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PLAYOFF BOUND

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The Lady Vikings continue their streak of 120 straight League game wins and 12 straight League Championships. After the Samohi Boys lost to El Segundo on El Segundo's turf, they came to the field next store to cheer on their Lady Vikings and watch them beat El Segundo 4-0. Both teams played an excellent game, but the Lady Vikings took advantage of some key moments to get the job done. It truly was a team effort with excellent pitching by Whitney Jones, excellent plays by all infielders and outfielders and key hits at the right moments including Annie Quine's double with 2RBI's in the bottom of the 6th to give the team the comfort they needed going into the 7th. The First round of CIF Playoffs will be Thursday, May 21.

'Voting with their pocketbooks'

SMMEF fundraiser 'not resonating' in Malibu

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Malibu families have appeared reluctant to contribute to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's annual fundraiser, according to agency data.

Participation in the current campaign was just 8.3 percent at Malibu High School as of last month and similarly poor at Point Dume Marine Science Elementary School (14.2), Juan Cabrillo Elementary School (15.2) and Webster Elementary School (17.2).

Low rates of giving in Malibu come as little surprise to residents of the enclave city who feel increasingly isolated in a school district they feel has neglected them and ignored their concerns.

Cynthia Kesselman said the Malibu community feels slighted by the district's handling of chemical cleanup at the city's high school, arguing its actions have "soured many in Malibu on contributing" to fundraising efforts.

"Maybe they should consider Malibu parents are voting with their pocketbooks," she wrote in a letter to the Malibu Times. "Why contribute to a district that spends millions of dollars on attorneys and consultants?"

Beth Lucas expressed similar dissatisfaction, arguing it's difficult to support a district that has paid millions of dollars for legal fees and consultants since the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls at Malibu High School.

"The SMMUSD should stop threatening to cut key enrichment programs while syphoning money ... to pay for their own liability pro-

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Opera performances return to the Broad Stage

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

BROAD STAGE The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a romantic concert featuring two Baroque masterpieces: Sebastian Durón's baroque zarzuela "Salir el amor del mundo," performed with baroque period instruments and with staging based on the Grammy-nominated edition by Rich Savino and El Mundo; and a fully staged production of Henry Purcell's renowned love story, "Dido and Aeneas," with modern dance choreography by SMC dance instructor Mark Tomasic.

This is the second season the school has produced a Spanish opera, or zarzuela. Last year, their production of Luisa Fernanda was attended by the famed performer Placido Domingo, who spoke with the cast and took photos with the students.

Director Janelle DeStefano said the performances differ from the traditional idea of what opera can be.

"When most people think of opera, they think of popular 19th Century operas like Carmen, La Boheme, Barber of Seville or Wagner's Ring Cycle," she said. "While Baroque opera might be less familiar, it holds a special place in the operatic repertoire, and shows us the roots of this five-century old art form. The pieces being performed by SMC Opera Theatre come from the late 17th Century and involve a lighter, more chamber-like texture with lots of subtle color and nuance. Durón's zarzuela reveals its Spanish nature in wonderful dance rhythms of the period and special percussion instruments like castanets. The BACH COLLEGIUM SAN DIEGO, one of the premier early music ensembles on

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 19

Plan A Smarter Summer

Learn how to use the summer to expand your knowledge and build your resume. Space is limited; registration is required. Presented by C2 Education. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 7 p.m.

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Discussion Title: "Christine Falls" by Benjamin Black. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 p.m.

Green Living Workshop

Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money, and positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.,

SMC Environmental and Urban Issues Lecture Series

Join award winning environmental filmmakers including SMC Adjunct Professor, Sheila Laffey, Ph.D. as they follow citizens making a positive difference. These directors and producers will share clips, insights and stories from their recent groundbreaking films that will forever change how we view trees and nature. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd., Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Room 263, 6:45 - 8 p.m.

