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THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE ISSUE



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A SIGN? Swastikas are removed last year near Georgina Avenue and Seventh Street.

Report: Hate crimes up in L.A. County

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Hate crimes in Los Angeles County increased 15 percent in 2011, ending a three-year streak of numbers trending downward, officials said.

In its report, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations showed the numbers bumped up from 427 to 489 with increases in each of the main categories of hate crimes.

Both race-related and sexual orientation-related crimes rose 13 percent, and religion-motivated crimes grew by 24 percent. Hate crimes connected with white supremacy rose from 18 to 21 percent of all reported hate crimes.

Half of all hate crimes were racially-motivated, and African-Americans were targeted 60 percent of the time. The remainder is split between sexual orientation crimes at roughly 25 percent, religion-motivated crimes at 18 percent and white supremacy taking up the rest.

There were no hate-related murders in 2011, although there was a case in which gang members attempted to kill three African-Americans, according to the report.

Most of the crimes were concentrated in the San Fernando Valley, with the metro Los Angeles region from West Hollywood to Boyle Heights coming in second.

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Four schools fail to meet benchmarks

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS All four district schools that receive federal money have fallen into program improvement after failing to meet

federal student achievement benchmarks on California's standardized tests for at least two years in a row.

Parents with children at McKinley Elementary, Edison Language Academy, John Muir Elementary and Will Rogers

Learning Community all received letters explaining the situation, and offering to move children to other schools that have not been assigned program improvement status

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DANCE TO THE MUSIC

(L to R) Rachel Munyifwa dances with Refilwe Morake to promote the Pan African Student Union (PASU) club at Santa Monica College on Thursday. Their performance was part of SMC's annual Club Row event, which is considered the biggest student happening of the semester.

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Civic Auditorium to close indefinitely by July

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council this week affirmed its decision to close the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium by July 2013 dur-

ing a study session examining the future of the landmarked facility in the wake of the loss of over \$50 million that would have restored it.

The Civic was scheduled to close for renovations at that time, but the funding has

since fallen through and the aging auditorium sucks \$2 million out of City Hall every year it's open.

Councilmember Bobby Shriver, who ulti-

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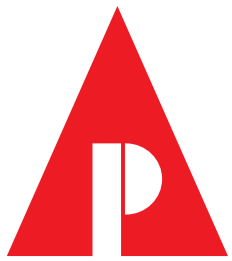
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Oct. 26, 2012

Spooky beach bash
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Ave., 6:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Trade in your trick-or-treats for rock 'n'
roll with a Halloween themed chefs'
tasting menu, California wine and beer,
a ghoulish signature cocktail and classic
rock by Everyday Housewives during
Loews' A Rockin' Halloween Beach
Bash. Halloween spirit will be rewarded,
masquerading is encouraged, but cos-
tumes are not required. Raffles and
prizes will also occur throughout the
event. Cost: \$99. For more information,
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So scary
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street, 7 p.m. — 1
a.m.

During the month of October, the third
floor of Santa Monica Place will be
transformed into a hair-raising haunted
attraction where the un-dead will pos-
sess three mazes: "The Infirmary,"
"Insomniac Clown Playhouse" and
"Granny's Manor of Mayhem."

Spectators can also enjoy food and
merchandise vendors throughout the
night to compliment the main attraction,
which will consume 50,000 square feet
of what's billed as deathly horrifying
space. Cost: \$24; \$19 for students.

For more information, visit
paranoiahalloween.com.

Suarez live
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.
What does it mean to be a mother?
Christine Suarez wants to find out —
and the result is a fearless, hilarious,
irreverent and compelling evening of
dance-theater that uncovers the myriad
facets of maternity in "Mother.F***er."
Through her own stories and those of
others — she incorporates interviews
with over 50 women — Suarez exposes
the duality of her personal experience
as a parent and as an artist, and her
struggle to balance the two roles.
Channeling a mix of Sandra Bernhard
and Pina Bausch, Suarez finds the poet-
ry and mines the absurdity of our collec-
tive and sometimes idealized image of
motherhood. For more information,
call (310) 315-1459.

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012

Music for the kiddies
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Saturday is the final installment of the
pier's Wake Up With the Waves chil-
dren's concert series. Cost: free. For
more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Want a dog?
Animal Kingdom
300 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Death Row Dogs Rescue holds adop-
tions every Saturday in front of the
store, weather permitting. For more
information, call (818) 232-0775.

Strike up the band
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
600 Olympic Dr., 7:30 p.m.
Come celebrate the first concert of
Orchestra Santa Monica. Featured
soloists: Michael Emery (violin), Samuel
Fischer (violin) and Gary Bovyer (clar-
inet). Cost: \$20 adults; \$15 seniors;
\$10 students; free for members. For
more information, call (310) 525-7618.

A concert for your soul
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The Los Angeles Times describes
Richard Thompson as "the thinking
man's guitar god ... the finest songwriter
after Bob Dylan and the best electric
guitarist since Jimi Hendrix!" And now
this award-winning British folk-rock icon
presents "Cabaret of Souls" with its
original London cast of musical and the-
atrical cohorts, featuring English bass
legend Danny Thompson, vocalist Judith
Owen and narrated by L.A.'s own Harry
Shearer. For more information, visit the-
broadstage.com/Cabaret-of-Souls.

Behind the wheel
Santa Monica Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., 8 p.m.
Santa Monica Rep will present Paula
Vogel's award-winning play, "How I
Learned to Drive." The play won the
1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the
Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding
Play, the Drama Desk Award and the
Obie Award. Vogel also received the
American Academy of Arts and Letters
Award for Literature in 2004.
For more information,
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE Facts behind new apartment smoking ban

With the official adoption of Santa Monica's latest smoking ban comes the facts behind the new law.

Starting Nov. 22, all newly occupied units in multi-unit residential properties are declared non-smoking, according to the City Attorney's Office. This includes all apartments and condominiums. So, anyone moving into an apartment or condo in Santa Monica after Nov. 22 can't smoke in the unit.

Before Jan. 21, 2013, all landlords and condo homeowners' associations are required to begin a survey of current occupants, who must then designate their units either "smoking" or "non-smoking." For other deadlines and details about this process, visit smconsumer.org.

Existing occupants can continue to smoke inside their units if they designate the units as "smoking."

Once the survey is done, landlords and associations must give out the updated list of all units' smoking status to all occupants. In the future it must be kept updated, and given to all prospective renters and buyers.

Existing Santa Monica law already bans smoking in residential outdoor and indoor common areas, including balconies and patios and any area within 25 feet of any door, window or vent.

Compliance is hoped to be achieved through communication. If that fails, and a person persists in smoking inside a non-smoking unit after getting a written notice, the person may be taken to small claims court and is liable to pay damages starting at \$100. Any person can enforce the law. Property owners are not being asked to enforce the ban.

The only exception to the law is if a property is already 100 percent smoke-free. The law also does not apply to temporary special needs housing for people with disabling conditions.

Although the ban is being written into law, a tenant cannot be evicted for violating the ordinance.

As for medical marijuana, it too is prohibited under the ban. If a doctor specifically requests that a disabled person smoke marijuana, and they can't take marijuana in non-smoked form, then the smoking might be permissible under the "reasonable accommodation" standard for disabilities. For more information call the City Attorney's Office at (310) 458-8336.

- DANIEL ARCHULETA

Shark falls from sky onto golf course

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. Nobody yelled "Fore!" at a Southern California golf course when a 2-foot-long shark dropped out of the sky and flopped around on the 12th tee.

