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THE UNITED WE STAND ISSUE

## City Hall selling beachfront property

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials hope to seal the deal on a real estate transaction over four years in the making Tuesday which would divest City Hall of beachfront property on Ocean Way for a cool $13.15 million.

Under the terms of the agreement, Edward Thomas Hospitality Companies (ETC) would buy the half-acre vacant lot at 1920 Ocean Way and close escrow on the transaction in a quick five days.

That's considerably shorter than the 30- and 60-day escrow periods offered by the next highest bidders and exactly what City

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## School group endorses education 'champions' in local election races

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DISTRICTWIDE The steering committee of a Santa Monica education advocacy organization announced its state and local picks Sunday for the Nov. 6 general election.

Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) came out in support of Mayor Richard Bloom in his bid for the 50th State Assembly District and all three of the incumbents running for their spots on the Board of Education — board President Ben Allen and boardmembers Maria Leon-Vazquez and Jose Escarce.

"I am gratified to receive this endorsement which recognizes my unrelenting commitment to youth and education," Bloom said. "CEPS understands that this is the kind of commitment that is necessary in Sacramento where, year after year after year, the state has taken away essential funding from K-12 and higher education."

The steering committee also endorsed its former leader, Shari Davis, in her run for the City Council, alongside incumbents Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, and Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer.

CEPS was looking for candidates who were "true champions" for public education, according to a post on their website.

"Gleam, Shari, Ted and Terry each have impressive personal records of advocating for public schools and lifelong learning," said Rebecca Kennerly, chair of CEPS. "We are proud to work with them to help preserve and protect our local schools and support the entire community."

Shari Davis thanked CEPS, which she

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**MOVING DAY**

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**Workers boxed seven trees on the 500 block of Broadway Monday morning. The tree pictured, a silk floss tree, will find a new home in the Palisades Garden Walk Park.**

## At ground zero, can there be a politics-free 9/11?

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK The Sept. 11 anniversary ceremony at ground zero has been stripped of politicians this year. But can it ever be stripped of politics?

For the first time, elected officials won't speak Tuesday at an occasion that has allowed them a solemn turn in the spotlight. The change was made in the name of sidelining politics, but some have rapped it as a political move in itself.

It's a sign of the entrenched sensitivity of the politics of Sept. 11, even after a decade of commemorating the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. From the first anniversary in 2002, the date has been limned with questions about how — or even whether — to try to separate the Sept. 11 that is about personal loss from the 9/11 that reverberates through public life.

The answers are complicated for Debra Burlingame, whose brother Charles was the pilot of the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon. She feels politicians' involvement can lend gravity to the remembrances, but she empathizes with the reasons for silencing officeholders at the New York ceremony this year.

"It is the one day, out of 365 days a year, where, when we invoke the term '9/11,' we mean the people who died and the events that happened," rather than the political and cultural layers the phrase has accumulated, said Burlingame, who's on the board of the organization that announced the change in plans this year.

"So I think the idea that it's even controversial that politicians wouldn't be speaking is really rather remarkable."

Remarkable, perhaps, but a glimpse through the political prism that splits so much surrounding Sept. 11 into different lights.

Officeholders from the mayor to presidents have been heard at the New York ceremony, reading texts ranging from parts of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address to poems by John

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012

**We remember**
Various sites
6:45 a.m.
In recognition of those who perished on 9/11, the Santa Monica Fire Department annually conducts a brief and solemn remembrance ceremony consistent with the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommended protocols. All four community fire stations will participate. For more information and a list of participating stations, visit santamonicafire.org.

**Free flick**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
In this adaptation of Janet Evanovich's comedic novel series, Katherine Heigl stars as Stephanie Plum, a divorced bail bondswoman-turned-crimesolver. This screening of "One For the Money" is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

**Roll with purpose**
Santa Monica Pier
5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The Heroes Project presents this four-hour, rock-inspired outdoor cycling benefit for wounded soldiers on the 11th anniversary of 9/11. Founding sponsors Equinox and Chrome Hearts will co-host. For more information, visit www.the-heroesproject.org.

### Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012

**What the frack?**
Palisades Park
Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, 3 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Activists will be holding a Frackfree America National Rally Day denouncing fracking, a controversial drilling practice to extract natural gas. It's the only West Coast rally.

**Taste of the good stuff**
Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
DJ music fills the air, wine fills the glass, and for one small price … food, wine, music, charity and an amazing setting. Price: $50 in advance; $60 day of event. For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

**Think green**
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Environmental nonprofit Sustainable Works is holding one of its popular Green Living Workshops to help residents learn about issues related to energy, waste and food. The workshop will be held at the Thelma Terry Building. Cost: free.
For more information, visit www.sustainableworks.org.

### Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012

**Relax the mind**
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m.
This weekly free class helps seniors achieve health and well being through guided meditation. Rebecca Underwood leads the group. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

**Excel made easy**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
This two-part class provides an introduction to formatting cells and manipulating data to create simple spreadsheets. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

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## CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the Sept. 10 article, "Waxman's running for real this time." It should have stated that the Santa Monica Airport issue will come to a head in 2015 after the conclusion of the 1984 settlement agreement between City Hall and the Federal Aviation Administration.

# Moving forward with new SM Pier bridge

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

**Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.**

CITY HALL Planning and environmental work for the replacement of the Santa Monica Pier bridge will begin if the City Council signs off on an $850,000 contract Tuesday night.

The bridge, a concrete structure connecting Ocean Avenue to the pier, was built in 1939 and is considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, according to a city staff report.

A replacement would be up to seismic standards and have improved features such as a wider area with improved access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Staff recommends T.Y.LIN International for the job.

The firm was chosen out of three that turned in complete bids for environmental, engineering and design services for the replacement bridge based on the project's scope, experience on similar projects, qualifications of the proposed staff, familiarity with state and federal procedures, capability of developing innovative techniques and demonstrated technical ability.

The item represents roughly one-fifth of the total spending proposed on the consent agenda, which tops out at $4,204,864.

**A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL**

The council will have the chance to launch a long-awaited community project Tuesday night with the approval of a nearly

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

ROLLING: **A procession of classic and new cars rolls onto the Santa Monica Pier using the bridge that connects the historic landmark to Ocean Avenue. The cars were there for a car show.**

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

### City Hall receives $500K for bike sharing

The South Coast Air Quality Management District board voted Friday to grant City Hall $500,000 for its bike-share program, helping to expand it once it is formally launched at the end of 2013, city officials said.

Of the roughly 35 bike-sharing stations planned, the grant is expected to fund the construction of five outside Santa Monica in adjacent Westside cities.

City Hall has received over $2.8 million to build the stations and purchase approximately 350 bikes. City Hall has been working with local businesses and community members to identify desirable locations, and has already found several.

Bike sharing, the short-term rental of bicycles on a one-way or round-trip basis, has been popular in Europe and other countries for many years, and has recently gained popularity in cities throughout the U.S. including Washington, D.C., Seattle, Minneapolis and Denver. In California, cities including Anaheim and Los Angeles are in various stages of opening a bike-share system, officials said.

"Both residents and the business community have encouraged the city to implement a bike-sharing system as soon as possible as a way to encourage more people to ride in Santa Monica," said David Martin, director of Planning and Community Development for City Hall. "We expect this program to complement the future Exposition Light Rail, allowing anyone to bicycle to and from the Santa Monica stations and provide the essential first and last mile link."

Bicycling is becoming increasingly popular in Santa Monica, and the share of people biking to work has increased about 29 percent between 2007 and 2010, according to City Hall.

"This isn't just a Santa Monica victory. By expanding the stations to the Westside, we're creating a system that will allow cross-city transportation in a sustainable, visionary way," said Mary Luevano, policy and legislative affairs director at Global Green, a nonprofit based in Santa Monica that has been working with City Hall on the bike-share program.

– KEVIN HERRERA

## Report: State needs to revamp teaching profession

**CHRISTINA HOAG**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California needs to overhaul its teaching profession to address a looming shortage of educators as student enrollment is projected to rise, according to a state report released Monday.

The 96-page report by the Task Force on Educator Excellence said the state has focused on too heavily on holding teachers accountable for standardized test scores without properly equipping instructors and schools.

"This dangerous combination has driven many accomplished educators out of the profession," the report stated.

The number of teaching credentials issued from 2004 to 2010 dropped by 40 percent, while the number of college students in teacher training programs plunged by 50 percent, the report said.

"Sadly, our profession has become a profession under siege," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, a former teacher, in releasing the report.

Torlakson formed the task force of teachers, administrators and academics in

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# The Godless Democrats

**But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.**

– MATTHEW 10:33

ARE YOU A BELIEVER? I'M NOT ASKING IF you're a Democrat, a Republican or an independent. I'm asking if you believe in God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of the living, not the dead. The great "I Am."

If so, here's something to seriously consider in the voting booth on Nov. 6. In its official 2012 version, the Democratic Party scrubbed all recognition of God from its party platform. This was intentional. It was by design. No one should have been surprised. It was a long time coming.

In just the last decade or so, extremist elements within the Democratic establishment have lodged a successful secular-socialist coup. The alarming consequences of this "progressive" triumph have become manifest throughout the pages of the DNC's 2012 platform. They were also on display at the recent Democratic convention.

Slippery was the slope into Democrats' anti-theist primordial bog. In 2004, there were seven mentions of God in the platform. In 2008, there was but one.

And in 2012?

None. Zip, zero, nada. Godless.

That is, until some in leadership realized that political fallout was reaching, well, biblical proportions. On Wednesday, in a highly contentious and unprecedented move, the DNC held a special session where, to a volley of stadium-shaking boos, Democratic leaders narrowly passed a resolution to put "God" back in the platform.

