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THE POST-SQUIRM ISSUE

More teachers, lower enrollment at district schools

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS Schools have more teachers and fewer students this year.

Enrollment at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District dropped for the second year in a row but student-to-teacher ratios improved significantly for the first time since the early days of the economic downturn.

There were 11,274 students enrolled in the district as of Sept. 16, according to district officials, down from 11,315 students last year.

Over the past decade, enrollment has dropped by more than a thousand students.

In the 2004-05 school year, 12,545 kids were enrolled in the district but, with the exception of a couple slight upticks, that number has decreased steadily.

District officials are predicting a slight gain next year. Enrollment, they say, will be back up over 12,000 in seven years.

Staffing, meanwhile, has risen district-wide, with almost every secondary school and several elementary schools seeing some kind of increase.

Franklin Elementary School, for example, gained the equivalent of two full-time staff members last year. Class sizes in Franklin's first, second, and third grades dropped this year. Last year there were an average of 29.5 kids per class in the third grade and this year it's 25. Class-sizes in the fourth and fifth grades rose at Franklin, each up to 29.5 students per class.

At the high schools, average class sizes

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HOMECOMING

Morgan Genser

Above: Zachary Cooper from the Santa Monica High School boys varsity football team rushes with the football into end zone for a touchdown during the Homecoming game on Friday Oct. 10 vs Hawthorne. Samohi won 47-0 to improve their record to 1-0 in league play and 3-3 overall.

Right: Homecoming Queen Bianka Franco and King Mark Marin stand next to each other after being named Homecoming Queen and King at the Santa Monica High School homecoming game.

City Hall: stop private sale of public parking spaces

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A street parking app may run out of gas before it even has a chance to put its turn signal on.

City Council will consider banning the sale of public parking spaces in the city, tonight.

In August, after some controversy in San Francisco, MonkeyParking announced it would soon be available in Santa Monica and Beverly Hills. The app allows users to sell their parking spaces to the highest bidder.

Let's say you found a great spot near the beach and when it comes time to leave, all the spots around you are filled up. MonkeyParking bets that you can do better than to give that spot away for free. They allow you to sell it - after taking a cut, of course.

MonkeyParking applied for a business license in September and offered to share some of its profits with City Hall.

Santa Monica officials are saying, "No thanks."

"This ordinance would not reflect a rejection of innovation," they say of their recommendation to council, "but rather would address potential circulation and safety issues created by such a service when users reserve on-street parking spaces and engage in online bidding wars while driving, which

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, October 14

28th Annual SMMUSD College Fair
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd. 6 p.m.
Attendees can learn about the college application process and financial aid from more than 90 college representatives. The event will be held in the South Gym on the Santa Monica High School campus, and only available to SMMUSD high school students. All high schoolers from the District three high schools are invited to attend. SMMUSD seniors will enjoy an exclusive half-hour starting at 6 p.m.; juniors join them for a shared half-hour at 6:30 p.m.; and doors open to all SMMUSD high school students at 7 p.m. Students must bring their student IDs.

SMC Violin and Piano Recital
The Edye
Santa Monica Blvd. at 11th St.
11:15 a.m.
"A Musical Tour of Eastern Europe." Join SMC pianist Donald Fredrickson and violinist Laurette Carlson Boarman for a musical tour that includes works by Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Chopin, and others. (Free. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the Performing Arts Center.)

Author reading
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 6:30 - 8 p.m.
The three authors reading tonight are all recipients of the A Room of Her Own Foundation's (AROHO)To The Lighthouse Poetry Prize, which honors the diversity and unique voices of women Red Hen Press strives to champion. Genevieve Kaplan's collection meditates on domestic life and the physical world that surrounds it. Jessica Piazza shows us love and fear in a collection of poems that makes its own music. Leia Penina Wilson gives us an animalistic look at relationships and the power of imagination.

Medicare 101
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 7 p.m.
Confused about Medicare? Samuel Swartz will answer questions and provide information to help you to make educated decisions regarding your healthcare.

Laughter yoga
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 7 p.m.
Come get the endorphins flowing. There will be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun.

City Council Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the City Council. Visit www.smgov.net/departments/council/ for more information.

Preschool Club
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 3 p.m.
Listen to Halloween stories and do a craft.

Wednesday, October 15

Quilting class
1450 Ocean

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Book Buzz with Random House at the Santa Monica Public Library

Santa Monica Public Library hosts Book Buzz with Random House on Tuesday, October 14, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library MLK Jr. Auditorium at 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Get the inside scoop on forthcoming fall and winter titles from a Random House representative. Learn about future best-sellers before they become bestsellers. A limited number of Advanced Readers Copies (books not yet published), book club resources, and Keep Calm and Read On tote bags will be available for attendees. Random House is the largest print and digital trade book publisher in the world. Random House publishes approximately 10,000 new books annually across their 200 editorially-independent imprints. It is home to over 100 Pulitzer Prize winners, more than 50 Nobel Prize laureates and many of the most widely read authors of our time.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information on Santa Monica Public Library programs, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

-MH

Santa Monica

Concept Store Now Open in Santa Monica

There is a new m0851 concept store at 1426 Montana Avenue, Unit 2, in Santa Monica.

Established in 1987, m0851 is a Montreal-based company that designs and manufactures leather bags, accessories, jackets and outerwear, the great majority of which are produced in the company's workshop. The company's approach to design is anchored in a combination of minimalist and functional aesthetics, coupled with high-end raw materials sourced around the world. Store hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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6 - 9 p.m.
Spanish Tile Quilted Coasters with Sew Cranky - great for beginners to sewing or quilting, and fun for experienced crafters as well.

Lang Parker presents free comedy show.
Ye Ole Kings Head
116 Santa Monica Blvd. 8 p.m.
Featuring Lang Parker, David Rosenberg, Tobe Hixx, Chris Riggins, Camilla Cleese, Rawle Dee, Mary Kennedy, Zach Noe Towers, Ash Williams.

