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THE ONE WEEK TO CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Council tentatively moves 78% water rate hike forward

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There was about as much excitement as you'd expect around the prospect of substantially raising water rates at City Council's meeting Tuesday night. Council voted 5 to 1, while expressing ambivalence, to keep a five-year, 77.7 percent

rate hike on the table. City officials will come back for final approval in February and council will have the option to lower (but not raise) the proposed rates then. The 77.7 percent increase would come through a 9 percent increase in the first year and 13 percent increases over each of the following four years.

Without any changes to the status quo, water rates would increase 13 percent over the next five years — 2.5 percent inflation increases each year — and the Water Fund would go into the red by fiscal year 2016-17, city officials said. A compromise option would be to raise rates by 9 percent each year for the next five years — a 53.9 percent total increase —

instead of jumping 13 percent in each of the second through fifth years. City officials have plans for \$33 million worth of capital improvement projects over five years but under the compromise rate structure about \$5 million of that would be eliminated.

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Ed Board wrap: Lieberman named Board President, deficit increases slightly

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS The top vote-getter in this year's Ed Board election was named president of the board last week. Laurie Lieberman will chair the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education for the second time in three years. Longtime Boardmember Jose Escarce will serve as the board's vice chair. Lieberman was elected to the position unanimously by her colleagues on the board after a nomination from freshman Boardmember Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein. Escarce was elected unanimously after a nomination from Lieberman.

DEFICIT INCREASING SLIGHTLY When the board adopted the budget this summer, district officials were projecting a \$6.8 million deficit. Now they're saying it could be more like \$8.7 million. Revenues are a little higher than expected but so are expenditures, mostly due to carry-over balances, said Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Chief Financial Officer Jan Maez.

"It might be alarming to have that big of a change between July 1 and Oct. 31," she

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ARCADE FUN

Students at Will Rogers elementary school work on several engineering projects per year as part of the school's focus on incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Recently, second and fourth graders were inspired by the Caine's Arcade project to build arcade games from recycled material. Students, parents, teachers and volunteers were then invited to test the games on Dec. 17.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

December 18

Housing Commission

City Hall
1685 Main St.

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Hanukkah Lighting

Downtown Santa Monica
6 p.m.

Visit the Third Street Promenade to celebrate the holidays. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com.

Book into Film Screening

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 6:30 p.m.

The library will screen the movie "Emma" starring Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow. The screening is part of the Branch's Book to Film Series sponsored by California Center for the Book. Jane Austen's "Emma", the novel on which the film is based, will be discussed in brief at the start of the program. For more information call (310) 458-8683 visit www.smpl.org.

Movie: The Hundred Foot Journey

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant across the road from Madame Mallory, played by Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren, and her Michelin-starred eater.

Pico Branch Book Group

Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 7 p.m.

The Peppered Moth by Margaret Drabble. In this multi-generational novel a young woman returns to the town of her family's origin to discover what was left behind.

Recreation and Parks Commission

City Hall
1685 Main St. p.m.

Visit

www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987 for more information.

Family Holiday Bingo

Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.

Come play bingo and celebrate the holidays with your family.

Gingerbread house decorating

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays by making your own delicious gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and candies.

A Winter Wonderland with the Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit with the return of the Lyric Chorus performing A Winter Wonderland. The wonder of this time of year comes to life with the twenty plus member chorus and their performance of songs of the season and Broadway tunes. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org.

Holiday Movie Night ("Elf") with Hot Chocolate

Third Street Promenade at Wilshire 6 p.m.

Every year Santa Monica hosts a series of holiday events and activities that light up Downtown, bringing a festive holiday spirit to this idyllic seaside city. Winterlit takes over the corner of Wilshire Blvd at Third Street Promenade every Thursday evening, beginning at 6 p.m.

Truthdig presents "Monsters of Our Own Creation? America's Role in the Mideast"

Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St. 7:30 p.m.

Online news website Truthdig, established in 2005 and based in Santa Monica, presents a panel discussion with Middle East expert and "Informed Comment" blogger Juan

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice
SPARC receives NEA funding

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu has announced that the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC), located in Venice, is one of 919 non-profit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. SPARC is recommended for a \$40,000 grant to support expansion of "The Great Wall of Los Angeles", a landmark mural, depicting California's unique history and ethnic diversity, was originally conceived in the late 1970s by artist and professor Judith Baca to address rising inner-city conflict between youth. The original mural was completed in 1979, and at that time, it depicted California history from pre-historic times through the 1950s. Baca will continue the work of completing new panels that will represent California history from 1960-90. The mural is located in a flood control channel in the San Fernando Valley in Valley Glen.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "I'm pleased to be able to share the news of our support through Art Works including the award to SPARC. The arts foster value, connection, creativity and innovation for the American people and these recommended grants demonstrate those attributes and affirm that the arts are part of our everyday lives."

