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Candidate's wife sues after personal information revealed

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. In an election year marked by waves of political attacks, one state legislative candidate is standing out for a tactic that targets his opponent's wife.

A Democratic state Assembly candidate in the San Gabriel Valley drew criticism Monday for publicizing a court document containing the name and Social Security number of Joy Lin, who is married to Republican candidate Matthew Lin.

Democrat Ed Chau used the document in several mailers and an Internet video, distributing both to voters in the 49th Assembly District, which is an open seat this year.

Campaign experts called the move uneth-

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Western communities boiling over water quality

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER Communities across the West are demanding limits on oil shale drilling along the Colorado River over concerns the thirst for oil could lead to polluted water supplies for millions of people.

The worries have prompted proposals to limit acreage available for leasing.

Officials in Nevada and Arizona sent letters to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar expressing concerns about the need to protect Colorado River water quality and quantity. Others back a Bureau of Land Management proposal to sharply reduce acreage available for possible leasing in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

Chris Treese, spokesman for the Colorado River Water Conservation District, said the concerns are overblown.

"They're not going to see any change in their water quality — none," said Treese, whose group is in western Colorado.

The BLM said some of the potential impacts will be analyzed as part of the individual leasing authorization process.

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ELECTION SEASON: SMMUSD Board of Education President Ben Allen speaks during the Daily Press' candidates forum, Squirrm Night.

Allen surges in school board fundraising

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Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Recent financial filings show incumbent Ben Allen pulling ahead of the pack in private fundraising in his fight to keep his spot on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

Allen, currently the board president, raised \$16,857 between Oct. 1 and Oct. 20 after pulling in only \$1,250 in the months prior to the most recent filing.

His coffers got a boost with nearly \$6,000 left over from his successful 2008 campaign, so despite over \$3,000 in recent expenditures he's sitting on \$16,481.35 with only a week to go in the campaign.

Many of the contributors are local to the Westside, but others hail from further afield like New York and England.

"I sent out an e-mail to some of my friends and supporters and people stepped up in all sorts of ways and I'm just grateful to have a good network of friends who support me and believe in what we're trying to do," Allen said.

Fellow incumbents Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vazquez also put up gains, although nothing as dramatic.

Escarce raised \$3,467.44 in the first three weeks of October. Among his supporters are former PTA heads, education professionals, City Council candidates and colleagues from the RAND Corporation, where Escarce also works.

A separate filing with the City Clerk's Office on Oct. 25 shows that Escarce also loaned himself \$5,000 for the campaign.

Leon-Vazquez, in contrast, raised only \$650 in the October filing period, with \$500 of that coming from one donor. The

remaining \$150 arrived in increments below \$100 each, and was not itemized.

The self-proclaimed reform slate, composed of Malibu residents Karen Farrer, Craig Foster and Seth Jacobson, had not filed its financial disclosures by Monday afternoon because of a problem uploading the file, Jacobson said.

Each of the three entered the race with a \$10,000 personal loan. They cited both the late date of their entry into the race — they declared the week before the deadline — and the need to compete with the additional funding their opponents would receive through the endorsement of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the leading political organization in the city.

SMRR, however, has not put much money behind the Board of Education can-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012

Halloween funnies
Ocean Park Library

2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m. — 4:10 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals for some stories celebrating the Halloween season. This program is for children ages 3-7. Tickets are free. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Free movie
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliffe stars in "The Woman in Black" as a widowed lawyer sent to a remote village to sort out the affairs of a recently deceased eccentric who lived in a house haunted by an angry spirit. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Feast on wheels
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Gourmet food trucks gather each week offering foodies plenty to choose from. There's free parking in the museum's lot. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Groove under the stars
Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place, third floor dining deck, 6:30 p.m.
Join Brett Young and special guests every Tuesday night for a live music set on the garden patio of this popular spot. For more information, call (424) 214-4560.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012

Armfuls of pumpkins
Downtown Farmers' Market
Arizona Avenue and Second Street,
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
For just \$5 you can get as many pumpkins as you can carry. Organizers say you should stack and balance your loot to optimize the haul. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Hopping for Halloween
Montana Avenue
3 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Montana Avenue is hosting its third annual Halloween Hop for kids of all ages. There will be trick-or-treating

along this popular shopping destination. Some stores go all out and even decorate for the occasion. For more information, visit www.montanaave.com.

Pal around for the holiday
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Pal-loween provides a fun and safe place for kids to be on Halloween, featuring costume contests, trick-or-treating, games, fun house, picture booth and more. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8988.

House of spirits
1008 Euclid St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
The House of Restless Spirits will be open for business this Halloween. To ensure the best possible experience, guests will be admitted onto the grounds in small groups at regularly-timed intervals. Please be advised that wait times can exceed an hour. Visitors tour the grounds, guided only by their senses. In some areas, the path is dark, narrow and uneven. Those entering the property do so at their own risk. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit www.houseofrestlessspirits.com.

Creepy crawlers
Locations and times vary
Time to put those costumes on and head out to Main Street and Wilshire Boulevard for the Santa Monica Haunted Pub Crawl. There will be lots of drink specials. For more information, visit www.ournightlife.com.

Ready to be scared?
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street,
7 p.m. — 1 a.m.
During the month of October, the third floor of Santa Monica Place will be transformed into a hair-raising haunted attraction where the un-dead will possess three mazes: "The Infirmary," "Insomniac Clown Playhouse" and "Granny's Manor of Mayhem." Spectators can also enjoy food and merchandise vendors throughout the night to compliment the main attraction, which will consume 50,000 square feet of what's billed as deathly horrifying space. Cost: \$24; \$19 for students. For more information, visit paranoiahalloween.com.

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OBAMA AND ROMNEY

Where they stand on the issues

CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A look at where Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican presidential rival Mitt Romney stand on a selection of issues, in brief:

ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL

Obama: Supports access to abortion. Health care law requires contraceptives to be available for free for women enrolled in workplace health plans.

Romney: Opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or risk to the woman's life. Previously supported abortion access. Says state law should guide abortion rights, and *Roe v. Wade* should be reversed by a future Supreme Court ruling. Said he would end federal aid to Planned Parenthood.

DEBT

Obama: Promises to cut projected deficits by \$4 trillion over 10 years, a goal that will require Congress to raise the capital gains tax, boost taxes on households earning more than \$250,000 a year, impose a minimum 30 percent tax on incomes above \$1 million, and more. Failed in first-term pledge to cut deficit he inherited by half; recently completed budget year marked fourth consecutive year of trillion-dollar-plus red ink.

Romney: Promises to cut \$500 billion per year from the federal budget by 2016 to bring spending below 20 percent of the U.S. economy and to balance it by 2020, but vital specifics are lacking. At same time would increase military spending, reverse \$716

billion in Medicare cuts and cut taxes. Favors constitutional balanced budget amendment.

ECONOMY

Obama: Term marked by high unemployment, a deep recession that began in previous administration and officially ended within six months, and gradual recovery with persistently high jobless rates of above 8 percent, until the rate dropped to 7.8 in September, the same as it was in February 2009, Obama's first full month in office. Businesses have added jobs for more than two years straight while public sector jobs have lagged. Responded to recession with a roughly \$800 billion stimulus plan, expanded auto industry bailout begun under George W. Bush, inherited and carried forward Wall Street bailout.

Romney: Lower taxes, less regulation, balanced budget, more trade deals to spur growth. Replace jobless benefits with unemployment savings accounts. Proposes replacing certain provisions of the law toughening financial-industry regulations after the meltdown in that sector. Proposes changing the law tightening accounting corporate regulations to ease requirements for mid-sized companies.

