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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT: **A jet flies over a home off of Bundy Drive as it makes its way to Santa Monica Airport. A majority of City Council candidates said they would be in favor of closing SMO or curtailing operations.**

Council candidates take dim view of SMO

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK The majority of the 15 Santa Monica City Council candidates declared their intention Thursday to close or severely curtail operations at Santa Monica Airport, one of the city's thorniest social and legal issues.

Candidates discussed their positions at a forum held by Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP), an organization begun by West Los Angeles anti-pollution activists who have taken aim at SMO for its environmental and health impacts.

This election is a big deal for activists in West L.A. and Santa Monica because it will be the first of two opportunities to elect members to the City Council who will have a hand in negotiations that could result in the ultimate closure of SMO.

Four seats are up for election in November. The second opportunity, in 2014, will replace or reelect the remaining three council members.

"Politically, we're in a unique time," said Martin Rubin, a resident of West L.A. and director of CRAAP.

From the outset, nearly all of the 15 candidates except for Shari Davis and Terence Later expressed their desire to close SMO in 2015 or severely curtail operations by flight schools and private jets.

Later told the less-than-receptive audience that the airport still served a function for emergency situations, like bringing in supplies in the event of a major earthquake. Davis demurred, saying that she was going to stay open minded on the subject and looked forward to future dialogue.

Other candidates were less circumspect.

"This airport makes no sense. It's a relic of the industrial past, and like many other things, its business is slowly dying," said Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon. He and the others seemed ready to help it along.

Many Santa Monicans don't think much of the Santa Monica Airport, a 227-acre stretch of land on the city's southeast end that was once the home of Douglas Aircraft Company when the land on either side of the runway was unpopulated.

Today, people's homes lie within 300 feet of the end of the runway, and residents of Santa Monica, West L.A. and Mar Vista alike worry about the health impacts caused by prop planes buzzing by burning lead-based fuel and large jets spewing fumes as they idle waiting for takeoff. There

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Report: 'Chain Reaction' is not a danger

Activists struggling to raise money to save sculpture

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A structural engineer hired by City Hall has declared a monumental sculpture in the Civic Center safe, although still in need of repairs and regular maintenance which may cost more than City Hall can afford.

According to a report by Melvyn Green and Associates, a structural engineering and historic preservation firm out of Torrance, Calif., the 26-foot-tall mushroom cloud sculpture "Chain Reaction" is "not an imminent hazard nor should it be considered dangerous."

That's a relief to a group of people trying to save the sculpture, which came under scrutiny when Building Officer Ron Takiguchi noticed children climbing on it.

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Cops looking for woman cashing bogus checks

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police officers are asking for the public's help in identifying a woman suspected of cashing several bogus checks worth an estimated $30,000.



SUSPECT

The suspect has been seen entering several

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012

Clean up the state
Various locations
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
More than 11,000 SoCal volunteers are expected to join this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest volunteer event, annually drawing over 80,000 volunteers out to more than 800 cleanup sites across the state. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org.

Music on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Saturday is the second installment of the pier's Wake Up With the Waves children's concert series. Every Saturday through Oct. 27 will feature a free show. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Plenty of peppers
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Like chilis? Get your fill during this annual chili roast at the Pico Farmers' Market. Buy them by the bundle; they go with almost everything. For more information, call (458) 458-8712.

Carroll's cars
Santa Monica Pier
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Classic car enthusiasts will be rolling out to the Santa Monica Pier for the eighth annual Tony Sousa Car Show, which will feature designer Carroll Shelby's signature Mustangs. Net proceeds will benefit the LAPD Pacific Division's Winter Wonderland toy giveaway this holiday season. For more information, visit www.lasaac.org/

Be prepared
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
This unique event provides an opportunity to prepare for emergencies in a fast and convenient way. The Prep Shop is co-presented by the city of Santa Monica's Office of Emergency Management, and its staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice about disaster readiness. For more information, call (310) 458-2263.

In the home
Santa Monica Conservancy
4 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Check out the home of visionary architect Ray Kappe, a driving force in the local scene during his 60-year career and as founder of the innovative school SCI-ARC. His award-winning home is located in Rustic Canyon. Tickets are $150 for conservancy members, $175 for the general public. Space is limited. For tickets visit www.smconservancy.org/mtpages/main.shtml or call (310) 496-3146.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012

Free film
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
"White Wash" explores the history of African-Americans and water culture, from slavery and civil rights wade-ins to surfing in contemporary times. This 2011 documentary includes archival footage and interviews with professional surfers and features the historic beach site known as the "Ink Well." A discussion with director Ted Woods, historian Alison Rose Jefferson and blacksurfing.com founder Rick Blocker follows the screening. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Monday, Sept. 17, 2012

Learn about your health
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Learn more about Medicare and other healthcare coverage options during National Medicare Education Week: Los Angeles. For more information, call (949) 336-4500.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

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STATE BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Animal cruelty charges dropped

Actor Andrew Bryniarski and his girlfriend are no longer facing charges of animal cruelty after the City Attorney's Office decided to drop the case, city officials said Friday.


BRYNIARSKI

Bryniarski, who played Leatherface in the reincarnation of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," was arrested on Sept. 8 along with his girlfriend, Jennifer Abram, for allegedly hoarding 25 Pomeranians inside a mobile home that was parked in Santa Monica.

Police said the dogs were left unattended and seemed to be in poor shape, however, the puppies were later examined by officials at the city's animal shelter and were found to be in good health.

"Based on supplemental reports provided by Animal Control, we felt we couldn't prove it beyond a reasonable doubt," said Terry White, chief deputy city attorney with the Criminal Division.

Bryniarski told celebrity news website TMZ.com that he was running a mobile adoption center for the dogs and that he was providing food and water for them all along. He said city officials didn't like that he parked his RV on a residential street and wanted to drive him out.

A spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department said officers responded to the RV after receiving at least two calls from concerned residents who heard the sound of dogs crying or barking coming from the mobile home.

Bryniarski told TMZ.com that he believes the publicity has hurt his chances of landing acting gigs and may sue City Hall.

– KEVIN HERRERA

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.

City officials don't like Malibu sand plan for Broad Beach

There's a battle brewing over Southern California beach sand.

Erosion has carved away the dunes on Malibu's celebrity-soaked Broad Beach and the city is looking elsewhere for a source of sand to be barged by sea to replenish its shoreline.

Broad Beach residents like the quality, clean sand off Manhattan Beach for its $20 million project.

But the Torrance Daily Breeze reports that Manhattan Beach city leaders have written state officials asking for rejection of Malibu's bid to scoop up its sand.

The State Lands Commission and California Coastal Commission are studying the sand replenishment plan.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS



Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

DOMINANCE: **Mater Dei quarterback Chase Forest gets away a pass as Samohi linebacker Nick Cardiel gives chase on Thursday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Mater Dei blanks Samohi, 51-0

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
MANAGING EDITOR

SANTA ANA For most of the first half, Santa Monica was holding its own against powerhouse Mater Dei, but it was fleeting as the Monarchs blew the game open, eventually walking away with a 51-0 rout at Santa Ana Stadium on Thursday.

Despite entering the game as decided underdogs, Samohi was able to hold Mater Dei to just 7 points until late in the second quarter when the Monarchs would score 10 points in less than two minutes before half-time to push the score to 17-0 at the break.

That's when the wheels fell off.

Just 18 seconds into the second half, Mater Dei began an onslaught that left Samohi searching for answers, eventually ending in a shutout that leaves the Vikings 2-1 on the season.

"We just showed a lackluster effort," Samohi head coach Travis Clark said. "I think the boys were slightly intimidated."

Samohi football was limited to just three first downs en route to the loss. A stifling Mater Dei defense limited Samohi to only 31 yards on offense while the Monarchs compiled 465 yards.

The Vikings received the opening kickoff only to be forced to punt during a three-and-out possession. That punt was blocked with Mater Dei picking up the loose ball at the Vikings' 10-yard line.

The Monarchs wasted little time in scoring the game's first touchdown just two minutes into the first quarter.

On the ensuing possession, Samohi quarterback Ryan Barbarin threw an interception to cornerback Treavon Coley, who was downed at his own 48-yard line.

Mater Dei was unable to score on the possession, ultimately missing a field goal. But Samohi couldn't muster enough offense to mount a drive and were again forced to punt. It would be an ongoing theme throughout the night.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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You've got personality

Editor:

I'd like to comment on Scott Bellomo's letter comparing Mitt Romney to JFK ("Name that candidate," Letters to the Editor, Sept. 12). True enough about their similarly privileged backgrounds, but the public personas of these two men make them polar opposites. JFK could be bewitchingly charming. But the Mitt? Well, the Mitt is just the Mitt; earnest, sincere, dull, technocratic and probably unimaginative – very unbewitching.

These things matter in an era in which most people's exposure to political candidates is through electronic media. The Mitt may well be far more competent than JFK ever was, but he lacks "star quality." The Mitt, unfortunately, is not at all competent in presenting himself effectively

Rick Reutter
Santa Monica

Money can grow on trees

Editor:

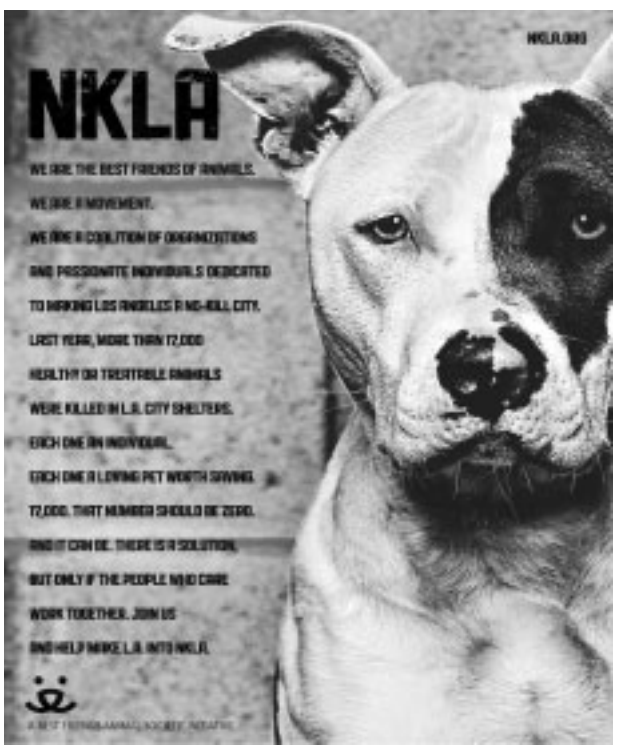
Will the national debt and looming entitlement shortages threaten the funds for defense and other necessities? We should write our elected officials and candidates to prevent this – and win elections – by adopting such deficit reduction measures as those proposed by U.S. Sens. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) and/or Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), and/or the already passed House budget. The latter is expected to bring in surpluses and start paying down the debt by 2040.

