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Samohi students up for Merit Scholar status

Quartet among 16,000 students across country seeking prestigious honor

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Of the more than 1.5 million U.S. students who took the Preliminary SAT last year, about 16,000 are in the running for the prestigious Merit Scholar designation. And of those 16,000 students across the country, four represent Santa Monica High School.

The local quartet is part of a talented batch of semifinalists whose high PSAT scores put them in contention for millions of dollars in scholarships. The semifinalists comprise less than 1 percent of high school seniors nationwide.

"It's a huge honor to be in that kind of company," Samohi senior Dean Chien said. "It felt good to receive the semifinalist award."

Chien, Rowan Cheung, Christopher Ferrarin and Gianna Ferrarin make up the Samohi contingent this year, according to a

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College summit joins SMMUSD, SMC boards

Officials debate equity, access in higher education

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

In a landmark joint meeting, the governing boards of the Santa Monica-Malibu school district and Santa Monica College brainstormed ideas for improving college access and success while setting the stage for future collaboration.

Building on an ongoing partnership between the district and the college, the study session came last week amid ongoing discus-

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Los Angeles panel proposes homelessness emergency, funds

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Los Angeles officials said Tuesday that they would declare a state of emergency on homelessness and proposed spending $100 million to reduce the number of people living on city streets.

City Council President Herb Wesson, members of the council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee and Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the plan outside City Hall — as homeless people dozed nearby on a lawn.

"These are our fellow Angelinos," the mayor said. "They

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FIRST BRIDGE DECK POUR FOR CALIFORNIA INCLINE

Reconstruction of the California Incline is currently 35 percent complete and work began on the new Incline Bridge deck this week with the first three concrete pours. Workers poured 1,000 cubic yards of concrete, or about one-third of the total bridge over an eight-hour window. It required about 100 concrete mixer trucks to provide enough material to fill this section of the bridge (250 feet long by 52 feet wide by 1.8 feet deep). The Incline, an iconic symbol in Santa Monica, was last renovated in 1930. To meet current seismic standards, the bridge is being reconstructed and when complete, it will be replaced with a wider, safer bridge with improved bicycle and pedestrian access. For project updates, visit www.smconstructs.org. For questions about construction, the public can call a dedicated helpline at (888) 303-6026. Additional information can also be found on facebook.com/smconstructs and on Twitter @CAincline.





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September 23

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown - Wednesday)

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct from California farmers. Today, the Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Third Street Promenade, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15 a class or sign up for series (5 weeks/$62 with parking) Sept. 9 - Oct. 7. Annenberg Community Beach House, Sand & Sea Room, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Baby Time @ Montana Branch

Story time series for babies 0 - 17 months. Aug. 19 - Sept. 23. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Preschool Story Time at Main

Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. [A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Bollywood Bhangra Beats

Learn the art of Bollywood dancing from Jon Paul, principal dancer of the world-renowned Blue13 Dance Company, the contemporary Indian dance theatre ensemble responsible for teaching LA's longest-running and most popular Indian dance classes. This is a pure Bollywood power hour that happens to be a great, sweat-drenched cardio dance class. Cost $147, non-resident $169. Palisades Park, 7 - 8 p.m. Please register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/46149 or call (310) 458-2239

September 24

Color Me In

Join the coloring craze and experience the latest trend in relaxation! Coloring pages with intricate patterns and designs will be provided. For teens. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Creative Kids Club: I Love My Library! @ Main

Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month with stories, puppets and a craft! Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Convergence: A Voyage Through French Polynesia

Join fellow yachting enthusiasts at the California Yacht Club's monthly dinner to relive the amazing sailing odyssey of blue-water sailor/author Sally-Christine Rodgers. Convergence is a personal story of one woman's adventure - her lifelong passion for the ocean, and her struggle to face her fears as she learns to surrender to nature. Come early to get a good seat as capacity attendance is expected. $26 admission includes dinner, tax, service and parking. Please RSVP at reservations@calyachtclub.net. 4469 Admiralty Way, 6:15 p.m.

Game Changers: Women Led Purpose-driven Enterprises Community Event

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Marina Del Rey

Convergence - A voyage through French Polynesia

Join fellow yachting enthusiasts on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:15 p.m. at the California Yacht Club's monthly dinner to relive the amazing sailing odyssey of blue-water sailor/author Sally-Christine Rodgers. Imagine sailing 3,000 nautical miles in 15 days on a new, untested boat with an experimental rig ... and having four-year-old twins and a nine-year-old aboard.

Convergence is a personal story of one woman's adventure - her lifelong passion for the ocean, and her struggle to face her fears as she learns to surrender to nature. Along the way, she comes to realize that passages are not just about getting from one place to another.

Come early to get a good seat as capacity attendance is expected. No-host cocktails 6:15 p.m., buffet 7 p.m., followed by presentation. $26 includes dinner, tax, service and parking. Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure, as a public service of CYC. Reservations required.

California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, (310) 823-4567, reservations@calyachtclub.net.

- SUBMITTED BY CYC STAFF COMMODORE MARTIN MCCARTHY, YACHTING PROGRAMS CHAIR

Tongva Park

Tongva After Dark

On Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., nationally-known recording artist Michael Heralda, presents Aztec Stories. Heralda's engaging storytelling and musical presentation, based on the great Mexica/Aztec culture, incorporates oral tradition, narratives, poetry and interactive music. Michael will demonstrate and share more than 45 handmade, indigenous instruments and talk about themes of Mexica/Aztec knowledge. The presentation is for all ages and audience participation is encouraged.

Tongva After Dark, held at Tongva Park (1615 Ocean Ave.) events are free and open to the public.

