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THE COOL CARS ISSUE

Alcohol allowed at three eateries

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL What do the former home of the Omelette Parlor, the Georgian Hotel, and a joint serving chocolate chicken have in common? They all got expanded alcohol permits from the Planning Commission last week.

A hamburger restaurant, Bareburger, is slated to fill 2370 Main St., which was occupied by the Omelette Parlor for more than 30 years. Owners closed up shop in December, announcing they would not be able to afford the new rents.

Bareburger, according to the commission's report, will seat 89 diners and - thanks to unanimous approval from the commission - be allowed to serve beer, wine, and spirits. The restaurant will be allowed to operate until midnight on weekends and holidays (11 a.m. on weekdays) and can open at 7 a.m. every day.

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Traveling statue to visit St. Anne's

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

An internationally touring religious icon will make a brief stop in Santa Monica on Sept. 21 at the St. Anne Catholic Church and Shrine.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be present at a special mass starting at 3 p.m. The statue depicts the Virgin Mary and is named after the city in Portugal where three children are

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SMRR Steering Committee supports Himmelrich

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Steering Committee of the city's largest political party voted Thursday night to support Planning Commissioner Sue Himmelrich for City Council.

The Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights committee announced support of incumbent Kevin McKeown and Planning Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy earlier this year.

At Thursday's meeting they also voted to support incumbent Andrew Walzer in the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees race, eschewing challenger and recused Steering Committee member Maria Loya.

SMRR-backed candidates almost always go on to win reelection. At the SMRR members' convention in August, no council candidates were able to pull in the necessary 55 percent of the vote to score an endorsement.

McKeown, followed by former Planning Commissioner Frank Gruber and current Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon were the top vote-getters. Himmelrich placed fourth and Kennedy fifth.

With three contested seats in this year's council race and no endorsement from the membership, the Steering Committee is allowed to pledge support for candidates. Supported candidates receive the same financial backing as endorsed candidates.

Four of the 11 committee members recused themselves: Loya because she is running for College Board, Richard Tavildaran-Jesswein because he is running for Board of Education, Denny Zane because he is working as Himmelrich's campaign manager, and Genise Schnitman because she is married to McKeown.

The remaining seven supported McKeown and Kennedy in August. Thursday night they decided to add Himmelrich.

"She's so smart and she is so analytical and she pays attention to details and she's super talented and super committed to the issues that are crucially important to us like affordable housing and rent control," said the Steering Committee co-Chair Patricia



Courtesy photo

SMRR BACKED: Jennifer Kennedy, Kevin McKeown and Sue Himmelrich have the support of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights.

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IPHONE RELEASE

Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

Hundreds of customers lined-up outside the Apple Store on the Promenade to purchase the new iPhone. Lines reached the end of the block and Apple employees handed out umbrellas to shade customers waiting more than two-hours in line.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 20

Autumn Garden Party
Grow Native Nursery in the Veterans Garden
1 Davis Ave., Los Angeles,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The nursery is on the Veterans Administration campus near Constitution Ave and Sepulveda, just north of Wilshire. The event is free to the public. It is a casual celebration of the fall planting season in Southern California, with California native plants for sale, free horticulture/sustainable gardening workshops by Carol Bornstein, Barbara Eisenstein, and Nicholas Hummingbird, an ethnobotanical educator and restoration ecologist. There will also be food tastings of edible native plants, food trucks, and live music.

Sonic Submarine concert
Third Street Promenade
5 - 10 p.m.
The Third Street block stretching north from Santa Monica Blvd. to Arizona Ave. will be transformed into an electronic wonderland called the Sonic Submarine. Produced by DTSM, Inc., five of KCRW's finest on-air disc jockeys will roll out hour-long sets in succession as the sun dips and disappears into the Pacific.

A Major Shift Is In The Wind
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 p.m.
Hear educator and counselor Dick Larson explain why, despite all appearances, we have reason for hope. Life can and will change quickly and certainly - not just for a few, but for all.

Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald
Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library
11820 San Vicente Blvd., 2 p.m.
Actor and writer Larry Vanderveen will perform his one-man show, "Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald," at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library. Vanderveen assumes the persona of the legendary novelist as he reflects on his life and work at a Los Angeles book club meeting in December 1940. Admission is free. Call (310) 575-8273 for more information.

Doggy dash cause for Paws
Crescent Bay Park
2000 Ocean Ave., 8 a.m.
All proceeds from the 5K/10K will be given to Pet Cancer Awareness and Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue. For more information call (714) 988-3817 or visit www.doggydash.info

Chili Roast!
Virginia Avenue Park Farmers Market
2200 Virginia Ave 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest! Join us for a southwest style chili roast at the Pico farmers market located in Virginia Avenue Park. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later. Call (310) 458-8712 x 2 for more information.

Coastal Cleanup Day, Dive and Lifeguard Paddle Out
Santa Monica Pier
On the sand at Towers 20, 27, 1550, and water north of the Pier
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Be part of one of the largest volunteer efforts to clean our beautiful coastline. For more information call 1-800-HEAL-BAY or visit www.healthebay.org/ccd

Full SAT practice test
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m.
Space is limited. Sign-up at the Youth Reference Desk. Call (310) 458-8621 during library hours for more information. For grades 10 - 12 only.

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop
AltCar Expo
Civic Center Auditorium - East Wing
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) allows qualified property owners to get a tax-deductible loan through the HERO Program. Qualified property owners looking to upgrade their homes or businesses with energy and water-saving products like solar, drip irrigation, etc. should come to the workshop to meet City representatives, HERO program experts, and local contractors certified to retrofit your home and let the savings begin.

Make Vegan Cheese
1450 Ocean
11 a.m.
Learn to make three kinds of vegan cheese using cashews, soy milk and agar.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Sleep For Peace

On September 21, Hostelling International Santa Monica (HI-Santa Monica) is hosting Progressive Peace in celebration of Sleep For Peace, a Hostelling International USA (HI-USA) signature event in honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace. Introducing attendees to how International Day of Peace came to be, Progressive Peace will showcase countries from the continents of South America, Africa, Europe and Asia, and how they are affected by different stages of the "Right of Peoples to Peace." Through timelines, discussions, and videos, attendees will discover how a day like International Day of Peace can help to complement or transform efforts being made in these countries.

Members of the community will join guests of the hostel as they progress through this mini global adventure, exploring different areas of the hostel, various global movements and crises, and developing their own sense of what "giving peace a chance" can be in our day-to-day lives. Progressive peace will culminate with a celebration in our courtyard, featuring international cuisine sampling, drinks, and music. Participants are invited to RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/progressive-peace-tickets-12854627537.

- EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

Santa Monica Pier

Santa Monica Heart Walk

The annual 5K at Santa Monica Pier, sponsored nationally by Subway and locally by Union Bank, UCLA Health and Huntington Hospital, aims to raise funds to fight heart disease and stroke - the nation's No. 1 and No. 4 killers - while promoting healthy habits, such as walking, as a regular part of life. Everyone is invited to form a team with friends, family or coworkers and register at www.heartwalkla.org. The event is free and open to the public. Participants who raise $100 or more receive a t-shirt. In addition to Santa Monica, the Heart Walk will also be held in Santa Clarita, Pasadena, Long Beach and Palmdale. The overall goal in Los Angeles County is to raise $1.75 million. The event includes a 5K Walk/Run, 1-Mile Survivor Route, Kids Fun Zone, Live Entertainment, Health Expo, Free Health Screenings and CPR Demonstration, Sponsor Booths, and Giveaways. Heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than 831,000 men, women and children every year. The Heart Walk is an annual tradition that brings the community together to raise awareness and critical funds to fight these diseases. The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) believe that everyone deserves to live a healthier, longer life. Life is Why the AHA/ASA is committed to the mission of building healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke, through cardiovascular research funding, patient care improvement initiatives, health advocacy and community education. Visit www.HeartWalkLA.org, email la.heartwalk@heart.org or call (213) 291-7094.

