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Young entrepreneurs get social in Santa Monica

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The fifth Junior Social Entrepreneurship Summit came to a close this summer after participants presented their ideas to create positive change in the world to an audience at Farmshop in Santa Monica.

And with that, the summer camp's founder, 15-year-old Luca Pistor, was already thinking about

next year.

JSES is a Santa Monica-based, biannual entrepreneurship summer camp with an international component. Through JSES, kids 11-16 can learn about social entrepreneurship and develop their own ideas for positive social change in the world.

To date, JSES has offered five

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CROSS-COUNTRY:

Finkel returns to lead Crossroads boys

Standout junior rounding into shape after injury last year



Courtesy photo

VICTORY: The Crossroads boys won the Brentwood Invitational last weekend.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

It was almost as if David Olds had forgotten what it was like to have Ethan Finkel leading the way for the Crossroads boys cross-country team.

Finkel took third place individually in the 5-kilometer race while leading the Roadrunners to a team title in their season opener last weekend at the Brentwood

Invitational, a performance that was not out of the ordinary for one of the most talented runners in the region.

But because the junior missed all of last season to recover from a stress fracture, his time of 16 minutes 43 seconds served as a reminder of the potential he and his teammates have this year.

"Having him back has been a

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STEM education branches out at SMC

Program serves underrepresented students, offers research opportunities



Courtesy photo

IN THE LAB: Santa Monica College biochemistry major Maria Cabrera performs research in UCLA's Department of Human Genetics. Cabrera was one of 18 Santa Monica College students who spent 10 weeks at UCLA as paid research interns this summer under its STEM-Science and Research Initiative partnership with SMC.

BY GRACE SMITH

Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica College alum Jonah Okike spent the summer at a UCLA research lab building a robotic arm that would be capable of performing an MRI-guided biopsy. SMC student Heather Haro spent hers looking for antibiotic-resistant genes in the Los Angeles human microbiome.

Okike, who recently transferred from SMC to Cornell University as a mechanical engineering major; and Heather Haro, an environmental science major, were among 18 SMC students selected by UCLA for a ten-week paid research internship. Fifty SMC Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) majors also participated in a weeklong residency at

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Courtesy photo

ENGINEER: Jonah Okike builds a robotic arm to perform an MRI-guided biopsy in an engineering lab at UCLA. Okike was one of 18 Santa Monica College students who spent 10 weeks at UCLA as paid research interns this summer under its STEM-Science and Research Initiative partnership with SMC. He transferred to Cornell University from SMC this fall a mechanical engineering major.



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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 3

Jack's Surfboards Give Back Surf Series

Surfing competition for boys and girls ages 16 and under (\$20 entry fee goes to local charities). For more information visit www.jackssurfboards.com. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chili Roast

It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest! Join us for a south-west style chili roast at the Pico farmers market. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later. Virginia Avenue Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Active Lab: Starting (or Saving) Your Profitable Business Quickly

Starting a business doesn't have to be difficult, doesn't have to take long, and doesn't have to cost a lot of money. If starting your business seems difficult or impossible, this session will help you leap the hurdles and side step the road blocks currently standing in your way. If your business is struggling you'll uncover some quick solutions for saving it. This is an interactive, hands-on, exercise driven laboratory that helps you take action swiftly and confidently going forward. Promenade Playhouse, 1404 Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Embodied Poetry with Peggy Dobreer

Try an Embodied Poetry Workshop and use movement imagery, meditation and breath work to generate new writing. Peggy's dynamic workshops combine literary intelligence with the 'wisdom of the body'. Expect to leave relaxed and invigorated, with a couple of new poems in your notebook. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47117 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Knit Lab with Grace Ahkrem

Reserve a spot for this monthly lab with knitwear designer Grace Ahkrem. Grace is available to answer questions about your ongoing projects, give design tips on creating a new knitwear item, and participants can also embark on a new knit-a-long with her! This fun open lab is for knitters of all levels. Some shared equipment and yarn available, otherwise bring your own. Cost: \$20. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/45849 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Lye Soapmaking with Angharad Caceres

Learn to make bar soap from olive, coconut, and other oils, aromatics and lye. Use safe kitchen chemistry to make versatile holiday and hostess gifts, and explore different wrapping and decorative techniques to make your gift soaps stand out! Cost: \$20 plus \$15 cash material fee. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47109 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Folksongs

Learn and sing folksongs with Jesus "Chuy" Perez (Papa Chu), Emeritus College teacher! Fun for the whole family! Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

One-on-One College Essay Workshop

Bring your essay for feedback from professional college counselor Diana Hanson. Limit: 10 students. Call (310) 458-8621 for more information. For grade 12 ONLY. Main Library, Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library
Santa Monica Public Library presents 'Comic Jam'

Put yourself in the frame as Santa Monica Public Library presents an audience-participation "Comic Jam" on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Ever wished you could pick the ending or a storyline twist for your favorite comic book or strip? Join us for this interactive author talk and comic jam, as celebrated comic artists Jen Wang (In Real Life, Koko Be Good), Becky Dreistadt (Tiny Kitten Teeth, Tigerbuttah, Capture Creatures), Sarah Oleksyk (Ivy), and Derek Kirk Kim (Tune, Same Difference, Good as Lily) discuss their work and how they got into the biz. Then they challenge you to fill in the blanks on a few unique comic strips that they've created especially for this interactive fan art comic jam, as well as join them in creating a wall-size comic storyline. A book sale and signing follows the event.

This program free and open to all ages. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

Citywide
Apply for CalFresh food assistance, healthcare at Virginia Avenue Park

CalFresh was established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. It does that by increasing food-buying power so that individuals and families are able to purchase the amount of food their household needs. CalFresh benefits are used instead of money at the grocery store. Despite this safety net, California has one of the lowest participation rates of all states in the federally funded food assistance program.

To address this issue locally, the City of Santa Monica has partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to bring an outreach worker to Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Ave.) to assist community members with applications for CalFresh every Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The worker can also assist with other DPSS non-cash benefits including Affordable Healthcare Programs such as Medi-Cal, Medicare and Medicare Savings Program.

Stop by Virginia Avenue Park on a Tuesday to find out how to apply or make an appointment by calling (310) 458-8688.

