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THE GRADING OUT ISSUE

10th graders sail through exit exam

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Tenth graders in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District trounced their state and county counterparts in a high-stakes test that determines whether or not they can receive a high school diploma.

The California High School Exit Exam, or CAHSEE, is required by law to show that students have a 10th-grade mastery of English and an understanding of math up to algebra by the time they leave high school.

According to state figures, 94 percent of SMMUSD students passed the English portion of the test on their first try — up 1 percent from the 2010-11 scores — and the math portion held steady at 92 percent.

Statewide, 84 percent of the over 450,000 10th-grade students who took the math test this year passed, and 83 percent got through the English test. Overall, 95 percent of high school seniors had passed the test by graduation.

If a student doesn't pass the test in 10th grade, they have up to seven more chances to take it before leaving school.

The test is a benchmark to prove that students are learning, not just putting in "seat time" in school, said Maureen Bradford,

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JUST A TASTE: **Owner of the Daily Pint Phil McGovern has a sip of a beer at his Pico Boulevard watering hole.**

Celebrating 25 years of serving up suds

The Daily Pint marks occasion with special brews

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO BLVD When I first stumbled upon craft beers about eight years ago, the place I would often wander into was The Daily Pint in the Pico Neighborhood.

Just a short walk, or stagger depending on the time of day, from my apartment on Michigan Avenue, The Pint, as

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SHOWING SPIRIT: **Jeff Salter (left) and Eric Pemberton show off a cold one and a flyer publicizing The Daily Pint's 25th anniversary celebration.**

Food trucks get little love at commission

Despite popularity, business concerns dominate discussion

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning commissioners took a protectionist stance for brick-and-mortar restaurants Wednesday night by approving restrictive regulations for off-street food truck lots that business owners say unfairly damage their bottom lines.

In a 5-2 decision, commissioners approved new standards that allowed one off-street food truck lot one day per week on Main Street between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. and up to four lots three days per week on Santa Monica, Lincoln or Pico boulevards between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

The move kept the status quo on Main Street, which has seen major opposition from businesses to an existing lot operating on Tuesdays as a fundraiser for the California Heritage Museum.

It greatly expanded options currently available along the other boulevards, although commissioners stopped far short of the broader staff recommendation to allow food truck lots up to three nights a week between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. all around,

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Aug. 24, 2012

Nice mix
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
The annual MixMatch Dance Festival is geared toward promoting accessible, professional dance to the L.A. community. Originating at The Electric Lodge in Venice in 2006, MixMatch quickly became an area favorite and is now entering its sixth year with its second run at The Miles. This event also takes place on Saturday, also at 8 p.m.
For more information, call (661) 755-2182.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012

More than just cardboard
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH,
6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Check out the beach house's first Cardboard Yacht Regatta. Build your own cardboard yacht to seat two people and test its seaworthiness in a race across the beach house's swimming pool. Pre-registration required. Cost: $15 per yacht. All ages welcome. Spectators welcome.
For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Sri Lanka all the way
Third Street Promenade
11 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Sri Lanka Day returns to the promenade with a full slate of entertainment inspired by Sri Lankan culture. A traditional multi-wicked brass lamp will be lit by invitees signifying the opening of the festivities accompanied by the blowing of a conch shell and drum crescendos.
For more information, call (213) 482-0126.

Swing it out
Paradise Cove Recreation Hall
28128 PCH, Malibu,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Enjoy non-stop dancing from ballroom to disco during this swinging event. There will be food and even potential dance partners.
For more information, call (760) 771-9050.

Shakespeare in the open air
Reed Park, tennis court No. 1
Corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica has worked with the city of Santa Monica to produce over 14 Shakespeare plays throughout the years. This year, they are performing "All's Well That Ends Well." It's the final performance of this production for the summer. Cost: $20 suggested donation. For more information, call (310) 270-3454.

Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012

Meow
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St.,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Cat Fanciers' Association holds its all-breed cat show. View and meet exotic and pet felines. For more information, call (310) 458-8551.

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State environmental reforms quashed for the year

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Legislative leaders said Thursday they have dropped plans to overhaul California's environmental regulations in a way that would have made it easier for developers and local governments to build new projects.

California's business community made a highly visible push this month to loosen the state's landmark law, known as the California Environmental Quality Act.

On Thursday Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg told a group of reporters that the effort would not go forward this year, despite legislative language introduced a day earlier.

"This law, for all of its strengths and its fault, is far too important to re-write in the last days of session," said Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

A proposal that would reform the law to reduce frivolous lawsuits and redundant oversight has been circulating in the Capitol for several weeks. Critics found an unlikely ally in Gov. Jerry Brown, who this week called streamlining the law's many requirements "the Lord's work."

On Wednesday, a bill by Sen. Michael Rubio was amended to include the four-point reform proposal. But on Thursday, Rubio was sanguine about the apparent change in plans.

"'The Lord's work' is not done overnight, nor is it done in two weeks," the Shafter democrat said.

Rubio and Steinberg called for a special

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Bill limits 'buy here, pay here' vehicle sales

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. California would restrict the operations of "buy here, pay here" auto dealers under a bill approved by the state Senate.

AB1447 would prohibit dealers from forcing buyers to pay installments in person and require them to provide buyers with warranties covering the vehicle for at least 30 days or 1,000 miles.

The bill also would prohibit dealers from installing tracking devices without the buyer's consent.

Those targeted by the legislation deal primarily in used vehicles and offer their own financing. Sen. Ted Lieu says they charge high interest rates and churn vehicles by constantly repossessing and reselling them.

Democratic Sen. Rod Wright says dealers take the precautions because their buyers have a history of defaulting.

The Senate passed the bill Thursday 22-14, returning it to the Assembly for final action.



HONORING ZEV

Photo courtesy St. Joseph Center

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (center), who represents Santa Monica, was honored Thursday by seven of the Westside's leading homeless services providers for his work to help chronically homeless individuals. Yaroslavsky announced he would not run for mayor of L.A. and will retire from public office when his term ends in 2014

Man jailed for strangling pelican in Malibu

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU, Calif. Investigators say a man walking near the Malibu Pier grabbed a pelican and strangled the bird with both hands.

A Los Angeles County sheriff's patrol car was flagged down by a witness Wednesday evening and 30-year-old Sergio Alvarez was arrested and booked for investigation of felony animal cruelty. He remains in jail with bail set at $20,000.

Lt. Robert Wiard says in a news release that witnesses told investigators that Alvarez had the pelican by its throat and was choking it with both hands.

The bird's wings were flapping in distress before it went limp and died.

The dead bird was taken by representatives of the California Wildlife Center.

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Top notch musicians

Editor:

To clarify the article of Aug. 22 ("SM Symphony suspends season amid funding issues"), the Santa Monica Symphony under Maestro Gross has always had top union professionals as its principals and soloists, and that has included Martin Chalifour, the L.A. Phil's renowned violinist and concertmaster. It is out of admiration for Maestro Gross that these top professionals take far less than their usual fee to play with the volunteer musicians, who are carefully selected and rehearsed by Maestro Gross.

I propose that the city and local businesses sponsor a gala closing concert for the Civic, when the symphony would otherwise have been giving its very popular Memorial Day weekend concert.

D'Lynn Waldron
Santa Monica

Press for a public review

Editor:

Thank you for highlighting the city of Santa Monica's decision to urge regulators to bring the San Onofre nuclear reactors under greater scrutiny ("Santa Monica takes a stand on nuclear plant," Aug. 20).

The article, however, left out an essential element of the City Council decision: Not only did the council members vote to encourage state regulators to investigate the costs of the San Onofre power plant, as the article suggests, but they also agreed to urge the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to conduct a full license amendment process regarding San Onofre, including public hearings.

A license amendment is a critical public process that is supposed to occur whenever there are major equipment design changes at nuclear power plants – and that Edison evaded when it originally applied to replace San Onofre's steam generators in 2006. Despite such significant changes as the addition of 377 tubes to each steam generator, the alteration of the tube alloy, the changing of the reactor flow rate and modifications to the structure that holds the tubes separate and apart, Edison misrepresented the replacement equipment as "like for like" compared to the original equipment to get away with a perfunctory review process.

Less than two years after going into operation, the new steam generators were suffering unprecedented, pervasive tube wear; one of the tubes leaked radiation and San Onofre has consequently been shut down since January 2012. Southern California Edison representative Mark Olson stated at last week's City Council meeting that Edison had undergone a license amendment for the reactors, implying that the City Council vote would be redundant. But he failed to mention that the license amendments undertaken only covered relatively small issues like technical specifications and inspections, and these were clearly inadequate to cover the significant design alterations that led to San Onofre's forced outage. It would be absurd for the NRC to allow either reactors at San Onofre to restart without ensuring that this time the equipment undergoes a full, transparent license amendment hearing in which third party testimony is allowed and a review is made by a judge. The Santa Monica City Council did the right thing by pushing the NRC to do so.

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Laughing Matters

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

Todd Akin is a legitimate idiot

MONDAY IS THE OPENING OF THE GOP presidential convention in Tampa, Fla. (Yawn.) Next week the Democrats hold their get-together in Charlotte, N.C.

Every four years, each political party goes through these so-called exercises in democracy. (Or, to be more accurate, corporatocracy.) I realize there are elections every two years, but apparently nobody pays attention to the off-presidential year elections anymore except the Tea Party.

