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Indiecade: Sundance of Gaming Industry come to Santa Monica

ANDREW NARVAEZ
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Santa Monica is the new host for one of the gaming industry's biggest events, IndieCade, with organizers citing the city's technology industry as a primary draw for attendees.

The International Festival of Independent Games, better known as Indiecade hosts some of the world's most ingenious and thought-provoking game designers and developers across all platforms.

"IndieCade provides independent game developers with the rare opportunity to be discovered and have their work showcased for an international audience – potentially catapulting unknown projects to overnight success," said Stephanie Barish, Chief Executive Officer of IndieCade, "With this year's event hosted in Santa Monica, home to so many incredible studios, it's also a great opportunity for local professionals to scout for new and upcoming talent."

Indiecade will unfold over three days. Thursday, October 11 hosts IndieXchange which acts as a networking day. Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13 are when the festival is in full force. All three days engage the festival goer with a

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Santa Monica -Malibu Unified School District Board



OSCAR DE LA TORRE

The Daily Press will run a profile of each candidate in the 2018 election.

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HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED: MASTERS DEGREE

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Courtesy photos

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center celebrated its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, October 6 at Sony Pictures Studios with the House of Hope Gala. The biggest fund-raising event in OUR HOUSE's history, the gala raised $900,000 in funds providing grief support and education for adults and children in the Los Angeles community. Pictured are OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's CEO Michele Prince, "This Is Us" actress Caitlin Thompson, "This Is Us" writer and creator Dan Fogelman, and OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's founder Jo-Ann Lautman at the House of Hope Gala at Sony Studios. OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's founder Jo-Ann Lautman and comedian Patton Oswalt. "This Is Us" writer/creator Dan Fogelman, actress Patricia Wettig-Olin, and "This Is Us" director/executive producer Ken Olin at OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's House of Hope Gala at Sony Studios.

Swimmers, surfers warned as high surf pounds California

Associated Press

High surf will pound much of the southern and central California coast all week and beachgoers are warned of dangerous waves and rip currents.

The National Weather Service says a strong southerly swell from Hurricane Sergio could bring waves topping 11 feet to some areas from San Diego to San Luis Obispo.

Swimmers and surfers are urged to stay near lifeguards and never turn their backs on the ocean.

Minor coastal flooding is possible during high tides. Some beach communities have built sand berms to protect neighborhoods from rising waters.

A beach hazards statement — which is just below a more serious high surf warning — will stand until Friday.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Montana Mystery Book Group: Red Sparrow
Drafted against her will to serve the regime of Vladimir Putin as an intelligence seductress, Dominika Egorova engages in a charged effort of deception and tradecraft with first-tour CIA officer Nathaniel Nash before a forbidden attraction threatens their careers. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation
Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Language Arts subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Spooky Pajama Storytime
Join us for spooky and silly stories! Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11

The Recreation & Parks Commission Special Meeting
The Recreation and Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation. This special meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Santa Monica Institute, 330 Olympic Drive.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Get To Know Your Ballot Measures
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica provide an impartial pros and cons look at the various ballot measures California voters will be asked to consider for this latest election. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Scrabble Night
Engage your brain in a fun game of Scrabble with your friends. Game boards and tiles provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 - 8 p.m.

Balance: How To Avoid Slips & Falls
Dr. Alex Kaliakin, a chiropractic doctor for over 30 years, discusses the importance of balance in avoiding slips and falls. Methods for testing and improving balance will be presented. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 12

AltCar Expo 2018
Annual exploration of alternative fuel transportation options. Includes panel discussions, vendor displays and test drives. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Civic Center. www.altcarexposocal.com

Saturday, Oct. 13

Documentary and Filmmaker Q&A: And Now, Love
And Now, Love is a documentary memoir on the life and world of Dr. Bernard W. Bail, a highly decorated World War II Jewish veteran who was captured by the Nazis and rescued by a secret love affair with his German nurse. A Q&A with 97-year-old Dr. Bail, writer/director/producer Jill Demby Guest, and film contributor and clinical psychologist Dr. Loren Weiner follows the screening. To view the trailer and find out more about Dr. Bail, visit the film's website at andnowlovethemovie.com. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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DE LA TORRE

FROM PAGE 1

WITH THE DISTRICT MOVING TOWARD MORE AUTONOMY FOR MALIBU AND POSSIBLY EVENTUAL SEPARATION, HOW DOES A TWO-CITY SYSTEM BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE DISTRICT?

The Board is committed to supporting an arrangement that benefits all students. Dr. Noguera's analysis is that our school district's promising initiatives were thwarted by what he termed "distractions." Local control will decrease distractions and a smaller bureaucracy will lead to greater innovation and focus.

WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, DOES THE BOARD HAVE IN SECURING WORK-FORCE HOUSING FOR TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT?

The high cost of living in our district has made it increasingly difficult to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff. As a former Board member of Community Corporation of Santa Monica I understand the challenges in making affordable housing accessible. The school board should assess meet these needs as long as it does not displace long term residents or eliminates rent control units.

YOU'RE IN A KAYAK ON THE OCEAN WHEN YOU SEE A VIKING LONGSHIP APPROACHING CLEARLY ON A RAIDING MISSION. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SEE A SHARK FIN IN THE WATER. WHAT DO YOU DO?

Signal to my fellow Vikings that I need the harpoon. Get the fish and invite everyone over for dinner. Samohi Vikings for life!

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT ALL SCHOOL SITES TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CAUSED BY PARENT DROP-OFF AND PROVIDE NECESSARY PARKING FOR STUDENTS/FACULTY?

Every school site has implemented a plan for the safe drop off and pick up of students. Each site has allocated trained staff to assist with the traffic. More needs to be done at certain sites and we plan to upgrade our infrastructure and coordinate with the Santa Monica Police Department to strengthen safety across our campuses.

