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Quibbles over cannabis

Local community groups differ on dispensary permitting process

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The approval of a June zoning ordinance that would allow for up to two medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits spurred the Santa Monica High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to pass a resolution full of proposed requirements for the permitting process for said dispensaries. That resolution has since received several objections from Santa Monicans for Safe Access (SAMOSA).

The co-chair of the health and safety commission of the Samohi PTSA, Heather Winters, said the idea for the resolution came about shortly after the school year started. The resolution was brought up at a meeting in early September, a draft was developed and by the end

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Drama surrounds SMMUSD contract with mayor

De la Torre explains vote, asks for clarification on consultant relations

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The rift between Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre and Mayor Kevin McKeown is over. Or is it?

De la Torre this month voted to approve a Santa Monica-Malibu

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SMMUSD weighs new retirement benefits plan

Board reviews finance committee's recommendations

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu school district is considering joining a different trust fund for employee retirement benefits.

Members of the local Board of Education earlier this month generally agreed with the Financial Oversight Committee's recom-

mendation to move funds into the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust.

The school board discussed a variety of options, the extent of exposure to the stock market and the potential impacts on district coffers. And although the board did not take action Oct. 15, it's like-

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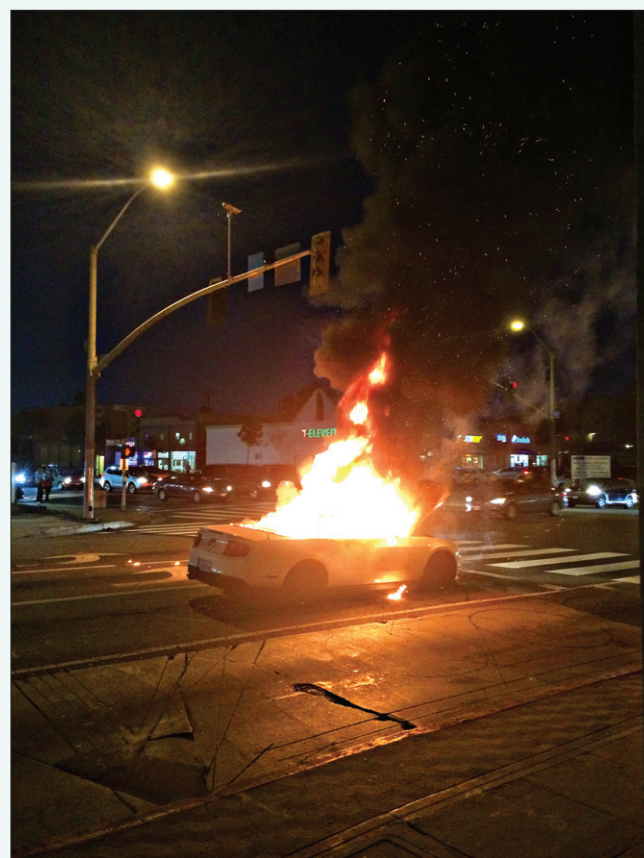
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See pages 8 and 9 for information about Fitdog Sports Club's Howl-o-ween Photo contest.



Car fire snarls traffic



Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

HOT ROD: A fire engulfed in flames held up traffic on Oct. 26.

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A car fire at the corner of Lincoln and Pico on Oct. 26 slowed traffic during the evening commute and drew

a crowd of onlookers from the nearby shopping centers.

The car caught fire at about 6:30 p.m. and flames quickly spread throughout

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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.

SMC lecture series

Dr. Gene Siegal, MD will present "Losers Can Sometimes Be Winners - A Very Personal Journey in Academia (with a side trip to a world of high paying, societally important, and deeply rewarding health care jobs that you never heard of)" at 11:15 a.m. in Science Lecture Hall 140. Sponsored by the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates) and SMC's GRIT Program. For more information, please call (310) 434-4100. All talks - designed for lay audiences - are free and held on the Santa Monica College main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

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HEATING UP: Fire trucks arrived within minutes to clear the fiery scene at Lincoln and Pico.

CAR

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the vehicle despite an attempt from the driver to douse the fire with a bucket of water borrowed from the nearby Starbucks.

Fire trucks arrived within minutes and cleared the scene by about 7:20 p.m. No-one was hurt in the incident and the Santa Monica Fire Department said residents should treat vehicle fires in the same way they would any other fire.

First and foremost, dial 9-1-1. If the fire is small and residents have access to a working fire extinguisher, they can attempt to put it out. However, Deputy Chief Tom Clemo said fires in a car's engine compartment can be too dangerous to access and parts of a car can explode creating additional danger.

Clemon said modern cars contain pressurized canisters in the bumpers that can detonate, as can the tires.

"We encourage people not to get near it and wait for the Fire Department to arrive," he said.

Some electrical components can also create small explosions, particularly in hybrid cars that contain complicated battery components.

Clemon said vehicle fires can be dangerous but the kind of large, gasoline-fueled explosion shown on television and in movies is rare due to the way cars are built.

"The way (gas tanks) are contained in vehicles is pretty well protected," he said. "A lot of fire involvement is needed for a long time to breach it."

He said the concentration and amount of gasoline is also a factor. "It's the vapor that explodes, not the liquid so an empty gas tank may be more dangerous than a full tank."