Historians tell us that the first democracy originated in Athens around 500 B.C. The descriptions sound idyllic, but I'm sure even back then that the average politician was something of a horse's ass. (No offense to horses or any of my readers in the equestrian community.)

Over the centuries, the world has been subjected to corrupt leaders who've ranged from incompetent to sociopathic or both. (And no, I'm not talking about George W. Bush, although there's the expression "if the shoe fits," which, now that I think about it, is what you want in a shoe.)

What troubles me is how these "leaders" come to power and, more importantly, how we fall for it. Take Adolph Hitler, whom I admit is not the usual fodder for a humor column. But if you see footage of Hitler on YouTube giving a speech in front of 100,000 Germans, and didn't know the consequences of his madness, you could almost laugh.

Hitler's hand gestures and oratorical style, the whole "Sieg Heil" shtick and the soldiers' goose stepping, seems comically burlesque. To see for yourself, go to YouTube and type "Hitler Rare Footage."

Louis Zamperini met Hitler when he was 19 and an American track athlete at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Zamperini, whose life is depicted in the New York Times best-selling book "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand, was raised in nearby Torrance and, at 95, is still active as a Christian inspirational speaker.

A riveting read, "Unbroken" focuses on Zamperini's being brutalized in Japanese POW camps for two years during WW II and explains how he overcame hatred and post-traumatic stress disorder after attending a 1949 Billy Graham religious crusade in Los Angeles. Upon briefly meeting him nine years earlier, Zamperini thought Hitler looked like "a clown."

If you want to laugh at a politician lying go to YouTube and type "Richard Nixon Checkers Speech." You can almost see Nixon's nose grow as he speaks. (You could always tell when "Tricky Dick" was lying because his lips were moving.)

The speech came about because Nixon, Ike's vice presidential nominee, was accused of receiving illegal funds from political backers. Like decades later during Watergate ("I am not a crook"), Nixon denied any wrongdoing.

In the half-hour TV address on Sept. 23, 1952, then Sen. Nixon from California reverentially refers to his wife, Pat, "She doesn't own a mink coat, but she does have a respectable Republican cloth coat." And with an "aw shucks" grin, he continues, "And I always tell Pat she'd look good in anything." (Especially high heels and a whip?)

Toward the end of the speech Nixon admits that he did in fact receive a gift, a black-and-white cocker spaniel puppy from a supporter in Texas who sent it in a crate. (Crate? I immediately thought of Romney's dog on the roof of the car.)

OVER THE CENTURIES, THE WORLD HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CORRUPT LEADERS WHO'VE RANGED FROM INCOMPETENT TO SOCIOPATHIC OR BOTH. ... WHAT TROUBLES ME IS HOW THESE 'LEADERS' COME TO POWER AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW WE FALL FOR IT.

Nixon confided that his youngest daughter, Tricia, named the puppy Checkers. (Aw.) And, then in an almost tearful tone, Nixon closed with, "Regardless what they say about Checkers, we're going to keep him." (Believe it or not, the speech was a success and Nixon stayed on the ticket.)

Finally we come to Congressman Todd ("Comb Over") Akin who's running for the U.S. Senate from Missouri on what I refer to as the GOP Tea Party. A friend of V.P. nominee Paul Ryan, Akin recently gained notoriety for his comments about rape.

"From what I understand from doctors, if it's a legitimate rape the female body has ways to shut that whole thing down." (Really, Todd? What doctors and where are they so I can avoid them?)

"But let's assume, that maybe that didn't work or something," Akin rambled recklessly. "I think there should be some punishment but the punishment ought to be on the rapist and not attacking the child." (Believe it or not Akin still leads in the polls, making Missouri the "show me how dumb you are" state.)

"Legitimate" rape? How do GOP males tell women what to do with their bodies? (Especially in cases of rape or incest.) Frankly, these anti-women policies are disturbingly "akin" to those of the Taliban.

So, ready or not, here comes the GOP convention. (Now there's a tea party I'm afraid I'll have to pass on.) To those who think I'm a bit biased, I can only echo the timeless words of Will Rogers, "I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

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Nina Beth Cardin
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Faith communities could lead an environmental revival

ONCE, YEARS AGO, WHILE EXPLAINING THE art of spiritual healing, a wise woman taught: "You can't speak of the spirit to someone lying in a wet bed." Before invoking the awesome, the ethereal, the ultimate, we have to change the sheets.

The same holds true on a global scale. How can we speak about things of the spirit, about caring for each other, about peace and kindness and justice and mercy when the world we are mucking around in is a mess? Healthy bodies and healthy cultures do not thrive in sick environments. Neither do healthy souls. Attending to how we live on Earth, all that we take from it and all that we return to it, is not just an expression of environmental concern. It is an expression of our love for each other.

When it comes right down to it, when everything else is stripped away, the crises of air, water and soil pollution, of food deserts and monocultures, of species extinction and ozone depletion, of fossil fuel addiction, hunger, obesity and even some illnesses, are not so much failures of technology as failures of our spirit. What we choose to create and consume, and the detritus that results are determined by the kind of lives we choose to lead.

The solution lies only partially in the technical question: How shall we make things work better? The core of the solution lies in the spiritual question: How shall we live our lives better?

Faith communities can guide the way. While any grand encompassing statement about billions of people of faith is risky if not outright foolish, the following may be offered as a reflection of many religious traditions.

Faith communities live both within and beyond the here-and-now, encompassing and transcending time, with tomorrow as powerful a presence as today. We faithful see Earth, therefore, not as commodity or possession but as gift, a cascading inheritance moving through time from generation to generation. We see it as something to be well-managed for all, and not used up by some.

We know that endless growth is neither possible nor healthy, and that incessant consumption will not make us happy. We believe that the primary purpose of technology, industry and the marketplace is to promote the well-being of all, not wealth for the few. We know that in the future we will be judged — by our children if no one else — not for the amount of goods we consume in our lifetimes, but for the condition of the world we leave behind.

Even more, faith communities, through their congregations, can model ways of living equitably and well. We control real estate, sometimes lots of it. Tax-free. We are granted this financial release in return for the good works we do. And our good works must extend to how we use our land. We must manage our land so that it is healthy, cleanses our water, feeds our neighbors and provides respite from the rush of life. We must manage our land in ways that model new patterns for the 21st century, transforming wasted lots and acres of mown grass into sacred places of refuge, neighborhood commons, and groves of food forests and filtering rain gardens. Even those congregations that don't own real estate can adopt vacant lots, and manage them with and for the benefit of the community and environment.

Faith communities are that rare modern commodity: people bound together over time to care for one another. We live our lives in the presence of each other and as stewards for those to come. We gather to listen, support and serve one another. We possess the capacity to call and mobilize people to care for the health of the Earth as a supreme expression of their care for each other.

We all, those of us in faith communities and those not, have much work to do and no time to lose. We know this can no longer be cast as a battle between energy and the environment, or the economy and the environment, or "us" and "them." For the truth is, we are all on the same side. We are all in the same place. Earth is the only home we have. It — and all life upon it — needs our voice, our hands and our hearts. Thank goodness there are so many in the faith community beginning to speak out. May there be many more.

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The Q Line

Campaign issues

With the local election season upon us, there seems to be plenty to think about. There's development, budget deficits and as always funding for education.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think is the most pressing issue in Santa Monica as we approach election day?

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SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Eleni Mandell's brand new album, "I Can See The Future," was produced by Joe Chiccarelli (The Shins, The Strokes, White Stripes) and features a slew of great players (Greg Leisz, Steve Berlin, Joey Waronker and others) adding a variety of instrumental flavors that complement and frame her dreamy, understated vocals. Also on the program is David Dondero, about whom No Depression says: "... has shown a remarkable ability to capture the heart of America in his songs, which he does with his rambling, poetic narratives, like a modern day Jack Kerouac and in turn captures the heart of humankind." Admission: $15. For more information: (310) 586-6488.

Jazz on the Lawn: Rogelio Mitchell & Friends

Stewart Street Park, 1836 Stewart St.

SUNDAY, 5 P.M. — 7 P.M.

Panamanian-born Rogelio Mitchell has drawn from the musical styles of the Caribbean islands to create a sound rich in rhythm and harmony. With his unique blend of calypso, reggae, soca and jazz, Mitchell has toured extensively throughout Central and South America and has appeared at such festivals and series such as the Santa Barbara Jazz Festival, LACMA Latin Sounds and the Distant Accords Awards. Treats for this week are Frozen Crush Italian Ice, Alili's Fresh Fruit and IZZE Sparkling Juice. Free admission, parking and bike valet. For more information: (310) 458-8350.