Salastina Society Octet plays Mendelssohn

With Brian Lauritzen of KUSC - this Masterpiece Discovery event pairs thoughtful commentary with a full performance of Mendelssohn's famed Octet. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Linoleum Relief Printing with Zeina Baltagi

Carve a linoleum surface to produce a printing block, then use on different kinds of paper to explore the range of looks and the quality of multiples that this method can provide. Linoleum block printing is a form of relief, the oldest kind of printmaking, where the raised parts of the block transfer ink while the parts to be left un-inked are removed. 1450 Ocean, $15 + $10 cash material fee to instructor, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., (310) 458-2239, https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44618

Handwork Hangout with Leslie Robinson

Bring your own sewing, beading, collage or accessorizing projects to get tips, or embark on something new. Some materials provided and others are available for purchase from Leslie, or bring your own. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., (310) 458-2239, https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=handwork

Crafternoon Meetup: Pom-Pom Decor

Make some fun pom-poms to decorate your room. For grades 5 and up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 4 p.m.

Roseart 75 And Sunny

Help create an interactive mural on the surface parking lot (next to Santa Monica Pier) to celebrate Spring. Games and displays for kids. Pier & Beaches - 1550 PCH Beach Lot, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20

Montana Branch Book Group: Operation Paperclip

Details how the U.S. government embarked on a covert operation to recruit and employ Nazi scientists in the years following World War II in an effort to prevent their knowledge and expertise from falling into the hands of

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library

Housing Commission hosts local officials to discuss affordable housing in Santa Monica

The City of Santa Monica Housing Commission will host Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown, former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane, and Sarah Letts, Director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica, at its meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90401. The Housing Commission, a seven-member board that advises the Santa Monica City Council on affordable housing issues, has invited these guest speakers to discuss the history of affordable housing policy and production in Santa Monica. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide input.

The meeting place is wheelchair-accessible. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact the Housing Division at (310) 458-8702 at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting. An audio recording of the discussion will be made available on the City of Santa Monica's video and audio meeting archives at www.smgov.net and on the Santa Monica Housing Division's webpage at www.smgov.net/housing.

For more information, contact the City of Santa Monica Housing Division at (310) 458-8702 or visit www.smgov.net/housing.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN

Main Library

Singing in the Summer with The Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College

Celebrate summer with the return of the Lyric Chorus Singing in the Summer on Thursday, May 28, at 11 a.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The twenty plus member chorus put their audience in a summer mood with a performance of seasonal songs and Broadway tunes.

Founded in the 1940s as the Santa Monica Lyric Chorus, the group became the Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College when the Emeritus College was founded in the 1970s. Chorus members sing in three-part harmony under the direction of Bill Elliott, who has been the chorus' director since 1986. Assistant director and pianist Tom Gerhold (not pictured) has accompanied the Lyric Chorus for over twenty years. This Summer Sing performance is sure to be a big hit for all ages.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ...a place for adults program series. For more information, call the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event.

- SUBMITTED BY JUDITH S. GRAHAM



Courtesy photo

CHORUS: The Lyric Chorus will perform in santa Monica on May 28 at the Main Library.

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College Admissions Workshop with College Zoom at Main

In this interactive game-style program, participants will assume the roles of admissions officers to discover what officers seek in college applications. Participants simulate what it's like to be in an admissions committee by breaking into groups to review very condensed versions of college applications. Throughout several rounds, each group needs to reach a consensus on which application they will admit vs. deny. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m. For grades 10-11 (including incoming seniors) and parents, free, no registration.

Commission For The Senior

Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community, http://www.smgov.net/Portals/Seniors/content.aspx?id=19277, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Pokémon Play Space

Drop-in, play Pokémon, and browse our graphic novel collection. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation

A pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for five minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

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Thursday, May 21

Recreation & Parks Commission

Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission, http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Pico Branch Book Group

The Pico Branch Book Group, meets the third Thursday of each month and discusses a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction genres. This group is open to all, including newcomers and those who have joined us for past discussions. This month they will be reading the first half (Part 1-3) of "Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow," a biography that uncovers the interior life of George Washington. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission, http://www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Division.aspx, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Mustache Madness

Mustache-themed stories, games, and crafts. Shave the date. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.