WHICH THREE MOVIES BEST REPRESENT THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?

Stand and Deliver as it shows that all students can achieve when inspired by quality instruction. Stand by Me because it shows that unwavering and loving leadership matters in making schools work for all and The Breakfast Club shows that our youth each has a story that needs to be understood.

WHAT KIND OF DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE USED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND IS THE DISTRICT DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT STUDENTS ON CAMPUS?

Since 2002, we slowly departed from an over dependence on suspensions and are now employing a Restorative Justice (RJ) model to address student discipline. Currently we have a policy of zero tolerance for drug dealing, weapons and sexual harassment. We need to strengthen our approach by focusing on prevention, intervention and enforcement.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION WORK ON SMMUSD CAMPUSES AND WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS FOR THE REST OF THE DISTRICT?

I am most satisfied with our work in removing hazardous toxins from our buildings and sports fields but there is a lot of room for improvement in terms of transparency and accountability. The most pressing needs are: campus security, upgrading our cafeterias, classroom comfort (AC & Air Filters) and labs for training in high tech fields.

WHAT ITEM OF CLOTHING FROM HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU STILL WEAR TODAY?

While a student at Santa Monica High I was co-captain of the football team and I still proudly wear my spring training workout shirt that has "Samohi Muscle" on it. My high school experience has made me a strong supporter of athletics and team sports for students.

WHAT ROLE SHOULD PARENT AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS PLAY IN DETERMINING CURRICULUM OR POLICY WITHIN THE DISTRICT?

The State-mandated LCAP and LCFF process requires parent engagement and input in school governance. We recently hired a Parent Engagement Coordinator and have implemented a Parent Engagement Framework that will build on our current parent engagement protocols. I support authentic parent and community engagement in our schools.

¿COMO ESTÁ RESPONDIENDO EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR A LAS NECESIDADES DE LOS ALUMNOS QUE ESTÁN APRENDIENDO INGLÉS?

El distrito escolar esta mejorando los programas y servicios que sirven a los alumnos que estan aprendiendo ingles. Hay mas que hacer y el enfoque tiene que incluir un incremento en recursos para apoyar a los estudiantes en el salon y despues de la escuela. Tenemos que seguir apoyando a los ELAC's y apoyar a padres que se estan organizando en grupos come LATINO PEMA en SAMOHI.

SMMUSD IS A RICH DISTRICT BUT THERE'S YET ANOTHER SCHOOL BOND ON THE BALLOT. VOTERS HAVE ALREADY APPROVED SEVERAL SCHOOL FUNDING MEASURES IN RECENT YEARS AND THE DISTRICT GETS A CASH INFUSION FROM CITY HALL. WHY CAN'T SMMUSD LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS?

While I agree that inefficiencies exist in our school district, it is incorrect to equate general operating funds with those committed to capital improvements. Future bond funding will support an overhaul of our food program by equipping our cafeterias to provide fresh and nutritious meals. Providing our students, especially those who participate in our free and reduced lunch program, with nutritious food will also make a difference in closing the achievement gap.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKING CANDIDATES ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP FOR 10 YEARS. WHY HAS THIS REMAINED A KNOWN PROBLEM FOR SO LONG AND WHAT MEASURABLE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE?

The achievement gap is a national problem rooted in years of poverty, racial segregation in public schools, lack of political representation and institutionalized racism and a lack of equitable public school funding to name a few. In the 1970's California was a leader in public education funding and now we occupy #46 nationally in per pupil spending. From 1970 to the present, the student population in California's public education system became more diverse. At the same time, we have increased public investment to build up the world's largest prison system so if you are a young man of color, you have a better chance of going to jail, not Yale. Sadly, more than 70% of our prison population lacks a high school diploma and the cost to incarcerate an individual annually costs tax payers more than to send a high school graduate to college. In the land of the free, when we fail to educate, we incarcerate and the loss to tax payers and to the individuals trapped in a broken system is catastrophic.

Aside from the backwardness in public investment, one of main problems is that we have a disconnect between the people who have the power to make a difference and the people who need the change. In California, we have experienced a dramatic demographic shift in our student population yet most school boards, curriculum, diversity in staffing patterns, has experienced little to no change. For anyone, especially an education leader of color, who attempts to change the system from within she/he will encounter roadblocks, indifference and in some cases marginalization. Most well intended people give up out of frustration.

Our teachers and classified staff, who are the foundation of every public school system, are underpaid and underappreciated. The misguided individuals in the White House who are proposing to give our teachers a gun, first need to give them a raise! Some scoff at my suggestion that we should pay teachers what we pay police officers but I sincerely believe that a quality public education is the most effective tool to reconcile social and economic inequality and the best research I have read shows that consistent quality instruction is the most important strategy to closing the academic achievement gap. A well paid, highly qualified staff working in a school culture that promotes a high-expectations, student-centered, culturally relevant curriculum along with collective accountability is the hallmark of a system committed to positive transformation in closing the achievement gap.

Since being elected to the SMMUSD School Board in 2002 I have been a strong advocate for initiatives that both identify and work to close the academic achievement gap. To our community's credit, we advanced the principle of equity in public education and I am proud of the fact that south side schools are no longer the most underfunded and undesirable schools in our school district. One clear example of our progress can been seen in Edison Language Academy that was totally rebuilt and where the students score better than the district's average in math and English acquisition. More recently, the school board has been working to implement the strategies identified by Dr. Noguera. The boards vision of Excellence Through Equity can now be seen in our social justice standards and restorative justice practices. The curriculum is becoming more engaging through a focus on critical thinking, cultural relevance and inquiry- based learning. Our dual enrollment partnership and our Young Collegians program with SMC is expanding access to college level courses for our students. The Board's decision to require every student to complete an ethnic studies course by 2024 will harness the strength of our diverse student body and better prepare all students to succeed in a diverse society.

