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THE HOPE REPUBLICANS CAN TAKE A JOKE ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

NAME CHANGE: **Could politics have played a role in this act of vandalism?**

Endangered species sighting in NOMA

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

NOMA Republicans are rumored to exist in the liberal bastion of Santa Monica, and this week strong evidence surfaced that supports this theory.

Devout Democrat and dog walker David Mayhan was out for a stroll Thursday morning when he spotted something strange and unsettling at the corner of 18th Street and Carlyle Avenue. Someone used blue painter's tape to cover up the "le" so that the street sign read "Carly," as in Republican Carly Fiorina. At least that's what first popped into Mayhan's head.

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Chase suspect who jumped off pier pleads, sentenced

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN A 27-year-old Los Angeles man pleaded no contest Friday to first-degree burglary in connection with a May high-speed chase that ended when he abandoned the stolen Range Rover he was driving and jumped off the Santa Monica Pier.

Gerjuan Deshon Harmon was immediately sentenced by Airport Superior Court Judge Mark Windham to two years in state prison, said Deputy District Attorney Emily Baker. Harmon pleaded no contest to one count of burglarizing a UCLA dorm room on May 1. The burglary occurred before

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ROCKIN' OUT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A mother-daughter duo dance to the sounds of Dr. John on Thursday during the last installment of this year's Twilight Dance Series on the Santa Monica Pier. The series featured soul singer Betty LaVette, Italian super star Jovanotti and a Beatles cover band.

City Hall employees want more of the same come November

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL An anti-incumbent backlash could be about to sweep the nation, but if it does, the municipal employees of Santa Monica won't be going along for the ride.

The Coalition of Santa Monica Employees, which represents the interests of some 1600 workers, this week issued a vote of confidence in the status quo by endorsing all five sitting City Council members running in November's election.

The coalition endorsed Kevin McKeown, Bob Holbrook and Pam O'Connor for four-year terms and backed Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day for two-year terms.

The move by the coalition, which also backed full slates of incumbents in 2008 and 2006, came as little surprise to those in the political arena.

Lauralee Asch, the coalition's president, said the decision to back known quantities reflected satisfaction with actions taken by members of the council.

"They've shown a big commitment to keeping city services the same and understanding the balance between the budget and services and the employees of the city that are committed to keeping services to the community at the same level," she said.

Eight candidates sought the coalition's endorsement for five open seats. Asch declined to name the candidates who were not endorsed.

"We interviewed everyone with an open mind and there were a lot of great people. We just felt we needed the experience of the people that have been there and the continuity," she said.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, September. 4, 2010

A walk through history

1436 Second St., 10 a.m.

Discover what Santa Monica was really like way back when during a weekly walking tour with the Santa Monica Conservancy. Prepare yourself for a two-hour tour covering six blocks and more than 130 years of history. Tours are $5 — $10 and go on rain or shine! To reserve your spot, call (310) 496-3146.

Fighting for rights

Santa Monica Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.

Follow Charlene Strong as she battles to gain equality for same sex couples after her partner dies following a flash flood in the documentary "For My Wife." A Q&A will follow with Strong and the producers of the film. Admission is free.

Steppin' to the swing of things

Miles Memorial Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

Swing dance through the night at "Steppin' Out at the Miles" at the Playhouse. Trumpeter Dan Methe and vocal trio Swing Kittens will rock the house with songs from their favorite artists including Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and more! Tickets are $5 — $10. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Take valet

Colorado Avenue and Main Street, Noon — 9 p.m.

Ditch your car and hop on your bike if you are headed to Downtown this weekend. That's because City Hall is offering its free bike valet in the park next to Sears across from Santa Monica Place.

Sunday, September. 5, 2010

Shop until you drop

3000 — 3100 Airport Ave., 8 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Buy all the antiques, collectibles and crafts to your heart's content at the Santa Monica Antique and Collectibles Market.

Splashy Synchro

Annenberg Community Beach House

415 PCH, 6 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.

Admire the beauty of the Aqualillies — or rather learn their dance moves — during their synchronized swim classes at the Beach House. For $152, you'll get six 75-minutes classes. To register, go to http://recenroll.smgov.net.

What are you, chicken?

Miles Memorial Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd., 3 p.m.

A Los Angeles-based old time string band comprised of Ben Guzmán on fiddle/mandolin, Mike Heinle on banjo, and Kelly Marie Martin on guitar, Triple Chicken Foot has honed their chops playing music rooted in American tradition. Spending time with veteran players around Los Angeles and the country, The Foot plays a wide repertoire of gospel songs, archaic banjo tunes, and crooked fiddle melodies.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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SPANISH CONQUEST: **A proposed condo complex at Ocean Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard is being opposed by some residents who are concerned about its impact on the surrounding neighborhood and the loss of affordable rental units.**

Residents step up fight against Ocean Avenue condo project

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

OCEAN AVE In an effort to block the development of high-end condos here, a group of residents has filed an appeal with the City Council, calling on elected officials to force the developer to conduct a report on the project's environmental and social impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

The group, led by resident Dish Taylor, not only feels the project's Spanish Colonial revival design is out of character for the neighborhood, which is comprised of garden-style apartments, they believe the project has significant social and economic impacts because it would result in the loss of 47 affordable rental units. Those units would be replaced by 15 luxury condos — with a price tag estimated at well over $1 million — and five moderately-priced condos.

The group also claims that residents living close to the project, located at the corner of San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, are concerned about the impact of removing more than 30,000 cubic yards of soil for underground parking. The project is located across the street from Palisades Park and its bluffs, which City Hall has identified as having a high potential for landslides.

A representative from Dallas-based Trammell Crow, the company developing the condo project, said Thursday it would not comment on the appeal until it had time to properly review it.

"We strongly believe an environmental impact report is necessary," said Titus Wapato, Taylor's partner of more than 20 years and a staunch critic of Trammell Crow. "The loss of that many working-class people … will have a ripple effect that will go through the [Third Street] Promenade and clear across the city."

Taylor said she was saddened to see many long-time neighbors forced to move to other cities or other states, severing strong bonds.

"It has been a heartbreak for the neighborhood," Taylor said.

The condo complex, which consists of three separate buildings surrounding a 5,000 square-foot central courtyard at the corner of Ocean Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard, will replace the former home of Santa Monica's first female mayor, Clo Hoover, who led the fight against the demolition of the Santa Monica and Newcomb piers and the construction of an island in the Santa Monica Bay.

