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THE NEW RELATIONSHIP ISSUE

Voters don't want development says Huntley funded poll

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Santa Monica electorate doesn't want more construction, according to a recent survey paid for by The Huntley Hotel and performed by Lake Research Partners.

A slight majority of the 404 likely voters said they opposed development while only 15 percent said they favored it.

Traffic congestion and parking issues were cited by voters as their primary reasons for opposition to expansion.

Results showed that 69 percent of questioned voters opposed taller buildings and higher density development. Another 26 percent favored tall buildings and increased density.

As it is currently proposed, the Downtown Specific Plan, which is intended to dictate how land is used in the area, would increase density allowances, but caps building heights at 84 feet. Developers could still propose taller projects but would have to perform their own environmental impact reports and negotiate community benefits with the City Council.

Residents have been engaged in spirited debates regarding development, with some raising concerns about increased traffic generated by projects and the potential loss of ocean views and breezes. Others have called for a some growth to help generate tax revenue and provide much-needed housing

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

CLOSED FOR REPAIRS: **A fence surrounds the fountain at City Hall. There have been delays related to a leakage issue.**

Gates around City Hall fountain to come down

Water feature may not be fully functional for grand unveiling

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

KEN GENSER SQUARE It might dribble a bit and it might not be filled with plants, but the fountain in front of City Hall will be flowing next Saturday as city officials celebrate the opening of Ken Genser Square.

Construction teams have been making adjustments to the fountain, the final major feature to be completed at the Civic Center park, trying to suppress some minor leaks.

Tongva Park, across the street from Genser Square, opened to the public in early September, but on Oct. 19 City Hall will officially unveil the $42.3 million parks with a

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Malibu students can work at home amid cancer scare

BY KNOWLES ADKISSON
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Five days after the recent cancer diagnoses of three Malibu High teachers potentially due to environmental contaminants on campus prompted a health scare at the school, the school district on Friday announced that classes in building F, the Music and Drama building, would be moved across the street to Malibu Methodist Church.

The relocated classes will start Monday.

The district also said it would offer students the chance to work from home through independent study.

A new crossing guard hired by the district will shepherd students to and from the main campus during the school day.

All classes in building E, the main middle school building, were moved to adjacent Juan Cabrillo Elementary School on Wednesday.

Under the independent study option, students would complete schoolwork at home and turn it in each Friday at school at 1 p.m. until ongoing environmental studies are complete.

The school district also posted a link to a web page with environmental studies detailing the removal of soil at the middle school quad that contained environmental contaminants. The web page will be updated with further information regarding soil and air quality studies as it becomes available, according to a press release from the district.

To read more visit smmusd.org and

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013

Picture perfect
Peter Fetterman Gallery, Gallery A1
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Peter Fetterman Gallery presents the first U.S. exhibition of "Genesis," the new series from internationally acclaimed photographer Sebastião Salgado. For more information, call (310)453-6463 or visit peterfetterman.com.

Tales from the Westside
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
WaveFest, centered on the theme "Go West," will be comprised of three "waves" of short plays over six weekends. The festival will explore stories from the Westside and Southern California. Admission: $20. For more information, visit santamonicarep.org.

Santa Monica artifacts
John Muir Elementary School
2526 Sixth St., 8 a.m. (early bird entry)
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Clothes, furniture, books, kids' toys, household items, electronics, collectibles and more. Money raised will go to support Muir programs and the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. For more information, contact wd_theagent@yahoo.com.

Classic revival
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Thorton Wilder's play "Our Town" lets audiences follow the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually — in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre — die. Presented in the playwright's definitive version in this celebration of the show's 75th anniversary. Admission is $18-$20. For more information, call (310)828-7519 or visit morgan-wixson.org.

A musical Halloween comedy
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 2 p.m.
It's the classic Family Theatre Halloween musical for kids 2 to 102 — the heart-warming Rudie-DeCarlo tale of the aptly-named Candy, a sweet young girl who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter, and sugar, from a delightful array of characters who take her on a magical adventure. Come in costume and get two-for-one tickets for any future Family Theatre show. Admission: $10.50 kids 12 and under; others $12.50. For more information, call (310) 394-4977 ext. 2 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Dreams come true
Promenade Playhouse
1401 Third St., 4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Creating Arts Company presents one of the most beloved fairy tales of all time, "Cinderella." After being told by her mean stepmother and stepsisters that she won't be allowed to go to the ball, Cinderella discovers that with a little help from her mice friends and her fairy godmother, dreams really can come true. Admission: $12 for kids and $20 for adults. For more information, call (310)804-0223 or visit creatingarts.org.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013

Special fundraiser
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier,
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
A family fun day and fundraising event for the Special Olympics where guests enjoy an outdoor brunch from L.A.'s top restaurants, unlimited access to the rides and games of Pacific Park, and activities, all on the historic Santa Monica Pier. Participants include celebrity guests, sponsors, supporters and Special Olympics athletes and their families. Admission: $45 (general) and $150 (VIP). For more information, call (562) 502-1135 or visit sosc.org/pierdelsol.

What night?
SMC, Theatre Arts Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present a production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Advance tickets are $15 ($12 for seniors and SMC students w/current ID), plus a service charge, and can be purchased by going to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or by calling (310) 434-4319. Tickets are $3 higher at the door. Parking is free.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BROADWAY

Subs for wreaths

A local sandwich shop is joining other restaurants across the nation to raise money for a charity aimed at putting wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers.

Jersey Mike's is launching its fourth annual fundraising campaign to benefit Wreaths Across America (WWA) which is a nonprofit organization that lays hundreds of thousands of remembrance wreaths at the headstones of the nation's veterans during the holiday season.

Donors are rewarded with a free cookie.

"We are honored to participate in such an important initiative recognizing the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom," said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO.

Last year, Jersey Mike's and its franchises raised $219,282, which helped the WAA lay more than 110,000 wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day in December 2012.

Jersey Mike's stores will be collecting donations for the nonprofit organization from Oct. 1 through Nov. 11. Santa Monica's franchise is located at 1447 Lincoln Blvd.

– BRIAN ADIGWU

DOWNTOWN

Mail halted on Columbus Day

There will be no regular mail delivery on Monday, Columbus Day, according to an announcement from the U.S. Postal Service.