Citywide
Former local rabbi arrested on sex abuse charges

Santa Monica police detectives are seeking information or additional victims in connection with the arrest of Rabbi

Sholom Doyber Levitansky, who was booked into the Santa Monica jail Wednesday on a felony warrant for sexual abuse of a child.

Levitansky allegedly met his victims while working at Chabad's Living Torah Center in Santa Monica, an Orthodox Jewish synagogue and education facility that is now located on Wilshire Boulevard near 12th Street.

The abuse allegedly took place between 1998 and 2002, when the victims were 15 and 16 years old. Levitansky was in his mid-20s, police said.

Levitansky, a Sherman Oaks resident, has been charged by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office with five counts of oral copulation of a person under 18 years of age, five counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object, and one count of lewd act upon a child.

The Santa Monica Police Department urges anyone with additional information to contact Detective Roy Brown at 310-458-8960, Sgt. William Heric at 310-458-8453 or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

LISTINGS
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Opera at the Beach
The LA Opera's final performance of Gianni Schicchi and Pagliacci will be simulcast to the Santa Monica Pier for a free public event. The pier audience will be treated to the spectacular show, broadcast live from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. 5,000 people are expected. The event is free, but it is recommended to reserve a sport online for a \$1 handling fee. In addition to the show Los Angeles magazine is sponsoring a Wine Terrace which opens at 6:00 pm. Enjoy wines curated by wineLA. \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Santa Monica Pier, doors open at 5 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.

World Premiere of DREMPELS: The Short But Happy Life of the Drempel Hieronymus Aloisius Plonk

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Marital AIDS Benefit
The Marital AIDS Benefit charity stand up comedy show, featuring prominent members of adult industry. All proceeds donated to AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Bar and raffles for prizes. Laugh and help fund charity! Pricing (21 & up only): \$10 General Admission Pre-Registration Discount (\$12 at the door); \$15 VIP Admission with 10 Complimentary Raffle Tickets; \$1 per additional raffle ticket at the door. And all additional donations are welcome! Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A Third Street Promenade, 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. <http://westsidecomedy.com/event.cfm?id=409828&cart>

Sunday, Oct. 4
Art Show Opening
Acclaimed artist Yasman Moradi exhibits her work here in Los Angeles at the Shrif and Yas Art Studio, which she co-owns. Her art features bold color combinations, and soul-searching ideas and metaphors. The exhibit on display at UU Santa Monica will showcase her interpretation of her experiences with the 13th century Sufi poet Moulana Jalaledin Rumi. Admission is free. Unitarian Universalist Community

Church of Santa Monica, 1260 18th St., 12 - 1:30 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Handcrafting Lab with Leslie Robinson
Local hatmaker Leslie Robinson will be supervising collage, beading, knitting, sewing and other handwork activities while taking apart and repurposing vintage hats, working on new fascinators and other projects that mix modern and vintage material. Bring your own accessorizing projects to get tips, or embark on something new! Some materials provided and others are available for purchase from Leslie, or bring your own. Even if you have no idea what to make, you can learn some great handwork tips from Leslie and embark on a new craft. Enroll online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=handcrafting for \$2 off, or drop in for \$12 (please bring exact change), Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m.



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Barking up the wrong trees

Editor:

While I admire the people protesting the removal of trees, I have to wonder where they are when it comes to Santa Monica's street trees? Far too many in my neighborhood have died, including several that were moved here from the Civic Center parking lot at great expense to the city. Relying on homeowners to water street trees in a drought seems to be poor planning. Many homes are occupied by renters who have no roots in our neighborhoods and no reason to spend their money maintaining our trees. One such house, which has two dead street trees and one dead on the property, is a rental.

So, activists, help the trees, but please focus on the ones you can truly help: trees in Santa Monica on our public parkways.

Deborah Ford

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Lions thinking globally, acting locally

IT IS EASY TO THINK OF THE SANTA

Monica Lions Club as a community service club, but it is so much more than that. This past weekend we held our 61st annual pancake breakfast to raise money to support local nonprofit service and vision-related organizations. The attendance keeps growing each year as new people discover the breakfast and longtime supporters return each year. Some have been attending for more than 40 years.

But not all attendees were local. Lions from other clubs throughout the Southland came to support us as well. We had Lions from five other clubs in the Los Angeles area, including as far away as Norwalk. They come each year to eat pancakes and share the morning with us, but more importantly to support communities outside their own. We all work together to restore vision, fight illiteracy, plant trees and build leaders in Southern California while making some incredible friends.

However, on a national level the true essence of being a Lion becomes more evident. Every city, town and rural area is represented and their service is as diverse as its membership. It is easy to become focused on what your club does, isolating yourself from the vast and varied impact the Lions have

across the county.

I attended a USA/Canada leadership conference in Grand Rapids two weeks ago and learned of a club in a remote tourist center that built a helipad to help evacuate injured hikers to the nearest hospital more than two hours away; another club volunteered time to help a widow paint and landscape her home which had gone into disrepair without her husband; as part of another town's revitalization project, the Lions built a park in hopes of attracting more families to the area; and yet another provides college scholarships to their high school seniors in hopes of getting more students to go to college. In every case the Lions have assessed what was needed and helped to make their community stronger and a better place.

The Santa Monica Lions are an integral part of the Lions fellowship around the world. We are dedicated to helping Santa Monica, but also to helping people across the U.S. and around the world have a better life through helping youth, providing health services, relieving hunger and protecting our environment.

If you want to learn more about being a Lion, join us for any of our monthly volunteer projects that are posted on Facebook or call **SUSAN** at (310) 623-4499.