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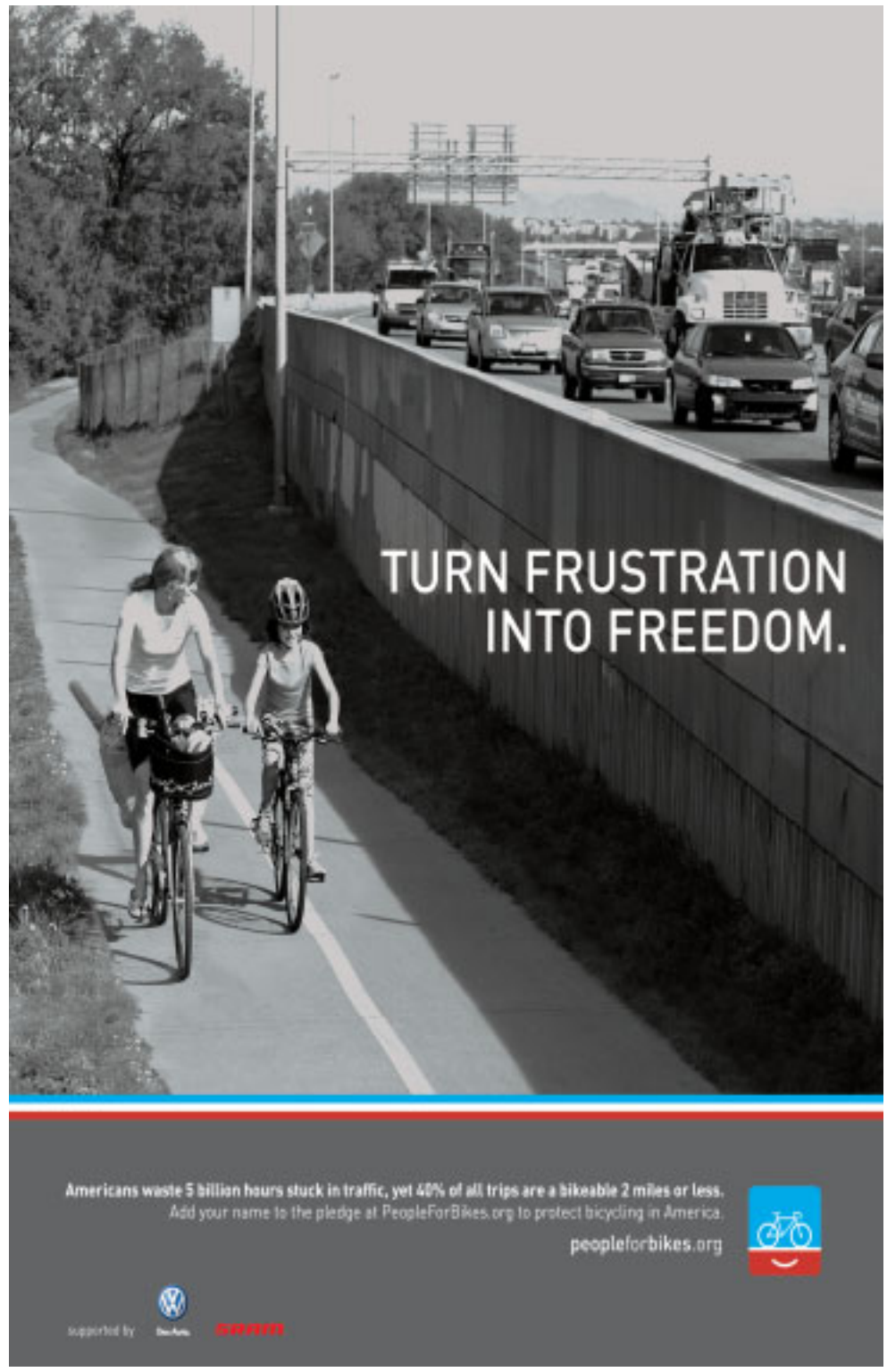
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SUNDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Paul McDonald Big Band is back in Santa Monica with a special guest, the great Tom Nolan, who will be adding his own special brand of jazz and blues to the full 16-piece band. Admission: $10. For more information: (310) 399-9696.

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Executor is cool under Jackson family pressure

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES While family members squabble in public over Michael Jackson's money, John Branca, who holds the purse strings of the estate, is a calm center of the storm.

As co-executor of Jackson's will, he chooses to ignore the erupting dramas and personal attacks and keeps his eye on the future, which he says belongs to Jackson's mother and children and to the pop star's musical legacy.

He and co-executor John McClain have been successfully pursuing projects to pay off a mountain of debt left by the superstar, to assure the financial future of his three children and to guarantee that Jackson's music will live forever.

"When Michael Jackson died, he was near bankruptcy," said Branca, suggesting the future for his three young children was uncertain. "Now we know the kids will be OK."

Branca sat down recently with The Associated Press to discuss the current state of the Jackson estate and projects to preserve Jackson's image as the King of Pop. But he resolutely refused to address the elephant in the room — recent attacks on him and McClain by some Jackson siblings who were left out of their brother's will.

They sent a lengthy letter that became public accusing the executors of deceit and manipulation of their mother and claiming that Jackson's will was a fraud. They have not taken any court action and legal experts say the time to challenge the will, which disinherited them, is long past.

Branca and McClain issued a statement calling the accusations "false and defamatory," adding "we are especially disheartened that they come at a time when remarkable progress is being made to secure the financial future of his children ..."

Secure in his knowledge that all four of Jackson's wills named him as executor, Branca continues to make deals for the Jackson estate that are generating millions in revenue. This week, they announced an agreement with Sony/ATV Music Publishing to administer Jackson's Mijac Music catalog, which includes such hits as "Beat It" and "Billie Jean." The deal is expected to generate enough revenues to pay off a remaining $5 million loan by year's end.

Since his death on June 25, 2009, Branca said Jackson's personal debt of $200 million has been paid off and another $300 million tied to his ownership of Sony and ATV catalogs has been renegotiated.

"Michael had a will and a trust and that's what we follow," he said.

The estate pays Mrs. Jackson $70,000 a month for the children's support, pays the rent on their mansion in Calabasas, and is picking up bills for other expenses including renovation of their Encino home.

Branca's AP interview was his indirect response to accusations by Randy, Jermaine, Janet and Rebbie Jackson that the estate was being mishandled. Jermaine later disavowed the incendiary letter and called for peace in the family. But Janet, Randy and Rebbie fired back with a letter of their own reiterating their complaints.

Brimming with excitement, Branca spoke of upcoming ventures he thinks would have delighted Jackson, especially a permanent Jackson-themed extravaganza on the Las Vegas Strip. It comes on the heels of the Cirque du Soleil Jackson tribute show, "Immortal: The World Tour."

"The Lion King" theater at the Mandalay Bay Hotel is being rebuilt to house the still untitled show, also a Cirque du Soleil production, which is set to open May 23, 2013.

"It will be highly theatrical and completely different from the arena show, which was more of a concert," Branca said. "We will have the opportunity to create something special and ground-breaking."

Declining to reveal all of the technical wizardry planned, he said, "We've got all kinds of tricks up our sleeves."

Every seat will have its own speakers, while the walls and ceiling will be used to create "a totally immersive experience for the audience," he said.

Unlike the touring show, there will be no live band and all music will come from remixes of Jackson's recordings.

Branca and co-executor McClain, a reclusive recording executive, say they understand Jackson;s's desires to take care of his mother and children — Prince, Paris and Blanket — financially and keep his music alive.

"We feel Michael entrusted us with his legacy and with the future of his mother and children," Branca said. "We're honored and proud and passionate about celebrating Michael. It's a labor of love for us. We love Michael."

Branca met Jackson in 1980 when both were just starting out and their success story was legendary. But there were rocky periods. During more than two decades together they had two three-year periods of estrangement over business disagreements.

Branca was rehired by Jackson a month before he died, with instructions to draft an agenda for future business deals. Branca presented the plan a week before Jackson died and it has been the roadmap for the estate's posthumous enterprises.

In addition to the new Las Vegas show, a new album and a concert DVD will be released soon celebrating the 25th anniversary of Jackson's "BAD" album. And a two-hour documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee on the making of "BAD" will show at the Toronto and Venice film festivals next month.

The anniversary promotions include a deal with Pepsi to put silhouettes of Jackson on a billion cans of soda in 20 countries.



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Lifeguard allegedly assaulted in tent takedown

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FRIDAY, AUG. 17 AT 11:10 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of Ocean Front Walk regarding a report of a lifeguard who had just been assaulted. When officers arrived, they made contact with two lifeguards who had a man in handcuffs. The lifeguards told officers that the man pushed one of them in the chest after they tried to disassemble the man's tent. It is illegal to set up a tent on the beach. The lifeguards said they had repeatedly asked the suspect and a friend of his to take down the tent, but they refused. The lifeguard who was pushed said he wanted the man arrested. Officers took the suspect into custody for assault and battery. He was identified as Jacob Patrick Klier, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 AT 9:38 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 2900 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they saw a man riding his bike on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers stopped the man for the violation at Lincoln Boulevard and Pier Avenue. The man was found to be on probation and officers searched him. Affixed to the bicycle's handlebars was a small plastic container filled with hash, police said. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of concentrated cannabis and for the probation violation. He was identified as Kim Joseph Leblanc, 41, of Venice, Calif. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 AT 11:07 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Fourth Street — The Dance Doctor — regarding a report of a forgery. When officers arrived, they met with the owner who told them that one of his employees stole some checks from him and cashed one of them. The owner went on to say that he received a phone call from the employee's girlfriend, who asked about a bunch of checks she had allegedly found in her boyfriend's backpack. Officers tracked down the check, which had been cashed at the nearby Santa Monica Tobacco. Based on that information, officers waited until the employee showed up for work and placed him under arrest for forgery. He was also caught with two bottles containing marijuana, police said. The suspect was identified as Jason Szymarek, 31, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17 AT 8:46 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 2000 block of Colorado Avenue when they saw a man riding a bike without the required headlight. Officers stopped the cyclist a few blocks down to talk with him about the violation. While talking, officers found out the man was on parole and searched him. Officers said they found rock cocaine. They placed the suspect under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and parole/probation violations. No bail was set. The suspect was identified as Herbert Dunn, 42, of Los Angeles.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16 AT 7 P.M.,
Officers on patrol along the 2400 block of Beverly Avenue saw a woman on a skateboard that they knew from a prior arrest for theft. The officers pulled alongside her and asked if they could have a moment of her time to ask her some questions. Officers noticed that she was carrying two bags and asked her if they could search them. She allegedly said "absolutely." Officers looked in the bags and said they found six cell phones, an external hard drive and some clothes with tags from local stores still attached. Officers also found mail belonging to other Santa Monica residents and a California driver's license, credit card, DMV registration card and other forms of identification that did not belong to the suspect. When questioned about the items, the woman told officers she had found them. A computer check confirmed that the suspect had an outstanding warrant for petty theft. She was placed under arrest for possession of stolen property and identity theft. She was identified as Natalie Marie Westerman, 22, of Venice, Calif. Her bail was set at $27,500.