Preservationists lobbied for the building to be landmarked based on its association with Hoover, who built the 47-unit apartment complex during the 1950s with her husband, Chester, when they moved to Santa Monica from Kentucky. It served as the couple's primary residence and a source of income.

The Landmarks Commission, on a 4-3 vote, in January of last year granted the apartment complex landmark status; however, the decision was appealed to the City Council by Trammell Crow, one of the nation's largest developers. The council, on a 4-2 vote, overturned the designation roughly six months later, paving the way for demolition.

Residents were forced to relocate last year during the landmarks process.

Trammell Crow purchased the building in 2007.

The proposed condo project will feature three buildings. Two are expected to be four stories in height, while a third will be three stories. As part of City Hall's Affordable Housing Production Program, Trammell Crow agreed to set aside five, two-bedroom units for moderate-income households, which in Santa Monica means a family of four earning $82,800 a year.

Forty-three subterranean parking spaces will be provided.

The project was headed to the Architectural Review Board following approval from the Planning Commission last month, but the meeting is expected to be put on hold pending the appeal. Taylor said a date for the council hearing has not yet been set.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Say good-bye to Tide Ride

After years of lackluster ridership numbers, the Big Blue Bus will officially retire the Tide Ride shuttle on Monday, Sept. 6 despite objections from business owners and residents in Ocean Park.

The Tide Ride, which is partially paid for by five local hotels as part of a development agreement with City Hall, was originally developed in 1993 as a way to serve the growing tourism sector and offset traffic impacts.

It is on the chopping block because of low ridership numbers and the loss of millions in state transit assistance funds. The shuttle, which can hold about 26 passengers at one time, only serves about half of capacity every hour, making it the lowest producing service in the system. The Big Blue Bus, based on rough figures, estimates that about 5 percent of boardings are for the hotels.

The shuttle operates from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and noon to 10:02 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Big Blue Bus Lines 1 and 2 will continue to service Downtown hotels, businesses and retail areas, including Main Street, and also the Santa Monica Pier. Complete schedule information is available at www.BigBlueBus.com, at Blue: The Transit Store located at 223 Broadway near the Third Street Promenade, or by calling Big Blue Bus Customer Service at (310) 451-5444.

Holiday schedule

All buses will run on a Sunday schedule on Labor Day, Sept. 6. Regular service will resume on Sept. 7.

DAILY PRESS

LA sheriff says almost all pot clinics criminal

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles County sheriff has escalated his war of words against California medical marijuana dispensaries, saying as many as 97 percent operate as criminal enterprises.

Some of the pot shops get marijuana from Mexican drug cartels, and most dole out pot to people with no medical need for it, Sheriff Lee Baca said.

"Millions of dollars are being made for profit, and it's all illegal," the sheriff said this week.

Baca presented no evidence to support his claim. His comments coincided with a recent announcement that he would lead efforts against a November ballot measure to legalize marijuana for personal use in California.

Critics said his claims about the dispensaries were politically motivated and untrue.

"When they run out of scare tactics, they come out with stuff like this," said Michael Backes, a board member of the Cornerstone Research Collective, which provides marijuana

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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First and foremost

Editor:

Got a chuckle out of the latest misguided missile from the folks in "the airport was here first" club. They love pretending that Santa Monica's airport is a static facility, that both it and its fleet mix are unchanged since the original Armistice Day.

The latest irrelevancy told of how an old aerial photo of a U.K. bomber base was used to show nearby homeowners that the facility was "here first" when residents apparently voiced objections to some facet of the operation.

By this logic, may I suggest that we use, say, a 1945 aerial view of SMO. The "here first" crowd can point out in the photo where the jets are that currently cause so much noise, pollution and danger for SMO's neighborhoods. Oh wait, the neighborhoods were here before the jets. But how about the homeowners? Well, if length-of-ownership is the guideline, perhaps we can compromise and ban only aircraft using SMO that are newer than the average length of ownership in nearby neighborhoods, i.e. only aircraft that were not "here first." (Some people might be surprised at how long that average length would be).

Goofy ideas, huh? Yet far more logical than the "here first" refrain, whose chanters steadfastly refuse to acknowledge that SMO has evolved radically in its fleet mix generally and in its jet traffic specifically. By willfully ignoring context, "here first" is just another bumper sticker slogan to be substituted for intelligent discussion.

Brian Bland
Santa Monica

Tear down that fence

Editor:

To the Santa Monica City Council,

This is in regards to your rejection of the superior bid from Cavco homes for manufactured housing. If you ever took a tour of their manufacturing facilities you would notice that the employees are predominantly Hispanic and many working under a Social Security number that is not their own.

This is not to debate the pros or cons of AZ SB1070, but to point out that you are hurting the very people you purport to be standing up for. If you really wanted to do something relevant, you should demand that the fence between Tijuana and San Diego be torn down so that the illegal immigrants are not forced to make the dangerous trek across the desert into Arizona. Anything less reeks of a sanctimonious double standard.

John Stuart
Glendale, Ariz.

Calling for a boycott

Editor:

I am at a loss of why the city of Santa Monica continues to conduct dealings with Saint John's Health Center. Even before reading Mr. Mack's column ("Sisters you don't want in your family," Word in Edgewise, Sept. 1), I have long felt this institution has taken the city for ride: continued sewage issues, which are then ignored or brushed-over when residents and neighbors report them. The most egregious action is the continued harassment of the Saint John's nurses wishing to decide if they would like to unionize; such union-busting tactics belong in history with the Wobblies and the terrible fates they suffered in N.W. Washington. Boycott Saint John's Health Center until they shape-up, or shut down.

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Dealing with an unfriendly e-mail

Q. A FRIEND OF MINE GOT A STRANGE e-mail apparently from a friend of his who claimed to be traveling in Europe and had been mugged, left stranded, and in need of money to get home. The e-mail asked my friend to send $1,400 through a wire transfer to somewhere in Europe. The e-mail addressed my friend by name and was very ominous. My friend immediately tried calling his friend and learned he was safe and sound and the e-mail was a scam. Several other friends received similar e-mails. Does this happen a lot? Is there anything I can do?

