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THE WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND ISSUE

SMMUSD student fitness results released

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The number of healthy fifth graders has increased districtwide over the last three years, but unfortunately so has the number of at-risk ninth graders, according to a statewide report released earlier this week.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students were on average healthier than others in California across all measured categories and grades.

Fitnessgram, the statewide fitness test, was administered to 1.34 million fifth, seventh, and ninth graders, or nearly 94 percent of all students enrolled in those grades, according to state education officials.

"The simple fact is that healthy kids learn better," said Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of public instruction. "I'm pleased to see the slow shift toward better health continue, but when only about a third of our students are physically fit, we are nowhere near the end of this effort. To help them succeed in school and in life, California's young

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DOG BOO

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

(L-R) Summer the witch, Anna the penguin, Finnegan as Dracula, Lucy as Lucyfer and Luigi the Captain pose on Friday for the third annual Howl-o-ween photo shoot and contest at Fitdog Sports Club. About 30 dogs participated and each owner received five photos as keepsakes.

Malibu PTSA meeting gets heated

Consultant says he'll begin environmental tests next week

BY NANCY SAGONA
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU An environmental expert hired by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District met with concerned parents, teachers and community members on Thursday for an update on many pressing questions looming over the environmental issues at the school.

"How long is it going to take to know we are safe?" one parent asked.

The heated meeting, hosted by the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), lasted more than two hours while expert Mark Katchen fielded questions and vowed to begin environmental testing at the high school next week. Some environmental tests are expected to be completed by Nov. 22, officials said, and the school district promised to make those results available immediately.

An initial study recently found that mold levels are the school were normal. The report also showed that teachers first approached the school district about environmental quality concerns in 2010.

A group of teachers raised health con-

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Pressure on Edgemar following newly approved gym

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

EDGEMAR CENTER A recent stir about an incoming Crossfit gym at the Edgemar Center For The Arts is putting pressure on several other properties within the Frank Gehry-designed complex.

Code compliance is actively investigating Brick + Mortar restaurant, one work-live art studio, and the operation of a parking gate, said Code Compliance Manager Joe Trujillo.

On Tuesday, City Council voted to deny the appeal put forth by neighbors of the proposed Crossfit. The decision allows the gym to move forward, but with several council-imposed conditions.

In their argument against the proposed gym, neighbors pointed to the 1997 docu-

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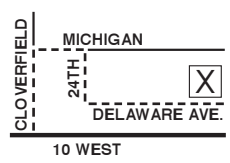
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013

Prepare or beware
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Lot, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Join TV and radio personality Carson Daly and the American Red Cross of Santa Monica for a day of learning and excitement at the "Prepare or Beware Halloween Youth Run and Preparedness Fair." There will be several activities including a 1.5K fun run, a "build-your-own" emergency kit workshop and a CPR training and demonstration. There will also be arts and crafts, face painting and a Halloween costume contest. For more information, contact (310) 394-3773 or visit RedCross.org/santamonica.

Stay hip
Pico Youth & Family Center
715 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Peace by Piece is the youth center's annual hip hop showcase featuring local artists and freestyle battle competitions with a prize for the winner. The event is open to the public. There will be live art demonstrations, along with food and clothing vendors. All proceeds will go to help fund the youth center. Suggested donation: $5.

Supporting music
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Kick off the holiday season with a free music concert of architects playing their talent on stage. Unfrozen Music, produced by Craig Shimahara of Shimahara Illustration, is a community event featuring an eclectic array of music from classical to blues. This is the fifth annual Unfrozen Music concert, performed by a collection of L.A. architects. Admission: Free. For more information, contact (310)450-9612 or visit shimahara.net.

O' boy
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 8 p.m.
FolkWorks Concerts presents and evening with Ken O'Malley. Widely regarded as the finest Irish folk singer/songwriter in the United States today, O'Malley has shared bills with such household names in Celtic music as The Chieftains, Makem and Clancy, and The Saw Doctors. Joining him is Michael Kelly on the fiddle and Dean O'Leary on guitar. Admission: $15. For more information, visit kenomalley.brownpapertickets.com.

Zombies invade Santa Monica
Wokcano Restaurant
1413 Fifth St., 11 p.m.
Attention zombie nation! Wokcano Santa Monica is hosting the Westside's largest Halloween party! Music by DJ Frankie. Demons, zombies and ghouls welcome. Also featuring a laser light show, cool prizes and more! Admission: $15 to $20. For more information, call (310)458-3080 or visit wokcanosmhalloween.eventbrite.com.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013

Book-a-ween
Books and Cookies
2230 Main St., 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Third Annual Books and Cookies Halloween Bash will have musical fun, face painting, crafts, spooky story time, costume parades, all-natural trick or treating with a real treat, and more! Costumes encouraged! Suggested donation: $5 or bring gently used books, clothes, or unused diapers. For more information, call (424) 238-5752 or visit booksandcookiesla.com.

Costume parade
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 3 p.m.
The first ever Santa Monica Pier Halloween Parade is the perfect opportunity for all creepy creatures to practice their trick-or-treating skills. Bring a costume or make one at the aquarium's Halloween/Dia de los Muertos craft station before the parade. Kids will be given reusable trick–or-treat bags they can decorate. There will be a few colorful sea creatures to lead the parade up on the pier, where local businesses plan to be ready with treats! Admission: Free. For more information, visit healthebay.org.

Halloween carnival
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside Gymnasium
2019 14th St., 3 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
An event designed for families with young children (toddler to kindergartner) and includes face-painting, balloon animals, an obstacle course, pumpkin patch, costume parade, and best of all, healthy Halloween-themed treats! Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. Admission: $5.
For more information, call (310)452-3881 or visit smywca.org

Sausage, beer palooza
FIG Restaurant
101 Wilshire Blvd., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Sausage Fest returns to FIG Restaurant Santa Monica. In recognition of Oktoberfest and the fall season, Chef Ray Garcia will host other local chefs for a celebration of sausage and, of course, beer! In addition to delectable beers and brats, the event will feature live music, a photo booth and other activities to celebrate autumn. Admission: $49. For more information visit eventbrite.com and search for "Santa Monica sausage fest."

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EASTSIDE

Office building sales for $7.9M

A 18,000 square-foot office building has been purchased for $7.9 million, according to Lee & Associates-Los Angeles West, a brokerage firm.

A limited liability company purchased the building, which is located at 1740 Stanford St. in the old industrial district of Santa Monica.

The limited liability company is in talks with John Pawson, an architect from the U.K., to renovate the building.

"The office space situation, and commercial real estate in general, in Santa Monica is extremely tight, specifically for well-located older brick and bow-truss type industrial buildings," said David Wilson of Lee & Associates. "So the search for what the buyer was looking for was difficult. This sale generated eight solid offers, so it was very competitive. There are many well-capitalized buyers looking for owner-user buildings similar to this one."

The office building was constructed in 1957 and currently houses Riot Creative Imaging, a leading document-services provider in the architecture, engineering, and construction marketplace.