To be certain, we have made progress in various areas and we still have a lot of room for growth. Math acquisition is a concern for all student groups, especially in middle school. Improving our food program and athletics, providing our teachers staff support in the classroom to meet struggling student needs and aligning in-school teaching with after-school tutoring and enrichment will make all the difference in successfully closing the achievement gap. Finally, schools cannot do it alone and we need the City of Santa Monica (both City programs and funded non-profits) and Santa Monica College to strengthen its commitment to our students and schools of greatest need.





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Consumer Corner

By Andrea Cavanaugh
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Credit Reports and Protecting Your Identity

Maya is a Santa Monica resident who was ready to buy a new car. She saved money for a down payment, had a good job, and could easily afford the monthly payment. However, when Maya applied for a loan at a dealership, she was turned down. The dealer told her that the rejection was based on several delinquencies on her credit report. Maya was puzzled – she has one credit card and a student loan that she pays on time, and no other debt. However, when Maya ran her own credit report, she was shocked to find out that someone had fraudulently opened several accounts in her name. Now, instead of driving her new car, Maya is spending many hours reporting the fraud and cleaning up her credit.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to reduce your risk of identity theft. Federal law passed in response to the Equifax data breach now requires that all three credit reporting agencies freeze and unfreeze credit inquiries, for free, for consumers in all 50 states. A credit freeze means that potential lenders cannot view your credit history, which means no one – including you – can borrow money in your name. You can put a freeze on your credit to prevent fraud, but be sure to unfreeze it if you're planning to apply for any kind of loan. The law also allows parents to freeze the credit of children younger than 16, and extends free fraud alerts from 90 days to one year. You can find more information at www.consumer.ftc.gov/.

Monitoring your credit report is another way to prevent identity theft. You're entitled to one free report each year from each of the major credit-reporting bureaus. Savvy consumers often request one report from each agency every four months or so, to maximize their free reports. You can access this service at www.annualcreditreport.com. Other websites charge for this service, but think twice about paying for your credit report when the service is available for free.

Other common-sense tips can help you protect your credit history:

Ask questions when asked for your Social Security number or other sensitive data. If you can avoid providing the information, don't give it out.

Use caution when you receive unsolicited calls or emails, and never provide financial or personal information to callers, or click on unfamiliar links.

If a call or email appears to be from a business you know, such as your bank, don't respond. Call back or email using contact information you already have, to verify that the contact is legitimate. Scammers routinely use "spoofing" software and other tricks that make it seem like they're contacting you from an institution you trust.

You can also opt out of pre-screened credit offers, another god step to lower the chance of identity theft. (Call 888-567-8688 or go to optoutprescreen.com.) It's also important to shred paperwork that contains identifying information, and take care when disposing of computers, phones, and other electronic devices that contain personal information.

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Schools – bus

The trouble with politics...
With apologies to Hunter S. Thompson (though I'm certain he'd agree) —

"Politics is a cruel and shallow money trench, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free, and good men die like dogs.

There's also a negative side."

We've been beat over the head with it, exponentially, for the last three years or so, and I know a lot of us are getting tired, discouraged, depressed.

And it's pretty bad in Washington too.

NUNS ON THE BUS!

Why, I can't even get my own little Ocean Park neighborhood association, OPA, to behave. Not that they ever have, for very long.

They were supposed to have a "community discussion" of the school bond issue at their monthly meeting Monday. The agenda featured only one name, that of school Supt. Ben Drati.

We presume he would speak in favor of the bond measure, very close to a billion dollars obligation (principle and interest). Paid for by the 94,000 of us. But the question is not the cost but where that money will actually go. Opponents complain it is a blank check — most bond measures are, with only suggestions of how the money should be spent but no requirements.

There will be an "Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee," appointed by the school board. Who do you think they will appoint? Not me. Not parents looking out for our kids. Rather, people who already "know" where all that money should be spent. Experts on construction and funding, not education. The backroom brawls to carve up a pie that big should be something.

NUNS ON THE BUS!!

For a couple weeks a couple of people opposed to this particular, astronomical bond petitioned OPA to address concerns regarding it. You know, the other side of the story.

OPA would have none of it. They have a new "format," they say, for "community discussion," offering "multiple benefits" which "avoids an 'us vs them' mentality," "avoids the word 'opposition,' but rather something like 'alternate perspective' to set the tone for a civil discussion," "allows for many new/unexpected/interesting ideas around the topic since it is more of a discussion format," and "sets a much warmer and constructive tone for our audience and engages them more effectively."

I haven't seen such a load of New Age-y hooey in ages. OPA, among all the neighborhood associations, has for years tried to avoid taking stands on tough local issues, not even wanting to hear voices not to their liking. I believe this was just their lame attempt to codify it. Fooling no one.

NUNS ON THE BUS!!!

Lawyer/parent activist Nikki Kolhoff has dived deep into the measure and made presentations to three neighborhood associations so far. The one at NOMA last week got resounding applause. But all her attempts to participate in the one scheduled at OPA were rebuffed, by OPA president Evan Meyer.

She wrote to board member/past president Andrew Gledhill to intervene and he replied, "That has been the subject of some discussion, but I should let Evan, as President, respond." Longtime board member Judy Abdo chimed in with a terse, "We already had an extended conversation about this."

All this discussion, behind closed doors, decisions made and policies set that don't even allow opposing voices — seems a bit undemocratic to me. And silly in this case, considering that the board has already endorsed the measure. See Yes on SMS. In fact, they are number two on the long list. Does that mean they endorsed it long ago?

Late Monday afternoon Meyer announced the discussion was postponed and that Drati would speak after the election. Kind of like the final commission appointments were postponed by City Council until just before the election, so Phil Brock could be kept on a short leash?

