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UNDEFEATED

Morgan Genser editor@smdp.com

The Santa Monica College football team hosted Los Angeles Valley in a conference football game and won 28-0 to remain perfect in conference play at 4-0 and perfect overall at 7-0. Pictured are SMC players Martaveous Holliday, Roger Jones, Damaja Young and Baxter Kirven.

Statute of limitations prevents criminal charges in Riel case

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles County District Attorney has declined to file charges over the allegedly improper firing of Elizabeth Riel citing expiration of the statute of limitations.

In a letter, Deputy District Attorney Sean Hassett acknowledged receipt of an allegation that Councilwoman Pam O'Connor requested termination of Riel's employment with the city in violation of the City Charter provision that expressly forbids elected officials from interfering in employment decisions.

"The hiring and firing of employees is a civil matter left to the sound discretion of the City of Santa Monica and, when necessary, the civil courts," he said. "The alleged 'criminal misconduct' took place on May 23 and May 24 2014. Regardless of whether or not this conduct is truly criminal, the statute of limitations has expired. Accordingly we will take no further action."

Riel was offered the position of Communications and Public Affairs Officer in 2014, however, then City Manager Rod Gould rescinded the offer the next month for what was described as "personnel reasons."

Riel filed a lawsuit against City Hall and Gould claiming that her First Amendment rights had been

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Longtime JAMS PE teacher retiring

Former athlete Jeri Dipley wanted 'to share that passion with kids'

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Jeri Dipley didn't see a reason to give up on her childhood love of sports. So she turned it into her vocation.

"I was a little gym rat," she said. "Then you find out that there's actually a career in it and you go, 'Yeah.' ... 'I can play and get paid, too?' It was just being in athletics and wanting to share that passion with kids."

Dipley, a physical education teacher at John Adams Middle School, will retire at the end of 2015 after nearly 16 years in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district.

Her tenure at JAMS will end her 25-year career teaching PE in public schools, where she taught hundreds of students not only about the importance of staying active but also about sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment.

At JAMS, she also served as president of the school's site governance council.

"It's a lovely place to work," she said. "Every day is a highlight when you're working in the Monica. I couldn't ask for anything better to end my career."

Born in Long Beach and raised in Torrance, Dipley went to Stephen M. White Middle School before attending Carson High School, where she participated in badminton, softball, basketball, track and volleyball.

She then studied at Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington before earning a bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Cal

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

October 27

Your Digital Footprint and College Admissions

Learn about how your activities online can bring about consequences, both positive and negative, in everything from college admissions to job interviews to the U.S. legal system. Presented by Nick Soper of Creative College Prep. Montana Avenue Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8 p.m.

GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in Workshop 1 at the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, adjacent to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m., www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Halloween Ha Ha's

What's so Funny about Halloween? Join Mister Jesse and his puppets for some spooky stories and a wonderful puppet show. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 4 - 4:45 p.m.

October 28

Tongva After Dark: Wonder Room

Eclectic presentation of dancers, artists and musicians in the intimate 'rooms' of the park. For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/tongvapark/events. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: San Andreas (2015)

A seemingly ideal day turns disastrous when California's notorious San Andreas Fault triggers a devastating, magnitude 9 earthquake, the largest in recorded history. (114 minutes). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Drawing to Music at Main

Come draw to music and create inspired art! Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown - Wednesday)

All you can Carry Pumpkin Patch

Who has more fun - onlookers or participants? It's hard to tell, but everyone is sure to have a wonderful time at the patch, which features the most beautiful, round, bright orange, California grown pumpkins you can find. Costumes welcome but not required. $5 per person all you can carry - 1 trip per person. Farmers Market, 2nd & Arizona Ave. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. http://farmersmarket.smgov.net/

October 29

Think Like A College Admissions Officer

Understand what college admissions officers look for in applications, recommendation letters and admission interviews. Presented by C2 Education. Grades 9-12. Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mythology of the Werewolf with Mari Hamill

Author Mari Hamill discusses the mythology of the werewolf, as well as its history in popular culture. Her novel Werewolf Nights is a kitschy twist on the horror thriller genre. A book sale and signing follows the program. Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 6 - 8 p.m.

Playwriting Workshop

Writing instructor Anna Stramese leads this four-part weekly workshop focusing on the basic elements of playwriting. No prior creative writing experience is required. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Help Santa Monica Win LA2050 Funds to Address Teen Mental Health

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and City of Santa Monica are asking for the community to support efforts to tackle the teen mental health issues by casting their vote for The Thrive Center at Samohi in this year's LA2050 contest. The $100,000 prize would fund a next generation holistic approach needed to effectively address the range of challenges faced by teens in our community. Lessons learned in Santa Monica would be shared in order to benefit the larger Los Angeles region.

"Students today are exposed to many things and many are under stress. We are concerned that in a recent California Healthy Kids Survey, 26 percent of middle and high school youth report feelings of depression and over half of 11th graders surveyed report substance or alcohol use, and 22 percent of them report binge drinking," said SMMUSD Superintendent Sandy Lyon. "It is clear that we need to provide more education about the effects of substance and alcohol use as well as information on healthy choices and lifestyles. Embedded wellness services in our schools will help us do that more effectively. The Thrive Center at Samohi will be a revolutionary step toward effectively dealing with this issue."

The Thrive Center is a key strategy in Santa Monica's Cradle to Career multi-pronged initiative to boost the wellbeing of youth and families in our community. Other strategies focus on coordinated whatever-it-takes services for Santa Monica's most vulnerable older youth and helping parents prepare their children for the critical transition from preschool to kindergarten.

"Santa Monica is a community where people matter. We have a long, dedicated track record when it comes to programs and resources that improve the health and wellbeing of our residents," said Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown. "Our youth are our most precious resource. Doing everything we can to help them thrive should be a top priority."

Through the LA2050 Challenge, 10 winners will each receive $100,000 to implement their vision. Voting for the Thrive Center at Samohi will increase its eligibility for funding. Public voting is open until noon on Tuesday, November 3. Visit http://myla2050live2015.maker.good.is/projects/samohithrive for more details and to vote in support of this important program.