FRIDAY, AUG. 10 AT 12:32 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2200 block of Main Street after getting a call about a car that had been broken into. When officers arrived, they made contact with a friend of the guy who owned the car who told them that the whole incident was caught on tape. The suspect was nowhere in sight, so officers took a report and left. A few days later, the car owner went to a nearby store to get a copy of security camera footage of the theft and while there said he saw the suspect walk by. He and a witness chased down the suspect and detained him until police arrived. Officers viewed the footage and placed the suspect under arrest for burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Allen Parks, 47, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

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THE PINT
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it is affectionately called by regulars, had an impressive selection of beers by boutique American brewers, including ales expertly aged in casks filled with fresh hops or vanilla beans.

Little did I know at the time, but The Pint was dubbed one of the best beer bars in all the land. Its scotch-whiskey selection is impressive as well with over 500 selections. And because of that, it's still my favorite place to go when I feel like tossing a few back.

Forget all of these new gastropubs looking to capitalize on the craft beer craze. The Daily Pint is the genuine article. The bartenders are friendly, attentive and know their stuff, while the regulars, who hail from all walks of life, are true brew enthusiasts looking to have some laughs and engage in good conversation.

And then there's the owner, Phil McGovern, a transplant from London who emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1970s. McGovern can seem like a tough bloke at first. He is short on words and can get impatient if you don't know what to order. (Definitely don't ask him for a Red Bull and vodka.) But I love that about a true beer bar. He reminds me a lot of the bartenders at Toronado in The Haight neighborhood of San Francisco — another great beer bar where you better have your order ready or risk going home thirsty.

Once you get to conversing with McGovern, you learn he isn't a hard ass after all. He's actually got a big heart and truly enjoys interacting with his customers.

"I always wanted to open my own pub," said McGovern, who named The Daily Pint after a lyric from the Wings song "Band on the Run." "I like to take care of my customers. My customers are my friends now. So it's like walking into party. And I think they feel the same way."

McGovern didn't start out in the pub business. He came to the states as a hairdresser. He opened his own salon, which he named British Hairways, and when the opportunity arose, he purchased The Pint, which was then a rough-and-tumble biker bar.

That was 25 years ago. This Saturday, McGovern will be celebrating a successful run by pouring some special brews, including Stone Brewing Co.'s recently released 16th Anniversary Ale (a double IPA spiked with a touch of lemon verbena and lemon oil) on cask, their new Enjoy By IPA on cask, Russian River's Pliny the Elder (sorry, no Younger) and Lost Abbey's Road to Helles and Witch's Wit. Firestone Walker just might make an appearance and there are sure to be other gems on the menu. It wouldn't be The Daily Pint if there wasn't. McGovern was being a little tight-lipped when we last spoke so I'll be pleasantly surprised when I arrive.

I encourage all beer lovers to head down Pico Boulevard to The Pint, belly up to the bar and down some pints with McGovern and friends.

And if you can't make it, great! That means more pints for me.

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legislative session to address the issue next year.

The Reagan-era law plays a key role in determining whether new projects go forward in California. It will also help decide the fate of two major Democratic priorities: the high-speed rail project and Delta water tunnel proposal.

Environmental groups have resisted efforts to change California's environmental regulations, which is among the strictest in the nation. They characterized the late-hour proposal as an attempt to avoid public scrutiny. A majority of the Assembly Democrats signed a pledge to oppose any related legislation that surfaced this year.

Republicans, by contrast, have been advocating for reform for years. They argue that the California's environmental regulation laws stifle development and provides an in for special interests to delay and shut down otherwise worthy projects.

On Thursday, Sen. Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, said lawmakers had lost an opportunity by postponing the discussion until next year.

"When's a good time?" he said. "The issues that are wrong are not new."

The announcement casts doubt on a high-profile effort by Assembly Speaker John Perez to close a corporate tax loophole to fund college scholarships.

The Los Angeles Democrat's bill squeaked out of the Assembly with a vote from a Republican whose support was contingent on environmental regulation reform passing this year. Now that lawmaker's support is in doubt.

"Regrettably, there are not going to be the reforms that I thought were necessary to improve business in California," said Assemblyman Brian Nestande, of Palm Desert.

If the Senate approves the bill, it would have to return to the Assembly for concurrence. Nestande said he does not believe the scholarship package will get the Republican votes it needs in the Senate, making his vote a moot point.

Closing the corporate tax loophole for the benefit of college students and their families has been a top priority for Perez. A spokesman for Perez said the speaker was confident that that the legislation will make it to the governor's desk, despite Republicans' disappointment with the lack of environmental reform.

"We feel very confident that we'll get the votes because the merits of the bill absolutely speak for themselves," Perez spokesman John Vigna said.

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MOVING ALONG: **Students leave Santa Monica High School after school on Thursday.**

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director of educational services at the district.

"I think it serves its purpose in many parts of the state where we want people to understand that (a diploma) does mean something," Bradford said.

As with other standardized tests in SMMUSD, the CAHSEE revealed gaps in the passage rates between white and Asian students and their African-American and Latino counterparts.

Ninety-seven percent of Asian students and 96 percent of whites passed the test, while 88 percent of Hispanic students and 82 percent of African American students did so.

The same achievement gaps exist in the exit exam as in other tests, but it can be more difficult to see the way the numbers are presented.

The exit exam only requires that you pass the test, a lower standard than the "proficiency" needed on other exams, Bradford said.

CAHSEE first began counting toward students' graduation in 2006, although it was tested out on 10th graders in years prior.

This year's test-takers marked the sixth year of improvement on the test, said Tom Torlakson, the state superintendent of public instruction.

"When 95 percent of California students are hitting the mark — despite the tremendous challenges we face and the work we still have to do — there's an awful lot going right in our public schools," Torlakson said.

Still, he worried that the state could see those trends reverse as more and more dollars are cut from education budgets, resulting in shorter school years, fewer teachers and crowded classrooms.

"While I'm happy about the progress made by the class of 2012, I still have concerns for the class of 2013, the class of 2014 and all of the classes that will follow," Torlakson said.

Although the exit exam can be useful to make sure high school graduates aren't just being passed along through the grades without some learning, some education experts still have questions about the standards set for students.

The CAHSEE is important to keeping schools accountable, but it doesn't show the whole picture, said Arun Ramanathan, executive director of the Education Trust-West.

"We slap ourselves on the back for CAHSEE rates, but tell me about our (Early Assessment Program) and how many students are in remedial classes," Ramanathan said.

The Early Assessment Program is a test developed by the State Board of Education, California Department of Education and the California State University system to measure how prepared students are for college.

"Should we be having a low-level test like this constitute high school graduation requirements?" Ramanathan asked. "I think it's more about whether or not we have real standards for performance in our schools, whether or not teachers and school systems are preparing students for those standards."

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provided that they met certain conditions regarding space and facilities.

Appropriate lots would have to have 15,000 square feet of space, two off-street parking spaces per food truck and 10 bicycle spaces as well as one restroom per gender and 200 square feet of seating area.

Main Street's concerns dominated the night despite the fact that there's an operating food truck lot that recently opened on Santa Monica Boulevard at 14th Street on Wednesdays.

Commissioners found themselves between a rock and a hard place as they sought to strike a balance between the community desire for off-street truck lots, the Main Street business community that cried poverty and the museum, which has had difficulty paying its employees and is kept afloat in part by its relationship with the food truck lot.

"I'm supportive of brick-and-mortar businesses," said Planning Commissioner Jim Ries. "I think it's pretty unfair … I would like to vote against this straight out, but at the same time I hear a number of $104,000 in fundraising done for the museum."

Food trucks fall into a strange category for cities. On public streets, they cannot be regulated except for normal parking standards and for public safety. On private property, however, officials can place additional restrictions on where and how they do business.

For the past two years, the lot that operates on Tuesday nights in front of the museum has operated within a gray area in the code called a temporary use permit, which allowed city officials to study it and its

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impacts.

In that time, it's formed a following, aided in part by a symbiotic relationship with the Victorian, which serves beer and wine to food truck patrons at its Basement Tavern.

"On the lawn kids are playing and people are running around. Families start the evening, and then professionals coming off of work, getting a drink, and then the people I call hipsters with dogs," said Matt Geller, CEO of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendor's Association, describing the festive atmosphere of the event.