Ample bike parking is located near each park entrance (Ocean Avenue, Main Street, and Olympic Boulevard). Several Metro and Big Blue Bus lines have stops adjacent to the park. Limited metered street parking is available. Parking is also available at the Civic Center Parking Structure (333 Civic Center Dr., enter off Fourth Street). The first 30 minutes are free, $1 for each additional hour, up to a maximum of $5/day.

For updated information on the programming, visit smgov.net/tongvapark/events

- SUBMITTED BY ALLISON OSTROVSKY

Downtown

Prayer Walk for International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

On Sunday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. more than 50 community activists will meet at The Salvation Army in Santa Monica to begin a silent prayer march through the streets of Santa Monica in honor of the International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking. The Salvation Army's Territorial Social Justice Secretary, Major Danielle Strickland and The Salvation Army's LA County Mission Strategist, Major Stephen Court, will lead those in attendance through downtown Santa Monica, up the 3rd Street Promenade, through Palisades Park and conclude their walk at the Santa Monica Pier where a "We Will Not Be Silent," liturgy will be collectively read.

Every year the last Sunday in September is set aside as the International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking providing an important focal point for prayer to support those caught up in trafficking and those working among the victims.

Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking), reportedly generating a profit of $32 billion every year. There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today with between 14,500 and 17,500 people trafficked into the United States each year, according to DoSomething.org.

The Salvation Army in the United States and abroad is part of a reviving movement for the abolition of human trafficking and exploitation.

The Salvation Army Santa Monica is located at 1533 4th St.

- SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLY GOLD

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The Sustainable Business Council In Partnership With DotGreen Community Unveils Game Changers, a roundtable and reception to empower women towards leadership at purpose-driven enterprises. Including Game Changers' Strategies for Success Talks on such topics as how purpose-driven women business professionals can break the $1 million dollar annual revenue barrier and enhance branding and community engagement with your cause-based mission. Expert DOJO, Unit 308, 395 Santa Monica Pl., 6:30 - 9 p.m. More information at http://www.tinyurl.com/WomenGameChangers.

Interviewing Workshop

Looking for a job? Join us in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere where you'll learn to improve your interviewing skills to maximize your chances of getting hired. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Paul & Anna Cummins: A Father and Daughter in Conversation

Celebrate the Library's Green Prize for Sustainable Literature with two of Santa Monica's own: educator and author Paul Cummins and emerging environmental leader Anna Cummins. Father and daughter discuss envisioning ourselves as leaders for social justice and a sustainable planet. Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

September 25

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series (5 week/$62, w/parking) Fri Sept. 11- Oct. 9. Annenberg Community Beach House, Sand & Sea Room, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Let's Celebrate Batman Day!

Calling all Bat fans! Celebrate "Batman Day" with fun games and a craft (while supplies last). Ages 5 and up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Beach=Culture: Dance Dress Rehearsal + Gallery opening + Mini social dance

Stop by the Beach=Culture Open House for a taste of various cultural offerings from our ongoing series. At 4 p.m. check out the dress rehearsal of Choreographer-in-Residence Rebecca Bruno's new site-specific dance work "Fixtures." Stay for a reception at 6 p.m. celebrating the opening of the "Art Bank" show in the Beach House Gallery. At 6:30 p.m. take a short ballroom dance lesson with James & Cynthia, followed by a mini-Dance Hall featuring the vintage jazz of Nick Ariondo & Friends. Bring a partner or dance with a new friend, all levels welcome. Annenberg Community Beach House, Event House, 4 - 8 p.m. RSVP here http://annenberg-beachhouse.com/beachculture.

Special Observing Event: 12-Day-Old Moon, a Pretty Double Star, and the Ring Nebula!

Take a look at the Moon's Copernicus and Aristarchus craters and Schroter's Valley, the Ring Nebula, and the double star Albireo, the "head" of Cygnus the Swan. If clouds intervene, the program will stay in the planetarium with high-resolution images. Tickets are available at the door and cost $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single show or telescope-viewing session, or $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill" with the Night Sky Show at 7 p.m. Santa Monica College, John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

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Respect for beginnings, and for righteous anger

BERNIE SANDERS GOT NOTHIN' ON RICK COLE.

They both trod into the lions' den in the last week, but I think Santa Monica's new City Manager got the worst of it. Bernie knew what he was getting into but I don't think Cole fully did.

Sanders spoke to 12,000 evangelical students at the tremendously conservative Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Hardly friendly territory for a declared progressive let alone a democratic socialist. And a Jew to boot, so he doesn't even accept Jesus. He got a smattering of applause on a couple of points but was mostly handed stone cold silence, indicating he hadn't changed many hearts and minds. But they listened, respectfully, and that was a big win for Sanders.

Cole spoke to a couple dozen at the Monday meeting of the Northeast Neighbors (NN) at the Montana Library, and for nearly an hour he was lucky to be able to string three sentences together. He was met with derisive remarks, shouted and angry interruptions and downright juvenile asides.

I would have loved to have witnessed such a roasting of our recently departed City Manager Rod Gould. In my opinion he deserved it because he served and abetted the pro-overdevelopment majority on our City Council, at the expense of residents. His goodbye wave to Santa Monica was the lawsuit brought by Elizabeth Riel over his firing her as our communications and public affairs officer, at the behest of former Mayor Pam O'Connor, and the settlement will cost us almost a million dollars.

So Cole is walking into a job where there is a lot of residual anger among some residents, over years of feeling like they haven't been listened to, or respected. He knew that. But give the guy a break, at least until he's done something wrong. He's not Rod Gould. He's been on the job less than three months. For now, he's got a clean slate.