Homes, businesses and post office boxes will not be receiving regular mail and retail lobbies at post offices will be closed.

Throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties, businesses that remain open on Columbus Day will be able to generate mail and the Postal Service will be providing regularly scheduled pick-up of blue collection boxes according to the schedule posted at each location.

Priority Mail Express will still be operational since it is a year-round service and customers will still be able to purchase stamps, weigh, and post mail and ship packages at Postal Service locations with automated postal center kiosks. The kiosks will be available 24 hours a day.

For more information or to check locations and available services, customers can visit usps.com or call 1(800)ASK-USPS.

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CITYWIDE

Time to go digital

Time Warner cable customers who love watching City Council meetings or other CityTV programming will have to get a digital set-top box, according to an announcement on City Hall's website.

Due to a change in Time Warner service, customers can no longer view CityTV 16 or any other CityTV channel without digital equipment.

Time Warner will supply a digital set-top box for free until 2015. Contact Time Warner at www.TWC.com/digitaladapter or call Time Warner at (855) 286-1736. A box can be dropped off at a subscriber's home or they can pick one up at a Time Warner customer service location.

Residents can still watch CityTV 16 on their home computers or laptops at citytv.org.

– KEVIN HERRERA



SLOW YOUR ROLL

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Students from Will Rogers Elementary School see who can go the slowest without falling off their scooters during a street party held Friday for both John Adams Middle School and Will Rogers in celebration of their first Bike it! Walk it! Week, in which students and their parents ditched their cars for school commutes.

Google to change terms to use your identity in ads

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. Google wants your permission to use your name, photo and product reviews in ads that it sells to businesses.

The Internet search giant is changing its terms of service starting Nov. 11.

Your reviews of restaurants, shops and products, as well as songs and other content bought on the Google Play store could show up in ads that are displayed to your friends, connections and the broader public when they search on Google. The company calls that feature "shared endorsements."

Google laid out an example of how this could happen: "Katya Klinova," her face and five-star review appear underneath an ad for Summertime Spas.

You can opt out of sharing your reviews.

Google said Friday that the name and photo you use in its social network, Google Plus, is the one that would appear in the ad. Google has said the social network has 390 million active users per month.

"We want to give you — and your friends and connections — the most useful information. Recommendations from people you know can really help," the company said in an explanation of the changes.

The Mountain View, Calif., company already had a similar setting for its "+1" button, which it introduced in 2011. It had experimented temporarily with putting "+1" endorsements with users' identities in ads, but it hasn't had them up recently. The company said Friday that the choice a user made about allowing for "+1" endorsements would be the default setting for shared endorsements.

Also, if a user chooses to limit an endorsement to certain circles of friends or contacts, that restriction will be respected in any ads that use the endorsement.

Google's move follows a similar proposal by Facebook. The social network in August said it would show users' faces and names in ads about products they clicked to "like." That proposal was criticized by privacy groups. They asked the Federal Trade Commission to look into the matter, which the agency said it did as part of routine monitoring of privacy practices.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Giving so much to so many

Editor:

I was devastated hearing the tragic news that Mark Benjamin, his son Luke, and two other passengers died last month. As many in the Santa Monica and Malibu communities mourn his tragic death, I wanted to share how much Mark meant to the Grant School community and me.

I met Mark my first year as the new principal of Grant in 1995. Being introduced to Mark by his friend and Grant parent, Jody Priselac, I listened as they described what Morley Builders would do to help our school. Imagine a large and important company like Morley allowing their employees to donate one hour of their workweek to volunteer at Grant as campus supervisors, classroom assistants or technical or office help.

I said to Mark, you are Grant's "angel." Over the next 17 years Morley Builders gave Grant yearly donations that allowed every teacher in the school to take two field trips without charging families for fees. He gave additional money to cover much-needed classroom supplies and, for the past 10 years, helped cover the cost of scholarships for fifth graders whose parents could not afford the fee to send their kids to Outdoor Science School.

An angel? Four times Mark and I met to see how Morley could help our school in other ways. He purchased an entire computer lab worth of hardware. His company wrote a sizable check to pay for new carpeting for our remodeled library. Over a four-day period he authorized a work crew, including a project manager, to fill in a sandbox on the kindergarten yard and create hard surface for additional play space for our students. Finally, three summers ago, a group of parents got Morley to dig out asphalt on the playground so that we could build a community garden.

So when members of the community extol their praise on one of the most altruistic and levelheaded individuals Santa Monica-Malibu has ever known, please add the following. Mark Benjamin was a person who didn't need the spotlight. He was able to ask hard questions without intimidation. Mark was kind, thoughtful and visionary. He understood how to get things done without ego or ulterior motive.

Mark was always present when one needed help and gave to Grant School not because he had some major connection or incentive, but because he wanted to help. Mark was Grant's angel for almost two decades and former, present and future Grant Geckos will feel his generosity for generations to come.

Alan Friedenberg
Retired principal of Grant Elementary School



Your column here

Lee H. Hamilton

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

It's time for an intervention

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS LOST patience with Washington. The question is, now what?

Congress is unable to do its job. It displays neither competence nor responsibility. It lurches — reeling from crisis to crisis, each one self-manufactured in an effort to postpone the reckoning from some earlier crisis. It shut the government down over a temporary budget. Now it's threatening the financial credibility of the U.S. government and the security and safety of the American people. Three years of last-minute spending decisions have culminated in a television standoff with no actual negotiations.

Too many members of Congress reject the notion that accommodation and time-honored procedures allow them to fulfill their responsibilities to the American people. They use their legislative skill to engage in brinkmanship rather than address the country's fundamental problems. Economic growth? Creating jobs? Putting the federal budget on a sustainable path? Don't look to Congress. They're too busy coming up with the next short-term tactic to confront the other side. Every day they dither, they keep the government from addressing the nation's real problems.

Even worse, they've managed to raise real questions in this country and abroad about whether our system of government can work. Are we saddled with a national legislature paralyzed by unending conflict? Are we capable of tackling our major problems? We are on the road to a government that cannot plan, a country shackled by perpetual uncertainty, and a loss of faith in our institutions both at home and abroad.