Santa Monica Cradle to Career, or smC2C, is a collective impact collaboration among the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, Santa Monica College, and direct service providers. smC2C partners work together to develop and implement coordinated strategies to help children and families in Santa Monica thrive.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER

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California campus intolerance policy stirs free-speech fight

CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

Students, professors and activists wrangled at a public forum Monday over how best to address intolerance at the University of California, with some Jewish groups arguing the schools should adopt a policy with a more precise definition of anti-Semitism and others saying it would stifle free speech.

A working group of regents and university leaders invited input as it works to revise a proposed policy denouncing intolerance, which Jewish organizations criticized in September as not going far enough to deter what they describe as a spike in anti-Semitism on UC's 10 campuses.

The public system with nearly 250,000 students has become a focal point in the discussion of freedom of expression and civil liberties on college campuses following several high-profile incidents, including one in which swastikas were spray-painted on a Jewish fraternity house.

"Jewish students are fearful to show their support for Israel," said Leore Ben David, a campus coordinator for the Zionist Organization of America. "I am not here today to silence criticism of Israel. I am asking this working group to take a stand against racism and injustice."

David and other Jewish groups pressed university leaders to adopt the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism, which includes denying Israel's right to exist and blaming it for all interreligious or political tensions.

UC President Janet Napolitano said in a radio interview in May that she believed the system should adopt the definition. Her remarks drew criticism from First Amendment advocates and those critical of Israel's policy toward Palestinians, saying it could be used to censor free speech.

"I am part of a community of Jews and scholars who are critical of Israel," Mandy Cohen, a doctoral candidate in comparative literature at UC Berkeley, said Monday. "They are, in fact, seeking to silence me."

Jewish students and professors described a hostile campus environment in which taking a stand either for or against Israeli policies invites harassment. UC Berkeley student Kelsey Waxman said she has been branded a "self-hating Jew" for condemning Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.

Yaeli Steinberg, a recent UC Davis graduate, said she had trouble filling spots in a Jewish sorority house because students feared they would be targeted. She said anti-Israeli sentiments quickly become anti-Jewish.

"I'm being accused of doing something that has nothing to do with me," she said of Jewish students getting criticized over Israeli-Palestinian violence. "That's threatening."

The initial policy drafted by the UC president's office defined intolerance as "unwelcome conduct" motivated by discrimination or hatred toward a group or individuals. It had outlined various acts including harassment, hate speech and derogatory use of cultural symbols but did not address any particular group.

David Myers, a professor of Jewish history at UCLA, told the working group that he and other scholars believe any policy the board adopts should include but not focus largely on anti-Semitism alone. He said the UC system's spirit of openness was at stake.

"We do not want to stifle that spirit," he said. "At the same time, we want the university to feel safe and secure."

In the coming weeks, the working group will meet with experts on the First Amendment, anti-Semitism and campus tolerance. They will then begin to draft a new policy they hope to put before the board of regents in March, Regent Norm Pattiz said.

"We're here to listen," Pattiz said. "What I'm feeling is there are an awful lot of people who have addressed the group who want to find a solution."

It will be a challenge for the working group to draft a policy that more precisely defines intolerance without infringing on free speech protections, said Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition. No other public university system has adopted the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism.

"In all but the most extreme circumstances, they're going to find that the First Amendment is an obstacle that they cannot surmount and shouldn't," he said.

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Will you join us in committing to a Vision Zero future?

WILL YOU JOIN US IN COMMITTING TO a future where our streets are community open spaces, safe for our children, our grandparents, and everyone else who uses them?

Santa Monica redoubled its commitment to a future of universally safe streets last week when the city released its draft Pedestrian Action Plan, listing as a top community priority Vision Zero, the idea that all our streets should be planned and designed with the underlying principle that safety for all those who use them as the top priority.

Now it is up to us, as members of this community and users of its streets, to achieve this ambitious — yet attainable — future.

As the Plan puts it, "Vision Zero Santa Monica acts as an agreement between the community and City to coordinate efforts and concentrate on the elimination of traffic injuries and fatalities."

We must commit, as individuals, to increasing our own awareness of others with whom we share the streets; we must commit to holding ourselves responsible for our own behavior on the road; and we must commit to supporting programs, plans, and strategies that put people — not cars — first on our public streets.

Vision Zero, which began in Sweden and has since spread throughout the world, benefits everyone. No one wants to feel as if they are taking their lives into their hands simply when they are out on an afternoon stroll, driving an older relative to a doctor's appointment, or riding a bike to school.

While this may sound like common sense, there are still streets in our city, like Olympic, Lincoln, and parts of Wilshire, for example, which were designed to move cars through our neighborhoods at highway speeds at the expense of our safety.

Success stories, like the redesign of Ocean Park Boulevard near John Adams Middle School, show us that Vision Zero is a realizable goal and not, as some detractors would have you believe, a flight of utopian fancy.

Simply by redesigning that stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard saw a 65 percent drop in the number of collisions, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

As we strive to create complete neighborhoods, as our burgeoning Downtown is becoming, Vision Zero becomes even more vital.

If we want a world in which people can live, work, access quality transit, and find their daily necessities within comfortable walking, biking, or rolling — for those who may rely on wheelchairs or other assistance for mobility — distance from home, safety must come first.

So, will you join us in working toward this future?

Laurie Brenner, Grace Phillips, Cynthia Rose, Dwight Flowers, Judy Abdo, Sharon and John Hart, Jerry Rubin, Claire Bowen, and Jason Islas for Santa Monica Forward. Read previous columns at santamonicaforward.org.

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Editor:

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Paul Bailey
Santa Monica

FAA and Santa Monica Airport

Editor:

Mayor McKeown is blind to irony. Last July he flew to Washington DC to petition the FAA to close Santa Monica Airport (SMO). Using the safest form of transportation in history, bar none, air travel. Where did the pilots, mechanics and dispatchers of that airplane learn their craft? Probably at a local airport like SMO. Not content with trying to close and develop one of the safest forms of transportation in Santa Monica, he now claims, along with all other city council members, to be aviation safety and health experts in a full-page ad in this newspaper? Really? Mr. McKeown, show us your facts and supposed "experts" on SMO safety and health and let's debate them on hard facts. Until, then, please don't waste our hard-earned taxpayer dollars on full-page newspaper ads.