It was transparent as anything political can be. It was done out of fear, not love, necessity, not respect, incredulity, not fidelity. Nonetheless, Democrats, like everyone, should be grateful that God is more faithful to them than they were to Him.

Still, what's equally revealing is what replaced God. The term "government" is referenced repeatedly — 55 times, in fact. Nearly each reference is premised on the dubious claim that big government can, and will, cure all of humanity's ills. The DNC even played a promotional video proclaiming: "The government is the only thing we all belong to."

Yikes.

True, the 2012 Republican Party platform also mentions government, but in the context of limiting its size and scope — of protecting individual liberty from the authoritarian monstrosity envisaged by Obama and the DNC. As Ronald Reagan observed: "Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

The Republican platform also acknowledges God. Twelve times, in fact. And each acknowledgment falls within the framework of "our country's Judeo-Christian heritage." This heritage is something the Democratic Party both stubbornly denies and viscerally abhors.

Shortly after the DNC released its secularist platform, I tweeted: "Well, Democrats are officially 'godless' …" Zack Ford, a "progressive" blogger with ThinkProgress.org, captured, I think, the general consensus among Democratic movers-and-shakers. He tartly replied: "Good!"

Another of my Twitter followers, @redandright, answered: "In all fairness to the DNC, I think He [God] requested it."

She may be on to something.

**How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, and your dwelling places, O Israel! … Blessed is the one who blesses you, and cursed is the one who curses you!**

– NUMBERS 24:5, 9

No anti-God platform would be complete without taking Wite-Out to all things pro-Israel. Jews, take note: Democrats' 2012 platform also "yanked" all previous pro-Israel language, even refusing to acknowledge Jerusalem as her capital.

This, too, should come as little surprise. Throughout his presidency, Barack Obama has shown overt hostility toward Israel — something no other president in American history has done. Instead, Obama has unapologetically sided with the Palestinian Authority, the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamo-fascist radicals, all of whom seek Israel's total annihilation.

Even so, after widespread Judeo-Christian outrage, language referencing Israel was once again restored.

Another too-little-too-late act of desperation? Perhaps. As Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the God-deniers' favorite comrades-in-nothingness, once said: "I'm not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you."

And then there's Democrats' sacred cow: abortion. Welcome to today's Democratic Party, where the women are "sexually liberated" and their offspring gravely imperiled.

Indeed, it was genuinely sad to see such a parade of angry, hurting women take the DNC stage to command, with perverse pride, some phantom "constitutional right" to snuff-out their very own young. (Bet she would've looked like you, mom.)

Their party platform is no better. It "unequivocally" demands unfettered abortion on demand, at taxpayer expense, through the ninth month — "regardless of ability to pay."

By contrast, the Republican platform aligns with the actual Constitution, stating: "[T]he unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed."

To be sure, it would have been helpful if the DNC had included, in its glossary of terms: "Reproductive Freedom: noun 1) 'Sexual liberation' without consequence (i.e., hook-up, cover-up, pay-up and shut-up)."

I know. I've declared "war on women." But we conservatives believe that sexual relativism comes at a cost — one we refuse to subsidize. I prefer to call it a "war for responsibility."

Speaking of the "war on women," wasn't it rich? The DNC featured, as its heavy hitter, Bill Clinton — former Preezy of the Sleazy, serial sexual-harasser and, likely, so very much more.

They also had an emotional tribute to late Sen. Teddy "splash-'N-dash" Kennedy. I wonder if Mary Jo's folks got free admission. Hypocrisy, thy initials are D-N-C.

But at least the Democratic platform is "pro-education," right?

Well, for the record, being "pro-education" means teaching little Billy to read, not which eyeliner matches his skirt. (Yes, this Godless manifesto went there too.)

Democrats signed-off on every demand of radical LGBT pressure groups. They even put their official stamp of approval on "same-sex marriage," a postmodern novelty rejected in 32 of 32 states wherein "we the people" have spoken.

No, this ain't your father's Democratic Party. In fact, as the DNC goes Godless, I suspect quite a few God-fearing Democrats are contemplating a break with tradition.

"Hope?"

Not so much.

"Change?"

Well, now maybe we're on to something.

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## What's the Point?

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# Think before you hit send

BEHOLD, THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US.

I know this because the Halloween stores are already going up. I'm not scared, but I'm a bit overwhelmed with the pace of everything these days. It seems to me that we are just moving faster and faster and taking less time to sit back, and not just enjoy, but to think about where we want to go.

Part of it has to do with the crisis mentality that has overtaken our country, and our world, for the past few years. And part of it has to do with the fast pace of our life in the new millennium. Technology has provided us with amazing tools and options for being in contact, but like all tools they need to be used for good, not ill.

I'm now part of the Twitter nation with my handle of @davidpisarra, so you can now keep up with my writings, thoughts and momentary lapses of good judgment when I tweet about how that inconsiderate dolt has 19 items in the 15 items or less lane. Being part of the Twitter world, having an iPhone, a Facebook account, and having it all linked together, means that I have endless opportunities to spout off and share with friends, family and detractors.

Concurrent with being hooked in, online and always updating, is the not-so-subtle pressure to have something to say. All the time. To be interesting. To be "on."

I don't mean just me. I mean we as a society and a world have created a zeitgeist of constant communication, yet I find that I often want, actually need, to unhook myself from it.

This past August I released myself from the Facebook fandom. I took a sabbatical from the persistent perusing of what friends far and wide were doing. Not knowing what the children of people who I've never met in person were up to for the entire month was refreshing and relaxing. Taking a break from the constant stream of information and data allowed me to step back and think about what did I really want to say and how did I want to say it? By pausing, I've allowed myself a chance to reconsider how valuable is the content that I, and most others, are sharing really is.

Coincidentally I just saw the movie "Samsara." It's a modern-day guided meditation on life, death and re-birth. As a movie with no dialogue, just a wonderful soundtrack and stunning visuals, it traces a path across the globe and comments on the meaning of life. I cannot recommend this movie enough. It's a modern day "Koyaanisqatsi" that is actually watchable and, more importantly, enjoyable.

This movie was shot in 70 mm and then converted to a 4k digital output, which for non-technical people like me equates to drop dead gorgeous photography and images. The use by the director and director of photography of skills like time lapse and slow-camera crane moves creates the non-verbal commentary of the movie.

I was reminded of the overpowering beauty that exists in the world, and the soul crushing ugliness and brutality that also exists. The subject matter chosen provides glimpses into worlds unseen by most of us.

For me, the meaning of the movie was about finding the balance between the glory and the gutter.

Which is how I feel about the pace of my life, and the speed of a Facebook and Twitter world. There is much to be gained from all that they offer. Being able to check in on friends across the world and see what they are up to is an astounding option. But it needs to be an option, not a necessity.

As I embark on the Twitter life, and hook myself back in to the Facebook world, I want to use these tools to provide valuable content, to say something of interest and value. The break I took allowed me to realize that it's quality, not quantity that matters.

While we are engaged in the headlong rush to the holidays, let's remember that they are here to provide us with breaks from the everyday, but our time is better spent making the everyday quality-filled. There are a lot more everydays than holidays, and if we put quality into them, the holidays will actually improve.

Just like every tweet, post and picture should be meaningful, every day should have some meaning and quality.

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## The Q Line

### Seeking suggestions

We're planning our local election candidates forum and couldn't help but wonder what our readers would like to ask those running for office.

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# Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

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## STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

### Judge refuses to order one-drug executions

A judge on Monday turned down a bid by the Los Angeles County district attorney to order the immediate execution of two death row prisoners by a new single-drug injection method.

Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler said he did not have jurisdiction to order the procedure that has never been used in California.

Executions in the state have been on hold for years while appellate courts consider the legality of the three-drug protocol now in place.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley had suggested a virtual end-run around the current logjam in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals over the way executions are done.

Deputy District Attorney Michelle Hanisee said the three drugs used previously are no longer available, and a pharmaceutical company plans to stop making one of them.

The decision came as a Northern California prosecutor joined the fight to resume executions.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe asked a judge to set an execution date for Robert Fairbank, who was sent to death row for the murder of a San Francisco woman in 1985, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

A judge is expected to consider Wagstaffe's request in October.

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LOS ANGELES

### City to unveil restored, renown Mexican mural

The only surviving public mural by Mexican muralist David Alfaro Siqueiros in the United States is set to be unveiled next month after a $9.95 million restoration.

The Getty Conservation Institute said Monday that "America Tropical" will open to the public in downtown Los Angeles 80 years after it was painted.

The restoration includes a viewing platform and a canopied shelter to protect the work.

Leslie Rainer, the Getty's supervisor for the project, says the mural was cleaned but the paint was not retouched in order to maintain the work's authenticity.

The mural depicts a Mexican Indian tied to a double cross with an American eagle above him and revolutionary soldiers closing in.

AP

SANTA ANA

### Foul smell reported across Southern California

Regional air quality monitors are trying to determine whether a foul odor spreading across parts of Southern California is coming from the Salton Sea.

South Coast Air Quality Management District spokesman Sam Atwood says investigators are in the field Monday trying to determine the source of a "strong, rotten egg/sulfur odor" that's been reported across much of the district's 10,000 square miles.

The district has received 200 calls since midnight.

The odor could be coming from the Salton Sea, a 376-square-mile saltwater lake about 150 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Atwood says wind patterns can churn up the sea, causing bacteria to surface and cause a stench.

Another source could be a wastewater treatment plant, but officials have not found any indication that's the cause.