1740 Stanford, LLC plans on finishing the renovations by 2015 to make the office the head quarters of MJZ, a film production company, which is located blocks away.

– BRIAN ADIGWU

LINCOLN BLVD

Reducing litter

A neighborhood organization is holding an event to clean up a portion of Lincoln Boulevard.

The Lincoln Boulevard Task Force, which is comprised of four neighborhood groups, is inviting people to take part in the "Harvest the Litter" clean up event, scheduled for Nov. 2.

The neighborhood groups involved in the task force are the Ocean Park Neighborhood Association, Friends of Sunset Park, Pico Neighborhood Association, and Borderline Neighbors.

Participants will take part in picking up litter and clearing weeds and other debris. In addition, sidewalk artists and street corner musicians are welcomed to the event to showcase their talent.

After the clean up, Evan Meyer, the creator of a mural project that is taking shape on Lincoln, will lead a walk to view the murals made by various artists.

Participants can register at the table in the Albertsons parking lot to receive gloves, trash bags, tools, and block assignments. Artists and musicians can also register there.

"Harvest the Litter" will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. For more information, contact K.C. Pilon at (310) 593-1572 or at killeencpilon@gmail.com.

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Photo courtesy Lee & Associates

BIG MONEY: This creative-office building on Stanford Street was recently purchased for $7.9 million.

8 states join forces to promote clean cars

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Eight states, including California and New York, pledged Thursday to work together to dramatically multiply the number of zero-emission cars on the nation's roads by speeding the construction of charging stations and other infrastructure.

The goal is to put 3.3 million battery-powered cars, plug-in hybrids and other clean-burning vehicles on the roads in those states by 2025. That's more than 15 times as many zero-emission vehicles projected to be in use in the entire U.S. by 2015.

Auto dealers say networks of charging stations and other conveniences are crucial to winning over drivers who are accustomed to pulling up to the gas pump and fear getting stranded by a dead battery.

The other states in the pact are Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont. The eight states together represent about 23 percent of the U.S. auto market.

The Associated Press breaks down why there are not more zero-emission cars already, the keys to accomplishing the goal and the formidable challenges:

How does this agreement differ from plans already in place in the states?

Each state has already separately adopted rules to require a percentage of new vehicles sold to be zero-emission by 2025.

For example, California's mandate of 15.4 percent calls for a total of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles to be on the state's roads by that time. Currently, plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles make up less than 2 percent of the state's market.

The agreement signed Thursday is aimed at coordinating efforts among the eight states so that incentives, zoning laws and other ideas for promoting zero-emission vehicles can be more quickly implemented.

"The idea is to make it easier for customers to operate and use zero-emission vehicles. This in turn will help pave the way for success of the auto industry," said Mary Nichols, chairman of the California Air Resources Board.

Deb Markowitz, Vermont's natural resources secretary, said her state will probably form partnerships with companies to help them build charging stations and other necessary infrastructure.

Are the states contributing money to make this happen?

The agreement signed Thursday requires no specific financial commitment from each state. But each has already launched incentive programs and other policies meant to increase sales of zero-emission vehicles.

For example, California offers up to $2,500 in buyer rebates. The state leads the nation in zero emission vehicle sales, with more than 33,000 sold through June 30, and has set aside an additional $59.55 million for some 29,000 rebates through mid-2014. The state has also dedicated $20 million annually through 2024 or until 100 hydrogen stations are built, whichever comes first.

Massachusetts pays incentives of up to $7,500 per vehicle to cities that buy electric models, and up to $15,000 for each charging station built. New York has set its own goal of adding a network of up to 3,000 charging stations over the next five years.

How many zero-emission vehicles are on road now, and how many models are available?

Industry data projects more than 200,000 zero-emissions vehicles on the nation's roads by 2015. That's out of more than 250 million registered vehicles in the U.S.

There are 16 zero-emission models from eight manufacturers on the market — nine that run on batteries alone, two hydrogen fuel cell cars and five plug-in hybrid models, which can run on battery alone or gasoline.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in Washington says there will be 26 battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids for sale in 2014.

Officials say every automaker will have a zero-emission model by 2015.

What are the key things needed to reach this goal?

Auto manufacturers and dealers say consumers do not yet fully trust electric vehicles because of the lack of charging stations. Also, the clean-burning vehicles tend to be more

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How to improve the road ahead

ONE OF THE MORE AMAZING SPECTACLES in the days after the government shutdown ended was the obsession in Washington with who won and who lost in the showdown. Yes, the capital is focused on next year's elections, but honestly! There was only one real loser, and that was the American people.

Why? Because nothing got resolved. The agreement leaves the government open only until mid-January, and gives the Treasury the ability to borrow through early February. All that effort secured us the barest minimum that we needed. Tax reform, spending, entitlements, jobs and economic growth: we're no better off than we were before a small faction in Congress brought us to the brink of an unnecessary disaster. So the question is, can we avoid a similar crisis down the road?

The record of the recent past gives no ground for optimism, though members of Congress may now recognize the enormous economic costs to the nation of a shutdown and near-default. To avoid repeating their recent sorry spectacle, however, they will have to confront three challenges.

First, Congress has to break its habit of governing by crisis. Second, its members need to take a leaf from this most recent experience and remember that the essence of legislating is negotiation. Finally, they need to recognize that every time Congress fails to assert itself, other institutions gain more power at its expense.

Great democracies do not lurch from doomsday moment to doomsday moment. They plan ahead, confront and resolve their challenges, fulfill their responsibilities abroad, and respond to their own people's needs. Congress can do none of these things so long as its members insist on resolving one crisis by setting up another a few months down the road.

Some people in Washington argue that this is because we live in trying times, faced with bewildering economic upheaval, social and demographic change, and a sorely divided body politic. That's all true — but politics has always been about getting things done in difficult environments. Congress was designed to be the institution where the difficulties of the moment could be overcome by legislators with the skill and temperament to work together to overcome them. Instead, we face a host of challenges with a Congress unable to address them because it can only postpone a crisis from one date to another.

I find myself thinking often these days of the skillful legislators I've known over the years. Where are their counterparts today? The negotiations that produced the last-minute settlement may have taken a lot of effort, but they do not measure up to what's required.

Congress only works well when its members understand some key things: that each party has to walk away with something; that it's crucial to preserve flexibility and avoid pandering and scorched-earth rhetoric; that it needs to address the issues Americans care about most; that to avoid failure all the key players need to be at the table; and that they need the fortitude not to walk away from talks when things are going poorly.

TAX REFORM, SPENDING, ENTITLEMENTS, JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: WE'RE NO BETTER OFF THAN WE WERE BEFORE A SMALL FACTION IN CONGRESS BROUGHT US TO THE BRINK OF AN UNNECESSARY DISASTER.

Years ago, key players in serious negotiations went out to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, and were confined to the compound until they came to a resolution. We need legislators who are willing to roll up their sleeves and commit fully to the process.

Because in our system power never evaporates, it just flows elsewhere. So when Congress doesn't perform, it cedes power to others.