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Santa Monica History Museum

Celebrating The First Around The World Flight

On September 21, the Santa Monica History Museum will host a Gala Dinner to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the First Around The World Flight in Donald Douglas cruisers. Susan Gabriel-Potter is the chair of this fun and exciting event and Eddie Guerboian, the master of ceremony, to be held at the historic Casa del Mar Hotel. Cocktails begin at 5pm followed by a silent auction, dinner and entertainment.

To be honored are Beverly Hoskinson, who for 50 years led corporate employee giving programs that provided over $100 million in funding for vital community services in Southern California through Douglas Aircraft Company, McDonnell Douglas and Boeing, also, Angel Flight West, a non-profit volunteer-driven organization that provides free emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions for over thirty years. A memorial tribute will be paid to Mark Benjamin, Philanthropist & Community Leader, Former President & CEO of Morley Builders, benefactors who sponsored the Santa Monica History Museum's California and Santa Monica History Research Library. He had a positive impact on many non-profit organizations. Larry Balmagia, Television writer and Producer will narrate the history of the famous flight that put Santa Monica on the map. The flight in 1924 was one of the most sensational aviation events in history. The Douglas Cruisers took off from Glover Field (now Santa Monica Airport) and when the flyers returned, Glover Field was covered with roses and they were mobbed by a huge crowd. Louise Gabriel, President, stated: "I have always had the highest respect for Donald Douglas for his many accomplishments. He was one of the most iconic figures in the world."

Each dinner attendee and ad subscriber will receive a Commemorative History Gazette Newspaper with photographs and details about the museum and the World Flight. Reservations for dinner are $150 each. Tables for eight or ten may be reserved. Please send checks to the Santa Monica History Museum, P.O. Box 3059, Santa Monica, California 90408. For more information, please contact Danielle Lewis at 310-395-2290, info@santamonicahistory.org or visit the museum's website: www.santamonicahistory.org.

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Santa Monica Pier

Front Porch Cinema Returns

Back by popular demand, the iconic Santa Monica Pier presents Front Porch Cinema, a free community movie experience under the stars every Friday night starting on Oct. 3. For four consecutive weeks, The Pier will be transformed into a cozy front porch environment, providing the perfect setting for a night of movies, food, drinks with a variety of films for all audiences.

Guests can unwind on old-timey lawn chairs and watch oceanfront films on a giant inflatable screen with the highest quality HD-projection and line-array sound provided by LA's premier outdoor movie producers, EatISeeIHear. Viewers can also bring their own chairs as a limited number will be available for rent. The Cinema Lounge also welcomes guests before and during the show for movie-themed cocktails curated by Cocktail Academy, and handpicked food vendors from Berlin Currywurst to timeless kettle corn to complement the films.

"If you liked free summer concerts, you'll love free fall movies!" said Santa Monica Pier Administrator Jay Farrand. "Grab your friends and family and catch up on some of the best and biggest films from the past year, and a classic favorite. You can sing-a-long to "Frozen," lean back and look at the stars during "Gravity," eat fancy pastries during "Grand Budapest Hotel" or watch Ferris Bueller from under the Ferris Wheel."

Front Porch Cinema is co-produced by award-winning producers, Eat|See|Hear, and will launch the Friday night season with the most-talked-about animated movie of the year, "Frozen." Attendees are encouraged to grab a vintage lawn chair and their favorite movie snack and "Let It Go."

FRONT PORCH CINEMA FALL SCHEDULE:
(Cinema Lounge opens at 6 p.m. and movies start at 7:30 p.m.)
October 2 - Jeremy Jones' Higher*
October 3 - Frozen (PG)
October 10 - Gravity (PG-13)
October 17- Grand Budapest Hotel (R)
October 24 - Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13)

* Bonus Thursday night screening on October 2 - Jeremy Jones' Higher, a film by Teton Gravity Research presented by Subaru, with a special appearance from Jeremy Jones

This year's sponsors include the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Teton Gravity Research, Lyynks Music and Curb taxi app.

Parking will be available in the lot north of the pier at 1550 Pacific Coast Highway, and free bike valet will be provided.

For more information, please visit www.frontporchcinema.com.

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Yes on D

Editor:

Anyone who follows the airport issue knows that while City staff does a great job actually running the airport, the City Council-appointed Airport Commission is trying to strangle the airport out of existence with hostile leasing policies and other attempted restrictions. That's why Measure D provides that no new restrictions can be imposed on the airport without a vote of the people. Most voters in Santa Monica support the airport. Measure D will make sure that the airport can't be closed by "other means." The City's sponsored Measure LC, however, maintains Council control without voter approval. This is why I am voting yes on Measure D and no on Measure LC.

Furthermore, I do not want the City Council to spend millions of our tax dollars fighting the FAA, and very likely losing. Then the FAA could take back the airport and we could have a hub for local commercial airlines.

On the off chance that the City wins, the City Council has stated there are no other options but to "develop" the land: meaning more traffic, pollution, lower LAX jets, and a lower quality of life in the Westside.

LC should stand for the people Losing Control of their way of life.

D stands for Democracy.

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How the U.S. Can Stop ISIS - Peacefully

BEFORE THE U.S. COMMITS TO A "LIMITED," "support troop" reinvasion of Iraq, can we please hit the pause button and consider non-military options? Yes, ISIS is a brutal offshoot of al-Qaeda that stretches from the Mediterranean in northwest Syria to the Persian Gulf in southeast Iraq and needs to be stopped. The questions are how and by whom. The U.S. has many options. Will the White House exhaust them all before sending our men and women back into battle?

Here's my plea to Pres. Obama and members of the U.S. Senate and Congress to stop ISIS peacefully:

1. Consider all the steps between doing nothing and dropping bombs. The world witnessed a miraculous example of successful diplomacy last summer: It was considered a "done deal" that Washington would unleash limited bombing on the outskirts of Damascus to punish Syria's President Bashar al-Assad for using chemical weapons. Then a seemingly off-the-cuff remark by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry set in motion a diplomatic solution that resulted in Assad turning over his stash of chemical weapons, thereby successfully ridding the world of one of the last major caches of chemical weapons - and avoiding more casualties on America's conscience. Disarming proved to be much more successful "punishment" than bombing.

This tactic worked because Obama's threat to bomb Syria was perceived as real. Could this tactic work again?

2. Stop considering Syria and Iraq in separate vacuums; a regional viewpoint is necessary. For example, the regimes of Syria's Assad and neighboring Iraq's Nouri al-Maliki (who has just retained political power by being named vice-president) are allied. They share a common opposition to ISIS. Yet, the U.S. funds the Iraqi government while also funding fighters who oppose the Syrian government, ignoring that some of those opposition fighters affiliate with ISIS and spill from Syria into Iraq. Thus, American tax dollars support opposition fighters trying to undo a government supported by American tax dollars!

3. Stop justifying military funding, arming and intervention in Syria or Iraq by referencing human rights abuses. Yes, it's excruciating to view photos of hundreds of children gassed to death and not want to punish, but the larger truth is every side in Syria and Iraq are engaged in human rights abuses. Adding more troops, guns or military money does not suddenly make governments, soldiers or insurgents more humane.