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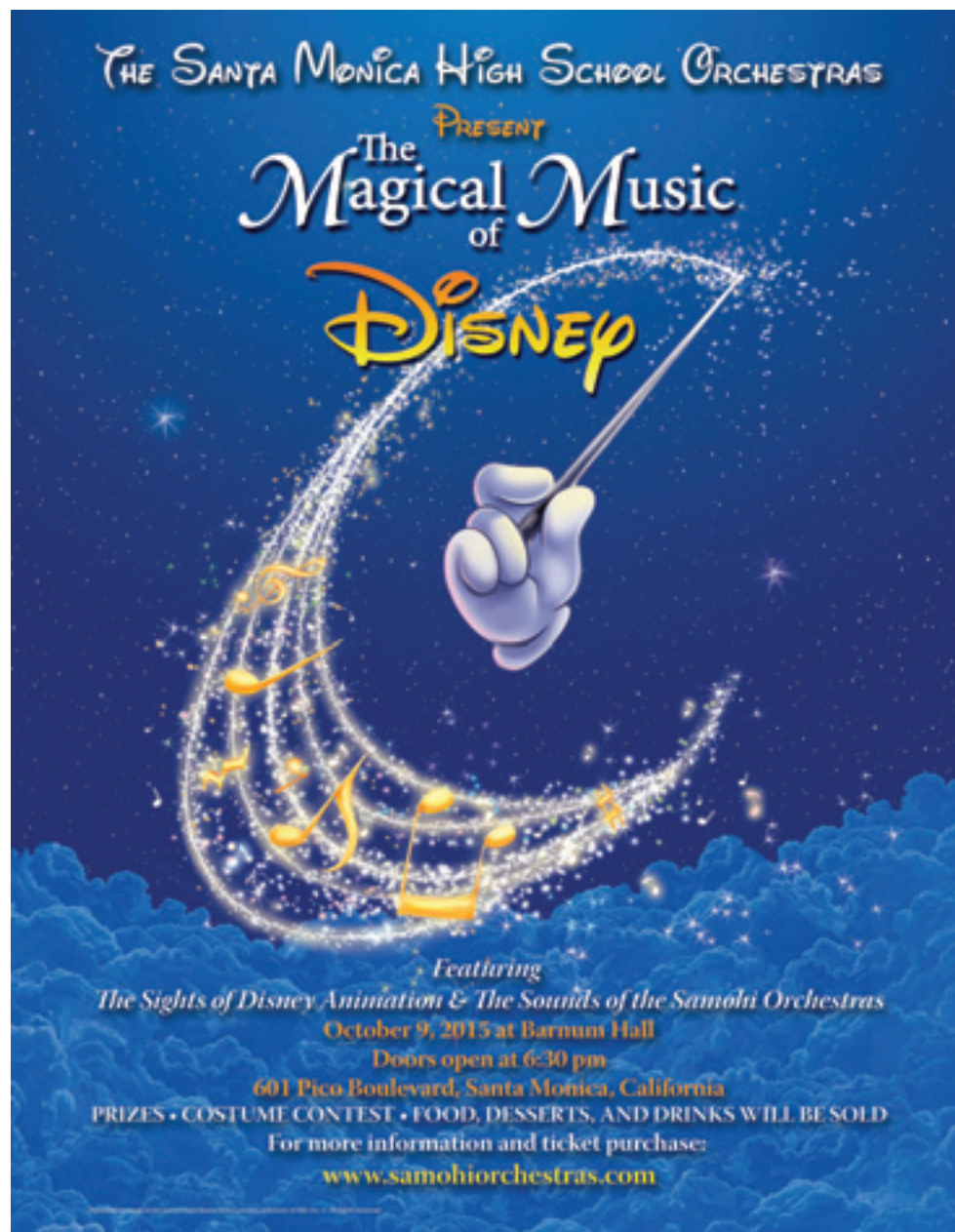
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SMart Thinking

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Sustainability on the backs of residents

A RECENT SMA.R.T. COLUMN ON sustainability compared the City of Santa Monica's residential and commercial sectors' progress towards the City's sustainability goals. Initially, it appeared that the residential sector was on track while the commercial sector was lagging. While this is still the case, the actual picture is more nuanced, as is the path to the City's goal of water self-sufficiency and one pound of trash per person per day by 2030.

Santa Monica controls only two-thirds of its water supply, sharing the remaining third with other municipalities. In 2013 the City's water usage was split between single-family residences (22 percent), multi-family residences (39 percent), commercial (27 percent) and other users (12 percent). The total residential sector (61 percent) has shown the greatest decrease in water usage. From 2005 to 2013 residential water usage dropped 6 percent as the population increased 7 percent from 86,643 to 92,472. During the same period, the commercial sector's usage increased by 12 percent. This is an 18-percent difference between the two sectors. Clearly, the business sector growth and usage is outpacing all others.

Ironically, the residents' conservation efforts have resulted in water rates being raised 9 percent in 2015 to cover administrative costs and needed capital improvements. In the subsequent years, a 13-percent annual increase is forecast. Most of these rate increases will be used to finance a needed \$28-million upgrade to the City's water infrastructure. Are these improvements necessitated due to the onslaught of new developments? If so, wouldn't it make sense for those responsible to bear a larger share of the capital expenditures? As it stands, the proposed water increase will be spread across all sectors. In effect, the residents are subsidizing those responsible for the increased costs. Some of them may not even live in the City. This is not right.

What was not approved as part of this measure was an additional \$5 million to pay for an Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system. Since the commercial sector is where conservation is most needed, this decision seems shortsighted. If enacted, it would have enabled more frequent and accurate metering of water usage in buildings with multiple tenants. This is of particular importance in commercial buildings where there is often just a single meter for the entire structure. This makes it more difficult to ferret out those whose water usage exceeds the mandated 20-percent reductions from 2013 levels. This same system might have also been effective in the multi-residential sector for apartments and condos where water wasters are also more difficult to identify. An additional \$5 million might have been a small price to pay for the potential water savings by those whose water use is the highest.

Santa Monica has had a law on the books since 1992 that requires all newly constructed condos and apartments to provide separate water service and metering for each unit. Although new units may have been plumbed separately, their individual meters, in some cases, were never installed. An often-cited excuse has been their inability to locate the new meters in the public right of way. The City should make every effort to remove any remaining barriers to the implementation of

this ordinance. The new technologies available for individual and remote metering remove any excuse to avoid individual metering. The AMI system described above might have also provided a solution to insure that our new residents are doing their part to save water.

In the area of refuse collection, the commercial sector generates the most waste. In 2014 the sector breakdown for waste was: single-family residences, 18 percent; multi-family residences, 36 percent; and commercial, 46 percent. Another way to look at these figures is that homeowners produce 50-percent less waste than apartment dwellers and 40-percent less than most businesses. When it comes to keeping waste out of the landfills, the figures are equally revealing. The residential sector recycles 58 percent of its waste while the multi-residential recycles only 13 percent and the commercial sector 20 percent. Although these figures are still higher than the residential sector, they are still a 50-percent improvement from 2011 levels for both businesses and apartments.