The Oct. 26 fire occurred between Starbucks's and a gas station. Any fire near a structure can be dangerous but Clemon said the construction of a gas station should prevent a catastrophic explosion due to fire. He said the actual gas tanks are underground with gas reaching the surface only when a pump is active and in addition, all stations have a master shut off switch. The result is that a fire at a gas station can spread quickly and might be driven by whatever residual gas is located in the hoses, but the station shouldn't explode in a Hollywood style mushroom cloud.

Regardless, Clemon said calling the Fire Department should always be the first priority in a fire. "Call 9-1-1 and get help started," he said.

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study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Lye Soapmaking with Angharad Caceres

Learn to make bar soap from olive, coconut, and other oils, aromatics and lye. Use safe kitchen chemistry to make versatile holiday and hostess gifts, and explore different wrapping and decorative techniques to make your gift soaps stand out. 1450 Ocean, 7 - 9 p.m. Cost: \$20 + \$15 cash material fee. Call (310) 458-2239 or visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47198 for more information.

October 30

Dream Orchestra Presents Mozart's Requiem

At St. Monica Catholic Church in Santa Monica, Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor, 8 p.m., St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave.

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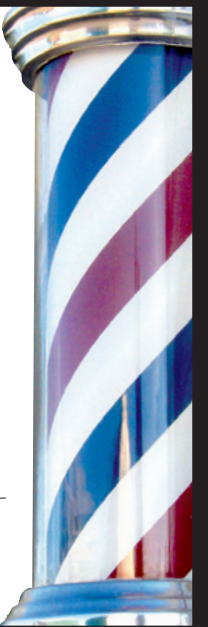
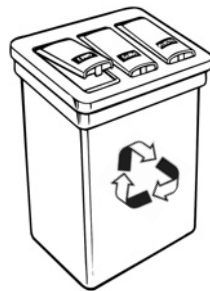
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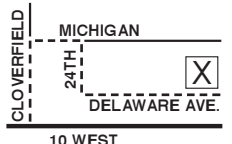
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Curious City

Charles Andrews

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Not even Crazy Mary shopped Haggen

HAGGEN - DUMB AS A FOX? NO, JUST dumb. And greedy. And not worrying about 8,000 employees in California alone losing livelihoods because, well, that's the way unfettered capitalism works, folks.

I heard one employee at the Ocean Park location speculate that the company could make more from auctioning the stores than they paid for them.

But that doesn't seem to be the case. Their accumulated debt is at least double what they could salvage from asset sales. They paid more than \$300 million for the 146 stores they bought from the merging Albertsons/Vons, to go with the mere 18 they had been operating for decades in the Pacific Northwest, and they had to get them up and running in 120 days. In the toughest, most competitive market in the nation. Toward the end they were losing \$400,000 a day.

"Nobody thought they could pull this off," said David Livingston, founder of supermarket research firm DJL Research.

They had been acquired by Florida investment group Comvest in 2011. As reported in the Wall Street Journal, "Haggen may have set a speed record in going from a big deal with Albertsons to bankruptcy, said Burt Flickinger, manager director at Strategic Resource Group. 'I've never seen a supermarket or retailer file bankruptcy as quickly after the deal closed as Haggen.'"

So now Haggen is suing Albertsons for a billion dollars, claiming they were misled by them about pricing and stocking. Are you kidding me? You took your vital operations information from the company that wants you, as their new competition, to fail, instead of doing your own market research, and now you're crying about it? You didn't even notice that it wasn't very long ago that Fresh & Easy fled California with their tail between their legs to the tune of a \$2 billion loss?

God save Santa Monica from out-of-state speculators who want to milk us dry.

IN A GADDA DA VIDA, HONEY

I've changed my tune, a little, about used-to-be-great bands running around with the same name but with few (or any) original members. I'm still highly skeptical. But now I think it can be worth it sometimes.

I've always felt, should have seen them in their heyday, the original line-up. Why settle for close, when your brain keeps twitching with every off note of those so-familiar songs? I say, stay home and crank up the original disc.

Of course there is nothing like live music. So what's the trade-off?

Depends. Most instrumental parts can be closely mimicked by top pro musicians, so the singer is usually the most important. You can't be drawn in unless it sounds very, very close to the way it sounded when it first hit your ears. Even missing John, George and Ringo, a McCartney show is a blast because of That Voice.

There are exceptions to my rule of skepticism. LA '60s band Love, revered for their groundbreaking contributions, play their rare shows now with only one original member, guitarist and co-founder (with Arthur Lee) Johnny Echols, often covering note-for-note their legendary opus "Forever Changes." A near-impossible task, for many reasons. But they absolutely nail it. (Last June, Elks Lodge, Santa Monica.) The

Zombies, with the two main guys plus another original, played a very satisfying set on the pier a year ago August.

A lot depends on how much you're investing for a ticket. Being on the guest list helps.

I was invited a couple weeks ago to see a band called Crazy Mary, from New York. They were opening for Iron Butterfly on the August stage of the Whisky a Go Go, so it was hard to resist. It could be a blast (or just a bomb).

Crazy Mary is a rockin' band with good original songs, great energy, excellent musicians and a dramatic stage presence. They came to LA, to the iconic Whisky and its discerning, tough, sometimes snotty Hollywood mostly-musicians crowd, and they rocked it. Mission accomplished.