AP

COVINA

### Juvenile hall officer arrested for bar shooting

Investigators say an off-duty Southern California juvenile hall officer shot a man during an argument at a Covina bar.

The Pasadena Star-News says 53-year-old Michael Sanchez was arrested Sunday and he was booked for investigation of attempted murder. Bail is set at $1 million.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department officer works at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey.

Covina investigators say Sanchez shot the 34-year-old man during an argument on Aug. 26 at Katie Jakes Bar & Grill.

Surveillance video led to the arrest.

The wounded man was struck in the upper torso and has since been released from the hospital.

Sanchez has been placed on administrative leave.

AP

LOS ANGELES

### LAPD holding community meetings on violent arrests

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck has ordered his 21 stations to hold community meetings to discuss recent videotaped violent arrests that have raised questions about use of force by officers.

The Los Angeles Times reports dates haven't been set, but the public will be given a chance to ask questions about the three incidents.

One of the videos shows officers tackling a Venice skateboarder who they say resisted arrest.

Another shows a handcuffed woman slammed to the ground during a Tujunga arrest. The woman was pulled over for holding a cellphone while driving.

The third involved a South Los Angeles woman who died after being placed in a police car. Police say the squad car camera shows a female officer stomping on her genitals during the struggle.

AP

LOS ANGELES

### No complaints for sheriff's traffic deputy

Imagine this: a traffic officer in Los Angeles County who hasn't received a citizen complaint in the past 20 years.

It's true for sheriff's Deputy Elton Simmons who has maintained a streak few of his colleagues have. His bosses say the feat is nearly impossible even for the best law enforcement officers.

# Son recalls rescue from sinking plane in Pacific

**JEFF WILSON**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A single-engine amphibious plane that lost power off California's central coast plunged into the ocean so hard, its doors broke off the hinges, one of the two men onboard said Monday.

The 77-year-old pilot and his adult son then sat in the aircraft in seas swelling with 8-foot waves and teeming with elephant seals for nearly two hours before a Coast Guard helicopter hoisted them to safety and their pontoon plane sank.

Stanley Shaw and son Stanford Shaw, 36, were flying at 1,500 feet over the ocean Sunday afternoon about five miles north of San Simeon when the aircraft lost power.

The Cessna 185 Skywagon pontoon plane, a six-seater the Shaws have owned for 20 years, was carrying the men from Camarillo Airport to British Columbia for an annual salmon fishing excursion in Canada.

"We flew it two hours without a problem, then there was a loss of power," Stanford Shaw told The Associated Press from his Santa Barbara home.

"It was pretty big seas," he said. "We hit three times. It broke the doors off the hinges. We hit the first time and bounced way up in the air. We hit again and on the third one, we hit like a belly flop."

The plane's beacon alerted rescuers to the aircraft's whereabouts a mile offshore.

The Shaws were OK. They put on life jackets and sat in the floating airplane for nearly two hours with a California Highway Patrol Cessna circling overhead before an Alameda-based Coast Guard helicopter began hovering over them and hoisted them to safety.

"When the helicopter got there, the left wing went into the water," the younger Shaw said.

His dad was hoisted into the helicopter first. It was then his turn.

"The water was hitting my back. I was standing on a pontoon when the helicopter hoisted me up and the airplane sank," Stanford Shaw said. "I didn't even get my hair wet."

Both men came away without a scratch.

"It's just amazing," he said. "My dad is one the best pilots."

The plane is in less than 100 feet of water, and the Shaws will have to raise it because it's in a marine sanctuary.

"The most hair-raising part was the landing in the big swells," the younger Shaw added. "You were right there with the big elephant seals and great white sharks, although I didn't see any sharks."

The Shaws were taken to Paso Robles Municipal Airport, where they rented a car for the drive to Santa Barbara.

But they had a quick stop to make.

"We went to Walmart and got him (his dad) dry clothes," Stanford Shaw said.

"We're just thanking our lucky stars."

# Republican senators back Democrat in House race

**DONNA CASSATA**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A longtime House Democrat locked in a close race with another Democrat in California picked up a surprising endorsement Monday: the backing of two Senate Republicans.

Rep. Howard Berman announced that he had the support of Sens. John McCain of Arizona, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. Berman, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also secured the backing of Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn.

"Howard Berman is a man of determination and honor," McCain said in a statement. "He works to keep America safe, and our country is stronger with him in Congress."

Graham praised the 15-term Democrat for his bipartisanship, his work to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and his efforts to stop arms sales to nations that back terrorism. Lieberman said that when Israel's leadership "needs a friend in Congress, that ally is Howard Berman."

The three lawmakers are close friends and some of the most prominent voices in the Senate on national security. All three are members of the Armed Services Committee; McCain is the panel's top Republican.

The endorsements are unusual in a House race, especially one that pits a Democrat against another. The redrawing of congressional boundaries created a Los Angeles area contest between Berman and eight-term Rep. Brad Sherman, both members of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Under the California primary system, the top two finishers advance to the general election regardless of party affiliation. In this case, it was Berman and Sherman.

Berman also has the endorsement of California's top Democrats — Gov. Jerry Brown and Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.




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# Private school vaccine opt-outs rise

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Parents who send their children to private schools in California are much more likely to opt out of immunizations than their public school counterparts, an Associated Press analysis has found, and not even the recent re-emergence of whooping cough has halted the downward trajectory of vaccinations among these students.

The state surveys all schools with at least 10 kindergartners to determine how many have all the recommended immunizations. The AP analyzed that data and found the percentage of children in private schools who forego some or all vaccinations is more than two times greater than in public schools.

More troubling to public health officials is that the rate of children entering private schools without all of their shots jumped by 10 percent last year, while the opt-out figures held steady in public schools for the first time since 2004.

Public health officials believe that an immunization rate of at least 90 percent in all communities, including schools, is critical to minimizing the potential for a disease outbreak. About 15 percent of the 1,650 private schools surveyed by the state failed to reach that threshold, compared with 5 percent of public schools.

There were 110 private schools statewide where more than half the kindergartners skipped some or all of their shots, according to AP's analysis, with Highland Hall Waldorf School in Northridge — where 84 percent opted out — topping the list.

Parents cite a variety of reasons for not immunizing their children, among them: religious values, concerns the shots themselves could cause illness and a belief that allowing children to get sick helps them to build a stronger immune system. Likewise, there's no single explanation that accounts for why so many more parents who send their children to private schools apparently share a suspicion of immunizations.

Saad Omer, a professor of global health at Emory University in Atlanta who has studied vaccine refusal in private schools, surmised more private school parents are wealthy and have the time to spread five shots over a series of years and stay home should their child get an illness like chickenpox. Neal Halsey, a professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the Johns Hopkins University, said parents who choose private schools are likely to be more skeptical of state requirements and recommendations.

Bibi Reber, whose children attend the Waldorf-inspired Greenwood School in Mill Valley, had her children vaccinated only for what she sees as the deadliest diseases. Greenwood has a 79 percent opt-out rate among its kindergartners.

"I don't think dirt or getting sick makes you a weak person; your immune system needs to work with things," said Reber, whose children attend the Greenwood School in the San Francisco Bay area town of Mill Valley. "We certainly don't want to go back to having polio, but on the other hand, I don't think we need to eradicate all the childhood diseases

Public health officials say that, regardless of why parents choose not to vaccinate their children, the result is the same: an increased risk of an outbreak of whooping cough or other communicable diseases.

"We're very concerned that those schools are places where disease can spread quite rapidly through the school and into the community, should it get introduced," said Dr. Robert Schechter, medical officer with the Immunization Branch of the California Department of Public Health.

That's what prompted the Legislature to approve a bill requiring parents to discuss vaccinations with a pediatricians or a school nurse before they can opt-out. Gov. Jerry Brown has until the end of September to sign or veto it.

State Assemblyman Richard Pan, a pediatrician, who sponsored the bill, said he believes private school parents are more apt to mistakenly believe that the vaccinations themselves could be more dangerous than the diseases.

"In private school, these are people who have money, who are upper middle-class, and they are going on the Internet and seeing information and misinformation," said Pan, D-Sacramento.

Increasing immunization rates for this population is critical to controlling the outbreak of diseases, he said. "Have you ever seen a child cough themselves to death? It's not pleasant," he said.

Those who choose not to vaccinate their children see the legislation as meddlesome and unnecessary.

"It's making an extra appointment and paying extra money to go in there and essentially get permission to do what I feel is right for my family," said Dawn Kelly, who sends her unvaccinated 5-year-old son and partially vaccinated 9-year-old son to Monarch Christian School in the Los Angeles area.

Like many parents who refuse some or all immunization shots, Kelly worries her children's immune system could be overwhelmed by getting too many vaccines at once.

Melani Gold Friedman, president of the parent association at Highland Hall Waldorf School, is concerned with what the legislation means for families who normally consult with acupuncturists, holistic healers or other alternative practitioners.

"The bill has an assumption that everyone's seeing one particular kind of doctor, but the people who are opting out, chances are they're not seeing that kind of doctor," she said.

Vaccination opt-out rates nationwide have been creeping up since the mid-2000s, spurred in part by the belief the battery of vaccinations routinely given to infants could lead to autism. Several major studies have discredited that idea.

Parents are allowed to forego vaccines for philosophical reasons in California and 19 other states. Of those, only Washington requires parents to consult with a physician. And, in California, there's no difference between private and public schools when it comes to what's required for parents to opt out — they simply sign a document. The state recommends that kindergarteners receive five vaccine progressions, including protections against Polio, Hepatitis B and Measles

Politicians and public health experts across the nation are focusing more attention on childhood immunizations, driven by a re-emergence of diseases like whooping cough. The U.S. is in the midst of what could be its worst year for that disease in more than five decades, with nearly 25,000 cases and 13 deaths.