4. Work regionally to cut off supply routes of weapons. Fewer weapons means less fighting and fewer casualties - and fewer generations of traumatized children raised to believe violence is the only option. Syrian rebels' weapons flow through Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq. The U.S. should be a leader in negotiating a regional effort to stem this flow of weapons; instead it provides weapons to Syrian fighters assuming they won't land in ISIS fighters' arms.

5. Dry up the black market for crude oil and gas. After benefiting from oil and gas takeovers in eastern Syria, ISIS has seized oil facilities in Mosul and Kirkuk and is selling the Iraqi crude at a deep discount on the global black market, raising $3 million/day and making it the wealthiest terrorist organization on the planet. It's estimated they could make $1 billion/year.

6. Engage the United Nations. The U.S. is about to assume the presidency of the U.N. Security Council. ISIS creates an unusual opportunity for opposing factions to work together: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the Gulf States and the U.S. and its western allies all see ISIS as a security threat. On Sept 24, the Security Council will consider a U.S. proposal to "prevent and suppress" the recruitment and travel of foreign fighters to join terrorist groups. It is estimated that 12,000 rebels from 74 countries have joined extremist groups in Iraq and Syria. While stemming the flow of fighters is a good step, it is open to abuse. And it's a bit like the Dutch boy with his finger in the dike. Better to engage the U.N. in pressuring countries to stop arms movement and black market oil purchases. Uniting opponents to ISIS is a unique opportunity to get these countries to suspend their proxy wars.

7. Stop doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome. Iraq didn't have any terrorist groups until after the U.S. invasion. Al-Qaeda bubbled up in 2004. If 100,000 U.S. troops couldn't wipe out al-Qaeda in Iraq, why do we think we can now without another full-scale war? Targeted "air strikes" (i.e., bombing) lead to political instability and the perpetuation of extremism.

Are these suggestions more complicated? More time-consuming? More challenging? Yes. But they are far less destructive for Iraqi, Syrian and American children forced to grow up assaulted by war.

If you agree, make your voice heard! To sign this petition, please visit: www.AreWeReallyOutOfIraq.com

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Roga at the Pier
West end of the pier
8 a.m. run, 9 a.m. yoga
Free Run + Yoga classes at the Pier brought to you by Clif Bar and Honest Tea. Come and get stretchy.

Car Show
Santa Monica Pier
East Parking Deck
Join organizers for a day featuring championship cars from the L.A. Chapter of the Shelby American car owners at the Tony Sousa Memorial show.

Scavenger Hunt
Santa Monica Pier
2 - 3:30 p.m.
Join Watson Adventures on a unique scavenger hunt at the Santa Monica Pier. Highlights include Palisades Park, the 1916 carousel featured in The Sting, a 19th-century tavern and weapon of mass destruction, movie locations, menacing cannons, spectacular views, oddball art, strange sculptures and a 500-pound giant shark. Admission is $22. Visit www.watsonadventures.com for more information.

Sunday, September 21

Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary Community Celebration
Third Street Promenade
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Join in the celebration of Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary by watching a parade down the world-famous pedestrian mall. Following the parade there will be an ice cream social, interactive photo booth, a festive ribbon cutting and performances by the Promenade's most talented buskers.

Gala Tribute Dinner
Hotel Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 5 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Museum for a celebration of the 90th anniversary of the First Flight Around the World. They will be honoring Beverly Hoskinson and Angel Flight West. A special memorial tribute will be paid to Mark Benjamin as well. The event will include cocktails, silent auction, dinner and entertainment. Visit www.santamonicahistory.org or call (310) 395-2290 for more information.

Art exhibition and sale
33905 PCH, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Allied Artists, in conjunction with the Malibu Nature Preserve, will offer a relaxing afternoon at the Preserve where you can view original art by local artists. Enjoy the lush grounds, ocean views, sycamore, refreshments. Artists donate 20 percent to non-profit organizations. Visit allied-artists.com for more information.

The World is my Home
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 4th St., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Playhouse will present three performances only of film, television and stage personality Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed show about African-American artist-activist Paul Robeson. Proceeds benefit the Save the Santa Monica Playhouse Campaign. Admission: $25 in advance ($30 at the door). Call (310) 394-9779 ext.1 for more information.

Bowling for Birthdays
AMF Bayshore Lanes
234 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cause for Celebration is hosting our third annual fun, positive and energetic fundraiser "Bowling for Birthdays". Funds raised by this event will benefit the Party Pals program. Sign up today at www.bowlingforbirthdays.kintera.org. Admission: Adults - $20, Students - $15, Children - $10. Call (323) 455-4235 for more information.

Los Angeles Liver Life Walk
Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Please join the local community, patients and their families for a day of hope to walk to raise awareness and funds for research.

Promenade Block Party
Third Street Promenade between Broadway and Arizona
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Celebrate Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary with an old-fashioned parade down the bustling strip featuring the talented marching band from Santa Monica High School and St. Monica High School Pep Squad. The mounted police will be there too. Following the parade, enjoy free ice cream from Dandy Don's as well as live music from some of the promenade's most talented buskers. Take pictures and share them with friends at the Interactive Photo Booth. Enjoy discounts and rewards offered by Downtown's amazing merchants.

Bring a Bag, Get a Bag
Heritage Square
2640 Main Street, 10 a.m.
Bring your extra bags to share with others or pick-up a custom new bag made with scrap material by Green Vets L.A.

Monday, September 22

Buy Local Week
Citywide
All Day
Visit Buy Local businesses partnering with local charities to give back to the community. Festivities include sidewalk sales, canned food drives & happy hour fundraisers.

Civic Working Group Meeting
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium East Wing
1855 Main Street, 6:30 p.m.
The Civic Working Group provides input on the development of recommendations for the renovation, programming and long-term operation of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Visit www.smgov.net/departments/ccs/civicauditorium/CivicWorkingGroup.aspx for more information.

Airport Commission meeting
City Council Chamber
1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.
Visit www.smgov.net/departments/airport/agendas/2014/20140922/a140922.pdf to view the agenda.

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Hoffman.

The timing, Hoffman said, was right

"It came from analyzing what would be the best for the city and how would SMRR best address that," she said.

There was one dissenting voice, she said.

"It was really nice to have almost the whole Steering Committee agree on it," Hoffman said.

She brought up Himmelrich's record on development in expressing her support.

"She has approved any number of projects that have come before the Planning Commission," Hoffman said. "She's not a no-growther. She's just said 'yes' many times but she also knows when to say 'no.'"

Himmelrich, who has been working with SMRR and others on housing issues over the past several years, called the support a "natural fit."

"I am just thrilled," she said. "I actually thought we were doing very well anyway and this is fantastic."

Gruber, who was helped at the SMRR convention by support from Unite Here Local 11, the hospitality union, was not happy about being passed over by the committee.

"As someone who joined SMRR almost 30 years ago, and as the second top vote-getter at the SMRR convention, I am saddened that the Steering Committee members have disregarded, now for the second time, the democratic vote of their membership convention," he said in an e-mail. "For years, SMRR has been known as a democratic, grassroots organization, and one tolerant of a wide range of views behind a progressive banner. I have always fought for, and will continue to fight for, SMRR's platform - for renters rights and affordable housing, excellent public schools, social and economic justice, controlled growth and a human-scale city. SMRR will now run a campaign based on 'us and again them,' but the reality will be 'us against us.'"

This closes the door on Mayor Pam O'Connor's chance to grab SMRR support. She has been backed by SMRR in her previous elections but failed to make it passed the first round of voting at the convention.

Longtime councilmember Bob Holbrook announced in August that he would not seek reelection.