Until then, however, our defenses and other necessities are vulnerable to any changes in foreign investor sentiment. Moreover, having our current debt over 90 percent of gross domestic product is bad for economic growth. Thus they should try to pay off the debt sooner.

The U.S. might, for a certain term, lease a 20 percent interest in rainforest land – or make an installment sale – for partnering with experts to show landowners how to harvest the rainforests many times more profitably (and sustainably). This is discussed by the authors of www.rain-tree.com/ The experts, of course, could take a similar lease or sale amount. Perhaps we can demonstrate this first with American rainforests, such as in Hawaii.

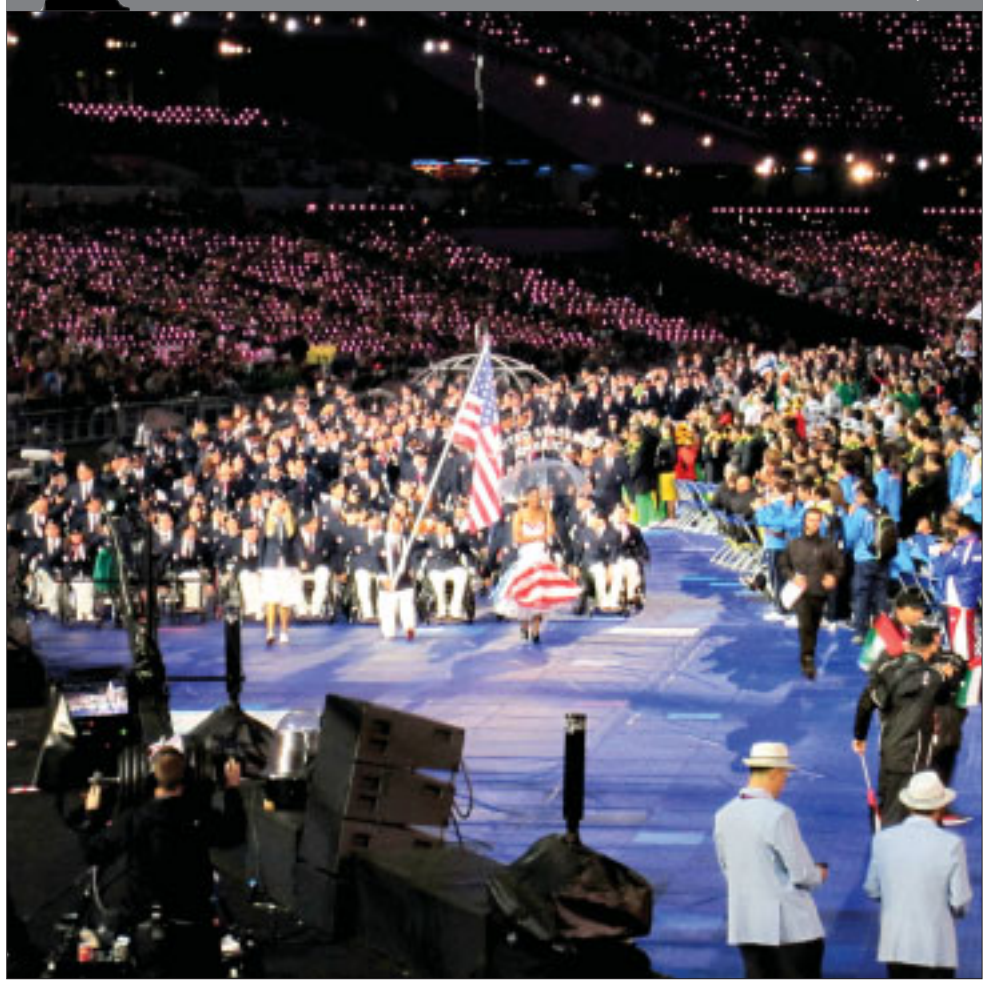
As for subsistence farmers, a practice called Inga alley cropping is discussed at www.rainforestsaver.org. Regarding the cutting down of trees for firewood, an organization known as Solar Cookers International obviates such need for perhaps $5 a person for 5 years. For any of the world's lumber companies needing assistance in learning sound practices of selectivity without clear-cutting, we could make that knowledge available for a fee.

Alexander Michael Sokolow
Santa Monica



Your column here

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



Jack Walter *news@smdp.com*

A FITTING CONCLUSION: **The closing ceremony for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.**

The best games ever

BACK IN 1948, A GERMAN NEUROLOGIST named Ludwig Guttmann was working at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, England with World War II veterans who suffered spinal injuries. Guttmann firmly believed sport could be used to build physical strength and lift both self-esteem and self-respect in the wounded servicemen.

To that end, he organized an athletic event for disabled athletes to coincide with the London 1948 Olympics, which became known as the Stoke Mandeville Games. Guttmann pushed on the Stoke Mandeville Games for several years and by 1953 it became international when Dutch war veterans also decided to compete. It wasn't long before the German doctor caught the attention of Olympic officials and was allowed to take 400 athletes from 23 countries to the 1960 Rome games and compete in a set of events parallel to the games for disabled athletes. Thus the Paralympics was born (para, meaning along side, as in parallel, not para as in paraplegic).

In 2001, agreements between the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, which formed in 1989, ensured that the Paralympic games would be held the same year as the Olympics and use the same sites and facilities. Guttmann could have never imaged that his humble beginnings would one day become the second largest sporting event in the world with London having 4,200 athletes from 166 countries from around the globe these past few weeks.

Sept. 9 was the final day of what has been an unforgettable Paralympic Games. I had been in London to cover the Paralympics for the Santa Monica Daily Press, attending a number of events every day throughout the 11-day event and words cannot describe the London 2012 experience. People showed up in the tens of thousands to support the athletes in the 20 Paralympic sports, creating an electric atmosphere throughout the many exciting venues that were the exact same venues where the Olympics took place just two weeks earlier. Shocking as it was to the media and organizers, the 80,000 seat Olympic Stadium where the opening and closing ceremonies were held and the athletic competitions took place, were sold out for two sessions a day, and tickets were hard to come by for almost every game of the 20 different sporting events; 2.7 million tickets were sold, 90,000 more than at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008.

London's 2012 Paralympics ended with a fiery finale and official handover to 2016 host, Rio de Janeiro, to what organizers say has been "the greatest Paralympic Games ever." While declaring the 2012 Paralympics closed, International Paralympic Committee President Sir Philip Craven said: "These games have changed us all forever."

The motto of the London Paralympics was "Inspire a Generation" (which it did), but from what I experienced this was the "Inspired Generation."

Unfortunately NBC coverage was only 5 1/2 hours compared to 400 from the British Channel 4, an embarrassment for NBC and the media in general, but more on that later.

Please tune in this Sunday, Sept. 16, to NBC 4 for their wrap-up coverage of the 2012 Paralympic Games to show your support. It's a 90-minute special, airing at 11 a.m. our time. I promise you will find the competition just as fierce and the triumphs just as uplifting as the Olympics, with stories about people you will care about. To learn more please go to www.paralympic.org/

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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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What question do you think would make the City Council candidates squirm and why?

Here are your responses:

"WHAT I WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO KNOW is, how these local politicians have the moxie to stand up before the citizens and run for office again, given the horrible mess on every level they have made of this once great city? Also, how do they sleep at night?"

"I WOULD ASK THE CANDIDATES DO YOU now or have you ever smoked marijuana either for medicinal or recreational purposes, or in any other form?"

"IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT IN Santa Monica if you want to play you have to pay. Therefore all functionaries of our so-called city government, elected and appointed, should publish their names and the names and or businesses from those whom they accept bribes. These people are shameless, so they would not be shamed by revealing their unethical and in some case illegal behavior. Indeed they would keep right on and ask for more."

"WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO BRING BACK the Christmas displays on Ocean Avenue?"

"HOW IS IT THAT THE OFFICE OF Sustainability can have grant money to train the general public on illegal gray water, yet there's no money for the Office of Emergency Management to help train the public on how to help and protect themselves in case of a natural disaster. How is it we have money for things that are unproven and questionably illegal, and push it and advertise it, but yet the Office of Emergency Management only has three people and they are booked for the next year to train people because they don't have any money?"

"THE FIRST QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE you lived in Santa Monica? Number two: Where did you buy your last car? Was it in Santa Monica? Same with other big ticket items. These taxes support the asinine spending system in this town. Number three: Are the anti-smoking and plastic bag bans important to you, even during a depression? Number four: Are you happy with these stupid bike lanes that are supposed to cure transportation gridlock because the bumbling, biased council has tax, spending and overdevelopment problems. Number five: Are you an individual thinker or progressive dupe? Number six: Do you believe Santa Monica should be a simple beach community or an identical extension of a dreadful Los Angeles?"

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"I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ASK THE CITY Council candidates, do you believe in God?"