Yes, I know, he has the reputation of being an outspoken proponent of high-density building along transit corridors, and that is seen by some here as just another excuse for the kind of development our city can't handle. But that was then. Cole has shown over his career to be a creative thinker who tries to stay ahead of the curve, and just maybe he has in mind for Santa Monica…something different. Let's not discourage that possibility. And let's also remember that change takes time.

He also has the reputation, as a city manager, of demanding accountability from department heads. Excuse me? I didn't quite catch that. We don't use the "A" word much around here. Many say he lost his city manager job in Ventura because he was cutting staff. We can only dream. It's the Holy Grail for many here, the obvious first answer to our budget woes and bloated, intransigent city staff.

But Cole bears some responsibility for the embarrassing display Monday night. There's an awful lot of homework to do to understand Santa Monica, but he must have had a pretty good idea of the history and views of the Northeast Neighbors. And if he didn't, I was told he received several emails from them since coming on board that outlined things pretty clearly.

WITH THIS BACKDROP, I think Cole could have been more sensitive and proactive and, as Sanders did, inject often, with sincerity and genuine empathy, "I understand your views and history, and how strongly you feel about these important issues. I may not share all those positions, but let's talk to each other."

Instead, he rolled out what sounded to the crowd like the same old same old. "Those priorities were the exact same words Mayor McKeown threw at us more than once," Taffy Patton, longtime NN member and chair of the Residents Coalition, told me after the meeting, with clear upset. "For three years we came before the Planning Commission and Council representing the views of 450 residents on the zoning process, as did every neighborhood group, and they didn't listen."

I heard it more as him attempting to answer the question put to him, but the room obviously felt he was trying to throw them the party line as though they weren't completely familiar with the issues. He was shouted down by several people: "WE KNOW! WE KNOW!"

When he tried to make the point "this city provides the widest range of services…" he was met with, "WE DON'T WANT IT!" When he attempted to speak of bringing City communication into the 21st century through technology like Twitter and Instagram, some interrupted with "WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THAT!"

Despite his 30 years of experience in public policy and administration, one woman was adamant about knowing his academic qualifications, even, specifically, which courses he took. His master's degree in journalism from Columbia, considered perhaps the best university there is for that field, was met with derisive sound effects by several. Inexplicably, to me, when she pushed to find out his specific graduate studies and he said his master's thesis was on housing, in New York, that too was met with negative noise. He studied housing, and that's bad?

When he talked about getting unbendable height standards, rather than the uncertainty of development agreements, someone loudly commented, "YEAH, WHAT, 12 STORIES?" And…ha ha ha ha ha.

I consider Northeast Neighbors to be an invaluable asset to the community, with some of the smartest, hardest working community activists imaginable. Give me just the trio of Patton, chair Amy Aukstikalnis and vice chair Tricia Crane, and I think I could win a Supreme Court case without a single lawyer.

I cornered Aukstikalnis and Crane after the meeting and asked them about Cole's reception, saying, "Your group complained that some pillars of the community have stopped speaking at City Council meetings because of the disrespect they get - don't you think Rick Cole was treated that way tonight, by your group?" After just a moment's thought Patton said, "You know, Charles, you may be right," and Aukstikalnis soon nodded agreement. My already high respect for them shot up a couple of notches.

But if the natives are restless and angry, the chiefs have to remind them that dialog can be valuable and recrimination a waste of time.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason." - Mark Twain

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Homeless should have a voice regarding housing

Editor:

I recently travelled to Vancouver, B.C. for business and was surprised to find that housing for the homeless was a serious issue and was being confronted with a unique approach. A public meeting on temporary housing options was held in Victoria and the City paid $20 to each homeless person that attended, to share their views on the subject. Over 350 homeless attended the meeting, expressing their thoughts and ideas on how to explore the issue of homelessness. The City Council had set aside funds to explore the issue of homelessness, which paid for the homeless attendees.

The most discussed idea dealt with exploring options for both temporary and permanent housing for the homeless. City Staff were surprised to find that the homeless who attended came from a variety of backgrounds, with a variety of skill sets - carpenters, engineers, finance, etc. From the background interviews that were conducted, an inventory of skills among the homeless population was born.

Without a doubt, the lease expensive consultants the City ever hired, and the research was all done first hand, in advance. Something for us to think about in Santa Monica.

Michael C. Dubin
Santa Monica

SCHOOL

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sions in both systems about closing the achievement gap and developing more career-oriented education.

The meeting followed the recent passage of Assembly Bill 288, a California law focusing on dual enrollment and pathways to higher education.

Joint faculty meetings, professional development, crossover counseling, ethnic studies education and parent outreach were among the strategies floated by officials on Thursday.

Although no direct action was taken, district Superintendent Sandra Lyon pledged that her staff would meet with SMC officials to begin charting a path forward.

Board members hope to map out specific progress metrics for the programs and initiatives established through the coalition.

"This is a great thing to have begun," SMMUSD board president Laurie Lieberman said. "It's a beginning and a furtherance of a partnership that is already very good and only going to get stronger."

The relationship between the two systems was demonstrated by data compiled and presented by local administrators. Nearly one-third of the district's students go on to take classes at SMC upon graduation, and more than 40 percent of district graduates take an SMC course within six years of finishing high school, according to Terry Deloria, the SMMUSD assistant superintendent of educational services.

However, the local students who continue their educations at SMC aren't necessarily ready for the rigors of post-secondary coursework. Just 39.6 percent of SMMUSD students were placed in college-level English classes and just 36.3 percent were placed in college-level math sections at SMC in the fall of 2014, according to data presented by Georgia Lorenz, the college's vice president of academic affairs.