SMO is the safest form of transportation in the City. See SMPD transportation death and injury statistics for any year you choose. To be irony-proof in future, Mr. McKeown should swear-off all future air travel.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Awareness month ends, domestic violence doesn't

WE'RE AT THE END OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC Violence Awareness month, but that doesn't mean the issue goes away. Families continue to suffer as individuals act out, and lives are impacted for decades by the trauma suffered as a child. The effort to stop domestic violence continues whether or not there are purple or white ribbons everywhere.

The advocacy work that is done continues year-round, and in some ways it is disheartening that there is only a month a year given to the awareness of something that impacts our society so profoundly. For example, there is an estimated loss of 8 million days a year of paid work by victims of domestic violence. The cost is estimated to be over $8.3 billion annually.

Locally, the cost of maintaining a shelter such as Sojourn is put at over $2 million annually, as listed in the public documents for OPCC's $22-million budget. Sojourn is one of many Los Angeles County shelters that are available for women and children to flee violent and abusive homes and relationships.

Abusive relationships affect everyone, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Men experience psychological aggression at slightly greater levels than women, (48.8 percent vs. 48.4 percent) and equal rates of coercive control in at least one form (four out of 10 people).

Getting to numbers that can be agreed upon is a primary difficulty in solving the problem of domestic violence because making the case for more services in any particular area is tricky without hard numbers. For example, when I discuss domestic violence, oftentimes others want to focus on rape, stalking and harassment. And while those are examples of domestic violence with higher perpetration rates among men, emotional and psychological abuse by women are often ignored.

In any situation where you can slice and dice the numbers to make them read and support what you want, the opportunity for political gains (chiefly, funding) will become a driving force. There's a reason why the Violence Against Women Act is not named the Ending Domestic Violence Act. Historically, this has been good in that Congress has funded the domestic violence shelters like Sojourn, Valley Oasis, Women's Shelter of Long Beach, Haven Hills and Jewish Family Services.

These providers have been built on a combination of public and private grants, donations and dedicated volunteers who have worked long hours for low pay to help those in need. The industry is evolving, and unfortunately we're seeing an increase in victims but not an increase in funding.

As the definition of domestic violence has expanded, the need for service providers has grown as well. Government agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have long recognized that certain populations are underserved. A 2011 report on sexual violence notes that analyses of data "suggest that nearly half of female victims and approximately two-thirds of male victims who indicated a need for services did not receive any of the services needed as a result of intimate partner violence experienced during their lifetimes. Research is needed to examine the degree to which needed services are not being received and to determine whether any existing gap is attributable to services being unavailable, inaccessible, or inadequate, or to victims choosing not to use available services."

The lack of services, and the underutilization of those that do exist, are two of the main reasons why I'm doing the documentary, "What About The Men? Exploring the Hidden Side of Domestic Violence." The same issues that the CDC is curious about, I'm curious about. Why do men not report? Why do men not utilize the services available? And most importantly, how do we reach them to get them to stop the cycle of violence and protect their children?

I'm doing a crowdfunding campaign on IndieGoGo if you'd like to help me raise $5,000, increase awareness and put a stop the cycle of violence. Your tax deductible donation goes to StopAbuseForEveryone.org and is earmarked for our production. If you can, please help by donating here: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/what-about-the-men-the-hidden-side-of-dv.

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Updates from the Lions Club

OCTOBER HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH for the Santa Monica Lions. We have been busy distributing eyeglass and hearing aid collection boxes, gathering thrift for Helping Hands for the Blind, supporting member Kathy Boole's fundraising efforts for the Santa Monica Breakfast Club and taking opportunities chance to work with other service clubs in Santa Monica.

St. John's Health Center has requested several eyeglass and hearing aid collection boxes that will be distributed throughout the health care facility. If you have old glasses or hearing aids, you can drop them off there. In fact, because more people are donating these items, we will be publishing a list of collection locations on our Facebook page and our website next month. If you or anyone you know would like to have a collection box, please contact me at (310) 623-4499. We can make arrangements to get a collection box to you and schedule a pickup of the donated items.

Ho Nguyen led a collection of thrift for Helping Hands for the Blind (www.helpinghands4theblind.org/hand-up.html). Lions and friends collected over 20 bags and boxes of new and used clothes, household items, toys, books, small appliances and furniture. HH4B was founded 15 years ago as an organization of blind people who want to help other blind people by empowering them and providing assistance. If you want to donate items to HH4B, the group has a weekly pickup route on the Westside on Mondays. Call (818) 830-3907 to schedule a pickup.

Boole, meanwhile, is an amazing woman, always ready to lend a hand for any of our Lions functions. But we aren't the only club to benefit from Kathy's talents; she also chaired the Santa Monica Breakfast Club's high tea event at Pacific Dining Car. Many Lions and their friends showed up in support. It was the first edition of what I am sure will become an annual event. Along with the delicious tea treats there was a silent auction. In addition to raising funds for the pediatric dental care of underprivileged families, the event honored Louise Gabriel.

This month I also had the pleasure of meeting Jessica Handy, the new president of the local Kiwanis Club. She called me, along with other service club presidents, regarding an idea she had about doing a joint fundraising project. It's a great idea and I look forward to learning more about it next month.

As everyone's lives become busier because of work or family commitments, it is easy to forget the joy of helping others in need while making new friends with shared values. That is what our local service clubs offer: friendship, laughter and an easy way to help others that need you. Next month the Lions are helping deliver meals with Meals on Wheels West on Nov. 18 and Nov. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, call (310) 623-4499.

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High tides, storm swell to affect Southern California coast

A combination of astronomical high tides and swell from a storm in the Gulf of Alaska will bring the possibility of local coastal flooding to parts of Southern California this week.

The National Weather Service said high tides well over 6 feet are expected from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo counties at midmorning Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Meanwhile, a building swell from the Pacific storm will reach the Southern California Bight by Wednesday afternoon, combining with a southwest swell to create high surf along the mainland and in the Channel Islands. On the Central Coast, sets could reach 15 feet.