Cardio Salsa + Back Rehabilitation

Get energized with Salsa, Merengue, and Cha Cha, then switch to Pilates for core and balance. Cool down with yoga stretches for flexibility. All levels welcome. Drop in participation available, $20. 1450 Ocean, 12:30 - 2 p.m., (310) 458-2239, https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/42783

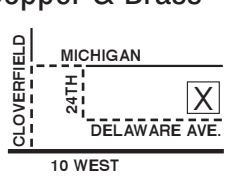
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What's the Point?

David Pisarra

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Honoring Memorial Day

AS WE CLOSE IN ON MEMORIAL DAY, THE weekend America has set aside to honor the men and women who have given their lives to found our country, to fight to preserve its way of life, and to bring democracy to other countries,

The important point is that devoted and inspired men and women have lost their lives in the pursuit of something greater than themselves and they deserve to be honored for their efforts and sacrifices. How many of us even try to do something that changes the world, let alone pays anywhere near such a high price?

For most of us this coming weekend means barbecues, a four-day weekend and the traditional start of summer. Retailers have used this weekend, as a reason for people to spend money on a new barbecue, redo the landscaping in a backyard, and to buy new summer outfits.

This weekend I will be disconnected from the Internet, my cell phone, and the stresses of a family law practice in favor of regular life. I'm going to shut off everything and just enjoy life in Santa Monica without all the trappings of modern life.

This weekend is about getting back in touch with what it means to be a human. For me, my weekend may put me in the mountains where it is not about hierarchies, whether they are financial, educational, social, or military, or I may just hang out at beach and ride down to Hermosa, but in either case, I just want to be an average American this weekend.

I was never in the military. So I have no standard by which to measure what that experience is like, but I believe it is quite fulfilling to be part of a larger organization.

I imagine that for those who were in the military and have felt the pressures of combat their sense of camaraderie must be much stronger, their friendships much deeper, and their love for one another much greater. Which means that their sense of loss must be greater also.

This coming Monday May 25 at 11 a.m. Woodlawn cemetery on the corner of 14th and Pico will hold its 77th annual ceremony of remembrance for those lost in combat and interred there. Veterans and families will gather, to honor and remember their fallen fellows.

That is the real point of this weekend. This weekend is about remembering what it took to found our nation, and what it takes to protect our nation, but also about the individuals who sacrificed their lives for those of us still living.

So this coming weekend as we enjoy our hamburgers and corn on the cob, as we lay on the beach and work on our tans, I urge you to take a moment and reflect on those who have sacrificed for us. If you can, do something nice for a vet, listen to their war stories one more time, let them reminisce about their war experiences, it's probably soothing to them, and you may learn a thing or two that were not taught in that high school history book.

If you are an active duty service member, or you are a vet, I want to thank you for the work you've done, and let you know that I am sorry for the loss of your fellows. Whether you are were a general or a private, whether you saw frontline combat or stayed on a base in Kansas, the role you played was needed and appreciated.

To all the service members let me say thank you. You are not forgotten. You are appreciated.

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Unlike the engineers employed by aviation and aeronautics industries that called Santa Monica home in the middle of last century, Santa Monica's new crop of innovators aren't trying to circumnavigate the world by plane or design better missiles. They are focused on finding solutions to the problems we face in our day-to-day lives, whether it's by making it easier to get to work without driving, finding a sitter for your dog while you're on vacation, or even connecting caregivers with homebound seniors.

Santa Monica is home to hundreds of tech startups and we are attracting more and more talented entrepreneurs with potentially world-changing ideas to our city every month.

With all this happening in our backyard, Santa Monica is in a unique position to harness the creative energy of "Silicon Beach" to help bring City Hall into the 21st century, using technology to lower the barriers to civic engagement for all those who live, work, and play in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica is, in many ways, miles ahead of other cities when it comes to offering innovative ways to engage local government. The People's Academy, the social media campaign surrounding plans to rethink Lincoln Boulevard, and the city's new open data portal are all examples of Santa Monica taking steps to change the way we engage with City Hall.

Video and audio archives for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other important meetings are readily available online for anyone to access any time. So are the agendas for these meetings.