They're not 19-year-olds looking to top the download derby; in fact, charismatic electric fretless fiddler Walter Steding is three times that, plus - a sight, as he whips his gaunt torso around the corner of the stage, all in black and topped by big shades and a very wide-brimmed hat that looks like a UFO from a black hole landed on his head. (He was a painting assistant to Andy Warhol, who produced albums for only two artists: the Velvet Underground, and Walter.)

New York rock vet guitarist and songwriter Charles Kibel didn't form this band (along with drummer Nick Raisz) until the late '90s. They felt then that the soul of the edgy Manhattan rock scene had been sucked dry, and they wanted to carry the torch. Seven albums and a frenetic Ozzie singer (Em Z) later, this is the same band, taking their chops and original songs to the Sunset Strip and getting out alive and with heads held high.

As for Iron B, who followed them, there's a colored bar chart that shows you the service time of everyone who's been in the group. What you want to see is at least a couple of those bars stretching nearly from beginning to end. With Iron Butterfly - forget it.

There are 64 who have called themselves Butterflies. The group I saw? Five guys playing together a year or less, only one of them ever in the band previously. Another chart shows every different IB lineup over the years, and there are 51 of them. 51. But this "IB" was, to my surprise, worth hearing, simply as a really good rock band, name not important. Loud, tight, each player forceful and skilled.

Let's face it, IB songs were not very good. But their 17-minute "In a Gadda da Vida" was perfect for the psychedelic moment. It only reached number 30 as a single but kept the album on the charts for more than a year as it became the first platinum album ever, and the 40th-highest selling album of all time. One song, creating decades of work for all those musicians.

I didn't get to hear them play it. I'm sure they were saving it for last, but after four songs our mostly young group unanimously decided hanging on till 1 a.m. was not a worthwhile investment. We heard them, they were excellent, we dug them, no Garden of Eden needed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Informed decision-making comes from a long tradition of guessing and then blaming others for inadequate results." - Scott Adams (Dilbert)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

The Cheesecake Factory Opens In Santa Monica

The Cheesecake Factory, known for its extensive menu, generous portions and desserts, has officially opened in Santa Monica at Santa Monica Place.

The restaurant boasts more than 250 menu items including more than 50 lower calorie SkinnyLicious dishes, new "Super" Foods salads and more than 50 signature cheesecakes and desserts.

Officials said the Cheesecake Factory created the upscale casual dining segment in 1978 with the introduction of its namesake concept. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates 196 full-service, casual dining restaurants throughout the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, including 183 restaurants under The Cheesecake Factory mark; 12 restaurants under the Grand Lux Cafe mark; and one restaurant under the RockSugar Pan Asian Kitchen mark. Internationally, nine The Cheesecake Factory restaurants operate under licensing agreements. The Company's bakery division operates two bakery production facilities, in Calabasas Hills, and Rocky Mount, NC, that produce cheesecakes and other baked products for its restaurants, international licensees and third-party bakery customers. In 2015, the Company was named to the FORTUNE Magazine "100 Best Companies to Work For" list for the second consecutive year. To learn more about the Company, visit www.thecheesecakefactory.com.

The Cheesecake Factory of Santa Monica is located at 395 Santa Monica Place, Suite #305. The new restaurant will open at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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Santa Monica Pier

More than \$510,000 raised to build better futures at Aga Khan Foundation Walk

Over 1,500 participants were moved to invest in long-term solutions that improve the quality of life for communities worldwide at the annual Aga Khan Foundation Walk - Los Angeles held at the Santa Monica Pier. The event was an initiative of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) to raise awareness and funds for programs that work with communities around the world to build better futures.

This year's Walk raised more than \$510,000, reflecting the enthusiastic outpouring of support from participants and sponsors across the metro area, including national sponsors, The Coca-Cola Company and Pioneer Finance. All net proceeds from the event go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a private, not-for-profit international development organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in some of the poorest regions of the world. The Foundation helps communities around the world to build better futures by creating institutions like hospitals, making long-term investments to the most innovative programs, and cultivating strong local leadership.

The charity event attracted a range of participants who want to help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia improve their quality of life. Bela Bajaria, President of Universal Television, was a keynote speaker at the event and noted, "The Aga Khan Foundation has a sustainable strategy ... it's been amazing that they built partnerships that include public and private enterprises, and community leaders to empower communities with a hand up, not a hand out, thereby strengthening communities."

Contributions make a tremendous impact in creating locally driven opportunities for girls in Afghanistan to attend school, farmers in Mali to feed their families, and mothers in India to lead healthy lives. With 200 projects in 30 countries, Aga Khan Foundation cultivates deep partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, governments and community leaders to harness the best from people of all walks of life. Working with partners, they make long-term commitments to innovative programs that improve the quality of life, from early childhood education to green space preservation. Visit their blog to learn more about what they do, at www.akfusa.org.

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school district consent calendar that included a payment to McKeown, but not before asking district officials about protocol for communicating with consultants, urging city officials to review best practices and criticizing the current leadership climate in the city.

"I was thinking of recusing myself, but ... I want to make sure we move towards closure," de la Torre said. "It doesn't really help us to have conflict between governing agencies."

The public spat stems from City Council's decision earlier this year to strip funding from the Pico Youth and Family Center, of which de la Torre is executive director. City officials have long alleged poor bookkeeping at the nonprofit organization, which de la Torre denies.

McKeown, who works as a technology consultant for SMMUSD, recused himself from that vote after hearing that de la Torre had tried reaching him through district channels.