After whooping cough reached epidemic levels in California in 2010, the state took action, embarking on a public information campaign and increasing the availability of vaccines. A law was passed requiring booster shots for older students.

Yet the opt-out rate continued climbing in private schools. It's more than doubled since 2004, to 2,228 kindergartners in last year's state survey.

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## SALE
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Hall was looking for, said Andy Agle, director of the Department of Housing and Economic Development.

The money from the sale will go straight to the Citywide Housing Trust Fund to pay for affordable housing production, an oft-stated goal of City Hall which suffered a blow this year when state government dissolved the primary source of funding for affordable housing — redevelopment agencies.

One bid came in higher, but the buyer wanted the full amount of the money conditional on getting certain entitlements on the property, which could be a lengthy process, Agle said.

"Pricing and timing were critical," Agle said. "With the end of (the Redevelopment Agency) we have a lot of uncertainty even about current projects, let alone any future projects."

ETC was also a motivated buyer, said Tom Larmore, a land use attorney with the local firm Larmore Harding Kutcher and Kozal which worked with ETC on the deal.

The lot is immediately adjacent to Casa del Mar, a luxury hotel owned by the company along with Shutters on the Beach.

"What goes in there is very important to them, not only for quality, but design and how it impacts the hotel and so forth," Larmore said.

On the face of it, what can go on that property is highly restricted. The area is zoned R4, a designation that allows fairly dense residential development which equates to one unit for every 900 square feet, according to a city staff report.

A measure approved by voters in 1990 called Proposition S prohibited further hotel development west of Ocean Avenue — generally excluding the Santa Monica Pier — and any development will have to go before the Coastal Commission as part of its approval process.

That level of uncertainty made valuing the property difficult, Larmore said.

In general, a developer will consider the land value alongside the annual return on the property, but that varies depending on what you can build.

"That's one of the things that made it challenging for everybody," Larmore said.

It's possible that the company will build residences with ground-floor retail, although it's not a business model common to ETC.

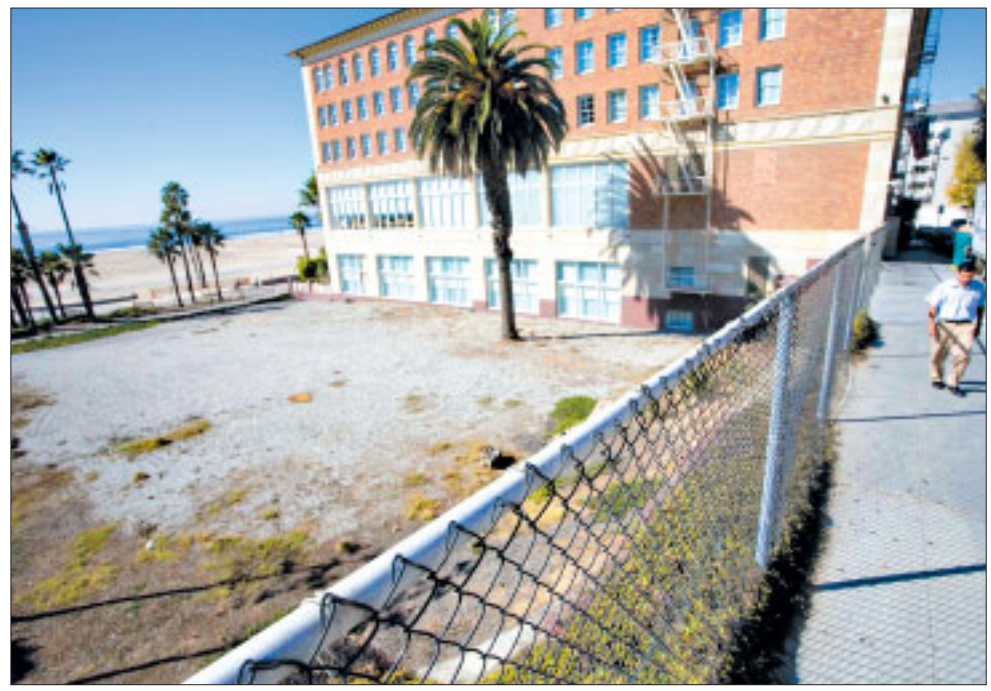
Beyond the government restrictions are physical ones. The site used to be right next to the water, which makes the land underneath sandy. When the company investigated the site, it also discovered the remnants of an abandoned sewage treatment plant underground, Larmore said.

If the City Council approves the sale on Tuesday, it will be the end of four years of negotiations with ETC.

In 2008, city staff came to the council with a proposal to swap the 1920 Ocean Way lot for a larger lot also owned by the hotel company at 1828 Ocean Ave. City Hall would then have put out a call to developers to build affordable housing on the site.

The two parties had an exclusive negotiating agreement at the time, but the downturn in the economy caused ETC to rethink its approach to the deal, Agle said.

Staff went out to other groups and received 15 offers on the property from 12 different entities. Ultimately, they selected ETC because of its superior bid, quick closing time and demonstrated interest.



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SOLD: **City Hall has come to an agreement to sell this Ocean Way property.**

The company went out and did all of its investigative work before entering escrow, which is traditionally the time that a prospective buyer would check for flaws in their newest acquisition.

"They did their due diligence before they had a deal to show that they could move quickly," Agle said.

City Hall can be happy with the deal, especially for the price they're getting, Larmore said. He estimated that the company is paying $500 per square foot of land, roughly $200 per square foot more than other residential development.

That will provide much-needed funds for ongoing affordable housing projects, some of which were funded through the now-defunct Redevelopment Agency and have fallen under the scrutiny of officials at the State Department of Finance, Agle said.

The Department of Finance is responsible for reviewing the uses of redevelopment money to determine what it will allow under laws passed by the state Legislature to govern the dissolution of the agencies. If it deems the money ill-spent, the Department of Finance can demand it back.

That could impact funding for affordable housing projects in Santa Monica, some of which are under construction and others have land purchased, Agle said.

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## ELECTION
FROM PAGE 1

chaired for seven years, for its support of her campaign, noting that a community with good schools gives children better opportunities for their futures, provides businesses with trained employees and ensures safer neighborhoods.

"I think voters understand these linkages and will support candidates who believe in CEPS' mission, which of course I strongly support and will uphold as a City Councilmember," she said.

Winterer, who recently did work on the Economic Feasibility Committee which investigated a local bond measure for the school district, was pleased to receive the support.

"As the parent of two children enrolled in our school district I know what a great job our teachers do with limited resources, so I am greatly appreciative of the work CEPS has done for many years to advocate for local funding for our schools to address the continuing cuts to public education by the state of California," Winterer said.

CEPS took a pass on three Malibu residents also running in the Board of Education race. Karen Farrer, Seth Jacobson and Craig Foster are running as a slate and turned in a single questionnaire to the committee.

The members of the steering committee did not feel they had enough information to judge each candidate individually, according to the website.

Jacobson, responding for the full slate, said Monday that the lack of endorsement had more to do with inertia in Santa Monica politics than their unusual run.

"While we honor the service of the current board, we believe it's time to shake up the status quo," he said. "Every establishment door that is closed to us just confirms that view."

The committee made its decisions after a two-week evaluation process. Candidates for the various positions answered questionnaires, all of which are available at www.excellentpublicschools.org.

Those that made it past the initial screening process were invited to a short interview with the steering committee members, after which the committee made its decision.

CEPS formed in 2003 as a way for parents to advocate for more funding for local public schools. The group was instrumental in forcing the City Council in 2004 to commit to long-term funding for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

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## CONSENT
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$1 million contract to build a universally accessible playground on the beach.

The playground, designed by Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc., will look like a clipper ship sunk into the sand and include features that engage all senses to entice children with and without disabilities.

Micon Construction Inc. came in with the lowest of four bids at $907,710 to complete the project. It was less than half the cost proposed by the most expensive bidder.

Micon recently completed projects in West Covina, Calif. and San Bernadino County.

The total contract, $998,481, includes a 10 percent contingency.

### HIGH QUALITY H2O

City officials recommend a major investment in the water treatment facilities and the wells they draw from with three contracts on the docket totaling $858,024.

The most expensive of the three is a $400,000 order of granulated carbon from Carbon Activated Corporation for the Charnock Well Field.

Granulated carbon is part of a filtration system that takes volatile organic chemicals out of the contaminated groundwater at the Charnock Well Field.

The site has 10 vessels that must be replaced three times per year to make sure everything is taken out of the water.

City Hall went to bid on the contract, but the company selected asked for adjustments to the terms and conditions that staff felt could not be accommodated. The only other responsive bidder, Siemens Water Technologies Corporation, cost significantly more.

For the next six months, carbon will be provided by the Carbon Activated Corporation.

Siemens was tapped to operate, maintain and manage the Charnock Well Field in a separate, two-year contract for a total of $556,048. Only $278,024 of that will be paid out this year — the remainder is subject to future council approval.

Contracting with an outside corporation is cheaper than accomplishing the same in-house, according to the staff report.

Finally, the ground water wells at Charnock, Arcadia and Olympic well fields require repair and maintenance to keep the wells in production.

Staff selected the General Pump Company, Inc. out of three possible firms for the job, a three-year, $540,000 contract.

Only $180,000 is authorized this year, and the remainder has to be approved by the City Council in the future.

### NEED A BOOST?

City officials are recommending Lee & Ro, Inc. to design a new back-up electrical power source to make sure the water keeps flowing north of Montana in the event of a power outage.

