiver item
- 13 Fuming
- 14 Real hoot
- 15 Kindle
- 16 Bar bill
- 17 Historic time
- 18 Filming site
- 19 Ocean banks
- 22 Flight part
- 23 Head-phones site
- 26 Mild onions
- 29 Fitting
- 32 Completely
- 33 Barn sound
- 34 Easter event
- 36 Rotate
- 37 Cabaret sight
- 38 European fashion center
- 39 Getting on
- 40 Old saw

- 41 Fallon's predecessor
- 42 Doctrine

DOWN

- 1 Know-how
- 2 Outcasts
- 3 Circus performer
- 4 Bar order
- 5 Do a yard job
- 6 Bedrock pet
- 7 Black cattle variety
- 8 Far from wordy
- 9 So far
- 11 Adieu
- 15 In the past

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Yesterday's answer

- 17 Dominant guy, figuratively
- 20 "— Misérables"
- 21 Mineo of movies
- 24 "Star Trek" baddy
- 25 Closet use
- 27 Brewpub product
- 28 Shake-speare work
- 29 Shock
- 30 Pitcher Satchel
- 31 Use the gym
- 35 — Domini
- 36 Ocean motion
- 38 Small rug

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DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 8/16
7 8 17 48 59
Power#: 9
Jackpot: \$60M



Draw Date: 8/15
16 19 28 29 68
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: \$160M



Draw Date: 8/16
12 13 22 27 28
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: \$11M



Draw Date: 8/18
10 13 14 29 32



Draw Date: 8/18
MIDDAY: 1 7 7
EVENING: 8 9 7



Draw Date: 8/18
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:49.19

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Steve Wiles gathered only 28 percent of the vote in his North Carolina state senate race in May after revelations that he -- lately an opponent of gay rights -- was until about four years ago a gay male who worked as the female impersonator "Mona Sinclair" at a gay nightclub in Winston-Salem. As recently as April, however (three weeks before a newspaper's revelation), Wiles was categorically denying that he used to be Mona Sinclair. "That's not me," he said. "That's him," said a man who worked with him at the club. Said the club's then-co-owner: "I have no ax to grind against him. I just think he's a liar." ■ The Alaskan government is scrambling to fulfill its obligation to welcome native communities' votes on a state tax resolution in August. That means paying translators (at up to \$50 a hour) to set out the measure for communities using the languages Yup'ik, Inupiak, Siberian Yupik, Koyukon Athabascan and Gwich'in Athabascan. (The tax measure must also be available on audio -- for those communities that rely on the "oral tradition.") For example, the yes-or-no tax question in Yup'ik is "Una-qaa alerquun ciuni-urumanrilli?"

TODAY IN HISTORY

1926 - Japan's public broadcasting company, Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai (NHK) is established.

1938 - Lou Gehrig hits his 23rd career grand slam - a record that stood for 75 years until it was broken by Alex Rodriguez.

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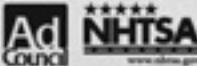
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