Locations prone to local flooding include Long Beach, Venice Beach, Malibu, Port Hueneme, Ventura, and Pismo, Jalama and Oceano beaches.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Series of 8 small fires in LA area investigated as arson

The Los Angeles Fire Department said a series of eight small fires in North Hollywood and Sun Valley are being investigated as arson.

Spokesman Erik Scott says the blazes that broke out around 3 a.m. Sunday included large waste bins and a discarded mattress.

Al the fires were quickly doused and no injuries or major damage was reported.

- AP

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Survey: US gasoline prices drop 10 cents over past 2 weeks

The average price of gasoline has dropped 10 cents over the past two weeks, to $2.24 a gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg reports Sunday that prices have fallen 63 cents in the past 19 weeks.

Lundberg said the price slide could end if crude costs remain close to current levels.

In the Lower 48 states, the highest average price of regular gasoline was $2.87 per gallon in Los Angeles. The lowest was $1.85 in Charleston, South Carolina.

The U.S. average diesel price is $2.56 per gallon, down a penny from two weeks ago.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

7-second police pursuit ends with crash in Hollywood

Los Angeles police say the pursuit of a suspected drunken driver lasted just seven seconds and ended with a crash and the suspect and a passenger trying to flee.

Sgt. Elizabeth Ellis said the suspect hit the gas as soon as police turned on their lights and siren Saturday night in Hollywood.

Just moments later the suspect's car crashed into another vehicle carrying a family of three.

Ellis said the driver and a passenger took off on foot but were caught right away.

City News Service reports a woman, a man and a child in the other car were hospitalized with complaints of pain.

The suspects were also taken to a hospital to be checked out.

Ellis said the driver will likely be booked on felony hit and run and DUI charges.

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CHARGES

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violated. Gould, who retired from the City in 2015, was eventually dropped from the case but the City settled for $710,000.

Documents from the lawsuit showed communication between then Mayor O'Connor and Gould with O'Connor criticizing Riel as a political enemy and someone that O'Connor would not work with.

In the court documents, Gould said he rescinded the job offer because he felt Riel has not disclosed relevant information about her past political activity. Both Gould and O'Connor refuted the allegation that O'Connor was responsible for Gould's decision however the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC) has maintained that O'Connor's actions violate the City Charter.

SMCLC filed a formal complaint after their review of the court documents in August of 2015 and the Santa Monica City Attorney's office referred that complaint to the District Attorney on September 3, 2015.

In response to the District Attorney's letter, SMCLC issued a statement condemning the City for failing to act more quickly.

"To trigger a criminal investigation, sufficient facts must be given to the District Attorney. But in this case all of these facts were in the hands of City staff," said their statement. "Once the City saw that Ms. O'Connor was intimately involved in Ms. Riel's firing it should have either: 1) immediately sent the documents to the District Attorney, or 2) made the documents available to the public so that someone, such as SMCLC, could review them and file a complaint within the required statutory time."

SMCLC has repeatedly asked for an investigation into the Riel case and while the city has not committed to a full-scale investigation, on Nov. 10 the City Council will contract with an outside advisor to conduct an independent review of city practices and make a public presentation regarding their findings.

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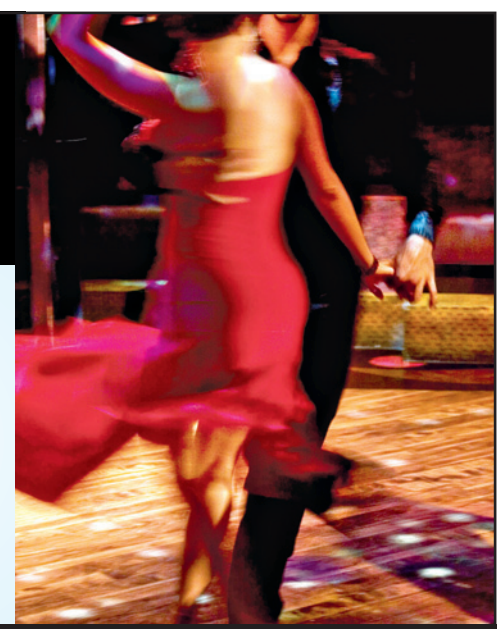
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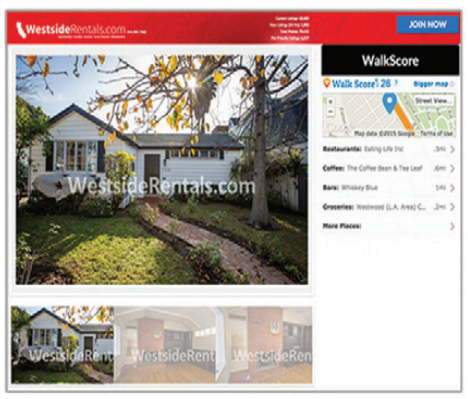
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TEACHER

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State Long Beach.

While in college, she played basketball, softball and badminton, although she lamented that the university didn't have much to offer female athletes until after she graduated.

She said her own teachers and coaches inspired her to pursue a career in athletics education.

Dipley began her teaching career at the private Chadwick School in Rancho Palos Verdes before taking a position at Morningside High School in Inglewood in 1990. She stayed there until she moved into SMMUSD in 2000.

In times of budgetary constraints, Dipley was steadfast in her belief in the importance of physical education.

Of the 7th graders at the 16th Street middle school who took the state's physical fitness test in 2012-13, just 48.6 percent met all six fitness standards, according to the school's report card. The following year, just 63 percent of state fitness test-takers at JAMS met the standard for aerobic capacity, according to state education department figures.

Dipley said physical education is valuable not only because it fosters lifelong fitness habits but also because it plays a significant role in socialization and the development of life skills.

"I get them. I'm 62 going on 12," she said. "I understand how hard it is. It's hard when you're not secure in yourself and you're trying to find your way. They're trying to find their way.

"I believe you should have fun, and I've given it my best. My kids seem to respond well to how I work with them. You can only do your best and then enjoy it."

"Epic adventures await" is Dipley's motto for retirement, as she plans to travel extensively across North America in her RV. She wants to tour parts of the U.S. and Canada that she hasn't seen, like Vermont and Nova Scotia.