The two boards' discussion included debate over how to measure college readiness. About 44 percent of district seniors last year scored a 3 or higher on at least one Advanced Placement exam during high school, Deloria said, adding that test scores and college entrance requirements are also analyzed.

SMMUSD board member Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein said a joint subcommittee comprised of members of both boards and staffs should meet to build on the conversation.

"If we want to show the community that we're serious, at some point both boards are going to have to hang their hat on a vote ... that this is something we're going to commit ourselves to," he said.

Other officials balked at the idea, saying staffers in the two systems have plenty to work on without further board input.

SMMUSD board member Oscar de la Torre suggested forming a joint subcommittee specifically to address the achievement gap and related issues. He also advocated for giving local students priority enrollment access to SMC.

"We live in a resource-rich community," he said. "Our task, as leaders, is to show goodwill and come up with some initiatives that will have a positive impact on our students."

SMMUSD board member Maria Leon-Vazquez said the partnership should focus on rearranging educational priorities, noting that not all students are ready for four-year universities.

Instead of simply ushering students into college, she said, counselors in both systems should encourage students to find their passions and steer them toward the appropriate colleges, courses and majors.

SMC board member Barry Snell said educational success has a social component and emphasized the need for a culture shift among students and parents who don't see college attendance as a foregone conclusion.

"Knowing that you're prepared for college is a mindset," he said, acknowledging that the process is often more challenging for students whose parents did not attend college. "It must be an incredibly difficult maze. ... My concern, and hopefully one of our strong goals, is [getting] those students and parents prepared and understanding what college readiness is."

SMC board chairman Rob Rader noted the historic nature of the joint meeting and hoped it would lead to long-term impacts.

"I suspect in 10 or 20 years, people will look back and say, 'Where were you when these boards first met?'" he said. "It'll be like Woodstock."

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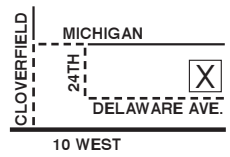


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'Whitey' Bulger's lover indicted

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

The girlfriend and fugitive companion of Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger was indicted Tuesday on a charge she refused to testify about whether other people helped him during his 16 years on the run.

Catherine Greig, 64, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of criminal contempt.

Greig is already serving an eight-year sentence for conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, identity fraud and conspiracy to commit identity fraud.

The indictment alleges that from December 2014 through Tuesday, Greig disobeyed an order from U.S. District Judge Denise Casper to testify before a grand jury in an investigation into "third parties who assisted and harbored" Bulger.

"Catherine Greig has yet again failed to do the right thing," said Joseph Bonavolonta, acting special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston division. "Her refusal to testify has hindered the FBI's efforts to seek justice for the victims of his crimes."

Bulger fled Boston just before being indicted in early 1995 and remained a fugitive until he was captured in Santa Monica, California, in 2011. She had been living with Bulger in a rent-controlled apartment.

Bulger, now 86, was convicted in 2013 of participating in 11 murders and is serving life in prison. Bulger's life of crime and his role as an FBI informant are depicted in "Black Mass," a film released last week starring Johnny Depp as Bulger.

When Greig was sentenced, her lawyer, Kevin Reddington, called Bulger the "love of her life" and said she had no regrets.

After she was indicted on the new charge Tuesday, Reddington accused prosecutors of being vindictive.

"This is obviously a vindictive move on the government's part," Reddington said.

"Other than living with Mr. Bulger for that number of years, she has done nothing wrong in her life at all. ... This is just harassment and she is not going to cooperate with them."

Prosecutors have said Greig helped Bulger evade capture by taking him to medical appointments, pretending to be his wife so she could pick up his prescription and using false identities. They said Bulger and Greig posed as married retirees from Chicago.

When authorities searched their Santa Monica apartment, they found more than $800,000 in cash and 30 weapons.

Bulger first fled Boston with Teresa Stanley, a woman he'd been romantically involved with since the 1960s. The FBI has said Bulger dated Greig for most of the time he was seeing Stanley.

After about two months on the run, Bulger returned to Boston, dropped Stanley off and picked up Greig, who remained by his side for more than 16 years.

When Greig refused to testify before the grand jury, she was found to be in civil contempt. The nine months that passed have already been added to her sentence. If convicted of the new charge, she could face even more prison time. Criminal contempt has no fixed maximum penalty.

Greig is expected to be transported from a federal penitentiary in Minnesota to Boston to be arraigned in U.S. District Court in Boston on the new charge, said Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz. No date has been set yet.

SCHOLAR

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press release from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The four Samohi students can become finalists by submitting applications demonstrating their academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership skills and other distinctions.

About 15,000 of the 16,000 semifinalists are expected to earn finalist status, according to the release, and about half of the finalists will be eligible for some $32 million in Merit Scholar funding.

"Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence," the release reads.

Finalists will be notified in February and Merit Scholar awardees will be announced between April and July, according to the release.

"Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference," the release reads.

The Samohi semifinalists already have compiled impressive accolades for their resumes.

Chien, Samohi's student body president, has been a member of the school's Southern California Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl teams, the latter of which took third place in January. He was also part of the Lincoln Middle School group whose science experiment about Silly Putty was launched on a rocket to the International Space Station and is currently a member of Samohi's entrepreneurs and investors club.

Chien can envision a career that involves science and working with other people.

"Overall, I've been able to effectively balance my time between the schoolwork I have to do, all my extracurricular activities and then ... hanging out with friends and finding some free time here and there," he said. "It's an essential skill to be able to do that."