UCLA Professor and SPARC Founder/Artistic Director and artistic visionary for the Great Wall of Los Angeles, Judith F. Baca, shared her commitment to completing the original vision to create a mile of mural that depicts the stories and contributions made by all Americans. "SPARC and the communities we serve are grateful for the ongoing support we have received from the NEA for this project," she said. "With this current funding SPARC will begin the designs of the 1960s section of the mural."

Art Works grants support the creation of art, public engagement with art, lifelong learning in the arts, and enhancement of the livability of communities through the arts. The NEA received 1,474 eligible applications under the Art Works category, requesting

more than \$75 million in funding. Of those applications, 919 are recommended for grants for a total of \$26.6 million.

For a complete listing of projects recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit the NEA website at <http://www.arts.gov>

SPARC is a community-based non-profit arts organization founded in 1976. For more information, visit www.SPARCinLA.org or call 310.822-9560 x10.

- SUBMITTED BY FELIPE M. SANCHEZ

Downtown

Tech conference coming to Santa Monica

EntrepreneurShift is an experiential and didactic conference that takes place on Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at GA Los Angeles, 1520 2nd St.

The event is described as a place where entrepreneurs learn the secrets of authentic success from business leaders as well as psychologists via experiential workshops, cutting-edge presentations, and TED-like talks.

Organizers said the event will teach participants how to go beyond self-imposed limits, what it takes to be truly successful, life-changing meditation techniques from Loic Le Meur, how to build (and monetize) an amazing community from Jeff Rosenthal, powerful public and conversational speaking skills from Quddus Phillippe, the win-win-win of social entrepreneurship from Leila Janah, the seven most important psychological traits of successful entrepreneurs and how to get them from Dr. Jennifer Jones and what it takes to be a great CEO from Mike Jones.

According to organizers, the conference will provide practical and actionable information that can be used to make an immediate improvement on businesses.

Visit <https://generalassemb.ly/education/entrepreneurshift/los-angeles/9351> for more information. Admission is \$99.

- EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

LISTINGS

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Cole and veteran journalists Leslie Cockburn and Robert Scheer on current developments in the Middle East. Topics from ISIS and the Arab Spring, to Islamophobia and America's role.

December 19

Main Library Docent Tours

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time.

Hanukkah menorah lighting

Downtown Santa Monica
5:30 p.m.
Join friends for a celebration of the Festival of Lights. The Menorah will be lit all 8 nights - Dec. 16-23. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com.

December 20

Book event

Bank of Books Malibu
29169 Heathercliff Road #109,
Storytime with Gidget! Kathy Kohner Zuckerman will discuss and sign copies of Gidget until from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ryan O'Quinn reads and signs Parenting Rules! The Hilarious Handbook for Surviving Parenthood at 2 p.m.

Cooking with Feisty Italian

1450 Ocean 12 - 2 p.m.
Learn knife technique, veggie prep secrets. Raw meal includes: Chicory with onion salad, Aglio olio with zucchini, carrot, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, mushrooms pasta and apple - pear - raisin - ginger compote for dessert. Call (310) 458-2339 for details or visit smgov.net/1450ocean for more information.

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Holiday Ukulele Songs

1450 Ocean, 2 - 5 p.m.
Learn four nondenominational holiday-flavored songs on your ukulele with composer Jon Lee.
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Family hands on history day

Santa Monica History Museum
1350 7th St. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Children, ages 6 & up, will be led into galleries to learn about the particular history theme for the day. Once the brief lesson is complete, they will return to the lobby for a related, historic craft. By creating something with their hands related to the history topic of the month, children will further create memories based upon their history lessons.

Christmas sing-along

St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
1227 4th St. 4 - 5 p.m.
Come gather around the piano to sing along to your favorite holiday music, from hymns like, "What Child is This?" to popular tunes "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas." Afterwards, join us to for coffee, cocoa and cookies. All ages welcome.