"I'm always going somewhere," she said. "But I'm going to spend some extended time in different areas rather than just visiting. I have my mountain bike and kayak, and I'm ready to go. You don't need anything else."

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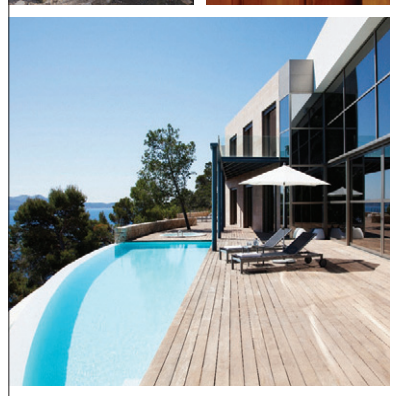
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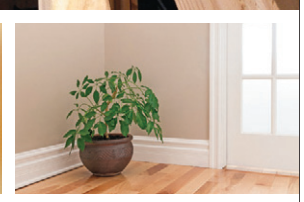
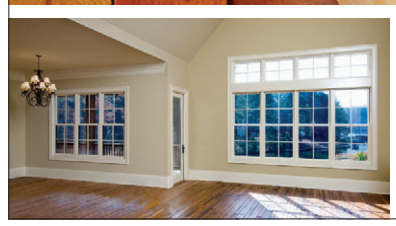
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Hot dog makers, meat sellers shake off WHO cancer report

JOSEPH PISANI
AP Business Writer

Hot dog makers and meat sellers say a report from the World Health Organization labeling wieners, bacon and other processed meats as cancer-causers is baloney.

WHO said Monday that processed meats raised the risk of colon, stomach and other cancers. It also said red meat probably contributes to the disease, too.

Meat eaters at a New York food court mostly shrugged off the report Monday. And Wall Street investors seemed to do the same, with shares of meat producers little changed.

The North American Meat Institute, which represents meat producers, said the report was "alarmist."

"Classifying red and processed meat as cancer 'hazards' defies both common sense and numerous studies showing no correlation between meat and cancer," the association said in a statement.

Hormel Foods, which sells Spam, sliced bacon and canned chili, said the report "did not look at the benefits of meat consumption," which it cited as including "important nutrients" and "high quality proteins."

But Hormel may also be preparing for a shift in consumers eating less processed foods. Earlier this year it paid $775 million to buy Applegate Farms, which sells organic deli meats, hot dogs and bacon, and doesn't use antibiotics, hormones, artificial ingredients or chemical preservatives.

Shares of Hormel Foods Corp. fell 1 percent Monday, as did shares of Kraft Heinz Co., which makes Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Shares of Tyson Foods Inc., the maker of Ball Park hot dogs, Jimmy Dean sausage and Hillshire Farm ham, fell nearly 5 percent, but that was attributed more to a research report from a JPMorgan Chase analyst that said Tyson is losing market share to competitors.

Whether Americans will stay away from hot dogs, bacon and other meaty treats remains to be seen. Visitors at a food court in New York's Penn Station, which houses a Nathan's Famous hot dog restaurant, mostly said the WHO report won't change what they eat.

"People nowadays, they say 'I'm going to change my eating habits,' but when you're hungry and you have to grab something close by, you're going to eat there," said Randy Duran of New York.

Clevie Henry from St. Lucia said the convenience and taste of processed meat outweighs the pitfalls.

"Anything tastes better with bacon," Henry said.

Associated Press writer Damian J. Troise contributed to this report.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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

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

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON OCTOBER 16, AT ABOUT 6:08 P.M.

A motorist passing through the area of Yale Street and Santa Monica Boulevard called to report a male subject was dancing in one of the turn lanes and creating a hazard. An additional reporting party told dispatchers that a subject with the same description was leaning up against the wall of a nearby business exposing his penis and masturbating. Responding officers located the subject in the 2800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard and made contact with the citizen who witnessed the indecent exposure. The witness positively identified the detained male subject as the masturbator and agreed to sign a Private Person's Arrest form. The officers took the male into custody and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail. The suspect refused to provide any identifying information to the jailers and was booked as John Doe. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 360 calls for service on Oct. 25.

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

Battery 3rd Street Prom/Wilshire 12:03 a.m.
Party complaint Stanford/Broadway 12:09 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Main 12:32 a.m.
Panhandling Ocean/Colorado 12:51 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1200 block of 23rd 1:01 a.m.
Shots fired 1200 block of 23rd 1:02 a.m.
Fight Ocean/Broadway 2:04 a.m.
Drunk driving 15th/Wilshire 2:31 a.m.
Hit and run 1900 block of Ocean 3:01 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:52 a.m.
Loud music 6th/Bay 4:48 a.m.
Battery 2100 block of Santa Monica 4:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1900 block of Frank 6:58 a.m.
Domestic violence 600 block of Strand 7:08 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of Euclid 7:47 a.m.
Identity theft 1000 block of 3rd 8:12 a.m.
Panhandling 1700 block of Ocean 9:01 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of Chelsea 9:04 a.m.
Auto burglary 400 block of 21st 9:10 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 9:22 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 9:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto 600 block of 7th 10:12 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th/Broadway 10:23 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of 18th 10:51 a.m.
Traffic accident 14th/Olympic 10:52 a.m.
Grand theft auto 600 block of 7th 10:55 a.m.
Speeding 1700 block of Stewart 11:17 a.m.
Bike theft 6th/Santa Monica 12:15 p.m.
Drunk driving 1500 block of 7th 12:16 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1500 block of 19th 12:53 p.m.
Injured person 2300 block of 2nd 1:05 p.m.
Traffic accident 1500 block of Broadway 1:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 22nd/Georgina 1:36 p.m.
Drunk driving Stewart/Virginia 1:43 p.m.
Found property 2600 block of Main 1:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of Ocean 1:50 p.m.
Injured person 4th/Broadway 2:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block of 20th 2:27 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block of 26th 2:29 p.m.
Grand theft auto 600 block of 7th 2:49 p.m.
Stakeout 600 block of Marine 2:59 p.m.
Person down 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:04 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block of 12th 3:11 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Bay 4:22 p.m.
Grand theft 3000 block of Airport 4:23 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 500 block of Santa Monica 4:43 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Lincoln 5:30 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 2500 block of Main 5:37 p.m.
Drunk driving 25th/Ocean Park 5:42 p.m.
Grand theft 3000 block of Airport 5:43 p.m.
Battery 2200 block of Virginia 6:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of 16th 6:58 p.m.
Traffic accident 1000 block of Palisades Beach 7:02 p.m.
Traffic accident 1000 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 7:04 p.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Olympic 8:02 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of 14th 9:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block of San Vicente 9:32 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 37 calls for service on Oct. 25.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS), 23rd/Arizona, 1:04 a.m.
Injuries from assault, 100 block Broadway, 2:12 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block 7th, 3:46 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block Georgina, 5:27 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block Georgina, 7:13 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block 14th, 7:48 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 100 block Pacific, 9 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block Wilshire, 9:26 a.m.
Wires down, 2nd/Mills, 9:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 2100 block Wilshire, 9:52 a.m.
Odor of natural gas, 1100 block 15th, 11:19 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block Santa Monica, 11:58 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block Ocean, 12:06 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 20th, 12:39 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block 2nd, 1:05 p.m.
EMS, 400 block Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block Palisades Park, 2:32 p.m.
EMS, 600 block Santa Monica, 2:38 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block 9th, 3:01 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block 3rd, 3:32 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 19th, 3:51 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 2nd, 3:54 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block 15th, 4:02 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block Ocean Front Walk, 4:03 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block 20th, 4:47 p.m.
EMS, 700 block Ocean, 4:51 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block Michigan, 4:59 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1500 block 2nd, 6:04 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block 6th, 7 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block PCH, 7:04 p.m.
EMS, 1000 block 7th, 7:23 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block 7th, 7:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block 7th, 8:48 p.m.
EMS, 2700 block Colorado, 10:01 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