ABCs of Autism
Auditorium at UCLA Medical Center
200 Medical Plaza Driveway, 6 - 8 p.m.
UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART) and UCLA Child Adult Neurodevelopmental Disorders (CAN) Clinic experts will discuss the latest research on autism and related disorders, available resources, treatments and strategies.

Tongva After Dark
Tongva Park
1615 Ocean Ave. 7 p.m.
For one-night-only an extraordinary group of artists will create a multiple-performance event in the intimate "rooms" of Tongva Park, with site-specific dance, acoustic music, experimental puppetry and toy theater. Audiences will be invited to discover the various performances at their own pace as they stroll the unusual geography of the park.
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Green Living Workshop
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.
Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money, and positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet! Classes take place each Wednesday through Nov. 12. Attend one meeting or all six.

Santa Monica City Clerk's Office: Voter Registration
Wednesday Farmers' Market
Arizona Ave. at 2nd St.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Eligible citizens may (re-)register to vote and ask questions about the election process or local races/measures for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Deadline to register is Monday, October 20.

Thursday, October 16

Detoxification lecture
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Join David Allen MD, an integrative medicine expert, for a fascinating and informative discussion of how his individualized detoxification protocols can help protect your body from the chemicals and other harmful toxins that are all around us.

Q in LA
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St. 7 p.m.
For the first time ever, Q will be heading to Los Angeles, working with their radio partner KPCC for a special live show featuring: Actor, stand-up comic and Hangover star Zach Galifianakis, Acclaimed singer and songwriter Jenny Lewis, Comedy heavyweight Bob Odenkirk, Actor Martin Short and Canadian actress extraordinaire, Sandra Oh. Admission: $25-$29

Recreation and Parks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/ for more information.

Anti-Cancer nutrition workshop
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to use delicious, nutritious anti-cancer detoxing foods to help you increase energy and stay healthy.
Presented by Holistic Nutrition Chef and Certified Health Coach Lilly Padilla.

Housing Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 4:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the housing commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Haunted House bags
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.
Kids can create spooky paper bag haunted houses.

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Faces of Silicon Beach

Evan Britton is the founder of Famous Birthdays, the top online resource for celebrity birthdays and up-and-coming celebrities. Erik Huberman, CEO of Hawke Media, talks to Scott about Famous Birthdays, the tech community in Santa Monica and the value of doing one thing, and doing it well.

Erik Huberman: What made you want to be an entrepreneur?

Evan Britton: I'm a passionate individual. I like to keep motivated, really take charge and make things happen. I think becoming an entrepreneur was the best way to control my own destiny.

EH: Tell me about Famous Birthdays.

EB: Famous Birthdays is an entertainment brand. We make it simple and entertaining to learn about famous people. There's a lot of places to go to learn about famous people. Across devices, what we do is make it simple and quick to easily learn about famous people. We've moved into other places, such as Twitter where we have a big following of people engaging with celebrities on their birthdays on social networks. Overall, our site is a simple and entertaining place to learn about famous people. In addition to celebrity bios, we give them popularity rankings based on user behavior. One of the ways we grow the site is by featuring up-and-coming celebrities. Using our search data, we can see which celebrities are up-and-coming and we reach out to them to get them a profile on our site, making us one of the leading sources to learn about up-and-coming famous people.

EH: How is Famous Birthdays changing the world?

EB: We're changing the world by letting people discover this up-and-coming talent. One way the entertainment industry has changed is that it used to be if you were an actor who had a speaking line in a movie, that may have gotten you some clout. Today, YouTube and Vine stars, reality TV stars, are becoming extremely popular, so how we're changing the world is letting people learn more about these people. People may follow somebody on Vine or YouTube and may be obsessed with them, but may no nothing about them besides their video; we're profiling that in a great format. Historically, I think places you could learn about famous people would give you way too much info. We make it fun to learn about famous people across any device.

EH: Why Santa Monica?

EB: I'm an East-Coaster. I moved out here seven years ago. Santa Monica by far is the most East Coast of any city in Los Angeles. It's 10-15 degrees cooler, you can walk to restaurants, bars and other businesses. We chose Santa Monica because it's the center of activity and it's a community where a lot happens on all top of each other.

EH: What do you think of the tech scene, Silicon Beach, here?

EB: I think the tech scene is a ton of small, medium sized businesses here. There's not as many huge corporations here, like you might see



EVAN BRITTON: Entrepreneur Evan Britton is the founder of Famous Birthdays, an online resource connecting fans to famous people.

in a bigger (area) of Silicon Valley. I think that's created a really interesting culture. Since everyone works in a small company, there's a mentality that people want to get out and learn about what everyone else is doing. If you're in a bigger company, there's enough people there to have your own softball league, whereas in Santa Monica, everyone's in a smaller company, so a lot of times you do things together. I think that's formed a cool culture of a startup, mid-sized area, which I think is a lot of fun.

EH: What is one piece of advice you want to pass along to entrepreneurs?

EB: Focus on a niche. We've grown our site to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dueling SMO initiatives

Editor:

The real reason voters have two confusing Santa Monica Airport initiatives to decipher and contemplate is because of a bull-headed blunder on the part of four City Council members.

Here's why.

When Council members O'Connor, O'Day, Davis and Holbrook initially approved the Hines Project, they did so despite an avalanche of resident input urging them not to. These four Council members disregarded the hundreds of emails and the thoughtful testimony of countless residents at Council and Planning Commission meetings. They also approved Hines knowing full well that residents had formed Residocracy and had vowed to gather enough signatures to rescind the project if Council approved it. These four Council members essentially dared residents and Residocracy to defy them.

Of course we know what happened next.

Residocracy gathered the signatures and the Council was forced to rescind Hines, which never should have been approved in the first place.

The big pro-airport money ($545,000 and growing) behind Measure D saw this as an opportunity and thought: "We've got a ton of money. We can do the same thing." They paid people to gather signatures, got Measure D on the ballot, and the Council was forced to do something and came up with Measure LC as an alternative.