The existing backup is a diesel engine installed in an underground pump station vault near the underground San Vicente Reservoir in the 1930s. The device keeps one of six booster pumps going during a blackout to make sure that the area has at least minimal access to water.

The construction of a new emergency generator for the station will probably require the expansion of the existing subterranean concrete vault at 25th Street, according to the staff report.

Three bids were received, but Lee & Ro had pump and design experience similar to this project and the ability to finish the job quickly, according to the staff report.

The total contract is $328,500.

### LET THERE BE (STREET) LIGHT!

The council is expected to approve a $300,000 contract to keep the street lights lit.

City Hall completes nearly 2,800 work orders each year to repair street lights, poles, bulbs, outlets, hand dryers and other electrical equipment in the city, but it needs a company that can provide a wide variety of electric pieces to fill its orders.

One Source Distributors, a California-based company, was the lowest bidder at $300,000 for the current year and $950,000 over a three-year period.

### A TREE GROWS BY EXPO

City Hall proposes to contract with Mia Lehrer and Associates to design a park and open space next to the Exposition Maintenance Yard at Stewart Street.

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## 9/11
FROM PAGE 1

Donne and Langston Hughes.

But in July, the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum — led by Mayor Michael Bloomberg as its board chairman — announced that this year's version would include only relatives reading victims' names. Politicians still may attend.

The point, memorial President Joe Daniels said, was "honoring the victims and their families in a way free of politics" in an election year.

"You always want to change," Bloomberg said in a radio interview in July, "... and I think it'll be very moving."

Some victims' relatives and commentators praised the decision. "It is time" to extricate Sept. 11 from politics, the Boston Globe wrote in an editorial.

But others said keeping politicians off the rostrum smacked of ... politics.

The move came amid friction between the memorial foundation and the governors of New York and New Jersey over progress on the memorial museum. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, have signaled their displeasure by calling on federal officials to give the memorial a financial and technical hand.

Some victims' relatives see the no-politicians anniversary ceremony as retaliation. Both states' governors have traditionally been invited to participate.

"Banning the governors of New York and New Jersey from speaking is the ultimate political decision," said one relatives' group, led by retired Deputy Fire Chief Jim Riches. His firefighter son and namesake was killed responding to the burning World Trade Center.

To Riches, political leaders' presence shows a nation's respect and recognizes their role in passing laws that aided victims' families and people sickened by working at ground zero.

With politicians excluded, "the 9/11 families are having to turn their backs on the people who helped us so much," he said.

Spokesmen for Christie and Cuomo said the governors were fine with the memorial organizers' decision.

For former New York Gov. George Pataki, the change ends a 10-year experience that was deeply personal even as it reflected his political role. He was governor at the time of the attacks.

"As the names are read out, I just listen and have great memories of people who I knew very well who were on that list of names. It was very emotional," Pataki reflected by phone last week. Among his friends who were killed was Neil Levin, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

But Pataki supports the decision not to have government figures speak.

"It's time to take the next step, which is simply to continue to pay tribute," said Pataki, who expects he'll continue to attend.

Of course, it's difficult to remember 9/11 without remembering its impact on the nation's political narrative. As both an event and a symbol, it's "seared into the American social and political psyche, with profound consequences," says Baruch College political science professor Douglas Muzzio.

And from the start, the anniversary has been a flashpoint for accusations of playing politics with Sept. 11.

The first anniversary engendered political flaps from New York to Pikeville, Ky. New York Republicans said a Democratic television ad featuring the Gettysburg Address was aimed at upstaging Pataki's ground zero reading from the same text. In Pikeville, a judicial candidate complained when the incumbent was tapped to sing at the Sept. 11 ceremony in the town of roughly 7,000; organizers let the judge perform, anyway.

When Republicans scheduled their 2004 national convention in New York City less than two weeks before the anniversary, some victims' relatives accused the GOP of using Sept. 11 as a political backdrop. And some family members and firefighters objected that former Mayor Rudy Giuliani would bring politics into the ceremony by participating in 2007, when he was a Republican presidential candidate. Giuliani ultimately made brief remarks.

"I've tried very hard not to politicize Sept. 11, particularly around the time of 9/11, but it's almost impossible not to be criticized for politicizing it because it's a political event," Giuliani told the news website Politico last year.

Several family members sent a political message of their own as they read names at the 2005 ground zero ceremony, calling for a fitting memorial amid a fight over a then-planned "freedom museum" that some said would politicize the site. And the 2010 anniversary unfolded amid protests and counterprotests over a proposed mosque near ground zero, as well as a furor over a Florida minister's ultimately canceled plan to burn copies of the Quran.

Charles G. Wolf feels it's time to take political voices out of the anniversary this year. He thinks that the public's connection to Sept. 11 has changed, and that the ceremony should, too.

"We've gone past that deep, collective public grief," says Wolf, whose wife, Katherine, was killed at the trade center. "And the fact that the politicians will not be involved, to me, makes it more intimate, for the families.

"I think that the politicians don't need to be there, personally. ... It can be just us. That's the way that it can be now."

## TEACHERS
FROM PAGE 3

January to come up with ways to improve California's teaching workforce.

The task force identified six key areas that need improvement in order to attract and retain good teachers and to make the system more equitable between wealthier and poorer school districts.

Teacher and administrator education, for one, is uneven in quality. California is the only state where principals can earn a license simply by taking a written test.

Salaries are highly inequitable, with teachers in the toughest assignments in inner-city and rural schools typically earning the least and often are the newest entrants to the profession.

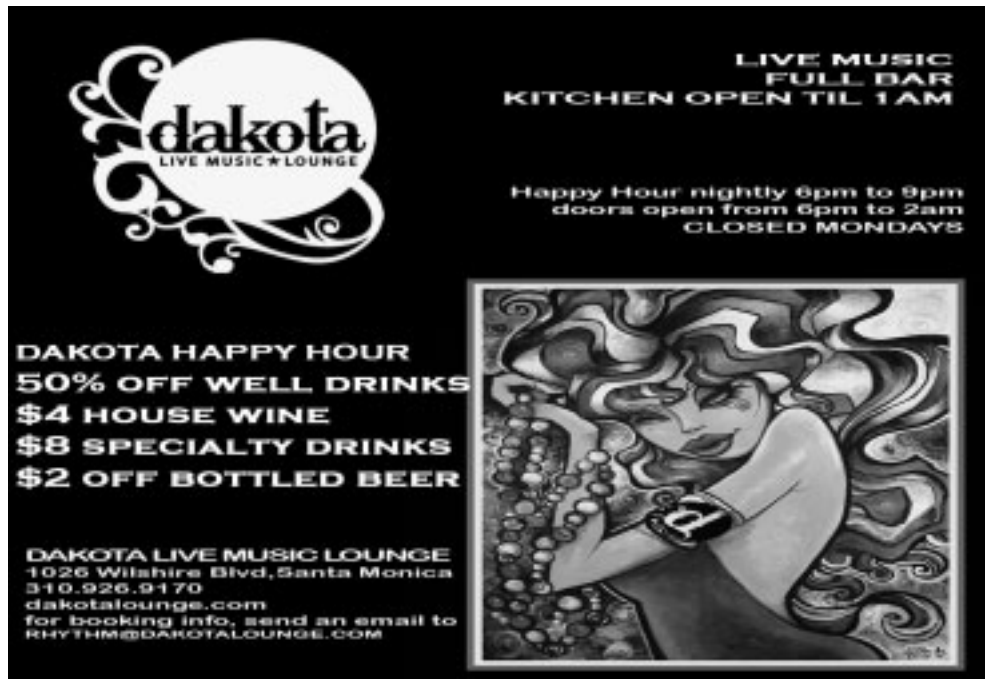
Mentoring of novice teachers and professional development of more experienced veterans has become rare and needs bolstering, the report said.

Job evaluations provide little meaningful feedback and leadership career routes are poor with teachers often stuck for decades doing the same assignment, according to the task force.

The report made numerous recommendations for improvements.

Evaluations should include measures of student learning and a career ladder established to include higher-level positions such as "master teachers" to serve as mentors and role models, the task force suggested.

To address shortages, laid-off teachers should be encouraged to earn an additional credential in a high-need field, such as special education or math, and stipends should be paid to teachers who work in inner-city or rural schools to attract more experienced teachers to those jobs, the report recommended.












# COUNCIL
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The contract will run $297,978, and will include the creation of a community engagement process to get input on the new buffer zone and design of the final project.

Mia Lehrer and Associates is the firm responsible for the open space design at the Annenberg Beach House and Santa Monica Village.

### CAN'T TOUCH THIS

The Big Blue Bus administration building has been getting touch ups for a long time now, but, according to the staff report, this is the last one.

Staff recommends Fortex Construction for a $172,590 contract to waterproof the administration building to prevent further damage to the structure.

The existing weatherproofing systems have serious problems, according to an assessment by DLR Group WWCOT, and need attention.

Fortex has completed similar work for the city of Corona, Calif. Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

### FORGIVE YOUR DEBTS

City officials recommend forgiving a $124,977 loan from the Housing Trust Fund to the residents' association of the Mountain View Mobile Home Park.

The City Council originally made the loan in 1996 so that the Mountain View Mobile Inn Residents Association could look into converting the property to cooperative housing if the mobile home residents decided to acquire the land themselves.

Instead, City Hall purchased the park in 2000 and began a slew of costly repairs.

Many members of the Residents Association are no longer living at Mountain View, and the current residents are low and very-low income households and, according to the staff report, the loan was not premised on repayment.

Therefore, staff recommends forgiving the loan in its entirety.