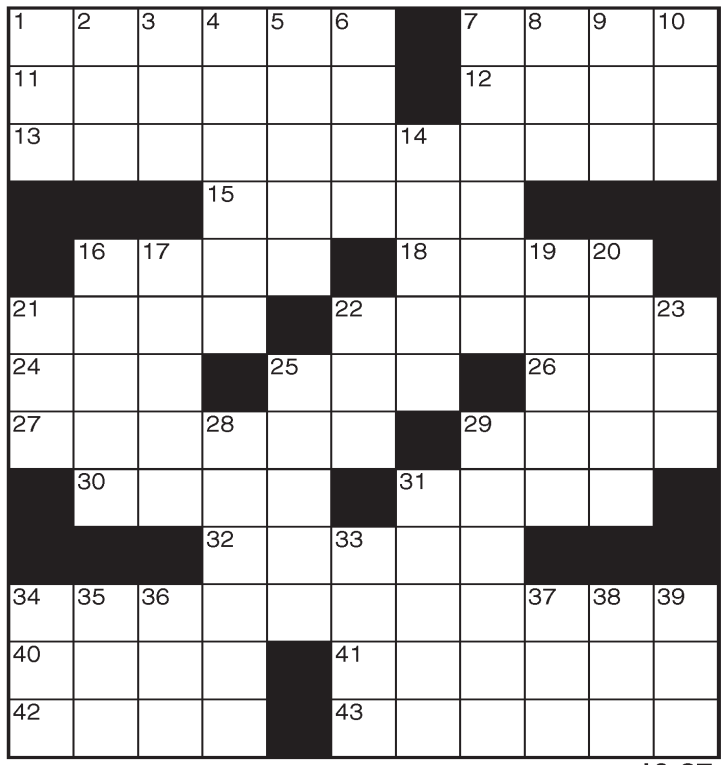
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27 Stab in the back
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43 Like some boxes

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10 Fawn's mother
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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



10-27

MYSTERY PHOTO
Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



The photo was taken west of 15th Street, south of California Ave. and North of Pico Blvd. Send answers to editor@smdp.com. The first correct answer wins a prize.



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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 ★★

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

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

1	5	4	7	3	9	2	8	6
2	8	9	5	6	1	7	3	4
7	3	6	8	4	2	5	1	9
3	7	5	1	2	6	9	4	8
8	4	2	9	7	3	6	5	1
6	9	1	4	8	5	3	7	2
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL (calottery)
Draw Date: 10/24
20 31 56 60 64
Power#: 2
Jackpot: 110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/23
25 32 37 45 70
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 117M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/24
1 12 15 28 45
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/25
2 23 28 31 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/26
MIDDAY: 2 1 5
Draw Date: 10/25
EVENING: 7 4 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/25
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:45.24

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WORD UP!

taphephobia
1. Psychiatry. an abnormal fear of being buried alive.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1914 – The British lose their first battleship of World War I: The British super-dreadnought battleship HMS Audacious (23,400 tons), is sunk off Tory Island, north-west of Ireland, by a minefield laid by the armed German merchant-cruiser Berlin.The loss was kept an official secret in Britain until November 14 1918. The sinking was witnessed and photographed by passengers on RMS Olympic sister ship of RMS Titanic.

1916 – Battle of Segale: Negus Mikael, marching on the Ethiopian capital in support of his son Emperor Iyasu V, is defeated by Fitawrari abte Giyorgis, securing the throne for Empress Zewditu I.

1922 – A referendum in Rhodesia rejects the country's annexation to the South African Union.

1924 – The Uzbek SSR is founded in the Soviet Union.

1936 – Mrs Wallis Simpson files for divorce which would eventually allow her to marry King Edward VIII of the United Kingdom, thus forcing his abdication from the throne.

1944 – World War II: German forces capture Banská Bystrica during Slovak National Uprising thus bringing it to an end.

1948 – Léopold Sédar Senghor founds the Senegalese Democratic Bloc.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Merit Systems Protection Board is (wrote The Washington Post) "a personnel court of last resort" for federal employees unfairly punished by demotion or firing – which is just what employee Timothy Korb needed when his federal agency suspended him in 2013, allegedly for revealing at a staff meeting that the agency's actual case backlog was much worse than it was letting on. Korb's employer, ironically, is the Merit Systems Protection Board, and in September 2015, an administrative law judge upheld his claim of unfairness.

