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# Policy to mainstream special ed students in the works

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMMUSD HEADQUARTERS** Public school officials are devising a way to mainstream special education students into general classrooms.

The goal is to give special ed students a more well-rounded school experience, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials said.

Members of the Board of Education will consider adopting the new policy at its meeting next week.

There are about 1,350 total special ed students in the district on any given day, according to Sara Woolverton, director of special education at SMMUSD. The school district spent a little more than $20 million on special ed for fiscal year 2012-13.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Debra Moore Washington said during the last school board meeting that

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# Celebrate the end of summer on Main Street

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

**MAIN ST** The 13th annual Endless Summer SOULstice takes over Main Street this weekend, featuring free concerts from more than

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

**MAKING MOVES:** Westside Gamers gather at the Denny's on Lincoln Boulevard last week to play board games.

# Low-tech gaming

## Westsiders form group to celebrate board games




**FUN TIMES:** Westside Gamers come ready to play.

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

**LINCOLN BLVD** Hundreds of new board games are created each year. Most people won't know about any of them.

But one group of Westside residents would. Every week, members of Westside Gamers, a board game group, gather in Denny's restaurants, coffee shops and the back room of a local church — anywhere they can find adequate space — just to play board games.

"A lot of people have misconceptions about board gaming today because they have a stereotype of what a board game is," said Rusty Howell, a regular at Westside Gamers. "People are missing out if they actually don't take a look at it and try it once."

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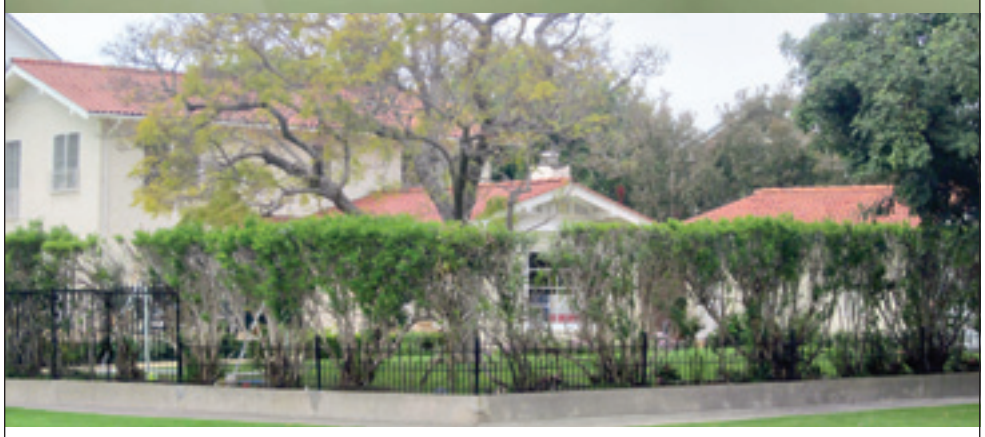
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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013

**Write away right away**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Join author Barbara Abercrombie for Kicking in the Wall: a Writer's Workshop to help get new writers and those facing writer's block inspired to put the pen to the page. Abercrombie is known for her books on writing and children's books as well as her editing work for "Cherished: 21 Writers on Animals They Have Loved and Lost." The event is limited to 20 participants on a first-arrival basis. Book sales and signing to follow the event. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

**Big Blue Bus meeting**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Big Blue Bus management team will host a community meeting to discuss fare policy updates and proposed service changes for early 2014 including the installation of new fare boxes, the discontinuation of local transfers, detours for the Sunset Ride and reallocation of Route 11 buses/operators. For more information, call (310) 451-5444.

**Organic beauty**
Willow Spa
3127 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Willow Spa hosts its first summer organic beauty night where participants can receive complimentary 30-minute facials and makeup applications using natural and organic products as well as organic wine tasting and food, discounts on products and more. Tickets are $75 per person or $65 each for groups of two or more. For more information, call (310) 453-9004.

**Women's lib**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Main Library's The Political is Personal Film Series continues with a presentation of "Wonder Women!," a documentary on the history of the comic book superheroine Wonder Woman and a look at how popular representations of powerful women reflect society's anxieties about women's liberation. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

**Planning Commission meets**
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will discuss conditional use permits for two locations on Second Street, a development review permit for a new 20-unit condominium complex on Ocean Avenue, as well as a recommendation to amend the Santa Monica Municipal Code to implement the new Downtown In-Lieu Parking Fee Program. For more information, call (310) 458-8341.

### Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013

**Renaissance madness and cures**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join author Regina O'Melveny as she celebrates the paperback release of her critically-acclaimed novel, "The Book of Madness and Cures," following the adventures of a woman doctor in Renaissance Venice in search of her father. A book sale and signing will follow the talk. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

**Festival of dance**
The Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
The Hart Pulse Dance Company presents the seventh annual MixMatch Dance Festival, bringing more than 70 dances in hip hop, ballet, tap, modern, tribal, contemporary, jazz, belly and more from Southern California and across the U.S. Tickets are available for $15 at hartpulsedance.com. For more information, call (661) 755-2182.

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## CORRECTION

In the article "SM recognized for supporting electric vehicles" it should have stated that SB 880 made it legal to install electric vehicle charging stations in condominium complexes and community apartment projects, but not regular apartment buildings. It should have also said that most electric vehicles, after incentives, are still more affordable than the average gas-powered car. And Zan Dubin Scott paid off her solar panels in 2002.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



File photo

**ALL ABOARD:** **People get onto a Big Blue Bus on Broadway.**

CITYWIDE

### BBB announces fall service changes

Beginning Aug. 25, Big Blue Bus will be adjusting routes to comply with passenger requests and deal with low ridership.

There will be increased service on Route 3 and Rapid 3 (serving Lincoln Boulevard) and Route 7 and Rapid 7 (serving Pico Boulevard). Rapid 3 will also offer a new midday service to accommodate heavy demand.

Without funds needed to add new services, a variety of BBB trips with low ridership will be canceled or run less frequently. Routes 1, 2, 3 and 5 will see adjustments while some unproductive morning trips and some Rapid 12 afternoon trips will be discontinued.

The frequency of the Route 8 service will be reduced to every 20 minutes from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Route 6 will be reduced by two afternoon trips during the school year and will only operate during Santa Monica College's fall and spring semesters.

In addition to these service modifications and reductions, UCLA's Ackerman Terminal is closed due to construction and therefore UCLA passengers and those headed to SMC's Academy of Entertainment and Technology should use the new transit hub located on UCLA's north campus at Charles E. Young Drive across from Parking Structure 2 on weeknights and weekends.

More information on future route detours and service changes, in addition to a talk on proposed changes to fares, will be discussed at a community meeting tonight, Aug. 21 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Santa Monica's Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

For more information or if you have questions, visit bigbluebus.com or call (310) 451-5444.

– ILEANA NAJARRO

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# Mosquitoes are worse this summer in parts of U.S.

**SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON** The tiny mosquito all too often has man on the run. And this summer, it seems even worse than usual.

"You can't get from the car to inside our house without getting attacked, it's that bad," high school teacher Ryan Miller said from his home in Arlington, Va. Minutes earlier, he saw a mosquito circling his 4-month-old daughter — indoors.

Experts say it's been a buggier-than-normal summer in many places around the U.S. because of a combination of drought, heavy rain and heat.

It may be worst in the Southeast, which is getting hit with three years' worth of bugs in one summer, said Jonathan Day, who studies insects at the University of Florida.

Two years of drought were followed by incredibly heavy rain this year. During dry spells, mosquito eggs often didn't get wet enough to hatch. This year's rain revived those, along with the normal 2013 batch.

In parts of Connecticut this summer, mosquito traps had double the usual number of bugs. Minnesota traps in July had about triple the 10-year average. And in central California, traps had five times as many of one key species as the recent average.

Humans have been battling the blood-drinking bugs for thousands of years, and despite man's huge advantages in technology and size, people are not getting the upper hand. Just lots of bites on the hand.

"We have to keep fighting just to hold our own," said Tom Wilmot, past president of the Mosquito Control Association and a Michigan mosquito control district chief. And in some places, he said, the mosquitoes are winning.