We do not have to continue down that road, but we do have to confront a core problem. The political center in Congress has weakened to the point of ineffectiveness, if not near-irrelevance.

That's fine with some people in Washington, who are comfortable with gridlock and don't think its consequences will be dire. Our government's inability to deal with problems, they argue, is good — a government that's able to act, they believe, creates more problems than it solves.

Likewise, some people acknowledge polarization as a problem, but blame it on an electorate that prefers a divided government, split between the parties. All I can say is that divided government in the past — think Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill — didn't keep Congress from creatively addressing national challenges. Divided government is not easy, but it is not unusual and it can work.

Politicians don't deserve all the blame. Voters share responsibility: more people have to turn out to vote. The more people who vote, the better the chances to strengthen the political center — that is, moderates and pragmatists. That's because low turnout brings out the most ideologically intense voters, who in turn reward the most polarizing candidates. A Congress more representative of the American people rests on expanding efforts to convince people to vote, and beating back the barriers to voting.

WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO A GOVERNMENT THAT CANNOT PLAN, A COUNTRY SHACKLED BY PERPETUAL UNCERTAINTY, AND A LOSS OF FAITH IN OUR INSTITUTIONS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The second solution lies with members of Congress. Contemplating a government shutdown, a Kentucky congressman recently explained his stance by saying, "All that really matters is what my district wants." This is not an uncommon view, but it's a distressingly limited one. Our system depends on members who believe it's also their responsibility to lead and inform voters, who are willing to weigh the national interest as well as parochial concerns and who have confidence in our system to resolve political differences.

In other words, we need members of Congress devoted to making the system work. We need men and women in office who understand that when the voters give us a divided government, they have no choice but to accept the distribution of power and work with it, regardless of what they wish were the case. We need legislators who realize that those on the other side feel just as passionately and deserve their respect, and who are committed to finding a solution to our problems.

We change laws in our democracy and solve our most difficult issues in this country not by bringing government to a halt, but by fighting out the issues before the voters in an election. At the end of the day, we have to move the country forward — and we need to elect members of Congress who are willing and able to do that.

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The Q Line

Too soon?

Last month's crash of a small jet at Santa Monica Airport has reignited the debate over whether or not the airport should be closed.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the crash highlights what's wrong with the airport or was it just a tragic accident?

Here are your responses:

"I THINK THAT THE CRASH WAS JUST A tragic accident. I'm just sick of all the people who live around the airport who want to close it down. The airport was there long before they even moved in, and they knew it was there. Now they're trying to close it. It just doesn't make sense. We need the Santa Monica Airport.

"I THINK THE AIRPORT IS AN UTMOST necessity. I think that the crash was just a tragic accident. We desperately need our airport. It does a lot of good. What if there's a major tragedy? We need that airport as an adjunct to LAX. If there's a major tragedy, people need to get out. It is an utmost, dire necessity."

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"I THINK THE CRASH WAS JUST A terrible accident. It seems that perhaps pilot error, something about mechanical failure – those kinds of things just happen throughout the city of Los Angeles and Santa Monica. You cannot prevent them. The airport is a very positive aspect of our community. It's a wonderful space around the airport and all the things that have been added to it make it a delightful place. The landing and taking off of planes is very interesting. I do think that perhaps at night the corporation jets should be somehow made more quiet, but other than that I think it really runs well. The whole notion of trying to close the airport is just nonsense."

"WHAT'S WRONG AT THE SANTA MONICA Airport is the jets that should never have been allowed to use it. A piston-engine aircraft would have never caused as much damage or as intense of a fire. Get rid of jets, and for emergency needs use helicopters so the length of the runway is not an issue."

"I THINK THE CRASH AT THE AIRPORT was just a tragic accident. The people of Santa Monica are all a bunch of whiners. They bought their houses long after the airport was already put in place. They knew the airport was there when they bought their house. Now they want to cry about it and close it down. Too bad for them. Keep the airport."

"YES, IT WAS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT, but it certainly highlights what's wrong with the airport and why we no longer need this noisy, polluting, highly dangerous neighbor. I read some disturbing statistics on what would have happened had it been a larger jet which crashed on take off. And the suggestion is that we lose several blocks of our beloved city here in Santa Monica and it's been past time to replace it with something we can all use. Hey, how about a park? Anything would be better than those jets flying over our heads."

"YES, I THINK THAT THE AIRPORT should be closed and the crash highlights what's wrong with the airport; just too many airplanes coming in now. It seems it was nice and small when we first moved in 20 years ago, and now the onset of LAX not taking people that wanted to go to LAX. All that Santa Monica is doing is giving money to the planes that are disturbing to the neighbors. My other question would be, didn't they have a law about all the people in the planes? That distresses me, as far as safety and issues regarding who is on the planes and what kind of security and safety checks the passengers are actually going through in these small airports. Because, I know at LAX, we have to go through a lot of trouble to get on a plane and everybody knows our name and has a law for everyone on that plane. So, I'd be curious to know how the security works at these airports, seeing as they didn't know who the passengers were on the plane and I'd think that every small plane would have a log of all passengers."

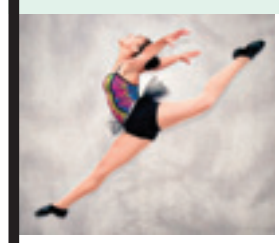
"THE INTENSITY OF THE JET FUEL-FED fire that destroyed the plane and hangar at Santa Monica Airport underlines the danger of Santa Monica Airport being a jet landing field. This small jet killed its four passengers. Imagine what might happen if one of the many larger, faster jets that use the airport had careened off the runway or overshot the landing area. ... Santa Monica Airport is not designed to safely handle the larger jets that have to land at about 150 miles an hour to keep from stalling before they touch down. They are too big and too fast. L.A.'s Van Nuys is suitable for such aircraft, but apparently it is not convenient for wealthy Westside residents and their companies."

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RECOMMENDED PRE-BID JOB WALK:
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3223 Donald Douglas Loop South
Santa Monica, California

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COMPENSABLE DELAY: $500.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a B license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Calif. first state to ban lead ammo

BY LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California has become the first state to ban lead bullets for all types of hunting after Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Friday.