EDUCATION

Obama: Has approved waivers freeing states from the most onerous requirements of the Bush-era No Child Left Behind law. "Race to the Top" grant competition has rewarded winning states with billions of dollars for pursuing education policies Obama supports. Won approval from Congress for a \$10,000 college tax credit

over four years and increases in Pell Grants and other financial aid.

Romney: Supported federal accountability standards of No Child Left Behind law. Has said the student testing, charter-school incentives and teacher evaluation standards of Obama's "Race to the Top" competition "make sense" although the federal government should have less control of education. Says increases in federal student aid encourage tuition to go up, too. Wants to see private lenders return to the federal student loan program.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Obama: Ordered temporary moratorium on deep-water drilling after the massive BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, but U.S. produced more oil in 2010 than it has since 2003 and all forms of energy production have increased under Obama. Achieved historic increases in fuel economy standards that will save money at the pump while raising the cost of new vehicles. Achieved first-ever regulations on heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming and on toxic mercury pollution from power plants. Spent heavily on green energy and has embraced nuclear power as a clean source. Failed to persuade a Democratic Congress to pass limits he promised on carbon emissions. Set goal of cutting oil imports by half by 2020.

Romney: Pledges U.S. will become independent of energy sources outside of North America by 2020, through more aggressive exploitation of domestic oil, gas, coal and other resources and quick approval of

Toyota on top in latest Consumer Reports survey

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT And the winner is ... Japan.

Japanese brands took the top seven spots in Consumer Reports' annual reliability rankings, pushing aside their U.S. and European rivals. Toyota Motor Corp.'s Scion, Lexus and Toyota brands took the top three spots and the Toyota Prius C, a subcompact hybrid, got the best overall score. Mazda, Subaru, Honda and Acura were close behind.

The rankings, released Monday, predict the reliability of 2013 model-year vehicles based on surveys of Consumer Reports' readers. This year, 800,000 people submitted information on 1.2 million vehicles from the 2010 to 2012 model years. The rankings are critical for auto companies, since Americans frequently cite Consumer Reports as a main source of car-buying advice.

Ford and Lincoln, once top performers, plummeted to the bottom of this year's rankings because of persistent problems with glitchy touch screens and bumpy transmissions. Ford was also hurt because three normally reliable models — the Ford Escape, Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ — are all new for 2013, so Consumer Reports couldn't predict their reliability.

"We listen closely and value feedback on our vehicles - whether it's from customers or third parties, such as Consumer Reports," Ford said in response to the rankings. "We remain absolutely committed to continuously improving and providing the highest-quality vehicles to our customers."

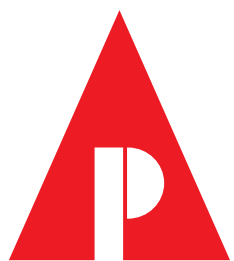
Also near the bottom were Chrysler Group's Chrysler, Dodge and Ram brands, which have been getting a fast makeover since partnering with Italy's Fiat three years ago. Consumer Reports says models with more features and more powerful engines, like the V-8 versions of the Chrysler 300 and Jeep Grand Cherokee — had the most issues.

The best-performing U.S. brand was Cadillac, from General Motors Co.

Volkswagen AG's luxury Audi brand made the biggest strides in this year's survey, climbing 18 spots to No. 8. It was the best-performing European brand. Glitch-free new models like the A7 sedan got high marks from Jake Fisher, Consumer Reports'

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ELECTION 2012

Endorsements: Shaping the future

PRESIDENT

BARACK OBAMA — DEMOCRAT

We're in Santa Monica. What would you expect?

Seriously though, Obama has done a respectable job during extremely difficult times, helping to keep the country afloat and avoid a second Great Depression, all while championing healthcare reform and cracking down on Wall Street during a time of extreme partisanship in Congress.

Employment numbers are improving, the stock market is coming off of an historic run, our troops are finally coming home from Iraq, the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has been abandoned, America is producing more of its own energy thanks to new technologies and Osama bin Laden has been executed. Looking back it has been a fairly successful four years despite the immense challenges. Just imagine how effective Obama could have been if not for the Tea Party extremists and obstructionists in Congress.

Now that's not to say Obama has lived up to the hope and change he promised when he took office. More Americans believe Congress is dysfunctional. While Obama can barely be faulted for that, true leaders find a way. He has failed to enact true immigration reform and was late to the game when it came to supporting marriage equality. Last we checked, the prison at Guantamo Bay is still in operation, and he continues to use some of the indefensible national security policies of the Bush administration.

But consider the alternative. When looking at Republican-nominee Mitt Romney's record, it's difficult to determine exactly what he stands for. He created the model for universal healthcare in his home state of Boston when he served as governor, but now bashes Obamacare. And that's just the main flip-flop. His platform also leaves many scratching their heads, in particular his plan to keep taxes where they are, increase defense spending yet, at the same time, close the deficit. That math just doesn't add up. His foreign policy experience is also lacking and comments he has made along the campaign trail (47 percent, cutting funding for PBS) seem to reinforce the belief that Romney is out of touch with the average American.

The next four years would clearly be more uncertain under Romney than under Obama and the American public doesn't need any more surprises. We need to allow Obama to continue his work cleaning up the mess left by the previous

administration while setting the country on solid ground so that the middle class can rebound and carry this country once again. After examining the speeches, platforms and debates, it is clear that Obama represents the party of we, while Romney represents the party of me.

U.S. SENATOR

DIANNE FEINSTEIN — DEMOCRAT

Feinstein has been a proven leader in Washington, tackling some of the most complex and divisive issues. She has a progressive voting record, having supported healthcare reform, and is leading the effort to reenact a lapsed ban on assault weapons. She has also proposed the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act and is pushing for rational immigration reform. She understands what issues matter to Californians and will fight for our interests better than the alternative, who has no proven track record. This could very well be Feinstein's last hurrah given her age, and we trust she will work hard to leave a lasting legacy.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

HENRY WAXMAN — DEMOCRAT

Waxman has a long history of supporting liberal causes and holding those in power accountable. He's an old-school progressive whose views mirror those of most Santa Monicans. That said, it has felt at times as if he has taken us for granted. No movement on building housing for homeless veterans. Letters sent but nothing accomplished in regards to limiting flights at Santa Monica Airport or saving the Downtown post office. But then again, there's no guarantee that any of that would have been accomplished if his challenger, millionaire Bill Bloomfield, were in office. We liked Bloomfield and believe his efforts to rid Washington of obstructionist forces are needed, but his disinterest in local issues concerned us, as well as his lack of a voting record. We believe Waxman should be given another term, while Bloomfield should be supported in his efforts to reform politics from the outside.

STATE ASSEMBLY — 50TH DISTRICT

BETSY BUTLER — DEMOCRAT

Butler, a Democrat, is already serving in Sacramento and has been fairly productive in her first term as an elected official. She has the liberal credentials and the connections within the political establishment to

get her bills the attention they deserve and the votes they need to be signed into law. She will be an effective advocate for education, the environment and equal rights.

COUNTY MEASURES

MEASURE A — NO

Appointing the county assessor — who is in charge of setting property values, and therefore the tax one pays on their property — instead of electing them will do nothing to eliminate the possibility of corruption. What Measure A will do though is take the decision of who our assessor should be out of the hands of voters. That doesn't sound like smart reform. Instead it's disenfranchisement.