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Love Actually

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 p.m.
Hugh Grant and Emma Thompson headline this star-studded British romantic comedy, which follows a host of storylines that weave together during the holiday season. (135 min)

Heartfelt holiday open house

Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m.
Free event for children and families with Santa Claus, games, music. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicipier.org.

Ocean Park Pulitzer Prize Book Group

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 11 a.m.
A monthly book discussion group for books that have won the Pulitzer Prize. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the Month. No Registration Required. December Title: "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley.



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SMART is right

Editor:

My heartiest congratulations to SM A.R.T.

Each of the items they outline as needing council to act with common sense to either alleviate current issues or plan for disabling future traffic nightmares reflects the most common sense I have read in a very long time.

They echo the sentiments of thousands of our fellow residents and I just hope the new city council addresses these concerns. I do think the contract for the new bus seats are probably the worst disaster this city has ever promulgated – no shade, no protection from rain, no arm rests, no back rests – no other city treats its bus dependent residents in such a cavalier and horrid fashion.

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The Library Lowdown

Cecilia Tovar

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Pico Branch Library Buzz

NOW THAT THE PICO BRANCH LIBRARY

is open, many of you may be wondering what's going on with the new library. Well, it is like participating in a marathon most of the time you run and sometimes you run even harder. Getting ready for a marathon takes perseverance, training and encouragement from friends and family. As the Pico Branch Manager, I see the Pico Branch as running a marathon where the community kept their perseverance to have this library open in the heart of the Pico neighborhood and participated in community meetings about the site, design and programming of the new branch. The training was to prepare for the Pico Branch Library opening with a high quality collection, modern technology and offering the latest services for all ages and interests. The encouragement was from the community and City Officials to stay focused on the marathon's path.

The Pico Branch staff is dedicated to offering the best library services to the Santa Monica community and to create a holistic hub of amenities and information for our visitors. Since the Pico Branch opened in April 2014 over 100,000 materials have been checked out and over 84,000 library users have visited. We have registered nearly 1,200 new borrowers. I am proud to say that the Pico Branch Library offers an excellent variety of community programs. In collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park, the Pico Branch Library has added dynamic, educational and fun programs for all ages. Over 120 programs presented thus far for adults and children in English and in Spanish.

Ready, Set, Read was the theme for the Pico Branch's grand opening in June and it continued throughout the summer with the branch's first Summer Reading Program. The Pico Branch alone registered over a thousand kids, many of them teens who nearly 500,000 minutes were read by those who signed up at the Pico Branch. Hooray! In addition to the reading logs and incentives for children, we also offered 44 Summer Reading Programs that included story times, author talks, performances, and crafts, attended by close to 1,500 participants. Our rich array of programs include:

Story Time twice a week including, one in Spanish, a summer reading program, craft activities for children of all ages, homework help twice a week for 1st through 5th grades, college workshops for teens, movie screenings for all ages, three book clubs for adults including one in Spanish, e-book and apps workshops for teen and adults, health workshops in Spanish and in English, thematic resource fairs, cultural events, informative neighborhood fairs and branch library tours, author talks for all ages.

With all these numbers and programs, you might be wondering what a typical day is like. The library is thriving and abuzz with activities. The Pico Branch Library is a dynamic 8,690 sq. ft. facility with large win-

dows looking out onto the Virginia Avenue Park. Designed by Koning Eizenberg Architects, the Pico Branch Library offers a sense of serenity while you are reading a good book, magazine or working on the computer. Throughout the week, adults embrace the library during the day, while the youth community takes over in the afternoons and evenings. The children's excitement is evident as they are reading books, checking out study rooms, participating in the Homework Help program or browsing through the many collections.

Virginia Avenue Park has become a one-stop, educational and recreational shop as you can be part of the park's workshops, enjoy a good work-out and relax at the library. The Pico Branch receives on average 400 to 500 visitors per day during the week while on Saturdays there are over 600 visitors. It's quite common to hear different languages spoken in the library, especially Spanish. Our bilingual Spanish/English staff is proactive in showing library users how to utilize the new automated book drop/check-in feature and our self-check-out stations. The library staff also offers help on how to use our new Zinio and Hoopla databases for those who love the online experience. Hoopla is our new streaming service to download or stream movies, music, audio books and television using your computer, tablet or smart phone. Zinio is also our new full color, interactive digital magazines ready to be downloaded on your device.