In southwestern Florida around Fort Myers, Lee County mosquito control was getting more than 300 calls per day from residents at times this summer, a much higher count than usual. But the more impressive tally was the number of bugs landing on inspectors' unprotected legs: more than 100 a minute in some hotspots, said deputy director Shelly Radovan.

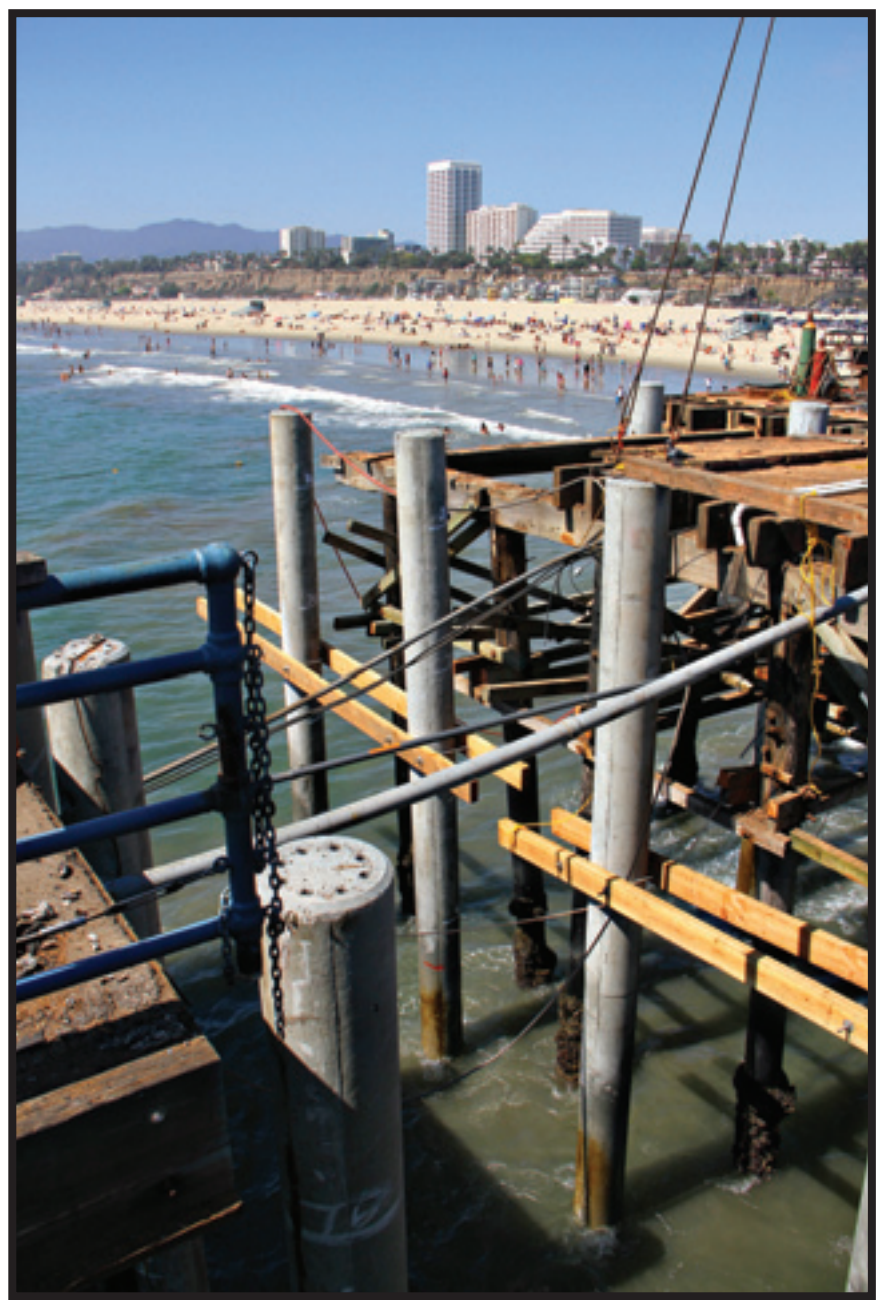
Across Florida near Vero Beach, Roxanne Connelly said there have been some days this month when she just wouldn't go in the backyard. It's been too bad even for her — and she's a mosquito researcher at the University of Florida and head of the mosquito association.

Many communities fight back by spraying pesticides, but mosquitoes are starting to win that battle, too, developing resistance to these chemicals. Soon many places could be out of effective weapons, Connelly and other mosquito-fighters said.

Miller, who teaches environmental sciences, said he normally would oppose spraying but has been lobbying for the county to break out the pesticides this year. The county told him there was no money in the budget and recommended he hire a private pest control business, he said.

The type that buzzed his daughter

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### One fine photographer

**Editor:**

We certainly appreciated the interesting story about Santa Monica's fine photographer Fabian Lewcowicz ("Local photog captures city's beauty with every picture," Aug. 19). We urge all Santa Monica residents and visitors to sign up on his Santa Monica Close-up site to receive his daily photographic postings of Santa Monica's natural beauty and various positive local activities and events.

Fabian is a powerfully positive and talented force in the great city of Santa Monica.

**Jerry and Marissa Rubin**
Santa Monica









## Are We Really Out of Iraq?

Kelly Hayes-Raitt — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Baghdad bombings force her hand

**IF MARLA RUZICKA HAD PENNED HER** own obituary, she would have written about Faiz Ali Salim, her 43-year-old Iraqi driver and aide in documenting the impact of the invasion on Iraqi civilians. While U.S. troops were bombing, Marla was bonding, literally canvassing door-to-door in Baghdad neighborhoods to count the number of civilian casualties.

The 28-year-old Northern Californian and Faiz were killed by a suicide bomber on the notoriously dangerous Baghdad airport road in April 2005. In her quest to secure funds for families who'd lost innocent loved ones, Marla had befriended scores of reporters, who generously and poignantly eulogized her infectious spirit, her relentless determination to help war victims and her gift at salsa dancing. Faiz's death was mentioned as an afterthought; Marla would have told his story instead.

He left behind his wife and 2-month old baby.

Marla and I shared a suite during our first trip to Iraq, just five weeks before the U.S.-led invasion. I didn't know her well. She seemed deep in her own world, as if she were trying to place herself in it. Struggling with a recent romantic breakup, recovering from grueling work she had just experienced in Afghanistan, and, like all of us on that trip, reconciling our helplessness with the theoretical power our democracy was perceived to bestow on us, she was quiet and didn't invite intrusion.

Over the years, I've wondered what Marla's conversations were like with Faiz. Surely, she would have been enchanted by his newborn; she gravitated to children. Did they ever talk about how dangerous their work was? Reporters wrote about Marla's fearlessness. Did Marla ever wonder if her presence as an American put Faiz in danger? Did he shrug off that possibility in favor of helping this dynamic American secure compensation for his injured countrymen?

These questions knock about my brain right now as I prepare to return to Iraq. For the past week, my "fixer," Abdullah in Baghdad, and I have been on a roller coaster made more frustrating by communication snafus while I am in Beirut. One minute he's expressing concerns about my visit (but I'm not sure what he is most concerned about: my safety, his responsibility for my safety, or his safety) and the next minute he's lining up meetings with my translator and driver.

My translator is a 21-year-old who recently worked in the Green Zone. Born in 1991, the year of the first Gulf War, Mustafa has known nothing but recovering from war, preparing for war and enduring war. He is excited to work with me until this weekend, when a wave of coordinated car bombs shattered Eid celebrations and killed 60 to 91 people. (As I tried to confirm these figures — casualty numbers still unconfirmed — I learned another two bombs went off in cafes in Baghdad, killing another 21 people, according to initial reports.) It's akin to al-Qaida setting off coordinated bombs in Boston on Thanksgiving.

New checkpoints. New roadblocks. New lines. New walls. New fears. Mustafa wrote that there's a new requirement: I must get some sort of written permission from the Iraqi government to conduct interviews. He wants me to get this paper to protect him, the driver and Abdullah so that soldiers stopping us at checkpoints don't think I'm being kidnapped by three Iraqi men. It could take a month to get this approval, and my Iraqi visa is good for only a month.