The 2-pound leopard shark was apparently plucked from the ocean by a bird then dropped on San Juan Hills Golf Club, Melissa McCormack, director of club operations, said Thursday.

No one was teeing up when the shark fell Monday afternoon, although some golfers had just left the area, she said.

A course marshal, who makes sure players maintain an appropriate pace, saw something moving around on the tee and went to investigate. He found the shark bleeding with puncture wounds, where it seems the bird had held it in its grasp.

The marshal put the shark in his golf cart and drove it back to the clubhouse.

"He went above and beyond," McCormack said.

The marshal, McCormack and employee Bryan Stizer wanted to help the small shark, so they stuck it in a bucket of water. Then somebody remembered it wasn't a fresh water animal, so they stirred up some

"homemade sea water" using sea salt from the kitchen, she said.

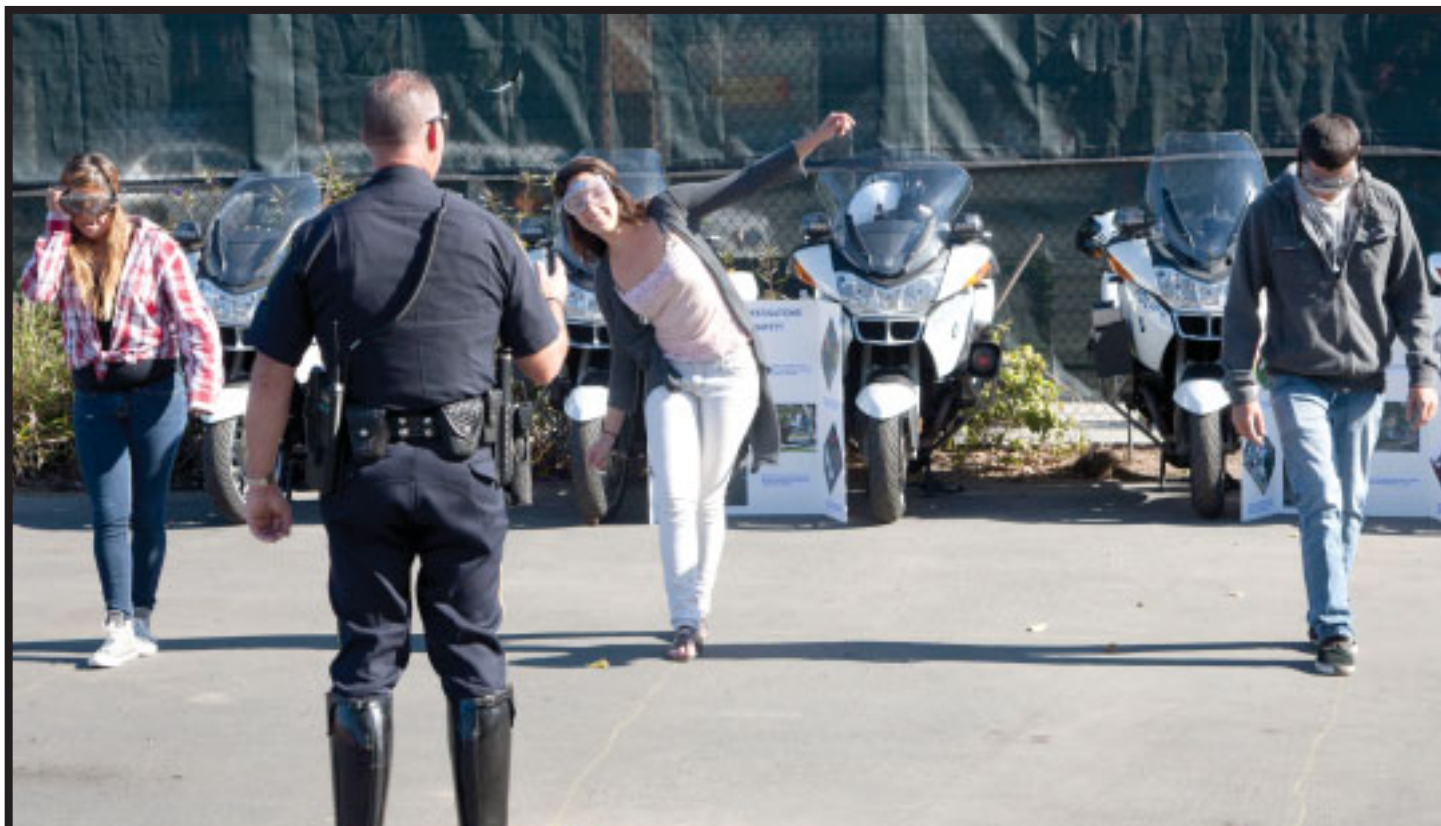
"We knew we had to get it to the ocean as fast as possible," McCormack said.

She grabbed a photo of the shark before Stizer headed to the sea.

"When Brian put it in the water, it didn't move," she said, "but then it flipped and took off."

It's the first time anyone could remember a shark falling from the sky at the golf course.

"We have your typical coyotes, skunks and the occasional mountain lion, but nothing like a shark," McCormack said.



WALK THE LINE

Students take part in sobriety testing during the Santa Monica Police Department's safety event at Olympic High School on Wednesday. Participating students were taught the dangers of driving while impaired or distracted.

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Government replaces body scanners at some airports

JASON KEYSER

Associated Press

CHICAGO The federal government is quietly removing full-body X-ray scanners from seven major airports and replacing them

with a different type of machine that produces a cartoon-like outline instead of the naked images that have been compared to a virtual strip search.

The Transportation Security Administration says it is making the switch

in technology to speed up lines at crowded airports, not to ease passenger privacy concerns. But civil liberties groups hope the change signals that the equipment will

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ELECTION 2012

Where do we go from here?

WHEN VOTERS HEAD TO THE polls Tuesday, Nov. 6, they will have the opportunity to shape the future in a number of ways. They will be tasked with deciding who should lead the country and what role government should play in our lives. They are asking themselves whether or not to raise taxes during tough economic times to fund public education and mass transit, whether or not to abolish the death penalty or change how food is labeled. Months of campaigning, accusations, record defending, pontificating and promising have come down to this. The rhetoric is now rendered moot, for the power is in the hands of voters.

Through myriad public forums, interviews, story coverage and reader feedback, we at the Santa Monica Daily Press have identified the critical issues that have a firm grip on the city's collective psyche. In terms of the crowded and often contentious City Council race, our elected officials will be called upon to deal with the issues of traffic congestion and development, the loss of redevelopment money to help pay for affordable housing and public facilities, the fate of Santa Monica Airport and an almost certain legal battle with the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as increasing employee pension and healthcare costs at a time when revenues are flat or flagging.

We need a City Council that will not only maintain a strong grasp of the issues, but one that also brings an injection of innovation to the table. With that in mind, we at the Daily Press strongly endorse Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer, Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and columnist/attorney Frank Gruber for three of the four open seats on the council.

As a former member of the Recreation and Parks Commission, and a current member of the Planning Commission and the Ocean Park Association board, Winterer has proven he cares about the community. He is an advocate of slow growth and clearly speaks for residents who want to retain Santa Monica's vibe. He has held developers to task and advocated for community benefits, including a living wage for future hotel workers. He brings common sense and a willingness to hear all arguments before making a reasoned decision. In addition, Winterer represents a much-needed demographic on the council. He is young(er), a family man and a homeowner. Santa Monica needs someone like Winterer.