On Saturdays, the community triangulates with the library, Farmer's Market Zone, and the park becoming an interactive learning experience. The community visits the library carrying their bags of vegetables and children with their beach towels come to check out books and movies before heading out to the Splash Pad in the park.

In collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park we established our first cultural event on December 5th, "Caroling Around the World." The spectacular sounds of the Santa Monica Symphony String Quartet, talented students from Santa Monica High School and the Emeritus College Spanish Folk Singing Group, provided spectators with an enchanting evening of music. Future cultural events will be held on the first Fridays of every other month from 5-7 p.m. Make sure to check out our library calendar for our upcoming event in February. In addition, we also offer thematic Resource Fairs on the first Wednesday of every other month. Our next resource fair is on Fitness and it will be held on Jan. 7 from 3-5 p.m. in the Farmers Market Zone. The Pico Branch Library is incredibly popular and well used by our community. Its innovative technology, along with the public meeting room, the Annex, and the stunning architecture makes the library a state-of-the-art facility where the community can read, connect, relax and learn.

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Iran, Salon, Paris

THE TARA GALLERY IN SANTA MONICA pursues a rare mission: to show works by contemporary Iranian artists, a tricky business thanks to the sanctions against Iran.

Tara Gallery is sponsored by the non-profit American Foundation for Contemporary Iranian Art (AFCIA), dedicated to promoting and supporting contemporary Iranian art and exhibiting work by outspoken artists who've been kept in political or social obscurity. While there are prohibitions on commercial shows, the Tara Gallery's non-profit status makes this artist exchange possible.

With rust, ochre and earth colored tones, along with soft, inviting blues, greens and creams, the current show by Chahab Tayefeh-Mohajer, who goes by the single name Chahab, presents works that look like multi-dimensional desert sand paintings.

This makes sense because his materials consist of board and paper, pigments, minerals and acrylic. Brought together in an abstract collage style, he adds images that refer to objects from archeological excavations in Jiroft, a particularly rich trove of historical objects in Iran.

This combination of elements makes his work easy on the eyes but deeply meaningful. Chahab loves archeology and the effect is to bring together the ancient and the modern, inspiring the show's title, "Ancient Meets Contemporary."

Although he has made his home in France for the past 40 years, Chahab uses art to weave stories that incorporate Iranian influences in a universal context, reimagining and reinterpreting classic art forms such as calligraphy and miniatures through both his large and small works.

Chahab also creates sculptures that feel both old and new, creating iconic and abstract works in bronze and other metals and materials.

When I asked whether Iranian artists are censored, Homa Taraji, director of the Tara Gallery, told me a remarkable story about an exhibition in Teheran, where despite scrutiny by Iranian government and religious authorities, contemporary art is flourishing.

A gallerist who scheduled a show of works by a renowned activist's daughter was threatened with closure by the authorities. But invitations had gone out, word of the show had spread and there was immense interest in the artist. Rather than shut it down, the gallerist bravely hung empty frames on the wall with descriptions of the art inside the frames — and the well-attended show sold out.

The Tara Gallery celebrates the artists and gallerists who put themselves directly in conflict with these restrictive authorities.

Chahab's "Ancient Meets Contemporary" at Tara Gallery has been extended through January 14th. The gallery is located at 1202 Montana Ave, Suite B, enter on 12th St. For more information visit www.taragallery.org or call (310) 489-2417.

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I'd never heard of French composer Jean Cras, whose music was featured on Sunday, December 7, along with a lesser-known piece by the better-known Maurice Ravel and two other rediscovered composers, Arnold Bax and Russian Jewish composer Mikhael Gnesin.

The concert's focus on "Expressionism and Impressionism" featured three US premieres. The back stories of the composers' lives and music are introduced by a musicologist, in this case Julius Reder Carlson, cofounder of the Santa Monica Youth Orchestra.

This is down-to-earth stuff, not a stuffy high-falutin' spiel requiring a music degree. The story of Gnesin, a Jew who survived and succeeded not only during the Czarist era of pogroms but also during the Communist revolution was a revelation.

And Cras spent much of his time at sea, reaching the rank of rear admiral, composing in his cabin at the back of the boat. Musicologist Carlson thinks he hears the influence of the sea's wide emptiness, the twinkling of stars in the night sky, and the excitement of seeing land rising in the changing rhythms and tempos of Cras's music.