WALZER GETS SMC BOARD SUPPORT

Incumbents Barry Snell and Nancy Greenstein got endorsements from the membership at the convention and the Steering Committee went on to add incumbent Louise Jaffe in August.

Walzer, the fourth incumbent in a four-seat race, was picked on Thursday.

"There are a lot of people who are associated with and affiliated with the college who really think that Andrew has been a positive productive member of their board and they see him as carrying forward the mission of the college and bringing forward the depth of knowledge that not everyone has because he is a community college faculty member at other community colleges," Hoffman said.

Maria Loya, a Steering Committee member who recused herself because of her involvement in this year's election, was unable to pull an endorsement from the membership or support from her own committee.

"Of course it's a little bit awkward but when we weighed what our opportunities were, they tilted in favor of Andrew," Hoffman said.

Walzer did not respond to request for comment by press time.

"As a 9-year member of the SMRR Steering Committee, I believe in advocating for the progressive values that define SMRR's platform," Loya said in an e-mail. "I am disappointed to learn that the Steering Committee has chosen to endorse the lowest vote getter in every round of balloting during the endorsement convention."

She highlighted the endorsements she received from the Los Angeles County Democratic party and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

With the exception of O'Connor, the membership and the Steering Committee supported incumbents whenever possible this year.

"We usually back incumbents unless we have a reason not to," Hoffman said. "That happened in 2004 with Michael Feinstein. It's happening now with Pam O'Connor. Otherwise, if our incumbents are doing well don't throw them out of office."

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The New York City-based restaurant has more than 20 locations throughout the country.

CHOCOCHICKEN

"A chocolate fried chicken place is probably the last thing the obesity capitol needs but I can't wait to try it," Commissioner Jim Ries said as the commission unanimously approved ChocoChicken's alcohol permit and parking variance.

The restaurant, which will feature chocolate-infused fried chicken, is set to open at 1401 Ocean Ave. Dreamed up by the same guy who started the wildly successful Umami Burger, ChocoChicken opened its first restaurant in Downtown Los Angeles earlier this year.

With the approval, they'll be able to sell beer, wine, and spirits. They'll also get a reprieve on the number of off-street parking spaces they need to provide.

The place is slated to seat 58 patrons - 42 inside and 16 in an outdoor dining area. It can operate until 2 a.m. on weekends.

GEORGIAN HOTEL

The Georgian Hotel will now be allowed to serve the public in its basement restaurant and serve food and alcohol in a larger portion of its lobby, thanks to Planning Commission's unanimous approval.

Previously, the basement area was only open to hotel guests.

Commissioners spent the bulk of their meeting discussing intricacies of the Georgian's requested permits, which also allows the hotel to provide less off-street parking than the previous contract.

STARBUCKS BOOZE PERMIT APPEALED BY BOTH SIDES

If a good compromise leaves everyone mad ("Calvin and Hobbes") then the Planning Commission did good work at its previous meeting.

They permitted the Starbucks on Main Street and Olympic Drive to serve alcohol but with several conditions including mandates that alcohol and food be brought to tables (not passed across a counter), alcohol must be purchased with a food item, alcohol sales cannot exceed 15 percent of total revenues, and alcohol can't be openly displayed.

A resident, unhappy that the permit was allowed at all, is appealing the decision. So is Starbucks, which is unhappy with one of the provisions imposed by the commission, according to Planning Director David Martin. City Council will take the matter on, likely in December.

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Santa Monica Chamber launches civic engagement initiative

With all eyes on November, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is expanding its civic engagement efforts to encourage Santa Monica residents and businesses to get involved and stay involved in the upcoming citywide election, and beyond.

Over the coming seven weeks, the Chamber plans to complement its member and community engagement activities with a robust voter education and registration campaign, targeted especially at newer voters and the technology community. The Chamber kicked off this effort last week by hosting voter registration tables at its 19th annual New Heroes Celebration and at Cross Campus, the co-working office space that is home to a number of start-up companies and entrepreneurs. Many of the young tech-sector workers and business owners at Cross Campus were excited about the prospect of registering to vote and going to the polls in Santa Monica for the first time.

"Providing businesses and residents with an avenue for civic engagement has always been at the heart of the Chamber's mission," said Santa Monica Chamber President, Laurel Rosen, adding, "We want to ensure that all Santa Monicans have an opportunity to make their voices heard in the upcoming election. Especially important are young voters in the tech community, whose participation is critical to our city's future. We want to remind them that just like the Internet, democracy never shuts down."

The Chamber will continue to register new voters until the Oct. 20 voter registration deadline, and will host a number of public events to educate and engage residents on the top issues at stake in the election, and introduce them to the many candidates running for leadership positions. Those events will include a candidates mixer on Oct. 15 at Pacific Park and a candidates forum on Oct. 21 at Cross Campus. The Chamber is also strengthening its ties to the technology community by partnering with Social Media Week Los Angeles to offer all Chamber members free admission to that organization's four-day conference (Sept. 22-26 at The Broad Stage.)

"As the Director of Government Affairs for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, I'm working to encourage our younger residents, who in the past haven't been very involved with local politics, to become informed and to vote," said Carl Hansen. "It is essential that they understand the important issues our community is debating now and how that impacts them - particularly the future availability of housing and alternative transportation."

"For nearly ninety years, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce has been the "go to" resource for advocacy, education, and resources for Santa Monica businesses and for the community overall," said Julia Ladd, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Chair. "This year is no different: we remain one of the most effective organizations in the city by continually expanding our presence and serving as a voice not just for businesses, but for all residents. We are excited to broaden Santa Monicans' civic participation through November 4 and beyond."

– MH

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said to have had visions in 1917.

This year the statue has traveled throughout the United States but it has also visited Australia, Canada, Brazil, Ireland, Guam, the Philippines, Haiti

This statue's history begins in 1946 when a group of youth from Portugal carried a statue from Fatima to Lisbon as part of their pilgrimage. According to the statue's official history, when it entered the cathedral in Lisbon, it triggered a miracle of doves and after returning to its home, the local bishop was asked if he would send the statue on tour to other neighboring communities. A new statue had already been commissioned from the sculptor Jose Thedim and the church decided the new work would become a touring statue visiting congregations worldwide.

Josiko Ellis, part of the St. Anne's IPVS Planning Committee said she was surprised the local church was able to host the statue.

"After reading its history, I felt honored," she said. "Because this is the International one, it's the only one going touring all over the world." She said the statue had traveled through Eastern Europe during times of conflict and she hoped it would be a source of hope for those in attendance on Sunday.

Ellis said the figure of Mary is an important one for her, so much so that she belongs to a group called The Legion of Mary, that works on causes and issues related to the religious figure. She said Mary is known as a calming influence. In this case, she said the statue stood as a symbol of internal calm in a world that can seem dark or dangerous. "I think that it is important to start from ourselves, to have peace in the heart so we can have peace in our homes," she said.

The statue will be in Santa Monica on Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. at Saint Anne Catholic Church & Shrine 2011 Colorado Avenue.

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License plate scanner networks capture movements

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LOS ANGELES A rapidly expanding digital network that uses cameras mounted to traffic signals and police cruisers captures the movements of millions of vehicles across the U.S., regardless of whether the drivers are being investigated by law enforcement.

The license plate scanning systems have multiplied across the U.S. over the last decade, funded largely by Homeland Security grants, and judges recently have upheld authorities' rights to keep details from hundreds of millions of scans a secret from the public.

Such decisions come as a patchwork of local laws and regulations govern the use of such technology and the distribution of the information they collect, inflaming civil liberties advocates who see this as the next battleground in the fight over high-tech surveillance.