The commercial sector's improvement may have as much to do with the methods of trash collection as the increased recycling on the part of the business community. The City continues to improve its methods and expand the types of materials it can divert from landfills. The greatest improvement has been in the recycling of organic materials. Commercial waste recycling increased 60 percent in just 3 years between 2011 and 2014. The Resource Recovery and Recycling Department, managed by Kim Braun, continues to innovate and find new ways to keep city waste out of the city's landfills and make the system more efficient. For example, new public trash containers are now "smart" and able to notify the department when they are full and have built-in compactors that can increase their capacity and extend the time between pick-ups.

In 2006, the total amount of trash generated per person per day was 7.7 pounds. This figure came down 50 percent to 3.6 pounds in 2011. Unfortunately, it has since gone back up to 4.6 pounds in 2013 due to the increase in our daily population, a better economy and commercial growth. This has put us further from our goal of 1.1 by 2030. In the future, Braun envisions Santa Monica having its own reprocessing plant to convert organic material into energy or useful products, such as fertilizers. As the sorting technology improves, she envisions a time when residents will no longer have three cans (green waste, recycling and trash) but only two: one for wet waste and one for dry materials. The methods of recycling also continue to become more sophisticated and may one day be what Jane Jacobs envisioned in her book "The Economy of Cities" — a resource to be treasured rather than buried.

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California high-speed rail seeks private investors, input

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

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SACRAMENTO The California High-Speed Rail Authority has received 35 responses from private companies interested in financing, building and operating the first 300-mile segment of the controversial rail project, which officials say is a positive sign of private interest after lawmakers last year dedicated a long-term funding source.

Chief Executive Jeff Morales declined to provide details Friday about what the companies told the agency or make public the responses, saying officials are still reviewing them and plan to meet with the companies over the next two months.

The authority provided a list of 35 firms that replied, including London-based Barclays Bank, a group called the Chinese High Speed Rail Delivery Team and several large international construction and engineering firms with offices in the United States, such as Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation, Siemens Industry Inc. and AECOM.

Several firms contacted Friday did not immediately respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Facing criticism from opponents for the lack of private investors lining up to finance the \$68 billion project, the rail authority asked private firms to respond to a list of questions on how to reduce costs, speed up construction and attract more private-sector

investment for a segment from Merced to Burbank, which is scheduled to start operating in 2022.

"Until now we have been saying 'There will be private sector interest.' Now the private sector is saying 'There will be private sector interest,'" Morales said Friday.

He said the responses allow the rail authority to benefit from "the collective experience of firms who've delivered big projects who can help us determine the best path forward."

The state Legislature agreed last year to provide the first ongoing source of financial support to the project: a quarter of all revenues from the state's greenhouse gas emissions program in which companies buy and sell pollution credits. That amounted to \$250 million last year and could eventually total \$3 billion to \$5 billion a year. Voters in 2008 also approved nearly \$10 billion in bonds for the project, and the federal government has committed \$3.5 billion in matching funds.

Still, California's project faces political uncertainty in Washington, D.C. as Republican House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, of Bakersfield, seeks to become the next speaker. He previously has vowed to "do whatever I can to ensure that not one dollar of federal funds is directed to this project."

Rail officials are expected to brief the board of directors on the industry responses at a board meeting next week.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

FROM PAGE 1

big shot in the arm for us," said Olds, who has helmed the program since 1986. "That was basically his first race in two years. He's just rounding into basic shape."

The return of Finkel has Olds hoping high for the Roadrunners, who are contending for a fifth-straight league title and a trip to the CIF state championships following the loss of two graduated seniors.

Their season continues Tuesday afternoon with the Viewpoint Invitational at Paramount Ranch in Agoura.

Two years ago, what Olds expected to be a rebuilding season turned into a memorable one as Finkel, then a freshman, guided Crossroads to the state meet.

"He came in and raised the bar for everybody," Olds said.

The injury Finkel sustained towards the end of his freshman track and field season forced him to miss last fall's cross-country campaign. His journey back to competitive sports shape, which started during last school year's track season, is far from over.

"He's basically started from ground zero," Olds said. "He's still finding his cross-country legs. But he's got a lot of talent."

And Finkel isn't alone. As skilled as he is, Olds said, the squad's true strength rests in its depth.

Daniel Allen, who became the Roadrunners' frontrunner in Finkel's

absence last year, is back for his final season. The senior clocked a 16:58 to place fourth at the Brentwood Invitational.

"Having those two being able to run together is a one-two punch that's pretty dominating," Olds said. "There aren't too many teams in the Southern Section that can match that one-two punch."

Crossroads' third and fourth punches, coming in the form of seniors Alex Groenendaal-Jones and Ben Brief, aren't far behind.

Groenendaal-Jones, a talented track athlete in the 800 meters, is entering his second season of long-distance running. He finished the Brentwood Invitational in 13th place with a 17:38, dramatic improvement since the same event last year.

"He's finally accepting cross-country into his life," Olds said. "He's taken it to that next level."

Fried, meanwhile, has been a key cog in the Roadrunners' lineup since his freshman year. He ran a 17:50 to take 16th.

As for who will fill the team's fifth scoring slot?

"There's a pack of about five or six guys who are currently vying for that spot, and it speaks to the depth of the team," Olds said, mentioning sophomore Ayden Georgi as a possible candidate. "There are probably 15 guys who could be in my top seven. Every year there's somebody I don't expect who comes out of nowhere and makes a difference."

