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THE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION ISSUE

Mayor faces more campaign finance scrutiny

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Mayor Pam O'Connor returned a slew of \$325 contributions from developers to whom she'd previously conferred a benefit but, according to the most recent campaign disclosure statements, she accepted more from owners of a different development company she'd voted to help.

O'Connor said the second round of illegal contributions were already returned to the developers. She provided the Daily Press with an e-mailed response from her treasurer who acknowledged that on Oct. 17, the day before the most recent filing deadline, O'Connor requested that the cash

be returned.

The checks were refunded and sent to the contributors on Oct. 20, the treasurer said. Still, the funds from owners of the Edward Thomas Company, show up on O'Connor's most recent campaign disclosure statement.

Edward Thomas owns Hotel Casa del Mar and Shutters Hotel on Ocean Avenue.

In 2012, City Council, with a "yes" from O'Connor, approved the sale of the City Hall-owned vacant beach lot at 1920 Ocean Way to the Edward Thomas Management Company for \$13 million.

On Oct. 5, according to the disclosure statements, O'Connor accepted batch contributions from individuals associated with

Edward Thomas, including partner Thomas Slatkin, owner Edward Slatkin, and President Timothy Dubois. Each gave \$325.

"If they are listed the treasurer made the mistake in not refunding in a timely manner," O'Connor said in an e-mail.

Her treasurer is David Gould.

A part of Santa Monica's Municipal Code called the Oaks initiative states that city officials cannot accept campaign contributions from individuals to whom they've previously conferred a benefit.

The same disclosure statement shows that O'Connor returned cash that she'd

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Himmelrich, McKinnon lead council spending race

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
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CITYWIDE City Council candidates have spent more than \$375,000 on their campaigns as they enter the final week of the race.

This money does not include the political action committees, which are spending additional hundreds of thousands of dollars to support their favored candidates independently.

Planning Commissioner Sue Himmelrich leads the spending race at \$90,183, as of her most recently filed campaign disclosure statements. She's loaned herself \$90,000 and has another \$12,000 in the bank from contributors.

Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon trails close behind, having spent \$88,253. McKinnon has loaned himself \$50,000 and received \$32,000 from contributors, with \$17,500 in unpaid bills.

Himmelrich's money has been going toward campaign consultants and mailers — one that dropped this week portrays the proposed hotel developments along Ocean Avenue as Godzilla. McKinnon's has covered mailers, consulting, and some digital advertising.

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Closing time for Chivas USA

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES Felix Borja scored a goal on the 32nd minute in a 1-0 victory against the San Jose Earthquake on Sunday to finish the season in seventh place in the Western Conference. That was the last goal and the

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BLOW-OUT

Morgan Genser

Culver City hosted Santa Monica High School in an Ocean League football game on Oct. 24. Samohi won 42-0. With the win Samohi improves their record to 2-1 in league play and 4-4 overall. Pictured are Justin Nelson making a tackle and Joshua Pittman catching a pass.

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**What's Up
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

October 28

Student success workshop

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.
Does your teen know the three steps in the Recipe for Academic Success? Academic Life Coach Hayden Lee will discuss how to reduce stress and increase motivation, productivity, and fulfillment in school. For grades 7 and up, and their parents. Free program - no registration required.

Halloween Ha Ha's

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 4:30 p.m.
Description: Join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for some stories, songs, and lots of fun. Tickets are free.

City Council Meeting

City Hall
1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.
Visit <http://www.smgov.net/departments/council/> for more information.

Family pajama story time

Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 6 p.m.
Wear your costume or pajamas!
Ages 2 and up.

Big Draw LA at the library

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:45 p.m.
Create an original masterpiece in this workshop led by Art to Grow On, Inc.

October 29

All you can carry pumpkin patch

Farmers Market
Arizona at 2nd St. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Strategically stack and balance all the pumpkins you can carry, put them in your teeth, balance them on your head (no help from friends, and no equipment please) then carry them to the end of the 25 foot long pumpkin patch lane and they are yours! Costumes encouraged. \$5.

An evening with Jane Smiley

New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Jane Smiley is the author of numerous novels, including "A Thousand Acres," which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, as well as four works of nonfiction. In 2001 she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She received the PEN USA Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature in 2006. \$20 General Admission; \$30 Reserved Seats.

Peace Now free concert

RAWvolution
2301 Main St. 6 p.m.
RAWvolution presents the Peace Now Concert with Greg Cipes, supporting 1 Billion Signatures for peace.

Just for Seniors: email basics.

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Learn about email and how it works. Hands-on practice with sending email. Sign up for your own email account. This is the final session of a 3-part introductory computer class series tailored for seniors and those who want to learn at a slower pace. Registration is not required. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608.

Day of the Dead Documentary and Discussion

Pico branch library
2201 Pico Blvd. 6 - 8 p.m.
The documentary by Metamorphosis Documentation Project, The Feast of the Souls, followed by a discussion, co-presented with the Mexican Consulate/Asuntos Culturales. Programa bilingue.

Medicare 101

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6 p.m.

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Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Civic history at the Santa Monica Museum

The Santa Monica History Museum has an exhibit that highlights and celebrates the performances at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. In the summer of 1958, Santa Monica inaugurated a 3,000 seat cultural mecca, just two blocks from the ocean. Throughout its 55 years as a cultural venue, the Civic hosted everything from the concerts of Eric Clapton, the Beach Boys, and Marvin Gaye to the Academy Awards of the 1960s to the Dalai Lama's "Wheel of Time" initiation ceremony. From its celebrated mid-century modern International Style architecture to its innovative main floor, the Civic was adaptable to a variety of cultural affairs.

Cultural Mecca explores the social and cultural impact the Civic had on Santa Monica's and greater Los Angeles' cultural fabric. Supported by historical photographs and artifacts, visitors will return to the cultural mecca of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

On view at the Santa Monica History Museum through Jan. 24, Cultural Mecca chronicles the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium's fascinating history.

The exhibit highlights the performances hosted by the Civic Auditorium, including the TAMI Show in 1964, the Academy Awards in the 1960s, and the pop and rock bands from the 1970s into the 2000s.

Museum Manager and Exhibit Curator, Danielle Lewis said "The Civic really was a dynamic cultural center for the city of Santa Monica. What fascinates me most about it is that you can trace the evolution of popular music through the performers at the Civic. From the big name performers of the 60s and 70s to the punk scene that breathed new life into the venue in the 80s, the Civic is a really good barometer of the music scene in Los Angeles and Santa Monica."