A day later, de la Torre recused himself from a vote on a school district consent calendar that included a payment to McKeown.

Fast forward to the school board's Oct. 15 meeting, when another payment to McKeown was up for approval.

De la Torre accused the mayor of asking the PYFC board chair to force de la Torre to resign from his directorship in exchange for public funding. (De la Torre offered to step down from his role with the nonprofit during city budget talks in 2013, but he remains the head of the group.)

McKeown declined to comment, saying he couldn't respond without having seen exactly what was said at the school board meeting.

De la Torre noted that the city is planning to review best practices following the controversial firing of Elizabeth Riel.

"I do plan to make a request for that investigation to expand to include what happened between myself and Mayor

McKeown," he said before the vote.

School board president Laurie Lieberman interjected, saying de la Torre's comments were better suited for a later portion of the meeting. He agreed to speak later on and voted in favor of the consent calendar.

When De la Torre reclaimed the floor, he asked Superintendent Sandra Lyon to follow up with recommendations for how board members should contact district consultants.

When Lyon asked de la Torre to be more specific, he responded that he wanted a more detailed rundown on protocol.

"When we are called for information from anyone who seeks somebody else's phone number, we do not, by practice, give that number to the person who's calling unless we've been directed by the [employee]," Lyon said. "We call that person and say, 'So-and-so is trying to reach you.' That has been our practice. It's standard practice in every district. I would want staff to continue to follow that."

Lyon noted that she was not in the office when de la Torre tried reaching McKeown through her office. She said de la Torre's call should not have been pushed through.

"It should've stopped with me," she said.

De la Torre also asked for guidelines relating to conversations between board members, district officials and consultants. Lieberman reminded him that the school board doesn't have authority over what the mayor says at public city meetings.

De la Torre then asked about district staffers telling consultants about conversations between board members and district staffers.

"I don't know that we need to vent this here," Lyon said. "If you wanted to call [a consultant] and you talked to me, I would call them and relay that information. If you wanted their private cellphone number, I would not give it to you. I would talk to that consultant and say that this person has called."

Lyon said she would discuss de la Torre's concerns with him at another time.

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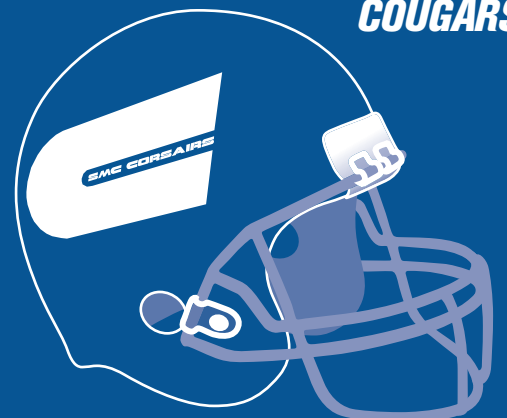


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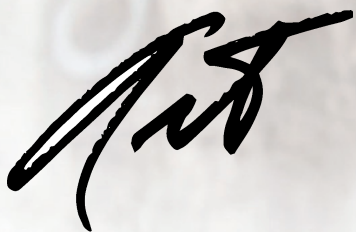
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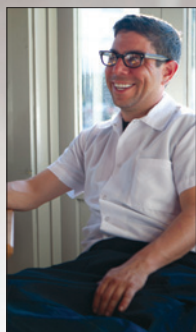


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PERMITS

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of the month it was passed.

"I think just generally speaking we know that high school is the time when kids start experimenting and getting access to [marijuana] and we're not turning a blind eye to that in any way, shape or form," Winters said. "It's not necessarily that there is a problem that perpetuates [at Samohi], we are just parents that know that this is the time, this is the place, where this can start."

The resolution includes three preliminary requirements and nine operational requirements for dispensaries, but Winters said it is really not about any one topic to the PTSA.

"It's more about recognizing that we know what is happening in the city," she said. "We know they will be issuing the permits eventually, and we want to make sure they are held to the highest standard. So we have several [requirements] in there. We want to make sure the City goes above and beyond and sets a higher standard for other communities. And the bottom line is that all of the [requirements] affect the safety and health of our kids first and foremost."

Winters said the PTSA knows that experts will be evaluating the City's permitting process, but the PTSA wants to be part of that process. And that is where the resolution comes in.

The PTSA resolution's preliminary requirements include the provision that dispensaries shall be located at least 1,000 feet from "another dispensary, any school, day-care, nursery, playground, library, or any youth-oriented establishment," according to applicable law.

Bill Leahy of SAMOSA responded by email, stating that "the planning commission in the [Zoning Ordinance Update] process thoroughly restricted and vetted the areas, sensitive uses and proximities thereto where a dispensary might locate," and that city staff stated to the council that "any further reduction in these areas, additions to the sensitive uses or increases to the proximities thereto would make it impossible for any dispensary to find a permissible location."

"If included this resolution would, in fact, make it impossible for any dispensary to situate itself in Santa Monica," Leahy said.

The PTSA's preliminary requirements also stated that applications for a permit must include the name and address of the applicant and the proposed location of the dispensary, and that applicants must undergo and successfully complete a background check before obtaining a permit; a provision SAMOSA found in line with state law adopted earlier this month that stated that specific felony convictions should preclude an applicant.