Professionals from leading orchestras and chamber ensembles perform. At this concert, harpist Marcia Dickstein and flutist Angela Wiegand shared a spotlight in works by Cras and Bax. During the post-concert conversation, Dickstein explained her personal connection to Bax, and how she came to edit his works.

John Walz on cello, Erik Arvinder and Jessica Guideri on violin and Rob Brophy on viola shone in works by Ravel, Cras, and Gnesin. It was fascinating to see that Brophy uses his iPad to read the score, clicking a foot pedal to change pages.

Find out more about Le Salon de Musiques at www.lesalondemusiques.com.

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"City Secrets" is a unique series of travel guides that launched in 2011, founded by architect Robert Kahn featuring personal and passionate insider information written by novelists, journalists, painters, historians, anthropologists, actors, directors, playwrights, architects and restaurateurs — in other words, not your usual suspects.

"City Secrets Paris" is a great stocking stuffer for the traveler in your life. Local contributors who share stories and anecdotes include L.A. Times movie critic Kenneth Turan on the best places to watch vintage movies, sculptor George Stoll on the immense sculptural monument La Défense, and arts communications specialist and photographer, Carolyn Campbell, who's writing a photo essay book on the eternal favorite, Père Lachaise cemetery, final home of Jim Morrison, Chopin and Oscar Wilde, to name just a few.

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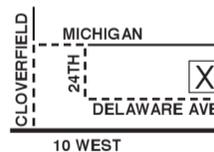
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DRUM: Whiplash is playing in limited release in the Los Angeles area.

Andy and Fletcher and All That Jazz

"WHIPLASH" IS A MISLEADING NAME for this film. It conjures up deadly car chases and crashes and someone paralyzed for the rest of his life. But the actual film is a far cry from that kind of theme. "Whiplash" is a popular jazz piece written by Hank Levy, a composer/saxophonist who wrote for Stan Kenton's orchestra in the 1950s and for Don Ellis in the '60s.

The film deals with Andy Neiman, an ambitious young drummer who sees himself as this generation's Buddy Rich. So he is not terrifically surprised when he is accepted into what is considered the best music school in the country.

Ironically, Miles Teller, who plays Andy, is, in real life, a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, which is also considered one of the finest schools of its kind in this country.

No matter how rigorous the Tisch School is, however, it would certainly not tolerate a music professor like J.K. Simmons, who plays Terence Fletcher, an angry, violent, and abusive martinet. Fletcher leads the school band by pushing everyone to their limits and beyond, and he motivates them by hollering in their faces, cursing them, and even physically assaulting them.

Damien Chazelle, who wrote and directed this film, claims that the story is factual — that everything that happens in the movie happened to him or one of his buddies when they played in their high school band.

Chazelle's "villain", Fletcher, expresses his belief that the most dangerous phrase in the English language is "good job!" It leads a player to believe he has done his best, he says, and to relax his efforts when he ought to be striving to do better.

Andy, who is young and impressionable, takes up the challenge and sets out to wow his teacher. He becomes more obsessed than

ever with his drums and practices with them incessantly, until his hands are raw and bleeding.

Not being a drum aficionado, I can't tell how good a drummer Miles Teller, who plays his own drums in this film, actually is. But I can vouch for the fact that he is a really fine actor.

As is J.K. Simmons, who is both intimidating and convincing, and curiously compelling. The two men play off each other exquisitely and both have been nominated for Golden Globes for their work.

Another fine, subdued performance is rendered by Paul Reiser, who has aged beautifully since his days as a befuddled husband in the wonderful TV sitcom "Mad About You." In "Whiplash" he plays Andy's father who, in a telling scene at the dinner table, disparages his son's hero, Buddy Rich, for his dissolute life and death at 34. To which Andy replies indignantly that he would rather die at 34 and have people talking about him at the dinner table years afterwards than live to an old age and have nobody remember him.

When "Whiplash" premiered at the 2014 Sundance Festival it won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award. If it isn't overshadowed by some of the "bigger" entries, it might do well at this year's Academy Awards as well, although that seems quite a stretch, given the caliber of this year's competition. For what it's worth, though, my money is on J.K. Simmons for Best Supporting Actor.

You can find "Whiplash" in limited release at select theaters in Los Angeles.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Street Weekend events at the Church in Ocean Park

The Church in Ocean Park will host The Longest Night Service on Dec. 20 from 5 - 6 p.m. followed by a Hug Walk along Main Street from 6 to 7 p.m. The service will be held at the church, 235 Hill Street.