Furthermore, getting this approval means sending these men's names to the government. One of the men is a Sunni and is understandably suspicious of being registered with the predominantly Shiite government as having helped an American.

Abdullah's hushed voice on the cellphone today is brittle, suspicious and cryptic. His uncharacteristically long e-mail last night in a language that is not his own is suddenly panicky, almost desperate. "Our names will go to the [government] ministry and militias then after you're back (if you are back safe), who will be sure that we will be safe? Now in Iraq no one trusts even his brother, so how can I trust the driver or translator or even the staff of the hotel?" This proud man once defied my concerns about being seen with me by crossing his arms and declaring, "I am a free man." I can still hear his indignation, now I hear his defeat.

Then, the driver demanded more money; double what anyone else would get.

An Iraqi fixer in the States advised I postpone, my friend Sarmad in Hillah (who is interviewed on my blog about water treatment quality) was more blunt: "Don't come."

The 29-year-old new father wrote me tonight: "Kelly, we have no life. We are all dead."

### POSTPONED

My flight was supposed to leave within days; I've canceled my trip. I'm heartsick for my Iraqi friends and the daily violence, insecurity and indignity they endure. I feel guilty about letting down my friends in Baghdad and at the embassy who worked so hard for this trip's success. One of the U.S. consulate workers called me from his personal cellphone from outside the office and confided, "Madam Kelly, I want you to know we are doing everything we can. You are helping our people!" But, I can't endanger their lives by showing up.

I'm still reeling after spending more than seven months on the logistics, fundraising and PR for the trip. I have to regroup and figure out my own schedule. I am supposed to be out of my rented apartment in Beirut in two days. I hope to spend the unexpected time in Beirut doing more in-depth reporting on Syrian refugees. Perhaps I can get to refugee camps in Turkey. Not sure yet, but I have no intention of squandering the time.

Kelly Hayes-Raitt prepared to return to Baghdad Aug. 14. Follow her current efforts at www.AreWeReallyOutOfIraq.com.

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# Insiders threaten the initiative process

**ARE YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS FED UP** with the policies of your local officials? For over 100 years, disgruntled Californians have had the option of responding to onerous local ordinances or other government decisions by using the initiative to affect change, but a recent appellate court decision may mean the end of the voters' right to use the initiative process at the local level.

It is no secret that politicians and bureaucrats detest the initiative process. Government insiders find it annoying that average citizens have the option to place measures on the ballot which can spoil their best laid plans.

Of course the initiative process was not established to make the political class more comfortable. It was intended to allow voters to act as the lawmakers of last resort when representatives proved to be indolent, incompetent, corrupt, or just plain unresponsive. Many Californians are aware that that the state-level initiative and referendum were adopted in 1911, but initiative rights at the county level date back to 1893. Unfortunately, this local option may be about to end if an appellate court decision, that allows the Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) to reject placing a qualified initiative on the ballot, is upheld by the California Supreme Court.

When Mission Springs water users reacted to a 40 percent rate increase by collecting signatures to qualify an initiative that would roll back the increase, while allowing annual adjustments for inflation, the MSWD was required by statute to place the initiative on the next regularly scheduled election ballot. However, the district withheld the initiative from the ballot and instead sued the initiative proponents for declaratory relief. It alleged that, without the 40 percent increase, it would be unable to pay its bills (a claim that initiative sponsors who are all current or former elected officials, say is bogus).

On behalf of initiative sponsors, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association attorneys filed a motion, seeking to dismiss the case as a meritless "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation" (SLAP). These suits are used by government agencies to intimidate and harass citizens who actively oppose their actions.

Taxpayer attorneys argued that local agencies, when presented with a duly qualified initiative, do not have the option of withholding it from the voters and filing a years-long action for declaratory relief. Rather, they are required by statute to place the initiative on the ballot and let the voters approve or reject it while the issue is timely. If the voters reject the initiative, it is then unnecessary for either side to incur the expense of litigation. If the voters approve it, there is still ample opportunity for the agency to seek judicial review.

The court denied the motion and said where a local agency contends that an initiative is invalid, it may withhold the initiative from the ballot and sue the proponents for declaratory relief, even though such cases take years to decide. This means the government may now simply withhold an initiative from the ballot for any reason, and file an action for declaratory relief against the proponents. Then, whether the government wins the case or loses, it wins — because it has succeeded in keeping the initiative off the ballot.

**[A] RECENT APPELLATE COURT DECISION MAY MEAN THE END OF THE VOTERS' RIGHT TO USE THE INITIATIVE PROCESS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.**

While Mission Springs involved an initiative to roll back a rate increase, many other initiative types will be affected by this decision. Proposed land use changes, term limits, changes to public employee benefits, government transparency, and many other initiative proposals have met opposition from elected officials. That is why the people, in their constitution, reserved the power of initiative — so that they could pass needed laws that their elected officials were unwilling to enact. But if elected officials can prevent such initiatives from ever seeing the light of day, and if the initiative backers are rewarded for their time and sacrifice by getting dragged into court for years, then the right of initiative may as well not exist, for no sane person would exercise it. For a meaningful right of initiative to continue to exist in California, it is imperative that the Mission Springs decision be reversed.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is petitioning the California Supreme Court for review. We are counting on the justices to agree that the people's right to the initiative should not be arbitrarily denied by local officials who believe they may be inconvenienced by the passage of a properly qualified measure.

**JON COUPAL** is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

## The Q Line

### Legalize it?

The City Council last week asked city staffers to draft regulations that may pave the way for medical marijuana dispensaries in Santa Monica.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Where do you stand on allowing medical pot shops in the city and why?

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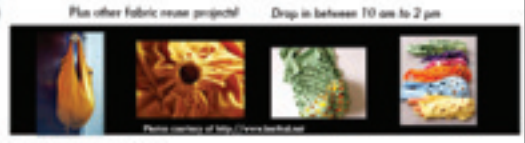
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# SF threatens to sue over influx of Nevada patients

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** San Francisco officials are considering suing Nevada for allegedly giving some 500 poor psychiatric patients one-way bus tickets to California.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera planned to send a letter containing the allegations to Nevada Attorney General Catherine Masto.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that a draft of the letter threatens a class-action lawsuit against Nevada unless it reimburses California cities and counties for the costs of dealing with the patients and adopts interstate transfer rules for patients.

The letter says the patients were discharged from a state-run psychiatric hospital in Las Vegas since April 2008 and got one-way bus tickets to California. Two dozen sent to San Francisco were broke, homeless and mentally ill.

Officials at Masto's office and Nevada's health department declined to comment to the newspaper.

Meantime, officials at University Medical Center in Las Vegas were questioning California health authorities about a woman left in the facility's emergency room.

Dr. Dale Carrison, the medical center's chief of staff, said the woman from California's Napa State Hospital — a state mental institution — claimed a caseworker there drove her to Las Vegas with promises of a place to stay and a disability check, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Officials could find no indication the woman had any ties to Las Vegas.

"I have been told by California authorities I contacted that they are looking into the situation," Carrison told the newspaper.

San Francisco's letter to Nevada's attorney general comes after a psychiatric patient filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in Nevada, alleging the state give him a one-way bus ticket to Northern California, where he arrived disoriented and with no money, identification or contacts.

The suit filed by James Flavey Coy Brown seeks class-action status on behalf of as many as 1,500 people his lawyers claimed were bused from Nevada to other states.

The legal action followed a Sacramento Bee report on Brown's experience, which spurred federal and state investigations. The city of Los Angeles has also launched a criminal investigation.

The patients in question were released from Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital in Las Vegas, the only state adult psychiatric hospital in southern Nevada.

A Nevada Health and Human Services summary from April reported that 31,043 people were admitted to Rawson-Neal during a five-year span, and that 1,473 patients were provided bus transportation out of the state.

The review identified 10 cases where documentation was insufficient to determine whether hospital staff had checked to ensure the released patient had family or a support system waiting for them in the new state.