Business owners, however, accuse the crowds of taking up vital parking spaces with no intention of shopping on the street, blocking paying customers from their stores and restaurants.

It makes it difficult for brick-and-mortars, which have higher base costs than a food truck, to compete against the mobile vendors.

Diane Jackson, the owner of contemporary craft store Mindful Nest, said she had to let one of her employees go. The woman only worked on Tuesdays, and there wasn't enough action to keep her, Jackson said.

"I don't know what to say except that it's hurting all of our businesses," she told commissioners.

They also feel that the truck lot was sold to them using false pretenses.

When City Hall first allowed the lot, it was going to be temporary, and there was no mention of alcohol or seating, said Anthony Schmitt, chair of the Main Street Business Improvement Association.

"I was the one who said, 'save yourself,' but I had no idea that saying (that) the word 'temporary' would disappear," Schmitt said, referring to the California Heritage Museum, a staunch supporter of the trucks.

Despite the fact that much of the conversation focused on the lot at the museum, there's no guarantee that space will receive the one permit allowed on Main Street under the commissioners' recommendation although, Geller said, it will be the first in line.

Some planning commissioners took issue with the way city officials proposed to permit the trucks by using a "performance standards permit." The permits, also called PSPs, are permanent, meaning that a property awarded a permit to have a food truck lot may always have one.

Commissioner Ted Winterer balked at the thought of giving permanent status to a new creation, despite his support of the truck lot in general.

"I can't support anything that's going to be on a permanent basis," he said.

Temporary permitting that must be renewed once or twice a year didn't strike favor with Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen.

"Our office is fairly comfortable that California law does not like renewing use permits," Shen said, while admitting that some cities do offer the option.

With that in mind, commissioners added a provision to their recommendation that the City Council pursue a temporary option, if possible.

That didn't receive a lot of love from Geller, who disliked the idea of a successful lot living in fear of getting the rug yanked out from under it every six or 12 months.

Although he preferred the staff recommendation, Geller took a pragmatic view.

"If that's what we've got, we'll make things work," he said.

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Energy loan watchdog an Obama donor

STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A veteran Wall Street executive who performed an independent review that exonerated the Obama administration's program of loans to energy companies contributed $52,500 to re-elect President Barack Obama in the months since completing his work, according to an Associated Press review of campaign records. The executive defended the integrity of his conclusions and said he decided to donate to Obama after his work was finished.

The campaign contributions to Obama started just weeks after Herbert M. Allison Jr., in congressional testimony in March, minimized concerns that the Energy Department was at high risk in more than $23 billion in federal loans awarded to green energy firms. Two weeks later, Allison began giving to the Obama campaign. His contributions to Obama and the Democratic National Committee totaled $52,500 by last month. Allison previously was the former head of the government's mass purchase of toxic Wall Street assets.

Allison did not make any Obama donations during his four-month review of Energy Department loans, and he has a long history of working with and giving money to both political parties. However, Republican Party officials and congressional critics of the energy loans said Allison's donations to Obama raise doubts about his objectivity and highlight his decision not to assess multimillion-dollar loans to two companies that later went into bankruptcy — the troubled Solyndra solar panel company and Beacon Power, an energy storage firm.

Allison's report, completed in February and touted by the White House, acknowledged that the Energy Department could lose as much as $3 billion in loans, but it concluded that was far less than the $10 billion set aside by Congress for high-risk companies. The review did not assess the two bankrupt firms because those loans were no longer current. Allison told Congress that "DOE has negotiated protections in the loan agreements that enable it to cut off further funding and to demand more credit protection if projects do not meet targets." He also urged the Energy Department to toughen its oversight.

Allison defended the integrity of his review in an interview with The Associated Press. He said that he did not make the decision to back a presidential candidate until after he had finished his work and that his selection was approved by Energy Department lawyers before he began his review last October to "ensure there was no hint of bias or conflict of interest."

"I was on the record with the White House that this had to be completely independent review and they agreed," he said Wednesday in a telephone interview from his home in Westport, Conn. "It didn't hew to anybody's political suasion, I think, and it had to be fully factual or it wouldn't be credible."

Allison said he made his decision to support Obama after he saw "his administration in action and decided that I believe broadly in the things he's trying to accomplish."

Allison gave $2,500 to the Obama campaign on March 29, two weeks after he testified to the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee about his review. In May, he gave $15,000 to the Obama Victory Fund, a joint fundraising committee that supports both the president's re-election campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Allison gave the same amount to the fund again in June and then $20,000 more in July.

Allison has donated money to both parties, but his gifts in the past have tended to be much smaller than his current contributions, typically no more than $1,000 or $2,000, according to Federal Election Commission records. Allison explained his larger donations to the Obama campaign by saying "there's a hell of a lot more money in politics today than in years past and I decided I could go this route."

Allison has given to GOP figures such as Rep. Peter King of New York and Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and to Democrats such as Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York and former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey. Allison's presidential preferences have been mostly Republicans — Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas. He also gave $2,300 to Obama in 2008, a year before Obama appointed Allison as an assistant treasury secretary.

The White House and the Obama campaign defended Allison, saying his donations did not taint his work as independent reviewer of the loans program. They pointed to his repeated hiring over the past two decades by Republican presidential administrations and GOP campaigns as justification that Allison had the independence to oversee troubled government programs.

"Mr. Allison was selected to do this study because of his relevant expertise and he is a public servant widely respected by Democrats and Republicans alike," said Eric Schultz, a White House spokesman. Schultz added that Allison's "analysis of the DOE loan portfolio was thorough and reliable as evident by additional independent reports affirming his findings." The Obama campaign said, "Having completed an independent assignment does not cost him his right to continue participating in the political progress on behalf of many candidates, as he has in the past."

A former Merrill Lynch executive, Allison worked for several Republican administrations and earned a reputation for tackling troubled federal programs. During McCain's failed 2000 presidential run, he served as national finance chairman and was rumored to be McCain's choice to become treasury secretary if he had won.

Allison was named by President George W. Bush to head Fannie Mae after the quasi-government home lending agency was placed in conservatorship in 2008 following the Wall Street collapse. A year later, Obama named Allison as an assistant treasury secretary to oversee the Troubled Asset Relief Program that Bush had created to stabilize Wall Street banks and investment houses reeling with toxic debt.

During his work at the Treasury Department, Allison was among top officials who crossed swords with TARP Inspector General Neil Barofsky, who accused the department of failing to properly track government bailout money given to banks and investment houses. Barofsky declined to comment about his dealings with Allison.

Allison left the Treasury Department in 2010 but returned last year to head up the review of energy loans. The White House agreed to the review in the wake of mounting Republican criticism after Solyndra, a California firm, went belly up. The bankruptcy cost U.S. taxpayers $528 million in lost loans.

Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., who chairs the House Energy Committee's oversight subcommittee, said Allison's donations to the Obama campaign back up GOP warnings this year that the White House review was suspect. Stearns said Allison's "financial support for the Obama campaign undermines (his) credibility and shows once again that the president did not want a careful, independent review of his risky green jobs scheme."

At 55 and 53, couple split by Romney Medicare plan

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CHICAGO Mike O'Malley is 55; wife Sharon is 53. So what?

So they're on opposite sides of the age cutoff in Mitt Romney's Medicare plan, and that could create a bumpy transition for the suburban Chicago couple and others like them. It would be the difference between being in the traditional program for the elderly and a less certain future.

As the issue rises in importance in the presidential campaign, it's leading to inevitable comparisons for couples and siblings who are just a few years apart — and sometimes perhaps a touch of envy.

The proposal came from Romney's running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan. But Romney has largely embraced it, throwing a brighter spotlight on the question of whether and how to revamp the retiree health care program.

Ryan wants to reshape Medicare for future retirees — anyone 54 and younger — while people 55 and older would get Medicare in roughly the same form as it exists today.

Starting in 2023, new retirees on the younger side of the line would get a fixed amount of money from the government to pick either private health insurance or a federal plan modeled on Medicare. Ryan says that will keep the program solvent.

Looking at the O'Malleys can help explain how people of slightly different ages would be affected.

Under Ryan's plan, Mike would qualify for traditional Medicare in about another decade. Nothing would change for him.

"So I'm covered," Mike O'Malley says, adding that Ryan's proposal is "a catalyst for thought."

But Sharon, in the new program, would have decisions to make. Whichever way she chooses, eventually she might have to pay more for health insurance than Mike, if costs grow faster than the amount the government provides.

"I'm going to be the one who's not going to have the health care," Sharon O'Malley said. "It makes you nervous when you pay all this money into the system and it won't be there when you need it."

Backers of Ryan's approach say people like Sharon O'Malley should not worry. They say the plan should unleash a wave of competition that wrings waste out of the health care system and delivers quality care at affordable prices.

Given the popularity of original Medicare, however, many experts think the Romney-Ryan overhaul will be a tough sell — like former President George W. Bush's ill-fated attempt to introduce private accounts to Social Security.

"Any change is viewed with skepticism, and that is just a starting reality for most people," said John Rother, president of the National Coalition on Health Care, a nonpartisan group representing a broad range of players in the health care system.

Indeed, even a majority of Republicans — 55 percent — prefer the idea of keeping Medicare as it is, according to a recent Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

"Most people are not thinking of the role Medicare plays in the federal budget," Rother added. "The idea of (Medicare) insolvency is an abstraction. What matters is, 'It's there for me. It works. I can count on it.' The idea of change is a threatening idea, particularly if it's couched as being necessary to fix the federal budget."