By its inaction, Congress has given power to the president, who can use executive actions to enact policy. It has strengthened the federal bureaucracy by leaving regulatory decisions to federal agencies with very little direction or oversight. It has given massive economic power to the Federal Reserve, since someone has to promote economic growth in the face of congressional failure to deal with our fiscal issues. And it has allowed the Supreme Court to become the central policy-making body on controversial issues from campaign finance to affirmative action to environmental regulation.

"Any society that relies on nine unelected judges to resolve the most serious issues of the day is not a functioning democracy," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in a recent speech. I'm sorry to say that he's talking about us.

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The Q Line

Give it up

Daily Press Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera recently wrote about his experience living without a car for the last five years. He took to biking after his car was stolen.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What will it take for you to give up your car? Higher gas prices? More expensive insurance or parking fees? If you ride now, what did it take and how often do you cycle?

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"I WILL NEVER GIVE UP MY CAR ... . The automobile is a wonderful way for people to get around. I do ride the Expo Line and the Red Line and the [Big] Blue Bus from time to time. ... The problem with ... the Expo Line is that ... 10 percent of the people drop trash right on the windows and are obnoxious: Sing too loud, talk too loud, yell, scream and don't smell well. ... You don't face those issues in an automobile. So to ask people ... to give it up for public transportation is somewhat problematic."

"LIVING IN MID-CITY, I GAVE UP MY car years ago. It's much more convenient to walk, and if I have heavy stuff to carry to take the bus. I drove so little in the years before that and it cost me $15 a mile to keep a car. You can have a driver with a car for that, but I don't need that either."

"I DON'T BIKE AROUND SANTA MONICA because of a bad knee, but I have used public transportation. However, I can tell you under Big Blue Bus director Ed King, the Big Blue Bus now is on a rapid death spiral. King does not want to provide service to residents. He envisions the Big Blue Bus as a regional service with heavily subsidized lines from SMC taking away resources from the neighborhoods. He makes it extraordinary difficult to get back and forth in the evening and at night and he makes it next to impossible to travel to Santa Monica on weekends and holidays. This is rapidly becoming a useless public transportation system."

"THOSE OF US WHO'VE BEEN HERE A long time aren't getting any younger. You aren't going to get me to bicycle in this city at all. I biked constantly when I was young, commuting 7 miles one way via bicycle for several years. Now that I'm closing in on 60, I'm not risking life and limb competing with cars, and my balance is not what it used to be. Not all of us can, physically, bike. I'm now an avid walker and I walk miles a day. ... Let's get off the bicycle bandwagon and spend some time and money on sidewalks, Santa Monica."

"MY CLASSIC CAR IS ALMOST AS OLD AS I am. I would never give it up, even if they would give me a brand new one."

"GOOD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS what it takes to give up a car. We need timely, frequent, conveniently located and reasonably priced buses which go where residents need to go. People in many large U.S. cities and Europe prefer to take public transportation because it's more convenient than driving. Metro has cut service in Santa Monica and the Big Blue Bus has also cut service and made it inconvenient to transfer from one bus to another by moving bus stops away from corners. The Expo Line does not go where most residents want to go locally. I've been riding buses in Santa Monica for over 30 years; I take a bike for short local errands, but recently I started to drive again because the buses in Santa Monica no longer serve local residents' needs."

"THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR a senior citizen; I guess if I had a death wish maybe. The bike lanes have made driving challenging, that is for sure. I have come so close to hitting a rider who darts out ahead and doesn't stop at signs, switches from the sidewalk to the street, etc. For us, the buses are not possible; our activities are centered around church on Mulholland in Bel-Air, family in the valley and friends who live in Santa Monica Canyon and other non-bus places."

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Aerobic Capacity	805	661	82.1	14.3	3.6	844	632	74.9	18.7	6.4	919	675	73.4	16.4	10.2
Body Composition	805	570	70.8	10.8	18.4	844	574	68.0	13.6	18.4	919	626	68.1	13.6	18.3
Abdominal Strength	805	750	93.2	6.6	N/A	844	716	84.8	15.2	N/A	919	840	91.4	8.6	N/A
Trunk Extension Strength	805	711	88.3	11.7	N/A	844	791	93.7	6.3	N/A	919	878	95.5	4.5	N/A
Upper Body Strength	805	704	87.5	12.5	N/A	844	657	77.8	22.2	N/A	919	789	85.9	14.1	N/A
Flexibility	805	664	82.5	17.5	N/A	844	684	81.0	19.0	N/A	919	833	90.6	9.4	N/A

Source: California Department of Education

IS YOUR CHILD FIT? **Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District physical fitness results broken down by grade level. More than 82 percent of fifth graders have healthy aerobic activity.**

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people need more access to physical activity, fresh, healthy food, and clean water."

More than 82 percent of SMMUSD fifth graders have a healthy aerobic capacity, compared to 76 percent last year.

Nearly 71 percent of fifth graders have healthy body compositions compared to 69 percent last year and 66 percent the year prior. More than 18 percent of fifth graders have at-risk body compositions.

At-risk students are those who have the potential for future health problems. They need increased physical activity and a more-balanced diet.

Despite positive increases, two district elementary schools have a higher percentage of at-risk fifth graders than the state average.

At Will Rogers Elementary School, 39.2 percent of fifth graders had an at-risk body composition compared to 36.1 last year and 29.9 the year before. The state average is 33.7 percent. At John Muir Elementary School, 34 percent of fifth graders are categorized as at-risk, up 3 percent from last year.

The number of at-risk ninth graders has increased from 16.3 to 18 and now to 18.3 percent in the body composition category over the past three years. In the aerobic category, the number of at-risk ninth graders has jumped over the last three years from 6.8 percent to 10.2 percent.

SMMUSD seventh graders have shown no major trend changes in one direction or the other in recent years. Almost 75 percent of seventh graders have a healthy aerobic capacity and 68 percent have a healthy body composition. State averages are 64 and 56 percent, respectively.

More than 6 percent of seventh graders have at-risk aerobic capacity and more than 18 percent are at-risk in body composition. These numbers are up only slightly since last year. State averages were 12 and 30 percent, respectively.

Four other less significant fitness areas were measured in the test. Almost 86 percent of SMMUSD ninth graders had healthy upper body strength, 10 percent higher than the state average. More than 93 percent of SMMUSD fifth graders had healthy abdominal strength, 16 points higher than the state average.

The Daily Press reached out to several school officials but they were not available to comment in time for the publication of this article.

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cerns earlier this month in a letter to district officials. Three teachers have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer since February, one is on medication for thyroid problems, six suffer recurring migraines, one with asthma and one teacher has had a rash for six years.

Many parents on Thursday wondered why they had not been notified of possible risks sooner, including in 2011 when the district removed 48 truckloads of contaminated soil from the middle school building area.

Katchen said he plans on working with another consultant who was hired independently by a new coalition called Malibu Parents for Healthy Schools. The group has retained Paul Rosenfeld of Soil, Water, Air Protection Enterprise (SWAPE) to make recommendations for the types of testing that should be conducted by the district. Rosenfeld and his clients submitted official letters to the school district this week, pushing for testing to be heavily focused on air quality at the school and possibly contaminated soils under the middle school building.