Now we voters are left with two confusing airport choices because four City Council members went against the wishes of residents and tried to force Hines down our throats.

Oops.

Mayor O'Connor led the support for Hines. She also led the push to approve it, encouraged others to do likewise and went against the wishes of most residents in doing so. She bears most of the responsibility for this blunder.

Please remember it when you vote November 4.

Please also vote NO on D and Yes on LC.

Just because four Council members screwed up doesn't mean you have to.

Thank you,

John C. Smith
Santa Monica

D is specific

Editor

Measure LC proponents John Fairweather and Cathy Larson have repeatedly stated that Measure LC ballot language allows the City Council to only develop "parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities." They have consistently failed to mention that Measure LC would also allow these seven politicians to approve "the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses without voter approval."

If Measure LC wins at the polls in November and the Council votes to close all or part of the airport, the City is aware that there will be a protracted legal battle lasting a decade or more before aviation land could possibly be freed up for redevelopment. This is one reason that the City Council added language to Measure LC that would give them the ability to redevelop "without voter approval" land that is not directly dedicated for aviation use.

Santa Monica College (SMC) occupies nearly half of the buildings on airport land that has already been released from airport use and they are currently negotiating with the City for more land. Measure LC would allow the Council to work behind closed doors with the SMC Board of Trustees to replace existing airport buildings with new multi-story, high density construction under the guise of "maintenance and replacement" of buildings. This could vastly increase density, car trips per day, air pollution, etc., all "without voter approval."

Measure LC proponents are emphasizing only the park and recreational aspects of their measure. They are downplaying the possibility for new construction without any need for a Specific Plan or input from the voters. The surrounding neighbors in Sunset Park, Ocean Park and the Pico neighborhood are already greatly impacted by SMC traffic and parking issues. This would make things in their neighborhoods much worse and they would have no way to stop the land grab by SMC.

Remember, once the ballot language is enshrined in the City Charter, it overrides any existing regulations. If Measure LC wins in November, no Specific Plan would be required for land use changes on airport land that is no longer used for aviation. In other words, the City Council would be able to chip away at a plot of land the size of our downtown "without voter approval" or any citizen input. This appears to be an end-run around existing regulations and an affront to all voters, but most of all to the surrounding neighbors.

Measure D, on the other hand, addresses only whether the airport stays open or is closed. If 227 acres of land currently in low density use becomes available for redevelopment, the City would be forced to formulate a Specific Plan as required under current regulations. The voters in Santa Monica would be guaranteed a voice in formulating this important land use document.

I'm not willing to cede control of land use issues to seven politicians and their developer friends. That's why I'm voting YES on D and NO on LC!

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Banning plastic

Dear EarthTalk:

What's the latest on efforts to ban plastic bags? How many U.S. locales have instituted some kind of ban, and have these initiatives made a dent in the amount of plastic litter?

Melinda Clarke
New York, NY

California made big news recently when it announced the first statewide ban on plastic shopping bags set to kick in during the middle of 2015. Beginning in July, large grocery stores, pharmacies and other food retailers in the Golden State will no longer be able to send shoppers home with plastic bags, while convenience markets, liquor stores and other small food retailers will join the ranks a year later.

Back in 2007, San Francisco became the first U.S. municipality to ban plastic shopping bags. In intervening years upwards of 132 other cities and counties in 18 states and the District of Columbia instituted similar measures. Of course, Americans are late to the party when it comes to banning plastic bags: The European Union, China, India and dozens of other nations already have plastic bag bans or taxes in place.

But the trend here toward banning plastic shopping bags comes in the wake of new findings regarding the extent and harm of plastic in our environment. Since plastic isn't biodegradable, it ends up either in landfills or as litter on the landscape and in waterways and the ocean. Plastic can take hundreds of years to decompose and releases toxins into the soil and water in the process.

Littered plastic is also a huge problem for the health of wildlife, as many animals ingest it thinking it is food and can have problems thereafter breathing and digesting. The nonprofit Worldwatch Institute reports that at least 267 species of marine wildlife are known to have suffered from entanglement or ingestion of marine debris, most of which is composed of plastic; tens of thousands of whales, birds, seals and turtles die every year from contact with ocean-borne plastic bags. A recent European Commission study on the impact of litter on North Sea wildlife found that some 90 percent of the birds examined had plastic in their stomachs.

Another reason for banning plastic bags is their fossil fuel burden. Plastic is not only made from petroleum-producing it typically requires a lot of fossil-fuel-derived energy. The fact that Americans throw away some 100 billion plastic grocery bags each year means we are drilling for and importing millions of barrels worth of oil and natural gas for a convenient way to carry home a few groceries.

It's hard to measure the impact of preexisting plastic bag bans, but some initial findings look promising. A plastic bag tax levied in Ireland in 2002 has reportedly led to a 95 percent reduction in plastic bag litter there. And a study by San Jose, California found that a 2011 ban instituted there has led to plastic litter reduction of "approximately 89 percent in the storm drain system, 60 percent in the creeks and rivers, and 59 percent in City streets and neighborhoods."

Environmental groups continue to push for more plastic bag bans. "As U.S. natural gas production has surged and prices have fallen, the plastics industry is looking to ramp up domestic production," reports the Earth Policy Institute. "Yet using this fossil fuel endowment to make something so short-lived, which can blow away at the slightest breeze and pollutes indefinitely, is illogical-particularly when there is a ready alternative: the reusable bag."

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over five million visitors a month. We focused on celebrities and birthdays and we resisted the urge to spread out into other areas. I think the key with entrepreneurship is making an impact, to really be good at something and once you are good at something, keep doing it. If you have the local pizza shop, instead of selling macaroni and cheese, make your pizza even better. Then make it better again, and better again. I think that if you focus on a niche, and have passion behind it, eventually you're going to be the best at it. If you spread yourself thin and do other things, then that's not always going to be the case.