### WHEELS ON THE BUS

The City Council is expected to approve an $81,600 contract with Star-Dust Tours to transport people for the Community and Cultural Services Department.

The department schedules up to 105 excursions each fiscal year for the Santa Monica Adaptive Recreation and Sports Program, including the Westside Special Olympics, and various youth and senior programs.

The Big Blue Bus system stopped providing charter services this year, and the department had to find a new vendor to provide transportation.

Star-Dust Tours was the only bidder that met all of the specifications, and, according to the staff report, they have a good relationship with City Hall.

The total contract is $244,800 for a full three years, but future funding is conditional on City Council approval.

### KEEPING IT CLEAN

Keeping the Santa Monica Pier up and running is no easy task, but a $68,400 contract with the John S. Meek Company will hopefully maintain the most important part of its operations — the deck.

The company will replace 20 deck boards each month and patrol for unruly nails to maintain the structural integrity, safety and appearance of the pier.

John S. Meek bested three other bidders to take the three-year, $248,400 contract. Future funding is contingent on council approval.

The City Council is also expected to approve a $40,000 contract to clean up graffiti on the pier.

Parrot Painting was selected as the best bidder out of four for the three-year, $130,000 contract. Only $40,000 of it will be disbursed this year. The remainder is contingent on future council approval.

### MASTER PLAN

The council will consider a third increase to a contract for a master plan for the City Yards, bringing the total cost to $343,340.

According to the staff report, the original contract with RNL Interplan, Inc. approved in October 2009 was for $230,000.

That amount was increased in September 2011 and again in February 2012.

This time it has become clear that previously identified problems with the stability of the soil are not confined to just the City Yards site, but encompass the entire area that formerly held a landfill.

The new task, worth $34,314, will include more geotechnical borings in the areas adjacent to the site to determine the full extent of the problem and potential solution.

### FRAUD

If the council approves, Program Compliance Solutions will continue to provide fraud investigation services for the Housing Division.

The division is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to investigate fraud of people using federally-funded housing programs including Section 8, Family Self-Sufficiency, HOME and others.

Fraud investigations are triggered when the Housing Division either discovers or is alerted to a discrepancy involving one of the federal programs.

Investigations can include unreported income, leased housing not occupied by the intended tenant and unreported household members living in the unit.

The continuation of the contract will cost $50,000.

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# Surprising methods heal America's wounded troops

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

BOSTON Scientists are growing ears, bone and skin in the lab, and doctors are planning more face transplants and other extreme plastic surgeries. Around the country, the most advanced medical tools that exist are now being deployed to help America's newest veterans and wounded troops.

• In Los Angeles, surgeons used part of Michael Mills' forehead to rebuild his nose after a bomb disfigured him in Iraq.

• In Pittsburgh, doctors used an experimental therapy from pig tissue to help regrow part of a thigh muscle that Ron Strang lost in a blast in Afghanistan.

• In Boston, scientists are making plans for the first implants of lab-grown ears for wounded troops after successful experiments in sheep and rats.

• In San Antonio and other cities, doctors are testing sprayed-on skin cells and lab-made sheets of skin to heal burns and other wounds. The ingenuity is impressive: One product was developed from foreskin left over from circumcisions.

Much of this comes from taxpayer-funded research. Four years ago, the federal government created AFIRM, the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine, a network of top hospitals and universities, and gave $300 million in grants to spur new treatments using cell science and advanced plastic surgery.

"The whole idea is to bring all these researchers together to develop these great technologies that were in early science to eventually be ready for the troops," said AFIRM's recently retired director, Terry Irgens.

Now those who served are coming home, and projects that once had been languishing in labs are making strides and starting to move into clinics.

Strang is among those benefiting. The 28-year-old Marine sergeant from Pittsburgh lost half of a thigh muscle to shrapnel, leaving too little to stabilize his gait. "My knee would buckle and I'd fall over," he said.

Now, after an experimental treatment at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, "I'm able to run a little bit" and play a light football game with friends, he said. "It's been a huge improvement."

It's one example of the "new medicine" in the works for troops. The Associated Press conducted more than a dozen interviews and reviewed the latest medical research to measure the progress and extent of novel treatments under way for wounded warriors. The results point to some surprising feats of surgery and bioengineering.

### GROWING NEW EARS

Up to a thousand troops might need an ear, and prosthetics are not a great solution. A rod or other fastener is required to attach them to the head. They don't look or feel natural and they wear out every couple of years. A matching ear grown from a patient's own cells would be a huge improvement.

"People have been working on this for 20 years" but haven't been able to overcome obstacles to making it practical, said Cathryn Sundback, director of the tissue engineering lab at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Her lab thinks it's found the solution. Using a computer model of a patient's remaining ear, scientists craft a titanium framework covered in collagen, the stuff that gives skin elasticity and strength.

They take a snip of cartilage from inside the nose or between the ribs and seed the scaffold with these cells. This is incubated for about two weeks in a lab dish to grow more cartilage. When it's ready to implant, a skin graft is taken from the patient to cover the cartilage and the ear is stitched into place.

Scientists in her lab have maintained lab-grown sheep ears on those animals for 20 weeks, proving it can be done successfully and last long-term. They also have grown anatomically correct human ears from cells. These have been implanted on the backs of lab rats to keep them nourished and allow further research. But that wouldn't happen with ears destined for patients — they would just be grown in a lab dish until they're ready to implant.

"We've solved all the technical problems," Sundback said, and now they are ready to seek approval from the Food and Drug Administration to implant these into patients — probably in about a year. "It's amazing how much progress we've made with the AFIRM funding."

### BIOENGINEERING MUSCLES, BONE AND SKIN

A soldier lucky enough to keep his arms and legs after a bomb blast still might lose so much of a key muscle, like biceps or quadriceps, that the limb can't be used properly. In some cases, "the patient has lost so much muscle that there's nothing left for the surgeon to sew together," said Dr. Stephen Badylak, a regenerative medicine specialist at the University of Pittsburgh.

He is testing implants of "extracellular matrix" — connective tissue that holds cells together — to boost muscle mass. The matrix is thought to release chemical signals that promote regrowth of healthy tissue instead of scar tissue.

"It changes the body from thinking, 'I need to respond to injured tissue,' to 'I need to rebuild this tissue,'" Badylak said.

The material is supplied by a private

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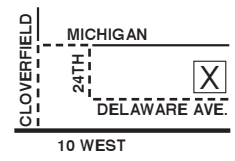


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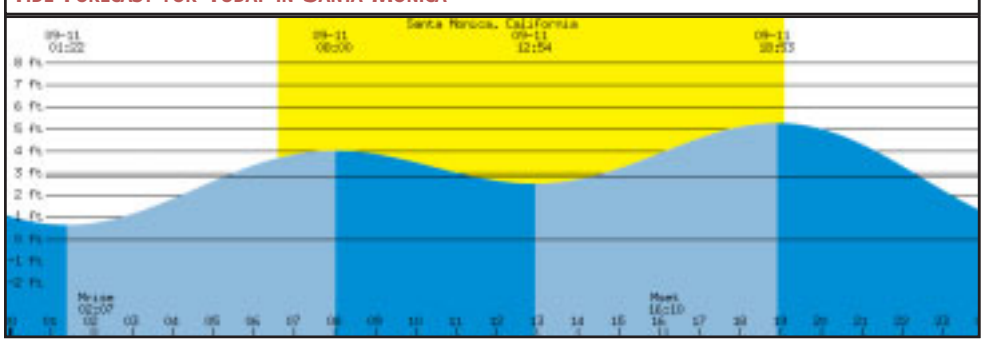
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**Long Range Synopsis**

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**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

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- Number of sewage spills -- 1
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- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and 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 Don 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. | B | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | 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 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 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. | 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 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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## TROOPS
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company — ACell Inc. of Columbia, Md. — and comes from pigs. The immune system tolerates it because it doesn't contain cells. It comes in multi-layered sheets like slightly stiff gauze and can be cut or molded to fit the needed shape.

Strang, who lost half of a thigh muscle, is among the five patients treated so far in an 80-patient study. Doctors wait at least six months after an injury to make sure all natural healing has occurred, and put patients through intensive physical therapy before implanting the matrix.

"We want to be able to say after the surgery that they were as good as they could be" and that the matrix accounted for any improvement, Badylak explained.

In early testing, "They've shown up to 10 to 20 percent improvement" in strength of the muscle after treatment, said Irgens, the director of AFIRM, which funded some of the early work. The Department of Defense is sponsoring the study under way now, which includes non-military patients as well as former troops. The new study is measuring changes in strength and muscle volume, and doctors are aiming for the kind of quality-of-life improvement Strang has enjoyed.

In other efforts, Pittsburgh and Rice University scientists are working on growing bone to fix jawbone and other facial defects. Researchers at Massachusetts General and Rutgers University are trying to grow eyelid muscles. Blindness can result from not being able to close an eyelid.

Doctors also are testing various ways to make skin. In one method, doctors take a postage stamp-sized piece of a patient's skin, process it in the lab and spray these cells onto a burn or other wound. The sprayer device that is used for this treatment is already licensed in seven countries, and AFIRM is sponsoring a study aimed at winning U.S. approval so the treatment can be offered here.

The second approach uses sheets of skin developed from cells in the lab that originally came from foreskin after circumcisions.

"That's in clinical trials now and they're having tremendous results," Irgens said.

### BEYOND 'BIONIC ARMS' TO TRANSPLANTS

For all the advances that have been made in modern prosthetics, the arms and hands are not as effective as the legs and feet. Dozens of wounded troops would rather try a transplant.