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This article first appeared in The Malibu Times.

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expensive than gasoline-powered cars.

Automakers applauded Thursday's agreement as an important step forward but cautioned that significant infrastructure investment will be needed to reach the goal.

Putting 3.3 million vehicles on the road "is not an achievable goal given what we're doing today from an infrastructure investment standpoint. It's just not," said Dan Gage, a spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in Washington, which represents Toyota, General Motors and 10 others.

"Up to this point there's been a lack of consumer interest, and a lot of that has to do with investment in infrastructure."

There are more than 6,700 charging stations open to the public in the eight states in this agreement, which seeks to multiply that number exponentially over the next dozen years.

"We think that is going to be necessary for some of the (driving) range anxiety and other acceptance barriers that need to be broken down," said Brian Maas, president of the California New Car Dealers Association.

"The cars are coming — they're here already — but if you don't have a place to charge them, there's not going to be the level of consumer acceptance."

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RULES BROKEN? **Code compliance officers are investigating businesses at the Edgemar Center.**

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ment that governs the property, which says that if the owner of any property is in violation of the document then no further permits can be allowed.

Leading up to the appeal, neighbors lodged numerous official complaints about other Edgemar properties, some of which, Trujillo said, may be valid.

Mario Fonda-Bonardi, who spoke on behalf of the neighbors, said that since the 1997 agreement, 44 conditions have been violated. Over the last 10 years, he said, there have been at least 25 formal violations, an average of one every five months.

Brick + Mortar, which was cited in December for conducting nightclub activities like queuing and checking identification at the door, has been under further scrutiny since mid-summer, Trujillo said.

"Everything we worked on prior to that had been pretty much nighttime operations," he said. "We got the recent complaints about the daytime operations. Really it was football games going on, on Saturdays."

The Daily Press reached out to the restaurant and the person who answered the phone had no comment. Brick + Mortar's website and Facebook page have videos of large groups of fans watching University of Michigan football games.

"We picked up our enforcement and sometimes, with our cases, it takes time and it takes a number of inspections for us to build a case," Trujillo said. "So that's what we were in the process of doing."

One case of a bar operating as a restaurant, which is currently with the City Attorney's Office, took Code Compliance almost a year and a half to build. Trujillo said they are monitoring several of these types of violations.

"That's not just up and down on Main Street," he said. "We have them on Wilshire, Santa Monica, Ocean, all throughout the city."

WHAT IS ART? CODE COMPLIANCE DECIDES

Another property under investigation at the Edgemar is one of the two work-live studios. Under the 1997 agreement, the spaces were to be occupied by artists or the windows and doors facing Second Street were supposed to be covered up.

Fresh Interactive, a digital media company, occupies one of the artist live-work studios. This designation qualifies the occupant as an artist, city officials said.

Confusion surrounded the second studio on the night of the council meeting. City planners originally said that an artist occupied the space and made no mention of a company being based there.

Councilmembers pressed the issue, stating that they'd been to the location and found it to be operated by HipSwap, which, according to its website, is an online store to "shop for millions of fashion items."

City planners insisted that HipSwap was not based in the studio.

But Trujillo then told council that HipSwap is still under investigation.

The Daily Press stopped by the studio and the occupant, who would not give his name, acknowledged that HipSwap was operating out of the space. His partner, he said, lives in the space. Two little dogs scurried through the homey, furnished studio.

The occupant said that the space was not being used as storefront and that the issue was raised by neighbors simply as an attempt to squash the Crossfit.

Reached after the meeting, Trujillo acknowledged that one of the studios is under investigation, but he could not elaborate because the case is ongoing.

"We're going to make sure we understand what it's being used for and make sure that is what it's being used for," he said. "We certainly have to understand what the definition is. Then, what we do is we'll go out and inspect a property interior. We have visited the property, but we have to understand that somebody is in fact using it in the way that it's intended to be used, and not just strictly as a business."

Those who operate the parking gate, which Code Compliance has been monitoring since receiving complaints last week, have not yet been found to be violating any conditions. People complained that the parking gate was open when it should have been closed.

More than 15 neighbors spoke in opposition to the proposed Crossfit at the meeting and 12 spoke in favor of it.

The gym is slated to open in January.

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New ownership at Main Street staples

BY KEVIN HERRERA
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MAIN STREET Taking over a celebrated eatery still in good standing is a great way for a restaurateur to avoid the many stumbling blocks that doom new establishments.

They already have a legion of loyal customers to provide a steady stream of income and most likely a chef who knows their way around the kitchen. With a little luck they can continue the success.

But there are also some drawbacks. Take a favorite dish off the menu and you may get blowback. Hire a new chef and you could see your clientele bolt.

Recently, two Main Street staples were taken over by new ownership — The Library Ale House and Rick's Tavern. While the former's transition has been almost invisible, the latter's has been more dramatic, with the new owner going so far as to no longer claim allegiance to New York sports teams. Is he a genius, or a glutton for punishment?

The Library Ale House is one of Santa Monica's, if not the Westside's, best craft beer bars, hosting a wide selection of quality kegs long before the craft beer movement took hold roughly three years ago. It's a great place to sample aged ales or traditional triples with high alcohol contents. The food, while not gourmet, has always been palatable.

Well, the amazing beer selection is still the same, but the cuisine has been elevated thanks to partner/chef Tom Hugenberger. He took his time (about a year) before introducing new dishes, and those I had the pleasure of sampling earlier this month were delicious and flavorful, featuring fresh ingredients of the season and a pleasing presentation.

There were a series of new salads, my favorite being the steak salad with tomato, shaved parmesan, beats and shiitake mushrooms with a sherry mustard vinaigrette. He also



Photos courtesy Ken Plotin

MAN IN THE KITCHEN: Chef Tom Hugenberger of the Library Ale House with his roasted beet salad.

brought out the best of the afternoon, a roasted pumpkin curry with cauliflower and jasmine rice. It was some of the best curry I've had in the area. If you have a craving for some grilled cheese, try the gourmet version with brie, gruyere, green apples, arugula and pesto and some toasted sourdough.

"It's not about being fancy, just tasty," Hugenberger said.

Easier said than done.

Hugenberger's love of cooking started at the age of 9, at the same time he arrived in Los Angeles from Seoul, South Korea. Cooking Sunday breakfast for his father gave him satisfaction, and the high-energy TV show "Mel's Diner" was an inspiration. Wanting to be a part of the fun, Hugenberger made a playful comment to his dad about one day owning a diner. Fast-forward 20 years when he became the owner of S&W Diner in Culver City.

Following the success of S&W, Hugenberger partnered up with his best friend, Derek Chang, to make popular hits out of The Hungry Bear and Lulu's Café.

He prepared for his career at the California Culinary Academy, where he mastered the French technique. He later became a popular chef instructor at The Art Institute of Los Angeles in Santa Monica.