Appointed to the council in February 2009 following the death of Councilman Herb Katz, Davis has brought a critical eye to the dais. She studies the issues thoroughly and

then makes educated decisions in the best interest of Santa Monicans. She holds city staff accountable by asking tough questions and states her opinions clearly so that her constituents know where she is coming from, even if they don't always agree with her. While her relationship with developers does concern our editorial board, she has shown that she won't just rubber stamp recommendations. She understands that without development, City Hall would not be able to provide the level of services that residents and merchants demand. We like that balance and believe compromise is needed to be a successful, thriving city, which is why we support Davis.

As a former Planning and Housing commissioner and local columnist with The Lookout News, Gruber has proven to voters that he cares about the future of Santa Monica and has the intellect to make sound decisions if elected. He knows what the issues are and has solutions that are fair and balanced. We believe he will challenge city officials and provide the oversight and fiscal restraint needed to ensure City Hall's financial standing is secure. With strong connections to the city by the sea, we believe Gruber will pay homage to its humble roots while ensuring it continues its rise as a world-class destination.

When it came to selecting a fourth candidate to endorse, this newspaper did not feel strongly enough to back any of the remaining candidates. Those who did receive some consideration were Councilman Terry O'Day, attorney Bob Seldon and education activist Shari Davis.

KEEPING SCHOOLS INTACT

With threats of more cuts to public education, we need a school board that will show real leadership, ask the right questions and hire the right people to make reforms and contain costs. We also need a board that can respond to concerns of those in Malibu who feel they are not represented and are threatening to break up the school district. Student achievement continues to improve, but if communication between parents and the administration doesn't, we're concerned about what the future may hold. That's why we are supporting incumbents Ben Allen and Jose Escarce, and Malibu parent/teacher Craig Foster for three open seats on the Board of Education.

While initially we felt that Allen's run for the school board was merely a stepping stone for higher office, his decision to stick around for another term demonstrates that he cares about the schools and wants to leave

them better off than when he attended them. He has shown a commitment to listening to Malibu parents, going so far as to attend sporting events and PTA meetings. He has shown true leadership during the roughest patch and is still energetic and pushing for more efficiency and accountability. He should be allowed to continue this important work.

With Escarce comes experience and institutional knowledge that proves valuable at a time of transition and uncertainty. We like Escarce's intelligence, his commitment to educational excellence and equality. He's not reactionary, but instead digests the data and makes decisions based on fact and what's in the best interest of all children in the district. We would like for him to serve one more term and finish strong.

Foster is what Malibu parents have been craving. He's done his homework, has kids in the public schools and even serves as a teacher part-time. He knows first-hand what is working and what isn't and can bring practical solutions. He also hails from Malibu, which will hopefully help heal old wounds. He does believe a separate school district for Malibu is needed, and that's OK. He can be an advocate for that and still do what's right for kids in both communities. He'll also be a financial watchdog, holding administration accountable. The school board needs more of that.

NOT MUCH TO REPORT HERE

Once again the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees is not even a race since no challengers stepped up to the plate. The non-contest won't even appear on the ballot. With all that has happened at SMC over the last few years — increased tuition, decreases in class offerings, contract education and a pepper spraying incident — we expected professors or activist students to put forth their own candidates. Guess not.

With the Rent Control Board, voters have some choice. Three people are running for two open seats — incumbents Robert Kronovet, a landlord; and Ilse Rosenstein, a retired teacher; and challenger Christopher Walton, an attorney. While both incumbents have performed their duties well, the Daily Press is choosing to support only one — Kronovet.

As the only landlord on the board, and the only commissioner not backed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, which holds too much power over elected bodies, it is imperative that Kronovet be re-elected. He represents a voice that is

sorely lacking, and while some of his ideas are far fetched, the community needs people who think outside of the box. He does have sound ideas for closing the board's budget gap, and they don't include raising fees.

We like Walton because of his fiery defense of renters (after all, roughly 70 percent of the city is renters) and his legal background. He's also a renter so he brings that perspective. He'll be a fresh voice on the board and there are sure to be some fireworks between him and Kronovet if both are successful Nov. 6. We like a little political theater.

SANTA MONICA-CENTRIC MEASURES

MEASURE GA — YES

This charter amendment would make the annual rent increase for rent-controlled units easier to calculate and more transparent. Landlords will get a fairer return on their investments and tenants will still have protections (thanks to a ceiling) from extreme increases when the economy fluctuates drastically. It is also estimated to save money by cutting the time it takes to determine the increase, which is apropos since the board is dealing with a roughly \$360,000 budget deficit.

MEASURE ES — YES

Education is the foundation of this community. Time and again voters have stepped up when called upon and approved parcel and sales tax increases and bonds for public education. The need is still great at our public schools and Measure ES — a \$386 million bond — will go a long way in repairing or replacing aging facilities and usher in new technology that is needed to remain competitive. We are concerned about voter fatigue and what may occur if Propositions 30 and 38 do not pass. Will the school district come forward with another parcel tax measure? Will ES make voters less likely to approve that measure if it is placed on the ballot? Those are fair questions, but we cannot worry about the unknowns. We must face reality, and the reality is our schools are old and in need of upgrades. If approved, the average homeowner will pay an extra \$185 a year, while renters will pay \$16 a year. That's a relatively small price to pay to ensure our future is bright.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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The tale of two Rubins

WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ONLY days away, I am reminded of the most dramatic, which took place in 1960. The race pitted JFK, the Harvard-educated senator from Massachusetts and husband of glamorous Jackie Kennedy, against two-term Vice President Richard Nixon who, with the Watergate scandal, would become the biggest presidential crook of all-time.

At 43, John Kennedy was handsome, witty and inspired a generation in a hopeful era known as Camelot. Sadly, it lasted barely 1,000 days, ending with assassins' bullets. (Though the Warren Commission stated it was a lone assassin and a "magic" bullet. Asked if he had read the Warren Report, Woody Allen quipped "I'm waiting for the non-fiction version.")

The 1960 election was the subject of a best-selling book, "The Making of the President" by Theodore White, a Pulitzer-Prize winner. In retrospect it seems relatively easy to write about candidates seeking the most powerful office in the world. I am taking on a different challenge.

With last week's column about City Council candidate Jon Mann and this week's about Jerry Rubin, I hope to expand political journalism by focusing on candidates who, with all due respect, don't have a ghost of a chance. Instead of "The Making of the President," my book could be called "The Making of an Also Ran."

This is the fifth council campaign for our Jerry Rubin. I say "our" because in the 1960s there was a famous Jerry Rubin who was a defendant in the historic Chicago 7 trial. In fact, it was this outlandish Jerry Rubin who reportedly coined the hippy anthem, "Don't trust anyone over 30."

But in the 1980s many felt that Rubin betrayed his revolutionary principles when, after a brief stint on Wall Street (talk about the belly of the beast), he became a millionaire entrepreneur. In fact, I contend that our Jerry Rubin has stayed truer to the radical beliefs of the other Jerry Rubin than the other Jerry Rubin did, if that makes any sense.

First a little background about our Jerry who, in 2003, legally changed his name to Jerry Peace Activist Rubin. (The other Jerry eventually became Jerry Network Marketing Rubin.) Tall and tanned, our Jerry has graying hair and beard. In a robe and with a staff he could pass for a biblical character. (Minus his wire-framed glasses, that is.)

A man after my heart, Jerry always wears walking shorts and a T-shirt. Proudly, he can't remember the last time he had on a tie.

In 1980, anti-nuclear advocate Jerry became slightly famous (or infamous) when he attended a UCLA lecture given by Edward Teller, the physicist "father of the hydrogen bomb." At Young Hall, Jerry sat in the front

row cleverly concealing a whipped cream pie.