The museum is open Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. To learn more visit <http://www.santamonicahistory.org>

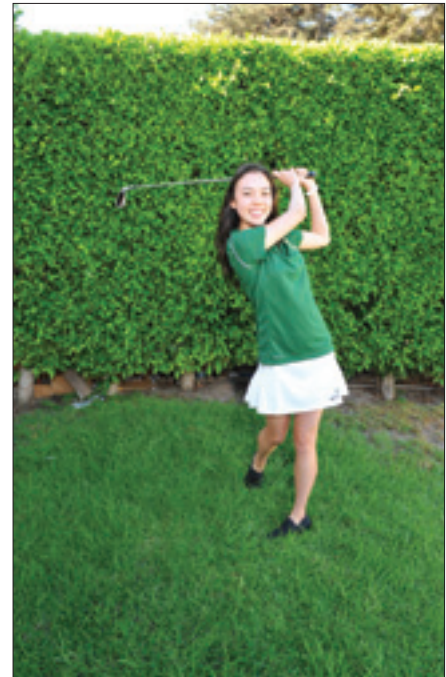
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St. Monica's sports results



Courtesy photo

SERVE: Savannah Cragin is part of the Mariners team that beat Pomona.



Courtesy photo

SWING: Acacia Shyr is a standout on the Mariners golf squad.

BY RICK BRUCE

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Mariners came away with another victory against Pomona Catholic High School. Both the JV and Varsity teams won in straight sets. Varsity completed their match 28-26, 25-17, 25-12 with Nia Allen serving the match winning ace. Nia led the Lady Mariners with eight kills, six solo blocks, one assisted block, and four aces. Senior Chanel Smith had seven kills and one block assist. Savannah Cragin was close behind with seven kills and six digs. Destiny Ramirez made her debut with two

kills, no hitting errors on five attempts, one block assist, two digs, and no service errors. Victoria Bachawati had an amazing night with 18 digs, two kill assists, and no service errors. Senior Brittany Hualde had 18 kill assists and served an amazing match high 16 serves.

GIRLS GOLF

Congratulations to Acacia Shyr for finishing third in Del Rey League girls golf prelims. Acacia is a junior at St. Monica and has qualified for the league finals three straight years as well as the CIFSS playoffs the last two years.

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Confused about Medicare? Medicare Specialist Samuel Schwartz will answer questions and provide information to help you make educated decisions regarding your healthcare. Age(s): 50+/Seniors, Adults

October 30

Monster Bash

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Ave. 7:30 - 11 p.m.
Join us for a spooktacular time! There will be casino games, a silent auction, prizes, complimentary specialty drink, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, frighteningly good entertainment, a no host full bar and Halloween costume contest! Proceeds benefit Meals on

Wheels. \$100 advance; \$125 at the door

Comedy Halloween Party

M.i. Westside Comedy Theater
1323 3rd Street Promenade 8 p.m.
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be a haunted green room, costume party and karaoke from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Homework help

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No on D

Editor:

I'm not a pilot, and I'm not a developer. And yet, I recognize that the issues surrounding Santa Monica airport are far more nuanced than any campaign would have you believe.

Unfortunately, Measure D is carefully worded to take all of the nuance away. It would prohibit any changes whatsoever to aviation operations, unless we first vote to close the airport entirely and then successfully close it.

That second part is really important, because in reality, the FAA isn't going to allow us to shut the airport down completely. So Measure D would make the airport "All or Nothing" - and at the same time, it would make the "Nothing" option impossible.

If Measure D passes, we'll be stuck with a dangerous, costly, noisy, polluting Jetport, with absolutely no ability to mitigate or manage it - forever.

In contrast, Measure LC will empower our City to manage the airport, including raising aviation rents to market rates (thus stopping the taxpayer subsidy of aviation businesses). It would also allow us to pursue shortening the runway, which is the most plausible compromise with regard to the land agreements and the FAA. Doing so would keep the airport open, but eliminate the jets, thus returning Santa Monica Airport to being the charming, good-neighbor airport it used to be.

As for concerns about what might happen to airport land if any part of the airport were to close, Measure LC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect ourselves from any future development on that land, and it would be a colossal shame if we let that slip through our fingers. It would specifically prohibit the City and Council, now and in the future, from new development on that land--with the notable exceptions of parks, public open spaces, recreation areas, and existing arts, cultural, and educational uses. All of these things would be a great benefit for our community.

I encourage you to read the operative texts of the measures carefully, and then please join me, and dozens of community organizations, elected officials, and civic leaders in voting Yes on LC and No on D.

Andrew Wilder

Santa Monica Resident

Measures LC and D: A Perspective

Editor:

Both measures put the ultimate future of the airport into the hands of the people (subject to judicial input, of course). The key difference between them is simple: Measure D effectively says "We will not let the City Council determine the fate of the airport, and we're going to require that the people vote to make any aviation use changes."

Measure LC effectively says "We trust the City Council to do the right thing regarding mitigations of airport impacts, including parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities and we're going to require that the people vote to approve any use that is beyond those possibilities."

Hmm. By objective assessment, Measure D is the more democratic of the two measures as it requires a direct vote of the people to make any aviation changes at all, cutting out the City Council. But we don't live in a pure democracy, in fact, we have elected representatives who are specifically tasked to work thru the complicated considerations of such fraught issues, which Measure LC acknowledges.

The motivation for the two measures lies clearly in the putative disposition of the City Council after the election, which is likely to be one that works to reduce operations, if not attempt to close the airport entirely. The way I see it, you have three choices (the fourth choice, for both measures, is silly):

- 1) Vote No on both measures if you trust our City Council to do the right thing, as it is the least constraining,
- 2) Vote for LC and against D if you partially trust our City Council to do the right thing, and
- 3) Vote no on LC and for D if you just don't trust our City Council to do the right thing.

Jan Ludwinski

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Go vote so you can kvetch later

WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH OF election time. One last week to go. Thank you Jeezus. One more week and those annoying lawn signs can be put in the trash bin of history. Bonzo and Lola can go back to doing their real job as the dogs who guard that little yellow electric car and stop shilling for Bobby Shriver, and I can stop seeing the endless airport pre-roll ads on my YouTube videos.

Six more days of throwing away the never-ending campaign materials. Some of which I've even read. Not many mind you, because they all seem to say the same things, "Vote for ME! Because I'm more awesomer than the other candidate!"

I haven't read the "official" materials yet, but I will and I'll make some decisions about how I'm voting on all the various propositions. I'll pick a candidate or two to vote for and I'll probably be in the booth early next Tuesday to avoid the rush.

Voting is a weird thing. I do it every election, I usually don't have any great sense of satisfaction afterwards though. It rarely feels like I've accomplished anything. After all, it's my little one man vote in a vast sea of others. Does my one vote actually matter? Yes. Yes it does.