Cheung, meanwhile, participated in the 13th annual USA Biology Olympiad national finals earlier this year at Purdue University. She was also part of a Samohi team that recently competed at the annual Surf Bowl at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where students were tested on ocean science. Cheung has also played varsity tennis for the Vikings.

Christopher Ferrarin qualified for designation in the California Junior Scholarship Federation as a student at Lincoln Middle School, and he has further developed his academic and music skills over the last three years.

His sister, Gianna Ferrarin, has played saxophone in Samohi's marching band and wind ensemble. She is active in Delians, the school's longtime honor society. She was also a junior scholarship federation honoree.

One student from Malibu High School, Gannon Earhart, was named a semifinalist in the competition.

Former Merit Scholar honorees include Bill Gates, former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer and Supreme Court Justices John Roberts and Elena Kagan.

For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

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HOMELESS

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are those who have no other place to go, and they are literally here where we work, a symbol our city's intense crisis."

An emergency declaration and the funding will require action by the full City Council. Wesson didn't specify where the money would come from, but he said budget analysts would find it "somehow, someway."

The first rollout of funds — projected for Jan. 1, 2016 — would go toward permanent housing and shelter, his office said.

The action came the morning after Garcetti proposed to release nearly $13 million in newly anticipated excess tax revenue for short-term housing initiatives. The bulk of that money would be dedicated to housing homeless veterans.

If approved, the pair of initiatives could steer additional resources toward the city's homeless population, which recent estimates have put at more than 20,000 and growing. The majority live on the streets.

Alice Callaghan, a longtime advocate for the homeless on Skid Row, said the proposed funding would not be nearly enough to stop the loss of affordable housing, especially in rapidly gentrifying areas downtown and on the west side.

"A hundred million dollars won't even buy all the homeless pillows," she said, contrasting LA's proposal with New York City's $41 billion affordable housing plan unveiled last year. "A hundred million certainly won't build much housing — and what we really have here is a housing crisis."

Details of the councilmembers' proposal weren't immediately available. Officials said broadly they would look to expand outreach and services for those living on the streets, boost the number of local shelters and create programs aimed at diverting people from homelessness when they are in the care of the city.

Garcetti said he wanted to see he wanted to see increased capacity and longer hours at shelters ahead of the anticipated arrival this winter of El Nino, an ocean-warming phenomenon that sometimes brings months of heavy rains to Southern California.

Earlier this year, a study by the city's top budget official found Los Angeles already spends $100 million a year to deal with homelessness — much of it on arrests and other police services — but its departments have no coordinated approach for addressing the problem. Without clear guidelines, departments instead tend to rely on ad hoc responses, according to the report by City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana.

Callaghan said she feared the bulk of the new money would go toward "reducing the visibility" of the homeless ahead of a proposed bid to bring the Olympics to Los Angeles in 2024, which includes about $6 billion in public and private spending.

"They can spend billions on getting the Olympics," she said. "But not on getting people off the sidewalks."

Councilmembers said they hope to have a draft strategic plan on homelessness by December.

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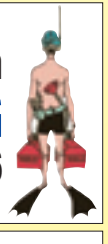
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ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT ABOUT 6:45 P.M.

Officers on patrol saw a man in the alley in the 700 block of Olympic Drive who appeared to be in possession of multiple bicycles and loose bicycle parts. Officers stopped and talked to the man who was unable to explain why he had so many bikes and bike parts and could not articulate who the owners were. The man was detained for investigation. Upon further examination, Officers found several items in his possession, which were indicative of tools commonly used to defeat locks. Based on the totality of the circumstances, officers believed he was likely in possession of stolen bikes and bike parts. They placed the man under arrest pending further investigation by detectives. He was booked for possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools. Jerad Tucker, 65, homeless, had bail set at $20,000.

ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT ABOUT 1:15 A.M.

Officers responded to a call at the 7 Eleven store at 630 Wilshire Blvd. When they arrived they met with the clerk who told them a man broke a beer bottle in the store. The clerk then pointed out the man who was standing nearby.
The man had previously entered the store and wandered around for several minutes. The clerk asked the man if he was going to buy anything, and if not, to please exit the store. The man became upset and removed a beer bottle from the display. The man then smashed the beer bottle on the ground causing the liquid and glass to go everywhere.
The man was placed under citizen's arrest by officers for vandalism by request of the clerk. Anthony Nicklas, 22, homeless, had bail set at $1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 304 calls for service on Sept. 21.

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

Traffic Accident Ocean/Santa Monica 12:17 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1400 block of 7th 12:29 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2000 block of Ocean 2:26 a.m.
Traffic Accident 21st/Wilshire 2:35 a.m.
Missing Person 300 block of Olympic 8:21 a.m.
Hit and Run 2300 block of 6th 8:40 a.m.
Vandalism 19th/Michigan 8:43 a.m.
Grand Theft 1400 block of 4th 8:55 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1900 block of Pico 9:06 a.m.
Burglary 700 block of Marine 9:50 a.m.
Traffic Accident 20th/Arizona 10:02 a.m.
Traffic Accident 1700 block of Santa Monica 11:28 a.m.
Hit and Run 1100 block of Euclid 12:17 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400 block of Marine 12:29 p.m.
Identity Theft 1700 block of Ocean 12:45 p.m.
Traffic Accident 900 block of Montana 12:45 p.m.
Grand Theft 700 block of Ocean Park 1:39 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1700 block of Ocean 2:30 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle 1600 block of 5th 2:55 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon 1600 block of Ocean 3:03 p.m.
Fraud 2400 block of 20th 3:18 p.m.
Traffic Accident 18th/Ocean Park 3:46 p.m.
Traffic Accident 17th/Pico 3:49 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block of 5th 4:04 p.m.
Traffic Accident Main/Pico 4:16 p.m.
Fraud 1600 block of Cloverfield 4:18 p.m.
Traffic Accident 21st Pl/Alta 4:55 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2600 block of Pico 5:01 p.m.
Public Intoxication 700 block of Cedar 5:01 p.m.
Traffic Accident 1400 block of 2nd 5:44 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block of Broadway 5:45 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1900 block of 17th 5:57 p.m.
Hit and Run 1200 block of Centinela 6:30 p.m.
Identity Theft 1000 block of 3rd 6:37 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 7:01 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of 5th 7:23 p.m.
Identity Theft 1000 block of 3rd 7:46 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 4th 9:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 34 calls for service on Sept. 21.