Term Limits got similar treatment at OPA earlier, with Mary Marlow being blindsided when half her time to speak one night was unexpectedly given to something barely related, and later even Councilperson Sue Himmelrich was not given the courtesy of an appointed time to speak for the measure. That would be... a sitting Council member, in favor of term limits.

Meyer's suggestion in both cases was to come to each meeting every month and take your one to two minutes audience participation allotment to present your case. Right.

NUNS ON THE BUS!!!!

It's an impressive list, those backing the billion-dollar boondoggle, including a lot of my buddies. Not. League of Women Voters, Forward, Local 99, SMRR, LA County and SM Dems, Chamber of Commerce, City Council, school board, SMC board of trustees, Richard Bloom, PTA Council and individuals from Judy Abdo and Abby Arnold to Denny Zane and Natalya Zernitskaya. You're judged by the company you keep, right? They're certainly not all bad guys... all the time... but you have to keep an eye on them.

Of course they're for a school bond. Almost everyone is, Charles, be reasonable. Here's what's reasonable: hold off for two years until the next election and craft a bond that serves our kids instead of special interests.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Alright already, Nuns on the Bus? A group of social activist nuns started almost 50 years ago, who became energized to reach out across the nation when reactionary German Pope Benedict XVI came down hard on them — too feminist. So they hopped on their big bus that year, 2012, and have crossed the country with their message about some social, legislative issue every year (except last). This year, they are explaining the tragic human cost of draining vital services away from the most vulnerable to give obscenely huge tax cuts to the already wealthy. Sea to shining sea, kicked off Monday morning seaside in Santa Monica (leader Sister Simone Campbell is from here) and will end look at the Atlantic in Florida, at Mar-a-Lago. It was a great program of speakers, known (Nancy Pelosi is along for the ride) and unknown (a 7-year-old girl who would have died of congestive heart failure without Obamacare, and her mother, the "Little Lobbyists"), all powerful, but especially the last speaker, local Rabbi Sharon Brous, who blessed the bus with one of the most moving social justice speeches I've ever heard. (If anyone can find it online please let me know.)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Take your easy tears somewhere else. Tell yourself none of this ever had to happen. And then go make it stop. With whatever breath you have left. Grief is a sword or it is nothing." — Paul Monette

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 197 OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF THE SM PIER CAROUSEL
• Submission Deadline is October 31, 2018 at 4:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the City's Online Vendor Portal. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

INDIECADE

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variety of events from lectures to game testing and even SMC's own student showcase.

Indiecade holds several "Conference Sessions" which encompass lectures, demonstrations and workshops that capture the gaming industry's forward-thinking voice. Diving deeper in the lecture, "The Neuroscience of Games: One Weird Truth About Learning Styles That Will Change Everything You Know About Play" breaks down player's stereotypic behavior. The Independent game development team of fiction writer Natalie Mesnard and neuroscientist Patrick Watson explore how gamers are given an opportunity to reevaluate personal identities with games. Indiecade nominees, husband and wife team, writer Jeff Crocker and director Andy Crocker take you down an existential rabbit hole creating a play with escape room elements in "Escape from Godot."

Both wanted to re-imagine Samuel Beckett's classic game "Waiting for Godot" by creating an interactive experience filled with puzzles. Jeff Crocker suggests that Beckett's classic game, while profound, can also be profoundly boring.

"We came up with the concept of what if you have the ability as the audience to be able to escape from that production," he said.

He said both his and Andy's background complimented each other and aided in their production.

"On my side that sort of theme park experiential entertainment world, and her side, it was taking a classic piece of theater and making it much more playful which is really sort of Andy's ethos," he said.

They want to immerse the audience in a post-modern understanding of the classics.

"We are starting to use new tools to invite the audience to experience these themes. If you're a video game player and you don't go to the theater that much maybe this is the perfect center of the Venn diagram for you to experience it," he said.

Nominee Pornsima Duangratana's board game, Stress Express, paints a humorous version of 21st century stress. She creates chaos through multiple timed tasks. Duangratana uses competition between players to mimic real life anxieties. She said board games have a stronger competitive element that actually brings out stress in a humorous way. She said the goal of her game is to make the audience to reevaluate their everyday stresses and how they deal with them.

City Officials said the new Santa Monica location is an ideal fit for the event with a strong industry presence nearby, good access to transit and a great physical location on the newly opened Santa Monica College Center for Media and Design.

"The landscape of artistic creation and arts participation is evolving in exciting and dynamic ways, and IndieCade is pushing the conversation forward by showcasing new modes of engagement at the nexus of art and technology," said City Manager Rick Cole. "Santa Monica welcomes and supports those who make room for new voices at this intersection. We're excited that this festival of independent games is making us their home and look forward to working with IndieCade to foster new connections between Santa Monicans, Silicon Beach, and the arts and game communities."

Festival passes are available with a variety of access such all access or IndieU for students. SMC students and alums receive an exclusive 50% discount. To see a full schedule of events and tickets prices visit www.indiecade.com.

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Prop 12 would make hens cage-free

JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

California voters are right to think they already weighed-in on how big cages should be for egg-laying hens.

In 2008, voters ushered in Proposition 2 which sought to free egg-laying hens from tiny cages. It didn't outlaw cages but barred California farmers from keeping hens, as well as calves raised for veal and breeding pigs, in pens that were too small.

Since then, supermarket shelves have filled with cage-free egg varieties. Corporations like McDonald's, Costco and Taco Bell have committed to using cage-free products, along with many others.

But a decade later, voters are being asked to revisit the issue with Proposition 12, the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative.

The Humane Society of the United States, the issue's primary proponent, says the measure is needed to update California standards and also apply those standards to out-of-state farmers. The earlier initiative stated that the three types of animals must be able to turn around freely, stand up and fully extend their limbs — but set no specifics.

A "yes" vote for Proposition 12 would create new minimum size requirements for confinement pens for all three animals and require that all egg-laying hens be cage-free by 2022.