At a climactic point in the speech, Jerry treated the father of the hydrogen bomb like Soupy Sales as he abruptly pushed the pie into Teller's startled puss. Unfortunately, security didn't see the humor. Go figure. Pummeled, Jerry was treated at the emergency room and jailed for battery and disrupting a public meeting.

After a three-day jury trial, Jerry beat the "disrupting" rap but was convicted of battery. He was sentenced to 20 days in county jail, reduced to two months community service at the Israel Levin Senior Center in Venice. Actually, Jerry got the last laugh because it was there that he formed SAND, (Seniors Against Nuclear Development.)

In 1981 Jerry made the news again with his 186-mile, 15-day protest walk from the Santa Monica Pier to the Diablo nuclear plant in San Luis Obispo. Mistakenly, UPI attributed it to the soon-to-become Network Marketing Jerry Rubin, which started the serpentine saga of the two Rubins.

You see, just as our Jerry Rubin's social protests were escalating the other Jerry Rubin was eagerly pursuing wealth in the business world. Needless to say, Peace Activist Rubin's antics caused Network Marketing Rubin considerable consternation.

To clear the confusion, a press conference was arranged at the other Jerry's plush Wilshire Corridor condo. At KABC radio studios, the other Jerry Rubin even offered our Jerry Rubin \$10,000 to change his name. ("\$20,000 if you change it to Tom Hayden" of whom he was apparently not all that fond.)

Tragically, only weeks later, the other Jerry was hit by a car while jaywalking across Wilshire Boulevard (akin to jaywalking across the 405 Freeway.) Evidently the name confusion still reigned because when the other Jerry Rubin died our Jerry Rubin received over 100 condolence calls.

While Jerry can be a tad long-winded, I still admire his integrity to run without accepting money or endorsements. ("I once had Ed Begley Jr., Martin Sheen and Ed Asner endorse me and I still lost," he says with a rueful smile.)

The truth is Jerry Rubin's winning a council seat is as unlikely as my writing "The Making of an Also Ran." And yet, if Jerry weren't in the race every two years, and even after 880 words I can't exactly explain why, I'd miss him. Go figure.

The last Wednesday of every month, Rubin leads the Activist Support Circle held at the Quaker Friends Meeting Hall at 1440 Harvard St. For more information Jerry can be reached at jerry-peaceactivistrubin@earthlink.net. JACK can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

The Q-Line

Making a pick

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom is in the fight of his political life with Betsy Butler for the 50th Assembly District seat.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Who will you choose on Nov. 6 and why?

Contact qline@smdp.com before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call 310-573-8354.

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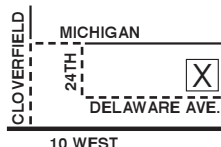
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CIVIC

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mately crafted the motion to close, said he was concerned with stanching the bleeding while a future City Council figures out what to do with the facility.

"Maybe that will be the intent of a future council to not mothball it, but I would like to save the \$2 million tonight if that's possible," Shriver said.

Only Councilmember Kevin McKeown voted against the measure out of concern that once boarded up, the historic building would stay that way, and that staff members would lose their jobs.

Although some staff have put themselves on a transfer list to compete for other jobs in the city, not all have done so.

"If we decide to close it tonight, we're offered two options that are not equal in import," McKeown said. "If we say tonight it closes on June 30 no matter what a new council thinks, it's pretty irreversible because they will have made plans to close it."

City Manager Rod Gould pointed out that his staff is already operating under the assumption that the Civic would be closed. City officials are not taking reservations after June 2013.

The 3,000-seat Civic Auditorium was set to be renovated and given over to the Nederlander organization for booking. Nederlander runs other performance spaces in the Los Angeles area, including the Pantages Theatre and the Greek Theatre.

The future of the facility was thrown into question after Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency — and all the money to fund the rehab — bit the dust in February 2012.

The news about redevelopment funding came down just as staff had begun presenting a concept for the restored event space to local commissions, said Jessica Cusick, cultural affairs manager with City Hall.

For the council's study session, staff looked at broad paths for the Civic: partial renovation that would cover basic seismic and disabilities improvements and a roof replacement; full renovation as a multi-purpose performing arts center; looking beyond its current incarnation and redevelop it as a retail center or another use; or demolition.

In past planning efforts, the community

has asked that the Civic be restored and remain a cultural center, which left staff focused on the "full renovation" option, despite the fact that it would be cheaper to build a state-of-the-art facility rather than rehab the old one.

Whichever option the council ultimately endorses, staff stressed that the Civic cannot continue as it is.

The Civic isn't seismically-safe and operates at a deficit of approximately \$2 million per year. Although originally established as an enterprise fund, the Civic has required a subsidy from City Hall since the 2006-07 fiscal year.

It needs a basic infusion of between \$8 and \$10 million to do the most fundamental safety improvements, and quite a bit more to accomplish the other goals. The most expensive idea carried an \$80 million price tag for the adaptive reuse of the building as a museum.

If City Hall wants to do anything other than mothball it — which comes at a relatively small cost of \$185,000 a year — it will need to find ways to pay for it, Cusick said.

"Whatever we do, we'll need to cobble together multiple funding sources unless my white knight is out there with \$51 million and someone forgot to tell me," Cusick said.

Council members concentrated their comments on the second range of options that focused on a full renovation with either a private party coming in to operate it or leasing the auditorium to a presenter.

A third option involved bringing in a developer to renovate the facility and develop the adjacent site.

Even with the promise of \$51 million in public funding to sweeten the deal, only Nederlander came forward to work at the Civic Auditorium, said Mayor Pro Tem Glean Davis.

"We're going to have to accept that there may have to be some physical changes to the site, whether it means using the east wing differently or adding to the site somehow, changing the interior to make it more flexible and useable," she said.

A hybrid option involving some level of retail or community meeting space also piqued their interest, but they left it to city staff to flesh out and bring in "visionaries" that might have a fresh concept for the space.

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Suspect allegedly tries to stab man near playground

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 19, AT 8:54 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. While responding to the location, the suspect was found on the 1400 block of Palisades Park and detained for questioning. Officers made contact with the reporting party who told them that he, his wife and children were parked along the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk. He let his kids go to a nearby playground while the parents changed clothes in their car. A short time later the children came running back with the suspect allegedly following. The father confronted the suspect, who police said pulled out a knife and tried to stab the father several times. The father retreated and called police. Witnesses said the suspect was near the playground and was yelling unintelligible things at everyone, including the two kids. The suspect was identified and the knife recovered. He was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. He was identified as Jerome Sua, 52, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$50,000.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, AT 5:43 P.M.