EH: Is there anything you want to share with local people in Santa Monica?

EB: It's an amazing place to live and I think living here day after day it's easy to take it for granted. But try to resist the urge to do that and realize that while every city has it's pros and cons, Santa Monica has so many pros that you, regardless what industry you work in, you always have to remind yourself that it's cool to be living here.

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SMC Candidate answers from Dennis Frisch

Dennis Frisch is running for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees. The following answers were submitted in response to questions from the Daily Press.

Name: Dennis Frisch
Age: 70
Occupation: Professor, Santa Monica College-Retired
Neighborhood of residence: Ocean Park
Own/Rent: Own
Marital status: Single
Kids: None
Political affiliation: Democratic Party
Schooling: MA, History; MLIS
Highest degree attained: MA, MLIS
Hobbies: Beach running, classical music, gardening, travel.
Reading list: Science fiction: Bujold, Weber. British mysteries: Maisie Dobbs, Charles Lennox.
Last concert attended: I have a season subscription to the Los Angeles Philharmonic and last attended in June 2014. I also have a season subscription to Los Angeles Opera.
How do you get to and from work? Most often I travel on the Big Blue Bus, and save my car for only occasional trips.

What is your connection to SMC? I was a Professor of History at SMC for 28 years, and retired in June.

Describe the role of the SMC Board in less than 50 words. The Board should be committed to the principle that higher education & lifelong learning is to be made available to every person who can benefit. They have a primary responsibility to be responsive to the interests and needs of the community, as well as overseeing College budgets and operations.

Do you think there is a corporatization of education at SMC? Yes. There is a focus on the quantity of students and the amount of fees they bring in versus the quality of the education received. For example, there is increasing emphasis on part-time faculty (1000 PT/300 FT) as inexpensive labor. Part-time faculty, often paid a wage making it difficult to live and raise a family in Santa Monica, must take multiple teaching jobs at regional campuses to patch enough hours together to make ends meet. This effectively reduces time they are able to spend providing office hours and guidance to their students. Concurrently, the Board sponsored a bill permitting community colleges to offer "full cost" courses, continuing to support legislation of this manner-even after backlash at the attempt on their own campus resulted in students being pepper-sprayed at a public meeting.

Does SMC need additional physical facilities? If so, where should they be built? No. Recent facility expansion has not focused on state of the art, comfortable classrooms for students, but rather on such facilities as the new IT support building and the incomplete student services building. This occurs while the existing classrooms on the Main Campus fall into disrepair.

Is the balance of local/non-local students correct on campus? There is too great an emphasis on recruiting international and out-of-state students, and not enough effort to encourage local enrollment. This is another indicator of campus "corporatization" by focusing on quantity of students and the amount of enrollment fees they can bring in, versus the quality of education that is being made available to local Santa Monica and Malibu students. There needs to be more aggressive outreach and college preparation to families in the Pico and Ocean Park neighborhoods so that the College is accessible to ALL students, and more accurately reflects the diverse and vibrant communities that make up Santa Monica and Malibu.

Has SMC done enough to prepare students for the current job market?

No-there is a need for vocational courses that is to be filled by the community colleges. In 2003 the automotive, architecture, fire technology, emergency management, administration of justice, hospitality, recreation and geographic services programs were discontinued despite serious, prolonged community protests. While reinstating an auto repair certificate (9 units, held at Samohi), little else has been done to restore the vocational program to its former size and breath despite assurances by the Board to the contrary. By reducing these programs, the College disenfranchises those in the community who would benefit from having the technical training needed to obtain higher paying jobs.

What are the benefits or pitfalls of offering 4-year degrees?

Community colleges were established to offer "academic and vocational instruction…through the first two years of undergraduate education" by providing transfer courses, career technical education, and lifelong learning-in these areas they tend to do an excellent job. Four-year programs would potentially compromise students by siphoning resources from the two-year programs to support four-year programs. With that said, however, we must honestly acknowledge that there is a need for additional baccalaureate degrees in specialized technical programs, and offering them potentially allows greater flexibility in preparing students for the current job market. If the pilot program can operate elsewhere without harming funding for 2-year programs, it bears taking a closer look for SMC.

What would you like to see change at SMC?

First, a change in thinking-away from a culture that sees our students, faculty, and staff as part of the bottom line on a business ledger, and towards protecting the mission of the community college that higher education & lifelong learning is to be made be available to every person who can benefit. SMC should become a better neighbor to the diverse and vibrant communities that are Santa Monica and Malibu. Finally, there needs to be better oversight of campus growth and development with a more carefully prioritized plan that meaningfully takes into account both College needs and the surrounding community concerns and views.

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ultimately can increase parking costs for drivers and negatively impact safety and circulation."

If MonkeyParking were to succeed, they say, it would bring in competitors. If drivers use the app while driving, it would be dangerous, they say. It would interfere with council's authority to set the rates of the 5,862 on-street metered parking spaces in the city.

"As these drivers seek out an on-street parking space, they may be denied access to an otherwise available space because the person occupying it is reserving it for a driver who can afford to pay a premium to have it reserved until they arrive," City Hall's report says. "Reserving the parking space could also cause the person occupying the space to stay longer than the posted time limit allows. During busy times, this activity could cause motorists to become confrontational."

City officials point out that they already support an app, ParkMe, which gives users free, real-time information about parking availability at public and private structures. It also has general information about the availability of metered parking on different streets.

City Hall is adding 20 signs in the city that let drivers know how many spots are available in the beach parking lots.

"These projects will help motorists find available parking more expeditiously and reduce the congestion and pollution effects associated with cruising for available parking spaces," the report says.

Ultimately, the ordinance would ban the sale of "open space" not just parking, and therefore cover potential future issues involving public land.

"The proposed ordinance provides the City with the tools necessary to address any attempt to cordon off any public space (including but not limited to parking spaces) for private sale or rental without City authorization," the report says. "Thus, the protection contained the ordinance extends to all public assets including the beach, parks, street medians, parking structures/lots, and other public facilities, in order to ensure fair and equitable access to the entire public."