"I THINK THEY SHOULD DISCLOSE THE exact amount of money they are taking from developers, such as bribes. That is the core problem of Santa Monica; the money going to council members causing development and traffic chaos."

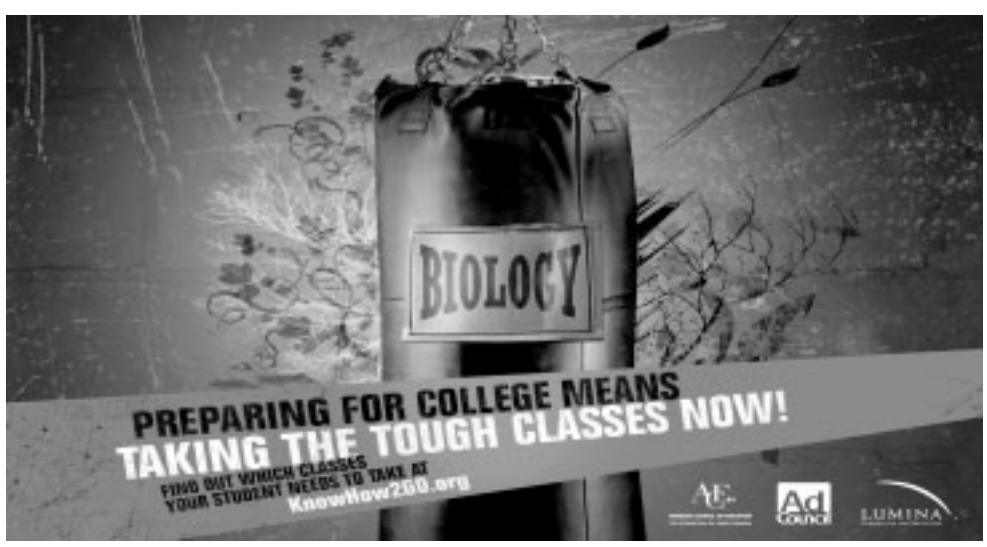
"WHY DON'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT all the drunken bums?"

"I WOULD ASK THEM WHAT THEY PLAN TO do to keep pension and healthcare costs from skyrocketing. It's only a matter of time before that becomes unbearable."

"I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO about the traffic and all the development that is taking place in our once quiet town. Will they vote to put a cap on the amount of commercial development in our city?"

"WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO DEAL WITH the homeless situation? We have far too many people sleeping in our parks and on our streets. Some are in need, but others, I think, believe Santa Monica is a haven offering free lunches and a place to sleep. We need to make the distinction and help those who are truly in need."

"IN WHICH DEVELOPER'S POCKET WILL YOU find yourself after the election?"







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Irving S. Reed

Passes Away



IRVING STOY REED - (November 12, 1923 – September 11, 2012)

Emeritus Professor Irving S. Reed passed away on September 11, 2012, at the age of 88. Professor Reed was a member of the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering faculty from 1963 until his retirement in 1993 as Powell Chair of Engineering Emeritus.

Professor Reed was one of the truly outstanding engineers of the past century, who made fundamental contributions to digital computers, communications, and radar. His many major awards included election to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (1979), to the grade of Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) (1973), to the receipt of its Hamming Award for Communications (1989), and the Shannon Prize, its highest award for Information Theory. In 1995, he shared with the late Gustave Solomon the IEEE's Masaru Ibuka Award for their invention of Reed-Solomon Codes, for decades the most widely used system for protecting the integrity of both stored and transmitted data. In 1998, he also received the IEEE's Golden Jubilee Award for Technological Innovation.

Professor Reed received his academic degrees (including the Ph.D.) from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on board the USS Duncan (DD-485) from 1945 to 1946. Upon discharge from the Navy, while still a graduate student at Caltech, Professor Reed participated in the creation of one of the very first digital computers, Northrop Aviation's Magnetic Drum Digital Differential Analyzer (MADDIDA), used to control the guidance system for the Snark cruise missile. (Professor Reed and members of his team flew the device to Princeton for a demonstration for mathematician John von Neumann.)

At MIT's Lincoln Laboratories (1951-1960), Professor Reed pioneered in three crucial areas: the development of computer programming languages, the theory of radar design and performance, and the Reed-Muller and Reed-Solomon codes for protecting digital information.

After three years (1960-1963) at the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, Professor Reed joined the faculty at the University of Southern California (USC) in 1963, where he spent the remainder of his career, retiring in 1993.

At USC, Professor Reed was a key faculty member in the departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and a founding member of both the Signal and Image Processing Institute and the Communication Sciences Institute. With his graduate students, he continued to develop improved decoding algorithms for error-correcting codes, as well as the data compression methods that became the basis for jpeg and the AOL system. Millions of people today enjoy the benefits of Professor Reed's many inventions and contributions of technology, without being aware of their remarkable benefactor.

Professor Reed was a lifelong aviation enthusiast and student of history. He is survived by his wife Bernice; his two sons; his ten grandchildren; his four great-grandchildren; and a myriad of past students who carry on his work today.

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The Re-View

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GREENS: **The corn and avocado salad at Farmshop in Brentwood offers an interesting twist.**

It's not summer without salads

I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT HAMBURGERS, steaks, pasta and pastrami, but what about what the ladies eat for lunch — salad? After all, 50 percent of my readers are ladies.

But there is one complication with this topic, and it's a significant one. See salads have radically changed over the past year or two in West Los Angeles, which makes it difficult to actually determine what makes a salad a salad.

I used to think that a salad was lettuce with something on it. It could be chicken, seafood, even steak. But lately I'm seeing a lot of salads without any lettuce. Take, for example, the tomato and burrata cheese salads now popular in Italian restaurants. And many restaurants are serving grains, fruits and vegetables in various combinations as no-lettuce salads.

There are still a lot of traditional salads being served. The Cobb salad, made famous at the Brown Derby in Hollywood, is still served all over town. But the Cobb salad at Tavern, in Brentwood, is nothing like the traditional Cobb: it has corn and vegetables instead of bacon and turkey.

And what about that Caesar salad of yesteryear, made famous by a waiter in Ensenada, Mexico. In the good old days of tableside service it was so much fun to watch the waiter mix the anchovies, garlic and olive oil, then the egg yolk, and finally the pulled lettuce. Does anyone even eat anchovies now, except on pizza?

Having realized that I was out of touch with the times, I asked West Los Angeles folks where to go for the best salads. Many said Farmshop. A few said Tavern. A few, knowing that I consult to it, said Maison Giraud. And a few, knowing I eat there often, said Riviera Country Club. Surprisingly, few named anywhere else. Then a friend mentioned Loews Hotel on the beach. And yes, these are places where I do see a number of slim, attractive ladies having their luncheon salads. So I went to each one and ordered all of the salads on the menu, took pictures and made notes. I don't think my editor realizes what a difficult task it is to write these articles.

As a 1950s guy, I was quite comfortable with the salads at Riviera Country Club. The Cobb salad was of the traditional kind (too much to eat, so I ordered a half salad, which was plenty). I had them mix it, because otherwise I get stuff all over the table. There was bacon, turkey, tomatoes, hard-boiled eggs and lots of lettuce. There was a choice of dressing. It was the same as I remember in the '50s.

The salmon salad, the seared ahi tuna salad and the steak salad were equally traditional, although no one I knew ate almost-raw tuna in my childhood. The Bombay chicken salad was really a fruit plate plus a delicious half papaya filled with chicken bites and sliced almonds in a lightly curried mayonnaise. But these were all lettuce-based salads with the star of the show on top of mixed greens.

There was a similar Cobb salad at Maison Giraud, but smaller. The star here, for me, was the smoked salmon Caesar. I like Caesar salads anyway, and I love smoked salmon, but never had the two combined before. It was a really nice combination. Chef Giraud also serves a traditional Nicoise salad, with special canned tuna from Italy. My son Spencer's favorite here is the duck prosciutto, melon and fig salad — sounds delicious but I haven't tried it yet. And finally, in keeping with the modern times, there is an all-organic vegetable salad — without lettuce.

The salmon salad at Tavern in Brentwood was about the same as the one at Riviera, but the salmon was much less cooked — almost raw — and the dressing had more vinaigrette. There were undercooked (crunchy) green beans, hard boiled eggs that were better than most because they were not overcooked, and tender beets. But the greens looked a little tired, and the vinaigrette was a bit acidic. There was a farro salad on the menu, and I saw the Cobb, which looked better, with corn, chic peas, no turkey or bacon, and lots of seasonal veggies. I love the big, spacious room with the glass ceiling, but in general I would skip the salads here and order the hamburger with onion rings. That's what the fellow next to me had and it was hard for me not to reach over and try to exchange plates with him. And at Tavern you are really shoulder-to-shoulder with the people at the next table, and it's easy to join in on their conversation. But it would be gauche to reach over and exchange plates.

The star of the salad adventure was Farmshop. Here is a large selection of unique and wonderful combinations, called salads. I started with the crispy, smoke-flavored artichokes, with soft burrata cheese, roasted peach quarters, lemon cucumber, toasted almonds and pea shoots. What a wonderful combination of flavors. This was one of my best salad experiences.

The corn and avocado salad was equally creative: a mix of very ripe avocado, nicely acidic cherry tomatoes, some kernels of corn and smoky farro grains. Another great combination of textures and flavors.

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The albacore tuna salad was a bit less to my taste, and I would consider it more a canned tuna open-faced sandwich with coleslaw on the side. The tuna was of excellent quality (American brand canned tuna), but it's not a salad.

And the poached chicken salad was also made from excellent quality ingredients, but was neither as creative nor as flavorful as some of the other dishes. I am not a fan of large heads of lettuce that require a lot of cutting on the plate, and this was a head of romaine lettuce with a nicely sliced chicken breast down the middle of the plate. Again we have a definition issue; I would call this sliced chicken breast with romaine lettuce on the side, not a salad. But if you cut up the lettuce and mixed it up with the chicken, it would be, to me, a salad. It's a subtle difference.