Officers responded to the 200 block of Bicknell Avenue regarding a report of an assault that just occurred and that there was a victim bleeding from the head. When officers arrived, they located the victim outside of an apartment complex suffering from multiple cuts to his head. As paramedics were treating him, the man told officers that he has had an ongoing dispute with his neighbor, whose family owns the building they all live in. He said that on this day he and his mother returned home to find trash bins blocking their assigned parking space. He said that he asked the suspect to move the cans and a heated argument ensued. He said the suspect punched him in the face and then used a large gardening rake to strike the victim on the back of the head, causing the injuries. Witnesses were interviewed, including the mother who said the suspect struck her vehicle, causing a dent. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for assault with a deadly weapon and vandalism. He was identified as Michael Shair Kamrany, 51, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$30,000.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19, AT 3:40 P.M.,

Police responded to the Vons market located at 710 Broadway regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who said he had just left the grocery store and was walking southbound on Seventh Street on the 1500 block when he passed three people sitting on a wall. As he passed, one of the people on the wall asked the shopper what he had in his bag and allegedly made a derogatory statement toward him. The suspect then allegedly took the grocery bag out of the man's hand and ran several feet away before looking inside and then throwing it to the ground. The shopper told police that after the incident he noticed his sunglasses were missing. He called police and filed a report. Two days later the suspect was apprehended along the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard. He was booked for robbery and two outstanding warrants. Police said he admitted to fighting with the grocery shopper, but then refused to speak to anyone. The suspect was identified as Mark Henry Behrens, 43, a transient. His bail was set at \$52,000.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19, AT 10:42 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol along the 300 block of Colorado Avenue when they saw a man allegedly stealing utilities. The man had been warned in the past about plugging into City Hall-owned power outlets to charge his electronics. The man was placed under arrest for theft of public utilities. He was identified as Jesus Vidana, 51, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$500.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20, AT 2:59 P.M.,

Officers responded to Hotchkiss Park located at 2303 Fourth St. regarding a report of a man in one of the public restrooms masturbating. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect and made contact with the reporting party who told them that he was at the park with his wife and entered the restroom to wash his hands. When he entered he immediately saw the suspect sitting on a toilet masturbating. The suspect allegedly told the man he was waiting for him. The husband photographed the suspect and then called police on his cell phone. He waited just outside the bathroom door as to block anyone from entering until police arrived. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for indecent exposure and a probation violation. He was identified as Todd Sziladi, 39, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20, AT 5:17 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol on the 1700 block of Pico Boulevard when they saw a man riding his bike southbound in Alley 17 at a fast pace. The biker failed to stop once he reached the end of the alley, a violation of the Municipal Code, police said. He then proceeded to ride on the sidewalk, another violation. Officers stopped him a block down and searched him. Police said they found methamphetamine in the suspect's possession. He was booked for drug possession, failure to stop prior to exiting an alley and riding a bike on the sidewalk. He was identified as Stanley Bauer, 48, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,000.

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Even with the increase, the annual total is still the second lowest recorded in over two decades, according to the report.

The mixed bag left something to celebrate as well as a sobering warning, said Kathay Feng, president of the commission.

"While we are heartened by the relatively low numbers, we are alarmed that 21 percent of hate crimes show evidence of white supremacist ideology and 12 percent of hate crimes were committed by gang members," Feng said. "This means that potentially a full third of hate crimes are committed by mission offenders who believe they are part of a

larger cause to terrorize entire communities."

Santa Monica had its own spate of hate crimes in 2011, particularly a rash of graffiti depicting swastikas, a symbol used by the Nazi Party and now synonymous with anti-Semitism.

The symbols appeared in the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood, home to some of Santa Monica's wealthiest residents.

Of the 14 hate offenses recorded in 2011, 10 of them involved the swastikas. The remaining four were a robbery, a threat that involved a gun and two threatening phone calls, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department.

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SCANNERS

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eventually go to the scrap heap.

"Hopefully this represents the beginning of a phase-out of the X-ray-type scanners, which are more privacy intrusive and continue to be surrounded by health questions," said Jay Stanley, a privacy expert at the American Civil Liberties Union.

The machines will not be retired. They are being moved to smaller airports while Congress presses the TSA to adopt stronger privacy safeguards on all of its imaging equipment.

In the two years since they first appeared at the nation's busiest airports, the "backscatter" model of scanner has been the focus of protests and lawsuits because it uses X-rays to peer beneath travelers' clothing.

The machines are being pulled out of New York's LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, Chicago's O'Hare, Los Angeles International and Boston Logan, as well as airports in Charlotte, N.C., and Orlando, Fla.

The TSA would not comment on whether it planned to remove machines from any other locations.

Some of the backscatter scanners have gone to airports in Mesa, Ariz., Key West, Fla., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The TSA is still deciding where to send others.

The switch is being made as the TSA is under political pressure. Legislation approved in February gave the agency until June to get rid of the X-ray scanners or upgrade them with software that produces only a generic outline of the human form, not a blurry naked image. The agency, however, has the authority to grant itself extensions, and the current deadline is now May 31.

So far, the upgrades have been made only to the TSA's other type of scanner. Called millimeter-wave scanners, they resemble a large glass phone booth and use radio frequencies instead of X-rays to detect objects concealed beneath clothing.

The scan is processed by software instead of an airport security worker. If the software identifies a potential threat, a mannequin-like image is presented to the operator showing yellow boxes over areas requiring further inspection, by a pat-down for example.

Besides eliminating privacy concerns, the machine requires fewer people to operate, takes up less space in crowded security zones and completes a scan in less than two seconds, allowing screening lines to move faster.

"It's all done automatically to look for

threats, so you don't have anybody in a back room that has to look at the imaging," said Doug McMakin, who led the team that developed the millimeter-wave technology at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

In a statement, officials said speed was the reason for the switch to the millimeter-wave machines.

In addition to speed and space advantages, the millimeter-wave technology does not produce the ionizing radiation that has led to safety concerns with the X-ray machines, which required passengers to stand between two refrigerator-sized boxes.

The TSA and other experts have said the amount of radiation is less than what passengers get on the flight itself.

A TSA spokesman would not say whether the change was the beginning of a phase-out for the X-ray scanners. The agency said in the statement that it was confident both types of machine could ensure passenger safety.

The government began deploying both types to airports in 2010 after a foiled al-Qaida plot to bomb a U.S.-bound jet using explosives that can be missed by traditional metal detectors.

The scanners can cost as much as \$170,000 each. There are currently about 800 of them at 200 U.S. airports. About two-thirds of them are the millimeter-wave machines.

The TSA has spent nearly \$8 million developing the upgraded privacy software and plans to spend more as it works to develop software for the backscatter machines, according to a September report by the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security.

The committee's Republican chairman, Rep. Mike Rogers of Alabama, said the TSA needs to be more forthcoming about when it will have that upgrade "rather than simply shuffling" the machines from one airport to another.

"Travelers deserve to see a concrete timeline for implementing privacy software on all (scanning) machines and a commitment from TSA to sponsor an independent analysis of their potential health impact," he said.

Aviation expert Robert Poole of the Reason Foundation said it made sense to switch to the millimeter-wave scanners at busier airports, noting that "the faster processing time is a huge advantage."

"But it still seems like a very poor decision to still be foisting those flawed machines — or certainly less good machines — on people in the smaller airports," he said.

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SCHOOLS

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provided there was room available.

Of the 40 families that requested transfers, only 13 have accepted a new placement, said Maureen Bradford, director of Educational Services at the district.

The schools must also set aside 10 percent of their federal money, called Title 1 funds, for teacher development, and have to create a plan to address the shortcomings identified by the tests.

Will Rogers was the first school to reach program improvement status last year, and faces slightly different consequences. It must provide individual tutoring for students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches, paid for by the district.

Families get \$720 to spend on a tutor they choose out of a selection approved by the state government.

The system is part of the 2001 federal education bill No Child Left Behind. It aimed to provide accountability systems for schools and required that schools break out student achievement data for standardized math and English tests by subgroups of the population to ensure that traditionally underserved populations didn't get "left behind."

Each year, a higher percentage of students in every category must score "proficient" on the tests, meaning that even if a school makes it one year, there's a higher bar for them to hit the next.

Schools with greater diversity find it more difficult to meet their annual yearly progress goals, or AYP, because they have more groups that must meet the proficiency standard.