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shrank to 35, from 36 last school year. In the 2009-10 school year there was an average of 32 students per class.

"At Santa Monica High School there's room for us to maybe look at what we did this year and see if there's something that we want to do differently next year," said Debra Moore Washington, assistant superintendent of human resources. "This though, is a very large school where the balancing of classes is an extra jigsaw with 3,000 students that you have to place into classes in ways that are going to balance the classes."

At the secondary levels, where students have more freedom to pick their classes, balance can be particularly challenging. Only 13 Samohi students are enrolled in Chinese 2. Only 13 kids at John Adams Middle School (JAMS) are taking geometry.

"That's a discussion that maybe the board needs to engage in," Washington said. "Are we going to keep some of these classes that we know are going to traditionally run smaller than 25, which then pushes some other classes to be larger?"

Class sizes at non-Title I elementary schools improved substantially this year, dropping from a 30-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio to a 25-to-1 ratio this year. Title I elementary schools remained at a 25-to-1 ratio. Ratios for sixth to eighth graders improved as well. All the other ratios held pat.

At JAMS there are seven science classes that have 35 students and four classes that have 36 students.

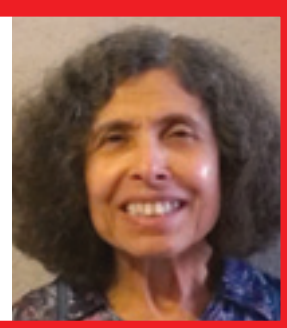
A representative from the teachers' union, while expressing appreciation for the improvements, pointed in particular to the science classes as an area that needs more work.

While about 50 percent of students in the district are white, about 65 percent of the teachers and 68 percent of the administrators are white.

Washington said that the district is in the process of trying to balance the diversity of the staff with the diversity of the students.

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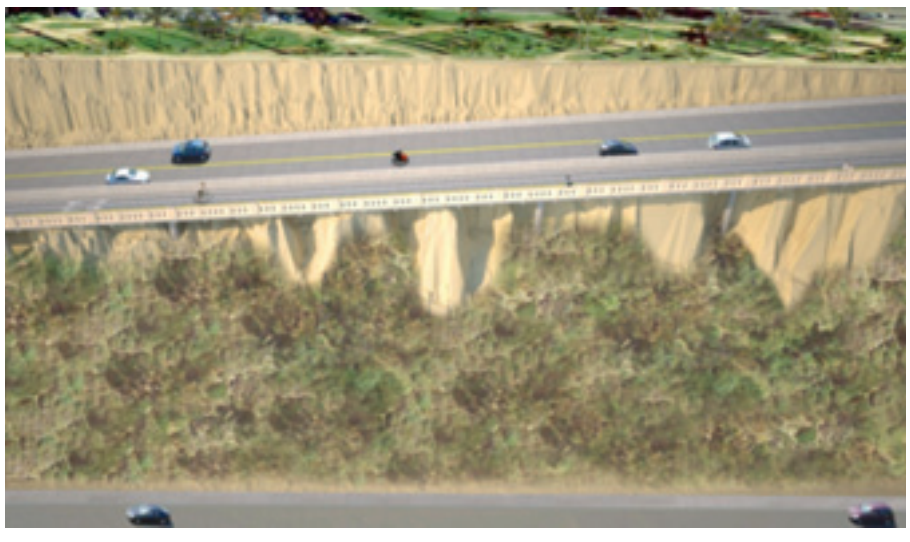
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BOYS TIE WITH SANTA BARBARA

Morgan Genser

The Santa Monica College men's soccer team hosted Santa Barbara City College in a western state conference match Oct. 10 and tied 3-3. With the tie SMC's record moves to 3-2-2 in conference play and 3-6-3 overall. Pictured are Duncan Bochicchio as he heads the ball towards the Santa Barbara City College goal, SBCC goalkeeper Oscar Haard-Thelm catching the ball before SMC's James Rincon is able to get a head on it and Duncan Bochicchio celebrating after scoring a goal.









VICTORY OVER WEST LA IMPROVES SMC'S RECORD TO 9-1-1 OVERALL

Morgan Genser

Santa Monica College hosted West Los Angeles College on Oct. 10 and won by a score of 5-1 to improve their record to 3-0-1 in conference play and 9-1-1 overall. Pictured are SMC's Janet Lainez jumping in front of WLAC's Jennifer Melendez to head the ball and Xiovana Ordaz shooting the soccer ball.

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SMC candidate answers from Louise Jaffe

Louise Jaffe is running for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees. The following answers were submitted in response to questions from the Daily Press.

Name: Louise Jaffe
Occupation: SMC Trustee/Education Researcher/Simpsons Script Supervisor
Neighborhood of residence: Sunset Park
Own/Rent: Own
Marital status: M
Kids: 2
Political affiliation: Dem
Schooling: UCLA Ed.D. (2012)
Highest degree attained: Doctorate
Hobbies: Hanging out with family and friends, attending lots of meetings re improving educational opportunities and outcomes.
Reading list: Currently reading "The Bully Pulpit" by Doris Kearns Goodwin
Last concert attended: The Simpsons Take the Bowl
How do you get to and from work? Drive to Fox, walk to SMC, fly to Sacramento

What is your connection to SMC?

SMC Trustee, neighbor, former and occasional student, huge admirer, big believer in SMC's mission, and therefore big supporter!

Describe the role of the SMC Board in less than 50 words.

The role of the Board is to make policy decisions, be held responsible for the academic and fiscal integrity of the college; and hire/fire/evaluate the Superintendent/President. This is on behalf of the district's voters, to actualize the mission of the college - serving students and community.

Do you think there is a corporatization of education at SMC?

No. Corporations exist to make profits for shareholders. SMC exists to provide open access to high quality public higher education to meet the personal and professional needs of our students and community. Our efforts are based on doing a better and better job of helping students meet their goals. That's not corporatization; it's accountability.