MEASURE B — NO

Requiring porn actors to wear condoms while filming their sex scenes is not necessary since the industry is already heavily self-regulated. Measure B will push production out of the county, which will mean fewer jobs available and less tax revenue. We feel there needs to be more evidence that STDs are being spread on porn sites. So far, the urgency isn't there.

MEASURE J — YES

Extending the already-approved sales tax increase to fund transit will help secure more money at cheaper rates and push projects along faster, creating more jobs, which are sorely needed. In the end, the continuation of a half-percent tax is a small price to pay for the future of transportation, even if the length of the extension initially gave us pause. There's always going to be potholes and bridges to repair.

GOLDEN STATE MEASURES

PROP. 30: SCHOOL FUNDING — YES

While we want to send a strong message to Sacramento politicians that we are fed up with their inability to balance the budget and instead rely on accounting gimmicks and borrowing, now is not the time for tough love — not when our kids are being threatened with billions in cuts to public education at all levels. Prop. 30 is a modest increase in the sales tax and income tax for those in the best position to afford it. The increases are temporary and will plug holes in the budget. If not approved, automatic cuts will be enacted. That means teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, shorter school years and possibly another parcel tax for Santa Monicans.

PROP. 31: CHANGES TO STATE BUDGET PROCESS — NO

While there are many aspects to Prop. 31 that we like, such as forcing legislators to show how they will pay for new programs before they are approved, it's far too convoluted and confusing for most voters and therefore shouldn't be approved. It's a perfect example of why California needs to reform the initiative process, which is too often corrupted by special interests. Another reason to vote no is that Prop. 31 gives too much power to the governor to make budget cuts. We shiver at the thought of a governor like Arnold Schwarzenegger with even more power to wield. Now that would be more frightening than a sequel to "Junior."

PROP. 32: POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS — NO

Speaking of special interests, Prop. 32 claims to be real reform, but it's actually a ploy by corporations to have even more control over the political process by targeting unions and the way they fill their campaign coffers. If approved, Prop. 32 would do nothing to limit the influence of special interests. What it would do is make it harder for middle-class workers to make their voices heard. Prop. 32 on the surface looks good, but once you unwrap the package you'll find out it's rotten.

PROP. 33: AUTO INSURANCE — NO STANCE

The editorial board was split on this one. We liked the idea of being able to take a longevity discount with us as we shop around, which would make the market more competitive, but we also felt that the insurance industry is already well-regulated and drivers with good driving records can still get significant discounts. It came down to the question of whether or not this would encourage more people to get insurance, and we couldn't come to an agreement on that.

PROP. 34: DEATH PENALTY — YES

While arguments that the death penalty is barbaric and not fitting for a civilized society are compelling, what's more is the cost savings that will come from eliminating the death penalty, which has failed to act as a deterrent for criminals. Millions will be saved annually and no innocent person will lose their lives if the death penalty is abolished.

PROP. 35: HUMAN TRAFFICKING — NO

Establishing penalties for crimi-

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After the Bell

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Not hitting rock bottom

WITH THE DOW DROPPING, AS PREDICTED, about 250 points, it's time to think about buying. Certainly this should be true of Apple stock, which dropped from over \$700 to under \$600 for a brief moment. A hundred-point drop is worth a look.

As a covered call writer, of course, some of this made money for me. Some of the stocks I've mentioned recently are down slightly, but some are up. For example, I've been following a test strategy on Bank of America for the past five months, based on holding a long term put at \$5, and selling short term puts against that hedge each month. This strategy has been very successful, but I don't think I can attribute the success completely to the option strategy. BAC has moved up steadily from about \$5 to over \$9, and that's what has made the positions profitable. Had I bought the stock at \$5 I would have made twice as much money, but that's option writing.

Another example of a stock that's remained really hot during the decline is Whirlpool. You might remember my mentioning that I bought some at \$55. That position was called away on a call option at \$85, at a really nice profit. But the stock has continued to move up toward \$95. Yes I thought it was a good stock, but not that good, and I have no idea why it is moving up so strongly.

The housing market ETFs have continued to be good. The Freeport-McMahon gold and copper play has remained pretty flat, but with FCX at \$38 during this dip I feel it's a good purchase. The experts say that the demand for copper is stable, and while China is buying less of it right now, the supply has dwindled considerably so another shortage looms in the future.

Exxon, another of my favorites, has gone up so much I sold off the positions and took the profit. Green Mountain Coffee, where I wrote puts at \$20, has shown good strength and, while it might not go back up to \$100 a share where it once was, it seems like a solid company and I've made a nice profit on the put premiums.

So what's gone down? Nothing else can compare to Apple's drop. When the stock was at \$690 I sold a put spread that would have made \$4,000 for the month if the stock did not decline below \$625. But it did, and for a while I had an unrealized loss of \$25,000 (after gains of \$17,000 earlier in the

year). Now the stock has shown some strength and I'm optimistic that it might go back up over \$625 before the expiration date on Nov. 16.

Meanwhile, however, when the stock was about \$600 I sold five naked puts at \$580 and took in a premium of \$12,500. I think that Apple is still one of the best companies in the world, and still has a lot of innovative products to come. I'm impressed with their potential for TV and remote speakers controlled by the iPad, and I love the look of the new mini iPad. So if I have to buy the stock at \$580 a share I'm OK with that. And if the stock goes up and I just keep the \$12,500 premium I'm OK with that as well, and that will also mitigate my loss on the November put spread.

So much for what has happened so far this month. What's going to happen in the future?

Some are unhappy with the projected increase of 2 percent per year growth. I don't see why. As long as we are continuing to grow, especially after such a bad period, I think it's a good sign. And the experts are saying there are lots of good signs.

For one, there is usually a growth spurt right after an election. For another, corporate earnings continue to do well. Third, Europe seems to be coming out of their slump. And forth, China, while not growing as it once did, continues to show signs of activity. So it is very likely that 2013 will be a good year. If the past is any predictor of the future, the market will go up later this year.

And finally we come to the same stock I've complained about for the several years that I've held it and it hasn't moved up — Walgreen. It seems like such a good company, with good stores, and new stores opening up all the time. The experts said that I should have bought CVS instead, and based on price for a time, they were right. But, in looking at the data, I'm holding on to my Walgreen. The price-earnings ratio is much lower than CVS, and the dividend is much greater.

On the other hand, I might have to sell it to pay for my Apple stock if that goes below \$580 next January.

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Squabble over school newspaper ad content

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ROSEVILLE, Calif. A First Amendment squabble is brewing in California over high school newspaper and yearbook advertising content.

The Sacramento Bee says the Roseville Joint Union High School District's decision this month to give the superintendent the right to approve ads before they can run in the district's five student newspapers has raised legal issues that could have implications districts statewide.

The Roseville school board voted on Oct. 9 to bar all political campaigning and religious symbols from advertisements that appear in student publications and the superintendent authority to reject ads for any reason.

The revised policy was based on a model crafted by the California School Boards Association, and other school districts have adopted similar restrictions on religious ads or given education officials final say over paid ads, according to The Bee.

Those provisions could lead to students filing lawsuits over free speech rights and advertisers going to court complaining their right to religious speech has been quashed,

Attorney Adam Goldstein of the Student Press Law Center in Virginia said.

"The district is opening themselves up to a lot more liability than they are protecting themselves from," Goldstein told The Bee.

But Elaine Yama-Garcia, an attorney for the school boards association, said the sample policy is sound because different First Amendment standards apply to advertising compared to editorial content.

"I think he is misinterpreting the law," she said of Goldstein's complaints.

Karl Grubaugh, a journalist who advises Granite Bay High School's student newspaper, agrees the school district's policy goes too far in infringing on students' rights to control the content in school publications.