A. Yes, this is definitely a scam. There are two basic versions of this scam. The older version, sometimes called, "The Grandparent Scam," is where the victim (usually elderly) receives a frantic phone call from someone claiming to be the victim's grandchild. The caller will typically start the conversation with a generic greeting that is designed to elicit the true name of the victim's grandchild like, "Hi Grandma, it's your favorite grandchild." The victim may respond with the name of one of their grandchildren. Once the caller has the name of a grandchild it is used to the caller's advantage. The caller tells the victim they are in dire trouble. Typical stories are they are in jail in a foreign country or they have been somehow stranded. They will eventually get to the fact that they need to be wired a large sum of money to bail out of jail or need money to catch a flight home. In some cases during conversations a second suspect is put on the phone who claims to be a public official and gives directions where to send money. This scam can be effective because the calls can be random or phone numbers can be selected that focus on the elderly community. No advance information is needed.

The newer version of this scam, sometimes called the "Emergency Scam" or the "Stranded Scam," uses dire e-mails apparently sent from friends or family requesting large sums of money be sent quickly. The e-mail will purportedly come directly from a known friend or family member (and their corresponding e-mail address) and generally address the victim by name. The scam e-mails briefly describe, while on vacation in a foreign country, a tragic event or a robbery that has left the friend or family member stranded and in immediate need of money to get home. E-mails usually include information that the friends or family members cell phone was lost or stolen and there is no way to make contact with them. They will always ask for money to be sent and give specific directions how to complete a transaction. This scam usually involves the suspect gaining access into someone's e-mail account then searching the address book and previously sent items. The suspect then uses the names, e-mail addresses, and information obtained from the account to personalize e-mails specific to the victim. This scam is effective because the information apparently comes from a known and familiar source. The scammer usually tries to include information in the body of the e-mail that require immediate action or discourage the recipient from verifying the authenticity of the information.

To protect yourself from emergency-type scams:

- Don't panic;
- Verify all calls and e-mails, even from friends, that request money;
- Be skeptical of anyone wanting you to send money, particularly by wire (Western Union) and/or to another country;
- Never volunteer personal information;
- Protect e-mail accounts from unauthorized access by using strong passwords and protect your passwords by changing them often;
- If your e-mail has been compromised, immediately contact your service provider to regain control of your account;
- Watch for grammatical errors, syntax, formality irregularities, and idioms in e-mails that are not consistent with the person who is apparently sending the e-mail.

Scams are constantly changing. Fueled by the Internet and the availability of personal information, we need to take extra steps to protect ourselves from theft. If you are being asked for money or any personal information, you are being scammed. If this has happened to you report the incident to the police and at www.ic3.gov

Q. Around Santa Monica I see parking spaces painted yellow that are marked, "Loading Only." What are the rules for yellow zones? Can I stop there or are they for delivery trucks only?

A. Yellow zones are established for active loading and unloading only and are generally enforceable (you can get a ticket) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Under no circumstance is any vehicle to be in a yellow zone more than 15 minutes. Most yellow zones are available for both delivery and private vehicles, but there are a few that are only for commercial vehicles; check the markings on the curb carefully (Santa Monica Municipal Code 3.12.740).

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Controlling the border baby explosion a top priority

COMEDIAN JON STEWART, THE NEWS source for many who don't watch "traditional" news outlets, often cuts to the core of an issue as he strains current headlines through his sieve of sarcastic wit for "The Daily Show."

Stewart made a legislator look particularly foolish recently for indicating al-Qaida could be sending pregnant women to the U.S. with the nefarious plan of then training their offspring to become terrorists.

Certainly that is ridiculous, since there never have been reports of terrorists gaming the immigration system.

Of course there were those five dozen foreign terrorists operating in the U.S. who were involved with visa or immigration fraud in the lead-up years to the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Maybe that representative isn't so foolish, and maybe Stewart doesn't really "get" the problem with mass illegal immigration.

It's an inevitability that, with an illegal population possibly as high as 38 million, babies will be born — somewhere between 300,000 and 1 million annually. In some hospitals along the Texas-Mexico border, births to illegal aliens account for half or more of all babies delivered. These births cost billions of dollars in public funds, as starters. Then, there are ongoing costs for health, education and sometimes imprisonment, seemingly costs ad nauseam.

Through gross misinterpretation of the 14th Amendment, U.S.-born offspring of illegal aliens have "birthright citizenship" simply by virtue of being born here. These so-called "anchor" or "jackpot" babies are just one unintended consequence of years of immigration enforcement run amok.

On its face, before even looking at the contents of the 14th Amendment, that offspring of those in this country illegally should have automatic citizenship simply by virtue of being born here sounds illogical. Such nonsense has led to ludicrous events, including the 2006 vote by Mexico's Congress to ask the U.S. to not deport one of Mexico's citizens, Elvira Arellano.

An illegal alien, Arellano repeatedly broke U.S. laws and was convicted of identity theft. She produced a child while in America, and together they became the image of the New Sanctuary Movement. Between living in a Chicago church where she sought "sanctuary" and subsequently being arrested, Arellano's "plight" was plied to tell the tragedy of family separation due to deportation.

What the Arellano story really illustrates is the creation of a creepy netherworld of illegal aliens and their "American" children that has adulterated the value of U.S. citizenship.

Then there's the actual 14th Amendment, which states, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." John Eastman, former dean of the law school at Chapman University in Orange County, Calif. and current California candidate for the office of attorney general, says most people overlook the clause, "and subject to the jurisdiction thereof," and what the actual intent here was.

THE ANCHOR BABY DEBATE AND THE BROADER MASS UNCHECKED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DEBATE WILL CONTINUE WINDING THROUGH PUBLIC DISCOURSE, BECAUSE CITIZENS ARE ANGRY AND GETTING ANGRIER.

Eastman says the idea that simply being born on American soil was sufficient for citizenship status grew out of the late 1960s and has been reinforced in successive years. Prior to that, such a concept of birthright citizenship was not in the public consciousness. For instance, he references the 1950s Bracero program which brought in workers from Mexico to the U.S., noting the children born to those workers in the U.S. never were considered U.S. citizens, and when the workers returned to Mexico, they took their children with them.

The anchor baby debate and the broader mass unchecked illegal immigration debate will continue winding through public discourse, because citizens are angry and getting angrier. With 70 percent of Americans wanting to see immigration laws and our borders enforced and nearly half of the states now looking at immigration laws similar to the one Arizona passed in April, maybe Stewart should take another shot at getting to the real heart of these issues.