Does SMC need additional physical facilities? If so, where should they be built?

SMC has several major new facility projects in the works right now but will continue to need new or upgraded facilities. We still have "temporaries" on campus and need a new Math Complex. I expect that over time, replacement buildings and renovations will be built on the campus properties we already own — infilling rather than expanding SMC's footprint.

Is the balance of local/non-local students correct on campus?

Balance correct for what? The question seems odd because it doesn't have anything to do with educational access, quality, serving the community, or funding. If you'll forgive me, a much more relevant question is does SMC meet the needs and desires of our local, incredibly supportive community? And the answer is YES! A new District Participation metric developed by the State Chancellor's Office documents that SMC is #1 by far in the state in the rate of district residents who take a credit course. This is because SMC is able to offer so many opportunities to our residents. This year's Fall course schedule offered residents the opportunity to choose among 1013 unique course offerings. The extraordinary breadth, depth, and quality of the educational offerings SMC provides to locals is only possible because of the co-enrollment of non-local students. I am very proud that we are #1 in district participation and very pleased to have this solid evidence that our community is taking full advantage of the unparalleled access to high quality public higher education that our mix of students permits us to provide.

Has SMC done enough to prepare students for the current job market?

Every year I've been on the Board, one of our Board Goals is to strengthen and expand Career Technical Education (CTE), formerly vocational education. But it is not your father's voc ed. The current job market is constantly changing; in response, SMC is also constantly changing, evaluating and re-evaluating programs and grant/partnership opportunities.

To a great extent, and especially via funding decisions, the state determines CTE programming on a regional basis by industry sector. That said, SMC currently offers more than 70 degrees or certificates in CTE - these are the 2-year (or less) programs that lead to "Middle Skills" jobs. Last year, we awarded 1,373 Chancellor-approved CTE certificates, and 37% of SMC credit students take at least one CTE course. In recent years, we have added courses in logistics, recycling, and solar photovoltaic installation, to name a few. We just won a $2m grant to expand information, communication, technology, and entertainment career pathways.

Providing high quality relevant CTE programs (which tend to be very expensive to deliver) is an on-going and evolving process, challenge, and priority.

What are the benefits or pitfalls of offering 4-year degrees?

In the past 30 years, CA has built 22 prisons and only one new university.

The feared pitfall is that offering 4-year degrees would change the mission of the community college system away from open access. The benefit is that by offering 4-year degrees, community colleges could build upon this mission and provide open access not just to a 2-year degree as is currently the case, but to a 4-year degree which is increasingly desirable and necessary for many jobs.

Expanding the mission of the community colleges to permit the granting of 4-year degrees requires state legislation. Happily, Governor Brown just signed SB850, legislation passed unanimously by both the State Assembly and Senate, that permits a pilot project authorizing 15 different colleges to each offer one 4-year high-demand workforce degree that is not offered by any UC or CSU. The rationale behind this very narrowly crafted pilot is that CSU and UC do not have the capacity to meet the demand for applied workforce 4-year degrees that students need. Many applied fields - i.e. nursing - now insist on a 4-year degree for new hires. I supported this bill because it will help students and I will support SMC's application to be one of the 15 pilot colleges.

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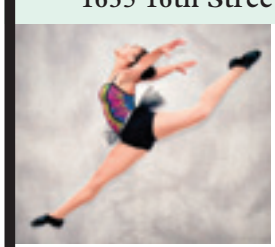
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NW swell continues; small SSW/SW swells also mixing in

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NW swell continues to fade, may get some reinforcements; small SSW/SW swell mixing;
Possible poor conditions - watching winds/weather

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
NW reinforcements may pulse up; small Southern Hemi energy;
Possible poor conditions - watching winds/weather

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading NW swell-mix; small Southern Hemi energy

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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 Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
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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.	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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JAFFE
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dents. Permitting community colleges to offer 4-year degrees would provide a viable pathway for more community college students to complete college and achieve their goals.

What would you like to see change at SMC?

I would like to see all students achieve their post-secondary goals. Currently, statewide, most students entering community college are unprepared for college-level coursework in English and Math. The percentages range from 64% of Asian students to 87% of Black students. Being unprepared is the single greatest predictor of not completing college. Black and Latino students who enter college prepared have higher rates of college completion than White and Asian students who enter unprepared.

This issue of being unprepared has many dimensions and solutions, some of which are within the influence of the local community college system. At the state and local level, I press for a much closer working relationship and articulation between high school and community college, and better communication to high school students and families regarding the expectations and demands of college-level work. Increasing dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment opportunities and extending these opportunities to unprepared students is one strategy for closing this gap. At SMC, we are creating bridge programs like Summer JAMS and First Year Experience that both support and inform students as they progress to and through college. These are scale-able, evidence-based programs that make a real difference.

The assessment and placement process is also ripe for an overhaul, especially given advancements in technology and recent research (including mine) on the effectiveness of using high school measures for placement. I sit on the state Steering Committee that is working on this process. Additionally, SMC can and must continue to improve instruction and pathways, especially for remedial coursework, to better meet the needs of our students. SMC is providing innovative leadership in efforts to strengthen students "non-cognitive" skills, like ensuring a growth mind-set, advising and providing appropriate supplemental, tutoring, and guidance services, institutionalizing individualized Education Plans and many other initiatives designed to improve student success, especially for those students currently least likely to succeed. All of this work needs to continue, on all fronts, at full speed, until there are no inequitable outcomes and all dedicated students are successful.