"If a tattoo parlor wants to come and put an ad in my paper — you could get a tattoo with parent signature at 16 — we will run that ad," Grubaugh said. "If a church wants to advertise Sunday services, we are going to run that ad."

The blowback has persuaded the Roseville school district to take another look at the policy, with an eye toward presenting changes to the school board on Nov. 13, Assistant Superintendent Ron Severson said.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Space shuttle Endeavour goes on public display

The final home of space shuttle Endeavour is opening its doors to the public.

Astronauts and schoolkids will be on hand Tuesday at the California Science Center in Los Angeles at the grand opening of its new shuttle display.

Visitors to the free display can't go inside Endeavour but they can use virtual exhibits, including touch-screen computer displays with information about the shuttle's flight deck. Also on display is Endeavour's zero-gravity toilet.

Thousands of people watched as the giant spacecraft made its final journey through the streets of Los Angeles and Inglewood two weeks ago.

The shuttle will be on display in a special 18,000-square-foot building until the downtown museum builds a new air and space wing that should open in about five years.

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LOS ANGELES

State strips 23 schools of ranking for cheating

The California Department of Education has stripped 23 schools of a key state ranking due to cheating and other irregularities in administering standardized tests last spring.

The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday that the violations ranged from failing to cover bulletin boards to helping students correct errors or coaching them with actual test questions.

The incidents occurred during tests that are used to calculate a school's Academic Performance Index, which is commonly used to rank schools.

The number of schools with such violations has remained constant over the past three years — about two dozen.

According to a report the newspaper obtained, some coaching was more overt than others, such as a teacher using facial expressions to indicate right or wrong answers.

AP

LYNWOOD

Man run over and killed after party confrontation

The driver of a car that struck and killed a man outside a Southern California party is in jail for investigation of murder.

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators say 23-year-old Anthony Hernandez got into an argument with 25-year-old Ivan Torres during a Lynwood house party early Sunday.

There are no details about what led to the argument.

A sheriff's news release says Hernandez got into his car and deliberately struck Torres when he walked into the street.

Hernandez was later arrested and booked. He is being held without bail.

AP

MALIBU

Lifeguards need rescue after getting stuck

Two lifeguards got stranded on a Malibu cliff face while they were trying to rescue a stuck climber and had to be rescued themselves.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said Sunday that a woman clad only in a bathing suit got stuck about 50 feet above rocks on Pirates Cove, just east of Westward Beach, on Saturday around 4:15 p.m.

An ocean rescue boat spotted her and radioed for help. Two lifeguards climbed up to assist her, but also got stuck.

A Malibu Search and Rescue team member lowered himself over the cliff using a rope. He harnessed the lifeguards and lowered them safely to the sand. The woman was rescued by nearby climbers.

No one was injured.

It was the second rescue at this location this year.

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Keystone XL pipeline from Canada. Supports opening Atlantic and Pacific outer continental shelves to drilling, as well as Western lands, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and offshore Alaska. Says green power has yet to become viable and causes of climate change are unproved.

FOREIGN POLICY

Obama: Opposes near-term military strike on Iran but holds that option open if it proves the only way to stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons. Declined to repeat the Libya air power commitment for Syrian opposition, instead seeks international pressure against Syrian government. Chastised Israel for continuing to build housing settlements in disputed areas and pressed both sides to begin a new round of peace talks based on land borders established after 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict. Signed law to expand military and civilian cooperation with Israel. Sought penalties against China for unfair trade but opposes branding China a currency manipulator.

Romney: Appears to present a clearer U.S. military threat to Iran and has spoken in more permissive terms about Israel's right to act against Iran's nuclear facilities, without explicitly approving of such a step and while saying U.S. military action against Iran would be last resort. Would identify those in Syrian opposition who share U.S. values, then work with U.S. allies to "ensure they obtain the arms they need to defeat" Syrian government. But has not proposed direct U.S. arms supplies to rebels and would rule out U.S. military action for now. Associates himself more closely with hardline Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, pledges more military assistance to Israel. Branded Russia the "No. 1 geopolitical foe" of the U.S. and threatened to label China a currency manipulator in a move that could lead to broad trade sanctions.

GAY RIGHTS

Obama: Supports legal recognition of same-sex marriage, a matter decided by states. Opposed that recognition in 2008 presidential campaign and in 2004 Senate campaign, while supporting the extension of legal rights and benefits to same-sex couples in civil unions. Achieved repeal of the military ban on openly gay members. Has not achieved repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and affirms the right of states to refuse to recognize such marriages. Administration has ceased defending the law in court but it remains on the books.

Romney: Opposes legal recognition of same-sex marriage and says it should be banned with a constitutional amendment, not left to states. "Marriage is not an activity that goes on within the walls of a state." Also opposes civil unions "if they are identical to marriage other than by name," but says states should be left to decide what rights and benefits should be allowed under those unions. Says certain domestic partnership benefits — largely unspecified — as well as hospital visitation rights are appropriate but "others are not." Says he would not seek to restore the ban on openly gay military members.

GUNS

Obama: Has not pushed for stricter gun laws as president. Signed laws letting people carry concealed weapons in national parks and in checked bags on Amtrak trains.

Favors "robust steps, within existing law" to address gun issues, White House says. Voices support for renewed ban on assault-type weapons but has not tried to get that done. Previously backed stronger gun controls.

Romney: Opposes stricter gun control laws. Suggested after the Colorado theater shooting that he favors tougher enforcement of existing gun laws. As Massachusetts governor, vowed in 2002 to protect the state's "tough gun laws," and in 2004 signed a Massachusetts ban on assault weapons.

HEALTH CARE

Obama: Achieved landmark overhaul putting U.S. on path to universal coverage now that Supreme Court has upheld the law's mandate for almost everyone to obtain insurance. Under the law, insurers will be banned from denying coverage to people with pre-existing illness, tax credits will subsidize premiums, people without work-based insurance will have access to new markets, small business gets help for offering insurance and Medicaid will expand.

Romney: Promises to work for repeal of the law modeled largely after his universal health care achievement in Massachusetts because he says states, not Washington, should drive policy on the uninsured. Says he would protect people with pre-existing conditions, though his plan only does so for those who maintain continuous coverage, not a major change from federal protections in effect before Obama's health care overhaul. Would expand individual tax-advantaged medical savings accounts and let savings be used for insurance premiums as well as personal medical costs.

IMMIGRATION

Obama: Issued directive in June that immigrants brought illegally to the United

States as children be exempted from deportation and granted work permits if they apply. Took the temporary step after failing to deliver on promised immigration overhaul, with the defeat of legislation that would have created a path to citizenship for young illegal immigrants enrolled in college or enlisted in the armed forces. Says he is still committed to it. Government has deported a record number of illegal immigrants under Obama.

Romney: Favors U.S.-Mexico border fence, opposes education benefits to illegal immigrants. Opposes offering legal status to illegal immigrants who attend college, but would do so for those who serve in the armed forces. Would establish a national immigration-status verification system for employers and punish them if they hire noncitizens who do not prove their authorized status. Would end visa caps for spouses and minor children of legal immigrants. Would honor work permits for immigrants who benefit from Obama's new policy but not accept new applicants under the program, and promises to put in place a comprehensive immigration plan before those permits expire.

MEDICARE

Obama: His health care law improves coverage for beneficiaries with high prescription costs and removes co-pays for a set of preventive benefits. It also cuts Medicare spending for hospitals and other providers by more than \$700 billion over a decade. Those cuts are being used to provide health insurance to more working-age Americans, and the government also counts them as extending the life of the program's giant trust fund. But he hasn't ruled out increasing

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costs for middle-class and upper-income Medicare recipients or increasing the eligibility age from 65 to 67.