# Autopsy found traces of drugs after Hastings' death

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** After 14 years of sobriety, journalist Michael Hastings had returned to drugs and had traces of amphetamine and marijuana in his system when he drove his car into a tree hours after he was seen passed out in his home, according to an autopsy report released Tuesday.

Coroner's investigators said the drugs likely did not contribute to the June crash, which they classified as an accident. But the use of the drugs by the 33-year-old Hastings, coupled with family accounts to investigators, shed new light on the death of the award-winning journalist whose reporting led to the resignation of a top American general.

The autopsy report came two months after Hastings' death on a deserted Los Angeles street fueled conspiracy theories and prompted the FBI to release an unusual statement that it had not been investigating him.

Investigators said the crash occurred a day after Hastings returned from New York, where his wife was living at the time, and hours before a brother was due to join another family member in urging Hastings to go to detox. Family members told investigators that Hastings had been using the hallucinogenic DMT recently, though the drug was not detected in a blood test after the crash.

The names of family members who spoke to investigators were redacted in the report.

The report said a family member had last seen Hastings passed out at home about three hours before the crash. The person said Hastings had been smoking marijuana the night before the crash.

Investigators said Hastings was found after the crash with a medicinal marijuana identity card in his wallet, and that the drug apparently was used to ease post-traumatic stress disorder after his assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Hastings died instantly of massive blunt force trauma when he apparently lost control of his 2013 silver Mercedes while traveling at high speed and hit a tree in the Hancock Park area of Los Angeles. The crash occurred at about 4:20 a.m. and was caught on at least one video camera that showed Hastings driving rapidly through a red light.

Family members told investigators that Hastings had been "sober" for 14 years but started to use drugs again over the past month. He had moved a couple months ago from New York to California and continued his work as a writer for BuzzFeed.

Toxicology results showed small amounts of amphetamine in his blood, which indicated he had possibly taken methamphetamine many hours before his death. Traces of marijuana were also present, indicating he'd taken it hours earlier.

The report also noted that Hastings had hit a pole while driving several years ago and was possibly misusing Ritalin at the time. He was institutionalized for rehabilitative care around 1999.

A family member told investigators Hastings didn't have a history of suicide attempts but believed he was invincible and could jump off a balcony and be fine.

Hastings won a 2010 George Polk Award for his Rolling Stone magazine cover story "The Runaway General," which led to the resignation of U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

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— the Asian tiger mosquito, named for its striped body — hit the U.S. a quarter-century ago in a batch of imported scrap tires in Houston and eventually spread to the Northeast, the Midwest and, in 2011, the Los Angeles area.

Climate change is also likely to worsen mosquito problems in general because the insects tend to do better in the hotter weather that experts forecast, said Chet Moore, a professor of medical entomology at Colorado State University.

Mosquitoes, of course, can be more than a nuisance: They can spread diseases. In the U.S., the biggest mosquito-borne threat is West Nile virus. Last year, there were a record 286 West Nile deaths, but this year appears to be milder.

Worldwide outside the United States, mosquito-borne diseases kill far more people than sharks, snakes and bears combined, with more than 600,000 deaths from malaria each year in poorer countries.

People should wear light-colored clothing — dark colors attract mosquitoes — long pants and long sleeves; get rid of standing water, where mosquitoes breed; and use repellents with the chemical DEET, experts said.

But even those substances may not work for long. Mosquitoes could be developing resistance to repellents as well as insecticides, said mosquito researcher James Logan at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

"It's an arms race," he said. "I always think they are one step ahead of us."

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the policy recognizes students with disabilities will be placed in programs that afford them the fullest opportunities educationally.

"The question was always what is the best way we can assign students to classrooms understanding the impact they have on their own education," Washington said. "It's an item near and dear to special ed and regular teachers alike."

Guidelines would provide clarification on how students are assigned to and counted on class rosters, balancing classes designed to meet the needs of all students including those with individual educational plans, or IEPs, as well as training for general education teachers and more, according to a report. An IEP outlines what services a special ed student receives from the district, including tutoring and speech therapy.

When counting class size, district officials will look at the time that a special education student is in a general education class. For a kindergartner to be counted, they would have to be at their desk for 60 minutes under the proposed guidelines. Students in grades one through five would have to be at their desk for 90 minutes to be counted. Those students would have to be taught core academics like language arts, math and science.

There are two classifications for students who are in special education: those who are either in special education classrooms for less than 50 percent of the day or more than 50 percent, Superintendent Sandra Lyon said. Under the proposed guidelines, those who are in special ed more than 50 percent of the time would most likely remain with a special education teacher.

Lyon said the policy gives principals flexibility by taking into consideration not just the size of the class, but the level of need each student has.

The greatest thing those inside the district can do is help create balanced classrooms, Steve Richardson, principal at John Adams Middle School, said.

"When I talk to our teachers at the school, I explain teachers are positioned to provide very valuable input on how we make classes and they're positioned in a way to look at balancing kids for high and low, in terms of their learning trajectory," Richardson said.

When special ed students are in the classroom, it does bring additional duties to the teacher. School officials need to support teachers and make accommodations and modifications to the curriculum.

"It'd be nice to look and say 'that's a balanced class,' but this is where administrators' perspective really adds value," Richardson said. "We are excited there are regulations around this. It's going to add value to the student experience, teacher experience and family experience."

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> Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for SMMUSD

Under the proposal, principals would be charged with determining the best placement for students with IEPs and that classes would be "balanced" by the third week of the school year.

Mainstreaming students has been a "work in progress," Washington said. In 2011, there was an ad hoc committee formed on what the assignment of students should look like and earlier this year guidelines were developed and discussed by principals at several meetings.

The policy would make sure students, regardless of what their disability status is, are taken care of, school board member Ben Allen said.

Wendy Parise, department chair of Early Childhood Education at Santa Monica College and a professor in the department, applauded the district for doing everything it can to include students with special needs and their families and be an active part of the community. She said research has shown it's a positive thing for children with disabilities to be educated alongside their age appropriate peers. There have been inclusive practices for mainstreaming special ed kids for quite some time, Parise, who used to be a special ed teacher in SMMUSD, said.

"I would say it really needs to be done on a case by case basis by child. In order to make inclusive practice work properly, there needs to be appropriate amount of support for all students," Parise said. "The … district has strived to include students with disabilities on regular campuses for years."

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# GAMES
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According to Westside Gamers founder Robert Neff, there is a universe of board games unknown to much of the public. Monopoly, Scrabble and Clue do not scratch the surface, said Neff, who owns more than a thousand board games himself.

Founded by Neff eight years ago, Westside Gamers has meetings more than once a week that anyone can attend to play board games.

Some of the group's meetings last 12 hours, from morning to the evening. Sometimes, gamers don't go home until 4 a.m. — on a weekday.

Few people know about the large variety of board games available because a few games have been around long enough and marketed well enough that they have become brand names, said John Ward, executive director of The Game Manufacturers Association.

However, board games started to grow more popular a few years ago during the recession, when people started looking for more cost-effective forms of entertainment, Ward said. Families could spend upwards of $40 on one trip to the movie theater, or they could spend $40 on a board game that can be played countless times at home.

Board games also allow a sense of community and social interaction players don't get with other forms of entertainment, like video games, he added. That is one of the biggest draws for many of the Westside Gamers.

"I like the ability to actually interact with people," said Howell, who owns a collection of about 300 board games. "It's the variety. It's the replayability. It's the sense of accomplishment."

For John Spence, a member of Westside Gamers with long white hair who wears a pair of sunglasses around his neck, board games also provide a pleasing feeling of escape from reality.

"(At board game conventions,) you don't eat, you don't sleep. We could care less about politics and economics. All you care about is slaughtering the person next to you with all the rules you have," he said with a laugh.

Some Westside Gamers have known about board games for years. Others, like gamer Sean Smith, picked it up on a whim after hearing about it and got hooked.

"I used to go out to clubs and stuff, but not anymore," said Smith, who works as a courier for FedEx during the day.

However, he doesn't tell his colleagues that he plays board games, partly because such intense or non-conventional board gaming is so little-known among most people. Smith and other gamers admit that there can be a stigma of "nerdiness" attached to the idea of playing more obscure board games, some of which can have instruction books over a hundred pages long.