The government also estimates that up to 200 troops might need face transplants, although Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, a Boston surgeon who has done four face transplants on non-military patients, thinks only 50 to 100 ultimately will get one.

One reason is the lifelong drugs needed to prevent rejection. They have side effects and raise the risk of cancer.

Dr. W.P. Andrew Lee, plastic surgery chairman at Johns Hopkins University, has been working to minimize those risks. Previously, at the University of Pittsburgh, he led hand transplants on five patients with minimal immune suppression, giving them bone marrow taken from their donors along with the hands to help them better tolerate the new tissue. All five patients have done well and four now take just one anti-rejection drug.

"There's really no reason to think faces will be any different," he said.

He also showed that rejection can often be stopped by rubbing on a cream containing immune-suppressing medicine.

"Skin is the primary target of the rejection," he explained, so with a hand transplant, "we can detect rejection much earlier than we can for organ transplants. The patient literally calls us. They notice a rash on the skin first thing in the morning. We just tell them to put the cream on."

With military funding, a host of doctors are evaluating troops as potential face transplant candidates. Pomahac told of one man who lost much of his face, jaw and lips in a bomb blast. Despite 25 operations, he still can't move one side of his face or lips and drools all the time.

"He walks around with a towel on his shoulder. It's a major quality-of-life issue," Pomahac said.

### ADVANCING RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Many troops remain disfigured or impaired despite multiple reconstructive operations. Tackling the toughest cases is the goal of Operation Mend, a program of the UCLA Medical Center, Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio and the Veterans Affairs-Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

Army Staff Sgt. Michael Mills, 47, who lives in Freeport, Minn., northwest of Minneapolis, is one such patient. He was injured in Iraq in 2005 by a bomb that left him with major burns and broken bones all over. He lost a finger and thumb. He has a dozen pins in bones and a plate in his hip. He was missing part of an ear and part of his nose.

Mills had 10 surgeries with Operation Mend, including three on his hands. Surgeons repaired his nose with part of his forehead.

"I'm very happy with the new look I have now," Mills said. "I don't let my disability run my life. I run my disability."

Some wounds remain, though. Mills said he suffers from a mild traumatic brain injury, depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. Counseling through the Department of Veterans Affairs has helped him cope, and he said he no longer has flashbacks and night sweats and is more able to control anger.

"I have more good days now than I do bad days," he said. Doctors can fix his bones and his nose, but "they can't heal what's inside," Mills said. "Only I can do that."

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1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

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11:40am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

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11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

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11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

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2:25pm, 7:45pm

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# Play it easy tonight, Pisces

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ Tension builds around a domestic or personal issue. You are bright-eyed and ready to live life, but this particular situation keeps tripping you up. Take a walk or focus on an engaging project. Tonight: A little laughter and teasing go a long way.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ Breeze your way through the day. Some communication might be heavy or nonexistent if the other party is depressed. For the most part, others are highly responsive. In fact, you hear some interesting news that you might choose not to share. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★ Be sensible about what is happening around you. You might want to rethink an issue, but the only way you're going to come up with an idea today is by brainstorming with others. Tonight: Return calls and, if need be, place a call to a special person in your life.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★★ You are full of fun and ingenuity. What you are able to do could surprise many people. A family member could drag you down. Let go of your insecurities, and simply go for what you want. Tonight: Treat time.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ You open up to other people and their needs, but only after you do some solid thinking on your own. Some of the information and judgments you have made clearly are off. You might want to rethink a situation. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★ Zero in on your priorities. An important meeting with someone is at the top of your list of things to do. Be aware that this encounter could be significant. Listen to a friend. Tonight: Only what you want.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ You could feel as though your decisions make a big difference. How you handle a personal matter could change radically. Think before you move forward on a project. If you feel negatively about it, honor that negativity. Tonight: Join a friend.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ You might seem far too happy for your own good. You feel much better than you have in a long time. Your mind drifts to certain people and times. Sometimes, breaking your pattern can be healthy and revitalizing. Honor that. Tonight: Be noticed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ You are adventuresome, but today you might decide to focus on practical details. Working through an issue could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Return calls and emails, then decide on your plans.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ You are in a deferential mood, and let others have their way. You might not like how a certain person is handling a situation, but nevertheless, you will hold back. It might be difficult to say nothing, but you must follow that course. Tonight: With a favorite person.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ Plunge into your work, knowing full well what you must do. You easily could be distracted by a situation later today. What appears to be negative might not actually be. Tonight: Talk with a special person over dinner.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ Romance could infiltrate your day. Try to stay level-minded. You might want to share more and get feedback. You could be surprised by what you hear or by a suggestion that is made. You seem to find the answer when you need it. Tonight: Play it easy and relaxed.

## Happy birthday

This year you open doors and allow greater give-and-take. Your ability to move forward is extraordinary, though you might need to bypass a resistance that really stems from you. You can be your own worst enemy at times. Give that up, and you might be surprised by what could occur. If you are single, be careful and check out the people you are drawn to. You easily could attract an emotionally unavailable person. If you are attached, the two of you gain by spending more private time together. Rely on each other. LEO makes a great healer for you.

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

## Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



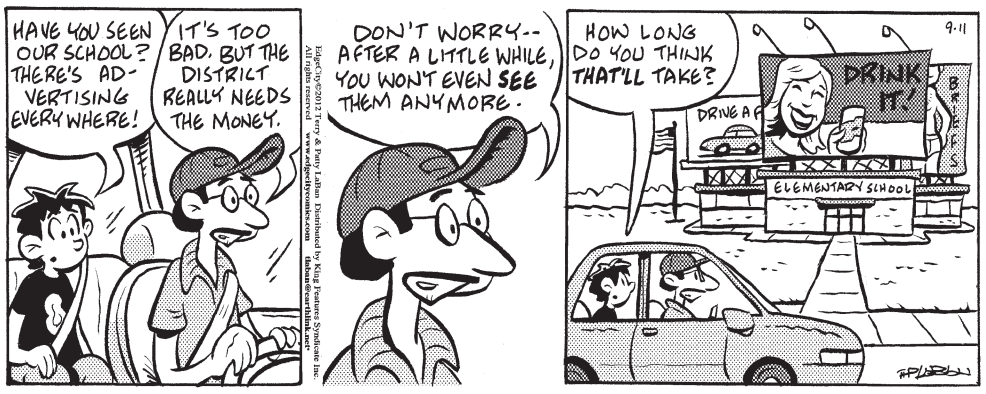

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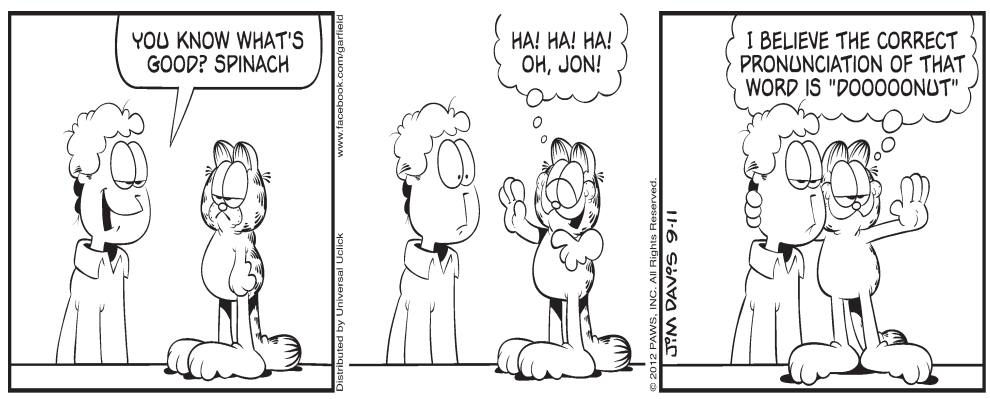

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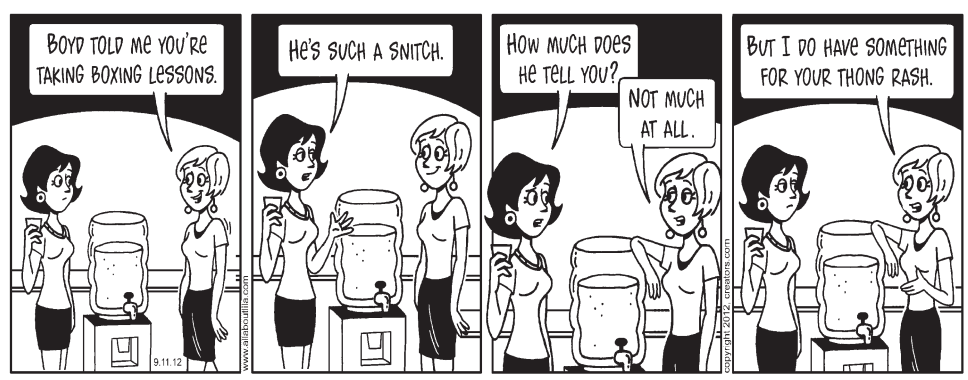

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Beauty's love
**6** Tycoon John Jacob
**11** Field units
**12** Model Campbell
**13** Tubular sandwich
**15** Brick carrier
**16** Letter after sigma
**17** Low number
**18** "— is Born"
**20** Singer Roberta
**23** Swain
**27** Endure
**28** Submerge
**29** Detest
**31** Used a sponge
**32** Amber source
**34** Calculate a total
**37** Nearest star
**38** Old hand
**41** Spa treatment
**44** Gold measure
**45** Chicago airport
**46** Winter gliders
**47** Half of humanity