According to organizers, The Longest Night Service is a time to recognize that the holiday season can be a bittersweet time of the year for some people. The constant refrain about getting together with family, reminds many people of what and who they have lost, or what they never had. Church officials said the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make people feel very much alone in the midst of the festive season.

To combat that feeling, residents are invited to experience a meditative worship service that offers holy readings, prayers for healing and wholeness.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the church will host its Winter "SOULstice" Dance Party & Potluck from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The day begins with their 10:15 a.m. Solstice Service, followed by the ringing of the Church's "Justice Bell" at 11:45 a.m. (that hasn't rung for over 20 years), pot luck at 1 p.m. and music/activities starting at 1:30 p.m.

This will be the culmination of the Church in Ocean Park's "Holiday Open House Season."

The popular Derek Bordeaux Band, will provide lively R&B Dance Music and Kimya's "Thriving Heart" Affirmation Art will be on display. There will be an extensive potluck lunch with food and beverages for visitors. There will also be a bounce house and other activities for the kids. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/churchop, call (310) 399-1631, or email office@churchop.org.

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told the board, "but that's pretty standard." The gap is expected to narrow, she said.

"Our expenditures are increasing a little slower than our revenue is increasing so our deficit is being reduced," Maez said.

MORE STUDENTS PASSING AP TESTS

Nearly half of Santa Monica High School's senior class passed an advanced placement (AP) exam last school year.

The courses challenge high school students with college-level material. Most colleges accept passed AP exams as course credit.

In the school year prior to last, 41.9 percent of Samohi seniors completed an AP exam. The district is way ahead of the national average in AP exam passage rates. Nationally, only one in five seniors passed an AP exam in 2013.

District officials are working to close equity gaps surrounding the AP exam.

African Americans, Latinos, and students of lower socioeconomic status are less likely to take AP classes and pass AP exams than their White and Asian or wealthier peers.

Samohi's AP exam passage rates beat the nation in nearly every one of the 18 courses offered.

The only exceptions are Calculus BC and Statistics; exam scores have declined in both of these courses in recent years. Escarce

expressed concern about these scores.

Statistics has been taught by a number of different teachers recently, district officials and student Boardmember Alaleh Mokhtari told Escarce. Mokhtari also said that Calculus has had some new teachers. She further noted that some students take the Statistic exam more lightly than they would other exams because they don't plan on using the credit in college.

District officials said they would pose questions about the decline in these two courses to Samohi Principal Eva Mayoral.

2015-16 SCHEDULE

The board unanimously approved next school year's academic calendar but not without discussion.

Dec. 24 and 25 of 2015 is labeled as the "Christmas Holidays" on the current iteration of the calendar while Sept. 14 and 23 are labeled as "Local Holiday," despite the fact that they are in observance of the Jewish holy days Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur respectively.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein asked the district to consider labeling the Jewish holidays. Escarce suggested, instead, removing the designation of the Christmas Holidays - an idea Tahvildaran-Jesswein disagreed with.

District officials were asked to examine the legality of recognizing the religious holidays.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.5°**

THURSDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Fading WNW swell; small SW pulse; favorable morning winds

FRIDAY - POOR TO FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Old WNW swell fades; small SSW pulse; new WNW swell moves in after dark

SATURDAY - POOR TO FAIR - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high
WNW swell builds further and peaks in the PM; small SSW swell

SUNDAY - POOR - SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high
WNW swell eases, largest early; small SSW pulse

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One concern voiced by some residents at the meeting is that, while these infrastructure improvements will benefit future residents for decades, they will be paid for by the current ones.

"That is unfortunately one of the things that comes with water," said Councilmember Gleam Davis, "and the perfect example of that are the rate increases that people in Nevada paid to build Hoover Dam. Even though the people who paid for Hoover Dam are probably now long gone we're all continuing to benefit from the water infrastructure that that created."

The Hoover Dam, it should be noted, was financed through a loan from the U.S. Treasury that was paid off in 1987, according to the Los Angeles Times archives, but the West continues to benefit from the project as the dam is showing no sign of slowed production.

Some suggested a bond that would allow the improvements to be paid for over a longer period of but city finance officials recommended against it, noting it would be frowned upon by the rating agencies.

Santa Monica buys about 20 percent of its water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) which is increasing its rates steadily over the next decade. City Hall has a goal of becoming water self-sufficient by the year 2020 — a goal that city officials say will require investment in water infrastructure.