Romney: Introduce "generous" but under-termined subsidies to help future retirees buy private insurance or join a government plan modeled on traditional Medicare. Gradually increase eligibility age to 67. Repealing Obama's health care law would roll back improved benefits for seniors unless Congress acts to protect them. It also would reverse Obama's Medicare cuts to hospitals and other providers, which could hasten insolvency of Medicare's trust fund.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Obama: Has not proposed a comprehensive plan to address Social Security's long-term financial problems. In 2011, proposed a new measure of inflation that would reduce annual increases in Social Security benefits. The proposal would reduce the long-term financing shortfall by about 25 percent, according to the Social Security actuaries.

Romney: Protect the status quo for people 55 and over, but raise the retirement age for full benefits for the next generation of retirees by one or two years and reduce inflation increases in benefits for wealthier recipients.

TAXES

Obama: Wants to raise taxes on the wealthy and ensure they pay 30 percent of their income at minimum. Supports extending Bush-era tax cuts for everyone making under \$200,000, or \$250,000 for couples. But in 2010, agreed to a two-year extension of the lower rates for all. Wants to let the top two tax rates go back up 3 to 4 percentage points to 39.6 percent and 36 percent, and raise rates on capital gains and dividends for the wealthy. Health care law provides for tax on highest-value health insurance plans. Together with Congress, built a first-term record of significant tax cuts, some temporary.

Romney: Keep Bush-era tax cuts for all incomes and drop all tax rates further, by 20 percent, bringing the top rate, for example, down to 28 percent from 35 percent and the lowest rate to 8 percent instead of 10 per-

cent. Curtail deductions, credits and exemptions for the wealthiest. End Alternative Minimum Tax for individuals, eliminate capital gains tax for families making below \$200,000 and cut corporate tax to 25 percent from 35 percent. Does not specify which tax breaks or programs he would curtail to help cover costs.

TERRORISM

Obama: Approved the raid that found and killed Osama bin Laden, set policy that U.S. would no longer use harsh interrogation techniques, a practice that had essentially ended late in George W. Bush's presidency. Largely carried forward Bush's key anti-terrorism policies, including detention of suspects at Guantanamo Bay despite promise to close the prison. Expanded use of unmanned drone strikes against terrorist targets in Pakistan and Yemen. The deadly attack by militants on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, in September raised questions that persist about the quality of U.S. intelligence and about why requests for added security there were denied before the assault.

Romney: No constitutional rights for for-

eign terrorism suspects. In 2007, refused to rule out use of waterboarding to interrogate terrorist suspects. In 2011, his campaign said he does not consider waterboarding to be torture.

WAR

Obama: Ended the Iraq war, increased U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan then began drawing down the force with a plan to have all out by the end of 2014. Approved U.S. air power in NATO-led campaign that helped Libyan opposition topple government. Major cuts coming in the size of the Army and Marine Corps as part of agreement with congressional Republicans to cut military spending over a decade.

Romney: Proposes increase in military spending. Endorses 2014 end to U.S. combat in Afghanistan. Would increase strength of armed forces, including number of troops and warships, adding almost \$100 billion to the Pentagon budget in 2016. In addition, criticized congressional Republicans for negotiating a deficit-cutting deal with the White House that will mean automatic and massive cuts in Pentagon spending next year if federal budget deal is not reached in time.

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ical. While it might not be illegal, Joy Lin has filed a lawsuit claiming it violated her privacy.

Chau spokesman Pat Dennis said the campaign used publicly available documents and blamed county officials for not redacting the information on an old tax lien.

An attorney for Joy Lin sent a letter more than a week ago demanding that Chau withdraw the mailers and apologize. Dennis said it has been weeks since the last such mailer was distributed and that the Chau campaign has since moved on to other attack-related campaign strategies.

However, the video with the tax document was still featured prominently on the campaign's website Monday.

Bob Stern, a former general counsel for the California Fair Political Practices Commission, said he had never seen such an attack in his 40 years of experience.

Disclosing a Social Security number is an unethical invasion of privacy that invites "financial mischief" such as identity theft, said Stern, who most recently was president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles.

"That's really stretching things, to go after the wife," Stern said. "I think it borders on being not in good taste and not being ethical."

Joy Lin filed a lawsuit Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court, claiming that disclosing her Social Security number violates her privacy.

The lawsuit also contends that the tax lien, dated 1997, was filed erroneously and corrected years ago.

She also objected to the campaign publishing an aerial photograph of the couple's home, although Stern said he thinks that is fair game in an age in which similar photographs are readily available on the Internet.

John Chang, who is Joy Lin's attorney, said she sued for a civil violation of her privacy rights because there is no apparent legal violation. California law prohibits anyone from publicizing an individual's Social Security number, but exempts publicly filed documents like tax liens.

Chau's spokesman said the campaign didn't notice that Lin's Social Security number was disclosed on the lien, and said few people would have spotted it had not Lin's campaign drawn attention to it with a lawsuit and news release.

"This whole thing is nothing but a campaign stunt by Lin. He's losing, he's desperate and he's trying to create something out of nothing," Dennis said.

Democrats hold the registration advantage in the district, 41 percent to Republicans' 25 percent, but 29 percent have no party preference.

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didates. According to filings, SMRR support has amounted to \$2,000 for each incumbent, mostly coming from postage, mail preparation and printing costs of candidate mailers.

In general, the organization does not spend much of its campaign money on school board candidates, said Patricia Hoffman, co-chair of SMRR.

"Because we field so many people, we take the cost of the mailing and divide by

how much space they have," Hoffman said. "It comes out to very little toward the Board of Education candidates. We spend a larger portion on City Council."

Those candidates receive something in the neighborhood of \$15,000 each in support, she said.

If past experience plays any role, the three incumbents will not expect much more support.

The last time they each ran in 2008, SMRR spent a total of \$2,458.43 on each.

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WATER

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Regulators believe the water supply can be protected and any pollution will be diluted by the time it reaches Las Vegas, the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel reported Monday.

Yet those reassurances have not placated elected officials.

"We believe that a comprehensive study of the cumulative impacts of oil shale development to the Colorado River basin should be conducted before the BLM considers commercial leasing of public lands," said a letter signed by Nevada state lawmakers Peggy Pierce and Tick Segerblom; Arizona House Minority Whip Anna Tovar, and Arizona Corporate Commission member Paul Newman. The commission oversees utility and transportation matters.

The writers cited a Government Accountability Office estimate that industrial-scale oil shale development could require water equivalent to the amount used by 750,000 households.

Arizona's House Minority Leader Chad Campbell, a Democrat, sent a similar letter, as did Democratic Nevada lawmaker Maggie

Carlton, Democratic Nevada state Sen. Mark Manendo, and Las Vegas City Council member Bob Coffin.

In addition, Clark County commissioners in southern Nevada also indicated they were trying to adopt a resolution that wouldn't interfere with sensitive, ongoing interstate negotiations over Colorado River water.

Even residents on the other side of the Continental Divide who rely on Colorado River water have raised concerns about oil shale's potential impacts on water quality and future availability.

The Front Range Water Council sent a letter to the BLM regarding its draft environmental impact statement analyzing a range of alternatives for how much land should be made available for possible leasing.

The council represents utilities for Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Aurora and other communities that need the water for about 80 percent of the state population.

Jeremy Boak, director of the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research at the Colorado School of Mines, said some companies are trying to find ways to pump oil without coming in contact with groundwater.