Still, to many who are trying to get a career off the ground, starting a family, or otherwise busy building a life in Santa Monica, the public process can appear cumbersome, byzantine, and downright inscrutable.

Nowhere is that more apparent than at a City Council meeting, the stage where many important debates have been playing out, whether it's about zoning or the future of AirBnB.

The barriers to participate in these public debates are often prohibitive for many, except those with the most permissive schedules. The process selects out people who, for whatever reason, can't be at City Hall at 5 p.m. on any given Tuesday and can't afford to wait around for hours to speak for two minutes.

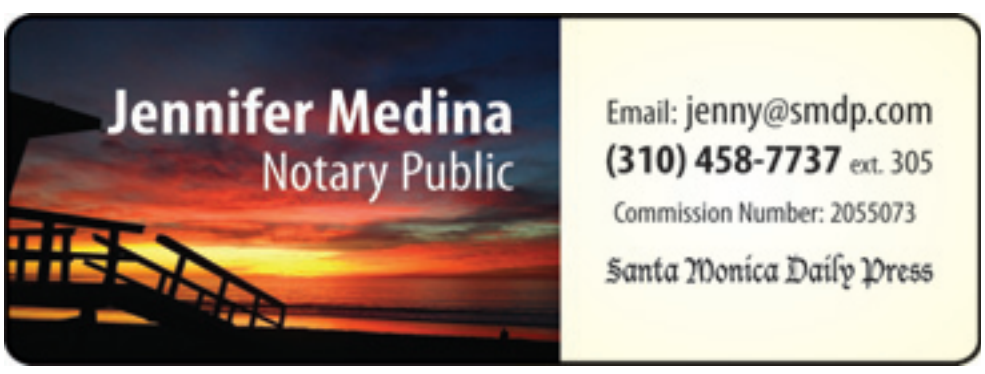
Not to mention how difficult it is for anyone juggling a life to even keep abreast of the many issues debated and decided on at the various boards and commissions.

Civic participation is still, at all levels of government around the world, an overwhelmingly analog process in an increasingly digital age. As a result, more and more voices are being left out of important discussions about their future.

While this is a global problem, Santa Monica, with its deep pool of talent, its culture of robust civic engagement, and the desire to bring new people to the table, can be the place where the solution to this problem begins.

Our civic discourse only benefits from diversity, and the more members of the community our leaders can hear from — whether they live, work, visit, or run a business here — before important decisions are made, the better our government becomes.

By Lizzy Tooke, Cynthia Rose, Juan Matute, Judy Abdo, Carl Hansen on behalf of Santa Monica Forward.



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Owner rights

Editor:

I want to thank Wellman Reality Company for their recent mailing of property owner rights in Santa Monica. Me and other friends had no idea we could save $376 a year on Measure "R" Parcel (School) Tax on our property tax if we are over 65 and reside on our property! We thought we read most of the city mailings and read your wonderful newspaper every day yet we were unaware of this! Unfortunately we could have saved this money for past years but were totally unaware of our rights. This tax could also have been saved by tenants who have to pay when older apartment owners pass down this tax onto the rent amount each year. This saves money each year for both tenants and older property owners. Thanks again to the Wellman Reality Company!

Marty Liboff
Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Anaheim

Mayor McKeown re-elected vice-chair of Irish-American Caucus at Democratic state party convention in Anaheim

At the California Democratic Party state convention in Anaheim this past weekend, Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown was re-elected as southern vice-chair of the Party's Irish-American Caucus. McKeown, who has lived in Santa Monica most of his life, holds dual citizenship in the United states and the Republic of Ireland.

McKeown's efforts to forge a sister-city relationship with the Irish city of Galway was supported by the Caucus. Galway, like Santa Monica, is a small west-coast city, on a bay, with a strong tradition of arts and culture. McKeown has reached out to Galway Mayor Donal Lyons and to the Santa Monica Sister City Association to explore formal ties, as Santa Monica already enjoys with cities in Mexico, Germany, Italy, and Japan. McKeown in August will visit Fujinomiya, Japan, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of sisterhood with that small city on the flanks of Mt. Fuji.