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The Q Line

Ticket to ride

The Big Blue Bus increased its fares last Sunday for the first time in years. Some feel the new fares may hurt some of the transit system's most vulnerable riders, including the elderly and the disabled.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the fare increase will deter you from riding the BBB, or is the increase long overdue?
Here are your responses:

"THE FARE INCREASE CERTAINLY WOULD have deterred me from riding the bus if I hadn't stopped riding years ago. It's much too crowded and people bring large suitcases and strollers and such, crowding up the isles and make it very dangerous when maneuvering. Plus there are too many smelly bums riding the bus with the tokens given them by City Hall's ridiculous social agenda. This subsidized bum population has ruined this city and driven so many of the good citizens away and does still on a daily basis."

"WHEN I FIRST HEARD OF THE INCREASE, it did not cause any movement on the needle of my emotional Geiger counter as it does every time I hear about the price of a first class postage stamp being increased. The reason being is that I do not ride the bus, but I do use postage stamps on a regular basis. Still, none of us enjoy a price increase. Still again, the bus increase appears to be less than moderate and I understand there is a way a bus rider can circumvent paying the busing fare entirely when able to prove that the rider's financial circumstances are dire and compounded by physical disabilities. So seniors and those who are disabled should look into this fare discount. You will need a medical doctor to help you work this magic. Good luck."

"I THINK THE FARE INCREASE ON THE buses is quite fair, even though I am a disabled resident. What one can do is maybe get an access card, har, har, har. Yes, everything else is going up so I guess it's fair."

"I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF SANTA Monica for over 10 years. ... I think it is a wonderful idea. It is long overdue. The drivers are very nice compared to other drivers, and just by themselves, they are in a category all their own. And I think they are long overdue. Everything is going up, cost of living, gas prices, so I think it is just right about time to increase the fares and it wasn't by that much."

"I THINK THE 100 PERCENT INCREASE for seniors is outrageous. Usually increases went up with the cost of living, a one-digit percent. If the BBB thinks we seniors are going to pay 50 cents for a four- or six-block ride as we have paid 25 cents in the past, they are mistaken. Regarding students, I have lived in many cities and this is the only one that does not supply school buses. In my little town of Williamstown, Mass., 7,000 population, school buses often ran from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for those students who had after-school activities. For shame Santa Monica."

"IF THE CITY HAS SO MUCH MONEY THAT we can afford to boycott Arizona, then no, we shouldn't be raising Big Blue Bus fares. However, the fares do seem rather low and if the city is actually in such a financial crisis and doesn't have enough money, then of course we should raise them. However, we should stop paying police and fire officials over $200,000 a year with huge pensions."

"IT MAY ONLY BE A 25 CENT INCREASE on the Blue Bus but a 100 percent increase on the seniors. Not good enough."

"THE LAST TIME I TOOK A BIG BLUE BUS was 30 years ago to Pacific Palisades, a great town. Ten years before that, I had to take the bus to Samohi and back home every day. Bus fares are yet again another entitlement benefiting a certain cry-baby segment of our community, full of taxpayer-supported needy. When are we going to stand on our own two feet? Low-income housing, bus ridership, bum support, low-income condo ownership, out-of-fiscal-control schools and SMC. Low taxpayer-supported fare bus ridership is indicative of the progressive thought that degrades our town. I am contradicting Karl Marx. Nothing is free. Pay the bus fare increase of severely decrease public spending."

"THE BLUE BUS IS ENTITLED TO RAISE its fares as long as they are fair."

"I WILL NOT BE TAKING THE BLUE BUS IF possible because of the high fares for seniors or disabled. I will take Metro city buses and also I do not like to ride the Blue Bus because of their constant bus stop changes because of construction, they are poorly marked with no benches and no shade. So I will get back in my car and use my car and use the L.A. Metro bus system. It's cheaper and it works."

"THE BLUE BUS IS ENTITLED TO RAISE ITS fares but did not do it in a fair way. It wasn't fair for the seniors or the disabled. No transfers creates quite a jump for seniors. MTA did not raise fares on seniors and the disabled, so yeah L.A. and boo Santa Monica, greedy little city."

"IT'S GREAT THAT THEY FINALLY HAVE passes. Long overdue. Senior monthly passes are definitely overpriced when compared to other transit companies, like L.A. There is some provision for a discount through Metro and the Big Blue Bus should publicize and explain this."

"I WALK AND RIDE MY BIKE BEFORE USING the Big Blue Bus because the long overdue is the bus I'm usually waiting for."

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SIGN
FROM PAGE 1

"I took a double take," he told the Daily Press. "I thought, 'I've never heard of that street before.'"

For those who don't know, Fiorina, the former CEO of Hewlett-Packard, is in a heated battle with U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, a staunch Dem who is in the fight of her life to retain her seat. A recent survey showed the Grand Old Party's Fiorina leading by two points.

Mayhan spotted the alteration to the street sign the morning following a spirited debate between Fiorina and Boxer in which the two traded barbs with Boxer's trademark combativeness on display from the opening moments as she reminded viewers that Fiorina was fired from her job at Hewlett-Packard in 2005 by the company's board, which was unhappy with its stock performance. Fiorina fought back, calling Boxer "one of the most bitterly partisan members" of the U.S. Senate who was long on words but short on action.

Could it be that the growing animosity between both candidates has spilled onto Santa Monica's streets?

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said not matter the motive for the sign alteration, it was an act of vandalism, not free speech because it involved city property.

A maintenance crew was made aware of the vandalism and was expected to remove the tape.

While unsure of the motive, Mayhan said the neighborhood near the sign has many homes that receive the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, papers that some characterize as being conservative and liberal, respectively.

"There were more red Wall Street Journals than blue New York Times," Mayhan said.

According to voter registration records, there are 9,621 Republicans in Santa Monica compared to 32,044 Democrats and 13,623 voters who declined to state.

Given those figures, it is quite possible that a Republican was behind the vandalism. However, no suspects have been identified.

Mayhan said he was concerned about the sign in part because he is a Democrat, but more so because he was worried about visitors from out of town getting lost.

"And what about emergency responders?" he said.

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POT
FROM PAGE 3

to patients in the Eagle Rock area of Los Angeles.

Backes stressed there was no need to buy pot from Mexican cartels because more than enough quality marijuana is legally grown in California to supply the dispensaries.

Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Casey McEnry, who works in the San Francisco office, said it was difficult to substantiate or refute Baca's claims because of challenges in determining where pot found in dispensaries was produced.

Baca, however, said chemical analyses of pot confiscated during drug raids against street dealers showed similar pesticide content and other characteristics as marijuana sold in dispensaries.

Allegations of criminal activity involving pot shops increased after a string of deaths, including the Aug. 26 slaying of three men in West Hollywood who police suspect had been buying up bulk quantities of high-grade marijuana from dispensaries and reselling it on the street.

The suspect in that case confessed to killing the men when he didn't have enough cash to complete a transaction, police said.

In addition, two workers at different dispensaries have been killed during robberies in recent weeks.

"It is no surprise that people are going to get killed ... drugs and violence go together," Baca said.

Despite his concerns about the way dispensaries operate, Baca has been a longtime advocate of medical marijuana use by AIDS patients and people with other chronic conditions.

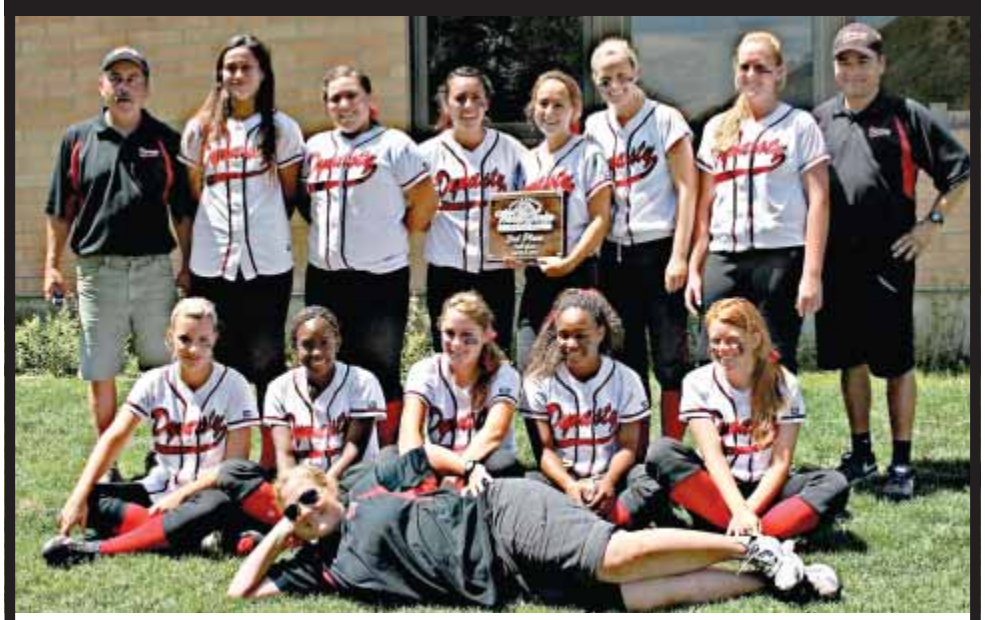
The 1996 law approved by California voters allows collectives to grow medicinal marijuana, though they are not supposed to make profits and can only charge enough to cover operating expenses.

Baca said the intent of the law was good but had been corrupted almost beyond recognition with most "patients" producing spurious notes from doctors describing vague ailments that don't need to be treated with marijuana.

Thirteen other states have legalized medical marijuana, and many jurisdictions around the country have decriminalized marijuana to the point that low-level possession offenses aren't prosecuted.

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ELECTION
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The coalition also voted to support Measure Y, the ballot initiative that would increase the local sales tax by a half percent — to 10.25 percent — in order to raise an estimated $12 million annually for City Hall. The group did not take a position on an advisory ballot measure that will ask voters whether half of the money raised from the tax hike should be used to support local public schools.

"It's a complicated issue. We think it's good for the community, but it was just hard to reach a consensus on the advisory measure so we decided to stay neutral," Asch said.

The endorsement decisions were made by the CSME's board of directors, made up of representatives from nine employee bargaining units. The coalition's members perform a wide range of duties, from street sweeping to defending City Hall in court. A panel of six board members conducted interviews with candidates before making endorsement recommendations to the full board.

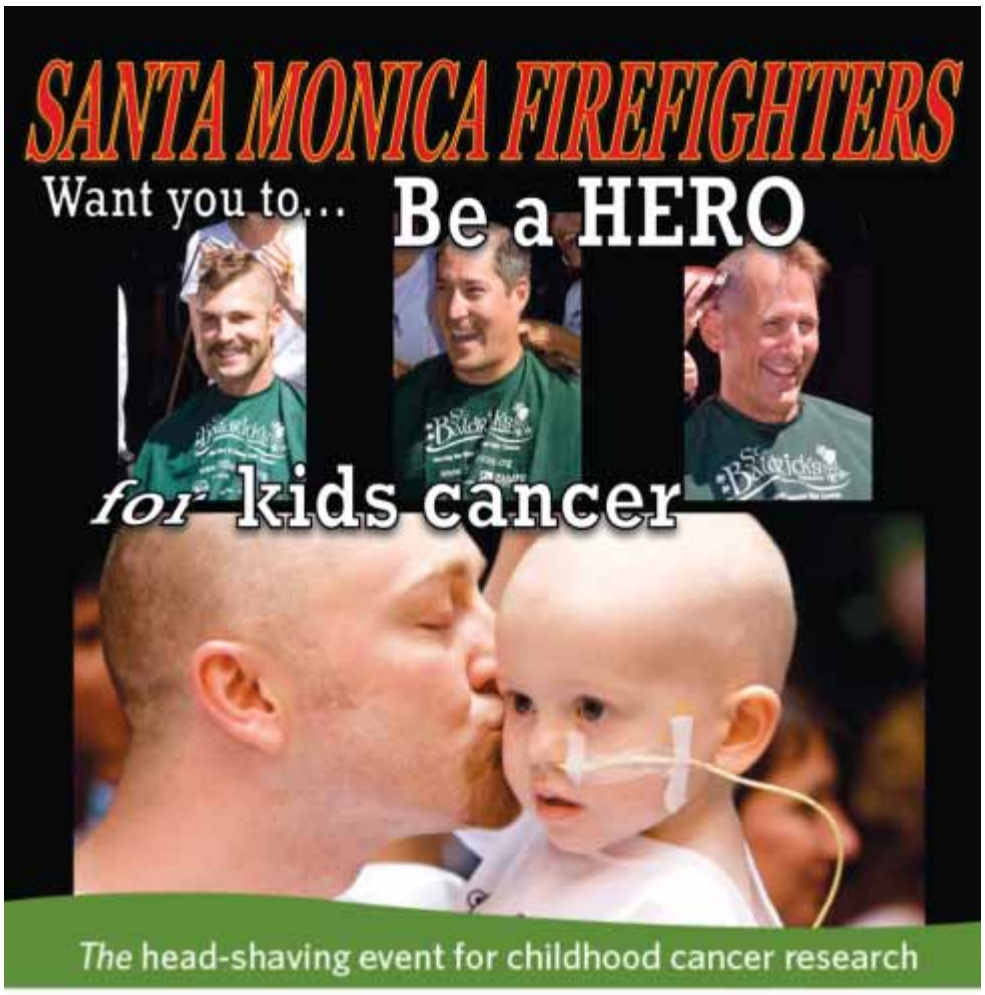
The coalition will help endorsed candidates during campaign season by sending out mailers and offering to help with canvassing and call banking, Asch said.