Hugenberger's early experience ranged from preparing fast-service food to studio catering. He also had a stint in the kitchen at the elite Melisse Restaurant.

His skills and love of cooking have elevated the food at the Library Ale House to several steps above your average pub grub, but the prices are still relatively reasonable (like $10 to $14 for a nice entree and they still have those chips and salsa).

Finally the food is on the same level as the amazing



CRUNCH: The grilled chicken salad at the Library Ale House. There are several fresh, flavorful and filling salads on the menu. They go great with a citrus IPA or roasty smoked porter.

craft beer. I highly recommend stopping by if you haven't been for some time. (Order the Frickles — fried pickles — to snack on while watching a ball game.) Things have definitely changed for the better at the Library Ale House.

The same can be said of Rick's Tavern, but the journey to get there varies greatly from Hugenberger's. Instead of

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EITHER-OR: Rick's Tavern on Main features bar staples like their pulled-pork burger with bacon for the hearty eaters and a kale salad with parmesan for those looking for something lighter.

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trying to stay under the radar, owner Howard Alpert, who also runs Main Street's Circle Bar, has made some significant changes, including sprucing up the inside to make it more refined and less divey. That means a new paint job, better fixtures, chairs and booths, art work instead of memorabilia and kitsch, and some flat-screen TVs. There's also a new classically trained chef in the kitchen who has designed a menu void of most of the fried, fattening foods of yesteryear. There's still traditional bar grub like chicken wings and sausages, but there's also a fresh kale salad and Peruvian ceviche.

"Because I grew up in the meat business I wanted to make sure that the food is good," said Alpert, a real estate agent by trade who specializes in restaurants. Alpert hired a food consultant and mixologist to help with the menu.

"I want this to be a neighborhood place," he added. "We still have burgers, but with high-quality meat."

The kitchen stays open as late as the bar so folks looking to satisfy late-night cravings can hit Rick's without worry of missing out on their signature burger, which features pulled pork and bacon on a soft, warm pretzel bun. The chef, Chris Morrison, uses a mixture of three different cuts to make his patty and the result is a decadent burger sure to please the hardiest eaters.

"Everything we do here is focused on making sure the food is local," Chris said. "If I put it on the plate I want to see where it comes from."

A major change that may turn off some loyalists of Rick's is the move from a New York-centric bar to one that welcomes fans of all major sports teams. That could prove to be a risky decision on Alpert's part, but he wanted to be more inclusive, particularly since Los Angeles doesn't have a professional football team.

"We took away that identity of New York," he said as he dove into a kale salad with chili flakes, mashed avocado, parmesan and panko with rosemary and thyme-infused olive oil. "We want to be welcoming to everyone. We are the local watering hole."

No longer just a hole in the wall, Rick's feels a tad more sophisticated than before, but yet still a home away from home, a friendly bar with improved food options and a more refined drink menu that serves the neighborhood better than ever — that is if you aren't a New York transplant. Seriously though, don't we have enough of them here already?

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THREE AMIGOS: (From L to R) Rick's Tavern on Main is led by general manager Bob Linster, owner Howard Alpert, and executive chef Chris Morrison.



Agency recommends national park for Cesar Chavez

BY FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

The National Park Service is recommending that Congress create a new historic park to honor farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, one that would be made up of four sites in California and a former Phoenix church hall where the now-famous rallying cry "Si se puede" was popularized.

The recommendation Thursday comes after years of study on sites that are significant to the life of Chavez and the U.S. farm labor movement. Congress authorized the study in 2008, and the Park Service narrowed a list of about 100 sites to five to become a multi-state national historic park.

Marc Grossman, Chavez's longtime spokesman, speech writer and personal aide, said including sites in Arizona and California is fitting because it recognizes the length and breadth of Chavez's labors.

As head of the United Farm Workers, the Arizona-born Chavez staged a massive grape boycott and countless field strikes, and forced growers to sign contracts providing better pay and working conditions to the predominantly Latino farmworkers. He was credited with inspiring millions of other Latinos in their fight for more educational opportunities, better housing and more political power.

United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta was at Chavez's side in downtown Phoenix during a 1972 fast that helped reshape Arizona's political landscape. Chavez and other UFW leaders had been talking about an Arizona law that restricted the rights of farmworkers to strike or boycott crops.

The response from farm workers and other labor leaders was one of defeat. Huerta responded by saying that workers should focus on thinking positively, saying: "Si se puede," or "It can be done."

Ultimately, thousands of farm workers and supporters such as Coretta Scott King participated in rallies and Masses in downtown Phoenix, giving voice to the United Farm Workers slogan.

The Santa Rita Center, constructed as an extension of the Sacred Heart Church, is a small building on an inner-city street near the airport. Chicanos Por La Causa, an organization that traces its roots to the activists who met there, opens it every so often for events. But it sits vacant most of the time.

The Park Service's recommendation is for the agency to work through agreements with local communities to educate the public not only on Chavez, the farm labor movement and its organizers, but the art and music associated with it, and contemporary struggles for human and labor rights, said Martha Crusius, the project manager on a study of sites significant to Chavez's life.

The other sites in California are:

• Forty Acres National Historic Landmark in Delano, home to the union hall where grape growers signed their first union contracts after five years of grape strikes and boycotts. It's also here that Chavez held his other public fast, this one to protest the use of pesticides. The building serves as a field office for the United Farm Workers of America.

• Filipino Community Hall in Delano became a symbol of multi-ethnic unity during the 1960s, serving as a joint headquarters for farm labor movements led by Filipino organizer Larry Itliong and Chavez.

• McDonnell Hall in San Jose is recognized as the place where Chavez made his start as a community organizer.

• Nuestra Senora Reina de la Paz in Keene served as the planning and coordination center of the UFW starting in 1971. It's where Chavez and many organizers lived, trained and strategized. Chavez taught farmworkers how to write contracts and negotiate with growers. President Barack Obama last year designated part of this 187-acre site, known more simply as "La Paz," as the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument.

Convincing Congress to designate the five sites as a national historic park could be a tough sell.

"Not a lot is happening in Congress right now, and it's hard to get anything passed among the deadlock between the two parties," said Ron Sundergill of the National Parks Conservation Association. "So, we'll see."