■ Philosophy professor Anna Stubblefield (Rutgers-Newark University) was convicted of aggravated sexual assault against a severely disabled man she was discovered having sex with on the floor in a locked office, but at trial in September, she testified that the man had "consent(ed)" and that the two were "in love." The victim, 34, has cerebral palsy and other ailments, wears diapers, requires assistance for nearly all activities, is intellectually disabled, and does not speak, "except for making noises," according to a brother. Stubblefield had been working with him on the controversial practice of "facilitated communication," in which a facilitator reads a patient's mind via subtleties such as eye movement and articulates the words for him. However, a jury failed to appreciate that facilitated "consent" and quickly convicted her.

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Activism • Animals • Arts • Community • Education • Environment • Health

The 'kids' are all right

by Megan Tambio

It's tough to be green in the modern day. With harmful plants and the easy solution of herbicides and chemicals designed to kill them, even gardening and keeping up large pieces of land is tough to do in an entirely eco-friendly way.

But there are heroes here to save the day (and they're freaking adorable): Goats!

Goats can eat unwanted plants like poison ivy and poison oak without getting heartburn, so growers are beginning to bring groups of the animals in to clean up their properties. Growers get rid of dangerous plants and goats get a hearty meal.

Besides being hazardous to humans, poison plants can disrupt the ecosystem, especially when they aren't native to the area. Herbicides are cheap and easy, but with years of use the toxins from it can build up in the soil and make it difficult to grow anything. Like antibiotic over-use and the resulting strains of impervious diseases, herbicides can also create super weeds. Having goats eat these plants proves a simple, natural alternative that circumvents these issues.

The goat cleanup market is still pretty small, but the trend is growing. You can even 'hire' some goats via Amazon's Home Services! It's a rare win-win-win situation (also, did I mention it's cute?)



Search the Causes directory at giive.org for nonprofits in your area that promote sustainable agriculture.

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Make it early tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You have a lot on your mind. A loved one might challenge your financial wisdom, and will let you know when you are wrong. Maintain a sense of humor rather than become emotional. Someone could change his or her mind about an important matter. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll let go of morning grumpiness by the midafternoon. You will see a path open with agreeable opportunities. Your ability to see way past the obvious and understand results helps you determine your choices. Express your grounded perspective. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use the morning for important matters. You could discover how awkward you are around a dear friend. You might be picking up this person's need for space. You know what needs to happen, but taking action is another story. Trust your gut. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might feel pressured right now. Part of the problem could be a judgment that you are making about a situation. Try letting go of this preconception, and see what happens. Schedule meetings for the evening, when success greets you more easily. Tonight: Join a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Return calls as soon as you can. Pressure builds to be at your finest in the afternoon. You could be arguing an important point or meeting someone who is significant to you. Stay present, and know that you have some observers around you. Tonight: Assume the lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Discussions in the morning might be most effective if done on an individual basis. Some of the conversation could make you uneasy. By the afternoon, you will test out a different perspective that points to several new possibilities. Tonight: Get into Full Moon mode.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Allow someone else to go in his or her own direction and see the consequences of his or her choices. An afternoon discussion you have will be poignant and important to be part of. A family member or a domestic matter needs attention. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Clear out errands and other cumbersome details in the morning. You will want to be available in the afternoon to make calls and schedule meetings. Once a conversation starts, it might be difficult to shut down. Be intuitive. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Try to lighten up. Recognize the real reason you might be argumentative with others; it has more to do with you than them. Stay focused on one matter at a time. Your intuition takes you down an intriguing path. A supervisor expresses appreciation. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stop fighting an inevitable difference of opinion. You can't seem to reconcile the problem. Perhaps it is only an issue because of your unique perspective. Try to discuss this situation with a friend or colleague. Open up to change. Tonight: Go off and hear some live music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a tendency to say what you want and mean it. Your bluntness also tends to push people away or create sour feelings. Pressure builds around your home or family life. Make time to listen to someone else's point of view. Tonight: At home. Make it easy!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with a financial situation early on. You won't want to postpone this situation any longer, as it irks you and gets under your skin. Communication is likely to flourish in the afternoon. You might have a lot to say. Others will listen. Tonight: Be responsive.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

This year you often feel pressured by feeling one way but believing the opposite should be true. Get to the bottom of certain issues to find a resolution. You have a nearly psychic ability, and you sense things before they happen. Don't be put off by the unexpected, as it will occur a fair amount of time. If you are single, others often seek you out for more than friendship. The bonds you form are likely to be volatile if you insist on always being right. If you are attached, the two of you often come from different perspectives. Seek a solution that works for both of you. TAURUS is as stubborn as you are.