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EMS 1800 block of Main 12:30 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 1:53 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 11th 3:39 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom/Wilshire 3:54 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 4:37 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 6th 4:53 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600 block of Stewart 6:02 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Ocean Front Walk 8:24 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Ashland 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 6th 11:00 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 11:24 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of 3rd 11:44 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 11:45 a.m.
Request Fire 1300 block of 19th 12:05 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 19th 12:05 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 12:09 p.m.
EMS 400 block of 15th 12:21 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Palisades Park 1:35 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Olympic 1:59 p.m.
EMS 14th/Wilshire 2:31 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 2900 block of Urban 3:27 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 3:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean Park 3:46 p.m.
EMS 17th/Pico 3:50 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Main 4:17 p.m.
EMS 21st Pl/Alta 4:56 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of 3rd 4:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Wilshire 6:07 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Olympic Dr 6:39 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 7:13 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Ocean 7:58 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300 block of 23rd 7:58 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Ocean Park 10:52 p.m.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Architectural Review Board Appeal 15ENT-0077, 142 Hollister Avenue. Appeal of Architectural Review Board 14ARB-326 approval of building design colors, and materials for the painting and rehabilitation of a rea façade on the existing residential building. [Planner: Grace Page] **Appellant: Michael Feinstein. Applicant: Horatio West Court Homeowners Association.** ***[Continued from September 16, 2015.]***

Fence Wall Hedge Modification Appeal 15ENT-0080, 530 Seventeenth Street. Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of FWHM 14-0010 for a hedge height modification at 530 Seventeenth Street. The applicant/appellant requested a 7-foot hedge within the front yard setback area in-lieu of the maximum permitted 42-inches. **Applicant/Appellant: Carly Levine. Property Owner: Bruce Weiner.** ***[Continued from September 16, 2015.]***

1420 Twentieth Street, 15ENT-0250. The applicant requests approval of a tract map to create five residential condominium air parcels on one land lot as part of a two-story multi-family development with semi-subterranean garage in the R2 (Low Density Residential) zoning district. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant: Harvey Goodman, Civil Engineering, Inc. Property Owner: DICA 20, LLC.**

1422 Twentieth Street, 15ENT-0251. The applicant requests approval of a tract map to create five residential condominium air parcels on a single parcel as part of a two-story multi-family development with semi-subterranean garage in the R2 (Low Density Residential) zoning district. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant: Harvey Goodman, Civic Engineering, Inc. Property Owner: DICA 20, LLC.**

1633 Ocean Front Walk, 15ENT-0279 To allow a parking variance to waive two required off-street parking spaces associated with the reconstruction of an existing restaurant (Hot Dog on a Stick). [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant: Lemuel Hawkins, Global Franchise Group. PROPERTY OWNER: City Of Santa Monica.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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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
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ONW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

Heal the Bay

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Canyon sound
5 Course unit
11 Menageries
12 Horse-related
13 One-sided victory
14 Kermit, for one
15 Braying beast
16 Fluffy wraps
17 Happening
19 Boater or bowler
22 Bent downward
24 Historic period
26 Related
27 Certain something
28 River vessels
30 Out of bed
31 Pupil's place
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44 Rope loops
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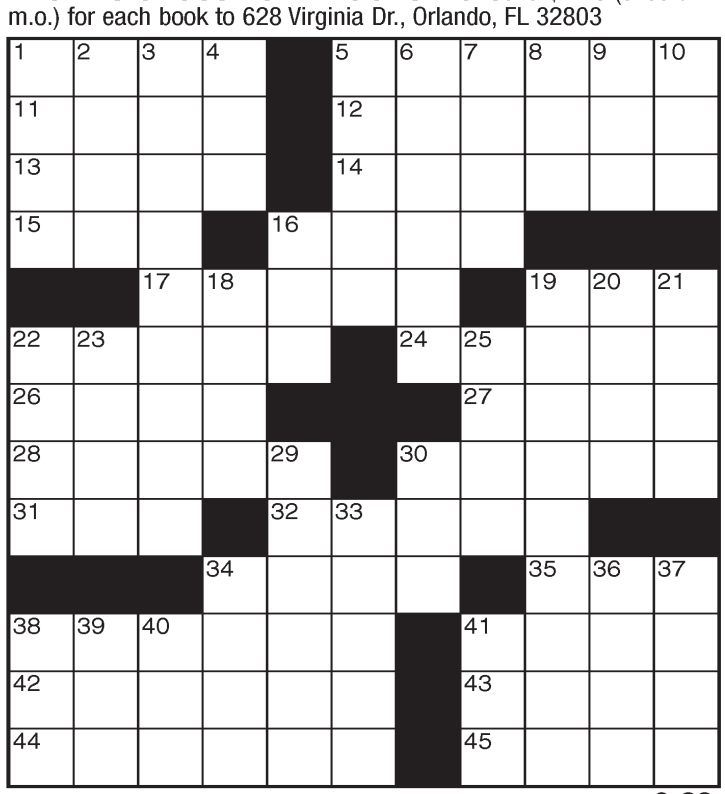
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1 Poet Pound
2 Dove calls
3 Laura Petrie, for one
4 East, in Germany
5 Cleaner scent
6 Consider the same
7 Eats in the evening
8 Tentative taste
9 Start of a count
10 Tennis need
16 Nap site
18 Let off steam
19 You can buy it by the glass
20 Field measure
21 Compared with
22 Naked
23 Approve
25 Forked over
29 Spooky gathering
30 Mai-tai base
33 Inside pictures
34 Fish features
36 Leave out
37 Young foxes
38 Summer cooler
39 In the past
40 Early auto
41 Moonshine holder