However, SAMOSA believed the final preliminary requirement allowing permits to only be valid for one year, and subject to renewal 60 days prior to expiration, to be impractical.

"Because dispensaries are subject to the CUP process, if it fails to meet those conditions the permit may be revoked at any time," Leahy said. "Any dispensary operator must invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to establish a dispensary. If their permit were subject to an annual renewal, no operator would make such an investment. There is no other business in Santa Monica subject to anything like this."

Though SAMOSA accepted provisions laid out in the PTSA's resolution that are already in the approved city ordinance (i.e., age restrictions for the premises, verification of physician referrals, no physician services on the premises and no use of marijuana on the premises) they disagreed with several other operational requirements.

SAMOSA believed that the PTSA's requirement that dispensaries only operate

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, was an "unreasonable restriction" that harms patients and causes dispensaries to be economically unviable.

"After work (i.e., after 5 p.m.) is when most people are able to visit any store," Leahy wrote. "This is a harsh restriction on patients. The hours of operation contained in the existing ordinance are consistent with West Hollywood's and all other cities with which we are familiar. Being closed on Sundays makes even less sense, and is reminiscent of 'dry county' rules found in Southern states relative to alcohol. There are no restrictions like this for patients obtaining 'Big-Pharma' medicine from any pharmacies (which are open 24 hours) or even alcohol (open until 2 a.m.) or even cigarettes (24 hours)."

The PTSA is also asking that dispensaries must verify and document that patients are Santa Monica residents, which Leahy believes is only intended to harm patients.

"There is no business in Santa Monica restricted only to serving documented residents," Leahy said. "There is no dispensary in California barred from serving a Santa Monica resident. Such a restriction like this seems like bullying intended to unreasonably punish patients and dispensaries. It is also likely illegal. This could cause a dispensary not to be economically viable."

Leahy also found the request that no consumable medical marijuana products be sold at dispensaries to be detrimental to patients.

"Many patients ingest their medicine only by eatables. Requiring patients to obtain their medicine only in a smokable form seems completely unreasonable, counterintuitive and punitive. Also, this results in a dramatic reduction in the type of medicine any dispensary can offer its patients; which could result in the dispensary being economically not viable."

Leahy said it is "hard to see" how the resolution is in the interest of the PTSA's students and school community.

"It is, abundantly clear, however, that seriously ill patients are needlessly and unreasonably harmed and punished under this resolution. Under this resolution, no dispensary operator could physically or economically locate in Santa Monica."

Winters finds SAMOSA's response to their resolution both sudden and hurtful.

"It has been within the past few months that the PTSA thought it was in our kids' best interest to create this resolution. And the school year just started, so we are just getting started. We thought it was in our kids' best interest to have a response and to address it ... I don't disagree that the patients need reasonable access and that they need to have this. We completely support the patients' rights in this. We just need to be an advocate for the kids and we need to make sure there isn't the ability for the kids to run off campus in the middle of the day or bring it back to campus. So I think we can strike a fine balance where the patients who want it get this access without there being bottles on the playground."

Leahy said SAMOSA believes that Santa Monica's current ordinance appropriately balances residents' concerns while affording reasonable access for patients.

"The Council's decision last July to expeditiously implement safe access exemplifies the City's tradition of compassionately helping the sick. For far too long, the hardships endured by patients have been worsened by not having local access to a holistic remedy to ease their suffering," Leahy said.

Ultimately, Winters wants to make sure the PTSA is heard on this matter.

"The goal is to make sure we have a voice, as it is pretty clear there are other groups and advocates who have a voice. And that's what we're here to accomplish," Winters said.

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BENEFITS

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ly that approval of a funds transfer will come soon.

The district could become a member of the CERBT plan by 2016, according to Jan Maez, the district's chief financial officer.

Committee analysis showed that the district's current pay-as-you-go plan is more expensive and risky over the long term than the CERBT option, officials said. Santa Monica College and the Los Angeles Unified School District have both used the latter option, officials said.

The oversight committee could eventually be tasked with assessing the performance of the retirement account annually "to see if it's the right thing," Maez said.

The current plan costs the district \$1.1 million per year, Maez said. As of July, there was about \$36.5 million in unfunded liability for existing and projected retirees.

District liability for retiree benefits should be considered when the district negotiates with its unions, Maez said.

The district provides post-employment health care benefits to employees who worked at least 10 years and who are at least 50 or 55, depending on classification. The district currently has 383 retirees receiving benefits and 1,363 active employees who are working to earn eligibility, Maez said.

PSAT PARTICIPATION HIGH

SMMUSD had high rates of participation when it offered the Preliminary SAT to 10th graders earlier this month.

The district had approved funding to administer the test on a school day instead of holding it on the weekend, according to Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of educational services.

Ninety-five percent of sophomores at Samohi and 90 percent of sophomores at Malibu High took the exam, which helps students practice for the SAT while making them eligible for merit scholarships.

"When those results come back, counselors and advisors can start to work together," Deloria said, "and when they meet with students to plan their 11th grade year it's another piece of data they can share with the students."

LYON TO MISS BOARD MEETING

Lyon will not be present for the Nov. 5 school board meeting, her first absence since starting as the district's superintendent in 2011.

Lyon will be attending the Suburban School Superintendents conference in Boston, where she'll meet with other education administrators from across the country.

She was selected this spring to join the leadership group, which was launched by superintendents from Beverly Hills and Glendale in 1964.