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ALL SMILES TONIGHT, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your responses will change from optimistic to grumpy if you are not careful. You could feel fortunate that people are so inquisitive in the morning, but you might feel manipulated by someone's questions by the end of the day. Tonight: Change locations to change your mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll go along with a friend's decision to move in a chosen direction. This person's drive will help you feel more creative and open to change. You might have a surprising revelation when you look at this new path. Tonight: Take a risk, but only if you can deal with the loss.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be aware of what is being offered. You might have pushed too hard to create more of what you want. As a result, you'll need to step back and get others' opinions. Be open to criticism, as you can improve your decision with some feedback. Tonight: Curb possessiveness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You seem to be coming from a very caring position. You could feel as if you have pushed beyond what you had thought possible. Manifesting a long-term desire could be feeding your drive. A person you need to answer to could jolt you with his or her behavior. Tonight: On a roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your attitude defines your day. Fortunately, you'll remain upbeat when others get involved in a power play. Tapping into your creativity could prevent you from descending into a difficult situation. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on others' expectations when trying to come to an agreement. Evaluate how realistic these projections are in order to determine if there is a common thread. Tonight: You could be stunned by a loved one's actions and/or attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A disagreement about a project or joint commitment will need to be addressed. Air out each party's differences rather than ignore them. Tonight: Use a disruption to create an opening for spontaneity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your mind and your intuition will merge and lead you in the best direction possible. You are likely to gain an unusual perspective, which will allow greater possibilities. Tonight: Someone will sense that you're the right person to have a discussion with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others expect you to let them put in their two cents and elaborate on their comments. You might be walking a tough diplomatic line if you don't establish strong boundaries. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Follow-through counts, and you will be able to make all the difference with your choices. Listen to what is being shared, and allow others to apply their ideas to the situation. Do not interfere with this process. Tonight: Head home for some more liveliness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Reach out for more information, especially if you find a clog in the works. It is very likely that a thought or idea won't play out as you would have liked it to. Stay centered, and know full well that you will find a better solution or path. Tonight: At work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might want to be more reflective and open to the possibilities around you. A little too much flirtation could backfire in multiple ways. Maintain strong boundaries to separate different areas of your life if you desire fewer complications. Tonight: Spice up the night.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

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

This year you are able to move through problems with ease if you focus on your objectives and refuse to get involved in gossip. You are evolving to a new maturity level, and you are likely to make choices that will reflect this transformation. If you are single, the type of person you attract could be very different from those you've attracted in the past. With this knowledge, date and enjoy your life, but make no commitments for a while. If you are attached, the two of you might be experiencing some differences, mainly because your sweetie is getting used to the new you. Give him or her time to adjust. CANCER's moodiness can irritate you.

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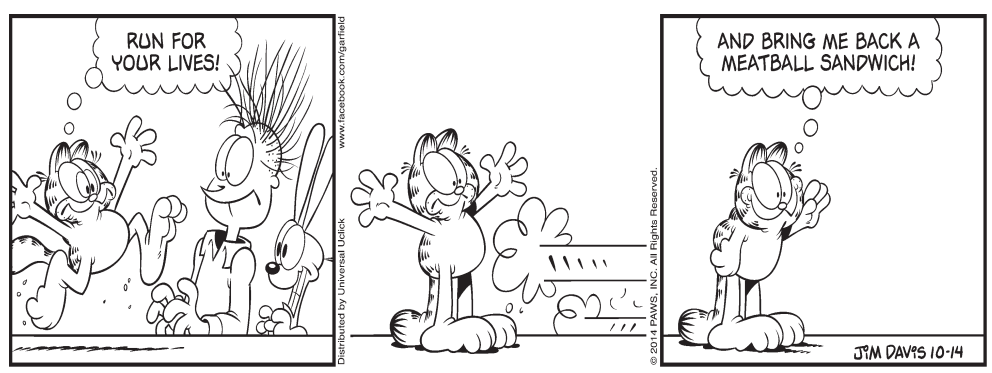
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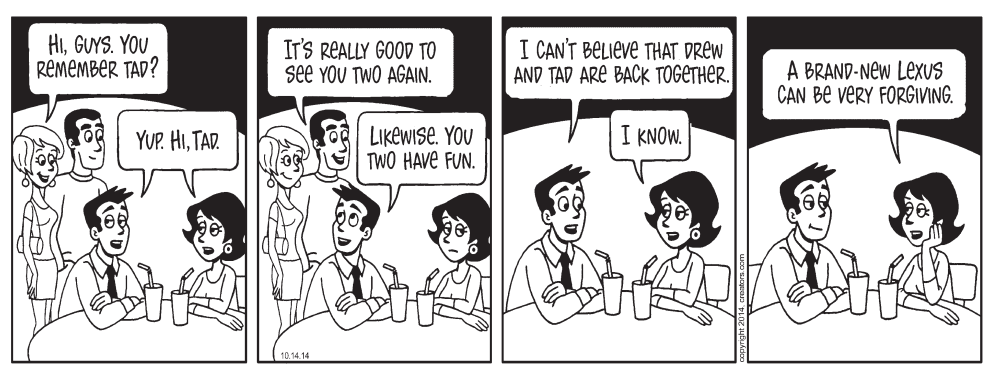
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Sudoku