The Irish-American caucus also unanimously backed Mayor McKeown's motion to support the "RaiseLA" campaign to create living wages for hospitality workers in Los Angeles. Santa Monica pioneered such efforts fifteen years ago, and recently set a $15.37-an-hour wage floor in hotel development agreements.

"Too long we have let wages lag behind productivity, creating ever greater hurdles for working families. Children miss out on parental support and education opportunities when mothers and fathers must work two jobs just to make ends meet," said McKeown.

Eliminating income inequality was a major theme of the Democratic convention, with keynote speaker Elizabeth Warren receiving thunderous ovations for her call for a progressive campaign to give lower-income families a path upward and restore the American middle class.

- SUBMITTED BY GENISE SCHNITMAN

Citywide

DUI Checkpoint

The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Saturday, May 23, at an undisclosed location within city limits. The operation will take place between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven factor in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and/or drug related collisions. Research shows that accidents involving impaired drivers can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized, enforcement checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

Traffic Officers will be looking for objective signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and verify that motorists are in possession of a valid driver's license.

In California, drunk driving led to the tragic deaths of 802 persons in 2012. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 people were killed by impaired drivers. Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal collisions had traces of one or more drugs in their systems. The study showed that more drivers tested positive for drug impairment (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective, documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of $6 for every $1 spent. Nearly 90 percent of California Drivers approve of DUI checkpoints.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Santa Monica Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which along with the Santa Monica Police Department would like to remind everyone to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.

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Group recommends Chargers pay $300M, NFL $200M for stadium

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO An advisory group appointed by Mayor Kevin Faulconer recommended Monday that the Chargers contribute $300 million toward a new $1.33 billion stadium, with the NFL giving $200 million, the city and county $121 million each and personal seat licenses totaling $120 million.

Under intense pressure from the team and the NFL, the Citizen's Stadium Advisory Group said in its financing plan that there won't be tax increases or increases to the city's general fund, and that the financing plan doesn't rely on development to pay for the stadium, parking or infrastructure.

Other suggested funding sources include the Chargers paying rent of $173 million over 30 years, ticket surcharges totaling $84.7 million - or $5 a ticket - and $225 million from the sale of 75 acres of land at the Qualcomm Stadium site.

The Chargers are threatening to leave for the Los Angeles area unless they get a deal to replace aging Qualcomm Stadium.

The advisory group was to release its financing plan at an early afternoon news conference.

The Chargers declined to make chairman Dean Spanos available for comment.

Faulconer is believed to still want the stadium plan approved by voters.

The advisory group expedited its work

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REGIONAL BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Problem forces Hawaii-bound jetliner to return to LA airport

A Hawaii-bound jetliner returned safely to Los Angeles after reporting a mechanical problem shortly after takeoff Monday.

Hawaiian Airlines Flight 3 landed about 2:18 p.m. The Airbus A330 had 290 passengers and 10 crew people on board.

Airline spokeswoman Ann Botticelli said a cockpit light indicating a potential problem came on, and the pilot returned as a precaution.

She did not know the nature of the issue.

The flight to Honolulu took off from LAX shortly before 1 p.m. Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott says the plane declared an emergency around 1:30 p.m.

It circled off the California coast to burn fuel before landing.

- AP

SACRAMENTO

Bill aims to crack down on community college sexual assault

The California Assembly has approved legislation that would allow community colleges to expel students for sexually assaulting classmates off campus.

Democratic Assemblyman Das Williams of Carpinteria says some community colleges do not believe they can penalize students for off-campus sexual assaults. His bill would also require transfer students to disclose if they were suspended for rape or sexual battery at other schools.

Local community college governing boards would hold hearings to decide whether to admit those students.

Republican Assemblyman Donald Wagner of Irvine said community colleges administrators aren't trained to judge sexual assault allegations.

AB969 advanced Monday on a 49-to-11 vote.

The bill heads to the Senate, which unanimously approved a similar bill last month.