It would also ban the sales from other states not meeting California's standards.

The Humane Society calls the measure "a common-sense reform" that strengthens a decade-old animal cruelty law and gives farmers a phase-in time to adapt.

"Most of the eggs sold in California come from birds confined in cages where it's hard for them to even move. They have to eat, sleep, defecate and lay eggs in the same small space every day for their entire life," said Josh Balk, vice president at the Humane Society of the United States. "Proposition 12 ensures that the pork sold in California, the veal sold in California and the eggs sold in the state come from (animals) not confined in cages."

Specifically, the measure would require, starting in 2020, a calf confined for production to have at least 43 square feet (3.99 square meters) of floor space to roam in, while each pig would have to be given 24 square feet (2.23 square meters) of floor space starting in 2022.

Egg-laying hens, starting in 2020, must be given 1 square foot (0.09 square meter) of floor space each, and have to be cage-free by 2022, according to Proposition 12.

According to findings of the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, the measure would likely result in an increase in prices for eggs, pork and veal partly due to new housing for animals.

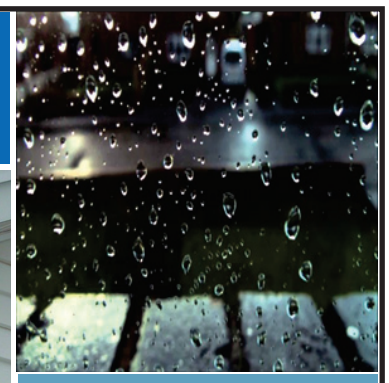
The Legislative Analyst's Office also concluded that if approved, the measure could cost the state as much as $10 million a year to enforce, and millions of dollars more per year in lost tax revenues from farm businesses who choose to stop or reduce production because of higher costs.

Opponents of Proposition 12 call it "the rotten egg initiative" and say it doesn't go far enough to stop animal cruelty.

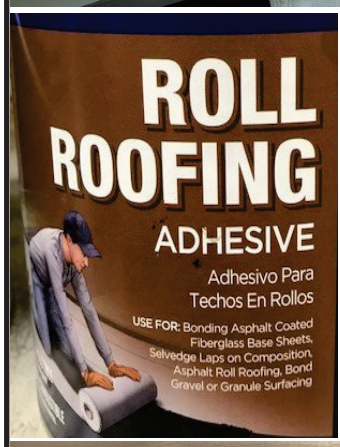
Bradley Miller, a spokesman for Californians against Cruelty, Cages and Fraud, which is leading a "No on Proposition 12" campaign, says the measure is misleading because the phase-in period implicitly makes cages legal until at least 2022.

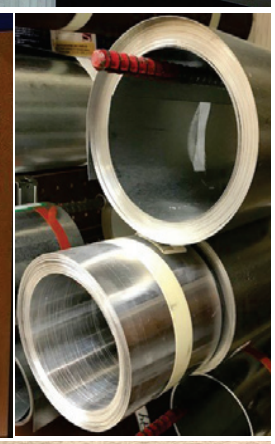
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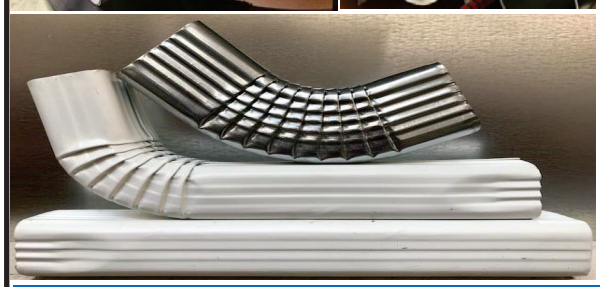


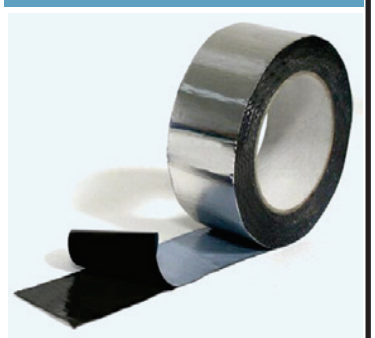


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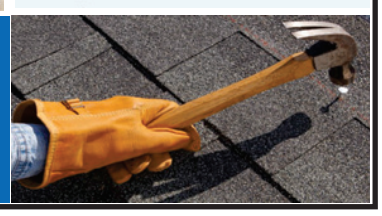








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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
SSW swell from Sergio may build further. Stay tuned. Light AM wind.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
SSW swell from Sergio may build further. Stay tuned. Light AM wind.



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 SEPTEMBER 26, AT ABOUT 1:44 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 1400 block of 9th Street regarding a court order violation. Officers arrived at the location and found the female subject seated on the sidewalk directly in front of the reporting party's residence. A computer check of the subject revealed the subject had an active stay away order from the area. The subject was placed under arrest. Melinda Michelle Middlebrook, 31, was issued a citation for violation of a stay away order.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 369 Calls For Service On Oct. 8.