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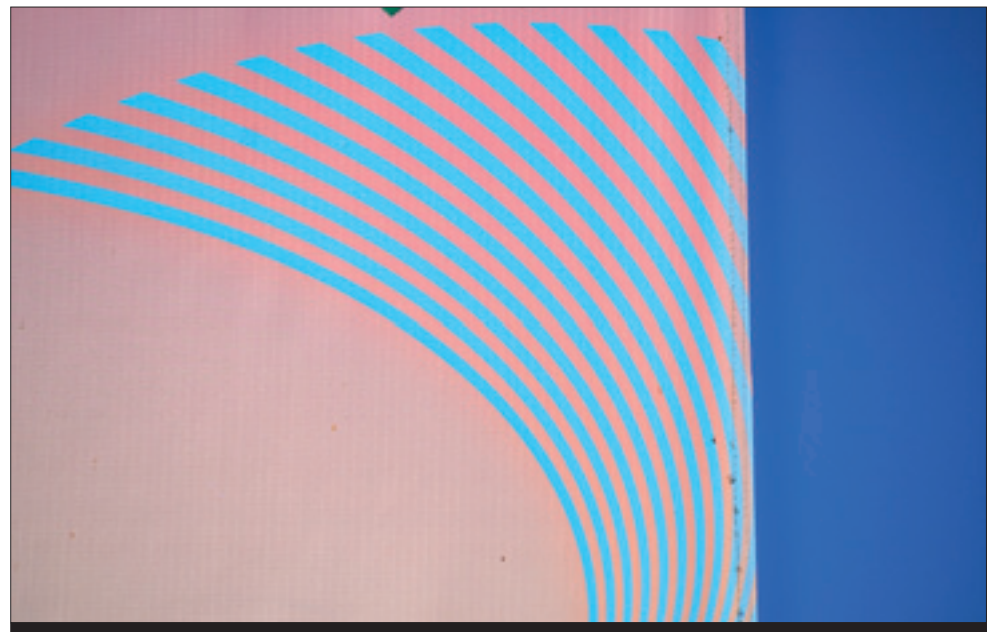
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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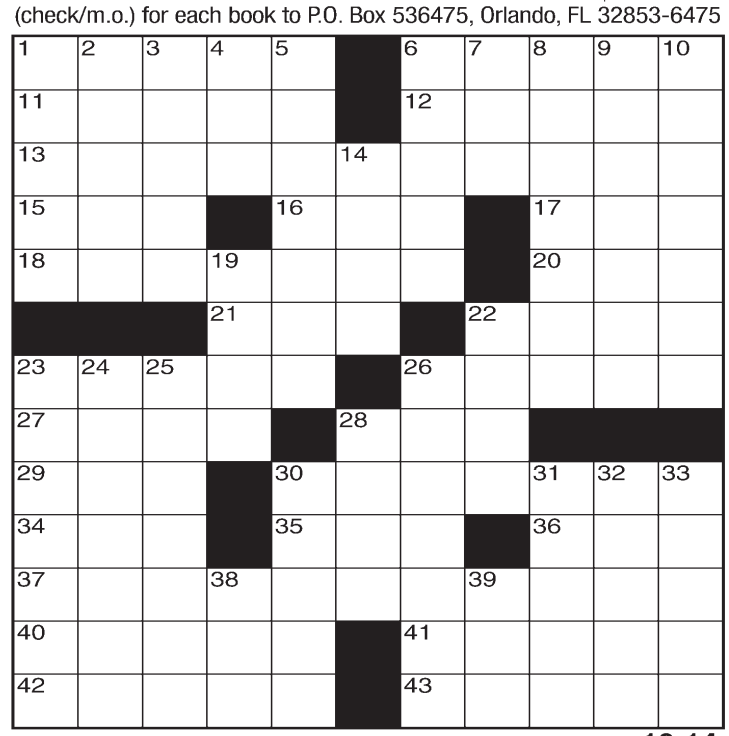
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6 Equinox month
11 Delight
12 Honolulu hello
13 Gas pedal
15 Stew sphere
16 Director Spike
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18 Mason's tools
20 Scot's cap
21 Tax agcy.
22 Soda choice
23 Yields of fields
26 Writer Blixen
27 Aspiration
28 Knight's address
29 CPR expert
30 Be composed (of)
34 — tai (rum drink)
35 Antique
36 Cry of surprise
37 Waste burner
40 Deli counter device
41 Precise
42 Relates
43 Office fixtures

DOWN
1 Sprang
2 Stomach woe
3 Bean-bearing tree
4 Had lunch
5 Peter of "Being There"
6 Stallions' mates
7 In the style of
8 Shoulder muscle
9 Church song
10 TV host David
14 Snaky fish
19 Use a sponge
22 Train units
23 Lab worker
24 Book genre
25 Kind of illusion
26 Like
28 Foot part
30 Scoop holders
31 Small amounts
32 Stun
33 Wrongful acts
38 Ailing
39 Chopping tool

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ American Matthew Miller, 24, told the Associated Press that he had a "wild ambition" when he entered North Korea in April that he wanted to experience prison life there in order to secretly investigate the country's human rights stance. In September, he was convicted of espionage in a 90-minute trial and will be conducting his investigation amidst hard labor over a six-year period, beginning immediately.

■ The Miracle of Meth: Three terrified people screaming out of an upper-story window at a house outside Dothan, Alabama, on Aug. 24 drew police in a hurry. They were trapped, they yelled -- unable to escape because intruders were still inside, shooting at them. One "victim" said she had been stabbed -- and the blade broken off inside her. With their own shotgun, the three had blown out several windows and walls defending themselves. They had even ripped out an upstairs toilet and sink and dropped them on an intruder outside. Police calmed the situation and later told reporters that there never were intruders -- that the "hostages" had imagined the whole thing, except for the estimated $10,000 damage and the woman's superficial, "defensive" stab wounds. (The home's methamphetamine lab apparently remained intact.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 - The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, The Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, and the Foreign Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres, receive the Nobel Peace Prize for their role in the establishment of the Oslo Accords and the framing of the future Palestinian Self Government.

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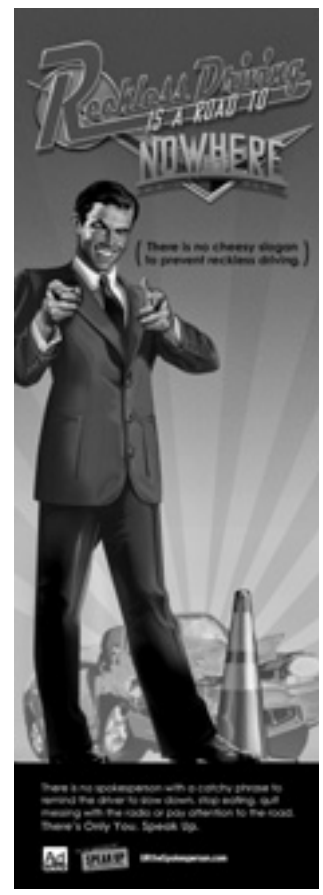
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