Finally I got to Loews where Chef Keith Roberts came over to explain his philosophy of salads. They should be fresh and each should have some special identifiable flavor that is out of the ordinary. Before we got the salads, we were served "swizzle sticks," delicious thin wonton skins wrapped around chicken and vegetable pate, fried and served with a red pepper paprika dip. You see what I mean: it started off with something different.

Each of the four salads I had at Loews was excellent. The Cobb was traditional, not mixed and not chopped, but very good — just not out of the ordinary. The other four salads were in fact unusually creative and delicious.

The spinach leaf and grilled scallop salad is dressed with a ginger soy dressing, and decorated with wedges of mandarin orange. The combination of all these flavors makes for a fine taste experience, a bit reminiscent of India.

Next was, perhaps the best of all the Loews salads, heirloom tomato slices around a large half of an avocado, filled with crab salad. Something about the seasoning of the crab salad made it wonderful, and I love this combination — a new take on the traditional crab Louie.

Next we were served a tamarind marinated shrimp and papaya salad in a mild curry dressing, slices of cucumber, lime and yogurt in the dressing and Indonesian papadum chips — very much like being in a first-class hotel in Mumbai.

Finally, my friend John's favorite, chilled rock lobster and melon martini salad, made from Tehachapi sweet summer melons with a yogurt glaze, which reminded him of the ambrosia salads of yesteryear.

All of the salads were priced between $12 and $19, with the seafood salads the most expensive.

So what did I learn from all this? We've come a long way baby! Once you set your sights on salads in West Los Angeles there are a lot of possibilities. And I haven't even begun to talk about all the Middle Eastern salads with hummus, eggplant, etc. Another time perhaps.

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IN A GLASS: **The chilled rock lobster and melon martini salad at Loews, where Chef Keith Roberts believes a salad should be fresh and have some special, identifiable flavor that is out of the ordinary.**



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FOOTBALL
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While the Vikings couldn't move the ball, Mater Dei too was limited on offense for much of the first half.

"My hat goes off to Santa Monica," said Mater Dei head coach Bruce Rollinson. "They played pretty good defense that first half."

Problem was, they didn't have enough on offense to make use of the slow Mater Dei start.

It seemed that Samohi would enter halftime fortunate to hold Mater Dei to just 7 points. But the Monarchs would take a punt from Samohi and march the ball down field, capping the drive with a 19-yard pass from quarterback Chase Forest to tight end Thomas Duarte.

Samohi would again be forced into a three-and-out situation, punting the ball away with just 50 seconds to go in the first half, down 10-0.

Mater Dei wasn't done and again made their way downfield with kicker Tim Strader booting a 25-yard field goal as the half came to an end.

From there, it just got worse for the Vikings as Mater Dei dominated the second half.

Samohi's Clark said that he'll use the game as a teaching tool as the Vikings prepare for another Southern California power, Valencia, on Friday.

"We just didn't execute," said Samohi senior wide receiver Sebastian LaRue. "Mater Dei played a great game."

Friday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Santa Monica College.

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There was concern that the sculpture's structure had deteriorated and may collapse.

Officials began a process to remove the work from Santa Monica's public art collection rather than pay for repairs, which they estimated could cost between $227,372 and $423,172.

The sculpture is a massive creation with a steel skeleton under fiberglass. On top of the fiberglass are numerous chain links that swarm up the piece to form a mushroom cloud. Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad designed the sculpture as an anti-nuclear symbol.

It was installed in the Civic Center in 1991, and has stood there exposed to wind, weather and the marine environment without issue until now.

Although mainly positive about the statue's condition, the Green report did note that fiberglass at the top that was likely sprayed on over a wire frame to form the mushroom cloud shape had deteriorated somewhat as a result of exposure to ultraviolet light, causing it to be more brittle than normal.

"If no action is taken the fiberglass, the connections between the copper links and the fiberglass will continue to deteriorate, probably at an accelerating rate," the report reads. "It will be like being on a slippery slope."

Left alone, the sculpture might last another 10 years, it said, and with a basic maintenance program, it could last as long as two more decades.

That would include repairing any leaks in the top of the mushroom cloud, repainting the fiberglass to reduce the impact of ultraviolet light and help reverse some deterioration, ensuring that the chains were supported and removing "inappropriate" connectors like steel wires.

In a memo to City Manager Rod Gould, Takiguchi recommended a much more aggressive approach.

Takiguchi suggested supplementing the "minimum program" of maintenance recommended by the firm to include the removal of the mushroom cloud from the statue so more testing and maintenance could be done, analysis of welded plates and maintenance of structural steel pieces that have shown mild to severe corrosion as a result of the statue's exposure to the salty air and elements.

Takiguchi also recommended the immediate replacement of the fiberglass covering of the dome, including the base mesh that showed some rust.

According to an estimate by Peter Carlson, whose company originally fabricated the work, maintenance like Takiguchi described would cost between $250,000 and $275,000. A complete rebuild of the exterior of the sculpture for long-term conservation could cost as much as $450,000.

That's well above the roughly $3,000 that activists working to save the structure have been able to raise.

Dave Conrad, Paul Conrad's son, did not want to comment for this article on the advice of his lawyer Kenneth Kutcher, a Santa Monica land-use attorney who took on the case.

In past conversations, however, Dave Conrad has expressed frustration with City Hall for giving activists six months to raise money to save the sculpture, but keeping the clock to November ticking before coming up with an accurate accounting of what it would cost to repair it.

That was an impediment for major donors and grants, Conrad said.

Conrad, peace activist Jerry Rubin and Kutcher met with Gould Friday to discuss the future of the piece.

City Hall won't take over fundraising for the piece, although it might be willing to pay for a barrier or "peace garden" around it if supporters can handle the rest, Gould said Friday.

It wouldn't even be necessary for them to raise the money if they could get someone to do the work pro bono, he said.

"If you've got someone who can do this work according to modern specifications, absolutely," Gould said. "This isn't about fundraising. This is about making the sculpture safe for a decade or more."

In a letter issued Friday afternoon, Rubin said that he was "heartbroken" by the meeting.

Rubin has been fasting for 80 days to bring attention to the need to save and restore the statue.

"I will continue to fast indefinitely, as well as continue to work with the Conrad family and others in the community on this important public art, landmarking and peace-related endeavor," Rubin said.

On Monday, the Landmarks Commission discussed "Chain Reaction" and City Hall's responsibility to it as an official city landmark and the possibility of landmarking a piece of ground underneath it to further protect the work.

Commissioners did not take direct action on Monday, instead endorsing a "wait and see" approach.

Commissioner John Berley described the sculpture's situation as "still in flux."

"What I would recommend is to have this on the radar as more information becomes available and we understand the nature of how all of this will unfold," Berley said.

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Common Sense vs. Santa Monica City Hall.
An Update on the AIDS Walk Ads.



We offer you this report back on the City of Santa Monica's refusal to run AIDS Walk Los Angeles ads on the Big Blue Bus.

The news is mixed, and AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) continues to fight the good fight.

Mayor Richard Bloom did not provide effective leadership on this matter. His public remarks were conflicting, confusing, and lacking in vision and determination.

Judge for yourself:

From the Los Angeles Times…

"Although Bloom said the topic warranted discussion on free speech grounds, he said he was concerned that buses could become a forum for 'counterproductive speech.'"

– Los Angeles Times (September 12)

From the transcript of Tuesday night's City Council meeting…

"I wanted to bring this to the Council so that we could have a full discussion, and ask staff, if we want to, to come back with information and alternatives and recommendations with respect to what we can and can't do with Big Blue Bus advertising."

– Mayor Richard Bloom, *City Council Meeting (September 11)*

Mayor Bloom sought to placate AIDS Walk supporters, avoid standing up to the unelected administrative staff he is responsible for overseeing, and dodge the tough call. The result was predictable.

We want to express our deep appreciation to Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, both of whom were able to articulate the issue and show leadership in advocating for this common sense position.

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AIDS Walk Los Angeles ads are on L.A. buses right now – just as similar ads were on San Francisco buses this summer and New York buses last spring. Sadly, the unelected executives at Santa Monica City Hall have it wrong. And they now have a record of avoiding meetings with constituents. So it is up to each of us to take action.

Like hundreds of other Santa Monicans, we walk in AIDS Walk Los Angeles each year in appreciation and support of APLA.

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CANDIDATES

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are also fears about a lack of proper runway safety areas to guard against overruns.

Efforts to curb operations at the airport have been met with stiff opposition from the Federal Aviation Administration, particularly in light of a 30-year agreement made in 1984 which obligated City Hall to run the airport.

The agreement expires in 2015, when City Hall and the FAA will have to go back to the bargaining table for what could be another big fight, one which many believe will involve extensive litigation.

While fiery comments like McKinnon's were well-received, the audience and its moderator were not so easily convinced of the candidates' fervor.

A series of five (multi-part) questions that followed quickly demonstrated who kept up with SMO issues and who followed the headlines.

While all stressed the need for safety — both from crashes and pollution — only a handful, including incumbents Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis, Planning Commissioners Ted Winterer and McKinnon and former columnist Frank Gruber, seemed comfortable talking about more esoteric topics like the City Council's "proprietary rights" over the airport and the possibility of regulating emissions from the airport using the "indirect source review," a lengthy process that requires the cooperation of outside agencies to pull off.

Others reiterated their personal experiences with the airport, particularly those like Winterer and former Councilmember Tony Vazquez who live near enough to the airport to be impacted by the planes.

Sitting council members came into the conversation with one hand tied behind their backs.

Although they were knowledgeable on many details of airport policy — and knew more than anyone in the audience about the closed-door negotiations between City Hall and the Federal Aviation Administration — some hold them accountable for not doing enough to cut operations at the airport or shut it down.