Maez will sit in Lyon's seat at the upcoming board meeting.

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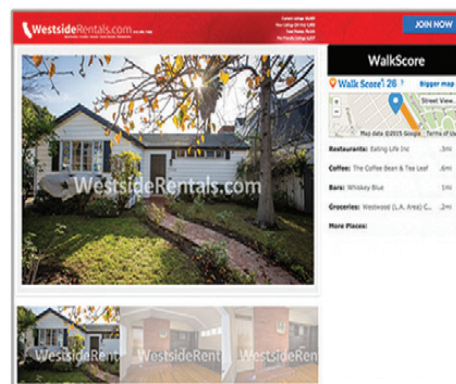
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THURSDAY – FAIR TO GOOD – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
WSW/SW swell eases, SW swell eases. New NW swell builds but mainly passes by the region.

FRIDAY – FAIR TO GOOD – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW/NW swell due to ease. SSW swell eases.

SATURDAY – FAIR TO GOOD – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Modest SW swell continues.

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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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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Mario Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Casterock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
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+			

LEGEND

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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken



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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 358 calls for service on Oct. 26.

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Fight 700 block of Pier 12:13 a.m.
Speeding 4th/Wilshire 1:24 a.m.
Prowler 1900 block of Ocean 2:08 a.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Broadway 2:39 a.m.
Fight Ocean/Santa Monica 3:11 a.m.
Death investigation 1300 block of 5th 4:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 4th 6:23 a.m.
Burglary 200 block of Hill 7:18 a.m.
Traffic accident 1400 block of 4th 7:46 a.m.
Vandalism 600 block of Palisades Park 8:04 a.m.
Identity theft 400 block of 15th 9:06 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block of Lincoln 9:09 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 100 block of Pacific 9:25 a.m.
Grand theft 3000 block of Airport 9:59 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 600 block of Marine 10:15 a.m.
Battery 20th/Delaware 10:45 a.m.
Fraud 2600 block of Centinela 10:55 a.m.
Hit and run 1700 block of Stewart 11:04 a.m.
Identity theft 1600 block of Santa Monica 11:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600 block of Bryn Mawr 11:05 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Main 11:06 a.m.
Identity theft 2700 block of Ocean Park 11:11 a.m.
Attempt burglary 1700 block of Cloverfield 11:17 a.m.

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The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 31 calls for service on Oct. 26.

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EMS 800 block of 5th 12:47 a.m.
EMS of 5th/Arizona 3:47 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of California 6:09 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ashland 6:52 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 7th 7:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2500 block of 23rd 7:13 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 7:44 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1000 block of Harvard 8:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of Georgina 9:39 a.m.
EMS 300 block of California 12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 12:23 p.m.

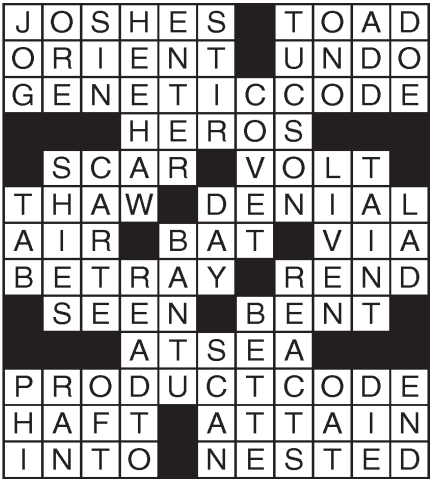
Auto burglary 900 block of 25th 12:01 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:05 p.m.
Battery 4th/California 12:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block of San Vicente 12:23 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block of Lincoln 12:27 p.m.
Drunk driving 2500 block of Santa Monica 12:36 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of Hill 1:16 p.m.
Assault 600 block of Santa Monica 1:24 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 1:47 p.m.
Traffic accident 3100 block of Wilshire 2:09 p.m.
Identity theft 400 block of Pier 2:15 p.m.
Burglary 900 block of 3rd 2:22 p.m.
Assault 600 block of Ocean 2:35 p.m.
Bike theft 600 block of Wilshire 2:54 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Maple 3:15 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Pico 3:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 4th 3:49 p.m.
Identity theft 1900 block of 11th 3:50 p.m.
Fraud 300 block of Olympic 4:07 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1700 block of Main 4:47 p.m.
Extortion investigation 1400 block of Lincoln 5:35 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block of 5th 5:49 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Lincoln 6:43 p.m.
Traffic accident Main/Pico 6:43 p.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of Washington 6:44 p.m.
Speeding 27th/Pearl 7:30 p.m.
Identity theft 2100 block of Yorkshire 7:41 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block of 16th 7:42 p.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Wilshire 8:03 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd/Wilshire 9:42 p.m.
Shots fired 2900 block of 2nd 10:26 p.m.