"If you have to do homework to learn how to play a game, you're playing a nerdy game," said Eliot Hochberg at one of Westside Gamers' meetings.

But gamers are mainly there simply to have fun and have the chance to interact with people, said Shanti Ellis, a woman with long blue hair who has frequented the Aero Hobbies & Games store in Santa Monica for 15 years and now helps out at the location.

Aero Hobbies, which has existed for more than 60 years, is the only store on the Westside dedicated to board games, she said.

The store is mostly quiet aside from Friday nights, when the store hosts game nights open to the public using tables the store's employees made themselves. One time, the store employees had to check the fire code to see if the large number of people they had in the room was a violation, Ellis said.

Aero Hobbies is also one of the few places where Westside Gamers can meet to play, Neff said.

The group has always had trouble finding space. The Denny's at Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue is one of the few places the group has found that will allow them to play, has enough space, doesn't charge money for meetings and is open late enough.

That space, however, won't last for much longer. Last year, the Denny's was sold to a private developer known for building urban apartments.

But Westside Gamers has almost always found a way to manage. In eight years, Neff said, only one of their meetings has ever been canceled.

To attend a Westside Gamers meetup, find them on Yahoo Groups or send them a message at WestsideGamers@yahoogroups.com.

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Photo courtesy Ryan Melideo

**FESTIVE MOOD:** **People dance during the 2012 Main Street Summer SOULstice.**

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15 bands and a sidewalk sale.

The free celebration runs Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Live music will begin Sunday at 1 p.m. on four stages situated on and near Main Street.

Concert-goers can take in tribute bands ranging from seven-piece ensemble The Rising, a Bruce Springsteen tribute band, to Turn the Page, a Fullerton, Calif. band that pays homage to Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band.

It is estimated that 12,000 visitors will be packing the festival this weekend, Gary Gordon, coordinating producer of SOULstice, said.

The festival is usually held in June, but this year producers had some difficulties getting the financing together, Gordon, who serves as executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, said. The association produces the festival each year along with various sponsors such as Buy Local Santa Monica, Edgemar Center for the Arts, Areal Restaurant, L.A. Weekly and others.

It's also smaller this year in terms of the number of stages, Gordon said. In the past there have been as many as seven stages and last year there were six stages, he said. The stages will be located at or near Edgemar, 220 Fitness, Areal restaurant and Enterprise Fish Co.

"Even with the difficulties, we're still excited about it," Gordon said. "It's going to be a great festival."

The festival's budget also fell in line with last year's — roughly $26,000, Gordon said.

However, this year Gordon said the association had to add two extra police officers because the Edgemar stage is situated farther than the rest of the stages.

"That's just one detail of many in terms of putting it together and why it's smaller," Gordon said. "The cost of the police officers has gone up."

SOULstice is a festival that celebrates the "quirkiness and uniqueness and authenticity of Main Street," Jennifer Taylor, economic development administrator for City Hall, said.

Taylor said Main Street businesses collectively recorded about $111 million in taxable sales last year.

"It's helping raise the spotlight on Main Street and all the businesses and a fun way for the community and residents and businesses to come together and celebrate all that Main Street is about," Taylor said.

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Many of the businesses are owned by locals, she added.

Twenty-five Main Street-based businesses will be participating in the festival, Gordon said. It's the second year for 220 Fitness, which has sponsored a stage both times, Matteo Baker, CEO and founder of 220 Fitness, said. During the concerts last year, Baker said the fitness club got more than 20 new memberships in one day.

"It gave me the ability to promote from the stage and pick the bands," Baker said. "It was worth the investment."

This year, 220 Fitness is bringing in singer Michelle Delamor, a former "American Idol" contestant.

Joel Gilbert, the front man for Highway 61 Revisited, a Bob Dylan tribute band that will be performing this weekend, said the crowd seems to always be in a very festive mood, which makes it fun.

"It's gotten better each year — more people and more enthusiasm," Gilbert said. "The fans are wonderful. They're very enthusiastic."

He added that there are several original Bob Dylan band members in Highway 61 Revisited.

For a schedule of the events, mainstreetsm.com.

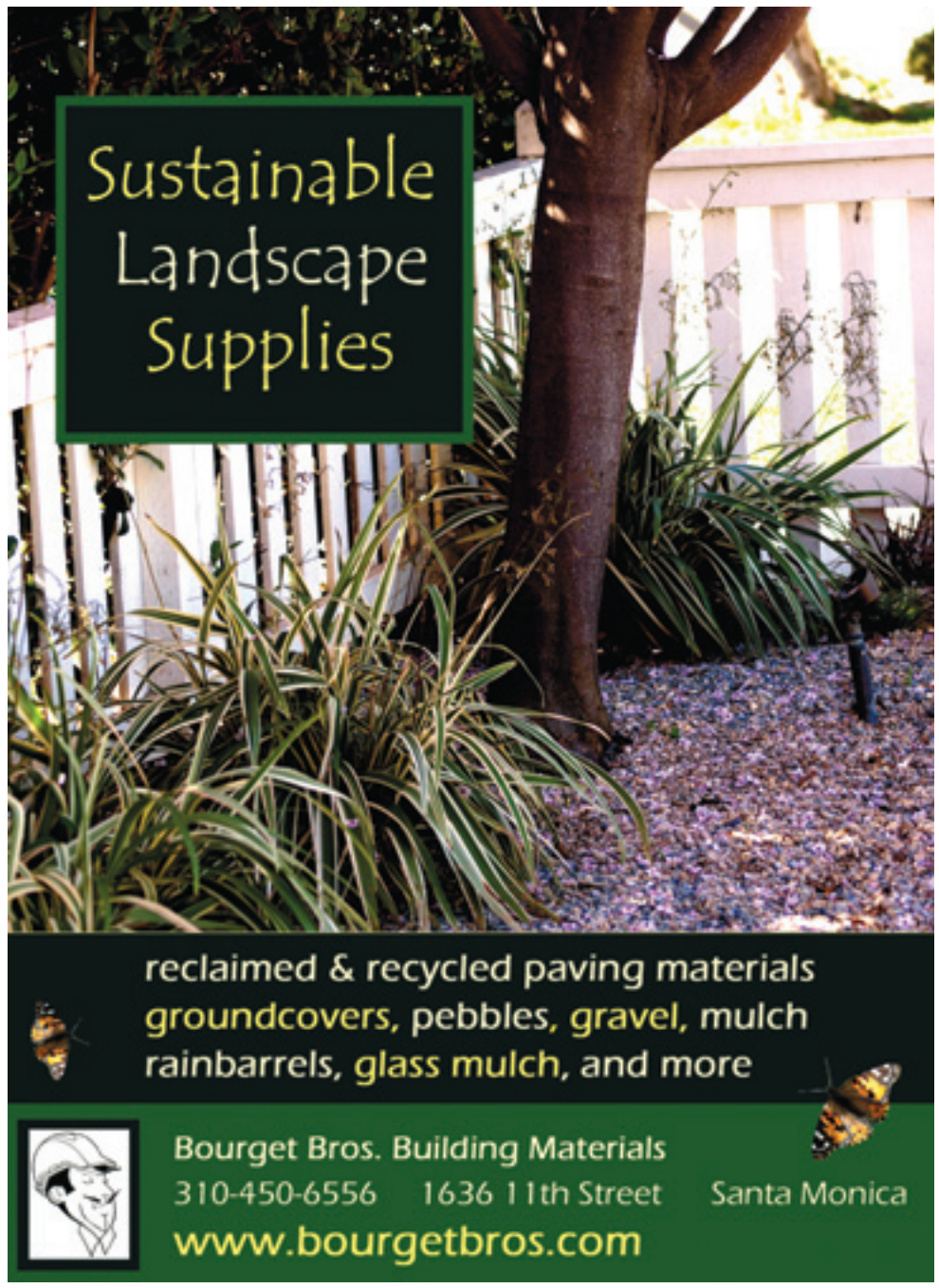
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT**: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(c)

**WHEN**: Tuesday, August 27, 2013
6:30 P.M.

**WHERE**: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(c) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $289,299 would be increased by $2,314. Effective November 1, 2013, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $291,613.