Councilmember Terry O'Day had to leave the meeting early to catch a plane but said, before exiting, that he'd be comfortable with at least the compromise 9 percent rate increases.

Davis made the motion, which was accepted by four of her colleagues, to have city officials move forward with the 13 percent increases, noting that council would be

allowed lower those rates prior to final approval. She further noted that, under Proposition 218, they would not be allowed to raise them without repeating the public process that will take place between now and the February meeting.

"It seems to me that " important to give ourselves the greatest degree of flexibility, which would be to propose to the community, under the Prop 218 structure, the 13 percent increase," she said, "and then, if between now and February when we have to consider it and take the final vote, if we need to reduce it we can."

Mayor Pro Tempore Tony Vazquez agreed, noting that he's leaning toward the 9 percent increases over the 13 percent increases.

"I'm not a real big fan of the motion," he said, "but I think I will support it because it sounds like, at least going forward, in terms of the process, it gives us the opportunity if we have to."

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich was the lone voice opposing the measure.

Mayor Kevin McKeown went historical in his support of the motion.

"It's almost 100 years ago that our community of Santa Monica faced a vote on whether to become part of Los Angeles," he said. "The big draw was that L.A. newly had water thanks to William Mulholland. And because we had water, and did then, and do now, we were able to say, 'no' when most of the other communities in the basin became part of the city of L.A. We are Santa Monica in large part because we have our own water."

McKeown was arguably the most enthusiastic member of council in his support of paying for water.

"What we're facing here is a real sobering look at what it costs to truly be free, to be independent," he said. "But maybe we have to do it."

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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 18

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	F	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain.	A+	BB
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	BB	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle).	A	F
Bread Beach at Torrance Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private).	A	BB	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	BB	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	F	D
Ledger Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Des Plaines County Beach.	A+	BB	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	BB
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	BB	Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain.	F	BB
Sunflower Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Sunflower Beach (beach location) - daily.	A+	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Vanguard tower.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	BB	Dockweiler State Beach at Solana Creek mouth.	BB	BB
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint use).	A+	BB	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	BB
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	F	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	BB
Pine Creek at Las Torres County Beach.	A+	BB	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 54th jetty).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	BB	BB	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	BB
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	BB	BB	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

BB -- no sample taken

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 7:00PM, 9:35PM

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 2:00PM, 4:40PM, 7:20PM, 10:00PM

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 1:45PM, 4:25PM, 9:45PM, 7:05PM

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The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies
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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
 11:45AM, 3:00PM

Top Five
 10:00AM, 1:50PM, 4:25PM, 7:00PM, 10:50PM

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GET ERRANDS DONE, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might find others to be unusually intense and demanding right now. Outcomes of difficult situations tend to have better results if you are able to relate to each party individually. Tonight: Happy to head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might discover that an older relative or boss is on the warpath. Know when to duck, for your own sake. You seem to be gaining tremendous insight into someone else's behavior and motives. Tonight: Defer to others, and you will have a better time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You could have a lot of ground to cover. Make a list, follow up on calls and leave messages. Be open to the idea of readjusting your schedule because of an important person or situation. Someone might reveal some important news by accident! Tonight: Get errands done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You easily could be provoked by a loved one. Try not to get upset. Look at it as if this person is going through a phase. This, too, will pass. Listen to a friend's concerns, as he or she might be going through a difficult time. Tonight: Get into the holiday spirit!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be unusually concerned about someone's mood. At the same time, you could be exhausted by everything that is occurring. If you detach, you'll get a strong insight into what motivates this person. Tonight: Be around people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are likely to say what you want, especially in a situation where you have held back your feelings. Use whatever self-discipline you have, as you could say something you later regret. Tonight: Keep discussions light and easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be unusually passive and/or insecure. Don't let these feelings interfere with the holiday spirit. Understand that sometimes people don't express their feelings in a way that is meaningful to certain people. Tonight: Wrap up your holiday shopping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Use your high energy and imagination to tear through your to-do list, and perhaps try to come up with a gift idea for a special someone. Try to read between the lines, as it will reveal much more of what is going on around you. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might be heading down two different paths. One seems very clear to others, yet the other involves an inner dialogue of sorts. You'll want to be more direct, but perhaps you're not ready yet. Test the waters first. Tonight: Do only what feels right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ If you expect some uproar to occur, you probably won't be disappointed. You could change your response to others, and you might be get some mixed signals. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have a tendency to waffle when you don't see eye to eye with a higher-up. Try not to swallow any anger. A surprise could occur suddenly, which could force you to regroup. Tonight: Don't stay up too late, even if a friend tries to convince you otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You have the ability to be totally emotional, empathetic and detached -- sometimes all at once. With your unique sensitivities, try to stay centered and don't push too hard. Tonight: Let your mind relax to great music.