Shell is testing a steam process that it says shows promise, cleaning groundwater before it gets to consumers.

CARS

FROM PAGE 3

director of automotive testing.

"They're out-BMWing BMW, easily, in terms of the driving dynamics," he said.

Electric cars also got impressive results. The all-electric Nissan Leaf was Nissan's best performer, partly because its electric motor has fewer parts than a gasoline engine, Fisher said. But the Chevrolet Volt — an extended-range electric car that has both an electric system and a conventional engine and transmission — also got the highest score of any GM vehicle.

"GM took a lot of painstaking time to develop that car," Fisher said.

The Volt was recalled earlier this year because vehicles crash-tested by the government showed a risk of fire when coolant leaked from the battery. But Consumer Reports' rankings don't reflect that, since the magazine only asks respondents to note issues that have happened on their own vehicles. Only vehicles with 100 or more responses are included. Among 2012 models, the magazine got the most responses for the Honda CR-V, with nearly 3,000.

Fisher said the magazine is getting about the same number of complaints as it did five years ago. But issues with electronics, audio and touch-screen systems have increased while complaints about mechanical problems are down.

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ENDORSEMENTS

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nals is best left up to the lawmakers. There are too many unexpected consequences with initiatives and taking away someone's freedom is an arena where mistakes should be limited.

PROP. 36: THREE STRIKES — YES

Too often we have heard of the horror stories of a drug addict being sentenced to life for stealing CDs. Three strikes should only be used in the case of violent crimes. This reform will ensure that the punishment fits the crime and help alleviate overcrowding in our prisons.

PROP. 37: FOOD LABELING — YES

Santa Monicans are all about eating healthy, and that means knowing where their food comes from. This measure, while not perfect, does move us in the right direction by requiring food distributors to provide more information on genetically-modified foods. It's a good first start that will hopefully lead to more information being

released on what we eat.

PROP. 38: TAX TO FUND EDUCATION — NO

While education is critical, this measure would do nothing to stop cuts to public schools this year. Only Prop. 30 can do that. This measure would also do nothing to help community colleges or public universities, and it raises taxes on those who can least afford it.

PROP. 39: TAXES ON MULTI-STATE BUSINESSES — YES

This measure simplifies the corporate tax code and dedicates money to the creation of a green economy. California needs to become a leader in alternative energy generation and this measure will help.

PROP. 40: REDISTRICTING — YES

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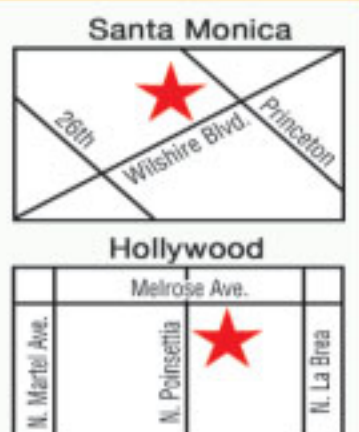
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In Vietnam, U.S. relies on pirate site to network

CHRIS BRUMMITT
Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam It's a wildly popular website laden with unlicensed songs and Hollywood movies, a prime exhibit of the digital piracy that is strangling the music industry in Asia and eroding legitimate online sales around the world.

The free-to-download bonanza has pushed Vietnam's Zing.vn into the ranks of the globe's top 550 websites. But a few clicks inside the site reveal a surprising presence: the U.S. government, which maintains a bustling social media account there.

Washington is a vocal proponent of intellectual property rights in Vietnam as it is around the world, and a site like Zing would be shut down in the United States. But with space with for public diplomacy limited in Communist Vietnam, the American embassy uses its "Zingme" account to reach out to young people in Vietnam as it seeks to build closer ties with its former enemy.

The embassy's presence shows just how mainstream pirate sites have become in Vietnam, where the government does nothing to stop them operating. But it also raises questions whether Washington is legitimizing a renowned pirate site that record labels, singers and industry groups say ignores requests that it take down infringing material.

Coca-Cola and Samsung pulled their advertising from the site earlier this month because of piracy concerns following questions by The Associated Press. The move challenged Zing's business model and was praised by recording industry groups. Samsung said last week it was also closing its Zingme account for the same reason.

The embassy said it recognizes the concerns for U.S. copyright interests posed by Zing but that it believes that contact with the website's users could reduce traffic or infringing activity on it. The mission sometimes uses its Zingme page to post about copyright infringement.

Its statement noted that the site had removed, at its request, the link to infringing material that appears on other Zingme pages as a matter of course. It also noted to its lack of options in a country where the Communist government controls the media, saying "there were few spaces for public discourse and intermittent access to Facebook", referring to a block the government sometimes puts on the American social networking site.

But not everyone thinks engaging with Zing is the right thing to do.

"Here we are as an American company trying to set things right with one of the biggest pirates in Vietnam but the U.S. embassy is essentially showing its support by being on its site," said Mimi Nguyen, an American who has been trying fruitlessly to get Zing to take down some 10,000 songs owned by her family's business for a year.

"It is really sad to find out the embassy is using their platform."

The Recording Industry Association of America, which praised the decision by Samsung and Coke to withdrawn from Zing and has labeled Zing a "notorious" pirate site, said it was neither endorsing nor criticizing the embassy's decision to maintain the site.

Neil Turkewitz, a senior vice president at the association, said he imagined the embassy had tried to balance the ability to target a tech-savvy demographic with anti-piracy messages against the appearance of a

connection between it and the site.

"My guess is that it wasn't an easy decision," he said.

The recording industry around the world is struggling to make money from online distribution models, and illegal downloading remains rampant. Artists and producers in much of Asia are feeling the pinch especially hard because governments have failed to pass or enforce anti-piracy laws. Licensed CDs, films and downloads can cost the equivalent of a day's salary, making it even harder to wean people off pirated products.

In Vietnam, inaction by a government that sees no political upside in cracking down on what many see as a victimless crimes has pushed the industry to the point of collapse. Zing is seen as the No.1 enemy by those who speak out against its effective stranglehold over the country's music industry.

"Zing is destroying the industry and they know it," said record producer Quoc Trung, who is leading a campaign against online piracy. "We need people to pay for music, not just click on it. It is now or never."

Zing, which declined repeated requests for comment on this article and a previous one, has used free download to become the sixth-most visited site in Vietnam, and the second most popular Vietnamese music download site. Around 15 percent of its visitors are from overseas. It is not the only infringing website in Vietnam by far, but it is the most visited.

Sites that offer pirated content alongside other Internet services like Zing exist elsewhere around the world and are among the most reprehensible, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

"They want to appear as legitimate actors, and have functions unrelated to piracy, yet operate network services that include features that intentionally and effectively induce infringement," it said in a letter to the U.S. Trade Representative in August asking the government to use all the tools at its disposal to ensure Zing and others are not permitted to undermine legitimate online markets.

"These services deliberately gain market share by providing access to infringing materials, launching music services without any form of licensing, and have demonstrated continued resolve to engage in conduct based upon misappropriation."

Zingme closely resembles Facebook, which recently overtook the Vietnamese site in subscriber numbers, according to one research group. Facebook is sometimes blocked by the government because of fears it could be used to mobilize dissent against its one-party rule. Zingme is never blocked, and is more popular with younger, less educated Vietnamese. Companies and institutions often have accounts on both. The embassy has more than 18,000 friends on Zingme, compared to 12,000 on Facebook.