My vote matters, not in the way that a candidate's future actually hangs on a single voter, or a proposition will or wont fail based on my lone inkblot, but collectively when we all make our voices heard the will of the majority is enacted. If I don't take the time to put my two cents in, then I have no real moral standing to complain about anything that happens afterwards. Conversely, by voting, I can now crow proudly or winge vociferously about the corrupt practices and extensive graft that I believe goes on. So for me, the small act of voting yields me years worth of moral credibility.

For example, in the election that followed the recall of Gray Davis I voted for the one man that I thought had true constitutional principles, he was a proven businessman, and he knew how to get things done and make his voice heard. I voted proudly for Larry Flynt and I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

That vote gave me the moral grounding to complain for the next six years about the Governor as much as I wanted. And since he and I had some fundamental differences it was very important for me to be able to crit-

icize him. The same way that I could criticize our current governor - as soon as he does something I don't like. So long as I participate in the process, no matter how little I do, I am not abdicating my duties nor my rights to others.

I live in the world where the laws change regularly that affect people's lives. The family and civil code are ever evolving quagmires that ensnare people in ways they never thought about. Most of these traps are laid by lobbying groups that push through legislation in the Assembly and Senate and before the public knows it, they have had their lives regulated in untold ways. If you don't believe me, just check out all the safety gear that a child has to have these days for a parent to avoid being a 'negligent' parent who is 'endangering their child.'

It is for these reasons that I encourage others to vote early and often. For so long as you are in the game, you have a right to pick on the players and the coaches. Okay you can't really vote often here like you can in Chicago, however you can and should vote. We don't live in one of those Red States that believes in voter fraud prevention to the point where they are enforcing some voter id laws that actually prevent people from voting.

Our representative government is not perfect yet we live in a society that does allow for open and vigorous debate of the issues of the day. We do evolve on issues, we do change our thinking on many issues. While we have far too much corporate money in the game and not enough individual participants we do still have a voice and we need more people to feel that they can and should vote. A large percentage of our society is so disgusted, and apathetic that the process is easily manipulated by corrupt individuals which then validates the disgust and apathy of those who abstain from participating.

Please vote next week, we need to hear from you, if only so you can complain about the losers who won.

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Ten Reasons Why the U.S. Needs a Travel Moratorium From Ebola Areas Now

EBOLA VIRUS, WHICH HAS BECOME

America's biggest scare this Halloween, was, until recently, an esoteric viral infection of central Africa. Now, Ebola has landed in the Heartland and people are beginning to ask questions. There are many reasons why Americans should have a healthy fear of Ebola, but for unclear reasons, our national health officials and politicians seem to be giving it a pass. Just last month Thomas Frieden, M.D., the head of Atlanta's Center for Disease Control, confessed in a New England Journal of Medicine article that "each month several thousand travelers from affected areas enter the United States".

Thousands of people, potentially carrying Ebola virus to American soil, should concern all Americans.

Here are ten reasons why we need to immediately enact a temporary travel moratorium for people coming from areas where Ebola is raging:

Ebola is a virulent and lethal virus. It kills 70% of the people who are infected with it.

There is no cure for Ebola. The good news is that vaccines are being developed against Ebola, but presently, they are not routinely available. Also, a handful of patients have improved after receiving the medication ZMAP. But ZMAP is also not currently available in quantities sufficient to treat the many thousands of Ebola victims who are sick.

Ebola has a long incubation period. The lag time between exposure to a virus and symptoms is called the "incubation period." The average incubation period for Ebola is 11.4 days, but can be as long as 21 days. Twenty-one days is a long time and in our world an individual infected with Ebola ... like Liberian citizen Thomas Duncan ... can easily travel to faraway places ... like Dallas, Texas ... come down with symptoms and infect others. This is exactly what happened and this scenario is what we must prevent.

The symptoms of Ebola are non-specific. An individual in the early stages of Ebola, someone who will surely be dead from Ebola in one to two weeks, looks, in the early days of their illness, to simply have the flu. Ebola's early symptoms include: fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, abdominal and joint pain. These are all vague symptoms and none of them are specific for Ebola. Diagnosing Ebola early in its course is, therefore, next to impossible, unless labs are drawn.

People lie about their symptoms. If a visitor was potentially facing a 21 day quarantine after arriving in the United States for business from Sierra Leone, he would be tempted to stretch the truth. Or what about the African who is worried that she is infected with Ebola. Prevarication in order to get to the United States for treatment is a better bet than staying in Africa.

People cheat on their quarantines. Twenty-one day quarantines are next to impossible to complete successfully. Consider what NBC Medical Correspondent Nancy Snyderman did near Princeton, New Jersey just last week. After her cameraman contracted Ebola while they were doing a story together in Liberia, Snyderman imposed on herself a "voluntary quarantine" upon returning to the United States. But Nancy got a hankering for some good food last week so she violated her quarantine and left her home to pick up take-out! If the U.S. is going to be successful with quarantines,

the government is going to have to employ an army of monitors to insure that those quarantined stay put.

Screening people coming into the United States by taking temperatures on arrival is a crock. Sick individuals who take Tylenol a few hours before landing will arrive with normal temperatures even though they may be in the early stages of Ebola infection. Or what about the person who is in the middle of their incubation period and doesn't have any symptoms? He too will elude screening efforts.

We are not ready for Ebola in America. Our politicians and health officials rightfully and understandably do not want the public to panic. We were first told that Ebola in America was a remote possibility, but then it happened. Now we are being told that "we are ready for Ebola." But Ebola preparation is complicated and emergency rooms are crowded and busy places. To be properly prepared for Ebola, every patient who comes to an ER with an unexplained fever will have to be considered as having Ebola. Protective gear, which is cumbersome and expensive, will have to be donned each time this happens. I have spent hundreds of hours of my life in emergencies room. Dealing with Ebola in the thousands of emergency rooms that dot this country is going to be a gigantic problem ... and I am being kind.

Monitoring "contacts", like monitoring quarantines, will be all consuming. With only a handful of confirmed cases of Ebola in the United States, we are already monitoring hundreds of contacts. Multiply this number by 10 or 100 or 1,000 and the potential contacts who will need monitoring increases logarithmically. This workload will swamp our public health workers and that means that the "safety net", designed to protect the health of Americans, won't be there.

It is estimated that each Ebola patient generates eight 55 gallon drums of medical waste every day. Appropriately disposing of this deluge of medical waste will be an expensive and dangerous nightmare.

For all of these reasons, people who have even the slightest potential of having Ebola need to be kept out of the United States until Ebola is eradicated from their countries. Let's be clear about one thing, we do not want Ebola in America and we should take every measure possible to avoid it.