The O'Malleys have been married 30 years and consider themselves political independents. They both voted for John McCain in 2008. Mike owns a travel agency. Sharon is a nurse. They have three grown children and have put away some money for retirement. She worries their savings may not be enough.

As she imagined what Ryan's vision of Medicare might be like for her, Sharon said it could be confusing to shop for insurance among multiple private plans. In her job, she already sees elderly patients flummoxed by the Medicare prescription drug program, which offers seniors a choice among many different plans.

"I truly think they make it very difficult for Medicare recipients to know all the rules of Medicare," she said. Nearly four in 10 seniors, including younger members of the baby boom generation, would be in the new system by 2030.

So far, most of the debate about the Romney-Ryan proposal has focused on financial risk for future retirees, the chances that health care inflation would outrun the fixed insurance payments they would receive. If so, an older spouse on original Medicare might have to cross-subsidize the younger spouse on the new plan.

Bonnie Burns, who has spent more than 25 years counseling Medicare recipients about their benefits, says it could give rise to a new sort of family dynamic: health care envy.

"I think it would be part and parcel of whatever other family tension is going on," said Burns, who works with the nonprofit California Health Advocates and is based near Santa Cruz.

But complexity is the biggest potential problem that Burns sees.

The guaranteed benefits the new plans would have to offer haven't been spelled out, or the rules to prevent marketing abuses, or consumers' rights in disputes with insurers.

"This would split everything wide open," said Burns, "None of the components would be the same."

The private plans currently available through Medicare are closely regulated by the government, so "there hasn't been a big dispute about what is and is not covered," said Burns. It's not clear whether Romney-Ryan would tighten the rules, loosen them or keep them the same.

And she does worry about the financing.

"What do we do if we end up with a whole bunch of old people who can't afford their premiums?" asked Burns.

Mike O'Malley said he brought this up to his oldest son, who is an Obama supporter. They discussed the Ryan-now Romney Medicare plan over a recent dinner.

He says he told his son he was getting the bad end of the deal "because I'm going to die and you're going to have to take care of your mother. He goes, 'I hope you leave us a lot of money.'"

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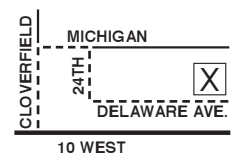
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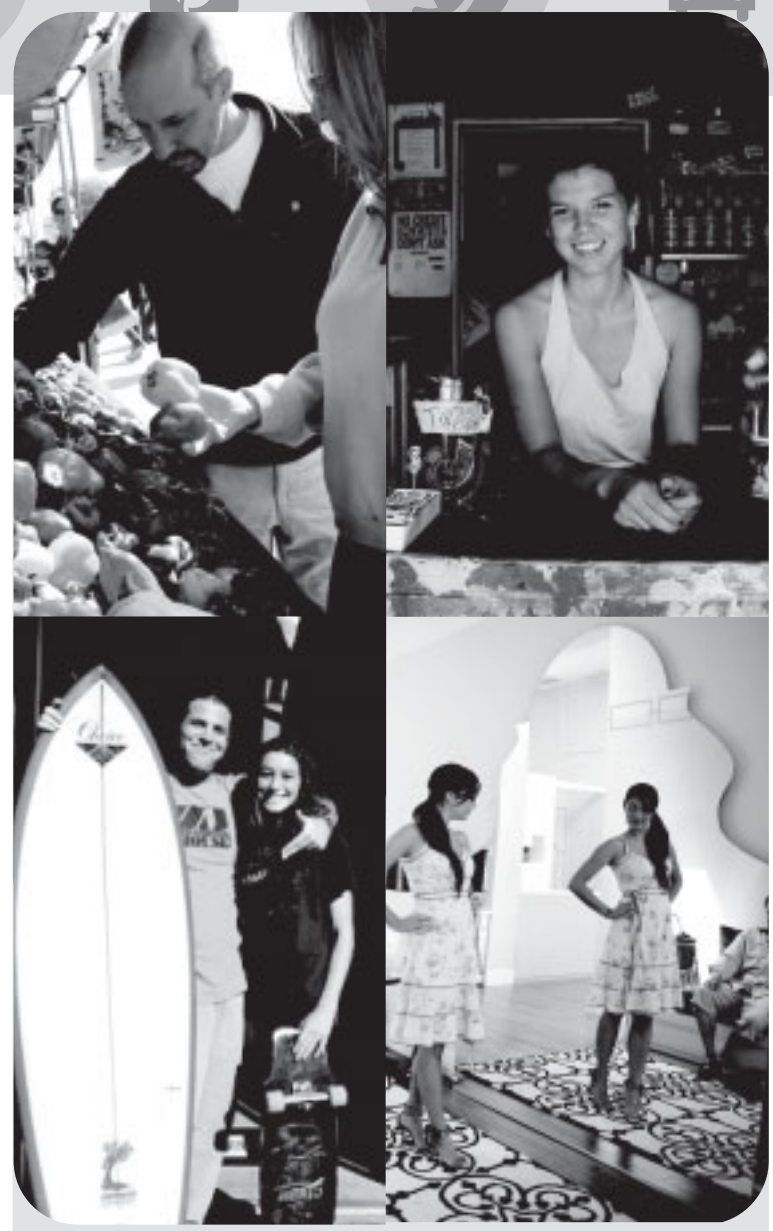


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Year after Irene, New Yorkers ponder adding sea barriers

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Two years before Hurricane Irene created the prospect of a flooding nightmare in New York City, 100 scientists and engineers met to sketch out a bold defense: massive, moveable barriers to shield the city from a storm-stirred sea.

Though the storm caused billions of dollars in damage along the Eastern Seaboard, Irene proved not to be the urban catastrophe forecasters feared. But in the wake of the close call a year ago, elected officials and community groups are pressing for an evaluation of whether sea barriers make sense for New York.

The city has been gathering information, while stressing that barriers are only one of many ideas being studied.

Initially hesitant to recommend spending money studying a remote possibility, state Assemblyman Richard Gottfried now finds the barrier idea realistic enough that he and state Sen. Thomas Duane have urged the city to give it a thorough examination. Gottfried changed his mind before Irene, but feels the storm — which hit the city head-on as a tropical storm on Aug. 28, 2011 — brought the point home to others.

"I think it did make it clear to a lot of New Yorkers that we could not take our safety for granted," he said this week.

To advocates, Irene — which shuttered subways, spurred evacuation orders for 370,000 people and raised fears that a surge of seawater would cripple the U.S. financial capital — added urgency to what they see as the best hope for protecting New York against a mounting threat. But some experts believe the city is better off focusing on more moderate, immediate measures to limit potential damage from storms and rising seas.

The discussion illuminates a potential dividing line for this city and others projected to face a more flood-prone future in a changing climate: take big, difficult steps in hopes of thwarting high water, or a roster of smaller ones intended to help manage it?

New York, for its part, says it's giving equal time to both approaches.

The city administration is working toward a hard-numbers analysis of natural risks and how well various coast-protection techniques would address them, said Adam Freed, the deputy director of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. Storm-surge barriers are among the options being examined; officials have talked in recent months with some participants in a 2009 academic conference on the issue.

In the meantime, the city also has flood-proofed some places — by installing flood-gates at sewage plants, for example, and raising the ground level while redeveloping a low-lying area in Queens.

"There's no one-size-fits-all solution to the risk we face, and it's not just one risk," Freed said, noting that the city also is preparing for more frequent heat waves, more extreme rainstorms and other anticipated global-warming effects. "It is going to be a suite of strategies that encompass everything."

Proponents say sea barriers would solve a big piece of the problem, and they point to examples in cities ranging from London to Providence, R.I. But some scientists and engineers feel the structures could create a false sense of security and raise environmental and social-equity questions.

"Who gets included to be behind the gate, and who doesn't get included? ... How do you make that decision in a fair way?" said Robert Swanson, an oceanographer at Long Island's Stony Brook University, where the barrier idea is a topic of cordial debate.

Two of his colleagues, oceanography professor Malcolm J. Bowman and lecturer and engineer Douglas Hill, are driving forces behind the idea and helped galvanize the 2009 conference, which featured conceptual designs from engineering firms.

One strategy entailed an estimated $9.1 billion set of barriers a mile long or shorter at three critical points around the city's waterways. The network would protect Manhattan and parts of the four outer boroughs and New Jersey, but not some vulnerable swaths of Brooklyn and Queens.

Some of them stood to gain protection in an alternative design: a single, 5-mile-long barrier between Sandy Hook, N.J., and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, estimated at $5.9 billion.

Both approaches were designed to block a 25-foot storm surge but had navigational locks or other mechanisms to let water and ship traffic flow under normal conditions. Some designs featured visible walls or berms above the waterline, but one envisioned a wall that would lie flat underwater and rise into position when needed.

Advocates note that an 1821 hurricane flooded what's now Manhattan's financial district — and that experts estimate the city could face a surge as high as 25 feet and a 3 million-person evacuation if threatened by a storm as strong as a notorious 1938 hurricane that sawed through nearby Long Island. Moreover, the city projects global warming could boost sea levels by up to 4 ? feet by the end of the century, making flooding a growing threat.