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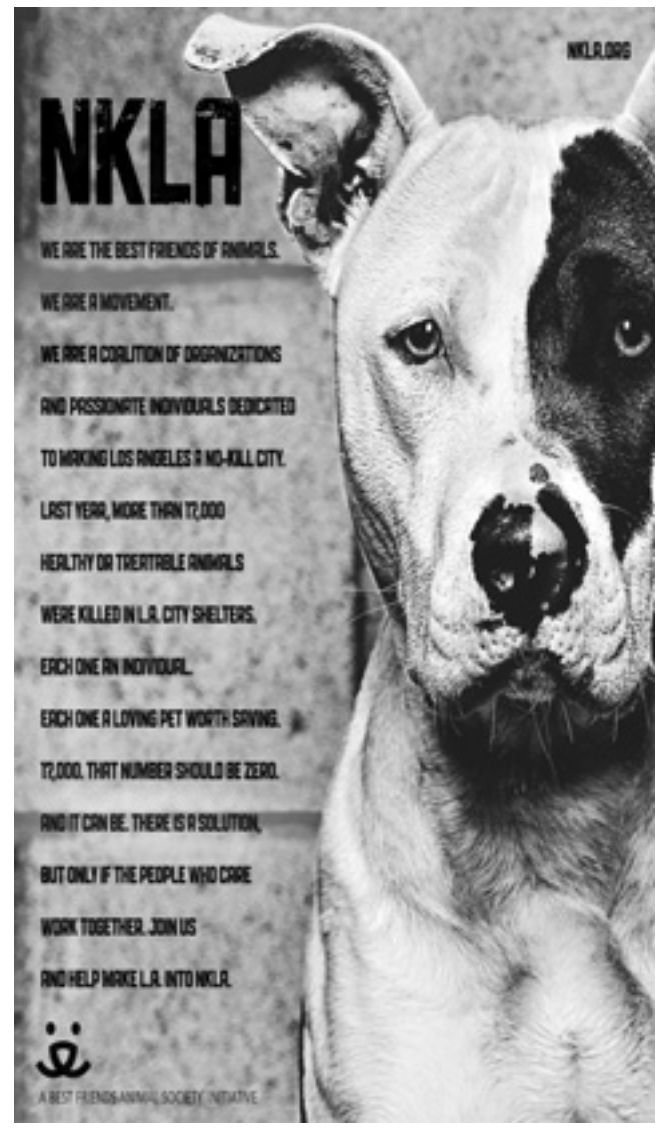
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Both sides agree: No major budget deal on horizon

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON On this, GOP budget guru Rep. Paul Ryan and top Senate Democrat Harry Reid can agree: There won't be a "grand bargain" on the budget.

Instead, the Wisconsin Republican and the Nevada Democrat both say the best Washington can do in this bitterly partisan era of divided government is a small-ball bargain that tries to take the edge off of automatic budget cuts known as sequestration.

Official Capitol Hill negotiations start next week, but Ryan and Reid both weighed in Thursday to tamp down any expectations that the talks might forge a large-scale agreement where several previous high-level talks have failed.

Long-standing, entrenched differences over taxes make a large-scale budget pact virtually impossible, according to lawmakers, their aides and observers who will be monitoring the talks.

Most Republicans say they simply won't agree to any further taxes atop the 10-year, $600 billion-plus tax increase on upper-income earners that President Barack Obama and Democrats muscled through Congress in January. Without higher taxes, Democrats say they won't yield to cuts in benefit programs like Medicare.

"If we focus on some big, grand bargain then we're going to focus on our differences, and both sides are going to require that the other side compromises some core principle and then we'll get nothing done," Ryan, who chairs the House Budget Committee, said in an interview Thursday. "So we aren't focusing on a grand bargain because I don't think in this divided government you'll get one."

But a fellow GOP negotiator, Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole, said Friday that additional revenue could be part of an agreement.

Added Cole: "Both sides would like to deal with the sequester. And we're willing to put more revenue on the table to do that, and we would like to do it with entitlement savings." Cole was not talking about raising tax rates; one option he mentioned would be to give corporations incentive to repatriate untaxed overseas profits.

"The reality is, you're going to have to have a deal here," Cole said, appearing on Bloomberg Television's "Political Capital with Al Hunt" airing Friday night. "And a deal means everybody gives something up."

In an interview Thursday with Nevada public radio station KNPR, Reid, the Senate majority leader, agreed that a large-scale grand bargain wasn't in the cards.

"They have their mind set on doing nothing, nothing more on revenue, and until they get off that kick, there's not going to be a grand bargain," Reid said. "We're just going to have to do something to work our way through sequestration."

Ryan, his party's vice presidential nominee a year ago, and Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray, D-Wash., are two of the key congressional figures in the talks. Both say they're seeking common ground between the sharply different Republican and Democratic budgets.

Common ground, however, is a much different concept than compromise. It involves finding ideas upon which they can agree rather than compromising principles such as Republican opposition to tax increases or the unwillingness by many Democrats to consider cutting future Social Security benefits by decreasing the annual cost-of-living adjustments.

Instead of a broad agreement encompassing tax hikes and structural curbs on the growth of benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid, Ryan says he's seeking a "smaller, more achievable objective."

The talks, he said, also will focus on alleviating another upcoming round of automatic spending cuts and replacing them with longer-term cuts.

Sequestration mostly hits so-called discretionary spending, the money approved by Congress each year to run agency operations. Ryan wants to cut autopilot-like spending on entitlement programs like Medicare to ease sequestration's effects on both the Pentagon and domestic programs.

"I think we all agree that there's a smarter way to cut spending" than sequestration, Ryan said. "If I can reform entitlement programs where the savings compound annually ... that is more valuable for reducing the debt than a one-time spending cut in discretionary spending."

The White House and Democrats are pressing to include new revenue from closing tax loopholes and infrastructure spending to boost the economy. Before departing the White House on Friday for stops in New York City, Obama discussed the budget process by phone with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, Murray and Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee. He did not make a similar call to congressional Republicans.

"Even if we do not have the big grand bargain, if you were to have a medium deal or small deal, those deals could have permanent loophole closures and permanent mandatory savings that would help our permanent long-term fiscal situation," senior White House official Gene Sperling told a business group Friday.

The automatic spending cuts are required because a 2011 deficit-reduction supercommittee failed to reach an agreement. The cuts would carve $91 billion from the day-to-day budgets of the Pentagon and domestic agencies in 2014 compared with the spending caps set by a 2011 budget deal. The Pentagon would absorb almost 60 percent of the cuts.

While the first official meeting of the larger House-Senate negotiating team is scheduled for next week, Ryan and Murray have been talking already.

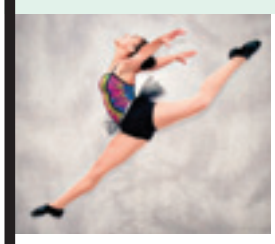
Republicans are looking at a bushel basket of cuts to Medicare health care providers contained in Obama's budget. They also have voiced support for curbing Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, an idea Obama has backed, but only in the context of a broader deal in which Republicans would allow tax increases. That proposal won't fly in the current talks.

There are also several supercommittee ideas like curbing Postal Service cost overruns, making federal workers contribute more to their pensions and raising premiums on higher-income Medicare beneficiaries.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.2°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest new WNW picks up and peaks through the day;
small, long period SW swell fills in; plus sets for top focal points

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest WNW swell eases; small SW swell continues; STAY TUNED

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small new WNW-NW swell; minor Southern Hemi energy; keeping an eye on conditions

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small WNW-NW swell; minor Southern Hemi energy; keeping an eye on conditions

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **October 23, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and 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.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	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).	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

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

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WORLD SERIES

For some, Cardinals fatigue sets in

BY JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS Who wouldn't love a baseball team from the quaint Heartland, the team that produced gentlemanly Stan Musial and fans so friendly they sometimes cheer opposing players? Apparently, a growing legion.