The Democratic governor said in a signing message that lead ammunition poses a threat to wildlife, noting that California has prohibited it in eight counties within the condors' range since 1997.

"I am concerned, however, the impression left from this bill is that hunters and sportsmen and women in California are not conservationists," Brown wrote. "I know that is not the case. Hunters and anglers are the original conservationists."

He says the bill protects hunters by allowing the ban to be lifted if the federal government ever prohibits non-lead ammo.

Opponents of AB711 argued that non-lead ammunition is more expensive and could be banned federally because it is technically considered to be armor-piercing. The California Fish and Game Wardens' Association last week urged Brown to veto the bill, saying there is insufficient data to justify a statewide ban.

Three environmental groups — the Humane Society of the United States, Defenders of Wildlife and Audubon California — sponsored the bill. Supporters say the use of lead bullets not only endangers wildlife but also puts people who eat game killed with the ammunition at risk.

Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, D-Lakewood, who carried AB711, said in a statement Friday that the ban makes sense because lead has already been prohibited in paint, gasoline and toys.

The ban will be phased in by July 2019. The new law requires the state Fish and Game Commission to enact regulations by July 2015, which will detail when the ban goes into effect for different types of hunting and areas of the state.

Brown said in his signing statement the time between adopting the regulations and requiring the ban to be in full effect will give hunters time to adjust to the new rules. He also said he will direct officials to consider incentives for hunters to make the transition.

Brown vetoes bill banning semi-automatics

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a bill Friday that would have imposed the nation's toughest restrictions on gun ownership, saying it was too far-reaching.

The legislation would have banned future sales of most semi-automatic rifles that accept detachable magazines, part of a firearms package approved by state lawmakers in response to mass shootings in other states.

It was lawmakers' latest attempt to close loopholes that have allowed manufacturers to work around previous assault weapon bans. Gun rights groups had threatened to sue if the semi-automatic weapons ban became law.

"I don't believe that this bill's blanket ban on semi-automatic rifles would reduce criminal activity or enhance public safety enough to warrant this infringement on gun owners' rights," the Democratic governor wrote in his veto message.

He also noted that California already has some of the nation's strictest gun and ammunition laws.

Democratic Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, who proposed the measure, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The bill sought to ban the sale of assault rifles, but Brown objected that it also would have applied to low-capacity weapons commonly used for hunting, firearms training and target shooting, and some historical and collectible firearms. Brown also didn't want thousands of legal gun owners to have to register their existing weapons as assault rifles and be blocked from selling or transferring the weapons.

The governor's actions were a mixed bag for both gun rights groups and those seeking greater restrictions.

He signed a measure from Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, which bans kits that allow people to turn regular ammunition magazines into high-capacity magazines, as well as two other pieces of legislation that restrict the ability of mentally ill people to possess firearms.

Brown approved a measure making California the first state to impose a statewide ban on lead bullets for all types of hunting. Hunting with lead bullets already is prohibited in eight counties with endangered California condors.

Commission OKs Romney house expansion

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife passed another hurdle Friday in their plans to tear down their 1936 beachfront home in San Diego's affluent La Jolla community and build an 11,000-square-foot mansion in its place.

The California Coastal Commission voted 7-4 on Friday to allow the city-approved permit for the project, ruling that it did not pose a significant issue under the California Coastal Act, said the panel's legislative liaison Sarah Christie.

The Romneys bought the 3,000-square-foot home in 2008 for $12 million.

A former neighbor, Anthony Ciani, had challenged the city permit, saying it was granted because the Romneys exaggerated the size of the lot by claiming the beach in front.

The commission ruled the Romneys do own that portion of beach.

The commission also disagreed with Ciani that the mansion will be out of character with the surrounding upscale community. The commission's staff noted that the home has been altered throughout the years.

The Romneys have submitted a plan for a 29-foot tall residence with attached four-car garage.

Romneys' attorney, Matthew Peterson, told the Los Angeles Times, the couple would probably break ground on the project in six months, and that construction would take between 14 and 16 months.

Romney sold a $5 million Deer Valley vacation house in 2009 before launching a presidential bid. His main residence has been in La Jolla and he owns a condominium in Belmont, Mass. The family has long owned a summer resort home in New Hampshire, and recently purchased two adjoining houses with horse barns in a Salt Lake City suburb.

G-20 finance officials focus on U.S. budget talks

BY MARJORIE OLSTER & MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON World finance officials said Friday the United States needs to take urgent action to address its budget problems that are creating economic uncertainties for the global economy.

Finance ministers and central bank leaders for the Group of 20 major economies wrapped up two days of discussions in Washington with a joint statement expressing concern about the ongoing budget stalemate between Congress and the Obama administration.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov told reporters at a news conference that issues of the partial government shutdown, and the need to raise America's borrowing limit before a Thursday deadline, were addressed by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke also participated in the talks.

Siluanov said all the G-20 participants are hoping for a speedy resolution. He noted that about 45 percent of Russian's foreign exchange reserves are invested in U.S. Treasury securities. America will run out of borrowing authority for new debt on Thursday. Lew has warned that with only $30 billion expected cash on hand at that time, the country will soon not have the ability to meet all of its bills, including paying interest on the $16.7 trillion federal debt. That would trigger an unprecedented default on U.S. debt.

Underscoring the urgency of the situation, Lew left the G-20 discussions before they had wrapped up Friday to get to the White House for a meeting with President Barack Obama and Senate Republicans.

There have been various proposals in recent days to resolve the impasse and get at least a short-term increase in the borrowing limit approved before next week's deadline. Obama has insisted he will not negotiate with Republicans over spending issues until the government is reopened and the borrowing limit is raised.

Siluanov said the G-20 officials did not discuss contingency plans if the U.S. borrowing ceiling is not increased by the Thursday deadline. He had told reporters after a G-20 dinner meeting the previous evening that U.S. officials had given assurances that the debt ceiling would be resolved before the deadline. However, U.S. officials said Friday that there didn't provide such an assurance but merely expressed the hope Congress would act.

"There are no emergency or extraordinary plans," Siluanov said. "In the course of today's meeting, no plans were drawn up. No worst-case scenario was discussed. We trust the U.S. authorities will find a way out of this complex situation."