> **"WE JUST FELT WE NEEDED THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN THERE AND THE CONTINUITY."**
>
> **Lauralee Asch,**
> President, Coalition of Santa Monica Employees

"It's great news for our campaign," O'Day said of the endorsement, adding that it's an honor to receive support from the "people who know the city well and provide the services that are so highly regarded."

Councilman McKeown, a three-term incumbent, added: "This endorsement means a lot to me because in my serving the residents of Santa Monica it's essential that I enjoy the support of the many people at City Hall I work with and rely upon."

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Wine tasting on rotation

WHEN I WALKED INTO POURTAL I WAS immediately greeted with a "hello" and a big smile from an attractive young woman. As I approached the bar a handsome young man said "welcome." I immediately felt at home, and was reminded of the TV show "Cheers."

Yes Pourtal is a bar, and you can get some great beers there. But the main feature is wine, and, to my surprise, some great snacks. And that's what I like with my wine!

The place is small, with a few tables and bar stools in the front window, and a bar in the back. A lot of the space is taken up with enomatic dispensing machines. The trick is that you get a card, and the card allows you to pour your own wine from any one of a number of selections. The card records your purchases and you pay at the end. The self service aspect is nice because you can time your drinking by yourself without waiting for the server. Waiting for refills sometimes slows down my drinking.

The last time I was there was on a Saturday evening. There were two tables filled with laughing friends, mostly women. As I guessed, it's a meeting place for young women and couples on their way to dinner or a show on the Third Street Promenade. I noted that almost everyone was drinking red wine.

The young woman who greeted me initially turned out to be Kasey. I had met Rachel, the wine director on an earlier visit. Both are great hosts.

The most popular red wine turned out to be the Heller organic cabernet. The fact that it's organic tells you something about the crowd. The most popular white wine seems to be the Domaine de Larzac, an inexpensive Vin de Pays d'Oc Roussanne-Chardonnay blend from a famous chateau in the south of France. Neither would be my choice, but that's not a problem because there is a terrific selection of wine there, unmatched by any but the most expensive restaurants in town. And the selection is eclectic and represented by every major wine producing country. I noted (and salivated over) the Plumpjack cabernet (produced by J.Paul Getty's son), one of my favorites, and the Lioco pinot noir.

It's a good place to start the evening with a glass of champagne, or sparkling wine, and I had a glass of a cava from Spain that was delicious and reasonably priced.

To snack on there's a selection of over a dozen cheeses, various flatbreads, dips like hummus, and some high-end items like duck rillettes and lamb skewers. Some of the most popular dishes are the pulled pork sliders for $8 and the gyro lamb-pita sandwich for $10. As you can tell, there's plenty to eat for a nice lunch or dinner even though they call them snacks.

As a side note, the happy hour donates back to local and national charities. Pourtal has many wine related events, including classes and tastings; and they are a very green business.

Pourtal is a great place to meet with friends. The people there, the wine selection, and the food selection all make you feel good. When you stop in, you might see me there. It's open Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. until everyone leaves, Wednesday through Sunday for lunch, and all night Mondays, and Tuesday through Friday between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. is "Angel shares happy hour" when there are $4 appetizers and $5 wines by the glass.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2009 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2005-10) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2005 and the subsequent Program Year 2009 Action Plan, submitted to HUD in May 2009. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 17, 2010. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Oscar Santiago at the above address by September 17, 2010.

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Former egg farm workers say complaints ignored

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DES MOINES, Iowa U.S. Agriculture Department employees worked full-time at two Iowa egg farms at the center of a salmonella outbreak and massive recall, but two former workers said they ignored complaints about conditions at one site.

The USDA employees worked next to areas where roughly 7.7 million caged hens laid eggs at the two operations, but agency spokesman Caleb Weaver said their main duties are "grading" the eggs and they aren't primarily responsible for looking for health problems.

In response to the outbreak that has led to a recall of about 550 million eggs, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration examined the Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms and noted in a report this week that inspectors found rodents, wild birds, seeping manure and maggots in the operations there.

Weaver said the USDA employee who oversaw grading at the facility did not recall anyone raising issues.

Two former workers at Wright County Egg facilities, Robert and Deanna Arnold, said they reported problems such as leaking manure and dead chickens to USDA employees, but nothing was done.

The USDA "graders" worked in buildings adjacent to where hens laid eggs, focusing on weighing, measuring and inspecting eggs before they were packaged. They are the people who determine if an egg is A or AA, for instance.

"It didn't matter which USDA officer was working, if we reported something they would just turn their heads," Deanna Arnold said. "They didn't care."

The Arnolds said the USDA workers rotated in and out of the facility every week or two.

Arnold recalled that when she advised one USDA employee of a problem, she was told to ignore it.

The Arnolds worked at Wright County's Galt Farm and another at Alden, Iowa, on and off over several years from the early 1990s to late 2008 and early 2009, when they left to seek other work because of dissatisfaction with the company.

The couple, who now manage a hog farm near Garrison and raise their own chickens, said they saw numerous problems while working at the plant.

Deanna Arnold said she worked on the line sorting eggs and saw live and dead chickens on the conveyer system that carries eggs from the poultry house to the USDA-staffed packing area. She said she also saw mice, tools and even a live cat on the conveyer system in the plant.