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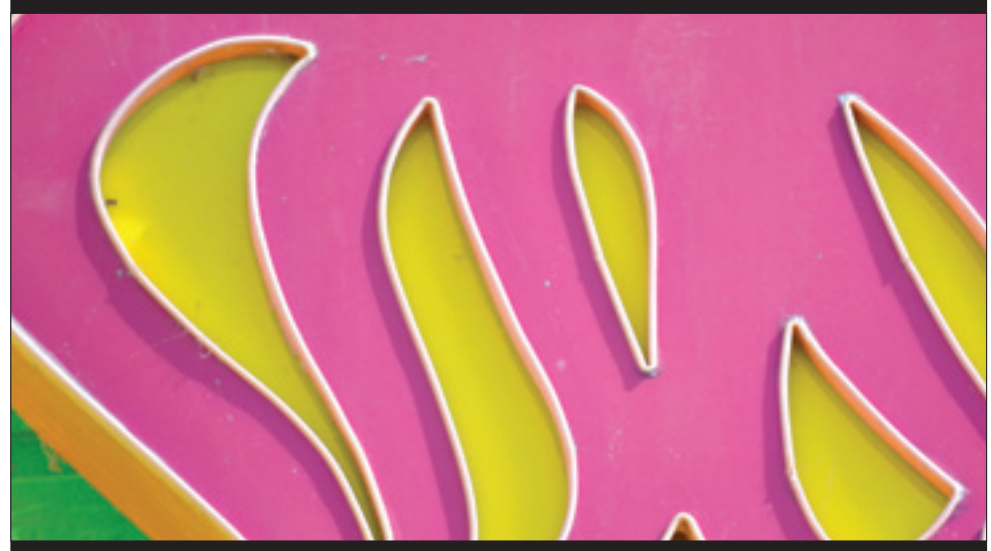
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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	8	6	1	4	3	2	5	7
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Mega#: 7
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17 21 27 30 47
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 9/21
5 12 20 28 29

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Draw Date: 9/21
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WORD UP!

penitent
1. feeling or expressing sorrow for sin or wrongdoing and disposed to atonement and amendment; repentant; contrite.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1905 – Norway and Sweden sign the "Karlstad treaty", peacefully dissolving the Union between the two countries.

1908 – University of Alberta in Alberta, Canada, is founded.

1909 – The Phantom of the Opera (original title: Le Fantôme de l'Opéra), a novel by French writer Gaston Leroux, is first published as a serialization in Le Gaulois.

1911 – Pilot Earle Ovington makes the first official airmail delivery in America under the authority of the United States Post Office Department

1913 – Roland Garros of France becomes the first to fly in an airplane across the Mediterranean (from St. Raphael France to Bizerte, Tunisia).

1932 – The Kingdom of Hejaz and Nejd is renamed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

1936 – First ascent of Siniolchu by a German team.

1938 – Mobilization of the Czechoslovak army in response to the Munich Crisis.

1942 – World War II: The Matanikau action on Guadalcanal begins U.S. Marines attack Japanese units along the Matanikau River.

1943 – World War II: The Nazi puppet state the Italian Social Republic is founded.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Cormega Copening, 17, and his girlfriend Brianna Denson, 16, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, are old enough to have sex ("adults," according to state law) but apparently too young to exchange nude photos. Copening was charged with five counts of "sexual exploitation" -- for receiving "sexts" from Denson and having nude photos of himself on his phone (i.e., "exploiting" himself). Denson accepted a lesser sentence and is serving a tedious, restrictive probation; she had also been charged with self-exploiting. After much criticism for threatening felony charges and sex-offender registration, prosecutors offered Copening a similar tedious, restrictive probation in September.

■ Ten years after Hurricane Katrina left tens of thousands homeless in New Orleans and neighboring Gulf states, many of the 120,000 hastily constructed box-type trailers ordered up -- and later condemned for concentrations of carcinogenic formaldehyde -- by the Federal Emergency Management Agency are still being used in the U.S., though most living in them have no clue about the risk. The most recent users were oilfield workers in North Dakota boomtowns, but shady entrepreneurs had also bought trailers at FEMA auctions and sold them for tornado and flood victims -- after removing FEMA's "Not For Human Habitation" stickers, according to a major investigation by Grist.org, released in August.

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Activism • Animals • Arts • Community • Education • Environment • Health

When our leaders move to Bizarro World

by Megan Tambio

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill to freeze all federal funding to Planned Parenthood for one year. Proponents were inspired in large part by the recent series of videos attempting to frame Planned Parenthood as greedy baby mongers, but what would a world without the health care agency actually look like?