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

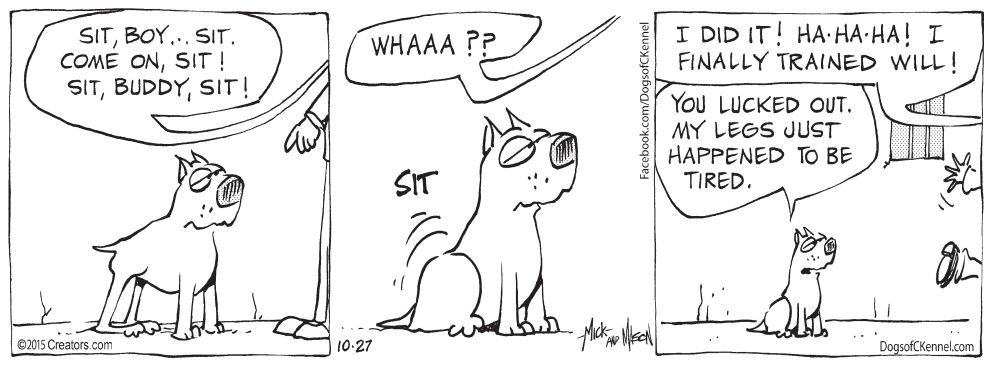
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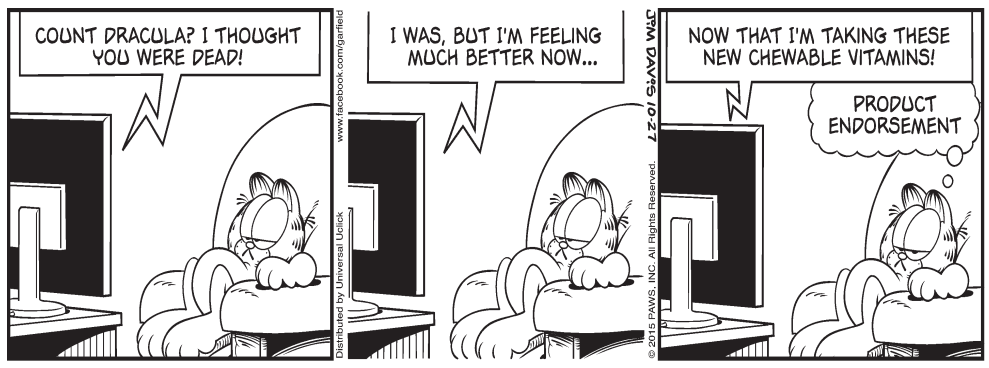
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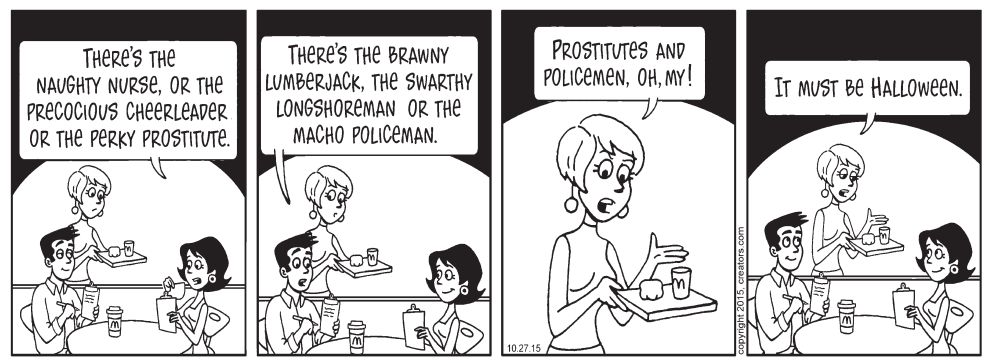
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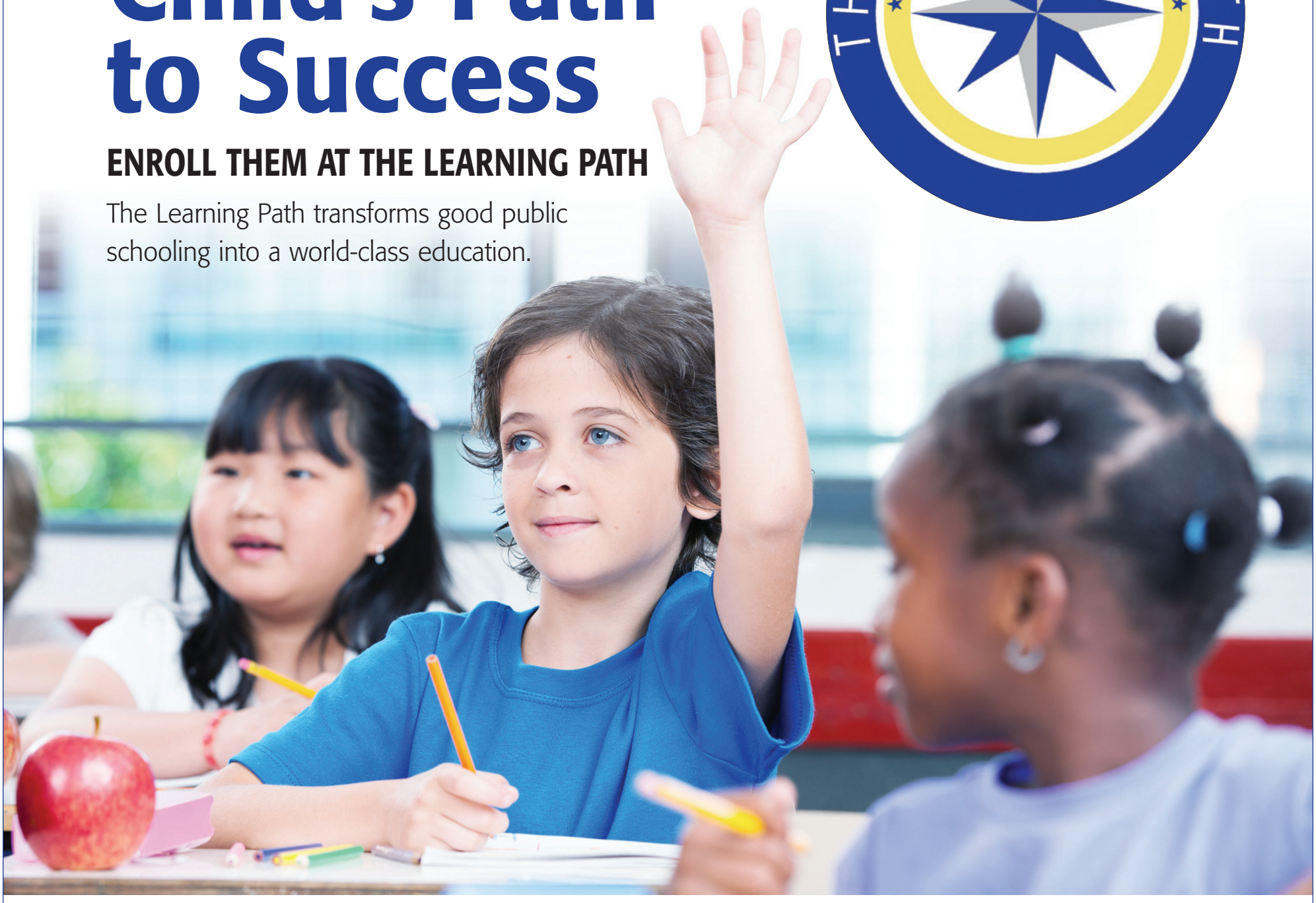
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