City officials say they are limited in what they can do because the FAA has won in court on major issues like an attempt to ban jets.

While she's ready to go back to court with the FAA if need be, watching previous attempts go sour has caused Gleam Davis to approach the matter with caution.

"I'm happy to litigate, but I want to make sure that what we get out of the litigation is what this community needs," Gleam Davis said.

Both O'Day and Gleam Davis also voted in support of a visioning process for the future of the airport which many members of the community believe is fundamentally flawed. Even Jerry Rubin (Martin Rubin's brother, three-time candidate for City Council and general optimist on city matters) called the process "myopic."

Council and city officials have also come under fire for shelving ideas put forward by the Airport Commission, an advisory body that has spent much of the last year researching new ways to limit what goes on at the airport.

That can include charging pilots to land there or imposing a requirement that pilots carry additional kinds of insurance.

The issue of landing fees will go before the council in October, O'Day pointed out.

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That kind of out-of-the-box thinking is just what a commission should do, although council members cannot always go along with it, Gruber said.

"I want the commission to be wild and crazy, to be the bad cop. You want the commission being out there really pushing the envelope thinking about things, but not thinking that everything will be adopted by the City Council," Gruber said.

Although the group seemed to find consensus on the point that something should be done with the airport, they were divided on exactly what, particularly now that local redevelopment finances have been dealt a death blow by the state.

John Smith, a former news producer with NBC, cautioned that although the community hates the airport, they would have to step lightly to ensure they didn't end up with something as bad or worse.

"I don't want to see another Playa Vista in the heart of Santa Monica," Smith said, referring to a large housing development near Marina del Rey that was opposed by Santa Monicans. "I don't want to trade one problem for another problem."

Other ideas ranged from an arboretum (McKinnon), not developing the space at all and using the runway as a farmer's market (Steve Duron) or even growing medical marijuana in the hangars (Jon Mann).

Although there was a certain amount of "preaching to the choir," the forum got high praise from Marcia Hanscomb of the Angeles chapter of the Sierra Club.

"These forums have changed the level of political discourse in a positive way," Hanscomb said.

The goal is to educate the public about airport related issues, Martin Rubin said Friday.

CRAAP will review the recording of the meeting and decide whether or not the organization wants to endorse anyone in the upcoming election.

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Anger for Islam ties players behind prophet film

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

DUARTE, Calif. The shared belief that radical Islam threatens the world brought together an ex-convict, an insurance salesman and a Christian charity in production of a crudely crafted film that ridicules Muslims and the prophet Muhammad and has incited violent protests across the Middle East.

Media for Christ, a nonprofit that raised more than $1 million last year "to glow Jesus' light" to the world, was listed as the production company for the film. Steve Klein, a California insurance salesman and Vietnam War veteran who has spent years protesting at mosques and espousing hatred of radical Muslims, acted as the film's promoter.

And Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, who authorities say has used multiple names and was convicted of bank fraud, says he managed logistics for the film.

Federal authorities have identified Nakoula as the key figure behind the film. A federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday that authorities had connected Nakoula to a man using the pseudonym of Sam Bacile who claimed earlier to be writer and director of the film.

Most of "Innocence of Muslims" was shot in about two weeks inside a squat warehouse that serves as the offices of Media for Christ, according to Eric Moers, who served as chief electrician for the production.

What prompted Media for Christ's involvement isn't known because the organizations' leaders have not spoken publicly. And much about the film remains a mystery, notably who financed it.

Media for Christ, which produces a program called "The Way TV," reported spending nearly $650,000 on "TV recording production" in 2011. But the organization did not break down those costs so it's unclear if any of that money was spent on the film.

The clumsily produced film, which looks like a spoof, alternately portrays Muhammad as a fraud, a womanizer and a child molester. Despite its poor production value, the film would have cost at least tens of thousands of dollars to make because of the equipment used and the professional actors and stage hands who were hired.

The permit, issued by Film LA, could have cost under $1,000 though details aren't known because the document has been sealed at the request of federal law enforcement officials.

Moers said the film took 15 to 16 days to shoot and 90 percent of the work was done at the Media for Christ studios. He said one day was spent at a movie ranch in Santa Clarita, and one day was spent filming at the home of the man he knew as Bacile.

Most of the film was shot using a backdrop to simulate other locations. The crew members received sheets with the scenes each day — never a full script — and Moers said there was no mention of the word "Muhammad" throughout the filming. Other actors have come forward to say references to Muhammad were dubbed after the film was shot and they had no idea the film would be so denigrating.

"I'd say this was the most unprofessional professional film I've worked on," said Moers, who estimated the cost of production at $100,000. "I don't think anyone took it seriously."

He said he was paid with a check issued on the account of Abanob Basseley Nakoula, the 20-year-old son of the purported filmmaker.

While Klein has granted a steady stream of interviews and is unapologetic for the film, Nakoula has disappeared since talking to an Associated Press reporter in his driveway Wednesday. And Media for Christ President Joseph N. Abdelmasih — a Coptic Christian originally from Egypt — has not spoken publicly.

Tax records for the charity do not identify any donors other than Abdelmasih, who lent the organization at least $30,000. He did not return phone messages and an email sent to the charity. Kamal Rizk, listed as vice president on federal records, did not return several phone messages.

Abdelmasih, a Christian originally from Egypt, has spoken out against radical Islam and participated in a protest against a proposal to build a mosque and Islamic cultural center near the World Trade Center site.

The Media for Christ offices are located just off a freeway and next to a mall with big-box stores in the quiet Los Angeles suburb of Duarte. There is no sign on the building identifying the nonprofit.

City Manager Darrell George said Media for Christ held a valid business license since 2006 and no issues had ever come up, until authorities confirmed earlier this week that the group was listed on the film permit.

One of Klein's platforms was a weekly show on Media for Christ's satellite network, The Way TV, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Klein has a long history of anti-Muslim activities. He founded Courageous Christians United, which conducts protests outside abortion clinics, Mormon temples and mosques. He also started Concerned Citizens for the First Amendment, which preaches against Muslims and publishes volumes of anti-Muslim propaganda that Klein distributes. The Southern Poverty Law Center says they have been tracking Klein for several years and have labeled two of the organizations he is affiliated with as hate groups.

First otter to survive oil spill has a pup

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Just three years after she was found covered in oil and near death, a California sea otter called Olive is a new mom — another milestone for the first otter to survive an oiling in the state.

The California Department of Fish and Game said Friday that "Olive the Oiled Otter" was spotted recently swimming on her back with a pup resting on her belly.

"Olive is an attentive mother, frequently grooming, nursing and holding her pup," the agency said in a statement.

The birth continued the remarkable story of the animal rescued in 2009 from a beach near Santa Cruz. It also was welcome news following a recent state and federal study that found tepid growth of the threatened California sea otter population on the Central Coast.

Scientists say oil is especially harmful to the species that has the thickest coat of any

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mammal. When the animal's coat is damaged by oil, its skin is exposed to cold water, which can lead to hypothermia and death because otters don't have a layer of blubber like other marine mammals.

The U.S. Geological Survey said there are 2,792 sea otters left in the California population, which spans more than 200 miles of the Central Coast, from Morro Bay to Half Moon Bay.

The animals once ranged from Mexico to Alaska, but they were hunted to near extinction in the early 20th century for their fur.

David Jessup, a veterinarian with the state wildlife agency who washed Olive, said the animal was "circling the drain" when she arrived.

"She was in very bad condition," Jessup said. "She had probably been oiled for some period of time and (had) not eaten."

For the previous two years, he had been researching techniques for washing oil off otters — the Monterey coast sees regular natural seepage, which likely was the source of Olive's oil.

Jessup and others bathed the otter in olive oil — hence the name — which he'd found could loosen the tar-like oil off the thick fur. Once cleaned, Olive was fed by Jessup and his staff.

After she recovered, Olive was outfitted with a microchip and transmitter and released back into the wild, where scientists have tracked and studied her.

Veterinarians understand the immediate health effects of oil on wildlife, but little is known about long-term impacts.

That makes Olive and her baby especially interesting to marine biologists.

"Few animals are available for long-term follow-up," said Bill Van Bonn, a veterinarian at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, which rescues and rehabilitates marine mammals. "It illustrates the value of rehabilitation work."

Scientists discovered Olive was pregnant when she was brought in for a checkup and new transmitter in early August. Afterward, she moved from a Capitola surf spot she had been frequenting in recent months and became hard to find for a few weeks.

On Sept. 7, her transmitter beacon showed she had returned to her regular spot amid the kelp and surfers. When scientists went to check on her, Olive was floating on her back, cuddling her pup.

Since her release, Olive has gained a Facebook following, with hundreds of people offering congratulatory comments to the new mom.

STATE BRIEFS

TWIN RIVERS, Calif.

Teacher accused of watching porn in school

A substitute teacher in Northern California is under investigation following accusations that he was watching pornography at an elementary school.

The Sacramento Bee reports that a junior high school-age student at Orchard Elementary School in Rio Linda reported seeing a nude person on the male substitute teacher's computer screen earlier this week.

His name has not been released.

Twin Rivers Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Tom Janis says parents have been notified and the substitute teacher has been banned from their campuses until the investigation is completed.

Janis declined to discuss the incident or the teacher's history with the district citing the ongoing investigation.

Janis says while the teacher can still work in other districts, they will notify those other districts if the allegation turns out to be true.

–ASSOCIATED PRESS

BURLINGAME, Calif.

Teen charged in school threat

Authorities say a Burlingame teenager who e-mailed a bomb threat to her high school has been sentenced to two weeks in county jail and three years' probation.