Many in the industry have no choice but to work with Zing even as it distributes their music and films for free. Not having your music on the site means getting an audience for live concerts, or attracting commercial sponsorship, is almost impossible, industry executives said. But a few are pushing back, among them established singer Le Quyen, who is suing Zing and eight other infringing websites.

"I'm sure that Zing is aware that what they do is wrong, but they are afraid that other singers will put pressure on them if I win the case," she said before one of her near-weekly concerts at a venue owned by her husband here.

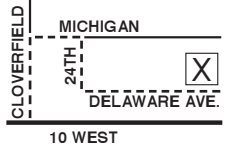


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The last time the New York Stock Exchange was closed for weather was in 1985 because of Hurricane Gloria, and it will be the first time since 1888 that the exchange will have been closed for two consecutive days because of weather. The cause then was a blizzard that left drifts as high as 40 feet in the streets of New York City.

The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq said they intend to reopen on Wednesday and would keep investors updated.

Much of the East Coast was at a standstill Monday as the storm approached. Mass transit and schools were closed across the region ahead of the storm hitting land, which was expected to happen later Monday.

Areas around New York's Financial District were part of a mandatory evacuation zone. The storm surge is already pushing water over seawalls in the southern tip of Manhattan.

CME Group's New York trading floor was closed, but its electronic markets for commodities were functioning. Crude oil fell 74 cents to close at \$85.54 in electronic trading. CME said electronic trading for commodities would also be open Tuesday.

CME said it would reopen its stock index futures trading Monday night at 6 p.m. ET for overnight electronic trading and keep it open through 9:15 a.m. Tuesday. Trading on interest rate futures and options on futures including Treasuries, Eurodollar and Fed Funds would reopen at the same time Monday night and stay open Tuesday.

Bond trading will be closed Tuesday. The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association called for an early close to bond trading Monday, at 12 noon. The yield on the

benchmark 10-year Treasury note was 1.72 percent, compared with 1.75 percent late Friday.

European stock markets fell. France's CAC-40 fell 0.8 percent, Britain's FTSE fell 0.2 percent and Germany's DAX lost 0.4 percent. Insurers such as Munich Re, Aviva PLC and Zurich Insurance fared worse than other stocks as investors worried about the potential cost of the storm's damage.

"The economic impact cannot be underestimated," said Elsa Lignos, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets.

The uncertainty generated by the storm comes at the start of a big week in the United States. This is the last full week before next Tuesday's presidential election and culminates Friday with the release of monthly jobs data, which many analysts think could have an impact on the vote.

"A significant swing in either direction is likely to be heavily reported in the media, potentially swinging the undecided voter," said James Hughes, chief market analyst at Alpari, of the jobs figures.

Some companies are postponing quarterly earnings reports scheduled for release early this week. So far, that includes Pfizer Inc. and Thomson Reuters. Burger King reported on schedule, and said its third-quarter net income fell 83 percent as revenue was hurt by the stronger dollar. Adjusted results topped expectations, however.

Even with many markets shut down, there was some encouraging news about the U.S. economy Monday. The Commerce Department reported that consumer spending increased 0.8 percent in September. That followed a 0.5 percent gain in August and was the best showing since February.

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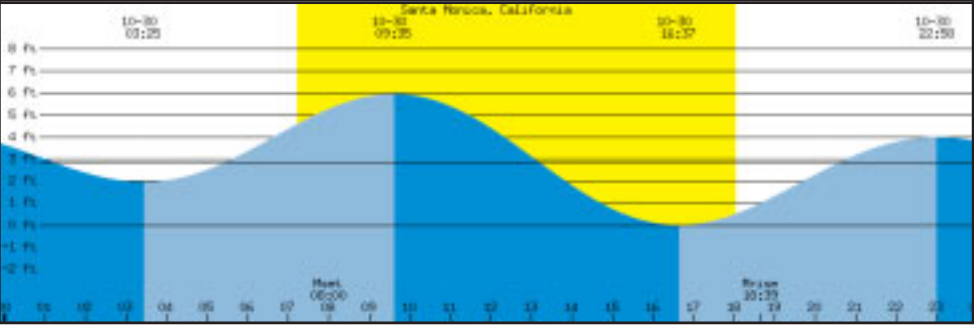
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Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A	A+
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Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Winhurst Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Seafarer Beach at Malibu Calvary lanes.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier — 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Seafarer Beach (beach location) — daily.	A+	A	Venice Beach— projection of Topical St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier — 50 yards east.	F	ns	Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach—lifeguard tower.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

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In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around \$60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CID) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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Here Comes the Boom (PG) 1hr 45min 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm	Chasing Mavericks (PG) 1hr 51min 11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm	AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599
Argo (R) 2hrs 00min 1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm	Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 1hr 35min 11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm	Looper (R) 1hr 58min 11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm
Alex Cross (PG-13) 1hr 41min 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm	Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min 11:30am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm	Sinister (R) 1hr 50min 11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm
AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440	Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1hr 31min 10:50am, 9:30pm	Seven Psychopaths (R) 1hr 49min 11:40am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min 1:10pm, 7:00pm	Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 478-3836	Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) 1hr 34min 11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm
Fun Size (PG-13) 1hr 30min 11:35am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm	Yogawoman () 1hr 24min 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm	Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1hr 52min 11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm
Argo (R) 2hrs 00min 11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm	Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 1hr 25min 1:10pm, 3:25pm	Cloud Atlas (R) 2hrs 44min 11:30am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:30pm
Other Son (Le fils de l'autre) (PG-13) 1hr 45min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm		

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Exercise tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You will want to deal with an authority figure, especially if your interactions with this person involve your funds. An associate might be more successful than you in handling this issue, so let him or her take the lead. Tonight: Time for a little more fun and a good meal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might want to have a situation go your way. This might seem like an excellent idea, but be aware that there will be ramifications if you become too demanding. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Step back and observe. By using what you learn, you will be able to handle an uncomfortable situation involving a financial matter. You find that a partner changes quickly in your interactions. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, with the knowledge that you have an excellent opportunity to accomplish a lot. Others seem to be changing in front of your eyes. Know that how they are now might not be the way they will be in the future. Just watch the process rather than react to it. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are in the limelight, whether you like it or not. You might decide to make an adjustment to your schedule as you become more aware of others observing your style. Tonight: Stay on top of your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could feel like you're being stretched a little thin, and you might need to make an adjustment. Your ingenuity comes to the rescue and allows you to relax as you discover the correct path for you. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to get to the bottom of an issue that involves your funds and/or a partner. A change involving your domestic life becomes possible, finally. Tonight: Chat with a dear friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others, and allow greater give-and-take. You are full of energy and want to share more of your ideas. Perhaps you might be more successful if you tried a different approach. Friends and loved ones seek you out; make choices accordingly. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be more open to compromise in your daily life. Let go of structure and rigid ideas. You also might be holding back some information regarding an important personal matter. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Express your creativity with openness and a willingness to listen to feedback. Others enjoy being with you when you are like this. Whether you are brainstorming or simply making plans, you enjoy all the advice. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live it up now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might feel saddled with more responsibilities, and could be in the mood to rebel. Your instincts come through for you with an investment or a financial decision. Listen to your inner voice, and follow through on what you are hearing. Tonight: Head home.