Troubled by the projections, retired newspaper publisher and community activist Robert Trentlyon started broaching storm-surge barriers with local organizations and officials about two years ago.

Then came Irene, a 500-mile-wide hurricane that weakened to a tropical storm with 65-mph winds just before its center made landfall at Brooklyn's Coney Island.

"There's absolutely no question: From the time of Irene, for the next six months, people were more concerned," said Trentlyon, who now makes his rounds with a growing file of supportive statements.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler urged city officials in a letter this month to take a comprehensive look at storm-surge barriers, bulkheads and other flood-fighting devices.

The City Council's Environmental Protection Committee heard from barrier advocates, among others, at a hearing in December, and Chairman James Gennaro would like the barriers to be among ideas getting further review by a city climate-change task force.

The council passed a proposal Wednesday to expand the group's scope to assess how heat, storms and flooding affect various aspects of the city.

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Fed moves seem less like a sure thing

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Nobody ever said reading the Federal Reserve was easy.

On Wednesday, the Fed appeared to suggest it was closer to taking additional steps to help the U.S. economy. Stocks rallied as a result and finished the day well off their lows.

But the prospect of Fed help seemed much less certain Thursday, and stocks fell. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 115.30 points to close at 13,057.46 — the biggest loss in more than a month and the Dow's fourth straight down day.

James Bullard, president of the Fed's St. Louis bank, told CNBC that the minutes from the July 31-Aug. 1 meeting were "stale" because the economy had picked up since then. If it becomes "a bit stronger," he said, the Fed will hold off.

"He poured some water on the fire of the QE3 talk," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati, using market slang for a Fed program of bond-buying to help the economy.

But another Fed regional official, Chicago president Charles Evans, told reporters in Beijing that he supports further action by the Fed, an apparent affirmation of the Fed minutes.

The government reported that claims for unemployment insurance rose last week, the second straight increase, which also hurt stocks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.41 points to 1,402.08. The Nasdaq composite index fell 20.27 to 3,053.40.

Benchmark oil fell 99 cents to $96.27 per barrel in New York. Slower growth cuts demand for oil, so traders push the price down when they are nervous about the economy.

Manufacturing activity fell to a nine-month low in China, the world's second-largest economy after the United States. Some investors expect that the government there may have to step in more decisively to try to boost the economy.

"It's just a harsh reminder that the worldwide economy continues to disappoint," Detrick said.

Investors who yanked money out of stocks and oil put it in metals instead. The price of gold rose 2 percent, jumping $32.30 to $1,672.80 per ounce. Prices also rose for other metals. The euro hit a seven-week high against the dollar.

But overall, news was slow, typical for the market's traditional August lull.

The big events that could move the market lie ahead — Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech in Wyoming later this month and a German court's ruling next month on whether the country can participate in a bailout for European countries.

German leaders, on the eve of a critical meeting with their Greek counterparts to discuss Greece's ongoing bailout, showed signs of the strain between the two countries.

Greece has asked for more time to put in place the spending reforms that Germany is requiring, but the German finance minister said Thursday that more time wouldn't solve Greece's problems.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Downtown Parking In-Lieu Fee Program and Study Session. Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission review and provide comments to the City Council on potential modifications and expansions to the Downtown Parking In-Lieu Fee Program, including issues identified in the consultant study. [Project Manager: Erika Cavicante, Housing & Economic Development Department]

Bike Plan Implementation Update. Staff will provide an update on the implementation of the Bike Action Plan and recent or upcoming improvements to bike facilities and programs citywide.

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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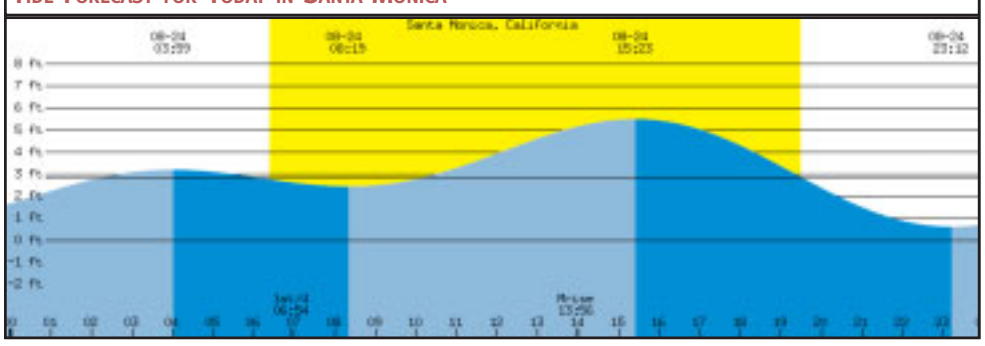
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
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 Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 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.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 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.	A	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.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	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 CIWW 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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NFL

Raiders break camp after weeks in Napa

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

NAPA, Calif. Carson Palmer is running out of time to get the Oakland Raiders first-team offense into the end zone in the preseason.

The Raiders (tied for No. 23 in the AP Pro32) broke camp Thursday after spending more than three weeks in Napa, still looking for their first win and first-team touchdown of the preseason.

Palmer has been able to move the Oakland offense at times in the first two exhibition games. But a pair of interceptions, a handful of dropped passes and an inability to punch it in from close to the goal line has plagued Oakland so far in losses to Dallas and Arizona.

With the starters expected to get their most extensive playing time of the preseason on Saturday against Detroit (tied for 11th in the AP Pro32), the Raiders hope to clean up those mistakes before the regular season begins.

"Obviously we haven't done what we expected to do, but it's not a concern," Palmer said. "We just need to keep working, keep grinding. They'll come. We just need to clean some things up. We've made a handful of mistakes and hurt ourselves, but it's not concerning. It's frustrating, just because you want to score every time you get the ball, but we'll continue to work and get better."

Palmer has been in for 10 drives in the two games, leading the team to three field goals. There have also been four turnovers, including his two interceptions.

Overall, Palmer is 16-for-30 for 140 yards, for a passer rating of 38.2. He has been unable to connect on the deep balls he was successful completing last year, with his longest pass so far being a quick-hitter to Darren McFadden that went for 18 yards.

"I don't have any reservations or any doubt at all about Carson Palmer," coach Dennis Allen said. "I think he's had a good camp. I expect when opening day comes around that he'll be a good player for us."

Palmer said one reason for his lack of concern is that he uses the preseason to see which plays might work when the games actually count.

His interception in the first game against Dallas was on a deep pass to Jacoby Ford that he said he might not have made if it was the regular season. He also was intercepted last week on a ball he tried to force to tight end Richard Gordon.

While those types of throws usually irk coaches, offensive coordinator Greg Knapp said that is what preseason is for.

"My belief for a quarterback to run a new offense you have got to try some stuff," Knapp said. "I will sacrifice some of the ups and downs that go with that. If you make mistakes you usually grow from it. That is what I want him to do in the preseason since the games are not held accountable, so to speak. You still want to win, you still want to have that taste of it. But he has got to test himself. I don't want to ever train a guy to be conservative from day one. He won't know his limits then."

The Raiders also have been hurt offensively this preseason by injuries. Top deep receiver Denarius Moore will miss his third straight game this weekend with a hamstring injury, Ford will sit with a sprained left foot that sent him out early last week and center Stefen Wisniewski is out again with a calf injury.

But speedy backup running back Taiwan Jones and starting tight end Brandon Myers are expected to play for the first time this preseason.

"I feel very confident in where I am right now and really where we are as an offense, especially as banged up as we are," Palmer said. "We've got a lot of young guys playing, but I feel really good where we are right now in training camp."

After the game on Saturday, the Raiders will return to their facility in Alameda for the final preparations before the final exhibition game next Thursday and then the season opener Sept. 10 against San Diego.

The team leaves camp with plenty of optimism, as well as the knowledge that there is plenty more work to get done to make for a successful season.

"I'm a firm believer that the cream will always rise to the top," defensive tackle Richard Seymour said. "It may not start out that way. Little things, if you don't address them, they can become glaring weaknesses for you as well. I think we're in a position now to continue what we've started to build. We've laid the foundation, but just because you got a good foundation don't mean you got a good roof over your head, either."

NOTES: Seymour, who has sat out all week with sore knees, will be a game-time decision on Saturday. "They're definitely important games, but we'll do what's best for the team," he said. ... TEs Richard Gordon (ribs) and Tory Humphrey (hamstring) also will be game-time decisions.