Siluanov said that Russia was not considering reducing the size of its U.S. Treasury holdings, saying those investments were for the long term while the debt crisis was a short-term issue.

Other finance officials expressed similar optimism, some noting that this would not be the first time the United States has come to the brink of a default crisis and a solution has been found at the last minute.

Japan's Finance Minister Taro Aso told reporters at a news conference that he conveyed to Lew his country's expectation the debt ceiling would be extended soon, "once and for all without any delay."

The G-20 communiqué said it would be important for countries that have benefited from ultra-low interest rates to pursue prudent economic policies and put in place structural reforms to bolster their financial systems as interest rates in the United States and elsewhere returned to more normal levels. Large outflows of investments this summer have destabilized some emerging economies such as India and Indonesia.

Aso said he agreed with the view in the communiqué that that monetary policy in major economies needed to be "carefully calibrated and clearly communicated."

The G-20 discussions were being held in advance of Saturday meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.

The talks were something of a farewell for Bernanke, who was attending his last G-20 meeting, and a coming out for Janet Yellen, who was tapped this week by Obama to succeed Bernanke as head of the Fed. Yellen was expected to participate in some of the Saturday discussions.

The G-20 represents around 85 percent of the global economy. It includes established industrial nations such as the United States, Germany and France and rapidly growing emerging market economies such as China, Brazil and India.

The finance meetings are being held at a time growth in emerging market economies has cooled and some of them have struggled to contain the fallout from worries over rising interest rates if the Federal Reserve begins trimming its bond purchases.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde warned on Thursday that a failure by the United States to increase its borrowing limit could do deep damage to both the American and global economies.

"Obviously, we know, and you know by now, that failure to raise the debt ceiling would cause not only serious damage to the U.S. economy but also to the global economy as a result of the spillover effects," Lagarde told reporters at a news conference. "It is not helping the U.S. economy to have this uncertainty and this protracted way of dealing with fiscal issues and debt issues."







The Better Option

Lori Salerno
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Trick or treat, but don't overeat

YOU HEAR DRY LEAVES CRUNCH UNDER little feet and giggles echoing down dark neighborhoods. Costume-clad little monsters are running up and down your walkway with their pillowcases full of sweet treats. It's Halloween.

There are customs that have been in practice for over 100 years, so how can we even imagine altering them? It's only one night of candy and treats for kids, right? Well, the practice of trick-or-treating or guising didn't become popular until the 1930s and it seems to be waning in popularity, replaced by a new tradition held in many communities called trunk-or-treat. The concept is to bring communities together to celebrate in a party or carnival atmosphere with games, food and other treats besides candy. We have our own such event, the Police Activities League's PALloween Carnival, which has been held for more than 20 years.

That is my suggestion, to offer alternative treats to visiting children at your door on All Hallows' Eve.

Candy, in and of itself, isn't the trickster on this night; it's the residual effect from the hoards of sugary treats collected and the weeks of overindulgence to follow. The average intake of added sugar (22.2 teaspoons/day) has increased by 20 percent over the past 30 years, according to the 2010 American Heart Association's Scientific Statement. The recommended intake for women is 5 teaspoons per day (20 grams), 9 teaspoons per day for men (36 grams), and children between 3 and 5 teaspoons per day (12-20 grams), depending on age and activity level. For reference, one full-size Snickers bar has 27 grams of sugar, a fun size Snickers has 9 grams of sugar, and a mini Snickers has 4.5 grams of sugar.

I did an experiment a few years ago with my own little trick-or-treaters. I offered two different options for treats: a variety of party toys or candy. I didn't want to be "that" house that handed out toothbrushes or something anti-Halloween, but I knew change needed to be made. Surprisingly, half the children chose the little toy. The next year I expanded my selection to a bowl of toys from which to choose and a bowl of candy or healthier treats. Again, to my surprise, a good percentage of children, when given the choice, picked either a toy or a healthy treat.

Now I offer three types of treats to my little guests, but for my own Halloween monster I've adopted healthful strategies to navigate this sweetest of holidays. These are a few of my own techniques, as well as others used by my colleagues.

THE BETTER OPTION
HALLOWEEN STRATEGIES:

- Celebrate the evening, not the candy. Visit spooky houses, carnivals, harvest festivals, and make handing out the treats part of the Halloween night, too.
- Allow for a moderate splurge of candy after it's checked by an adult. Portion out a small amount of the remaining candy for daily consumption with a healthy snack for a set number of days. Donate, give away, or throw away the remaining amount.
- Offer a buyout of the candy for a fixed dollar amount or trade for a gift card.
- For younger spooksters you can try the Switch Witch or similar character who trades candy left out on the doorstep with a gift.

THE BETTER OPTION
HEALTHY HALLOWEEN TREATS:

- Mini bags of pretzels or graham crackers.
- Sugar-free hot cocoa or sugar-free hot cider packets.
- Mini bags of microwave popcorn.
- Sugar-free gum.
- Mini Rice Krispies treats.

THE BETTER OPTION
HALLOWEEN TREAT ALTERNATIVES:

- Glow sticks.
- Fake teeth or fangs.
- Stickers, temporary tattoos, bookmarks.
- Street chalk.
- Halloween jewelry.
- Silly Bandz.
- Bubbles.

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Photo courtesy Lori Salerno

IN COSTUME: **The Better Option author Lori Salerno with her family celebrating Halloween.**



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SWEETS: **Trick-or-treaters grab candy at a nail salon on Montana Avenue.**

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MRS. MAURA P. ESTRADA

born November 30, 1926 in Santa Monica, CA – passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on October 7, 2013.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, husband Raul Estrada and son Carlos Perez. Graveside Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, October 15th at 11am at City of Santa Monica Woodlawn Cemetery, Mausoleum & Mortuary (FD# 2101), 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 310-458-8717.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the city of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for the:

REAL-TIME BEACH PARKING PROJECT, SP-2221
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. CML-5107 (028)

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, not later than 2:30 p.m. on October 30, 2013, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will be evaluated based on the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013, 10:00AM at The Main Library, Community Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: $1,400,000.00
CONTRACT CALENDAR DAYS: 100
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $900.00 PER DAY
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $840.00 PER DAY

Bid Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's online bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids. Additional information may be obtained on the City's website at: www.smgov.net/engineering. The contractor is required to have a Class **C-10** license at the time of bid submission.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

SCHOOL
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search "Malibu Public Notices."