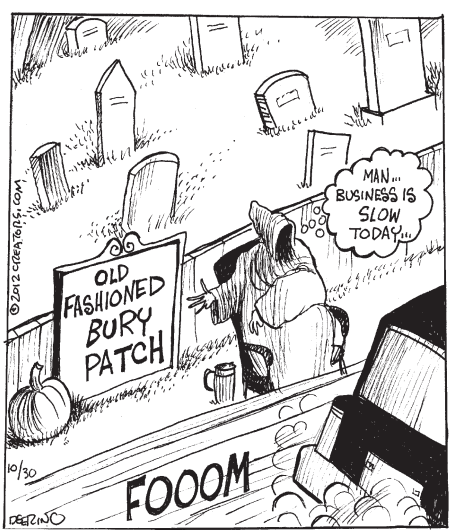
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a lot to say, and there is a lot on your mind. Stop, and do more listening. The answers to questions you might have are within your grasp. A friend appears to be changing right in front of you. Make no judgments yet. Tonight: Out and about.

Happy birthday

Life events this year will encourage you to transform and grow in new ways. When change emanates from the person as his or her choice, it is far easier to adapt to than when it is forced. Others will like the results, though at times they might be reactive to the process. Your style of communication also will change and be more effective. If you are single, you will attract many admirers. Until you are with someone for a year, do not consider the relationship long term. If you are attached, your relationship evolves, which is a reflection of the transformation happening within yourself. TAURUS understands you.

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

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly Strange Brew By John Deering



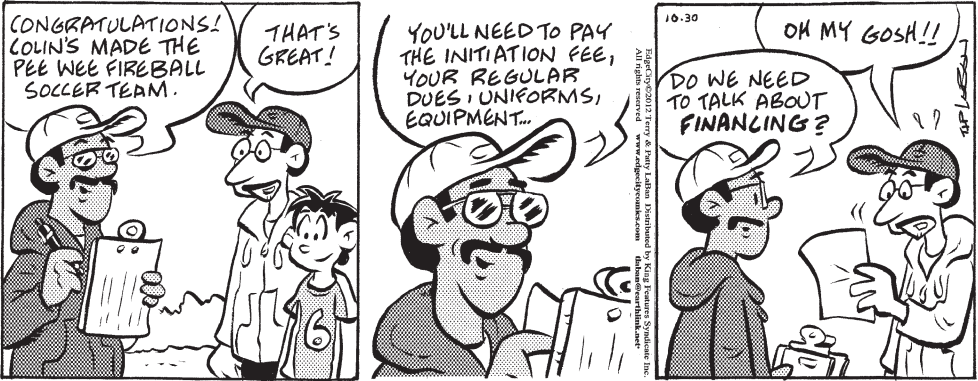
Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



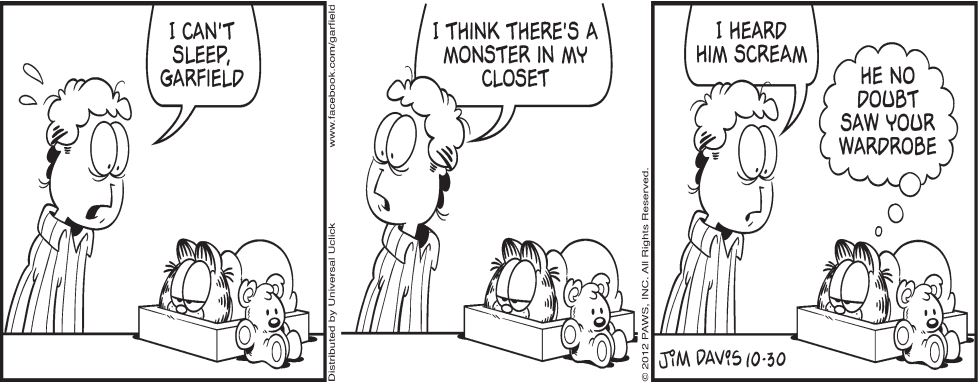
Edge City

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Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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

1	4	8	9	7	6	3	5	2
3	9	5	4	2	1	7	8	6
2	6	7	5	3	8	9	1	4
7	3	4	6	8	5	2	9	1
8	2	6	3	1	9	4	7	5
9	5	1	7	4	2	8	6	3
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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1

Writer Ellison
- 7

Radar dot
- 11

On the beach
- 12

“The Witching Hour” author
- 13

Real author, perhaps
- 15

Located
- 16

Leg bend
- 18

Heidi’s home
- 21

Pupil surrounder
- 22

Eerie
- 24

Groom’s wear
- 25

Sinking signal
- 26

Narc’s org.
- 27

Eerie
- 29

Difficult trip
- 30

“The King —”
- 31

Not barefoot
- 32

Duck’s mate
- 34

Dr. Venkman, for one
- 40

It’s taboo
- 41

Split
- 42

Atop
- 43

On the agenda

- 2

Bat wood
- 3

Greek letter
- 4

Defeats
- 5

Band-leader
- 6

Salaman-der
- 7

Stable sight
- 8

Set fire to
- 9

Glacier makeup
- 10

For each
- 14

Brings up
- 16

Drummer
- 17

Ford’s predeces-sor
- 19

Director
- 20

Velocity
- 21

“— alive!” (Franken-stein cry)
- 22

Demure
- 23

Shaggy beast
- 25

Kilt’s cousin
- 28

Heavily favored
- 29

Posei-don’s domain

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A	A	R	O	N		G	N	O	M	E
T	R	E	A	T		O	S	C	A	R

Yesterday’s answer

- 31

Skeleton part
- 33

Basics
- 34

African grazer
- 35

Bunny move
- 36

Lennon’s wife
- 37

Skin art, for short
- 38

Genesis name
- 39

Bloody

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42						43				

- DOWN
- 1

Witch

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 10/26
4 15 24 36 40
Meganumber: 44
Jackpot: \$27M



Draw Date: 10/27
5 14 36 38 47
Meganumber: 18
Jackpot: \$7M



Draw Date: 10/29
1 19 21 22 25



Draw Date: 10/29
MIDDAY: 8 5 7
EVENING: 9 5 6



Draw Date: 10/29
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:46.96

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Championship eaters gobble down hot dogs on New York's Coney Island, but in August, when a Filipino restaurant in Brooklyn wanted a more ethnic contest, it offered plates of "baluts" -- the Philippine delicacy of duck fetuses. Wayne Algenio won, stuffing 18 down his throat in five minutes. Typically, the baluts have barely begun to develop, sometimes allowing a "lucky" diner to sense in his mouth the crackle of a beak or the tickle of a feather. Since baluts are exotic, they are considered to be (as is often the case in Asia) aphrodisiacs. ■ Surviving a cobra bite in Nepal is simple, some natives believe. If the victim bites the snake right back, to its death, the venom is rendered harmless. One confident farmer bitten in August in Biratnagar told BBC News that he went about his business normally after fatally biting his attacker and survived only after his family convinced him that perhaps the custom was ridiculous and hauled him to a hospital.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1985- Space Shuttle Challenger lifts off for mission STS-61-A, its final successful mission.

1987- In Japan, NEC releases the first 16-bit (fourth generation) video game console, the PC Engine, which is later sold in other markets under the name TurboGrafx-16.

1991- The Madrid Conference for Middle East peace talks opens.

1993- The Troubles: The Ulster Defence Association, an Ulster loyalist paramilitary, carry out a mass shooting at a Halloween party in Greysteel, Northern Ireland. Eight civilians are killed and thirteen wounded.

2000- The last Multics machine is shut down.

WORD UP!

eidolon

\ahy-DOH-luhn \ , noun;

1. A phantom; apparition.

2. An ideal.

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. YS024395
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of DENIZ ROMAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: DENIZ ROMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing

Name Changes

names as follows: DENIZ ROMAN to DENISE ROSEMONT. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Notice of Hearing:

Date: November 26, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. 8
The address of the court is 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

Date: October 10, 2012

MARK S. ARNOLD, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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