Fail in any one category, and the school

fails.

Edison, for example had 21 subgroups and 20 of them met their goals compared to Franklin Elementary, which met its AYP but had only nine subgroups.

Will Rogers met all but two of its 21 requirements, an improvement over the year before when it didn't meet the mark in four.

John Muir and McKinley elementary schools struggled the most, meeting 14 and 13 of their 21 criteria, respectively.

By that measure, 10 of the district schools did not meet their targets, but program improvement status only bears consequences for schools that take federal money.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

The administration at Edison held informational meetings for their parents explaining the testing data and program improvement process, said Lori Orum, the principal at Edison.

Edison faces a rough road when it comes to standardized testing because its dual-language immersion program doesn't sync up with the information tested on state exams.

Children at Edison do not begin formal reading instruction in English until second grade, meaning students haven't been taught some of the things on which they are assessed.

The administration believes it has seen success with the strategy, despite the program improvement label.

The school scored 877 as a whole on its Academic Performance Index, a composite score that looks at a variety of standardized tests, which is well above the state goal of 800, Orum said.

The school has also won four Title 1 Academic Achievement awards from the

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state and was designated an Honor Roll School for the last two years by California Businesses for Education Excellence.

"Still, it's a little daunting to get a long letter saying that your child's school is in program improvement, so it was great to be able to have those conversations again with parents," Orum said.

The letter is heavy on facts and light on explanation, said Erin Inatsugu, the president of the school's Parent-Teacher Association, which made the informational sessions held by Principal Steve Richardson helpful.

That presentation showed that Will Rogers had improved in areas that had challenged students the year before, and that the school would continue to target students in data-driven ways to make sure they're addressing the shortfalls.

The scarlet letters of "program improvement" haven't changed the fundamental way that the school and its community work, Inatsugu said.

"The biggest takeaway is that if you liked who we were before the letter came out, we're still that school, community, great teachers who care about children and meet your child where they're at," Inatsugu said.

SMMUSD's Title 1 schools are not alone with the program improvement burden.

According to the State Department of Education, 71 percent the 6,209 schools that receive federal funds are in program improvement. That number is only going to get worse after the 2013-14 school year, at which point 100 percent of students are expected to be proficient.

That includes groups like English language learners that, by definition, do not test proficient, Bradford said.

The difficult road ahead has caused the state of California to request a waiver from the federal government on some of the requirements along with a number of other states pending Congress taking any action to improve the bill.

A report by the RAND Corporation released in 2010 points to several areas in which No Child Left Behind could be improved, including the creation of uniform standards of achievement.

States set their own performance goals at the outset, leaving a patchwork of requirements.

The report also pushes for more measures of student learning than simply math and English, more appropriate achievement targets and incentives for teachers to teach in low-performing schools, among others.

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EL PASO, Texas U.S. authorities have seized more than 4,000 archaeological artifacts looted from Mexico that they plan to display in Texas before returning them to their country of origin.

Leticia Zamarripa, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, says the items mostly date from before the landings of European explorers in North America. The lot

includes pre-Columbian stones used to grind corn and other grains, statues, figurines, copper hatchets and other artifacts.

ICE said in a statement that agents seized the relics in El Paso, Phoenix, Chicago, Denver, San Diego and San Antonio.

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Stocks waver on a big earnings day

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK A weak showing in home sales and a mixed batch of earnings reports kept the stock market flipping between minor gains and losses on Wall Street. With an hour left in the trading day, the major market indexes were slightly up.

A strong profit report from Procter & Gamble helped indexes start higher early Thursday, but they weakened in late morning trading after a realtor group said that the pace of contracts for new home sales had leveled off.

That turned the stocks of builders sharply lower. PulteGroup was off 3 percent, giving up an early gain. D.R. Horton fell 2 percent and Toll Brothers fell 3 percent.

In afternoon trading Thursday the Dow Jones industrial average was up five points at 13,082. It had climbed as much as 87 points earlier in the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose three points to 1,412 and the Nasdaq gained six points to 2,987.

"This is a market still working through a difficult earnings season," said Jason Pride, the director of investment strategy for Glenmede, a wealth-management firm.

Pride said investors probably celebrated too much after the Federal Reserve pledged more support for the economy in early September. They overlooked shrinking economies in Europe, slower growth in China and other signs that this earnings season would be rough. In the past two weeks, they've paid for it.

"We had a party and now we're dealing with a hangover," he said. "The market is basically back to where it was at the end of August. I don't think that's unreasonable."

The stock market has been in a slump for more than a week because of the weak revenue numbers and lower profit projections that have emerged from the latest round of corporate earnings reports.

The Dow gained 127 points Oct. 16 but since then has managed only two daily gains, both of them meager. The average has lost 474 points since that last significant increase.

Among companies reporting earnings Thursday, infant formula maker Mead Johnson Nutrition plunged 10 percent after its revenue came in well below what Wall Street analysts were expecting. The company also cut its forecast for full-year earnings and its stocks slumped \$6.92 to \$62.59.

Profits at United Airlines declined with fewer people flying, and the company fell well short of Wall Street expectations. The stock fell 77 cents to \$19.50, a loss of 4 percent.

Homebuilders fell broadly after the pace of growth in home sales slowed last month. PulteGroup, which returned to profitability in the third quarter, gave up an early gain and was trading down 51 cents at \$16.94. Toll Brothers fell 93 to \$34.32 and D.R. Horton fell 25 cents to \$21.16.

Procter & Gamble was the biggest gainer in the Dow after the consumer products company, whose products include Tide, Gillette and Charmin, reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations. P&G rose \$1.90 to \$69.98.

Online game maker Zynga jumped 26 cents to \$2.39 after the company reported revenue that was stronger than analysts had anticipated. The company also said it would cut costs and enter the gambling business.

Health insurer Aetna rose 38 cents to \$44.33 after reporting a 2 percent gain in third-quarter earnings. Higher revenue and lower-than-expected health care claims helped the company beat Wall Street's profit expectations.

Apple and Amazon.com report earnings after the market closes.

As investors moved into stocks, they sold U.S. government bonds, sending yields higher. The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yielded 1.83 percent, up from 1.79 percent late Wednesday.

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Pursuant to Government code Section 40804, The City of Santa Monica is required to publish a summary of its Annual Report of Financial Transactions submitted to the State Controller's Office. The following Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Working Capital for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 is drawn from that report.

For further information, please contact the Finance Department at (310) 458-8281.

	Total Expenditures A	Functional Revenues B	Net Expenditures/ (Excess) Revenues C
Expenditures Net of Functional Revenues:			
General Government	\$ 57,734,661	\$ 48,070,113	\$ 9,664,548
Public Safety	115,182,625	9,690,349	105,492,276
Transportation	113,208,958	136,415,205	(23,206,237)
Community Development	56,165,366	35,347,291	20,818,075
Health	55,487,612	47,864,620	7,622,992
Culture and Leisure	67,285,285	27,066,138	40,200,147
Public Utilities	21,814,200	24,756,906	(2,942,706)
Other	-	-	-
Total	486,877,717	329,230,622	157,647,095
General Revenues			
Taxes			185,997,939
Licenses and Permits			2,465,934
Fines and Forfeitures			14,864,309
Revenue from Use of Money and Property			12,073,975
Intergovernmental - State			273,527
Other			4,534,898
Total			220,210,582
Excess/(Deficiency) of General Revenue over Net Expenditures			62,563,487
Excess/(Deficiency) of Internal Service Charges over Expenses			(152,385)
Fund Balance/Working Capital as of July 1, 2011			604,123,286
Adjustment			(552,029)
Fund Balance/Working Capital as of June 30, 2012			555,982,361
Total Appropriations Limit			990,025,488
Appropriation Subject to the Limit			165,967,108

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Audit: U.S. oversight of charter school funds lax

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An audit of the U.S. Department of Education's division overseeing hundreds of millions of dollars in charter school funding has criticized the office for failing to properly monitor how states spend the money.