As the World Series moves to St. Louis on Saturday, vast regions of the Midwest and South still love their Cardinals. But nationally, there are signs that Cardinals fatigue has set in.

That's not completely unexpected given the team's recent omnipresence in the postseason. All the Haterade was probably inevitable with the emergence of snarky websites and social media — though Twitter co-founder and St. Louis native Jack Dorsey surely didn't envision all the 140-words-or-less nastiness directed at his beloved team.

It began in the first round of the playoffs with some national commentators openly rooting for the Pirates to beat St. Louis. It was more about Pittsburgh's storybook emergence after a two-decade playoff drought than hate of the Cardinals, but it didn't go unnoticed in Cardinals country.

Then there are the online barbs. In a recent column on the website Deadspin, Drew Magary called St. Louis a "dump" and took particular exception to the team's fervent fan base.

"Wanna know who you really are, Cardinals fans?" Magary wrote. "You are this. You are poorly disguised Yankees fans in ugly Christmas sweaters carrying a Jell-O mold to your neighbor's door."

Another website, Buzzfeed, ran a story headlined, "23 Reasons It's Perfectly OK To Despise The St. Louis Cardinals." Among the reasons: No. 20 — Yadier Molina's neck tattoos.

When their run of success began in 2000, the Cardinals were the happy story — red-clad fans with high school football-like enthusiasm for their overachieving Midwestern mid-market team.

Since then, the Cardinals have become as common in October as falling leaves and pumpkins on the porch. Ten of the last 14 postseasons have included them. They've played in the National League championship series eight times in the span. This World Series appearance is their fourth since 2004.

Some are literally tired of seeing red.

"I think to a certain extent that part of the life story of being a sports fan is the struggle, the sense of grinding it out with your team. When your team is in the playoffs 10 of the last 14 years, that can come in conflict with people's ideas of what a real fan is," said Annemarie Farrell of Ithaca College, who has done research on the behavior of sports fans.

Fans in St. Louis write off the criticism as jealousy.

"Once you start winning the tide turns," Cardinals season ticket holder Mark Shevitz, 58, said as he shopped in the team store at the ballpark. "Now everybody kind of wants to knock you off the pedestal. People are tired of seeing you win."

True enough. Any list of sports teams that draw the ire of fans of other teams is top-heavy with frequent winners — the Yankees, NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, the NFL's New England Patriots, even the Cardinals' World Series opponents, the Red Sox.

The disdain for the Cardinals has extended to some opponents. National League Central foes have for years felt the Cardinals sometimes came across as self-appointed proprietors of baseball's unwritten rules on etiquette.

All is not negative for the Cardinals, who remain beloved at home, with a fan base that extends over several states. The team draws 3 million-plus fans to Busch Stadium every year and supporters often turn out in the thousands for road games.

Meier Raivich of Fanatics, the largest online retailer of licensed team gear, said that during the regular season, Cardinals merchandise was the third-most popular among major league teams, topped only by the Yankees at No. 1 and the Red Sox.

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Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
11:30am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:35pm

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

Fifth Estate (R) 2hrs 04min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 1:50pm, 2:40pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:45pm

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
12:55pm, 4:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:55pm

Carrie (R) 1hr 32min
11:50am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Escape Plan (R) 1hr 56min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Counselor (R) 1hr 51min
10:20am, 1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 1hr 33min
1:15am, 12:15pm, 3:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:10pm

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All Is Lost (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Muscle Shoals (PG) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 9:50pm

Bridegroom (R) 1hr 19min
11:00am

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:10pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

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REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Finally, your spontaneity and sense of fun merge together. A partner might be reticent to go along with what you think are great plans. Tonight: Live it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be overtired and wanting to do something very differently. You could be in the mood for a lazy day. Your desires seem to be in conflict with a loved one's. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ So much is happening that you would be hard-pressed to return your messages. Communication is highlighted right now, which could mean a day drive to the country or a trip to see a show or game. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The limelight has been on you for several days. Consider kicking back. For some of you, it might mean scheduling a day at the spa. For others, your day might involve going to the gym. What is important is that you take good care of yourself. Tonight: Refrain from going too wild!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your high energy might be the envy of others, as just being around you energizes them. You have a way about you that draws many toward you. Your popularity soars and invitations flood in, yet you might feel the need to spend some time at home. Tonight: Throw a party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be in need of some time for yourself. You clearly do not appreciate being out and about right now. Honor your needs, and others will have to understand. You go overboard for many people. It is time to take better care of yourself. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Focus on what a group of your pals might be up to. You could encounter a conflict, as you might have allocated funds on something other than what you need. Tonight: Relish the moment. Enjoy yourself to the max.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You need to touch base with an older friend or loved one before you decide whether you can run off and be carefree. Don't be surprised when a conflict develops involving your plans. Tonight: Be noticed!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Any activity that gets your mind off the here-and-now fits the bill perfectly. You might want to rethink a decision that could be causing some stress. Right now, your best bet is to detach. Tonight: Opt for a new spot or a new activity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You can't continue as you have been without having a talk with a loved one first. At this point, you might feel frustrated. This discord will end soon enough. Perhaps in a month or two, a conversation will be in order. Avoid a fight at all costs. Tonight: Dinner for two. Make nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Others seem to want to dominate, but they want you there as an audience. This implicit demand could be a source of tension. In any case, getting out and doing what you need to do might be best. Check in with an older friend or relative. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Sometimes, you are immensely practical, as you are right now. You have to complete a project, whether it is cleaning the house, raking the leaves or handling a matter that involves work. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Music is key to your enjoyment.

Weekend Edition, October 26-27, 2013

This year you often give mixed messages. Sometimes you say one thing, but your actions do not coincide with what you say. People respond in frustration and could back away. Start listening to yourself in order to see this issue. Be open if someone mentions this conflict, and see how he or she experiences it. Nonetheless, if you are single, others see you as extremely desirable, especially through July 2014. If you are attached, try to involve your significant other in some of your outside activities. Both of you will be happier. LEO tends to steal the stage, even from you!