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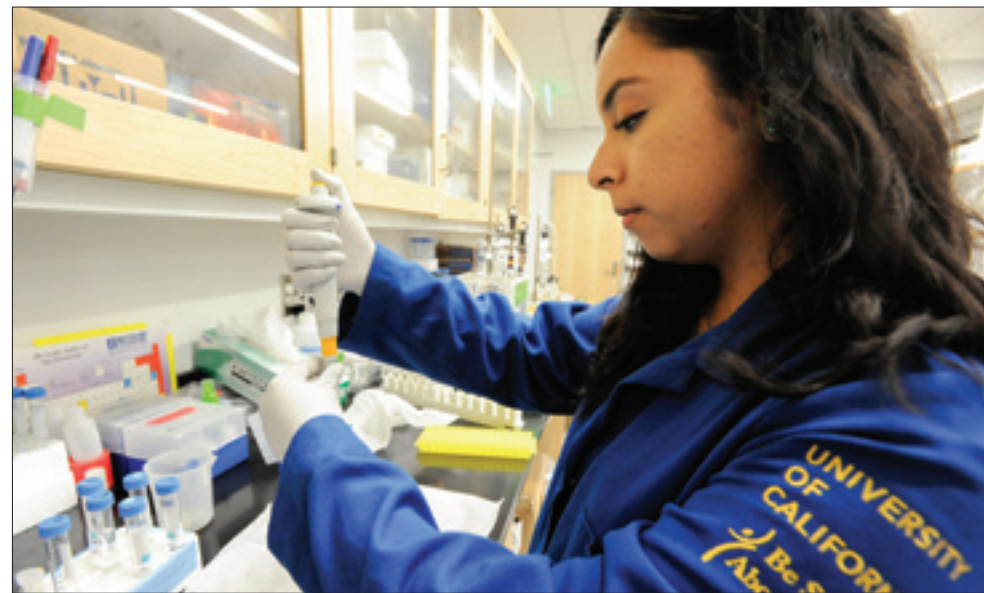
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HARO OF THE DAY: Santa Monica College environmental science major Heather Haro researches antibiotic resistant genes in a civil and environmental engineering lab at UCLA. Haro was one of 18 students to be selected for a 10-week paid research internship at UCLA under its STEM-Science and Research Initiative partnership with SMC.

STEM

FROM PAGE 1

UCLA — getting a preview of university life — all as part of the SMC-UCLA STEM Science and Research Initiative (SRI).

“Our partnership with UCLA has prepared our students for an intensive research environment and given them the knowledge they need for transfer,” says Melanie Bocanegra, SMC Associate Dean for STEM and Student Equity. “Our professors and counselors work together to develop curriculum and workshops that prepare our STEM students for this opportunity and our students realize that they are never alone in their ‘STEM path.’”

SMC established its successful STEM-SRI program in partnership with UCLA funded by a five-year, \$5.8-million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, awarded in 2011. STEM students at SMC avail of specialized courses, free counseling and tutoring, and research opportunities at UCLA through its Center for Community College Partnerships and the Undergraduate Research Center.

SMC biochemistry major Maria Cabrera — who also interned at UCLA — says that the close support and rapport that SMC’s STEM-SRI program provides has been crucial in keeping her focused. Cabrera takes two Metro train transfers and a bus to get to SMC from her home in the San Fernando Valley.

“In high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do,” says Cabrera. She “randomly picked some majors” after graduating, but after being rejected from the universities she applied to — including UCLA — she decided to come to SMC. After getting an email from the STEM program inviting her to apply, she stumbled on a newfound - and unexpected - passion.

Cabrera researched gonadal hormones this summer at UCLA’s Department of Human Genetics, exploring the effects they might have on pancreatic cells, and possibly contribute to differences in how males and females get diabetes induced by Statin, the cholesterol-lowering drug.

Like Cabrera, neither Okike nor Haro had ever considered STEM prior to arriving at SMC. Okike struggled academically in high school and enrolled in business and computer science courses at SMC for a year until he applied to the STEM-SRI program, on a counselor’s recommendation. Suddenly, his childhood dream - of inventing things - came full circle.

“I am really, really grateful to my SMC professors for pushing me in this direction,” said Okike, now at Cornell and who earlier this year also won the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, the nation’s largest private scholarship for transfer students.

“The STEM program at SMC offered so much — their doors were open to me any

time. I’ve made it to this point because of them,” added Okike.

As for Heather Haro — who also serves as Director of Sustainability for SMC’s Associated Students — the College is a place of “first experiences.” Before going on a camping trip with her geography field studies class, the Valley native had never slept in the outdoors. Then, as a student worker at SMC’s Center for Environmental and Urban Studies, Haro “got her hands dirty” by working at the College’s organic learning garden.

“Everything I’ve come to love about sustainability happened at SMC,” says Haro. Her father, who suffers from diabetes, is on dialysis after his kidneys began malfunctioning, and Haro is bent on helping him — by solving root problems in the environment.

“I want to identify — and help solve — problems in the environment,” says Haro. “Even a disease like diabetes can be traced to food access, and to find solutions through science and policy would go beyond a ‘Band-Aid solution.’”

Haro hopes to transfer to the Soil Science undergraduate program at the University of California, Davis, or to UCLA’s Environmental Engineering program. She aspires to work for the Environmental Protection Agency to “push scientific research forward” and also “be an advocate for my community and the environment.”

“The field of science touches my heart the most,” says Haro. “It’s just one small piece of the puzzle but I like the idea that what I’m researching and learning can actually make a difference.”

SMC’s STEM program recently received another boost in the form of a MUREP Community College Curriculum Improvement grant from NASA, as one of four U.S. community college recipients. The grant will provide up to \$250,000 per year for a maximum of three years to provide training for SMC professors teaching STEM, and to expand STEM course offerings.

For more information about SMC’s STEM-SRI program, visit www.smc.edu/STEM or call (310) 434-3993. SMC has also expanded academic support services for STEM students — including summer chemistry and math “boot camps” — as part of an overall move to help reduce the disparity that exists in academic achievement between historically underrepresented students and their peers. The SMC STEM program also began outreach to John Adams Middle School students this summer in partnership with the JAMS Science Magnet program with the aim of bringing more local students into the STEM “pipeline.”

Of the 176 students enrolled in the STEM-SRI program this year, 59 percent come from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds and 52 percent are from low-income households.

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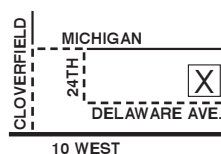
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Obama: No more temporary spending bills

BY ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama said Friday he won't sign another temporary government funding bill after the current one expires Dec. 11, insisting that congressional Republicans and Democrats work out a long-term budget deal with the White House.

Obama said such a deal should lift a freeze on the budgets of both the Pentagon and domestic agencies. Speaking at a White House news conference, he said he "won't sign another shortsighted spending bill" and asserted that the U.S. can't cut its way to prosperity.

On the so-called debt limit, which needs to be raised above the current \$18.1 trillion cap by early November, Obama said he won't repeat a 2011 negotiation over companion spending cuts that brought the nation to the brink of a first-ever default on its obligations.

"We're not going back there," he said.