EMS 1700 block of Ocean Front 12:24 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Broadway 12:57 p.m.
EMS of Neilson/Bay 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 7th 3:13 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 3:20 p.m.
EMS of 4th/Pico 3:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of California 3:54 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 26th 4:13 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Santa Monica 5:10 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 5:20 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 2nd 5:59 p.m.
Vehicle fire of Lincoln/Pico 6:37 p.m.
EMS of Main/Pico 6:43 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Lincoln 7:29 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 8:18 p.m.
EMS 3200 block of Pearl 9:18 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Wilshire 9:43 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 14th 9:44 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Goldsmith 10:29 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Wilshire 10:48 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 High pair
 - 5 Bit of smoke
 - 9 Vestige
 - 11 Blitzen's boss
 - 12 Blender setting
 - 13 As a follower
 - 14 Greek vowel
 - 15 Disappointment
 - 17 Challenging tennis play
 - 19 "— folly to be wise"
 - 20 Spa room
 - 21 Very popular
 - 22 Librarian's bane
 - 24 Bible boat
 - 26 Tale tellers
 - 29 — Lanka
 - 30 Part of a space-walker's gear
 - 32 Mixing sites
 - 34 Part of many German names
 - 35 Mink's cousin
 - 36 Speculate
 - 38 Birds of the pampas

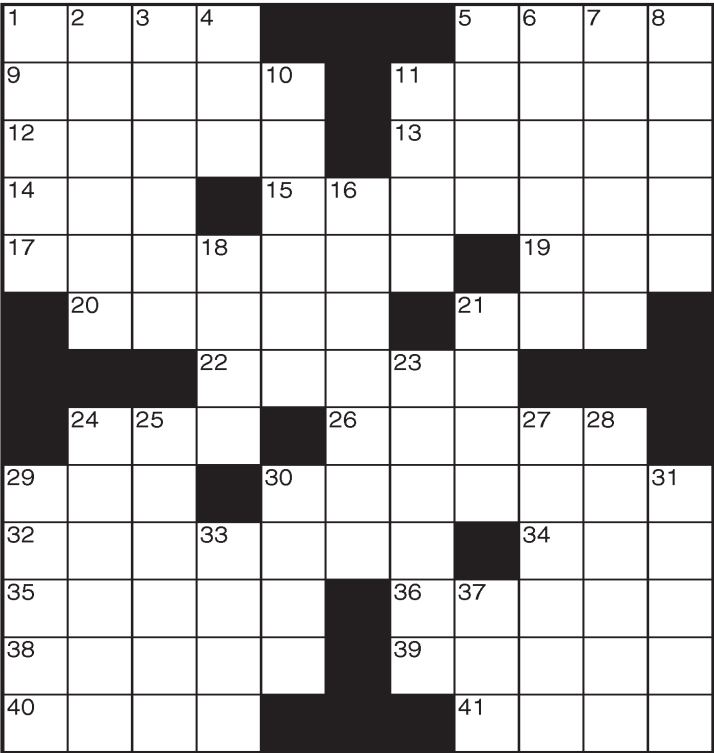
- 39 Time being
 - 40 Poorly lit
 - 41 Casual tops
- DOWN**
- 1 Colorado resort
 - 2 Skydiving needs
 - 3 Book boo-boos
 - 4 Glimpse
 - 5 Prop for Potter
 - 6 All told
 - 7 "Be quiet!"
 - 8 Half of a chess set
 - 10 Presidential middle name



Yesterday's answer

- 11 Locale
- 16 Online correspondent
- 18 Sticky stuff
- 21 Pile
- 23 Squelches
- 24 Singer Franklin
- 25 John of "Three's Company"
- 27 Deep gorge
- 28 Torch holder
- 29 Fencing need
- 30 Jelly buys
- 31 Leg joints
- 33 Bill
- 37 Poker prize

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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	2	4	7	3	6	8	5	9
5	8	3	2	9	4	1	6	7
6	9	7	1	5	8	2	3	4
2	6	9	3	8	5	7	4	1
8	3	1	4	2	7	6	9	5
4	7	5	9	6	1	3	2	8
3	5	8	6	7	9	4	1	2
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WORD UP!

lycanthrope
1. a werewolf or alien spirit in the physical form of a bloodthirsty wolf.
2. a person affected with lycanthropy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 - End of Cuban Missile Crisis: Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev orders the removal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.
1964 - Vietnam War: U.S. officials deny any involvement in bombing North Vietnam.
1965 - "Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions" of the Second Vatican Council, is promulgated by Pope Paul VI; it absolves the Jews of responsibility for the death of Jesus, reversing Innocent III's 760 year-old declaration.
1965 - Construction on the St. Louis Arch is completed.

1971 - Britain launches the satellite Prospero into low Earth orbit atop a Black Arrow carrier rocket, the only British satellite to date launched by a British rocket.
1982 - The Spanish Socialist Workers' Party wins elections, leading to the first Socialist government in Spain after death of Franco. Felipe González becomes Prime Minister-elect.
1990 - The Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic holds the first multiparty legislature election in the country's history.
1995 - Two hundred eighty-nine people are killed and 265 injured in Baku Metro fire, the deadliest subway disaster.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Officially" declaring oneself not subject to the laws of any jurisdiction (i.e., a "sovereign") opens a wide range of career choices. The FBI and Las Vegas police say that in Rick Van Thiel's case, once his porn industry career ended (because someone stole his video equipment), he "decided to go into the medical field," becoming "Dr. Rick" with expertise performing dozens of abortions, circumcisions and castrations (plus cancer treatments and root canals). Proudly avoiding actual licensing, Van Thiel promoted "alternative" remedies, with an office in a Nevada compound of trailers that one hesitant "patient" described as something out of a horror movie. Van Thiel, arrested in October, nonetheless staunchly defended his ability (acquired, he said, by watching YouTube medical videos). (Bonus entertainment: In court, he will be acting as his own lawyer.)
■ In a recent resolution, Blount County (Tennessee) Commissioner Karen Miller called for her fellow commissioners and state officials all the way up to the governor to prepare for "God's wrath" for recent national policies (same-sex marriage, etc.) she disagrees with. Though other states might be in for a smiting, Miller's resolution calls on God to spare Blount County (by the "safety of the Passover lamb"). In October, the commission tabled the resolution, 10-5, but she promised to reintroduce it.