The adjustment to the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost reflects changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's website (Housing section).

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

**Letters should be addressed to:**
Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
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**MORE INFORMATION**
Further information may be obtained from the City's Housing Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the Disabled at (310) 458-8701.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

**ESPANOL**
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# Declassified documents detail CIA's role in 1953 coup in Iran

KIMBERLY DOZIER
AP Intelligence Writer

**WASHINGTON** Newly declassified documents offer more details of how the CIA executed the overthrow of Iran's democratically elected prime minister 60 years ago, describing the political frustrations that led the U.S. to take covert action against a Soviet ally — and echoing the current frustrations with Iran over its nuclear ambitions.

It's long been known that the United States and Britain played key roles in the overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh — a move that still poisons Tehran's attitude toward both nations. The CIA acknowledged its role previously, even including it in the timeline on its public website last year: "19 August 1953 CIA-assisted coup overthrows Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh."

Mossadegh was replaced by the oppressive regime of Shah Reza Pahlavi, who was overthrown in 1979 by followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in the Iranian revolution of 1979.

But for historians, the heavily redacted documents posted this week on George Washington University's National Security Archive amount to "the CIA's first formal acknowledgement that the agency helped to plan and execute the coup," the archive said on its site.

The documents also offer an explanation for the covert action that's eerily similar to arguments for curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions today. The CIA argued then that Iran was threatening Western security by not cooperating with the West — at the time, by refusing to bargain with the British-run Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. — thereby threatening the supply of cheap oil to Britain and risking a British invasion that could in turn trigger a counter Soviet invasion of Iranian oilfields.

The documents outline how the Iranian political earthquake was to be undertaken. One paper titled "Campaign to Install Pro-Western Government in Iran Authority" lists the objectives as "through legal, or quasi-legal, methods, to effect the fall of the Mossadegh government" including "exposing his collaboration with the Communists" and "to replace it with a pro-Western government under the Shah's leadership."

In a document titled "The Battle for Iran," the CIA reveals the coup plan was called "Operation TPAJAX." The unnamed author of the history writes that previously published accounts miss the point that "the military coup that overthrew Mossadegh ... was carried out under CIA direction as an act of U.S. foreign policy, conceived and approved at the highest levels of government." The author adds that the coup plan was "an official admission (redacted) that normal, rational methods of international communication and commerce had failed. TPAJAX was entered as a last resort."

The once-secret papers also outline the British government's unease when U.S. diplomats revealed in the late 1970s that the U.S. and British roles in the overthrow might be made public with the eventual release of such documents under the new U.S. Freedom of Information Act — the same act the Washington-based National Security Archive used to get the latest release.

"I requested these particular materials in 2000 and it took 11 years to get them," the archive's Malcolm Byrne said in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Iranian leaders have been asking for an official apology ever since the coup. The U.S. and Iran remain at odds over Iran's plans to build up its nuclear power system, and allegedly, nuclear weapons capability.

President Bill Clinton came close to apologizing in oblique comments in 1999, and President Barack Obama acknowledged the U.S. actions in his Cairo speech in 2009.

"In the middle of the Cold War, the United States played a role in the overthrow of a democratically elected Iranian government," Obama said to the Egyptian audience, citing that as a reason for tension between the two countries.

No U.S. leader has explicitly apologized, and the White House offered no immediate comment Tuesday on the new disclosures.

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# Why the stock market is having a chilly August

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK** It's been a chilly August for the stock market.

At the start of the month, the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index hit all-time highs. Now the market is down 4 percent from its peak, and August is on track to be the Dow's worst month since May 2012.

On Tuesday, the Dow posted in its fifth straight day of losses, the first time that's happened this year. While the S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite index did rise modestly, it was first time in four days those indices have seen green.

The stock market slide in the last couple of weeks reflects a shift in investor strategy that began in the bond market and spilled into stocks. The spillover then mixed with lingering concerns about the U.S. economy, leading to the last several weeks of volatility, market observers say.

"The bond market is the catalyst for this selloff," says Quincy Krosby, market strategist with Prudential Financial.

While most of the selloff occurred in the last couple weeks, it had its origins months ago.

Up until early June, bond funds had been one of Wall Street's more popular investments — particularly among average investors. More than $1.2 trillion was socked away into bond mutual funds and bond exchange-traded funds between 2009 and 2012, according to TrimTabs.

"People were just throwing money at bonds, even at low rates," says Julius Ridgway, an investment adviser with Mississippi-based firm Medley & Brown.

That was before Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank could pull back on its $85 billion-a-month bond-purchase program, which was designed to keep bond yields low.

Bernanke made bond investors nervous in mid-June by saying that the Fed, one of the bond market's biggest customers in the last several years, may scale back its buying. Investors pulled more than $65.8 billion out of bond funds in June, according to mutual fund research firm Lipper, the largest amount ever on a cash basis and the second largest outflow in percentage terms since the financial crisis in 2008. Investors pulled an additional $22.5 billion out of bond funds in July, according to Lipper.

With so many investors exiting bonds — particularly Treasuries — at the same time, bond prices declined sharply. The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note has climbed from 1.63 percent in early May to as high as 2.88 percent this week. Yields climb as prices fall.

"As the 10-year yield has inched higher, the selling has led to more selling," Krosby said.

This exodus out of bond funds has touched the stock market in two different ways, investors say, starting with dividend-paying stocks.

Shares in industries such as utilities, pharmaceuticals and telecommunications are often purchased because they provide a higher-than-normal dividend. As Treasury yields rise, it makes all dividend-paying stocks less attractive to investors. That's because Treasuries can provide a similar return with significantly less risk.

Dividend-paying stocks have been hurt the past month. The S&P Utilities index is down nearly 5 percent while the S&P Telecommunications index is down 4 percent. Another type of investment that got hit in recent weeks was real estate investment trusts — investment companies that focus on buying and managing real estate. An index that tracks REITs, as real estate investment trusts are commonly known, is down nearly 8 percent.

Investors also have broader economic concerns. It is unclear how the possible ending of the Fed's bond-buying program will affect growth.

"Bernanke is going to try to make this transition as smooth as possible, but we just don't know how much (the bond buying) is going to be scaled back," Krosby says. "And the biggest enemy to the market is uncertainty."

Investor worries have also been heightened by bad news from retailers. Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Macy's and Saks all cut their investment outlooks for the year last week — raising concerns that the American consumer, who makes up roughly 70 percent of the U.S. economy, might be pulling back.

While stocks have declined noticeably in the last few weeks, it's important to keep things in perspective, says Greg Sarian, managing director of the Sarian Group at HighTower Advisors and a certified financial planner. The S&P 500 is up 16 percent this year while the Dow is up 15 percent. In any normal year, such returns would be considered respectable for a retirement portfolio.

On Tuesday, the S&P 500 index rose 6.29 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 1,652.35. The Nasdaq composite rose 24.50 points, or 0.7 percent, to 3,613.59. The Dow fell 7.75 points, or 0.05 percent, to 15,002.99.

Sarian says more turbulence will come until investors get clarity from the Fed about its bond-buying program.

"Expect to see more volatility or see a short-term pull back," Sarian says.

Mr. Ronald Diaz passed away peacefully at home with his children Christina and Ronnie by his side on the August 15, 2013.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT**: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(b).

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, August 27, 2013**
6:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $27.57 per square foot would be increased by $0.22 per square foot of floor area, and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $32.20 would be increased by $0.26 per square foot of floor area. Effective November 1, 2013, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $27.79 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartments and $32.46 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominiums.

The adjustment to the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee reflects changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fees are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's website (Housing section).

**HOW TO COMMENT**
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

**Letters should be addressed to:**
Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**MORE INFORMATION**
Further information may be obtained from the City's Housing Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the Disabled at (310) 458-8701.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

**ESPANOL**
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar una tarifa sobre el desarrollo de alojamiento "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Sophie Bennett en la División de Viviendas y Desarrollo al número (310) 458-8702.