A letter signed by 20 Malibu Middle and High school teachers on Friday expressed concern that the recent cancer diagnoses of three teachers and health problems experienced by other teachers — including three with thyroid problems, seven with persistent migraines, one with bladder cancer, among others — may be related to contaminants on the campus. Each of the affected teachers spent prolonged periods of time in buildings E (the main middle school building), F (Music and Drama), I (Visual Arts) and the school theater.

The teachers requested the district test for a range of contaminants such as mold, and to view a copy of a soil report from 2010. In 2011, soil containing elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from historic termite treatments was removed from a portion of the middle school quad.

editor@smdp.com

This article first appeared in The Malibu Times.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Adopt a Resolution Making Findings of Local Climatic, Geological and Topographical Conditions and an Ordinance Adopting the 2013 California Building Standards Code and Santa Monica Local Amendments**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
PROPERTY OWNER: Citywide

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Introduction for first reading a resolution making findings of local climatic, geological and topographical conditions and an ordinance that adopts the 2013 California Building Standards Code and Santa Monica local amendments to the California Building Standards Code.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013, AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 2013 Building Code Adoption
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ron Takiguchi at (310) 458-2201, Extension 5595 or by e-mail at ron.takiguchi@smgov.net. The Building Code Ordinance is available at the Permits Center Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center.

ESPAÑOL
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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

TARGETED: **A woman walks by the entrance to the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Thursday.**

POLL
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and job opportunities.

Results for those in favor of the Fairmont Miramar expansion were not released, but 57 percent of the electorate opposed the expansion, according to the poll.

Owners of the Huntley Hotel and the Fairmont Miramar have been locked in a heated battle over the Miramar's proposal of an expansion. The proposal is expected to go before City Council in 2014 and includes 280 rooms, 120 condos, and a 320-foot spire.

The survey was conducted over the phone in September.

THE QUESTIONS WERE:

• In general, do you favor more development in Santa Monica, less development in Santa Monica or is the amount of development in Santa Monica happening in Santa Monica about right?

• Do you favor or oppose changing height and density requirements to allow more high rise and higher density buildings in Santa Monica?

• As you may know, the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard has proposed a redevelopment of the current property that would turn the current hotel into a mixed-use hotel and condominium residence, 320 feet high with 21 stories, with up to 120 market-rate condominiums and between 12 and 40 affordable housing units, 280 hotel guest rooms, underground parking, food and beverage facilities, retail space, spa, meeting and event facilities, and open space areas on site. From what you've heard, would you favor or oppose this redevelopment?

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SSW swell builds in further - possible larger waves for best spots; minimal NW energy

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW swell continues; minimal NW energy

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Modest SSW swell

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Easing SSW swell

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 9, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 3
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

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

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

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FOUNTAIN

FROM PAGE 1

community celebration.

"What we've been working on [with the fountain] over the last several months is an aesthetic issue, which is that the trays dribble water down on the base, which is, we feel, kind of unsightly," said city architect Miriam Mulder. "They're going to take down the fences and water will be running in it."

Some more work may be required after the event, she said.

"What we're hoping is that if there's any work that needs to be done it won't require the fences," Mulder said. "To be honest, we're playing this by ear. And they know what they have to do is deliver us what we have in the design."

The water feature was designed by Fluidity and constructed by W.E. O'Neil, the contractor for Tongva Park.

"Water features are not like normal construction," said Jim Garland, Fluidity project manager. "This one is state of the art and none of them ever are perfect when you turn them on. This is a normal kind of small hiccups that you have to resolve in fountain construction."

But will the fountain dribble on Saturday?

"I really, really hope not," Mulder said, laughing.

Both Fluidity and W.E. O'Neil are working on the fix but it's unclear if the issue is in the design or the construction. W.E. O'Neil would not comment for this article.

"Water is a funny thing," Mulder said. "It finds ways to get through. Since structurally there's not any issues here, it's more a matter of an aesthetic thing, I wouldn't ascribe blame, necessarily. Everyone's working hard to make this work. In the end, I think we'll have a lovely thing."

The cost of the fountain itself is hard to determine because three separate company's worked on it and W.E. O'Neil's contract covers both Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square. Work has been grouped together, Mulder said, so it is difficult to get an exact cost for just the fountain.

"The costs are broken down by trades (concrete, steel, electrical, plumbing, etc.)," Mulder wrote in an e-mail. "When the builder submits their (guaranteed maximum price), it is broken down by trades and their numbers are vetted against estimates prepared by [the] city's design consultants and estimators. The costs are checked again when the trades are bid out, and the city must see and approve all bids, with the power of rejection if the bid seems too high. Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square were one project, with one (guaranteed maximum price)."

Mulder said the two parks have been completed under budget, to a tune of roughly $7 million.

Eventually the fountain will be filled with plants but, Mulder said, they might not be in place for the opening. Water needs to run through the fountain for a period of time and stabilize before plants can be added.

The fountain's 52 basins and 52 water jets honor the 52 rose bushes of the Memorial Rose Garden that previously grew in front of City Hall.

Fountain water flows across the street to Tongva Park symbolically connecting the two spaces.

Tongva Park was designed by James Corner Field Operations, the firm that designed the High Line in New York City.

The celebration runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tongva Park at 1615 Ocean Ave. It will include performances, interactive exhibits, and food trucks.

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Paradise (PG-13) 2hr 7min
7:30pm
Discussion following with writer-director Diablo Cody.

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7:30pm
Join film critic and historian David Thomson in person for an illustrated presentation on these moments that made the movies. Thomson will sign copies of his book "Moments That Made the Movies" in the lobby at 6:30pm.