Some will say this is an anti-Africa proposal. I assure you, it is not. I know many, many Africans personally and as a visiting pediatrician, I have cared for thousands of Africans over the past 16 years. I talk on the telephone to people from western Africa weekly. They are my friends and I know them to be practical and pragmatic people. They have survived many challenges and they will survive Ebola too. They get it!

But will we get it? This is my concern. Ebola is becoming a political issue and if we allow this to happen, we will all lose. Despite the assurances of our officials to the contrary, a temporary travel moratorium needs to be imposed immediately on those traveling from the countries where Ebola is epidemic.

This isn't panic. It's just good, old-fashioned common sense.

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LOS ANGELES

8 firefighters injured battling large Venice fire

Eight firefighters were injured battling a large and extremely hot fire that had engulfed a storage facility in Venice, authorities said Sunday.

More than 300 firefighters battled the blaze overnight at the Extra Space Storage facility after it broke out around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Los Angeles fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said.

Two firefighters with heat exhaustion and another with a back injury and blisters were taken to the hospital, while a firefighter with heat exhaustion and a captain with an unspecified injury were treated at the scene, spokesman Erik Scott said.

He didn't provide details on the other three firefighters, but none of the injuries were life-threatening.

Combustible items packed inside the storage units fueled the flames and created extremely hot and smoky conditions. The building's metal roof made it difficult for heat and smoke to escape.

Firefighters cut holes in the roof and smashed windows to try to ventilate the structure.

Debris was still smoldering midmorning Sunday but the bulk of flames had been put out, Humphrey said.

Investigators combed through debris to determine the fire's cause and hoped to have answers later Sunday.

Firefighters were able to save about two-thirds of the units from flames, but there is standing water damage.

The department has been in touch with the property owner who plans to bring a private firm in to deal with tenants and insurance concerns in the coming days, Humphrey said.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Finland comic win's world's funniest competition

The results are in and the world's funniest person hails from ...

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Ismo Leikola outpolled his nearest competitor by more than two-to-one in online votes this past weekend to win the first Funniest Person in the World competition.

Results were announced Monday at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood.

Leikola is no stranger to comedy. He captured Finland's rookie of the year award for stand-up comics in 2003.

He was one of dozens of comics from Egypt, Israel, France, Spain and elsewhere to enter the competition.

Winners were chosen from among five finalists who took part in a live competition streamed on the Laugh Factory website.

Club owner Jamie Masada says he hopes the contest will help lead to world peace by getting people to laugh together.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Wi-Fi hotspot named for terror group delays flight

A passenger aboard a plane at Los Angeles International Airport picked up a Wi-Fi hotspot named after a terrorist group, but authorities who held travelers for hours as they investigated say no crime was committed.

The passenger on the American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to London alerted crew members about the network Sunday night, and the plane returned to the gate.

KABC-TV reported Monday (<http://tinyurl.com/qg4q297>) that the hotspot was called "Al-Quida Free Terror Network" and that passengers were kept onboard for several hours amid the investigation.

Los Angeles airport police said Monday that "no crime was committed and no further action will be taken."

Federal authorities who took over the investigation had nothing add Monday morning.

An American Airlines spokesman says the flight was rescheduled for 1 p.m. Monday.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Woman, 2 children struck by car at LA bus stop

A woman and two children have been struck and injured by a car at a bus stop near the University of Southern California campus.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey says a compact car struck the three shortly after 1 p.m. Monday.

Humphrey says the 32-year-old woman and a 1-year-old girl are in critical condition and a 3-year-old girl is in serious condition.

The driver of the vehicle was not injured in the incident at Jefferson Boulevard and Vermont Avenue.

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last victory ever for Chivas USA as the MLS has announced on Monday that the franchise will fold effective immediately.

"Later this week, Major League Soccer will announce that a new ownership group has been granted the right to operate a second soccer club in Los Angeles," Chivas USA President Nelson Rodriguez said in his statement released on the Chivas USA website. "So as to allow that LA-based group the ability to develop and market a club with its own identity, the League has also decided to cease operations of Chivas USA effective immediately."

According to Rodriguez, the club wanted to move to Sacramento, Calif., whose minor league team is drawing crowds of 20,000+, in order to remain operating. The MLS was so insistent in having two teams in the Los Angeles market that they instead denied the move to essentially have an extra team in California while the expansion team awaits their new stadium in 2017 and would rather have a franchise contract and play with 20 teams for the next two years.

"I believe that our new strategy for Los Angeles provides the best opportunity for success and is the best way to connect with an engaged and impassioned fan base in Southern California," MLS commissioner Don Garber said in a statement released on Monday. "I am confident that this new direction will help us achieve our goal of becoming one of the top leagues in the world."

This is not the first time that an MLS franchise has been forced to fold only to be reactivated in later years. The San Jose Earthquake was unable to find a soccer stadium and was had to move to Houston and become the Houston Dynamo in 2006 while the Earthquakes had to wait until 2007 to be reactivated.

The Miami Fusion and Tampa Bay Mutiny were the other MLS franchises to have folded but were unsalvageable. Both franchises had problems finding permanent soccer stadiums, which lead to their demise, similar to Chivas USA. The Fusion won on the field in their final season in 2001, but their problem was the field. They played in Lockhart Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where whether it's college football (Florida Atlantic University) or a team in MLS that wins the Supporters' Shield for finishing the season with the best record, it's an impossible venue to fill.

MLS is also trying to reestablish themselves in Florida with Orlando City SC beginning play in 2015 and David Beckham's new Miami franchise coming up soon once they find a place to build a downtown soccer stadium of their own.

MLS will conduct a Dispersal Draft of the Chivas USA roster by Dec. 1. They also have an expansion draft coming up for their new clubs Orlando City SC and NYCFC on Dec. 9. No doubt much of Chivas' roster will be dispersed onto those new teams.

While every Goat is fair game, 15-goal scorer Erik Torres is unlikely to be included in the dispersal draft because he was playing as a loan from the Mexican club C.D. Guadalajara, who owned Chivas USA up until the 2014 season. MLS can make Torres' loan permanent and if that is exercised and then would find another way to allocate him to another team in the league. Despite playing for a floundering team like Chivas, Torres is a star quality player that the league definitely wants to keep.

The Goats won three out of four matches in October to close out their 10th and final campaign in MLS, and the three points lifted them to 7th place in the Western Conference, their best finish in five seasons. Which is a good look for first year head coach Wilmer Cabrera and his staff who while in a purgatory state, managed the team well enough to warrant a head coaching position on another team should the opportunity open up.

"It's been a tough year for us; it's not a secret," Cabrera. "But if you go with reality, you're as good as your last game. We battled and pushed for a good result. If we review what we have done, in October we won three games out of four. We started building something at the end. I would like to give credit to the players for never giving up."