Thursday, December 18, 2014

This year you express a very quiet side. You might be holding back some feelings. Learn to express them in a way that others can hear. You will have spurts of creativity that actually might leave others in awe. How you choose to apply this talent could vary from person to person. If you are single, you will apply this gift to your love life. This could be a very exciting year, but know that you probably will need to make some choices. If you are attached, apply some of this energy to you relationship. As a result, you both will enjoy each other more. SCORPIO unnerves you, as he or she seems capable of seeing right through you.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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 ★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 332 calls for service on Dec. 16.

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

- Burglary on the 1600 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 2:37 a.m.
- Battery on the 1100 block of 2nd St. at 3:09 a.m.
- Trespassing on the 1700 block of 19th St. at 5:47 a.m.
- Trespassing on the 1200 block of 2nd St. at 6:49 a.m.
- Trespassing on the 1300 block of 4th St. at 7:01 a.m.
- Battery at 11th and Michigan at 7:27 a.m.
- Trespassing on the 1700 block of Ocean Ave. at 8:07 a.m.
- Vandalism on the 1800 block of Broadway at 8:13 a.m.
- Traffic accident at 14th and Hill at 8:18 a.m.
- Harassing phone calls on the 1700 block of Centinela Ave. at 9:45 a.m.
- Vandalism on the 1800 block of 12th St. at 10:06 a.m.
- Hit and run on the 1400 block of PCH at 10:20 p.m.
- Traffic accident on the 1500 block of 4th St. at 12:25 p.m.
- Identity theft on the 1600 block of 19th St. at 12:30 p.m.
- Fight at 28th and Pico at 12:34 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1200 block of 6th St. at 12:51 p.m.
- Kidnap report at Lincoln and Pico at 2:02 p.m.
- Hit and run at 14th and Montana at 2:03 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1200 block of 3rd St Promenade at 2:04 p.m.
- Burglary on the 2200 block of 6th St. at 2:06 p.m.
- Fight at Ocean and Colorado at 2:22 p.m.
- Drunk driving at Ocean and Pico at 2:46 p.m.
- Vandalism on the 800 block of 10th St. at 4:33 p.m.
- Burglary on the 2200 block of 6th St. at 4:46 p.m.
- Traffic accident on the 800 block of Ocean Ave. at 5:37 p.m.
- Burglary on the 500 block of 21st St. at 6:17 p.m.
- Smoking violation on the 1600 block of Ashland Ave. at 6:47 p.m.
- Assault with a deadly weapon at 6th and Broadway at 7:50 p.m.
- Fight at 6th and Broadway at 7:51 p.m.
- Trespassing on the 200 block of Bicknell Ave. at 8:25 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1400 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 8:42 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1200 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 9:07 p.m.
- Prowler on the 500 block of 12th St. at 11:23 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 38 Volcanic rock
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- 43 Bottle part
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- 10 Was inactive
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3 7 19 25 42
MegaBall: 5
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Draw Date: 12/16
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A November order from China's State Administration for Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television appears to impose a ban on the use of all idioms -- including puns -- as part of the government's crackdown on nonstandard language, especially since that discourages children from learning proper vocabulary and grammar. All mass media outlets must "avoid changing the characters, phrasings and meanings" of words -- even though, according to the Beijing reporter for London's The Guardian, Chinese culture is saturated with puns.

■ As revealed in a spirited public meeting of the Huron Valley (Michigan) Board of Education in November, gun-carriers' freedoms in the state appear complicated, in that a person with training and who submits to state licensing to carry a concealed weapon may carry it even on school grounds (despite the federal Gun-Free Zones Act of 1990). Michigan's lawful exception to the act requires concealed permit-holders to carry the gun unconcealed, which many parents contend frightens younger children. Also, though it is illegal for anyone alcohol-impaired to carry a gun anywhere, the legal threshold for presumed impairment in Michigan is only .02 percent for a licensed permit holder, but probably .08 percent for unlicensed "open"-carriers (who are not covered by the "concealed" law).

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