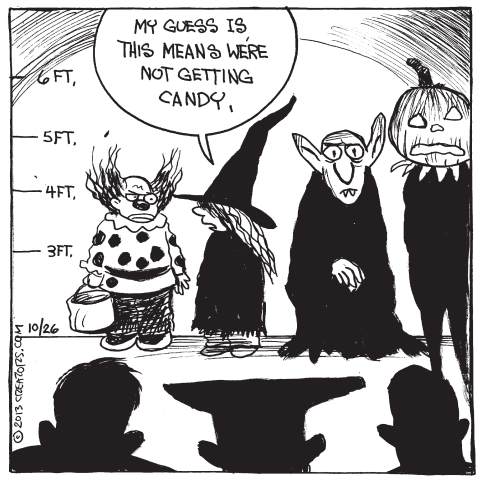
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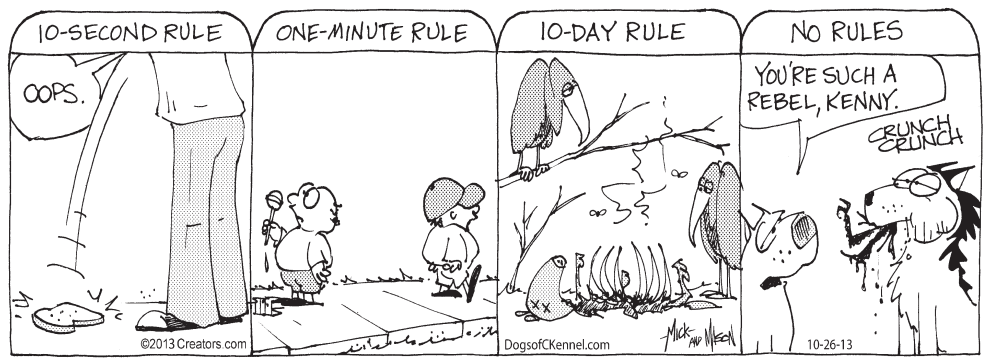
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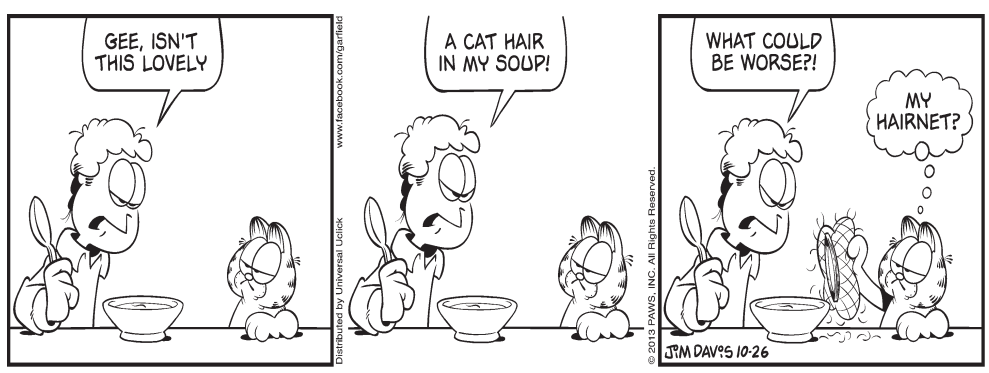
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

	9			4				6
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	8				7		3	
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	5		3				9	
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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Title holder
6 Keen
11 Variety show
12 Horse opera
13 Delight
14 Sister's daughter
15 Hampers
17 Had something
18 Words with pickle, stew or jam
19 Kramden's portrayer
22 Road sealer
23 Bacon slice
24 Free tickets
25 Take for granted
27 "— geht es dir?"
30 Aromatic evergreen
31 Some amount of
32 Historic stretch
33 Gorge
35 Parlor seats
38 Fleet-based
39 Armistice
40 "— kangaroo down ..."
41 Daughter of Barack and Michelle
42 Beginning

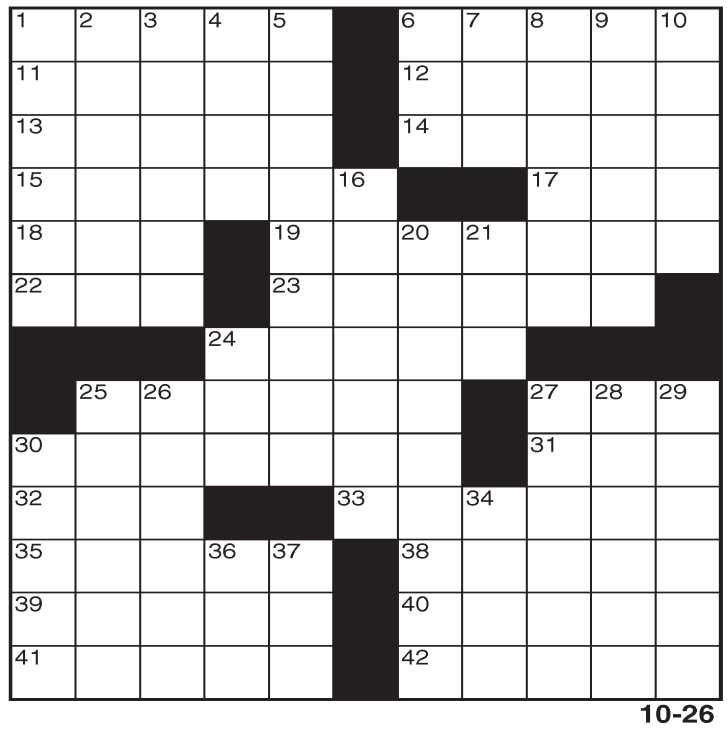
DOWN

1 College unit
2 Western state capital
3 Online icon
4 Remote button
5 Source of pressure
6 Heir, at times
7 "Bali —"
8 Comfortable
9 Parish leader
10 Hog the mirror
16 Jail, in slang
20 Artificial language
21 Contented sounds
24 Vegas-set series
25 Dawn goddess
26 Major muddles
27 Dispenses with
28 Titularly
29 Grommet
30 Isn't serious
34 Egotistic
36 German cry
37 Poseidon's place

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10-26



NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ New Kinds of Field Sobriety Tests: (1) Deaaron Hearn, 22, was arrested in Iowa City, Iowa, in October after the traffic officer told him to summon a friend to drive his car home, and Hearn responded by reaching into his pocket, clumsily placing a $20 bill to his ear, and attempting a phone call. (2) In October, with her two children waiting in the car at a Holyoke, Mass., Shell gas station, Brenda Diaz, 26, allegedly attacked the store's Slushie machine, naked (before police arrived to taser, pepper-spray and arrest her).

■ Surely, most shoplifting occurs because the thieves wish merely to obtain goods without paying. Occasionally, as with the arrest of Christopher Wiener, 26, in Fargo, N.D., in July, an alternative theory suggests itself and raises the question: Would it be more embarrassing to be seen actually purchasing an artificial vagina (from the Romantix adult bookstore) than to be arrested for shoplifting it?

■ "We Treat Them Like Family": (1) Deborah Cipriani, 55, of North Ridgefield, Ohio, runs from her home America's only rescue center for skunks, and naturally, she told London's Daily Mail in October, some of her companions like to sleep with her in bed (which is reportedly fine with partner Kevin). (2) Diane Westcott and her husband (also named Kevin), of Layton, Utah, have four cats and a dog, but since 2003 also at least one goose, who of course also sleeps with her. "Gladys" wears diapers because, as Diane explained (with understatement), it is "not possible" to potty train a goose.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1825 - The Erie Canal opens - passage from Albany, New York to Lake Erie.

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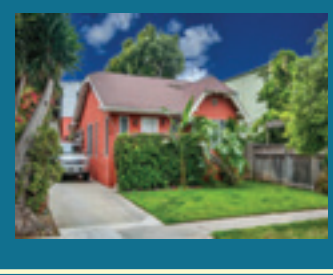
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