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Rush (R) 2hrs 03min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:20pm

Prisoners (R) 2hrs 26min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Don Jon (R) 1hr 30min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Romeo and Juliet (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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Gravity (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:45am

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
11:30am, 12:45pm, 2:50pm, 4:05pm, 6:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:35pm, 10:45pm

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) 1hr 35min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Runner Runner (R) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Machete Kills (R) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Summit (R) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

A.C.O.D. (R) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

After Tiller (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Trials of Muhammad Ali (NR) 1hr 26min
11:10am

Parkland (PG-13) 1hr 32min
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COULD BE A LATE NIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your mood suits the day. Give into a little extra R and R with friends and loved ones. You might want to go off to a ballgame with friends, or get into a fun group hobby. Tonight: The party could go on till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might not be able to wipe the slate clean, so try to build off of an existing situation. An older person or family member won't lose sight of his or her grievances. Tonight: On center stage, wherever you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ What was OK yesterday might not feel like plans you would like to pursue today. Take the risk and revamp your schedule. Take off to a favorite spot out of town, and invite a friend or loved one along to join you. Tonight: Remember, you are not in any hurry to head home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Know that you have alternatives. You just need to decide which one is most appealing. A partner or new friend might catch your eye. Be willing to revive a longtime friendship. Tonight: Share news with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll be able to move a situation forward, given time and enthusiasm. Others will respond, yet they could be unusually demanding. Greet them with a smile, and know that everything will be OK. Tonight: Only where there are people. Watch a spontaneous party begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be determined to complete a personal or family-involved project. If you feel you must, do it quickly, as this pursuit might be stopping you from really enjoying yourself. Reach out to friends and loved ones for some extra help. Tonight: Use your high energy well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might see more than what meets the eye in events that occur today, especially involving someone you cherish. You will be hard-pressed not to break out in a huge smile. Tonight: Enjoy what is happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could feel inordinately pressured to make an appearance, but you really would rather slow down and enjoy yourself at home. You enjoy your privacy. Make several calls to someone at a distance, and set up a time to visit in the near future. Tonight: Go for something different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your optimism will emerge in a personal conversation. You simply enjoy being around your pals and hanging out. Make plans together to meet up and go out for munchies. You probably have a lot of news to catch up on. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Calls and invitations come in left and right. Your popularity remains high, which allows you to follow through on multiple sets of plans. A loved one or dear friend makes no bones about letting you know how he or she feels about you. Tonight: Be aware of your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have something planned that could be a high priority. Others might wish you would handle it quickly, as they want you to join them. You will receive many delightful invitations, but you have something else in mind. Tonight: Live in the moment, and enjoy it to the fullest!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by an option that surprises you to no end. You might want to stay in your present groove for a good part of the day. A loved one might play into this scenario. Tonight: Shh! You don't need to tell everyone everything!

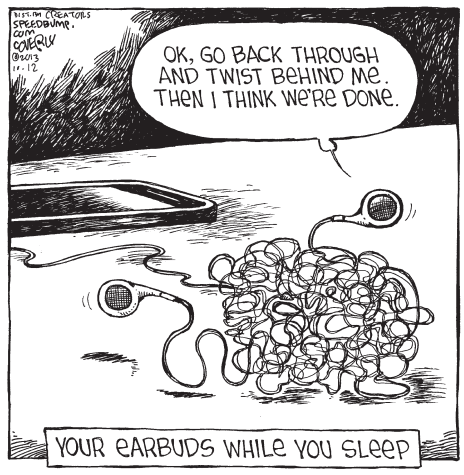
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This year you drop the word "no" from your vocabulary. You also discover that nearly anything is possible if you remain upbeat and positive. You have more than enough energy to do whatever you want. If you are single, you meet people with ease, and you are likely to mix business with pleasure. Be careful; otherwise you could cause yourself a problem. If you are attached, you will want to spend more time with your significant other. Your professional or community commitments will demand a lot of time. Just make sure that your sweetie gets the attention he or she needs. AQUARIUS always wants to be playful.

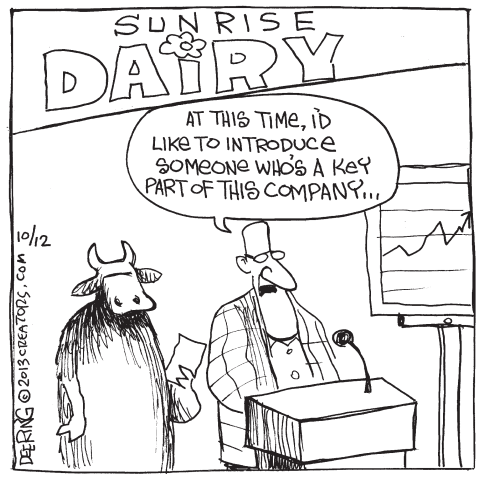
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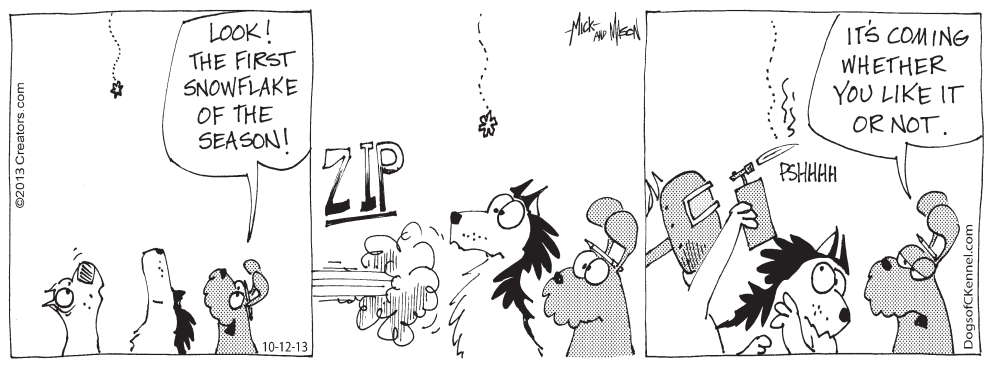
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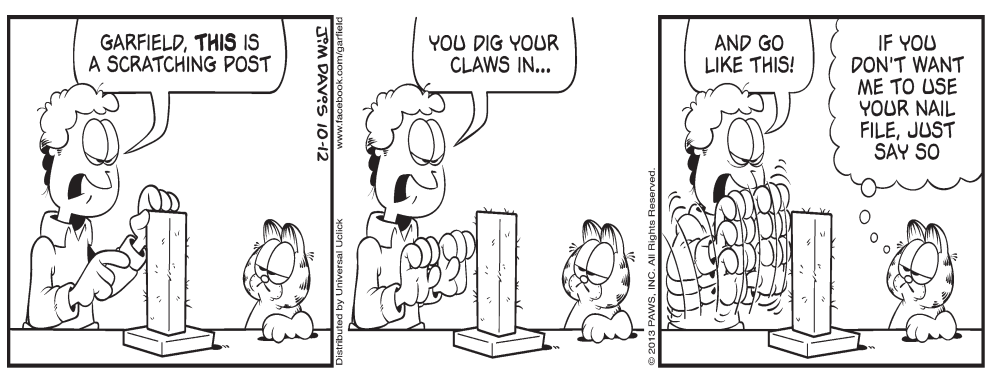
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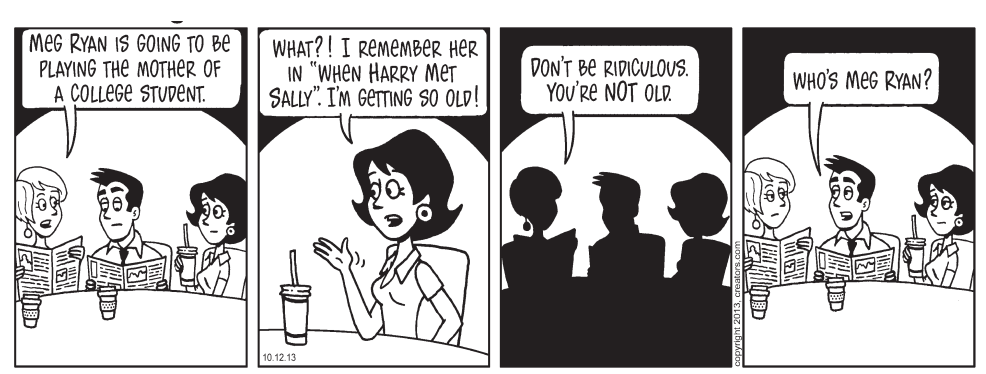
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