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

Person w/gun 1400 block Ocean 12:32 a.m.
Missing person 2500 block Pico 01:52 a.m.
Auto burglary 4th/Montana 03:12 a.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 04:18 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1300 block Wilshire 07:17 a.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block 9th 07:20 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 700 block Broadway 07:28 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block Santa Monica 07:54 a.m.
Vandalism 900 block 19th 08:15 a.m.
Battery 200 block Palisades Beach 08:23 a.m.
Animal related incident 900 block 6th 08:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 15th 08:52 a.m.
Grand theft 1200 block 16th 09:15 a.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block Wilshire 09:23 a.m.
Person down 200 block Broadway 09:53 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2100 block Santa Monica 10:13 a.m.
Indecent exposure 22nd/Arizona 10:16 a.m.
Battery 800 block Montana 10:19 a.m.
Medical emergency 400 block San Monica Pier 10:37 a.m.
Stalking 400 block 19th 10:52 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block Wilshire 11:03 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block 9th 11:09 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 12:43 p.m.
Domestic violence 2300 block 3rd 12:49 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 2700 block Pico 1:19 p.m.
Public intoxication 1900 block Main 1:28 p.m.
Drunk driving Euclid/Pico 1:57 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block The Beach 2:16 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 2:24 p.m.
Family disturbance 2600 block Kansas 2:32 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 2nd 02:38 p.m.
Critical missing person 2100 block Santa Monica 2:48 p.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block 9th 2:53 p.m.
Vandalism 2700 block Pico 3:01 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block Euclid 3:04 p.m.
Family disturbance 3400 block Ocean Park 3:24 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1100 block 3rd 3:44 p.m.
Grand theft 2700 block Wilshire 3:56 p.m.
Person down 1300 block 26th 4:02 p.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block 20th 4:04 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2400 block Santa Monica 4:36 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries 2800 block San Monica 5:09 p.m.
Animal related incident 600 block Kensington 5:22 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Euclid/Wilshire 5:30 p.m.
Person w/gun Ocean/Olympic 6:17 p.m.
Rape 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:34 p.m.
Animal related incident 700 block Montana 7:30 p.m.
Animal related incident 700 block 7th 7:38 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd Prom 7:53 p.m.
Encampment 7th/Olympic 8:00 p.m.
Medical emergency 1200 block Pacific Coast 9:53 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block Ocean Front 9:59 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 39 Calls For Service On Oct. 8.

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Emergency Medical Service 26th/Santa Monica 01:49 a.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Lincoln 02:25 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 04:14 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Berkeley 06:40 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2600 block Broadway 07:15 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Prom 08:08 a.m.
EMS 0 block Vicente Ter 08:24 a.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 08:51 a.m.
EMS 700 block Euclid 09:27 a.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 09:53 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Pico 11:51 a.m.
EMS 200 block Arizona 12:02 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1600 block 7th 12:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 16th 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 12:52 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:46 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Kansas 2:29 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Michigan 2:54 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 26th 4:02 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2600 block Broadway 4:34 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Lincoln 5:08 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 2800 block Santa Monica 5:09 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 6:21 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 6:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block Colorado 6:41 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Euclid 6:56 p.m.
EMS 200 block Hollister 7:02 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Euclid 8:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block Pacific Coast 8:11 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 17th 8:22 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean Park 8:33 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1600 block Appian 8:43 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 7th 9:02 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Pacific Coast 9:50 p.m.
EMS 2nd/California 9:56 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front 9:57 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 11:31 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Jackpot: 282M

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Draw Date: 10/5
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Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 470M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/6
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Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/8
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DAILY 3
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2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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1. incapable of being evaded; inescapable: an ineluctable destiny.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Pregnancy Prevention App

■ The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first-ever app to prevent pregnancy, though there remain plenty of folks skeptical that the device actually works. Called Natural Cycles, the app asks women to take their body temperature upon waking and keep a daily digital log, which the app uses to track when women are ovulating.

■ According to the FDA, the app's typical-use failure rate was 6.5 percent in large-scale clinical trials, compared to the 24 percent failure rate for the similar and more familiar "rhythm method."

■ The typical-use failure rate for birth control pills is around 9 percent, for condoms alone 18 percent and for hormonal IUDs less than 1 percent. Skeptics say just taking morning temperatures isn't enough to calculate ovulation cycles. Other factors may confound. The app, they say, may represent a technological boost to a time-honored method, but the latter has never been the safest nor most reliable.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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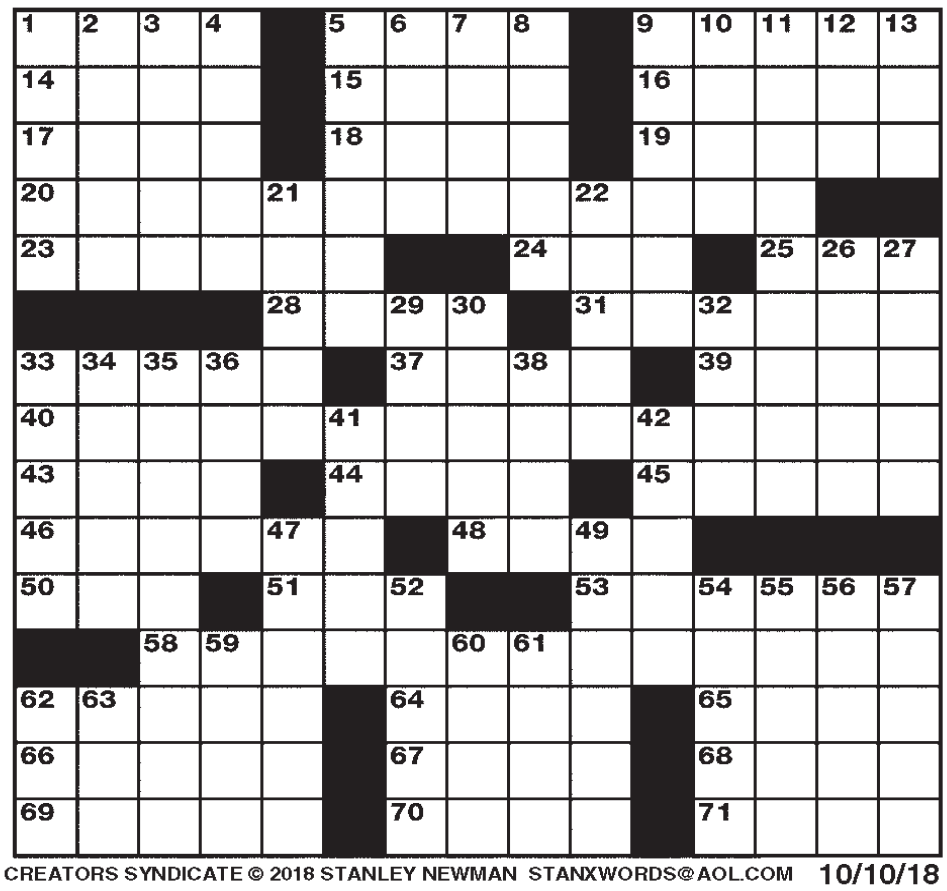
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Newsday Crossword