The report released in late September by the department's Office of the Inspector General also singled out state education departments in California, Florida and Arizona for lax monitoring of what charter schools do with the funds and whether their expenditures comply with federal regulations.

The education department's Office of Innovation and Improvement spent \$940 million from 2008 to 2011 on charter schools, which are autonomously operated public schools. Most of the money is funneled through state education departments, although some is given directly to charter schools.

The funds are administered through competitive grants aimed at helping launch new charters and replicate successful charter models.

The inspector general said the innovation office has not given proper guidance to states on monitoring the use of the money and does not have policies to ensure that states corrected deficiencies when they were found.

Additionally, the audit, which was conducted by San Francisco-based education

research company WestEd, found that the office did not review expenditures to ensure they met with federal disbursement requirements.

The office has agreed to beef up its procedures to track federal funds and ensure states are adequately overseeing charter schools, the report said.

WestEd also examined state charter oversight policies in California, Arizona and Florida, which collectively received \$275 million in federal funds for charter schools from 2008 to 2011.

Among the findings:

- In California, which has received nearly \$182 million in federal charter grants from 2008 to 2011, auditors found "significant weaknesses" in charter oversight, such as school reviewers being unqualified to conduct on-site school visits. One reviewer felt "awkward" conducting site visits because of a lack of knowledge and experience, the report said.

- In Florida, state officials had no records of which schools received federal grant money nor which schools received on-site monitoring and audits. Florida received \$67.6 million.

- In Arizona, which received about \$26 million, reviewers lacked a monitoring checklist and thus collected inconsistent data when they visited schools.

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This meeting is to obtain comments from the public, before hearings are conducted by the Planning Commission and City Council. You will have an opportunity to provide direct feedback to City Planning staff and the developer. For further information, please contact Tony Kim, Senior Planner at (310) 458-8341.

RSVP appreciated to (310) 458-8341.

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. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la aplicación proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



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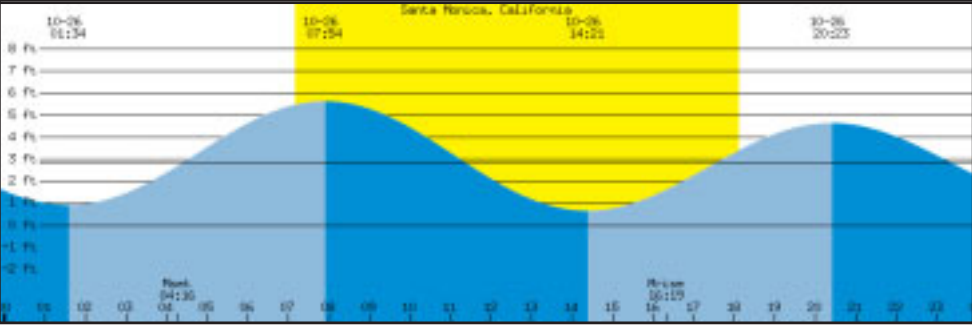
SWELL FORECAST

Should see waist to chest high waves at west facing breaks, waist high at south facing spots.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SHOULD SEE SWELL DROP TO WAIST MAX MOST EVERYWHERE.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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QUICK STATS

Number of sewage spills — 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0

Number of wet days — 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 28 / 3

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 0

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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 for extended health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.	ns	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	A	A+
Basal Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	C	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Redwood Ave. drain.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at San Onofre County Beach.	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	B	ns	Venice Beach at Winkhurst Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Sunflower Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier — 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Sunflower Beach (beach location) — daily.	A+	A	Venice Beach — projection of Topical St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier — 50 yards east.	F	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach — lifeguard tower.	B	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth.	A	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Toros County Beach.	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DMV jets).	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+	Dockweiler Beach— opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Cedarbrook Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17358 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

ns — no sample taken



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Obama urges end to
lockout on ‘Tonight Show’

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES President Barack Obama is urging the end to another sports labor dispute.

While taking questions from viewers on NBC’s “Tonight Show” with Jay Leno on Wednesday, he was asked if he could pull any strings to end the NHL lockout.

Obama says: “Every time these things happen I just want to remind the owners and the players: You guys make money because you’ve got a whole bunch of fans out there who are working really hard — they buy tickets, they’re watching on TV.”

He adds: “You all should be able to figure this out. Get this done.”

The president sent a tweet last month urging the NFL and its officials to end their labor dispute.

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Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **November 20, 2012**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$6,500,000

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LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: \$6,000 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City’s Finance website at: <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=15167>. The Contractor is required to have a **Class A** 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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The Hunger (R) 1hr 37min True Romance (R) 2hrs 7:30pm	10:50pm	Other Son (Le fils de l'autre) (PG-13) 1hr 45min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm
AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (888) 262-4386	10:30pm	AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599
Frankenweenie (PG) 1hr 27min 11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm	11:00pm	Looper (R) 1hr 58min 11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm
Here Comes the Boom (PG) 1hr 45min 11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm	10:10pm	Sinister (R) 1hr 50min 11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm
Argo (R) 2hrs 00min 12:45pm, 3:55pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm	11:20pm	Seven Psychopaths (R) 1hr 49min 11:40am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm
Alex Cross (PG-13) 1hr 41min 11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm	12:30pm	Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) 1hr 34min 11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm
AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440	11:00pm	Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1hr 52min 11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min 3:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm	11:25pm	Cloud Atlas (R) 2hrs 44min 11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:45pm
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make it OK to drag your heels in the morning. You will hear some news that might energize you and get you out of this lethargic mood. You blossom in the afternoon. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Use the morning for whatever is important to you. By midafternoon, you might slow down and think about taking a nap. You could hear some news that might stop you in your tracks. Follow your instincts with a money decision. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Clear out some last-minute errands and return calls in the morning. You will take care of these tasks quickly and allow yourself some more free time. Zero in on what you want to do in the afternoon. Tonight: Only where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your mind drifts to others who are not in your immediate environment. You might want to make a call or two. Make plans to take off ASAP. Being the good sport you are, you might be left holding the bag once more. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be hard to find, except by certain people. In the afternoon, you might become available, but you could have difficulty staying in the moment. Your mind is anywhere but where you are. Tonight: Let go and enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others make all sorts of demands. Your immediate reaction is to say "no." You have stretched yourself so thin for others that you might be fed up. Spend the afternoon with those you value or need to spend time with. Do for you. Tonight: Note a tendency to go overboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You work very hard. You are focused in the morning, but plan to spend the remainder of the day networking or socializing. Your people skills emerge once more. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be a bit tired and worn out by someone's high energy. Get creative and unleash this person, at least for a while. Own your day, and make plans that suit you. A secret admirer comes forward; the attention is quite flattering. Tonight: Get some exercise, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Once you get going, you will be full of energy. By midafternoon, you'll know what you want to do, and you'll have every intention of doing just that. Let your concerns fall to the wayside for now, and get into the next few days. Tonight: Aren't you wild?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have a lot on your plate before you even wake up. Handle as much as you can early in the day. Do not allow someone to take up more time than you wish. Schedule some private or personal time in the evening. Tonight: Happiest at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Curb spending, if possible. You might feel cornered by a stressful money situation, and there only seems to be one way out. Trust that you will find a different path with your ingenuity and imagination. Tonight: Speak your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You illuminate a conversation, a room and/or someone's day. Communication flows with someone at a distance. Use some caution with a purchase, and be reasonable as to how much you spend. Tonight: Fun does not need to cost.