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Go to a favorite spot tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might be somewhat bothered by a dream or premonition you have this morning. Though you typically are cynical of intuition, especially your own, you might try honoring it today. News or an invitation could be instrumental to a new start. Why not go for it? Tonight: Wherever there is music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Work with a partner or loved one directly. You are far more powerful as a team than you are separately. You might want to resolve some confusion surrounding mixed messages. Move forward with a strong sense of direction. Tonight: Find a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Someone does not hesitate to question your decisions, and others simply seem challenging. Tension builds as a result. A discussion with a respected authority figure centers you. You might want to find out how this person would handle certain situations. Tonight: Enjoy all the new faces around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Focus on what you need to do get done; avoid getting sidetracked by others. You can kick back when you finish. A late lunch could become an early dinner. Don't worry -- just enjoy it. Tonight: Join friends and/or associates.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination adds to the fever and enthusiasm surrounding a project, a special friend or an activity with a child. Where others trip up with confusion and miss an opportunity, you will not. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stay close to what is familiar to you, as right now there could be a sense of confusion. You might want to rethink your communication style. Confirm appointments. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might need to repeat yourself in several different ways to make your point or even just to be heard. You could be frustrated by someone's ambiguity. Any attempts at communication could be difficult later today. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Be aware of what someone has to offer. You have the same versatility, but a different set of skills. Together, you make quite a team. A loved one or child needs extra attention. Detach, and look at the whole picture. Tonight: Be careful with your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your actions make all the difference in a domestic matter that goes from confusing and disappointing to very pleasing. Zero in on a long-term goal if you really want it to happen. You might be surprised at the results of one day. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Take your time discerning what is happening around you. Slow down and clarify facts -- doing so might be more important than you realize. Ask questions to verify what you think. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A meeting could go longer than you intended. You might want to postpone it until the end of the day. Your finances could seem strange at first, whether it is because of an offer or difficulty realizing a momentary goal. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tension builds surrounding a superior or a community and/or business situation. Your intentions might be well-meaning, but others do not receive your ideas clearly until you reiterate your reasoning several times. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Happy birthday

This year you often will feel tense, as you have so much on your plate. You will demand a lot from yourself and want to deliver just that. Your family and home life evolve in importance. You might want to become more of a cynic in order to see people as they really are, rather than how you think they are. If you are single, you will increase the chances of forming a viable relationship by being more grounded. People will reveal their true essence if you stay alert. If you are attached, listen to what your partner says his or her intentions are, rather than just going off of your ideas of what they are. SAGITTARIUS is too strong of a personality for you.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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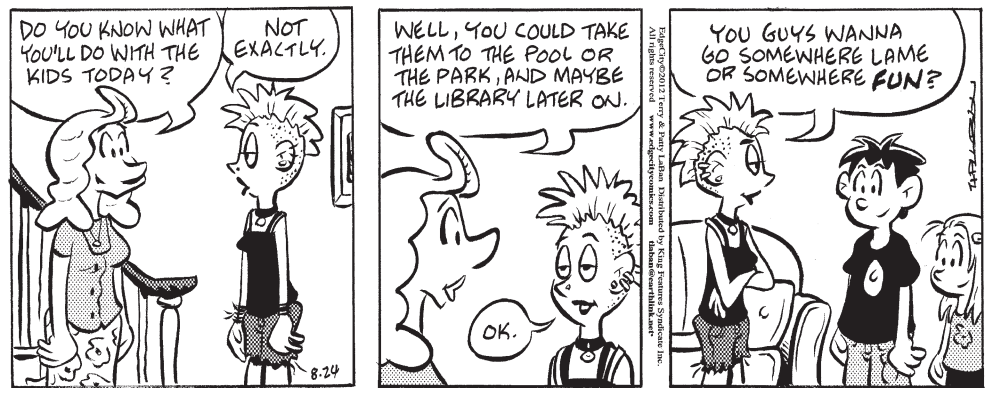
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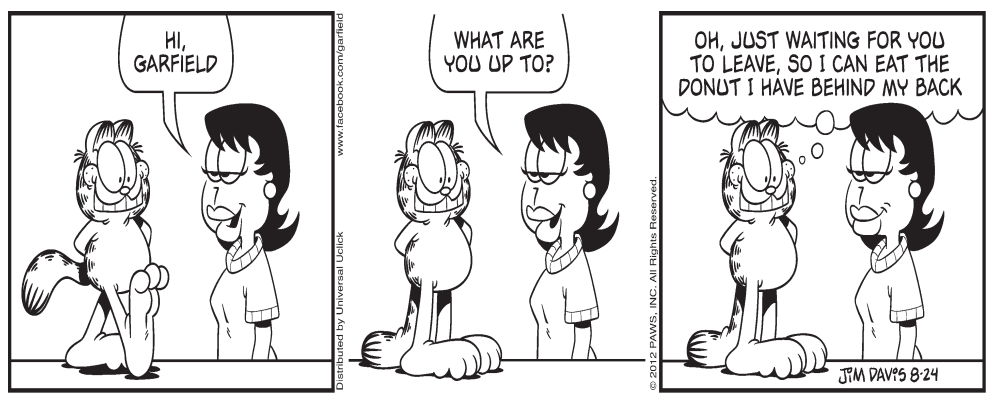
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Sudoku

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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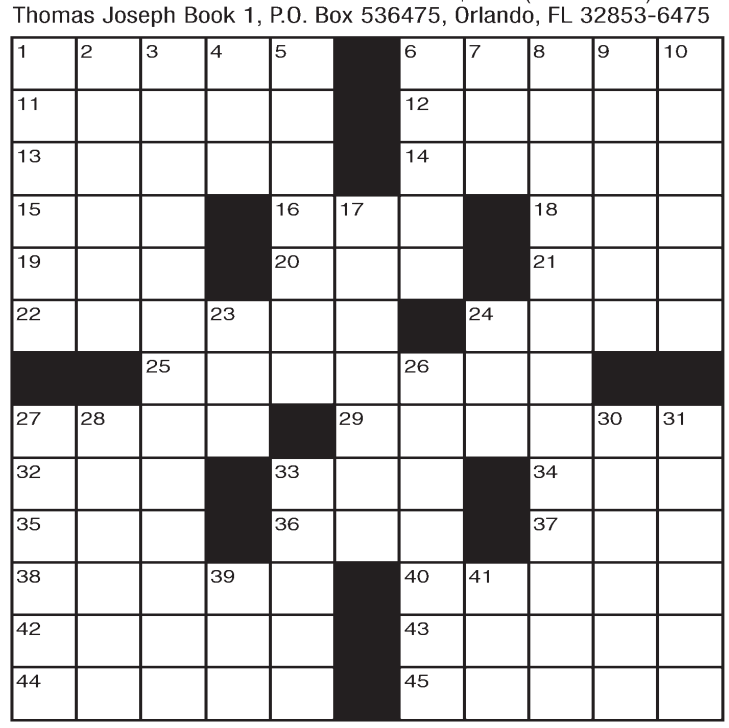
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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AMENDED VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 6000 AND 6020

CASE NO. BS138034

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF "PETER" PENGFEI WEI TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE EPOCH TIMES AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

Petitioner, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, alleges:
1. Petitioner is the manager of the newspaper known in English as The Epoch Times and in Chinese as Da Ji Yuan (which means "The Epoch Times").
2. The Epoch Times is a newspaper of general circulation published, in both English-and Chinese-language editions, for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character (concerning statewide, national and international news, as well as local) in Los Angeles County, California (hereinafter referred to as "the newspaper"). The business address of the newspaper is 9550 Flair Dr. #411, El Monte, CA 91731.
3.The newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in Los Angeles County and the surrounding area, and the English- and Chinese-language editions of the paper have a
combined average weekly circulation of 112,000 in Los Angeles County and neighboring areas.
4.For more than one year preceding the filing of this amended petition, the newspaper has been established under the name of The Epoch Times in both English and Chinese ("Da Ji Yuan"), and has been printed and published regularly in Los Angeles County, every Thursday for the English-language edition and every day of the week for the Chinese-language edition.
5.During the whole of the one-year period preceding the filing of this amended petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper - that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper - has been performed in Walnut, California, which is in Los Angeles County; the newspaper has been issued from the same county in which it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published in the same county; and the English-language edition has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week, and the Chinese-language edition has been published as a daily newspaper each day of each calendar week.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing The Epoch Times, in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Section 6000 of Government Code, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

VERIFICATION
I, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, am the petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding. I have read the foregoing amended petition and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 20, 2012, at El Monte, California. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In Pro Per
The Epoch Times
9550 Flair Drive, #411
El Monte, CA 91731

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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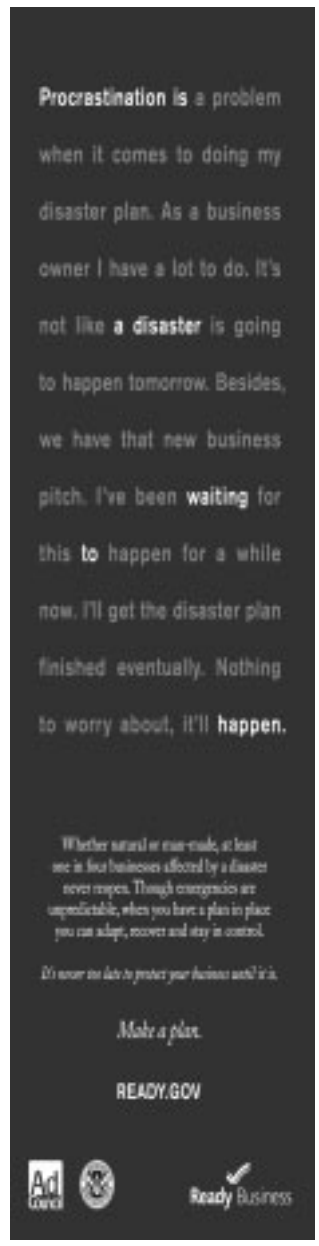
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TO APPLY FOR ORDER
DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 7, 2012 at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 90A (formerly Department IA) of this Court, located on the Fifth Floor, Room 548 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, petitioner intends to apply for an order declaring the newspaper known as The Epoch Times (in Chinese, "Da Ji Yuan"), in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, to be a newspaper of general circulation for Los Angeles County, California.
Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In P00054556ro Per
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