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## Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.9°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

BEACH REPORT CARD

## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 14, 2013**

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

**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks. | | |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd.. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | B | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | ns |
| Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | ns | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | ns |

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

**LEGEND**

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

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Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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MLB

# Dempster suspended five games for hitting A-Rod

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** Boston's Ryan Dempster was suspended for five games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally hitting Yankees star Alex Rodriguez with a pitch last weekend.

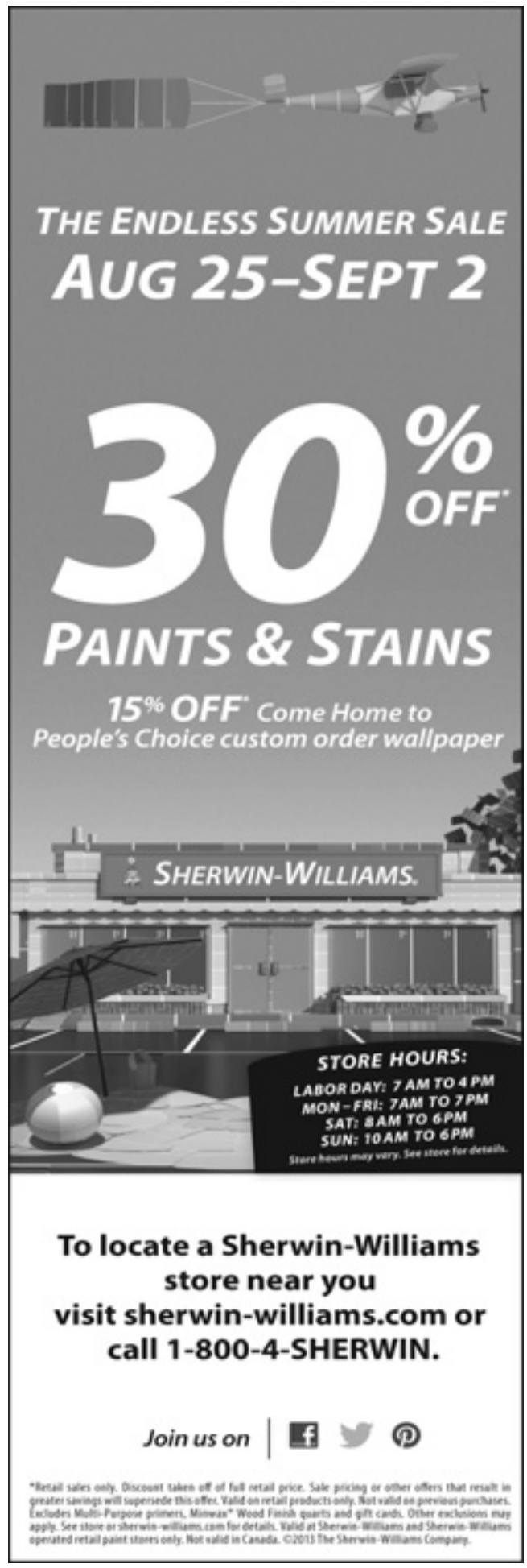
The penalty was announced Tuesday by MLB senior vice president Joe Garagiola Jr., two days after Dempster hit A-Rod in the second inning at Fenway Park. Yankees manager Joe Girardi was fined for arguing with plate umpire Brian O'Nora.

Dempster's fine was $2,500 and Girardi's was $5,000, people familiar with the discipline told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the amounts were not announced.

Dempster won't appeal the decision.

"I thought it was in the best interest of my team to go ahead and serve my suspension," he said before Boston played the Giants in San Francisco.

He was scheduled to pitch Saturday at the Los Angeles Dodgers, but now could be pushed back to next Tuesday's homestand opener against Baltimore. He will throw a simulated game on Friday.




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# MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
**1328 Montana Ave.**
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**KID (NR) 1hr 30min**
7:30pm

The film is presented by the Consulate General of Belgium in Los Angeles, in cooperation with Flanders Image and Wallonie Bruxelles Images, and with support from BevMo. Belgian beer reception to follow the screening.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**
**(888) 262-4386**

**Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min**
1:30pm, 9:45pm

**Smurfs 2 (PG) 1hr 45min**
1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm

**Wolverine (PG-13) 2hrs 06min**
4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

**Paranoia (PG-13) 1hr 46min**
1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

**Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min**
1:00pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

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

**Elysium (R) 1hr 49min**
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

**Planes (PG) 1hr 32min**
11:15am, 4:40pm, 9:50pm

**Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) 1hr 46min**
1:50pm, 7:15pm

**2 Guns (R) 1hr 49min**
2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

**Kick-Ass 2 (R) 1hr 43min**
11:20am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

**We're the Millers (R) 1hr 49min**
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

**Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters in 3D (PG) 1hr 46min**
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

**Jobs (PG-13) 2hrs 02min**
11:10am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

**Planes in 3D (PG) 1hr 32min**
2:15pm, 7:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
**1332 Second St.**
**(310) 478-3836**

**Lovelace (R) 1hr 32min**
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

**Spectacular Now (R) 1hr 35min**
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

**Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min**
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

**Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min**
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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# COULD BE A LATE NIGHT, AQUARIUS

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Emotions could be running high right now. Though you'll want to have an animated conversation, the other party will need more gentleness. Tonight: Observe.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Meetings will prove to be important, as will the need to come to an agreement. You could have the kind of support you want if you'd just ask. An associate initially might seem moody, but by the end of the day, he or she will be more upbeat. Tonight: A midweek break.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring around you. Life might seem demanding, especially when it comes to your career. You might be considering a move in a different direction. Be reasonable, and do what you must. Tonight: Happily live the good life.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Tap into your intuition, and realize that more answers are needed. Detach from a situation involving someone who knows how to trigger you. What starts out as a serious and heavy conversation could become a fun, light interaction. Tonight: Accept a friend's offer.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your spunky ways attract many people. The problem is that most of them want to be close to you, even just as friends. Expect to be extremely busy. Let someone else take over some of the tasks that can be delegated. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: Out with a special person.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are full of excitement. You might want to make a major change. Right now, you barely can discuss what's on your mind, as others keep seeking you out to help them with their issues. Transform this unbalanced situation, and you will be happier. Tonight: With friends.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You have your hands full. Prioritize, and you'll clear out your to-do list. People could demand a lot from you, but be sure to meet your personal needs first. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ No one will deny your creativity. You sometimes limit yourself by being negative and closing off your options. Review those decisions that were recently made, and assume a positive stance -- you will see the difference. Tonight: Make sure that music is involved, no matter what.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to stay close to home or work from home. Sometimes, when people are not used to spending so much time at home, they will feel isolated. Tonight: Make an easy dinner and kick back.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make calls and listen to what is being shared on the other end of the line. Know that you don't need to go along with plans if you don't want to. Be aware of someone's generosity. Remain authentic. Tonight: Hang out.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Be more forthright and open with others. A money matter could come up in conversation. If you don't feel like discussing the issue, say so rather than being evasive. You might find that your optimism will soar, even when dealing with a difficult friend. Tonight: Could be late.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will be in your element, but realize that others might feel intimidated when you are like this. Be conscious of their discomfort, and try to help them relax. No matter what goes on right now, the final say will be yours. Tonight: Not alone!

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

This year you are more in touch with the deeper meanings of life. You also are more sensitive to the people in your life. You have the ability to walk in others' footsteps with ease. If you are single, with this additional compassion, you will have more than your share of suitors. You do not need to commit, especially if you are enjoying being by yourself. If you are attached, your sweetie will respond positively to your kindheartedness, which adds to your mutual happiness. PISCES can be quite emotional.