"If I'm not being investigated for a crime, there shouldn't be a secret police file on me" that details "where I go, where I shop, where I visit," said Michael Robertson, a tech entrepreneur fighting in court for access to his own files. "That's crazy, Nazi police-type stuff."

A San Diego judge has tentatively ruled that a local government agency can deny Robertson's request for scans on his own vehicle under California's open records law because the information pertains to police investigations. Superior Court Judge Katherine Bacal heard additional arguments in the case Friday and plans to issue a final decision soon. Robertson said he plans to appeal if the tentative decision stands.

The San Diego case comes less than a month after another state judge, using the same reasoning, denied a petition by the ACLU of Southern California and the Electronic Frontier Foundation for one week of records on all vehicles collected by the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The ACLU says that network adds 3 million scans each week to a database shared with dozens of other agencies that now includes details from more than 455 million encounters.

About 7 in 10 law enforcement agencies used license plate scanners in 2012 and an overwhelming majority planned to acquire such systems or expand their use, according to a study by the Police Executive Research Forum, a research and policy group.

Civil liberties advocates say these files need to be open to public scrutiny to prevent government overreach and unconstitutional privacy invasions.

On the other side are government and law enforcement officials who say they're not misusing the systems and that tracking and storing the data can help with criminal investigations, either to incriminate or exonerate a suspect.

"At some point, you have to trust and believe that the agencies that you utilize for law enforcement are doing what's right and what's best for the community, and they're not targeting your community," Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. John Gaw said.

In San Diego's case, records are kept for up to two years, but other agencies keep them five years or more and are limited mainly by server space.

"If that information is deleted or purged too quickly, then we lost that, and we can never go back," said Lt. Karen Stubkjaer of the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

In Robertson's case against the San Diego Association of Governments, he was seeking access to a sweeping system that links the San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Sheriff's Department and eight other law enforcement agencies. The sheriff's department alone has made 9.8 million scans since the system was introduced in 2009, Stubkjaer said.

Robertson, who founded and later sold the MP3.com digital musical service, has no problem with officials using the technology for legitimate purposes like tracking down stolen cars. But he says license plate readers are ripe for abuse, and there's no reason for long-term storage of data on innocent people.

"I want a strong police force," he said. "But I also want my personal freedom."

Neither the San Diego case nor the Los Angeles ruling sets legal precedent, but they're part of a growing debate.

"License plate readers are part of a larger conversation," said Chuck Wexler, head of the Police Executive Research Forum. "Technology is changing how the police view crime, and it is raising a number of public policy issues: How long do you hold on to this information? And what part of this information should the public have access to?"

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Feds approve wording for immigrant license

Federal authorities have approved new wording in a proposed California driver's license for immigrants living in the country illegally.

Homeland Security officials wrote in a letter this week that California's decision to include the words "federal limits apply" on the license would comply with a law passed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks to create national identification standards.

In the letter obtained by the Associated Press on Friday, officials wrote that the license must also feature a design or color that is different than the license for legal residents, and that the letter does not constitute formal approval of the design.

Homeland security officials had rejected wording on an earlier design of the license that California plans to issue starting in January.

-AP

FOUNTAIN VALLEY

JetBlue probe to examine object that fell from sky

The investigation into an engine failure that forced the emergency landing of a JetBlue airliner departing California will include examination of a metal panel that a woman says fell from the sky at the time.

Cindy Gilbert of Fountain Valley tells KABC-TV the object hit the sand a few feet away Thursday while she was at Huntington State Beach. She says she decided to take it home and only found out about the JetBlue incident from her husband.

The panel is about 3 feet long and is labeled with various instructions.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said Friday that the agency plans to contact the couple and get the object.

The JetBlue flight departed Long Beach Airport for Austin, Texas, Thursday morning and within minutes had to turn back.

-AP

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

California man accused of killing fellow gym-goer

A man has been arrested after police say he repeatedly struck another man with a steel weightlifting bar at a San Francisco Bay Area gym, killing him.

Forty-six-year-old Kenneth Osaka was being held without bail in the attack Wednesday night at a Bally Total Fitness gym in South San Francisco.

Police say Osaka took a solid steel bar used to lift weights and hit the victim in the head several times and then left the scene. Police didn't release the name of the victim, who died at San Francisco General Hospital.

They also did not disclose a possible motive for the attack.

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Review: Larger iPhones eliminate reason to switch

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NEW YORK It's easy to dismiss Apple's new iPhones as merely catching up to Android.

After all, phones running Google's Android system long have had larger screens. In addition, many Android phones already have the wireless chips that iPhones are getting for making credit card payments without pulling out a card at retail stores.

But the new iPhones are a big deal for one simple reason: Only Apple has the advantage of building both the hardware and the software, so iPhones are easier to use and more dependable.

There are many flavors of Android out there, and some phones won't run the latest apps or work with accessories such as smartwatches. In addition, many leading apps come to the iPhone first or have features exclusive to iPhones.

Android phones still have some advantages. Samsung's flagship phones are still slightly larger than the new iPhones, for instance. Their cameras have higher megapixel counts - though that's just one factor in what makes a good photo.

What the new iPhones do is eliminate screen size as a reason to avoid iPhones.

The question, then, becomes: Which one?

SIZE CONSIDERATIONS.

The iPhone 5, 5s and 5c have screens measuring 4 inches diagonally. The iPhone 6 boosts that to 4.7 inches, while the iPhone 6 Plus is at 5.5 inches. Yet the new phones are thinner than the smaller models.

Apple gets rid of glass in the back in favor of an all-aluminum body with curved edges. The new iPhones don't feel as boxy as previous models.

And the new phones make good use of the larger screens. Those with poorer eyesight can choose a "zoom" option so that everything gets blown up to fill the extra space, just like larger Android phones. Otherwise, you can fit in more content, including an extra row of icons on the home screen.

The iPhone 6 Plus also allows apps to rearrange their layout in horizontal mode. Content appears in two columns, so you're not switching back and forth as much. The drawback: The Plus is huge for those who don't regularly carry a backpack or purse.

I personally find past iPhones easier to carry and fit in the pocket, especially when I go out running. Apple will still make last year's 5s and 5c available, at reduced prices. The 5c is essentially 2-year-old technology, so the 5s is the better option.

NEW FEATURES.

The 5s doesn't have the new iPhones' faster processors, but its speed should be adequate for the next year or two. But here's what you'll miss, besides the bigger screen:

Only the new phones have the mobile payments technology, so you can start using Apple Pay next month. A new barometer sensor measures elevation, so fitness apps can credit you for climbing stairs and hills.

Where the new phones shine is in the camera. Although the rear cameras stay at 8 megapixels, compared with 16 megapixels in the flagship Samsung phones, performance has improved.

Both iPhones have new technology for faster and more accurate focus. The Plus model also has a physical image stabilizer to help reduce shake, especially in low-light settings. The iPhone 5s and 6 use software tricks to do that.

I took the iPhone 5s, 6 and 6 Plus, the Samsung Galaxy S5 and Microsoft's Lumia Icon to Central Park to take about 250 photos and 30 videos.

In my limited tests, photos on the new iPhones weren't noticeably better, but that's because the 5s already takes good photos. The Icon tends to take better night shots, but its response time is slow and night images sometimes look grainy and distorted. I have found the camera on the 5s to be consistently good, and the new iPhones won't disappoint.

Where improvement is obvious is in some new features:

There's now a second slow-motion mode - for video at one-fourth the normal speed, rather than just half the speed in the 5s.