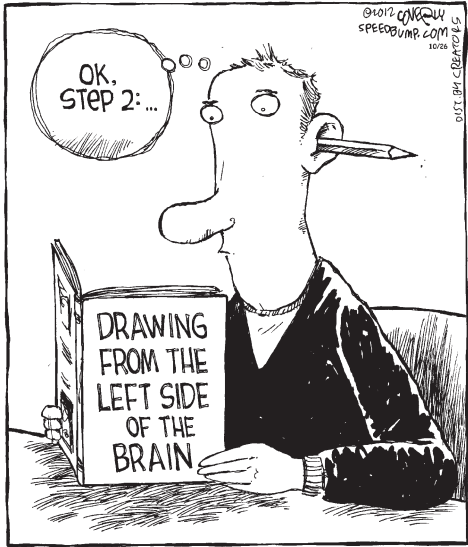
Happy birthday

This year you swing from being wildly emotional to being peacefully calm. No one knows what to expect from you, which, on some level, you do not mind. You find that this keeps things interesting. If you are single, you could meet someone during the summer months or afterward. This bond will be deep and emotional. If you are attached, try to be less intellectual with your sweetie; instead, let your feelings flow. ARIES is more explosive than you ever could be.

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

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew

By John Deering



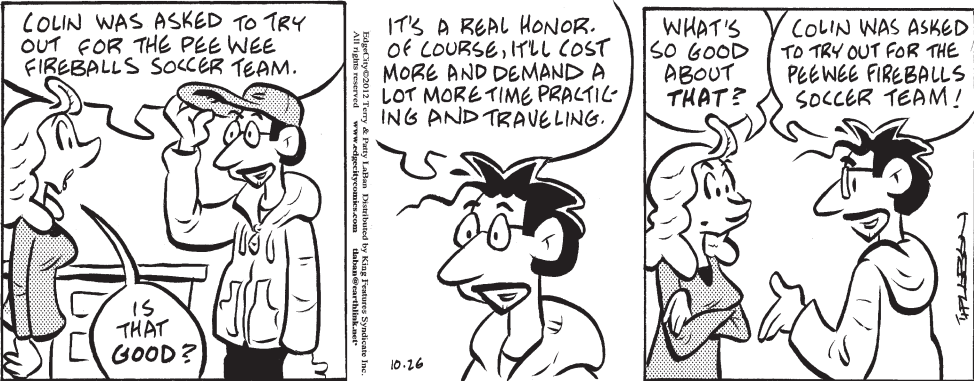
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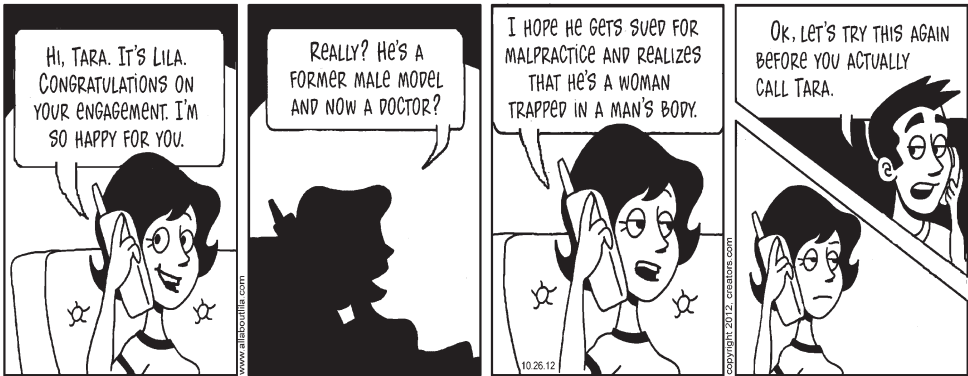
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★★

	1						2	
		4	8		2	5		
			3		9			
	6	8				7	5	
				4				
	7	5				3	9	
			1		6			
		1	7		3	8		
	2						6	

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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

2	3	5	8	4	9	1	6	7
7	9	6	3	1	2	4	8	5
4	1	8	7	5	6	9	2	3
6	5	4	2	7	1	3	9	8
9	7	3	6	8	5	2	4	1
1	8	2	9	3	4	5	7	6
5	6	1	4	2	8	7	3	9
3	4	9	1	6	7	8	5	2
8	2	7	5	9	3	6	1	4



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Red-ink entry
- 6 Social blunder
- 11 Stay away from
- 12 Parts of hearts
- 13 Arrive
- 14 Kenton and Getz
- 15 Rock cover
- 17 Writer Rice
- 18 First person
- 20 Carpet fastener
- 22 Dramatist Jonson
- 23 Kate Middleton, for one
- 26 Hold stuff
- 28 Doctrine
- 29 Jacket parts
- 31 Tiny
- 32 Deuce beater
- 33 Service period
- 34 Home-coming guest
- 36 Huron neighbor
- 38 Showed over
- 40 De Mille of dance
- 43 "— Fly Now" ("Rocky" song)

DOWN

- 44 Sleuth Vance
- 45 Dawn
- 46 Beer mug
- 1 MBA or Ph.D.
- 2 Second person
- 3 Tim Burton movie
- 4 Figure of speech
- 5 Addition column
- 6 Empty talk
- 7 Embassy worker
- 8 Tim Burton movie
- 9 Helsinki native
- 10 Comfort

R	A	G	S		S	P	I	R	A	L
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W	I	G						O	U	T
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B	A	T	C	H		E	L	F		
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M	O	S	A	I	C		O	G	R	E
O	N	S	I	T	E		T	H	I	N
P	E	E	R	E	D		S	T	A	T

Yesterday's answer

- 16 Hockey's Grimson
- 18 Rudiments
- 19 Bargain
- 21 Does something
- 23 Pigeon's cousin
- 24 Visionary
- 25 Bud holder
- 27 Relevant
- 30 Storm center
- 33 Constricted
- 34 Jason's ship
- 35 Writer Uris
- 37 Emulates Jay-Z
- 39 Basketball pioneer Holman
- 41 Bulldog backer
- 42 Heir, at times

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13						14				
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18	19				20	21				
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43						44				
45						46				

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Draw Date: 10/23
1 17 42 46 55
Meganumber: 1
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20 26 36 41 42
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Draw Date: 10/25
1 8 9 21 34

Draw Date: 10/25
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EVENING: 7 2 8

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ First-World Problems: After an international trade association reported that women bought 548 million pairs of shoes in 2011 (not even counting those used exclusively for sports), the manufacturer Nine West has decided to start its own cable TV channel with programming on "various aspects of footwear," according to an August New York Times report. Programs will feature celebrities rhapsodizing about their favorite pair, women who hoard shoes (purchasing many more than they know they'll ever wear even one time), tips on developing one's stiletto-walking skills and shoe closet designs. It's about a "conversation," said a Nine West executive, "not about a shoe."

■ Spending on health care for pets is rising, of course, as companion animals are given almost equal status as family members. In Australia, veterinarians who provide dental services told Queensland's Sunday Mail in August that they have even begun to see clients demanding cosmetic dental work -- including orthodontic braces and other mouth work to give dogs "kissable breath" and smiles improved by removing the gap-tooth look.

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