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

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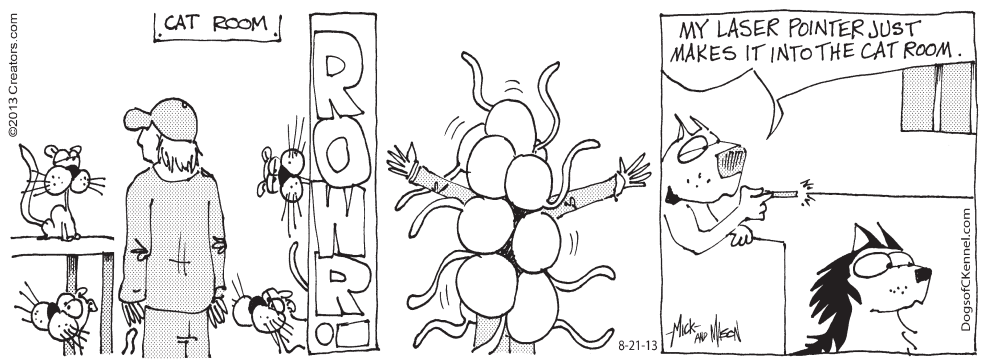
## Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



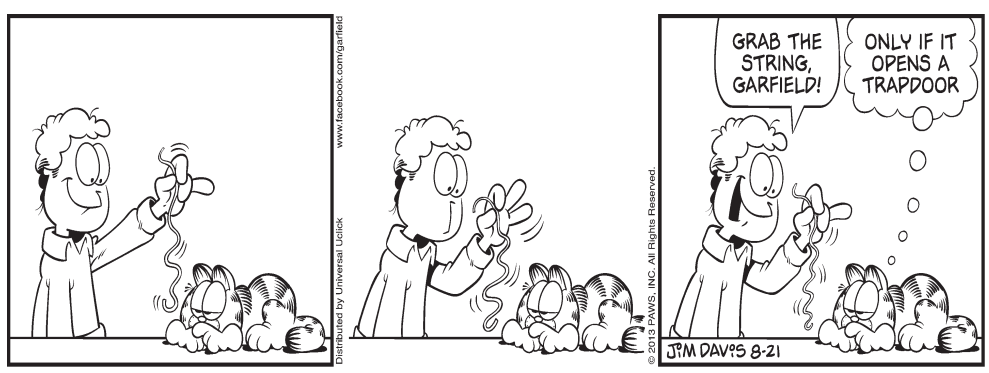

## Strange Brew
By John Deering



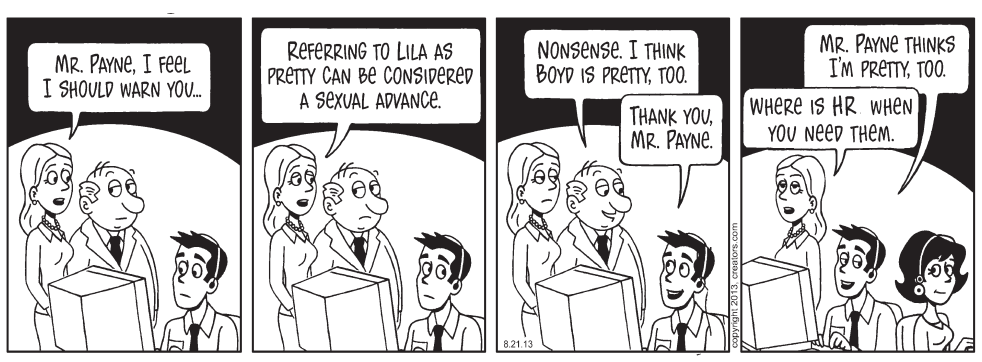

## Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni




## Garfield
By Jim Davis




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



# Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# *CROSSWORD*

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Fleet members
**6** Cronies
**10** Gold measure
**11** Asian land
**12** Tusk material
**13** Profound
**14** Inclined
**15** Bouillabaisse ingredient
**16** Sky sighting
**17** Hotel feature
**18** Wide shoe marking
**19** Diego Rivera, for one
**22** Adopted son of Claudius
**23** Sub shop
**26** Increase Mather, for one
**29** Young fellow
**32** Fork over
**33** Huge snake
**34** Charm
**36** Relate
**37** Asparagus unit
**38** Deep pink
**39** New York's — Island
**40** Make speeches
**41** Take a breather
**42** Harrison's successor

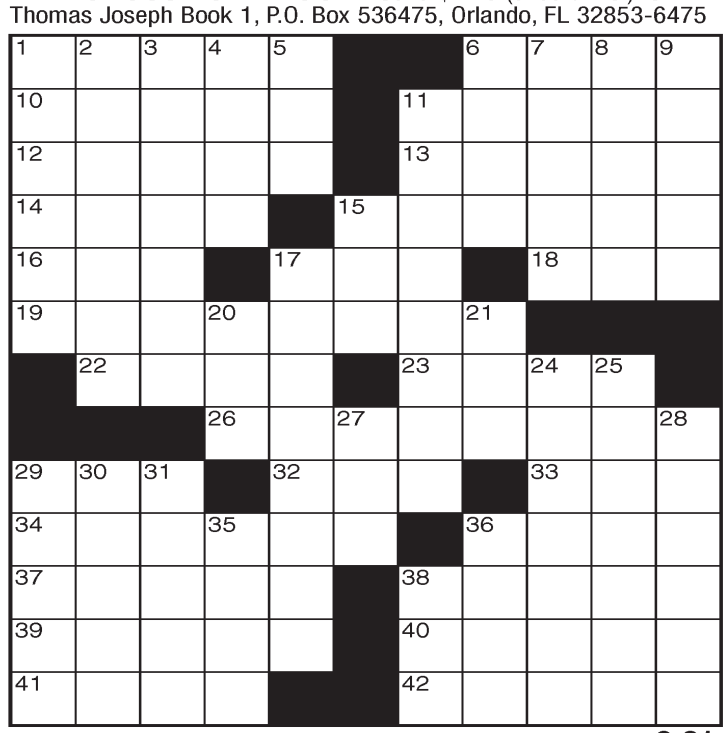
**DOWN**

**1** Slopes frequenter
**2** "Enjoy yourself!"
**3** Smelter's need
**4** Component
**5** Hog home
**6** Diner desserts
**7** Humble
**8** Embankment
**9** Panache
**11** Thanksgiving, e.g.
**15** Avril follower
**17** Some DVD extras
**20** Tattoo setting
**21** Bus. card no.
**24** Conservative's foe
**25** Set apart
**27** Scoundrel
**28** More statuesque
**29** Surgery tool
**30** More than sufficient
**31** Formal fights
**35** Café au —
**36** Conservative, in London
**38** Bed for a guest

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**Yesterday's answer**

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## DAILY LOTTERY

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 8/17
18 21 46 54 56
Power#: 23
Jackpot: $70M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 8/16
7 13 26 36 46
Mega#: 37
Jackpot: $51M

**SUPER LOTTO PLUS**
Draw Date: 8/17
5 8 19 21 37
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: $9M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 8/20
14 17 26 30 34

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 8/20
MIDDAY: 3 5 8
EVENING: 5 0 1

**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 8/20
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:49.51

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Tina Marie Garrison, 37, and her son Junior Lee Dillon, 18, of Preston, Minn., were charged in June with stealing almost $5,000 worth of gopher feet from the freezer of a gopher trapper in Granger, Minn., and selling them for the local offered bounty of $3 per pair. Garrison, Dillon, and the victimized trapper were friends, and it was not clear why the thinly populated gopher-foot market would not have deterred Garrison and Dillon.

■ Louann Giambattista, 55, a 33-year-veteran American Airlines flight attendant, filed a lawsuit against the company in July alleging that it had subjected her to baseless hassles because of co-workers' accusations that, argued her attorney, were wrongly "making her out to be a nut." One of the accusations was that she was "hiding rats in her underwear (and pantyhose) and sneaking them onto planes" based apparently on Giambattista's hobby of raising pets at home. The airline has allegedly subjected her to enhanced security measures for more than a year, allegedly causing her post-traumatic stress disorder and "debilitating anxiety."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1971** – A bomb exploded in the Liberal Party campaign rally in Plaza Miranda, Manila, Philippines with several anti-Marcos political candidates injured.

**1976** – Operation Paul Bunyan at Panmunjom, South Korea.

**1979** – Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defects to the United States.

**1982** – Lebanese Civil War: The first troops of a multinational force lands in Beirut to oversee the Palestine Liberation Organization's withdrawal from Lebanon.

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