A time-lapse feature lets you combine multiple still shots from the same location over a period of time. Think of those fast-moving videos showing an entire building being constructed in just a minute. I had fun making joggers in Central Park appear to be superhero fast.

The front camera can now take 10 shots a second in a burst mode, matching what the rear camera can do. You can choose the best shot for selfies. The front camera also lets in more light than before.

The time-lapse and front burst features are part of the new iOS 8 software, so the iPhone 5s gets the improvements with a free download. All iOS 8 phones also have an easier way to adjust exposure, in case the sensors don't get it right.

STORAGE AND PRICING.

It's tempting to get the cheapest models with 16 gigabytes of storage - in the case of the iPhone 6, for $200 with a two-year service contract. But phones fill up quickly with photos, music and apps, and iPhones don't let you add storage.

Fortunately, Apple is doubling the storage for its top two models. So $300 at the contract price gets you 64 gigabytes instead of 32 GB, while $400 gets you 128 GB rather than 64 GB. I recommend getting at least 64 GB.

For the Plus models, add $100 to the price. If you don't want a contract with your carrier, add another $450 for an unlocked version.

Remember: if you have a discounted rate with AT&T because you have fulfilled your two-year contract, getting a new phone at a subsidized price will bump your monthly service fee back up.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2013 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2013 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2013-14) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2013. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 27, 2014. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 27, 2014.

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Raiders could be down two starters on defense

MICHAEL WAGAMAN
Associated Press

ALAMEDA Already staggering from back-to-back poor performances, the Oakland Raiders will likely be without two of their starting linebackers for Sunday's game in New England.

Middle linebacker Nick Roach is still recovering from a concussion he suffered during the preseason and has only recently returned to practice on a limited basis. Roach, who played every defensive snap in 2013, has yet to be cleared through the NFL's protocol for concussions and is questionable to play against the Patriots.

"My job now is just to try to get back as soon as I can," Roach said Friday. "You want to be there for your team in any way possible. I try to communicate with the guys whenever I can, anything to help them execute at a high level."

The Raiders are hopeful Roach will be cleared in time to play, though it's likely to be a game-time decision. The veteran linebacker said he's feeling better but he and the team continue to take a cautious approach given the nature of his injury.

"He's still going through the protocol," Oakland coach Dennis Allen said. "He's getting better every day. Hopefully, he'll continue to improve."

Outside linebacker Sio Moore has already been ruled out because of an ankle injury suffered in last week's loss to Houston.

Without Roach and Moore, the Raiders will likely start Kaluka Maiava in the middle and slide Miles Burris outside. Burris started the previous two games inside while filling in for Roach.

"(Roach) is an important piece to our defense as far as our ability to get everybody lined up," Allen said. "His familiarity with what we're trying to get done defensively is a big piece of our ability to play good defense. But Miles has gone in there and done a nice job."

The winless Raiders own the NFL's worst run defense despite adding several key free agents like Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley and Antonio Smith in the offseason.

They've given up 400 yards on the ground, with breakdowns coming across the board.

In the 30-14 loss to the Texans, Oakland failed to register a single sack. Houston quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick passed for two touchdowns and had a 129.1 passer rating, while running back Arian Foster ran for 138 yards and a touchdown.

That came on the heels of a season-opening 19-14 loss to the New York Jets when Chris Ivory put up 102 yards rushing while backup Chris Johnson added 68 yards on 13 carries.

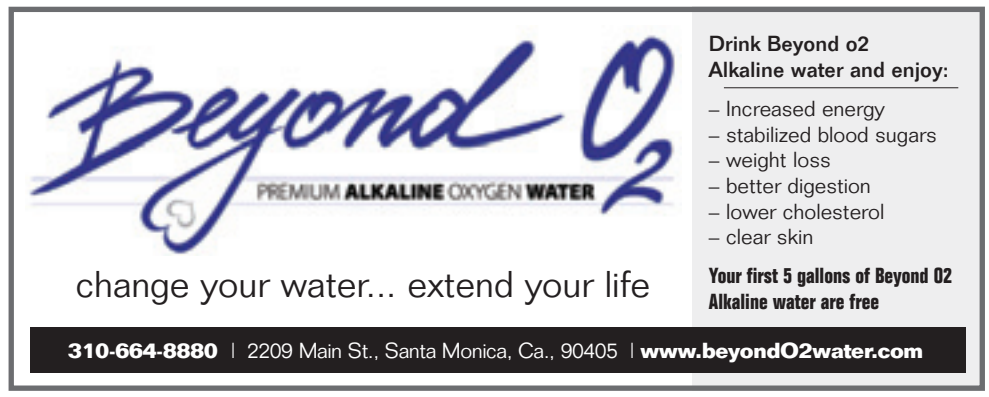
Since then, the Raiders have been the target of heavy criticism in the media and from fans, many of whom booed the team as it left the field following the loss to Houston in Oakland's home-opener.

Roach doesn't think the negativity is unfair.

"If they're just judging by the record and what they see on film, probably not," Roach said. "We know that in this locker room, we're the ones that will have to change any of those perceptions by what we put out there."

The road doesn't get any easier.

Following the trip to New England, the Raiders depart for London, where they'll play the Miami Dolphins before returning home for the bye week.









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SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
SW-SE swell mix drops at exposed spots; Small NW swell fades

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
SW-SE swell mix drops further at exposed spots; old NW swell-mix fades

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small NW swell due, old SW swell drops out

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small NW and SW swell mix

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minor NW and SW swell mix

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
New NW swell building for the PM, although largely bypassing North LA;
storm depdendent, stay tuned

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 17, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 1

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	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.	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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LA Kings return to camp eager for title defense

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO After a summer crammed with Stanley Cup celebrations across the globe, the Los Angeles Kings are back at work with their eyes on some rarefied goals.

The Kings went through their first workouts of training camp Friday as they prepare for their run at a third NHL title in four seasons. Even with just 14 weeks off from hockey, the Kings are rejuvenated by the thought of making even more history.

"It was a short summer, but we'll take it like that any time we can get it," center Anze Kopitar said.

Nearly the entire roster from last summer's championship club is back in black, and the Kings appear to be largely healed from the accumulated aches of their latest trip deep into the postseason. The Kings have played an NHL-record 64 playoff games in the last three years, capped by their 26-game march to their second Stanley Cup title.

"You're proud of the group and what we're able to accomplish," said goalie Jonathan Quick, who practiced with a surgically repaired wrist that isn't completely ready for the season. "Obviously, it's a new year, so we want to defend what we worked so hard to get last year. It starts today."

With incredible tenacity and playoff resilience, Los Angeles has accomplished remarkable feats in the past three years. And with two Stanley Cup rings already on most players' fingers, the Kings are left chasing some pretty remarkable goals.

The NHL hasn't had a repeat champion since the Detroit Red Wings won two straight Cups in 1997 and 1998. No team has won three titles in four seasons since the Edmonton Oilers pulled off the feat from 1987-90, winning before and after Wayne Gretzky's 1988 departure for Los Angeles.

"It's probably because it's the toughest trophy to win," said Kings coach Darryl Sutter, who spent three decades in the NHL as a player, coach and executive before touching the Stanley Cup for the first time in 2012.

"So to do it back-to-back, especially in the salary cap (era) in a parity league ... I mean, if we'd have lost Game 7 to Chicago in the (Western) Conference finals, then we wouldn't be talking about it. It tells you how close it is."

Indeed, the Kings won the West in Game 7 on an overtime goal that took a crazy bounce off Blackhawks defenseman Nick Leddy's upper body. Without that fortunate break, Los Angeles might have been headed home while Chicago played for its second title in three years.