The San Mateo County District Attorney's office says 19-year-old Christine Nicole Azzolino was sentenced on Wednesday after admitting to using another student's account to send a message to administrators at Burlingame High School about having a gun and a bomb in February, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

Authorities locked down the school immediately after Azzolino sent the e-mail, evacuating students and searching the premises with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Azzolino would tell investigators that the threat had no merit. She pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge of falsely reporting a bomb in July.

Azzolino must also attend 32 hours of counseling in addition to her jail time and probation.

She returns to court to discuss restitution in November.

– AP

MORENO VALLEY, Calif.

Deal reached in former military land dispute

Environmentalists get protection for endangered kangaroo rats and developers get the OK to build an industrial center in a deal ending a lengthy Southern California court fight over use of former military land.

The nearly decade-old dispute focused on about 1,200 acres west of March Air Reserve Base in the Moreno Valley area of Riverside County.

The settlement reached this week leaves 660 acres of the former military property as habitat for the endangered Stephens' kangaroo rat, designates 424 acres for industrial development and leaves 91 acres for a park.

Until environmentalists sued, the Riverside Press-Enterprise says the March Joint Powers Authority planned to use nearly all of the property, which is now covered with brush and bush, for an industrial center and park.

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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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Ryan works to sell Romney to social conservatives

BY KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan said Friday that he's given Mitt Romney some personal advice: talk more about yourself.

"I'm not the only one who has told Mitt that maybe he needs to talk more about himself and his life," the Wisconsin congressman told an audience of social conservatives gathered for the yearly Values Voters Summit. "It wouldn't hurt if voters knew more of those little things that reveal a man's heart and his character."

Romney, who spoke to the gathering last year but took a pass this time, dispatched Ryan to appear on his behalf before this core part of the GOP base. Social conservatives and evangelical Christians never have fully warmed to the former Massachusetts governor, given his Mormon faith and past reversals on social issues they hold dear. But Ryan is one of their own: a Catholic with an unblemished anti-abortion voting record in Congress and a reputation as a crusader for fiscal conservatism.

In his 30-minute speech, Ryan sought to energize these so-called values voters — a key portion of the GOP base that Romney's campaign needs to help organize voters and turn out in droves for him in November.

He also delivered a blistering critique of President Barack Obama's position on abortion, saying the president stands for an "absolute, unqualified right to abortion."

Ryan also discussed his own religion, saying: "I am a Catholic, not because anyone has ordered me to accept a creed, but because of the grace and truth revealed in my faith — and that's how we all feel about the faiths we hold." He received several standing ovations during the address. Two protesters who interrupted him and were quickly escorted out of the hotel ballroom where Ryan spoke.

At several points during his remarks, Ryan appeared to try to sell Romney to skeptics in the audience, which remained mostly silent as Ryan spoke about the nominee. He capped his remarks with a testament to Romney's values.

Ryan called Romney a "trustworthy, faithful and honorable man" who is "not only a defender of marriage — he offers an example of marriage at its best."

"He's a man who could easily have contented himself with giving donations to needy causes, but everyone who knows him well will tell you that Mitt has always given himself," Ryan said. "He's one of those guys who doesn't just exhort and oversee good works, but shows up and does the work."

Ryan also called Romney "a modest man with a charitable heart, a doer and a promise-keeper."

Some social conservatives said they were impressed with Romney's selection of Ryan, saying it helped this part of the Republican base begin to fall in line behind Romney.

"When he came on board there was tremendous energy from the grass roots," said Bryan Fischer, an official with the American Family Association.

"It was a bold pick," said Tony Perkins, head of the Family Research Council, which spearheads the Values Voters Summit. "With Ryan comes, as you heard here today, a very strong statement."

Perkins, a former Louisiana state lawmaker, said the imperative to beat Obama is great enough to overcome any objections evangelical voters may have about Romney. He said he's reaching out to the network of pastors he previously had tapped to help former Sen. Rick Santorum, a Romney rival, during the primary campaign, and is urging them to help Romney in the general election.

In an interview, Perkins said he met alone with Romney about two months ago, and they discussed the difference between Romney's Mormonism and the evangelical community Perkins belongs to.

"He and I have talked about this. When it comes to evangelicals, and Mormons, we have theological differences, and they're significant, and we're not going to gloss over those," Perkins said. "But we have a shared concern for this country. And we have a shared set of values that can help get the nation back on track. And that's what he is emphasizing and that's what I think he needs to continue to emphasize to draw social conservatives into his campaign."

Others, though, accused Romney's campaign of limiting Ryan's role in the campaign — and by extension hurting outreach to social conservatives.

"The biggest mistake is they've put a bag over Paul Ryan's head," said Fischer, who had sparked controversy previously by criticizing the Mormon faith. That's the biggest mistake they've made. They've put a sock in Paul Ryan's mouth."

Judge strikes down anti-union law

BY SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. A Wisconsin judge on Friday struck down the state law championed by Gov. Scott Walker that effectively ended collective bargaining rights for most public workers.

It was not clear if the ruling means the law is immediately suspended. The law took away nearly all collective bargaining rights from most workers and has been in effect for more than a year.

Dane County Circuit Judge Juan Colas ruled that the law violates both the state and U.S. Constitution and is null and void. The ruling comes after a lawsuit brought by the Madison teachers union and a union for Milwaukee city employees.

Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie said he was confident the decision will be overturned on appeal.

"We believe the law is constitutional," said Department of Justice spokeswoman Dana Brueck.

Lester Pines, an attorney for Madison Teachers Inc., did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

The proposal was introduced shortly after Walker took office in February last year. It resulted in a firestorm of opposition and led to huge protests at the state Capitol that lasted for weeks. All 14 Democratic state senators fled the state to Illinois for three weeks in an ultimately failed attempt to stop the law's passage from the Republican-controlled Legislature.

Anger over the law's passage led to an effort to recall Walker from office. More than 930,000 signatures were collected triggering the June recall election. Walker won and became the first governor in U.S. history to survive a recall.

Fed seeking to create wealth, not just cut rates

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER & PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve wasn't just trying to drive down interest rates when it announced a third round of bond purchases Thursday.

It also wants to make people feel wealthier — and more willing to spend.

The idea is for the Fed's $40 billion-a-month in bond purchases to lower interest rates and cause stock and home prices to rise, creating a "wealth effect" that would boost the economy.

And "if people feel that their financial situation is better because their 401(k) looks better or for whatever reason — their house is worth more — they're more willing to go out and spend," Chairman Ben Bernanke told reporters. "That's going to provide the demand that firms need in order to be willing to hire and to invest."

Sure enough, stocks have surged since the Fed announced plans to buy mortgage bonds as long as it feels necessary — a policy known as "quantitative easing," or QE. And since Bernanke gave a speech Aug. 31 more or less confirming that QE3 was on the way, the Dow Jones industrial average has jumped more than 500 points, about 4 percent.

Stocks tend to rise when investors expect lower interest rates. In part, that's because some investors shift money out of low-yielding bonds and into stocks, which are riskier but offer potentially higher returns. And lower rates can spark more spending and boost corporate profits.

Still, economists say the wealth effect from higher stock prices tends to be modest. And some caution that home prices might not rise much as long as many would-be buyers can't qualify for mortgages.

In addition to the bond purchases, the Fed said it expects to keep short-term rates super-low at least through mid-2015, six months longer than it previously planned. And it said it would probably hold rates low even after the economic recovery has strengthened — a sign that it will intervene until the economy starts growing fast enough to reduce unemployment sharply.

As a result of the Fed's latest moves, Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, expects the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage to fall in the next several months to near 3 percent from 3.55 percent now. Lower rates could trigger another wave of refinancing, which would give people more money to spend.

If lower mortgage rates boost home sales and prices, they could contribute to the wealth effect: Americans whose homes rise in value would be more willing to spend.

The combination of more refinancings and increased household wealth will help the economy quickly but only modestly, Zandi predicts. The Fed's moves should lower unemployment (8.1 percent in August) by up to 0.3 percentage point by the end of 2013, he says.

Many economists worry that the Fed is reaching a point of diminishing returns after nearly four years of aggressive efforts to help the economy. Bernanke himself urged everyone to keep expectations in check.

"I personally don't think that it's going to solve the problem," he said Thursday. "But I do think it has enough force to help nudge the economy in the right direction."

Every $1 increase in stock prices raises consumer spending by 3 cents to 5 cents, according to calculations by Joseph Gagnon, a former Fed official who's a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. So if the market value of the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, which was $13.9 trillion Friday, rose 10 percent, consumer spending would rise $40 billion to $70 billion.

In the context of a $15.6 trillion economy, "it's small," Gagnon says. "But it adds up."

About 80 percent of stocks are held by the wealthiest 10 percent of the population. As a result, the majority of Americans don't enjoy much of a lift from stock-market rallies. That said, the richest 20 percent of Americans account for about 40 percent of consumer spending.

Rising housing prices work better, prodding people to spend more, Yale University economist Robert Shiller and others have found.

But the mortgage bond purchases are unlikely to boost home sales significantly, even if they manage to lower mortgage rates further. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage is barely above the record low of 3.49 percent.

Home sales remain depressed not so much because loan rates are too high but because would-be buyers can't qualify unless they have stellar credit or can produce hefty down payments.

"If you get a 2 percent mortgage but you've got to put 30 or 40 percent down, is that going to encourage people to buy a house?" says Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at Channel Capital Research.

Still, Bernanke maintained that the Fed can help further, even with rates already ultra-low. He's argued that the Fed's first two rounds of bond purchases, in which it bought more than $2 trillion in bonds, saved 2 million jobs and accelerated growth.