Neither position was new or surprising, but the president's statements came after Capitol Hill was roiled by the resignation of House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. He decided to leave Congress after a revolt among tea party forces who wanted him to use a temporary spending bill to force Obama to take away Planned Parenthood's federal funding. The same

conservatives generally opposed lifting tight caps on spending set by the 2011 budget deal.

Talks on spending were just beginning and were expected to focus on finding long-term cuts elsewhere in the budget to permit higher spending on the day-to-day operations of government agencies. Agreement will be difficult, in large part because of a lack of politically easy spending cuts and disagreement over how to use any money from the cuts.

Four years ago Obama agreed to spending cuts in exchange for getting a \$2.1 trillion debt limit increase through Congress. Since then he has twice refused to negotiate over the debt-ceiling issue and Congress has lifted the debt limit both times with sweeping support from Democrats.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew informed Congress on Thursday that it needs to act by Nov. 5, earlier than most on Capitol Hill had thought. The issue probably will need to be dealt with before Boehner leaves at the end of the October.

Obama said that Boehner's resignation, which has sparked GOP infighting in a handful of House leadership races, complicates the situation. But Boehner says he would like to clean out Congress' barn of as much unfinished business as possible and he may have more leeway now that he doesn't have to worry about tea party lawmakers demanding his scalp.

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Malibu wingsuit flyer dies in Switzerland

Associated Press

BERLIN American adventurer Johnny Strange, who scaled the tallest peaks on every continent before he was 18, died in a wingsuit crash in the Alps, Swiss police reported Friday.

Strange, 23, crashed shortly after jumping Thursday from Mount Gitschen in central Switzerland, police spokesman Gusti Planzer told The Associated Press.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the experienced jumper to crash, but Planzer said there were strong winds on the mountain.

Strange had complained about the weather Monday when he discussed his plans with the hosts of Los Angeles radio station KROQ-FM's Kevin and Bean Show.

"I'm actually on a mountain right now. We're climbing something in Switzerland and wingsuit base jumping off of it," he told hosts Kevin Ryder and Gene "Bean" Baxter.

"I'm filming a new wingsuit proximity video," he continued. "That's where we fly super-close to stuff."

"It should be awesome," he added.

But Strange, a frequent guest on the show, added that bad weather was causing him problems. He said he might put off a planned jump that afternoon until the next day.

"I don't really want to get hurt," he said.

Strange told the show's listeners they could follow his progress on Instagram, and he posted a brief video of himself in flight the next day. He said it was recorded with a body cam soon after he spoke with Kevin and Bean.

His last post, on Wednesday, was a still photo of him flying low to the ground near a stand of towering trees. The caption read, "Which tree should we bring home for Christmas?"

Strange, from Malibu, became the youngest person to scale the tallest peaks on each of the world's seven continents when he conquered the last one, Mount Everest, at age 17.

Planzer said the 8,245-foot Mount Gitschen has become popular with extreme sports enthusiasts in recent years. Another American wingsuit flyer died on the mountain July 10.

Veteran who tried to stop Oregon gunman was shot 5 times

BY GOSIA WOZNIACKA &
ALLEN BREED
Associated Press

ROSEBURG, Ore. When the gunshots started at Umpqua Community College, some people mistook them for falling books. But Army veteran Chris Mintz quickly recognized the threat.

"He was in the military and knew what it was," said Mintz's aunt, Wanda Mintz.

Her 30-year-old nephew, a student at the college, told classmates to remain calm and went to the door as the shooter came across the hallway. He tried to stop the gunman from entering the classroom and was shot three times, his aunt said.

After Chris Mintz fell, he told the suspect: "It's my son's birthday today. Don't do this," she said. The gunman then shot him at least twice more and went into the classroom, where he kept firing. Nine people were killed before the shooter died during a shootout with police.

Wanda Mintz said her nephew tried to crawl away but could not move because of his wounds. He was recuperating Friday at a hospital in Roseburg and was expected to survive.

"He's lucky to be alive, and we're grateful he's alive," his aunt told The Associated Press on Friday.

In an interview with ABC News, the younger Mintz said: "I just hope that everyone else is OK. I'm just worried about everyone else."

Speaking by phone from her home in

Randelman, North Carolina, Wanda Mintz got a description of what happened from her nephew's girlfriend. She said he went through seven hours of surgery.

"Chris is a tough guy," she said.

He was hit in both legs, his stomach, his back and in the hand, but the bullets did not hit any of his vital organs. He has two rods in his legs and is going to be in a wheelchair for the foreseeable future, she said.

"It's going to be a long, long recovery," she said.

She said she spoke Friday with her nephew, who said he was in a lot of pain.

Chris Mintz was born and raised in Randelman, North Carolina, west of Raleigh. His son, Tyrik, turned 6 on Thursday, she said.

When he was in the military, Mintz was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, then moved about nine years ago to a base in the West. He never saw combat, his aunt said.

She said he's an athlete and was studying body building and nutrition. He left the Army a few years ago and was a part-time student at Umpqua, she said.

Mike Gwaltney, a swim coach at the YMCA where Mintz worked, said he was not surprised to hear how Mintz reacted.

"It's something that Chris and many others are trained to do," he said. "He's a pretty tough cookie."

Gwaltney said he saw Mintz at the hospital as he was coming out of surgery.

"For the most part," Gwaltney said, "he was in very good spirits."

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: None

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$1,500,000 - \$1,800,000

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Allos creeks.		
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancoso Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (privatized).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	F
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at San Becker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet.	A+	F
Surfside Beach (beach 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 (joint zone).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pine Creek at Los Tunes 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+