The Blackhawks are still loaded with talent, and the NHL's balance of power again seems tilted toward the West teams. Nearly every West contender has made significant personnel additions for another run at the champions - but the Kings have worn a target for the past two seasons, and they're confident they can handle it.

"Seems like the West is loading up, but at the end of the day, I don't think it's going to matter much what the other teams do," Kopitar said. "It's going to matter what we do."

The Kings allowed defenseman Willie Mitchell to leave for Florida as a free agent, cutting ties with their oldest player. They're hoping to promote from within to fill his absence, with young defensemen Brayden McNabb and Derek Forbort and dependable veteran Jeff Schultz getting long looks in training camp.

Colin Fraser is the only other veteran who left Los Angeles, and he didn't contribute to last season's Cup run. The Kings' only veteran addition is Adam Cracknell.

"I think that we've built a great chemistry within the locker room, and the majority of the guys have been together a long time," Quick said. "We've had some success. We've had a few bad years. I think going through those ups and downs with the group that we have, it makes us a little bit better."

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1:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
12:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 10:50 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)
10:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

If I Stay 1:46 (PG-13)
11:15 a.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)
4:45 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

The November Man 1:48 (R)
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Dolphin Tale 2 1:47 (PG)
10:40 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

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VANISH TONIGHT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will be in the right mood for some fun. Letting off steam in your quirky way tends to make you and those around you feel good. A loved one might feel a little depressed. Tonight: Let out your inner wild child.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel as if a loved one has rained on your parade. On the other hand, you are likely to gain some insight into why this person's behavior bothers you. Try to root out the issue. Tonight: At home, making a favorite meal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Be ready to express your feelings with several different people. A friend or loved one might need to be told how much he or she is cared about. On some level, you could be tired of always having to assure others. Don't make it a big deal. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer, and refuse to be intimidated by a difficult person or situation. Do not put yourself down, as you are quite adored. A child or loved one could be ornery. Know what you want from a domestic situation. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You seem to radiate energy and excitement. Happiness is contagious. Demonstrate your compassion for someone in a way that means something to him or her. A domestic matter could be weighing you down. Let it go! Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to see what is going on behind the scenes with a child or loved one. This person might be more on the fritz than you realize. Add a little excitement and nurturing to the moment, and you will witness a quick change. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You know what you want, and you'll be willing to verbalize exactly what you desire. How you approach a loved one could be much different than usual, as he or she could feel out of sorts. Tonight: Your choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You will be much happier if you simply relax and do what you want to do. Refuse to hold back or get tense in various situations. Learn how to say "no" in a caring way, and others will respond in kind. Check out a new gym or exercise program. Tonight: Others notice you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can't disappear, even if you try to. You are a prominent part of someone's life, and this person counts on you. Whether it is the child within you he or she adores or the person you are now makes very little difference. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Getting back to the basics counts. You can't escape how important it is to you to have a stable home life. Try to factor in more excitement to your routine, as that will be much better than the same old, same old. Tonight: Let a close loved one know how you are feeling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Defer to someone else. You might decide to veer in a different direction at the last moment. You will get quite a reaction! Unpredictability seems to be your middle name. Tonight: Go where you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your perceptions might not be correct. You could be missing out on an important detail or two. Understand that sometimes you can't seem to see the big picture. You are likely to pull the wild card financially. Anything seems possible at the moment. Tonight: Pace yourself.

Weekend Edition, September 20-21, 2014

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

This year you often seem to hold in your feelings. Part of the reason is that you are perpetually evaluating different situations and your feelings about them. If you are single, you easily could get hurt if you remain so withdrawn. You will encounter someone very intriguing this year. Remember that everyone's sensitivities are different. If you are attached, the two of you need to be able to tune in to each other's moods and feelings. Your sweetie understands your sense of vulnerability. You both need to plan on special time together as a couple. LEO makes an excellent healer for you.

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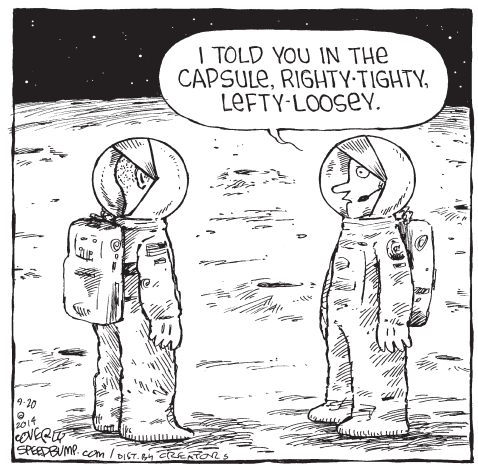
By Dave Coverly



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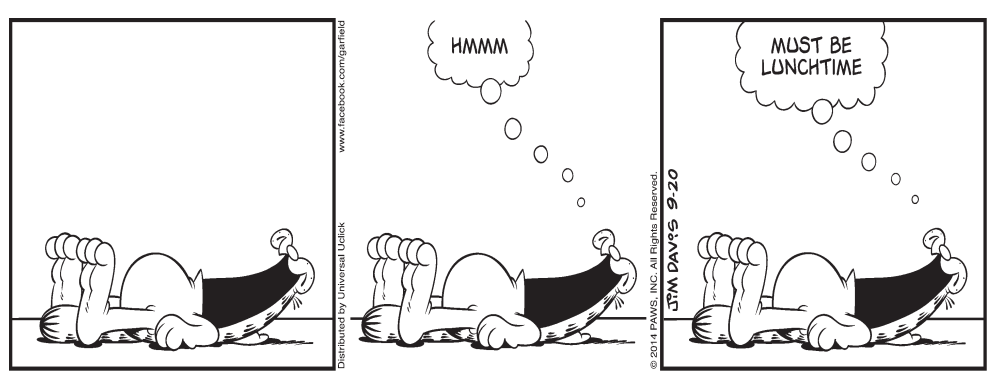

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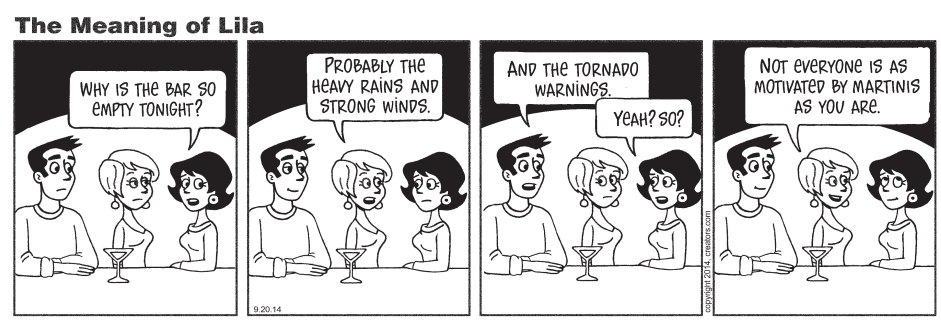

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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