"Even with all the problems, it's been positive because when you can say with all these problems, we have done better than the past five years for this franchise with less resources."

Cabrera also talked about how difficult it was to keep everyone focused on the games while worrying about their future; saying that soccer is more than just running and kicking, it's also a mental game.

After talking to the players on the team about the impending events, they mostly shared the sentiment of just going back home, relax and enjoy the offseason while everything plays itself out knowing that they'll have a kit to put on regardless of where they play.

Usually offseason training begins immediately after the regular season, but that won't happen given the circumstance. Rodriguez said players would be released from their training sessions.

"Especially considering the circumstances, it would be almost unfair to keep asking them to train," Rodriguez said.

However, that didn't change the eerie feeling in the Chivas locker room where all the players were saying goodbye for the final time. Especially goal keeper Dan Kennedy, who has been with the Goats since his rookie year in 2006. He summed it up by saying it was a "strange feeling". After the game, every member of the Chivas USA "Black Army" waited outside of the exit waiting to embrace their hero in a heartfelt goodbye. The fans were unrelentingly loyal to their club, but they were in the minority, which lead to the goodbye in the first place.

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previously accepted from executives at Century West Partners.

In June of 2013, O'Connor voted to approve a housing project backed by Century West Partners, according to council minutes.

"We will look at the names on the Oaks initiative log to see if these folks are listed," O'Connor told the Daily Press at the time. "Not necessarily all people affiliated with a project are barred from donating."

Both Slatkins, of Edward Thomas, are on that list.

O'Connor is currently under fire for similar practices in previous campaigns. She acknowledged that she'd made some mistakes but says that the amount of money she accepted - just over \$4,000 - is not signifi-

cant enough to influence her voting. The Santa Monica Transparency Project disagrees and has filed a complaint with City Hall. The original complaint has been sent to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for review.

With the news of the Edward Thomas contributions, the ones O'Connor said have been returned, the Transparency Project has filed new allegations against the mayor.

"Pam O'Connor is defiant in her refusal to follow the Oaks Initiative. Even after the Transparency Project filed two dozen complaints against her for illegally accepting donations from major developers in violation of Santa Monica law, she continues to illegally accept these donations," Transparency Project Chair Mary Marlow said in a release. "She thinks because of her position there will be no consequences."

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MONEY FROM PAGE 1

Former Mayor Michael Feinstein takes the bronze in this round of spending at \$64,152. He's loaned himself \$44,500 and received \$13,000 from individual contributors. Feinstein's spent his money on mailers, web and print advertising, and professional services.

Parks and Recreation Chair Phil Brock has raised about \$21,000 and loaned himself the same amount. He's spent \$34,417 on print and digital advertising, mailers, and campaign paraphernalia.

He returned two \$325 contributions that he'd previously accepted from executives who sought to develop the Bergamot Station Arts Center. His acceptance of those contributions were not illegal but Brock had previously stated that he would not accept money from developers.

Brock's nemesis, Mayor Pam O'Connor trails him just slightly in the spending department, having dropped \$32,013 thus far, with much of that spent on consulting services in the past few weeks.

O'Connor has raised \$43,842 thus far, all through individual contributions.

She returned cash that she'd previously

accepted from executives at Century West Partners, a development company whose projects O'Connor had voted to approve. O'Connor's acceptance of that cash may have been a violation of local laws, which states that council members cannot accept contributions from individuals who they have previously conferred a benefit.

Former Planning Commissioner Frank Gruber has raised the most cash from individual contributions — \$48,155 — but has only spent \$28,250.

Between the individual contributions and a \$10,000 loan to himself, he holds more than \$30,000 to spend in this home stretch — the most of any candidate.

Planning Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy, incumbent Kevin McKeown, and newcomer Nick Boles have each spent between \$10,000 and \$12,500.

Kennedy has raised nearly \$18,000 through individual contributions and loaned herself another \$4,000.

McKeown has raised \$37,776, all through individual contributions and holds \$26,372 in his war chest.

Boles has loaned himself \$4,000 and raised \$6,757 through individual contributions.

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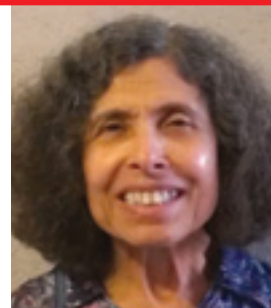
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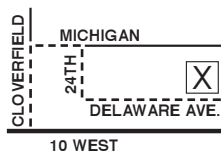


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User growth, outlook hit Twitter stock after-hours

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NEW YORK Twitter's third-quarter revenue outpaced expectations, but investors concerned about user growth and holiday-quarter revenue clipped the company's stock price late Monday.

The San Francisco-based company has been trying to increase its user base amid concerns that it doesn't hold mass appeal in the way that the much-larger Facebook does. Its user base grew 23 percent to 284 million monthly active users in the three months that ended in September, which Forrester Research analyst Nate Elliott said was "better than nothing."

"It's hard to be ecstatic about those numbers when it's still a user base under 300 million people," Elliott said. "It's a social property less than a quarter (of the) size of Facebook."

To appeal to more people, Twitter has tried to make it easier to sign up for and use its service, and it got a boost this summer from promoting itself as a place to follow the World Cup. In July, its stock spiked 30 percent on the day it reported better-than-expected results and a 24 percent increase in its monthly user base.

This time, though, the growth apparently wasn't enough. Coupled with lackluster revenue guidance for the current period, shares fell 8 percent in extended trading.

To attract more users - and to get them to stay on Twitter longer, the company's main tasks are innovation and giving people new reasons to come back every day, said Elliott.

Recent changes, such as an update on

what user profiles look like, shows Twitter is moving in the right direction. But, Elliott pointed out, "the basic experience on Twitter is identical to the basic experience on Twitter 9 years ago." Facebook, even with some notable missteps, has been able to stay ahead by regularly shifting its look and feel to get more people to join its site and stick around longer once they do.

Facebook dwarfs Twitter when it comes to users as well as advertising revenue. According to research firm eMarketer, Twitter accounted for half a percent of worldwide digital ad revenue in 2013. This is expected to increase to just under 1 percent this year, as digital ad spending grows to \$140.7 billion. In comparison, Facebook is expected to increase its share of the market from 5.8 percent in 2013 to 8 percent this year, according to eMarketer.

Twitter Inc. posted a loss of \$175 million, or 29 cents per share, in the latest quarter. That compares with a loss of \$64.6 million, or 48 cents per share, a year earlier when it was still a private company. Adjusted earnings were 1 cent a share, matching expectations.