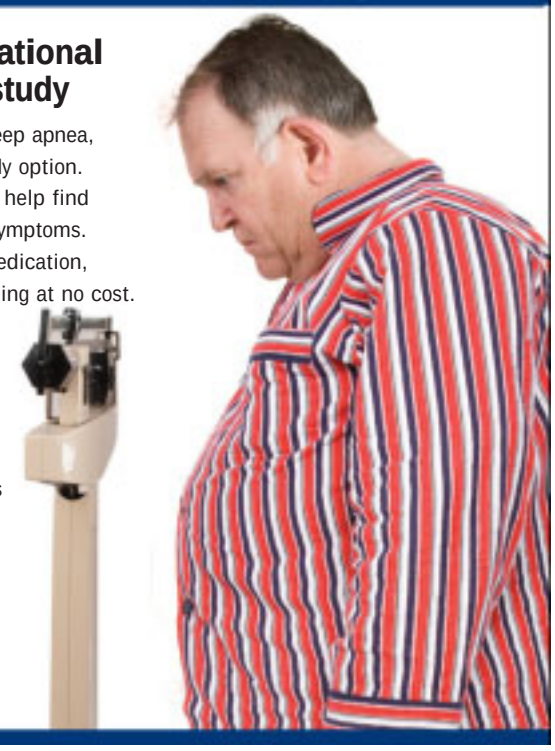
By comparison, President Barack Obama's $862 billion stimulus program created nearly 2.7 million jobs, according a study by Zandi and former Fed Vice Chairman Alan Blinder.

In the short term anyway, the economy might actually receive a bigger boost from Apple's new iPhone 5. Michael Feroli, chief US economist at JPMorgan, calculated that the iPhone might add 0.25 to 0.5 percentage point to the annual growth rate in the last three months of 2012.

"I wouldn't be surprised" if the iPhone does more for the economy, Feroli said in an e-mail. "At the end of the day, economic growth is about producing more and better goods and services."

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 70.5°

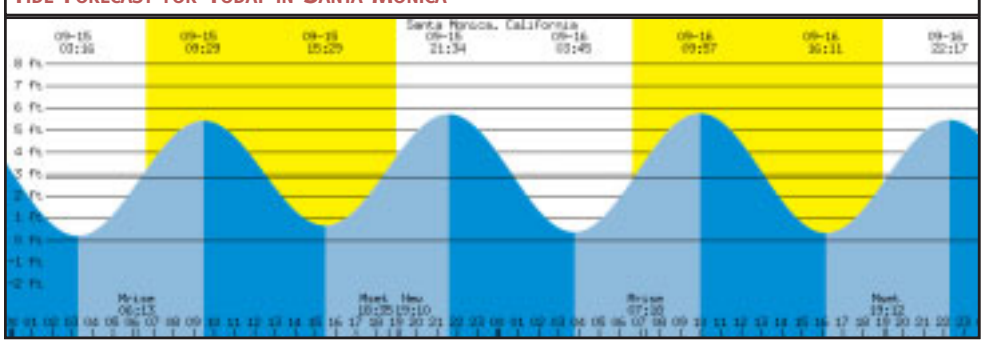
Swell Forecast

Should see size drop to waist high at south facing breaks. West facing breaks should run knee high.

Long Range Synopsis

Waist to chest high sets from Kristy. Standout south facing breaks, mostly in OC, may see some occasional pluses.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 12, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at 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.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19848 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
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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NHL

NHL, union have contact, but no talks scheduled

BY IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK The NHL seemed headed for another lockout Friday as neither team owners nor players showed interest in getting back to contract negotiations a day before the old labor deal was set to expire.

Brief conversations late Thursday and Friday between leaders on the two sides failed to spur more formal talks — in fact, the idea of restarting negotiations didn't even come up. The current collective bargaining agreement that ended the season-long lockout in 2005 expires at midnight EDT on Saturday, and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has said a lockout would kick in immediately if a new deal hasn't been reached.

"It's their decision," defenseman Mike Weaver, the Florida Panthers' player representative said Friday. "When that padlock comes out, it's pretty much Bettman's decision on there."

The lockout would mark the NHL's fourth work stoppage since 1992.

On Thursday night, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly spoke to players' association special counsel Steve Fehr, the brother of union executive director Donald Fehr. The discussions mostly dealt with answering questions each side have about current proposals.

Bettman has said the season won't start without a new deal. Preseason games are scheduled to start on Sept. 23, and the regular season is to begin on Oct. 11.

"We have been clear that the collective bargaining agreement, upon its expiration, needs to have a successful agreement for us to move forward," Bettman said Thursday. "The league is not in a position, not willing to move forward with another season under the status quo."

On Friday, the players' association submitted an application to the Quebec labor relations board to declare that the impending lockout is illegal in the province. The NHLPA and 16 Montreal players asked the board to make an interim ruling before the lockout is scheduled to begin in a bid to allow the Canadiens to attend training camp.

A similar request was filed late Thursday with the Alberta labor relations board. NHLPA director of operations Alexandra Dagg said the aim was to prevent players from the Canadiens, Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames from being locked out.

The NHLPA argued that because it isn't certified as a union with the province, its members can't locked out under Quebec labor law. In Alberta, the union will argue that proper procedure wasn't followed, including using a mediator.

On Thursday, players turned out in force in midtown Manhattan, while the league's board of governors met nearby in another hotel.

The last labor stoppage caused the cancellation of the entire 2004-05 season, a lockout that ended only when players accepted a salary cap and a 24 percent rollback of salaries.

"If we're not going to start camp on time, it's disappointing, for sure," Panthers forward Stephen Weiss said Friday. "We're all training all summer to be ready to play, and if we don't get that opportunity, it's disappointing. But I'm optimistic that we'll get a deal done sooner than later.

"There's smart enough people involved in this thing that I don't think it'll take too long. We just have to make sure whatever deal they do agree on, it makes sense for both sides and it will be lasting."

Following lockouts last year by basketball and football owners, Bettman says hockey management is determined to come away with economic gains, even if it forces another work stoppage.

"Two other leagues — the NBA and the NFL — their players have recognized that in these economic times there is a need to retrench," Bettman said after a two-hour owners' meeting Thursday.

Damage from another lockout will occur almost immediately, and there is no telling how jilted fans and sponsors will react to another shutdown, especially if it lasts stretches through the fall and into the winter.

Management's latest offer has a short shelf life. Once the lockout begins, Bettman says the economic damage would cause owners to offer players a less beneficial deal.

Players currently receive 57 percent of hockey-related revenue, and the owners want to bring that number down as far as perhaps 47 percent — which is an increase from their original offer of 43 percent.

"The fact is, we believe that 57 percent of HRR is too much," Bettman said.

The union offered a deal based on actual dollars, seeking a guarantee of the $1.8 billion players received last season. Annual industry revenue has grown from $2.1 billion to $3.3 billion under the expiring deal.

Players are concerned management hasn't addressed the league's financial problems by re-examining the teams' revenue-sharing formula. Having made several big concessions to reach a deal in 2005, the union doesn't think it should have to make more this time after record financial growth.

The current contract was agreed to in 2005, and Bob Goodenow resigned as union head two weeks later. After stints by Ted Saskin and Paul Kelly, the union in 2010 turned to Fehr, who led baseball players through three work stoppages in the 1980s and '90s.

Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller said Fehr is doing a far better job communicating with members than leadership did in the last lockout. The 30 league owners are prohibited by NHL bylaws from publicly commenting about negotiations.

"I doubt that all the owners are as well informed as all the players," Miller said. "I don't know if that's going to get me in trouble or not. I just feel like it's kind of whatever they are told by Gary. I guess it's a little bit like politics. ... You have this whole thing where I'm sure they feel like a lot of what we're saying is spin."

Players struck in April 1992, causing 30 games to be postponed.

This would be the third lockout under Bettman. The 1994-95 lockout ended after 103 days and the cancellation of 468 games. The most recent lockout was finally settled in July 2005 — 301 days into the work stoppage and a month after the league would usually have awarded the Stanley Cup.

"The players very much want to reach an agreement, provided that it is one which is fair and which is equitable and treats them appropriately," Donald Fehr said.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, Sept. 15
Sleepless in Seattle (PG) 1hr 45min
You've Got Mail (PG) 1hr 1hr 59min
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 16
The Trouble With The Truth (R) 1hr 36min
4:00pm
Discussion following with director Jim Hemphill and cast members Lea Thompson and John Shea.

Silkwood (R) 2hr 11min
Heartburn (R) 1hr 48min
7:30pm

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1441 Third Street Promenade
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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Cold Light of Day (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

For A Good Time, Call... (R) 1hr 26min
11:50am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

2016: Obama's America (PG) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 5:35pm, 9:55pm

5 Broken Cameras (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Planet of Snail (NR) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:25pm, 7:40pm

It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl (NR) 1hr 37min
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
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ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
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Let the party begin tonight, Scorp

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have get-up-and-go, as you are inspired to approach life differently. The unexpected runs riot, as usual. Maintain your sense of humor. Consider making a resolution on this New Moon to lose weight or exercise. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ No one has to tell you what to do, as you are focused on a goal and not about to lose concentration. The emphasis might be about getting out to play or just enjoying yourself more. Tonight: Change into weekend gear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pressure builds, but it is coming from your own internal judgments. Stop, think and depower the situation. You'll feel better, and you easily might be more effective relaxed. Enjoy the moment, yet remain organized. You have a lot of ground to cover. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and you'll be more likely to believe what someone says. Your imagination could go haywire from just one statement. Decisions and resolutions made today are likely to stick. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make needed resolutions, especially regarding your finances. Many people have great ideas for how to spend your funds, yet few recommendations have to do with savings. Still, you enjoy yourself so much you might not even care. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might be energized by a call you have yet to make. You could create a whirlwind of activity as you tear through your day. An older friend, boss or parent gives you a compliment that revitalizes you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ The front you put up when speaking to strangers has nothing to do with your inner musings. You could be hurt or angry by a loved one's negative feelings or crankiness. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You naturally gravitate to where your friends are. You might not be sure of what to say, but that's OK -- just be yourself. A recent disagreement does not have to remain a barrier, as long as you decide to take appropriate action. Tonight: Let the party begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to kick back, but once others start following your lead, you could become a bit tense. Imitation is the highest form of flattery. An older friend or relative shares a meaningful insight. Tonight: Why not go into the wee hours?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take off and go to that flea market or art show you have wanted to check out. By introducing a change of scenery, the experience will revive your energy and also give you new insights into a situation in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Go for exotic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone might ask you to fill in or take over a responsibility, and you are likely to say "yes." The good news is that a partner supports you. The bad news is that you really might want to be somewhere else. Tonight: Let your hair down.