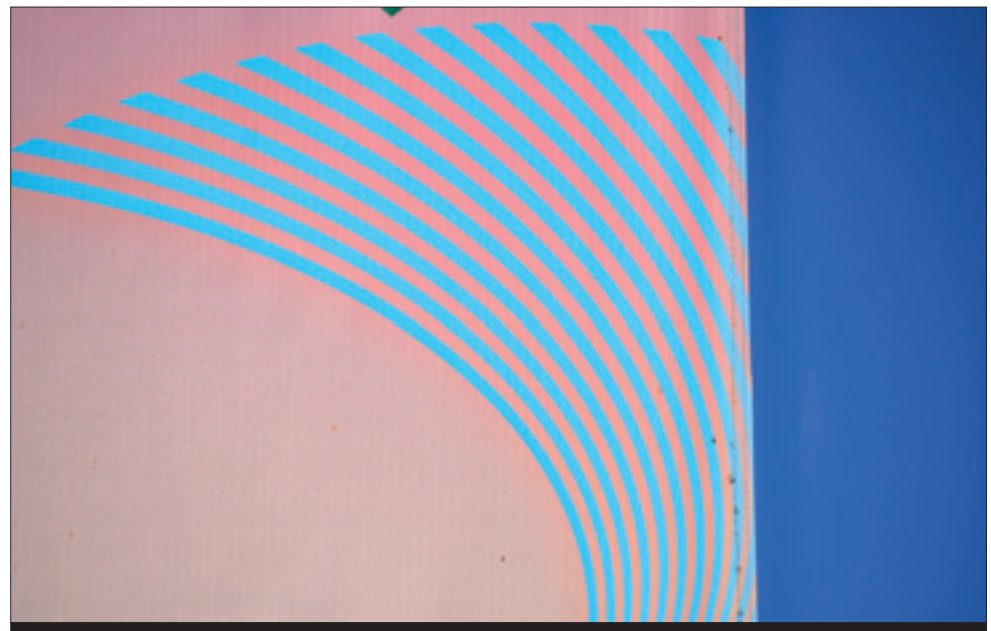
2	7	8	6	1	9	3	4	5
4	6	5	3	8	7	2	9	1
9	1	3	5	2	4	6	7	8
8	2	7	1	3	6	4	5	9
5	4	1	9	7	2	8	3	6
6	3	9	4	5	8	7	1	2
3	8	2	7	9	1	5	6	4
1	5	6	8	4	3	9	2	7
7	9	4	2	6	5	1	8	3

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 431 calls for service on Sept. 18.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Oversize vehicle violation on the 2200 block of 7th St. at 1:08 a.m.
Party complaint on the 900 block of 6th St. at 1:16 a.m.
Vandalism on the 100 block of California Ave. at 1:34 a.m.
Trespassing on the 600 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 2:17 a.m.
Stakeout on the 2000 block of Ocean Ave. at 2:21 a.m.
Domestic violence on the 800 block of 16th St. at 3:27 a.m.
Burglary on the 1100 block of 18th St. at 3:52 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 900 block of 3rd St. at 7:11 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 8:13 a.m.
Burglary on the 1200 block of 25th St. at 8:30 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1000 block of 18th St. at 9:12 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of Centinela Ave. at 10:05 a.m.
Identity theft on the 1700 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 10:34 a.m.
Shots fired at 14th and Olympic at 10:39 a.m.
Fight on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 11:48 a.m.
Burglary at 11th and California at 11:52 a.m.
Fraud on the 1700 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 12:04 p.m.
Fraud on the 800 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 12:30 p.m.
Battery on the 1300 block of Ocean Front Walk at 1:03 p.m.
Hit and run on the 900 block of PCH at 1:38 p.m.
Traffic accident at Ocean and Washington at 2 p.m.
Battery on the 900 block of PCH at 2:27 p.m.
Rape at 20th and Carlyle Ave. at 2:38 p.m.
Grand theft on the 1600 block of the beach at 3:06 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 3:24 p.m.
Identity theft on the 800 block of Euclid St. at 4:24 p.m.
Fraud on the 800 block of 12th St. at 4:30 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 5:28 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of the Pier at 5:53 p.m.
Traffic accident at 20th and Pico at 8:11 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1900 block of Wilshire Blvd. At 11:44 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Stroked
7 Cote cries
11 Sigh, say
12 Pay to play
13 Like flypaper
14 Enthralled
15 Arduous journeys
16 Sire
17 Clumsy ones
18 Ranch pen
19 Ibsen's home
21 Great serve
22 "I have no idea!"
25 Orchestra's place
26 Wild about
27 Copter parts
29 Risqué
33 Golf bag group
34 Paris subway
35 Newborn's need
36 Got on the horn
37 Fed
38 Decorative
39 Dune makeup
40 Fez feature

DOWN

1 Trattoria sauce
2 Superfluous
3 Shoplifter, e.g.
4 Appends
5 Fraternal group
6 Susan of "L.A. Law"
7 Wearing less
8 Servant for taverns, e.g.
9 Tranquil
10 Reach an agreement
16 Increase
18 Big families
20 Roils
22 Museum display
23 Footrest
24 Seoul brothers?
25 Darkroom output
28 Without letup
30 Travel aid
31 Minotaur's home
32 Alpine trill
34 Sorvino of "Mimic"
36 Period

P	E	S	T	S	■	S	E	R	B	S
I	N	P	U	T	■	A	V	A	I	L
S	T	A	G	E	■	M	A	D	G	E
T	I	C	■	E	B	B	■	I	C	E
O	R	E	■	P	E	A	■	O	A	T
L	E	S	S	E	N	■	S	S	T	S
■	■	T	O	N	I	G	H	T	■	■
D	R	A	T	■	C	R	E	A	S	E
R	A	T	■	V	I	E	■	T	E	L
A	M	I	■	I	O	N	■	I	D	A
W	O	O	D	S	■	A	B	O	U	T
E	N	N	U	I	■	D	A	N	C	E
R	E	S	E	T	■	E	A	S	E	D

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	6	■	7	8	9	10
11						■	12			
13						■	14			
15					■	16				
17				■	18					
■	■	■	19	20			■	21		
■	22	23					24			■
25			■	26				■	■	■
27			28			■	29	30	31	32
33					■	34				
35				■	36					
37				■	38					
39				■	40					

9-20



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Inmate Corey McQueary, 33, passed away in Jessamine County, Kentucky, lockup in August of a methadone overdose. According to state police, another inmate had soaked a pair of underwear in methadone when he was out on release, then brought the item to the jail for McQueary, who tore off piece after piece and swallowed them. (2) Ten years ago, New York City skyscraper heir Robert Durst beat a murder charge by claiming self-defense, and now lives more quietly in Houston. However, police in that city accused Durst in July of, "without provocation," urinating on a cash register in a CVS store, "drenching" a candy rack. [News4SanAntonio, 8-26-2014] [Houston Chronicle, 7-23-2014]

■ Unclear on the Concept: A 20-year-old woman was arrested in Seattle in August after calling police to complain that she was being harassed by a man who was following her. Police arrived to find that the "stalker" was simply trying to get his phone back after the woman stole it from him while he was napping on a bus. [KOMO-TV (Seattle), 8-12-2014]

TODAY IN HISTORY

2003 – Maldives civil unrest: the death of prisoner Hassan Evan Naseem sparks a day of rioting in Malé.

2007 – Between 15,000 and 20,000 protesters marched on Jena, Louisiana, in support of six black youths who had been convicted of assaulting a white classmate.

2008 – A dump truck full of explosives detonates in front of the Marriott hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing 54 people and injuring 266 others.

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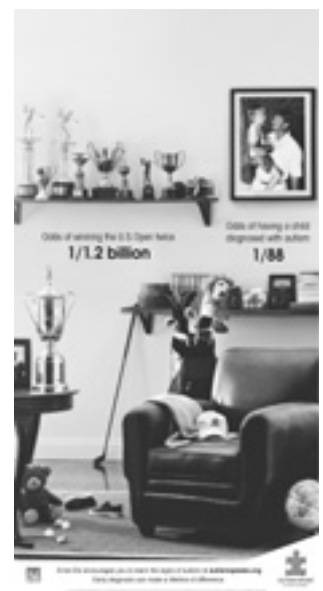

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