ANSWER THE DOOR by Carolyn Stewart
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Walk back and forth
5 Boston's state: Abbr.
9 Walk proudly
14 List-ending abbr.
15 Turn __ (become)
16 The ones close by
17 Top-rated
18 Advance of funds
19 Hunter constellation
20 Traveling aimlessly
23 Become angry
24 Cleaning cloth
25 __ de Cologne
28 Mystical glow
31 Pines (for)
33 Dreary
37 Female glee-club member
39 Home for a hamster
40 Loud sounds of merriment
43 A single time
44 Typical magazine subscription term
45 Staggers
46 Otter's cousin
48 Rabbit's cousin
50 America's uncle
51 Fish eggs
53 Musical exercises
58 Walking on the job, as police
62 Sound from a nest
64 "Like __ not . . ."
65 Otherwise
66 Impressionist painter Claude
67 Narrated story
68 Ostrich's cousin
69 Kid's building blocks
70 Venetian blind piece
71 Place for a flower box

DOWN
1 Reaches the maximum
2 Make amends
3 River boat
4 Choose for an office
5 Surroundings
6 Auth. unknown
7 Guys-only gathering
8 Submarine detector
9 Unwitting victim
10 Drive-__ window
11 Say again
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13 Midmorning hour
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 10)

While a big beautiful life often happens by following through with conscious and deliberate intentions, there have also been times when you've overthought it and missed the mark. You'll be glad to know that an unusual number of happy accidents and boons of dumb luck will augment your fortunes this solar return. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 30, 33, 7 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Becoming you is a never-ending process. There's something you once would have thought of as a creative risk that now seems like a natural part of who you are. Acknowledge your growth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The irony is, now that you've stopped working for a favorable response, you've fallen into a state of extreme favor, to the extent that it almost seems you can do no wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Would you believe some people find talking harder than physical work? Though you gravitate toward connection, community and conversation, you'll be dealing with people who don't. They'll be glad you came along.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You are feeling rather sure of yourself, and why shouldn't you be? You've put in the time, the practice and the professional hours, and you're about due for some serious payback.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You probably won't be able to shake the sneaking suspicion that a move in any direction will land you in a place that's better than where you currently stand. You're right. This isn't bad, but better is on the horizon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's not what you know; it's when you say it. And keep in mind that for some bits of knowledge, the best time may very well be never. Anyway, you won't be sorry you used discretion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A place for everything and everything in its place may work for home organization or a desk drawer, but it doesn't work for your heart. Emotions are messy and sometimes defy compartmentalization.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You'll be the great mediator today, and your methods are pretty straightforward. You will ask good questions, listen carefully to the answers and get right to the crux of the problem. Then you sort it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Maturity, compassion, selflessness – they need no reward. These are transcendent ways of operating in the world, and you don't have to wear the behavior long to figure out that it's just who you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Just as core strength is a foundation of overall fitness, character strength is the base from which a good life is built. It's pretty simple to fortify your strength of character. Just do the right thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Feeling good will happen one list item at a time. So take out that long page of directives and start working it. You'll be amazed at how ticking off the smallest item can lift your spirit high.

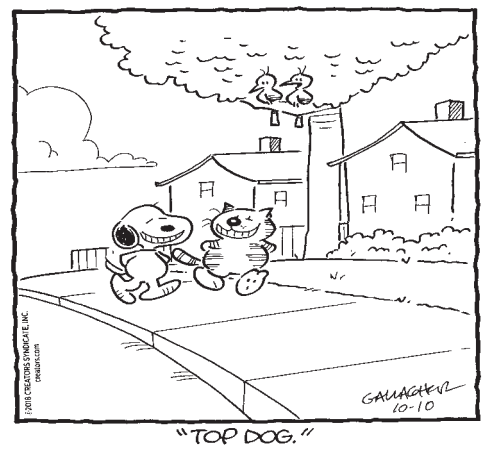
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The recurring question has to do with what you owe your loved ones, your community and the world at large. It's actually the same thing on the small, personal scale as it is on the vast one.

VENUS AND MARS TENSION

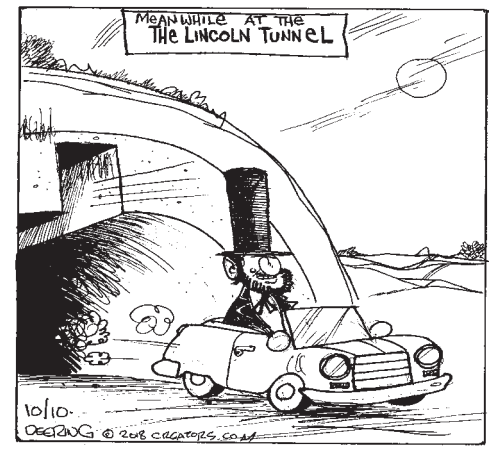
While people commonly disapprove of mixed messages, they'd be mighty bored in a world where everyone means what's said and says what's meant. You may as well enjoy the complex, subtle and nuanced communications of the day, as they will be the rule, not the exception, under this brief, terse arrangement of Venus and Mars.