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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPT. 24 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M.
A Santa Monica police officer responded to the 2500 block of Idaho Avenue in regards to a suspicious male subject sitting in a vehicle for several hours. Upon arrival, the officer located the male, later identified as 29-year-old Nate Lewis, of Los Angeles, sitting in the passenger seat while looking at his cellphone. The officer asked Lewis if he lived in the area, and he replied that he lived around the corner. When he was asked for his address, he told the officer that he lived in Hollywood. Lewis went on to tell the officer that he worked at a local hospital and that the vehicle belonged to his female neighbor. When the officer asked if he could search the car, Lewis granted him permission. While searching the vehicle, the officer found that the vehicle had DMV paperwork attached to the front windshield and that the owner's name was different than the name provided by Lewis. Los Angeles police were contacted and responded to the location of his stated address, determining that the apartment number did not exist there. A search of the car yielded a fake California driver's license and identification card. Lewis was arrested for possessing a fraudulent public seal. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 400 calls for service on Oct. 1.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Auto Burglary, 2nd / Wilshire, 12:29 a.m.
Prowler, 2900 block of Delaware, 2:23 a.m.
Person with a Gun, 300 block of Santa Monica, 3:01 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm, 1600 block of Stanford, 7:51 a.m.
Elder Abuse, 900 block of 17th, 08:26 a.m.
Traffic Accident, Yale / Wilshire, 09:08 a.m.
Identity Theft, 900 block of 19th, 09:33 a.m.
Fraud, 1400 block of 12th, 09:44 a.m.
Indecent Exposure, 3100 block of Main, 9:53 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto, 700 block of 23rd, 10:31 a.m.
Indecent Exposure, 1900 block of the beach, 10:54 a.m.
Hit and Run, 11th / Pine, 11:17 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto, 600 block of 23rd, 11:22 a.m.
Hit and Run, 700 block of 15th, 11:55 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold, 2100 block of Cloverfield, 12:04 p.m.
Drinking in Public, 1300 block of 6th, 12:20 p.m.
Child Abuse, 3400 block of Ocean Park, 12:22 p.m.
Drinking in Public, 1200 block of California, 12:36 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 52 calls for service on Oct. 1.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Elevator Rescue, 1500 block of 2nd, 12:21 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service (EMS), 100 block of Colorado, 1:36 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Ocean, 1:40 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of Pico, 6:22 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 7:01 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of 4th, 7:32 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Olympic, 8:18 a.m.
EMS, Intersection of Yale / Wilshire, 9:09 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk, 9:15 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 7th, 9:31 a.m.
Automatic Alarm, 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk, 10:01 a.m.
EMS, 700 block of Ocean Park, 10:28 a.m.

Battery, 2000 block of Colorado, 12:55 p.m.
Traffic Accident, 900 block of Wilshire, 1:02 p.m.
Fraud, 1500 block of 10th, 1:13 p.m.
Assault with Deadly Weapon, 2700 block of Pearl, 1:54 p.m.
Drinking in Public, 300 block of Bay, 2:00 p.m.
Identity Theft, 1300 block of Marine, 2:02 p.m.
Traffic Accident, Lincoln / Pico, 2:09 p.m.
Injured Person, 3rd / Santa Monica, 2:52 p.m.
Identity Theft, 800 block of 7th, 2:56 p.m.
Vandalism, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 3:13 p.m.
Grand Theft, 1500 block of 10th, 3:36 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold, 1400 block of PCH, 4:31 p.m.
Identity Theft, 1100 block of Ozone, 4:32 p.m.
Hit and Run, 600 block of Palisades Beach Rd, 4:40 p.m.
Child Molestation, 1300 block of 3rd, 4:54 p.m.
Grand Theft, 1800 block of Pico / , 5:07 p.m.
Traffic Accident, Lincoln / Broadway, 7:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication, Intersection of Ocean / Olympic, 7:31 p.m.
Assault w/ Deadly Weapon, Stewart / Pico, 7:36 p.m.
Domestic Violence, 31st / Ocean Park, 8:07 p.m.
Battery, 2600 block of 31st, 8:16 p.m.
Traffic Accident, Lincoln / Pearl, 8:49 p.m.
Hit and Run, 9th / Pico, 8:50 p.m.
Hit and Run, 700 block of 15th, 9:22 p.m.
Traffic Accident, 1100 block of PCH, 9:49 p.m.
Petty Theft, 300 block of Olympic, 9:52 p.m.
Identity Theft, 300 block of Olympic, 9:55 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Choir member
- 5 Impolite interruption
- 10 Rome's port
- 12 Creamy color
- 13 Seize by force
- 14 News summary
- 15 Talking bear of films
- 16 Spot to jot
- 18 Finished off
- 19 Be whiny
- 21 Downhill glider
- 22 Lively tune
- 24 Leg bone
- 25 Simple game
- 29 Weather map marking
- 30 Musical mixture
- 32 Writer Beattie
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- 40 Bring to mind

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- 6 Second person
- 7 Spot
- 8 Moon feature
- 9 Promoted
- 11 "Bon —!"
- 17 Mobile setting
- 20 Trailing plant
- 21 Old footwear
- 23 Salsa choice
- 25 Dough-boy's helmet
- 26 Set afire
- 27 "You flatter me too much!"
- 28 Cry of discovery
- 29 Heavenly strings
- 31 Tough puzzle
- 33 Derisive calls
- 36 Tiny taste
- 38 Future embryos

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Yesterday's answer

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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).

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	9	1	5	8	6	3	4	7
6	7	5	4	9	3	8	2	1
8	3	4	7	2	1	9	6	5
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7	4	9	8	6	5	2	1	3
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1	5	7	9	4	8	6	3	2
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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21 39 40 55 59
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 40M



Draw Date: 9/29
8 21 30 61 62
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 47M



Draw Date: 9/30
6 13 15 31 32
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 13M



Draw Date: 10/1
12 16 19 29 37



Draw Date: 10/2
MIDDAY: 0 7 0
Draw Date: 10/1
EVENING: 6 4 7



Draw Date: 10/1
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:47.64

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WORD UP!

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1950- Korean War: The First Battle of Maryang San, primarily pitting Australian and British forces against communist China, begins.

1952- The United Kingdom successfully tests a nuclear weapon to become the world's third nuclear power.

1957- The California State Superior Court rules that Allen Ginsberg's Howl and Other Poems is not obscene.

1962- Project Mercury: Sigma 7 is launched from Cape Canaveral, with astronaut

Wally Schirra aboard, for a six-orbit, nine-hour flight.

1963- A violent coup pre-empted the October 13 election, ends a period of reform, and begins two decades of military rule.

1981- The hunger strike by Provisional Irish Republican Army and Irish National Liberation Army prisoners at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland ends after seven months and ten deaths.

1985- The Space Shuttle Atlantis makes its maiden flight. (Mission STS-51-J).