Regardless of your stance on abortion, shutting down Planned Parenthood would result in diminished health care for not only women, but also low-income families. Planned Parenthood is not just some abortion clinic chain, but a legitimate health care agency that provides a variety of services — cancer screenings, STD tests, family nutrition plans — for people who couldn't otherwise afford them.

The biggest irony is that by cutting off a major source of contraceptives and health education, it could easily result in MORE unwanted pregnancies. Unless we've woken up in Superman's Bizarro World, then this doesn't mean less abortions. That's the fundamental problem. Many detractors of Planned Parenthood think it's the reason abortion exists, and if they could just get rid of it then abortions and unwanted pregnancy will go away too.



This shouldn't be about politics. It's a matter of what's best for the health of our fellow human beings.

Contact your Senators and Representatives. Or search the Causes directory at giive.org for Health non-profits in your community.

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Order in tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ In the next few weeks, others might challenge you more often. Know that you will need to make an adjustment. This trend begins today; however, as a result of your playful, innovative personality emerging, not much will bother you. Tonight: Find a friend and make plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll continue focusing on getting a project done. What you are likely to find is that, in certain areas, you will need to assume total responsibility in order to have the details work out as you would like. A family member could need some of your time. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will take you to a new level of understanding with a loved one. Your imagination could be stimulated by what occurs; how you direct this energy is your call. You'll make your interactions more interesting. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deferring to others will make your life easier, but at a certain point, you will want to become more involved than you have been. You might feel pressured by an outside connection, but you must focus on a personal matter. Tonight: Make time for a one-on-one chat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Understanding evolves to a new level with a friend or loved one. Return calls, and don't hesitate to speak your mind. You have the ability to get past problems with unusual ease, so much so that you might not even notice a bump in the road. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of the costs of going along with a friend's idea. You could feel pressured by your family or immediate circle to join them instead. Understand that you'll need to sort through your plans with your friend before reaching a decision. Tonight: Time for some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You feel energized and able to connect with others in a more direct manner. A friend might push you hard to get what he or she wants. Allow your ingenuity to emerge, and you are likely to find a solution. Encourage more spontaneity in your life. Tonight: Flirt the night away!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay close to home, knowing that you have a lot to think about. You might feel a bit too restricted financially. You could opt to spend some quiet time at home, where you feel you can relax and consider your options more carefully. Tonight: Have a favorite meal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Friends might be more instrumental than you realize as they seem to guide your plans and directions. You would see a friendship develop into a lot more if you relax about what is happening. Make calls and be responsive to others. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of what a demand will cost you both emotionally and financially. You might try to take shortcuts, but that could drain you financially. Curb a possessiveness that emerges. Try to root out the cause, so you can heal this vulnerability. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a lot of different feelings to deal with. You could be taken aback by a friend and what he or she decides to share. You'll recognize how hurt this person might be. A loved one seeks you out. There is no way you can avoid this person. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be more vulnerable than you realize. Your judgment could be off, no matter how you look at a personal matter. Try to postpone any decision- making until tomorrow or later. Recognize that you seem to be out of sorts. Tonight: Not to be found.

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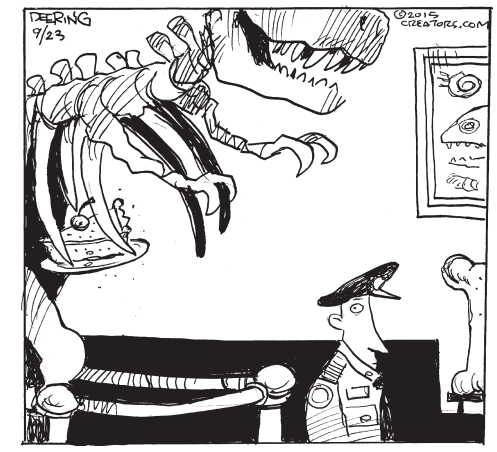
This year you will take a hard look at what doesn't work in your life. You have to tweak and make what you want work through an adjustment. You need to rid your life of what is holding you back. In the next 12 months, you will want and need more personal time to reflect on what you want. If you are single, use caution with people you meet. Make sure that anyone you choose to date is on the up-and-up. If you are attached, the two of you might be out of sync at times. Spend more quality time with your significant other, even if you do not see eye to eye. AQUARIUS is a wonderful friend to you.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



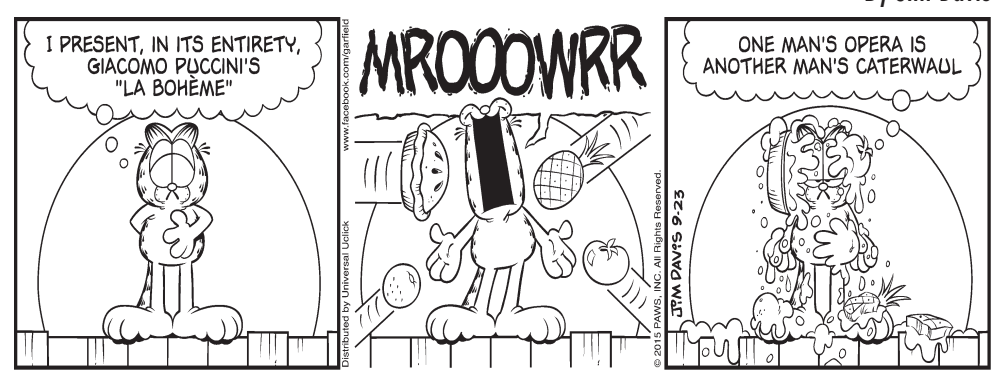
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