**2** Canyon sound
**3** Like the Sahara
**4** Brief time
**5** Chiding sound
**6** Yearly
**7** Carpentry tool
**8** Matador's foe
**9** Yemen neighbor
**10** Ready for picking
**14** Devour
**18** Cast member
**19** "The Thinker" sculptor
**20** Ga. neighbor
**21** Research setting
**22** Bat wood
**24** Bigwig, briefly
**25** Abel's mother
**26** Checkers side
**30** Fixes, as a clock
**31** Aisle alternative
**33** Take to court
**34** Inquires
**35** Bargain
**36** Challenge
**38** Baby carriage
**39** Quite uncommon
**40** Start the bidding
**42** Hunk of gum
**43** Comic first baseman

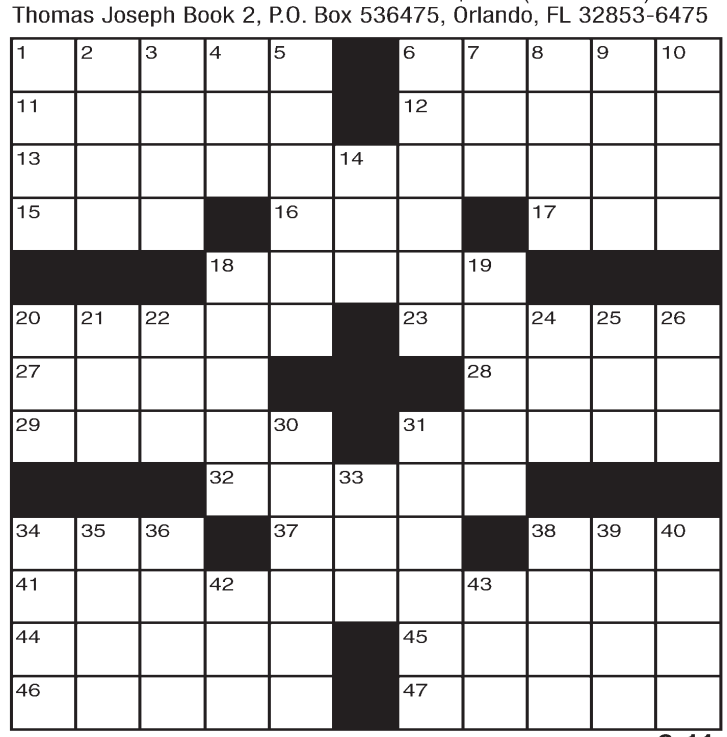
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Draw Date: 9/10
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EVENING: 6 9 2

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Are We Safe?** In August, Daniel Castillo'a Jet Ski broke down in New York City's Jamaica Bay, forcing him to swim to the nearest shore -- at JFK International Airport. As Castillo roamed the grounds, he somehow failed to disturb the airport's $100 million, state-of-the-art Perimeter Intrusion Detection System of cameras and motion sensors, stumbling into the Delta terminal before an employee noticed him. This happened two weeks after the now-notorious "peace" protest of nun Megan Rice, 82, and two colleagues, who cut through fences at the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) nuclear reservation's Y-12 facility that houses more than 100 tons of highly enriched uranium. They braved numerous (though apparently unmonitored or malfunctioning) alarms and sensors for up to two hours before a lone guard stopped them.

■ The Treasury Department's inspector general reported in August that the IRS doled out more than $5 billion in fraudulent income tax returns in 2011 (owing to its mission to provide refunds promptly without first vetting the claims). The agency "refunded" $3.3 million to a single address in Lansing, Mich. (supposedly the home of 2,137 different tax filers) and nearly $4 million to three Florida addresses (518 to one in Tampa, 741 to one in Belle Glade, and 703 to a post office box in Orlando). In all, refunds were claimed by, among others, 105,000 dead people.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**2001** - In the USA three hijacked aircraft are deliberately crashed into the twin World Trade Center towers (which collapse) in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, in a co-ordinated attack which became known as "9/11". Another hijacked airliner in the same attack crashes in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people are killed.

## WORD UP!

**primrose** \ PRIM-rohz \ , noun;
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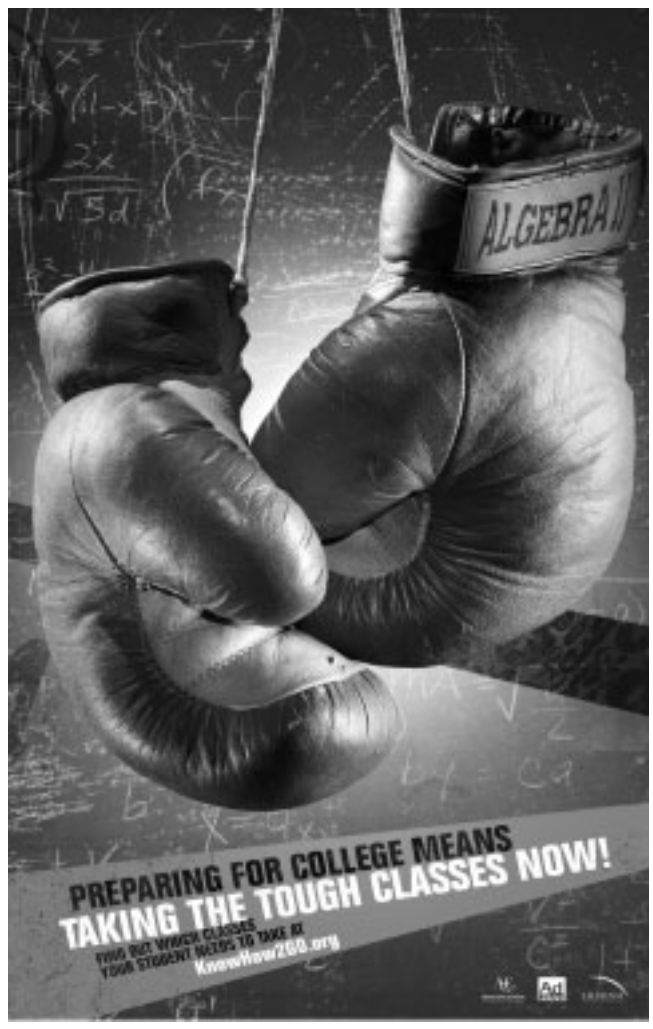
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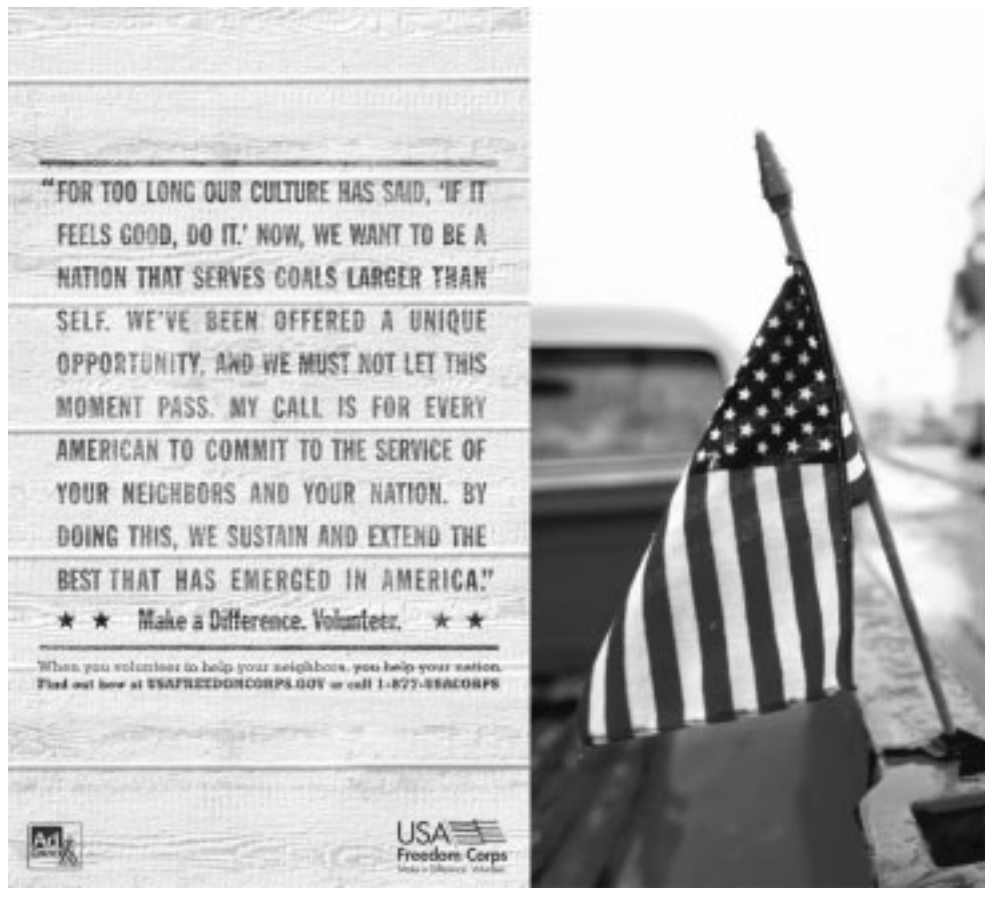
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012171810 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/27/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BONECOWEAR. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: GOLDEN DESTINY LLC 1932 NELSON AVE. REDONO BEACH, CA 90278. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)03/01/2012. /s/: LUIZ SIMAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/27/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 09/11/2012, 09/17/2012, 09/24/2012, 10/01/2012.




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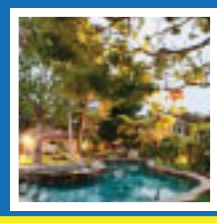




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