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Adam Partridge Auctioneers in Liverpool announced in September that the equivalent of \$10,000 would be the starting bid on a two-pound mass of whale vomit (hardened into a chunk by aging in ocean waters) picked up by a beachcomber in Wales. BBC News reported that a six-pound hunk once sold for the equivalent of \$150,000; when aged into "ambergris," the putrid waste product turns waxy and sweet-smelling and proves valuable to "high-end perfume houses."

■ An international property rental service recently found a seven-bedroom castle on 200 acres in Ringuette, France, for the equivalent of \$2,925 a month -- which San Francisco's KNTV immediately contrasted with the listing of a 401-square-foot apartment in the city's Lower Haight district, offered at \$3,000 per month. Another

French castle (six bedrooms, a pool, three-acre garden, "several lawns") rents for the equivalent of \$4,940 -- about what a three-bedroom on Collins Street in San Francisco goes for.

■ An ovipositor is the organ that inserts or receives an egg (especially from parasites like bees -- and that thing in "Alien"). A spokesperson from a startup firm called Primal Hardware (in an August interview with Vice.com) assumes a human market for ovipositors and is now selling two hollowed-tube models at \$120 and \$130 (along with advice on creating gelatin "eggs" for insertion). The product, acknowledged the Primal Hardware rep (to the wary interviewer), "can be ... off-putting" to anyone who might not "fantasize about being the willing or unwilling host of alien beings inside them."



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What's all this fuss about water?

By Katharine Romefelt

The same week scientists discover water on Mars the anticipated new movie The Martian opens nationwide. Timing certainly is everything.

In director Ridley Scott's latest sci-fi story, a space crew accidentally abandons Matt Damon on the Red Planet, leaving him to fend for himself with almost no resources. During one scene, he creates water in order to grow food – a tedious task we earthlings can hardly fathom. Water com-

prises more than 70 percent of our planet's surface. It's everywhere ... until it isn't.

Here on the third rock from the sun, our clean water supply is running out! In Los Angeles, this whole lack-of-H2O thing is old news.

Scientists are enraptured by the water on Mars. And why not? The wet stuff is essential to all lifeforms. The human body is comprised mostly of water. We must recognize this molecule for the miracle that it is. And we must con-



serve every drop we have. We have to be more conscious of how we treat this vital compound. Reduce the shower time. Kill the sprinklers. Plunk a few bucks for a reusable bottle so we can stop trashing our seas.

As water flows, so does life on our blue planet. Don't watch it all go down the drain. Don't wait for Matt Damon to save you. Search the [Causes directory](http://Causes.directory) at giive.org for Environment nonprofits in your own community.

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LET A ROOMMATE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Clear out calls before making plans. At the same time, you might want to run some errands or handle a personal matter. Once you're free and clear, you might start acting like a care-free spirit. Enjoy catching up on everyone's news. Tonight: Be sensitive to a family member.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be past the point of patience and ready to act. Go off and take a walk, rather than lose your patience. Once you are centered again, you will gain a substantial insight about the person you are dealing with. Tonight: Let a friend or roommate know how you feel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Someone who cares about you could have difficulty keeping up with you. How you handle a personal matter might not meet this person's approval. Consider saying less. Open up to new possibilities with a partner who seems closed off. Tonight: Treat a favorite person to a fun time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Indulging yourself usually translates to you doing something special for someone else. Stop and do something just for you. By the end of the day, the Moon will send you good vibes, extra energy and magnetism. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be in a position of not knowing which way to go. Stop and ask yourself what it is you really want to do and whom you want to do it with. Plan accordingly. Take some much-needed personal time. You need to slow down sometimes. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Check in with an older relative. This person might be unusually needy. Keep your cool and stick to your schedule, no matter what your plans are. Accept a last-minute invitation that could take you to a very fun happening. Tonight: Have fun with the people around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path that allows you to be more forthright and direct than you have been in a while. You'll finally understand where someone is coming from. You will enjoy yourself no matter what you do. Tonight: Others need you around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Be willing to defer to someone else. One-on-one relating allows you to understand where a dear loved one is coming from. You could be tired of having the same conversation. Still, listen. Go with an innovative suggestion and witness the reaction. Tonight: Go for a goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others seem more than ready to make plans and invite you along. Your independent side could become resentful, and you might decide on a solo adventure as a result. Go off on your own, but handle the invitations politely. Don't skip out on anyone. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Opt for plans on your own. Don't feel the need to share your day's itinerary with others. You have some errands to run and your own agenda for the day. You don't need to explain yourself. Just go, do and be. Tonight: Make an effort toward a loved one or dear friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be sorry if you allow yourself the space to be spontaneous and do whatever you want. You can't orchestrate certain events, especially with a child or loved one. Let out your inner child, kick back and enjoy yourself. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might want to deal with a personal matter first. Some of you just might decide that this is a perfect day to be lazy. Why not embrace it? Whatever you do, you will want your own space, at least during the daytime. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



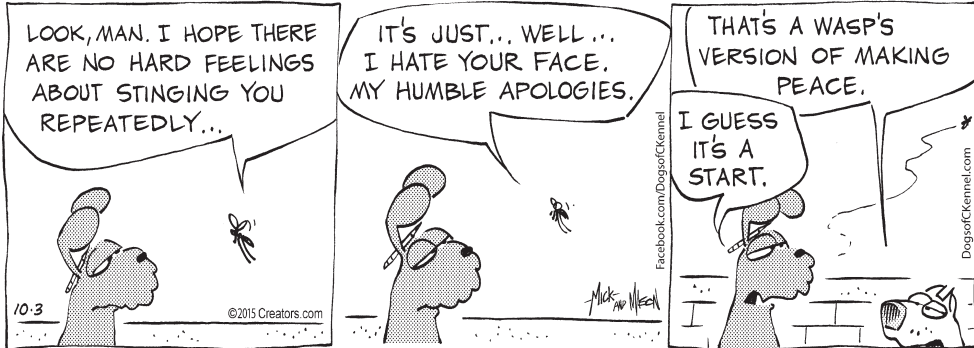
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Weekend Edition, October 3-4, 2015

This year you might want to break away often from your normal routine. When you do, you will gain a very different perspective. You will become more open to different lifestyles, and you even might want to become more knowledgeable about certain matters. If you are single, be discriminating until you really get to know the other person. If you are attached, the two of you have a similar need to explore different styles. Remember how important this person is to you. Be sure to express how much you value him or her frequently. CANCER can irritate you beyond belief.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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