Her husband said he saw manure leaking from buildings and piles of manure that stood 40 feet high.

They also said boxes that contained eggs that were cracked in shipping and rejected by stores were returned to the distribution center. Although by then they were weeks old, some eggs that were not cracked were repackaged and sent back out, Robert Arnold said.

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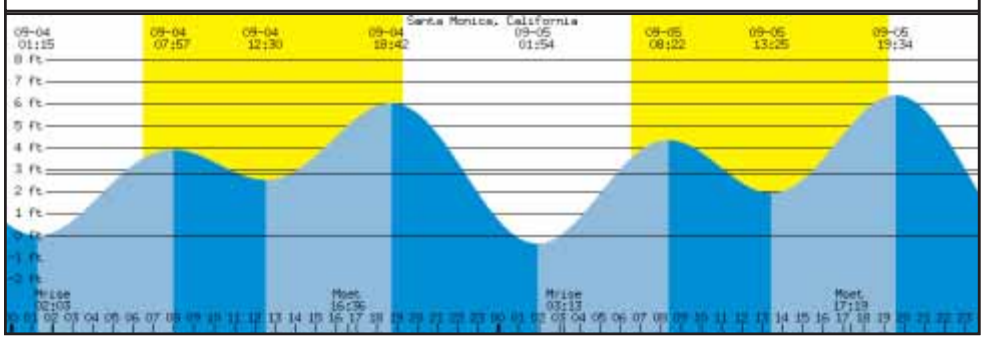
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	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 Don Blacker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las 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 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.	D	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..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	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 D&W 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

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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PLEA
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Harmon led police on a car chase around West Los Angeles beginning about 11:30 p.m.

The pursuit wound through Beverly Hills, Inglewood and Santa Monica after police received a call about a man driving drunk in West Los Angeles. Authorities said the black 2010 Range Rover was reported stolen on April 19.

The pursuit ended when Harmon abandoned the vehicle at the Santa Monica Pier, jumped to the beach and ran into the ocean. He was arrested after wading back to the beach.

In exchange for his plea, a second count of first-degree burglary and one count each of car theft and felony evading police were dismissed.

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Los Angeles Plays Itself (NR) 2hr 49min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
12:15pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

The Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:35pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

The American (R) 1hr 43min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Highwater (NR) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

The Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

A Film Unfinished (R) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 5:40pm

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Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

The Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Machete (R) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

The Last Exorcism (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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It's time for date night, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others finally loosen up and are able to make a caring gesture. Be careful in your response. Try to drop emotional baggage if you can, and respond accordingly. Good will flows. Learn to clear out more often. Tonight: Squeezing every moment out of the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Make plans to hang in your neighborhood. Meet friends at a beloved haunt or restaurant. Catch a movie with a pal; talk about it afterward over a hamburger. You naturally relax while enjoying those in your life. Tonight: Don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might opt to get a head start on some fall shopping. You also could have way too much fun and go overboard! Visit with a friend or loved one later. Allow greater closeness. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You feel inspired as you wake up. Now, how will this play out? Plug some of this energy into your life, illuminating everyone's day. Deal with a loved one directly. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Know when to back off. Consider the fact that you might need a timeout of sorts. Communication will flourish if you don't make anything heavier than need be. Understanding evolves to a new level with a key friend, relative or loved one. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Find friends, and you'll naturally have a good time. Catch up on news after or before a movie or over a meal. Be ready to chip in and treat a pal who might not feel upbeat. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others find you strangely appealing, even if you are difficult and touchy. Your sense of what works could be different from what works in reality. Just flow with the moment. Tonight: Far from a wallflower.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Opt to go off hiking or visit a fair and/or flea market. Getting away from the here and now will refresh you. Often, you replay the same story over and over in your head. Let go, and you'll see a different perspective -- finally. It is important to get outside of yourself. Tonight: Veer from the traditional.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone draws you out in a conversation. You might be surprised at how comfortable you are. A friend or acquaintance who is somewhat of a drama queen could play a substantial role. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seek you out. Sorting through the invitations and also honoring your obligations could keep you too busy for comfort. If you can move on a commitment, do. Make time to relax. Be careful manifesting your frustration. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Know that you don't need to do anything. Relax in a preferred fashion, which could be reading a book or going to the movies. No one will blame you for taking a nap, either. Contact a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Let your mind wander, and perhaps you will follow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Allow more creativity into your plans, and everyone will have a better time than they thought possible. A partner demonstrates his or her caring. If it's mutual, let the good vibes flow and make special plans. Tonight: Be a duo.

Happy birthday

This year, you open doors and make the impossible happen. Friends, associates and loved ones give you support. A partner adds in his or her unique ideas, and creativity flows. Do drop the word "no" and go for what you want. The possibilities are multiple. If you are single, you'll meet someone who could become both a friend and a loved one. You will develop a very strong relationship. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from socializing more. It wouldn't be surprising if a cause becomes a major focus. Count on the MOON CHILD.

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

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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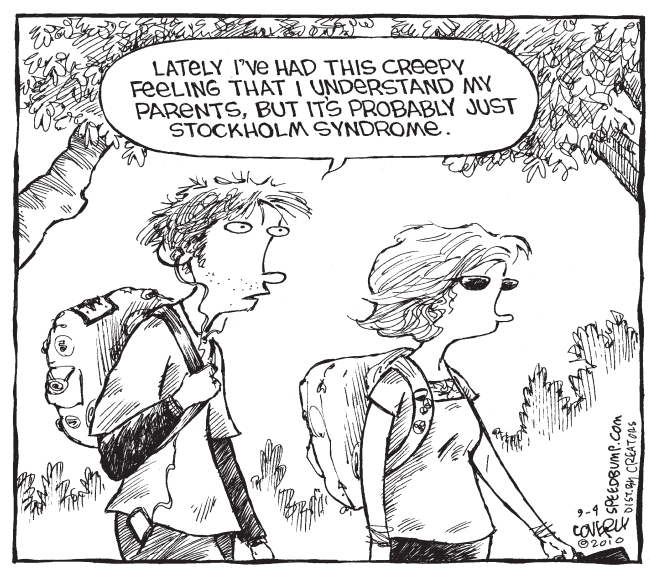
Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly





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 ★★★★

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

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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