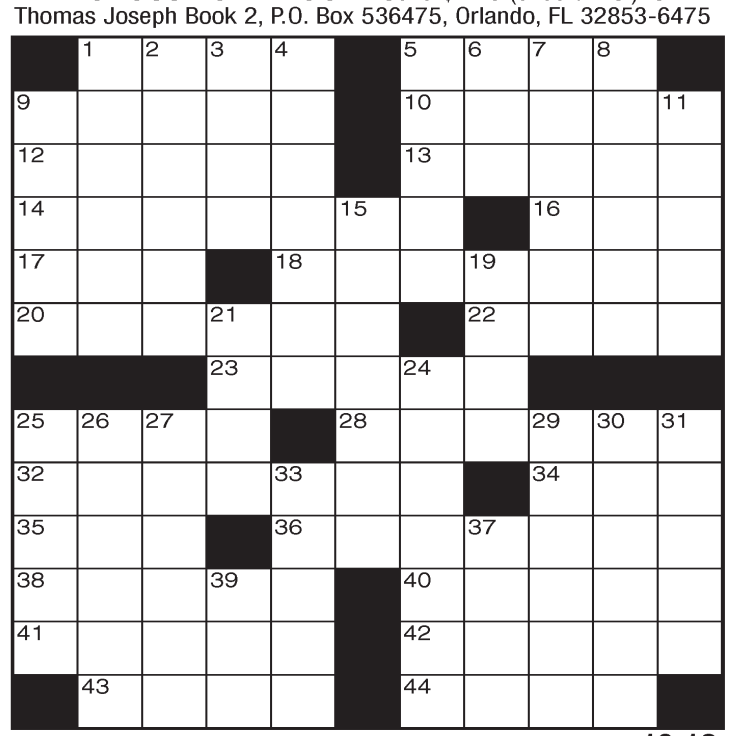
ACROSS
1 Memory problems
5 Tolerate
9 "John Brown's Body" poet
10 Sophia of "Two Women"
12 Poet Breton
13 Cartoon genre
14 Paging gizmos
16 Shop tool
17 Juan Perón's wife
18 Eyes, slangily
20 Spears
22 Black as night
23 Up to
25 Pert talk
28 Temporarily transferred
32 Finders, they say
34 Fresh: Prefix
35 Co. abbr.
36 "Golly!"
38 Gettysburg general
40 TV's O'Donnell
41 Wild fear
42 Attempts
43 Proofing note
44 Spots

DOWN
1 Red Cross headquarters
2 Like llamas
3 Crime doer, to cops
4 Increase, as an incline
5 World-weary
6 Long time
7 Up
8 Comment
9 Tower site
11 Full of info
15 Make good as new
19 Pharmacy unit
21 Crescent's tip
24 Newspaper ads
25 Be frugal
26 Virgil hero
27 Trig function
29 Infant outfit
30 Eagles' homes
31 Snoots
33 Toss out
37 Tiny opening
39 Game cube

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In the concluding race in September of the Rally de Misiones in Campo Viera, Argentina, it was important for drivers to complete the laps even if they had no chance of winning, but near the end, driver Sebastian Llamosas experienced a throttle malfunction and began coasting, still about a half-mile from the finish line. However, in a move reminiscent of actor Slim Pickens jumping on the atomic bomb in "Dr. Strangelove," Llamosas's quick-thinking partner Mauricio Sainz jumped onto the open engine and accelerated the car by hand while Llamosas steered the final distance.

■ One of the world's best-known strategists on the game of checkers passed away in November (2008). Richard Fortman was Illinois state champion six times and in the 1970s and 1980s published a seven-volume handbook on rules and tactics. Many people now considering the game would be astonished to know that, as in chess, there are masters and grandmasters, international rankings, that experts actually study historical opening moves and endgames, and that some play, move-by-move, via the U.S. Mail. A New York Times obituary noted that Fortman played as many as 100 games simultaneously, and won games blindfolded. Until the end, according to his daughter, Fortman spent "hours each day" playing checkers online.

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