Revenue more than doubled to \$361 million and beat the \$351.5 million expected by analysts, according to FactSet. More than 85 percent of Twitter's total ad revenue came from mobile advertising, and about 80 percent of the its monthly users accessed it on mobile devices.

Twitter went public last November at a price of \$26 per share. The stock peaked in December at \$74.73 and then declined sharply. On Monday, it closed at \$48.56, then fell 7.9 percent to \$44.77 after the results came out.

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Box office top 20: 'Ouija' scares up \$19.9 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK The mystical board game adaptation "Ouija" summoned \$19.9 million for a box-office topping debut over the Keanu Reeves revenge thriller "John Wick."

Universal's "Ouija" succeeded where Hasbro's "Battleship" had failed by keeping a relatively tiny budget (\$5 million) to scare up Halloween-ready moviegoers. Lionsgate's "John Wick" surpassed expectations with \$14.4 million over the weekend, according to final figures released Monday.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Rentrak, are:

1. "Ouija," Universal, \$19,875,995, 2,858 locations, \$6,955 average, \$19,875,995, 1 week.
2. "John Wick," Lionsgate, \$14,415,922, 2,589 locations, \$5,568 average, \$14,415,922, 1 week.
3. "Fury," Sony, \$13,356,718, 3,173 locations, \$4,209 average, \$46,407,146, 2 weeks.
4. "Gone Girl," 20th Century Fox, \$11,044,357, 3,106 locations, \$3,556 average, \$124,037,579, 4 weeks.
5. "The Book Of Life," 20th Century Fox, \$10,049,271, 3,113 locations, \$3,228 average, \$30,162,720, 2 weeks.
6. "St. Vincent," The Weinstein Company, \$7,746,596,

- 2,282 locations, \$3,395 average, \$8,877,553, 3 weeks.
7. "Alexander And The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," Disney, \$7,197,217, 3,117 locations, \$2,309 average, \$45,718,836, 3 weeks.
8. "The Best Of Me," Relativity Media, \$4,623,519, 2,936 locations, \$1,575 average, \$17,550,193, 2 weeks.
9. "Dracula Untold," Universal, \$4,395,945, 2,364 locations, \$1,860 average, \$48,421,335, 3 weeks.
10. "The Judge," Warner Bros., \$4,366,039, 2,610 locations, \$1,673 average, \$34,398,108, 3 weeks.
11. "Annabelle," Warner Bros., \$3,350,090, 2,505 locations, \$1,337 average, \$79,501,131, 4 weeks.
12. "The Equalizer," Sony, \$2,774,825, 1,636 locations, \$1,696 average, \$93,750,101, 5 weeks.
13. "The Maze Runner," 20th Century Fox, \$2,352,349, 1,496 locations, \$1,572 average, \$94,122,442, 6 weeks.
14. "Addicted," Lionsgate, \$1,496,874, 956 locations, \$1,566 average, \$15,333,576, 3 weeks.
15. "Birdman," Fox Searchlight, \$1,379,640, 50 locations, \$27,593 average, \$2,010,081, 2 weeks.
16. "Dear White People," Roadside Attractions, \$1,254,245, 382 locations, \$3,283 average, \$1,697,716, 2 weeks.
17. "The Boxtrolls," Focus Features, \$929,838, 1,107 locations, \$840 average, \$47,608,204, 5 weeks.
18. "Guardians Of The Galaxy," Disney, \$554,531, 402 locations, \$1,379 average, \$328,650,120, 13 weeks.
19. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," Paramount, \$375,537, 300 locations, \$1,252 average, \$190,115,983, 12 weeks.
20. "Left Behind," Freestyle Releasing, \$267,408, 320 locations, \$836 average, \$13,461,463, 4 weeks.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: 68.9°

TUESDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
SSW swell holds while the old WNW swell continues to fade; Lightest wind/cleanest in the AM

WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Easing SSW swell; new WNW swell building in the PM

THURSDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high
Easing SSW swell; WNW swell due to peak

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high
Minor mix of SSW swell and WNW swell

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 22, 2014**

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 -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 30
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Anny's Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Alitos creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	B	ns
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth.	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A	ns
Excalibur Creek, just east of Excalibur State Beach.	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Salinas Canyon at San Blas County Beach.	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	F	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Maine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	ns
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Sunbiter Beach (beach located) - daily.	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Tappan St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Vanguard tower.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Ockeville State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point near).	A+	ns	Ockeville State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	F	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	C	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Ockeville State Beach.	B	ns
Pine Creek at Los Flores County Beach.	A+	ns	Ockeville State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Ockeville State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns	Ockeville Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Coniferock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Ockeville State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset 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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Giants, Royals ready for wild World Series finish

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Madison Bumgarner barely broke a smile walking around the San Francisco Giants’ clubhouse late Sunday night following a brilliant pitching performance that has his team one win from another World Series title.

After the way this October has played out, who can blame him?

The Giants will try to close out the Royals and claim their third championship in five years Tuesday night when this wild-card series shifts back to baseball’s most unlikely postseason destination: Kansas City.

“We know it’s not over until you get that fourth game. These guys aren’t going to change,” said Giants manager Bruce Bochy, whose club leads the best-of-seven series 3-2.

Perhaps it’s only fitting this Fall Classic ends at Kauffman Stadium, a place hosting playoff baseball for the first time in 29 years. The Royals started this pulsating postseason with a 9-8 comeback win in 12 innings over Oakland in the AL wild-card game, which began on the last day of September and ended near midnight.

That captivating night in Kansas City set the stage for a month to remember: tight games and dramatic finishes, favorites falling and underdogs overachieving, stars slipping and new ones shining.

What happens next is anybody’s guess. After all, the last time Game 6 of the Fall Classic came to Kansas City, one of the most surreal scenes in baseball history unfolded: first base umpire Don Denkinger’s botched call serving as the signature moment of the 1985 World Series won by the Royals over St. Louis.

“We know we can do it,” Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said. “We’re a confident group. But we can’t do anything without winning Game 6. We’re excited to get back home where we feed off the fans and that energy.”

Jake Peavy starts for San Francisco and Yordano Ventura goes for the Royals - a surprising matchup at this stage of October in most years, just not this one.

The majors’ most notable names during the regular season - Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw and Angels slugger Mike Trout - flamed out fast in the Division Series. A trio of Cy Young winners didn’t do enough for Detroit. Injuries slowed down former triple crown winner Miguel Cabrera and Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright.

Even playoff-proven starter Jon Lester looked lost under October’s bright lights for the one-and-done Athletics, and up-and-coming starter Stephen Strasburg showed he still has to polish his postseason poise for the Nationals.

Instead, these playoffs bred a new batch of baseball darlings: Lorenzo Cain and the running Royals, starter-turned-reliever Yusmeiro Petit and a pair of blazing bullpens

that no longer overlooked in the World Series.