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





MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Some elbows
6 Washroom sight
11 License
12 Saw
13 URL part
14 Sentence subjects
15 Gets the job done
17 Rollaway bed
18 Is for two
19 Lords in a carol, e.g.
22 Went ahead
23 Concert bonus
24 Cooking herb
25 Estimated
27 USN VIP
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32 PC key
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40 Car quartet
41 Rudimentary
42 Used up

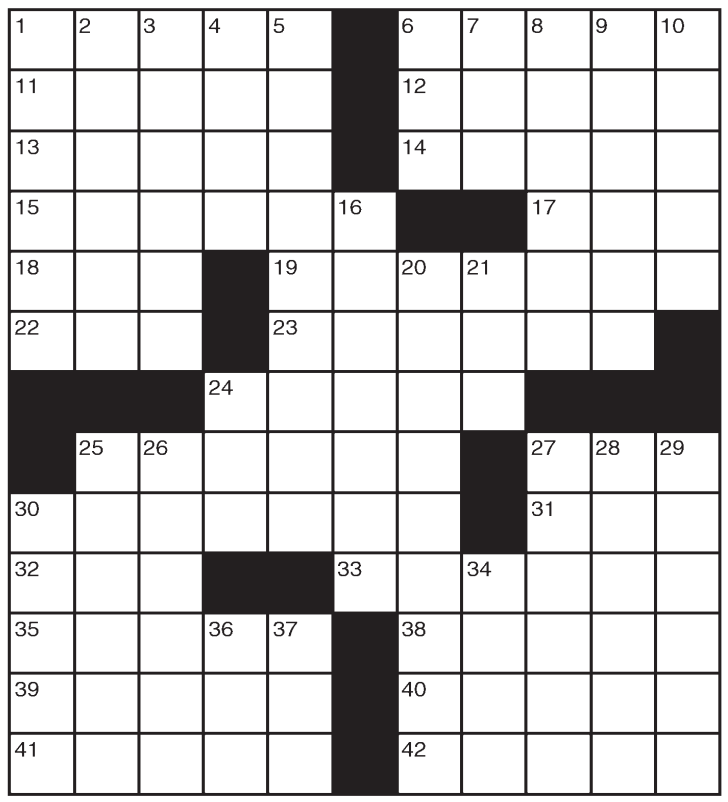
DOWN

1 Philosopher Blaise
2 Charm
3 On the agenda
4 Fling
5 Some time back
6 Outlaw
7 Hoopla
8 Cup holder
9 Snub
10 Comfy places
16 Tighten
20 Severe examinations
21 Campaign pro
24 Save
25 Lead ore
26 Late bloomers
27 Threads
28 Intensify
29 Least
30 Chocolate substitute
34 Salon sound
36 Memo letters
37 Brief time

A	S	K	E	D	■	W	E	E	D	S
B	A	N	J	O	■	A	L	L	O	W
S	W	E	E	T	■	D	E	B	R	A
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ News of the Weird has reported on several mothers' desires to prolong breastfeeding past the culturally normal age, some continuing well after the child's sixth birthday. The issue flared again in July in Melbourne, Australia, when a 6-year-old boy's birth mother (who had relinquished the child as an infant) used breastfeeding as a strategy to try to wrest him away from the caretakers who had raised him. During sanctioned visitations with the child, the birth mother had pressured the boy to suckle, but he rebelled, and the caretaker obtained a judicial order against further breastfeeding.

■ Americans continue to agonize over government "giveaways," but as News of the Weird has noted several times, somehow federal farm subsidies continue unabated -- even though much of the money no longer goes to cuddly "family farms" but to rich urban industrialists who hardly know a plow from a sow. In the latest accounting from Environmental Working Group records, the weekly New York Press revealed such "agrarian" handout-seekers as Manhattan billionaires Leonard Lauder and David Rockefeller -- and Rockefeller's son Mark. (In fact, for 10 years now, the federal government has handed Mark $54,500 a year not to grow anything on his 5,000 acres in Idaho. According to the Press, Mark never intended to, in that he only bought the land because it was adjacent to the upscale, socialite-hangout South Fork fly-fishing lodge he runs next door.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1812 War of 1812: The Siege of Fort Harrison begins when the fort is set on fire.

1862 Civil War Maryland Campaign: General Robert E. Lee takes the Army of Northern Virginia, and the war, into the North.

1870 Emperor Napoleon III of France is deposed and the Third Republic is declared.

1884 The United Kingdom ends its policy of penal transportation to New South Wales in Australia.

1886 Indian Wars: after almost 30 years of fighting, Apache leader Geronimo, with his remaining warriors, surrenders to General Nelson Miles in Arizona.

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Brand New Listing!



624 Marguerita Avenue
4 Bed, 2 Full & 2 Half Bath
$2,900,000
North of Montana Ave.
Roosevelt School District
Open *THIS* Sunday,
September 5th
2:00 - 5:00pm

Brand New Lease Listing!



317 Marguerita Avenue
5 Bed, 3.75 Bath
For LEASE
$11,500 / Month
North of Montana Ave.
Roosevelt School District
Call for Appointment
Easy to Show

Brand New Listing!



934 2nd Street #3
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$939,000
Remodeled Townhouse
w/ Ocean View fro
Roof-Top Deck
Open *THIS* Tuesday,
September 7th
11:00 - 2:00pm

Income Property!



1224 21st Street
4 Unit Building
$899,000
Great Investment Opportunity!
Call for More Information!



11687 Montana Avenue
#208
2 Bed, 1.75 Bath
$519,000
Huge Balcony!
Call for Appointment
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Price Reduction!



1325 Washington Ave
Unit E
1 Bed, 1 Bath
$419,000
Top Floor Unit
North of Wilshire!
Open *THIS* Sunday,
September 5th
2:00 - 5:00pm



1425 Stanford Street #6
2 Bed, 2.5 Bath
$639,000
Updated Townhome
Great Location & Value!
Call for Appointment
Easy to Show



1031 18th Street #5
3 Bed, 3 Bath
$885,000
Wonderful Townhome
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4 Bed, 4.5 Bath
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North of Montana	$3,447,000	$1,262,000
Between Wilshire & Montana	$1,862,500	$809,000
South of Wilshire	$799,000	$619,000
Sunset Park	$1,150,000	$529,000
Ocean Park	$1,402,000	$899,000

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