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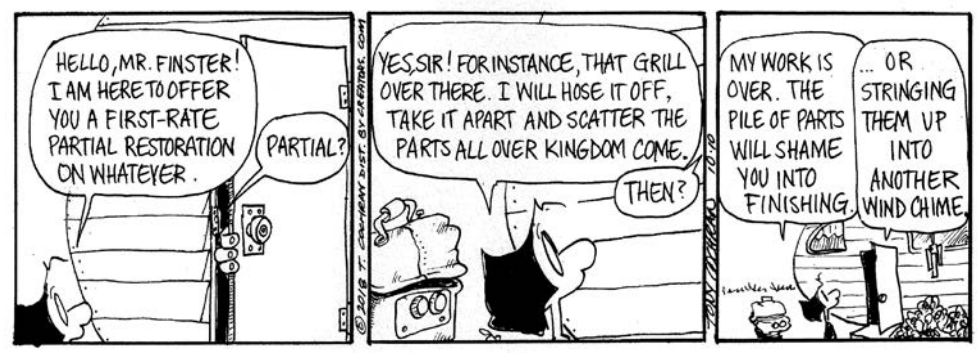
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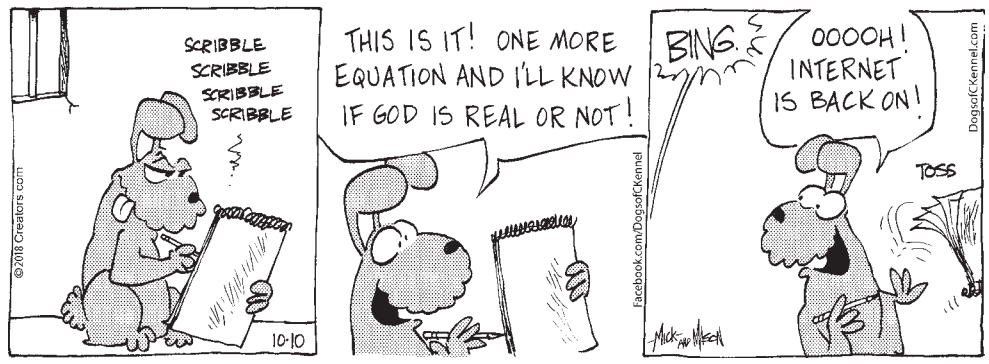
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Want election results? On West Coast, patience is required

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If control of the U.S. House comes down to any of the competitive congressional races in Washington state and California, the nation might have to wait days to learn the outcome.

In both of those states, voters can put their ballots in the mail as late as Election Day, meaning the final votes do not typically reach election officials until several days later.

"I could see a scenario where we're waiting a week or so to get results," said Todd Donovan, a political science professor at Western Washington University. "The unfortunate thing is, you take longer and people are going to think something wrong is going on, when in fact, when you take longer, you're more likely to have more accurate results."

Washington is one of just three states that conduct all elections by mail, and it's the only one of those three that allows ballots to be postmarked on Election Day. The system usually leaves about half of the vote outstanding at the end of the night, making it impossible to quickly determine the winner of close races.

In California, which has more than half a dozen competitive races in GOP-held districts, voters have the option of balloting by mail. Those ballots too must be postmarked by Election Day and received no later than three days after that. In past elections, some close California races have not been called for days. In its June primary, more than 67 percent of Californians voted by mail.

Ballots in Washington state will be mailed to voters next week. Three of the state's 10 U.S. House races are being watched nationally as Democrats eye potential gains that could determine control of the chamber. The party needs a net gain of 23 seats nationwide to win back the House.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures , 37 states and the District of Columbia offer some type of early voting, and 27 states and D.C. offer "no-excuse" absentee voting.

While more than 20 states allow certain elections to be held by mail, only Washington, Oregon and Colorado conduct all elections by mail. Colorado and Oregon both require that ballots — whether they are mailed or dropped off — be received by elections officials no later than Election Day in order to be counted.

Washington state's 39 counties all post their initial results after 8 p.m. on election night. Many counties do daily updates after that, but because of the number of steps involved in ballot verification — including sorting, signature verification and assessment of ballots for extraneous marks — the updates can feel painfully slow for candidates locked in close races and the media organizations covering them.

"Fast is good, and I guarantee you that there's nothing more that the counties want than to get the results out quickly," said Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman. "But it's more important to make sure that they're accurate."

King County, by far the state's most populous, is the largest of five counties voting in the 8th Congressional District, a closely watched open seat where Republican Dino Rossi and Democrat Kim Schrier are vying to replace retiring Republican Rep. Dave Reichert. Republican-held seats in the state's 5th and 3rd Districts, in eastern Washington and southwestern Washington, are also being fiercely contested by Democrats this year.

Julie Wise, King County's elections director, said she and her staff are ready for what will be a busy week.

"There's no system that is perfect, but vote-by-mail is the strongest type of election system in the country," she said. "We have a paper trail for everything."

During the 2016 general election, more than 1 million ballots were cast in King County. The county posted results for over 615,000 ballots on election night, and about 30,000 the following day.

Wise said that a new tabulation system that came online in 2017 has helped increase the number of meaningful results they can post in the days after the election.

For the August primary, the county posted over half of the 557,000 votes cast on election night. With the new system, the day-after update increased to 45,000 ballots.

But it still takes about a day to go through the entire process, so the bulk of ballots that are brought in from across the county's drop boxes on election night, in addition those still arriving via mail, will not be reflected immediately.

Even states like Colorado, where ballots must be in by Election Day, instantaneous results are not guaranteed.

Lynn Bartels, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Secretary of State, said that even with that firm deadline, mailed ballots require more time because of the procedures that need to be followed to process them.

"It's not like you pull a lever and it all gets tabulated," she said.

Washington's system ensures that the state's voters are not disenfranchised by mail delays and allows them to consider their options longer, Wise said.

"I think we have a better democracy when we have more people participating," she said. "If we have to wait a day or two longer than others, I think that's well worth it."



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