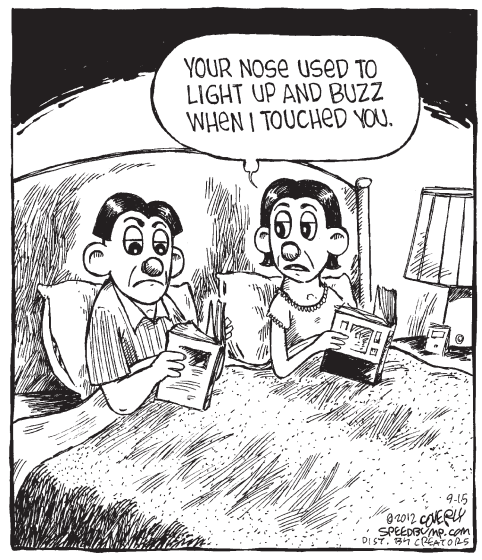
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You could see that a lot of people seek you out, need you and want to be around you. You are learning to greet acceptance and popularity. Tonight: With a favorite person.

Happy birthday

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

You express an unusual energy and focus this year with whatever interests you. Others are taken aback by your intensity and drive. You'll make waves wherever you go and more than likely will manifest what you want. If you are single and want a meaningful relationship, it is yours to have. Just be sure you are making the right commitment to the right person. If you are attached, be careful not to be too me-oriented. A relationship depends on some form of mutuality. Give your partner more time. A fellow VIRGO can make a fuss even more than you. Let this person be who he or she is, and let go of a need to criticize.

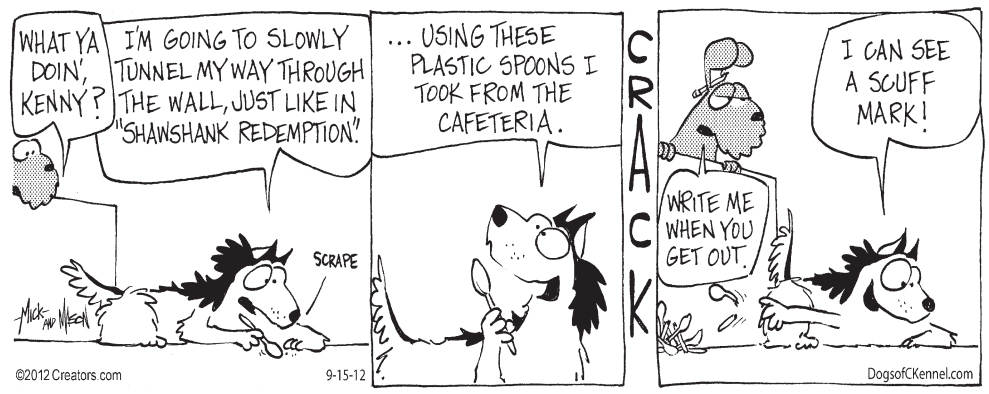
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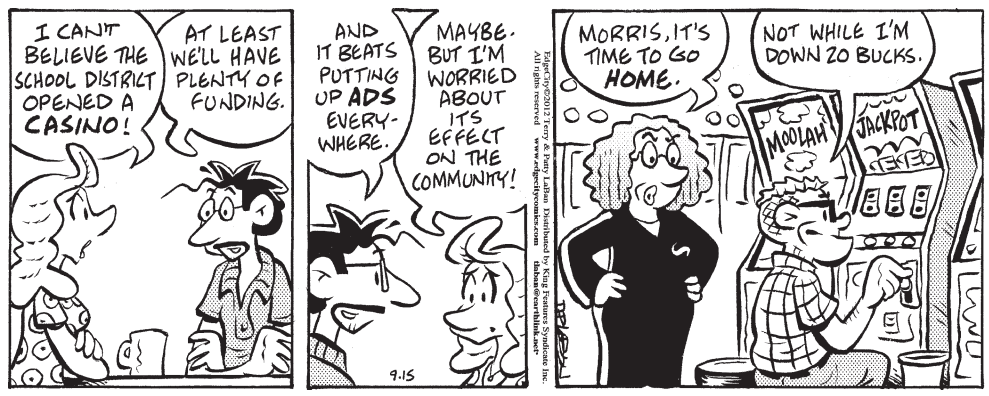
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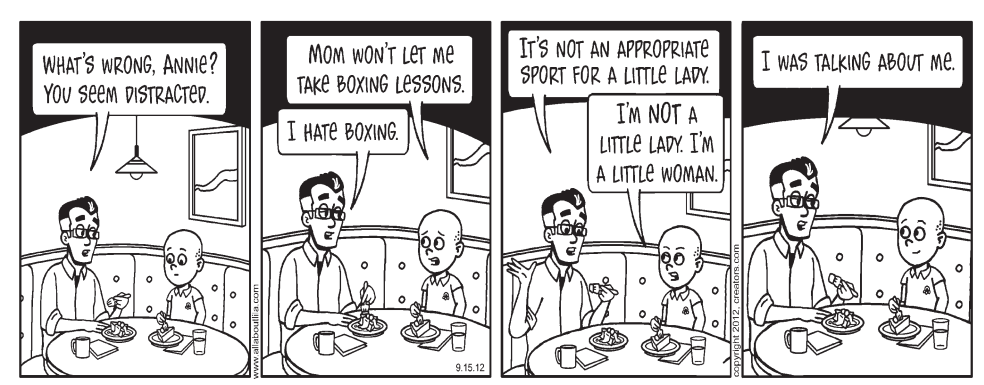
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	6	5	4	7	3	1	2	8
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Looking fit
5 Glided
9 Longtime role for Rhea
10 Beat at the board
12 Heart, for one
13 Visibly shocked
14 Knotty snack
16 Despondent
17 German article
18 "OK, tell me more"
20 Like some grannies
22 Relaxed
23 Bard's creation
25 Tart fruit
28 Comes in
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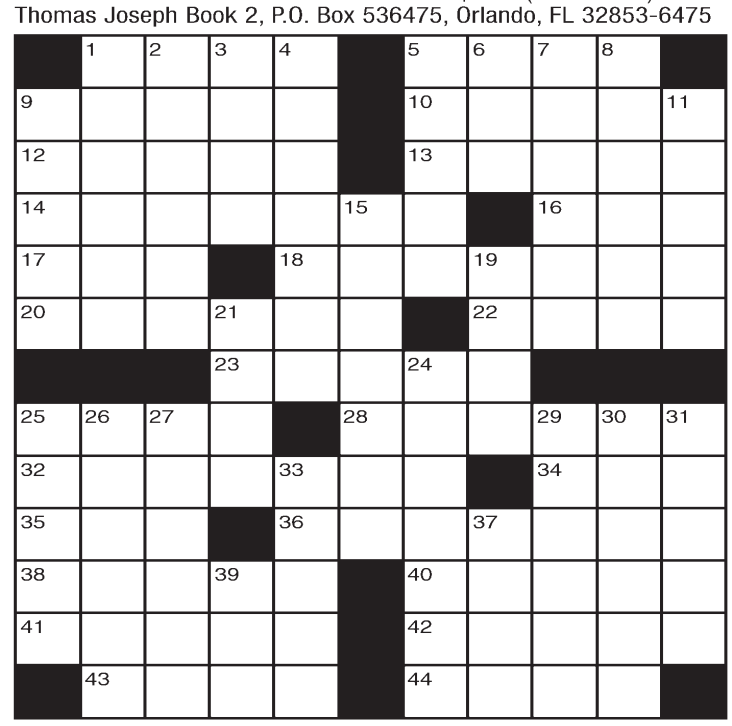
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3 No longer fizzy
4 Amateur newsletter
5 T-shirt choice
6 Fall back
7 Venezia setting
8 Stations
9 Got by
11 Loser to Truman
15 "View of Toledo" painter
19 Sugar source
21 Composer Charles
24 Greet with a "grr"
25 Battle souvenirs
26 Find
27 Island group off Scotland
29 Snake oil
30 Class break
31 Night lights
33 Poker concession
37 Baby cry
39 Ball holder

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9-15

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/11
5 11 20 33 36
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Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/12
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ It has been well known to the U.S. Congress that the Postal Service is guaranteed to run an estimated $5 billion deficit by the end of the year. Still, since the 112th Congress was convened in January 2011, no remedial legislation has been formally offered. However, during that time period, legislators have introduced 60 bills to rename post offices in their districts (passing 38 of them, which represents 17 percent of the legislation passed on all subjects during that time).

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) The thief who snatched the brand- new bike from Wheelworks in Belmont, Mass., in August got away, but police saw surveillance photos of him when he returned to the store two hours later and asked to see some locks (presumably so he could secure the bike he had just stolen). Incredulous employees gave chase, but the thief ran faster. (2) Kristen DeCosta, 30, was charged with 17 recent burglaries around Somerset, Mass., in August. According to Police Chief Joseph Ferreira, DeCosta is perhaps the only perp ever not to understand that, since she was wearing a GPS ankle monitor (from an earlier arrest), all 17 break-ins were tracked.

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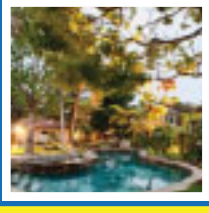




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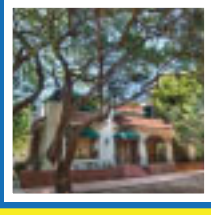
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