Of course, no star has burned brighter than a 25-year-old lefty from North Carolina teammates call “MadBum.”

Bumgarner’s winning performances in Game 1 and Game 5 - not to mention in every previous round of the playoffs - has put San Francisco one win away from for another parade down Market Street, something Willie Mays, Barry Bonds and generations of Giants fans had dreamed of for so long.

Now it’s becoming an every-other-year tradition.

“It’s not going to be easy at all,” Giants first baseman Brandon Belt said. “It matters that we know that, and I think everybody on this team knows that. We’re going to go out there and we’re not going to let up. We can’t, because if we do they’re going to take advantage of it.”

Royals rookie Brandon Finnegan might understand the topsy-turvy nature of these playoffs better than anyone.

Only four months after he pitched in the College World Series, the 21-year-old reliever got two key outs in the seventh inning to help Kansas City win Game 3. A night later, Finnegan failed to bridge the gap to the back end of the bullpen, allowing five runs in Kansas City’s 11-4 loss to San Francisco.

“Baseball can pick you up quickly,” Finnegan said, “and hit you in the gut quickly.”

Sometimes longer and harder than others.

The Giants’ latest improbable postseason run was propelled by the longest game in playoff history, a 2-1 win in 18 innings over the Nationals in Game 2 of the NL Division Series. Travis Ishikawa, a journeyman and first baseman converted to a left fielder in San Francisco, hit a three-run shot off St. Louis’ Michael Wacha in the Game 5 clincher of the NL Championship Series.

It was the first homer to send the Giants to the World Series since perhaps the most famous drive in baseball history - Bobby Thomson’s “Shot Heard ‘Round the World” in a 1951 playoff against the Dodgers.

The showings in this fall will surely earn some a big payday come winter. Royals right-hander James Shields and San Francisco’s slugging third baseman Pablo Sandoval are among those headed for free agency.

For now those transactions are on hold. One, maybe two, of the season’s biggest games await.

“The place is going to be absolutely crazy,” Royals manager Ned Yost said. “We feel good about our matchups. We’ve got to walk the tightrope now without a net, but our guys aren’t afraid of walking the tightrope without a net. We fall off and we’re dead. But we win Tuesday, nobody’s got a net. It’s going to be winner-take-all.”

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<p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (310) 458-3924</p> <p>The Best of Me 1:57 (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:35 p.m.</p> <p>Dear White People 1:48 (R) 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.</p>	<p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440</p> <p>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day 1:21 (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fury 2:14 (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Ouija 1:29 (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.</p> <p>St. Vincent 1:43 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:50 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Life 1:35 (PG) 3D 1:55 p.m., 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Life 1:35 (PG) 11:20 a.m., 4:20 p.m., 9:20 p.m.</p>

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FIND YOUR FRIENDS TONIGHT, PISCES

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ An important phone call could fall to the wayside. Decide whether you have the willpower to deal with a very demanding person. Be careful, as this individual's high energy suddenly could convert to anger. Tonight: A must appearance. Invite a loved one along.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ You will be more restrained than usual as you seek out a more effective solution to a problem. You could be very much in your own head, and others might find it hard to distract you. Recognize that you need to detach from this situation. Tonight: Be imaginative.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★★ You could be questioning a choice you've recently made that involves someone who can be a bit of a handful. You might disagree with this person about a recent expenditure or an allocation of funds. Think before you act. Tonight: Opt for some cozy moments.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Your emotional qualities help reinforce your innate intuitiveness. As a result, you will feel more connected to others than you have in a while. A loved one could be more in touch with his or her feelings than he or she lets on. Tonight: Enjoy the person you are with.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ You'll feel ready and energized to move a project toward completion. Your imagination will open up to many possibilities once you get into the spirit of the moment. Tonight: Consider what Halloween costume you might like to wear.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★★ You have a lot to share, and so do others. It might be difficult to relax and socialize in a very demanding situation. A child or loved one could be temperamental. Your ability to connect with others will help ease this person's irritation. Tonight: Do what you want.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★ How you deal with a certain loved one will be more important than the immediate issue. You might not always have the best idea, but learning how to disagree while still being sensitive could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Happiest at home.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Your rigidity sometimes gets you into a lot of trouble. You might not know how to loosen up and listen to controversial perspectives. Be sure there is validity in what you are hearing. Allow your creativity to evolve to a new level. Tonight: A talk is necessary.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ You'll hold your own in a conversation involving money. However, if you are honest with yourself, you know that you have a lot more to learn. Be open to others' ideas, and keep in mind that there are many different perspectives. Tonight: Let your curiosity speak.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ You will want to accomplish certain errands and tasks. You know how to screen calls effectively, but right now, you might suspect that big news is heading your way. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ Maintain a low-profile, and observe what is going on by employing your fine listening skills. Note what is not being said. You might hear some information that you will want to share with someone you admire. Tonight: The two of you could talk till the wee hours.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ You seem to be on a winning path. You might be the vote that determines the commitment to a particular decision. An assertive friend could push you hard, and you are likely to get into it with this person. Take a step back for now. Tonight: Find your friends.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

This year your style of communication could radically change. You even might decide to sign up for a class in writing. You sometimes become rigid in your thinking. Try to let go of this tendency a little more often; this transformation will allow you to relate to others more easily. If you are single, be honest with yourself about why you might be that way. As a result, you could decide to make some changes. If you are attached, the energy between you and your sweetie will become even stronger. You communicate with CAPRICORN easily.

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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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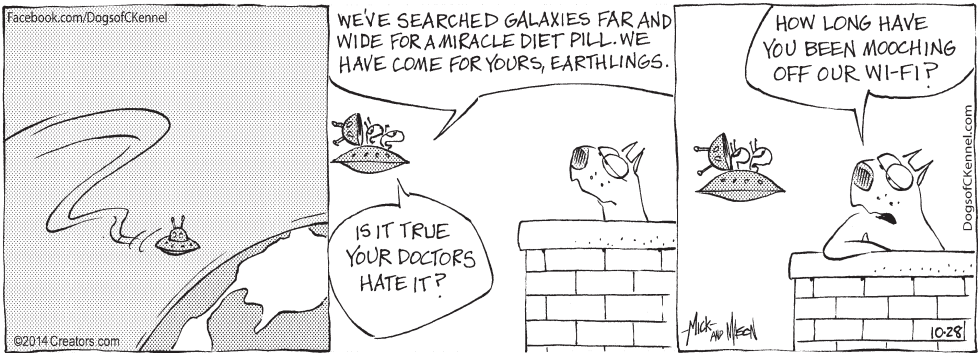
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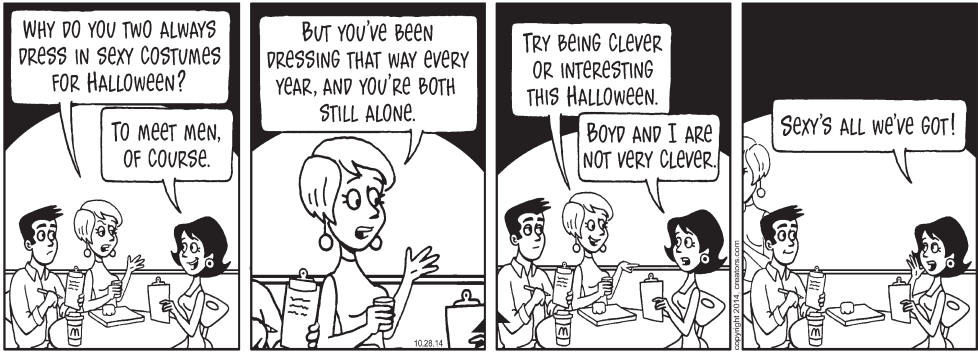
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 395 calls for service on Oct. 26.