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Leave the bubbles behind!

By Neva Rodrigues

Standardized tests. Just saying the words evokes a collective eye-roll and frustrated sigh (and not just from you, students!). The ongoing battle against the No Child Left Behind act piqued hope for educators, parents, and students last weekend when [President Obama talked about](#) limiting the amount of classroom time spent on standardized tests.

You're doing the good ole' "yes!" arm pump while pondering all the ways you'll be able to spend that regained time, right?

Believe me, you're not alone! Teachers are with you on this one. They feel teaching (no shocker there!) and engaging students is a better use of time.

And although the path to correcting this issue is a tough one, we're definitely taking a step in the right direction. Testing is just one small piece of the learning pie, and we must ensure the other pieces aren't pushed to the back burner because teachers are forced to spend so much precious time on this redundant, and sometimes useless, practice.



"Learning is about so much more than just filling in the right bubble," President Obama says.

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RELAX TO GREAT MUSIC, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your effectiveness seems to depend on your ability to multitask. Today you will demonstrate this trait, and it is likely to affect your finances. Curb a tendency to flare up quickly. Your desire to indulge a loved one emerges to this person's delight. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others look to you for feedback or support. Your creativity keeps emerging in waves. You won't want to plug up this well of imaginative thoughts. A new friend might be unusually difficult. Could this person be jealous of your popularity? Tonight: You choose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your chatty ways and charming nature could backfire on you. You won't want to assume a low profile, but you might need to. This is not the time to impress others. Gather information, and you will gain strength and knowledge as a result. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You know where you are going and why. Some friends might surprise you with their willingness to pitch in. Be careful, as your high energy is likely to overwhelm them. If you don't have an outlet, your interactions could be challenging. Tonight: Only where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take charge and know what you want. Understand your goals, and be willing to take the lead to manifest them. Use caution with your spending, as you easily could go overboard. The damage could be substantial if you allow your impulses to get the best of you. Tonight: Out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Read all you can about a developing situation or interest. Knowledge is power. You might be unusually driven, which is likely to distract several people around you. Don't worry -- you have the energy needed to complete the task at hand and more. Tonight: Relax to great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating could be triggering you more than you choose to let on. Anger appears to be bubbling up from out of nowhere. Share your ideas on this issue. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Of all the signs, you resent any challenges to your ideas the most. Attempt to view others' feedback as ways of strengthening your plans. Be gracious about their willingness to pitch in, even if you dislike others interfering. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Let others express their sense of direction before you decide to assume more responsibility. In a sense, you are a star in your community or at work. You blend luck, energy and caring together when you take the lead. Others might wonder why they can't manifest similar traits; remind them of their uniqueness. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your down-to-earth attitude might help a friend more than you realize. You will help this person see the bigger picture. You also might stimulate his or her mental and emotional growth. That is why this person will seek you out today and in the future. Tonight: Respond to emails.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with a problem that might not be of your making. A close associate seems to need you to listen to his or her news and concerns. Work on your listening skills. Spend some time and/or thought on your domestic life. Tonight: Make your home your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing between you and a loved one. This person recently might have expressed a lot of anger or frustration. One-on-one conversations will be essential to relating with him or her and resolving any issues. Tonight: Defer to this person more often.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

This year you often face opposition to your ideas and actions. Tap into different perspectives in order to enhance projects and ideas. You might experience an internal conflict about whether to listen to your intellect or your emotions. Try both. See what works best for you. If you are single, you will learn to accept others and their views more completely. You could meet someone exciting who challenges you. If you are attached, try to respect where your significant other is coming from. This attitude will produce more good feelings and acceptance. TAURUS lives the good life!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★Dynamic

★★ So-So

★★★★ Positive

★ Difficult

★★★ Average

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



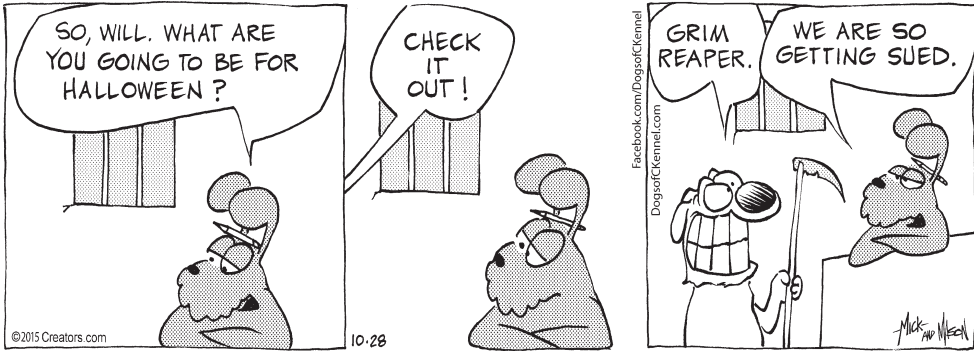
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