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

Party complaint at 4th and Palisades Ave. at 12:45 a.m.
Drunk driving on the 400 block of San Vicente Blvd. at 12:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto on the 1200 block of 2nd St. at 1:26 a.m.
Prowler on the 400 block of 12th St. at 2:10 a.m.
Defrauding an innkeeper on the 1800 block of 20th St. at 2:45 a.m.
Drunk driving at 26th and Montana at 4:17 a.m.
Prowler on the 800 block of Woodacres Rd. at 4:54 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1000 block of Colorado Ave. at 7:01 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 8:20 a.m.
Indecent exposure at Lincoln and Pine at 9:23 a.m.
Illegal weapon at 4th and Interstate 10 at 10:47 a.m.
Hit and run on the 3200 block of Airport Ave. at 11:07 a.m.
Burglary on the 2600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 11:33 a.m.
Domestic violence on the 1200 block of Harvard St. at 12:26 p.m.
Theft on the 1300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 12:43 p.m.
Grand theft on the 1500 block of 15th St. at 12:53 p.m.
Trespassing on the 2800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 1:58 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1800 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 2:27 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 900 block of Georgina Ave. at 2:50 p.m.
Assault on the 300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 3:17 p.m.
Fraud on the 00 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:52 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2500 block of 6th St. at 4:18 p.m.
Battery on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 4:35 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2700 block of Pico Blvd. at 4:38 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 2100 block of La Mesa Dr. at 5:11 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1500 block of 14th St. at 5:22 p.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of 7th St. at 5:24 p.m.
Drunk driving on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 5:53 p.m.
Drunk driving on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 6:04 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1500 block of 14th St. at 6:04 p.m.
Petty theft at Lincoln and Marine at 6:43 p.m.
Grand theft on the 2500 block of Pico Blvd. at 6:55 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2900 block of 2nd St. at 7:43 p.m.
Battery on the 2100 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:04 p.m.
Vandalism at Main and Pico at 8:07 p.m.
Grand theft on the 1900 block of 22nd St. at 9:06 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Plant pests
- 7 Employ
- 11 Michael Jackson hit
- 12 Spoken
- 13 Items for players on a pitch
- 15 Surround
- 16 Neckline shapes
- 18 Castle surrounder
- 21 Give for a time
- 22 Wreckage
- 24 They hold power
- 25 Mayo buy
- 26 Wedding words
- 27 Came down in buckets
- 29 Peruse
- 30 Come together
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- 34 Nocturnal blood- suckers
- 40 Lotion additive
- 41 Croquet need
- 42 Layer
- 43 Unwaver- ing

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- 7 Fraternize
- 8 Lyricist Gershwin
- 9 Sewer critter
- 10 Overhead trains
- 14 Oven feature
- 16 Viper's poison
- 17 Follow as a result
- 19 Disney mermaid
- 20 Kind of wave or basin
- 21 Gloss target

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Yesterday's answer

22 Mom's mate

- 23 Lawn material
- 25 "The One" star
- 28 Death per- sonified
- 29 Wander aimlessly
- 31 Halloween choice
- 33 Prepares for war

- 34 Good place to dye
- 35 Boxing great
- 36 "The Simpsons" bartender
- 37 In the style of
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DAILY LOTTERY



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Power#: 12
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Draw Date: 10/24
2 14 21 28 55
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: \$M



Draw Date: 10/25
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Mega#: 26
Jackpot: \$M



Draw Date: 10/26
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Draw Date: 10/26
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Draw Date: 10/26
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:44.91

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Prosecutors in Killeen, Texas, are seeking the death penalty for Marvin Guy, who in May shot one SWAT officer to death and wounded three as they conducted an unan- nounced ("no-knock") drug raid on his home at 5:30 a.m. -- leading Guy to believe hoodlums were breaking in and thus provoking him to grab his gun and start firing. (The tip given to police was bogus; no drugs were found.) However, in December, 90 miles away in another Texas county, mistaken SWAT-raid victim Henry Magee also killed an officer under similar circumstances (except that Magee actually had some marijuana), but was cleared in the shooting by a grand jury's acceptance of self-defense. Guy is black; Magee is white.
■ Harmonic Convergence of Perversions: (1) Palm Beach County, Florida, sheriff's deputies searching the home of child-pornography sus- pect Douglas Wescott, 55, stumbled upon about 50 dead cats stored in four freezers. Wescott's computers were seized, along with another 30 to 35 live cats. (2) In September, fol- lowing a months-long trial in Canada's Nunavut territory, defrocked Catholic priest Eric Dejaeger, 67, was found guilty of 31 counts of raping children and one of raping a sled dog.

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1835- The United Tribes of New Zealand is estab- lished with the signature of the Declaration of Independence.
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As promised, I will remind you, twice a year, to take care of these important safety issues:

Interior:

- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Sump system should be checked several times during the rainy season (if applicable).
- Vacuum refrigerator condensing coils.
- Inspect shower, tub & sink caulking for deterioration.
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and supply lines for leaks.
- Pour bleach down every drain in your home.
- Upgrade washing machine hoses to stainless steel jacketed hoses to help prevent failure.
- Lubricate and service the garage door hardware and openers.
- The fire sprinkler system needs to be inspected periodically (if applicable).
- Termite inspections should be performed every 3 years.

Exterior:

- Survey all vent openings for compromised screening or other deterioration.
- Remove all dead trees & keep healthy trees & shrubs trimmed & away from utility wires.
- Remove dead leaves and all debris from your gutters and downspouts.
- Repair driveway & walkways that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level surface.

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