- AP

LOS ANGELES

Big-rig carrying glass overturns on Los Angeles freeway

Commuter traffic backed up for miles after a big-rig carrying glass overturned on a freeway transition road in East Los Angeles on Monday.

California Highway Patrol Officer Alex Rubio said the tractor-trailer crashed shortly before 6 a.m. on the transition from southbound Interstate 5 to State Route 60.

All lanes were closed for hours as crews clear the truck and the glass spread across the roadway.

Television news showed some vehicles avoiding the standstill by driving over the center divider.

Rubio didn't immediately know if the truck driver is injured.

- AP



Expansion soccer team plans $250 million Los Angeles stadium

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Major League Soccer's expansion Los Angeles Football Club plans to build a $250 million stadium on the site of the old Sports Arena next to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The 15-acre complex in Exposition Park would also include a conference center, restaurants, 130,000 square feet of plazas and streetscapes, and a soccer museum. At its center would be a 22,000-seat venue, home to the new MLS team when it makes its debut in 2018.

The plans were formally announced Monday at an on-site news conference where a rendering of the stadium was unveiled.

"We want it to be one of the cathedrals of soccer in this country and around the world," said Henry Nguyen, head of the club's 24-member ownership group. "This is going to be an intimidating, really tight, urban sound box stadium."

The project still needs approval from the Coliseum Commission and the Los Angeles City Council.

Both panels, along with Mayor Eric Garcetti, have expressed support for the project, and approval is expected by July.

Construction would be financed by the team and its ownership group, which includes former Los Angeles Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson; Mandalay Entertainment Chief Executive Peter Guber, co-owner of the Dodgers and the NBA's Golden State Warriors; self-help author Tony Robbins; and women's World Cup soccer champion Mia Hamm and her husband Nomar Garciaparra, a former major league baseball all-star.

The planners estimated the project would create 1,200 construction jobs and 1,800 permanent operations jobs. The facility, which would also host concerts and festivals, was touted as a catalyst for economic development on Los Angeles' south side.

The location is adjacent to the historic Coliseum, site of two Olympics and home field for the University of Southern California football team, as well as popular museums including the home of the retired space shuttle Endeavour.

It's also just three miles down the Figueroa Street corridor from the downtown Staples Center arena.

"We've got a lot of champions here - USC football, the Lakers not too far away, the Kings, all of that," Johnson said. "We want to be part of that championship row."

MLS has long favored the area because of its proximity to downtown and public transportation.

When the Los Angeles Football Club begins play in 2018, the league will have at least 23 teams.

The club's plans for an MLS soccer stadium follow the latest flurry of competing proposals for an NFL stadium in the Los Angeles region, which hasn't had an NFL franchise since losing the Rams and Raiders after the 1994 season.

"Football is alive and well in Los Angeles," said Councilman Curren Price, who represents the proposed LAFC site.

FOOTBALL

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after the Chargers and their biggest rivals, the Oakland Raiders, announced plans to build a $1.7 billion stadium in the L.A. suburb of Carson if they didn't get new stadiums in their hometowns.

The financing plan cited comments from the Chargers from 2014 that the Spanos family and investment partners would put up roughly $400 million and seek a $200 million loan from the NFL.

Half of the PSLs would help fund the public's share of the stadium while the other half would help the Chargers fund their share.

The advisory group recommended that a joint powers authority be formed between the county and city to oversee development and ownership of the stadium.

It also said the city and county should seek long-term leases with San Diego State and the group that puts on the Holiday and Poinsettia bowls. It suggests annual rent of $1.25 million each from SDSU and the bowl group.

Other recommendations include:

The city and county should request an opportunity to present the financing plan to the Committee on Los Angeles Opportunities, and NFL executive Eric Grubman, well in advance of the NFL owners meeting in October.

Negotiations with the team should begin immediately.

Following the negotiations, the Chargers should launch and fund a citizens' initiative, like the team did this year in Carson, with the goal of gathering enough verified signatures and securing a City Council vote prior to the NFL owners meeting.

The city currently pays approximately $10 million a year to operate Qualcomm Stadium, including $4.8 million in debt service.

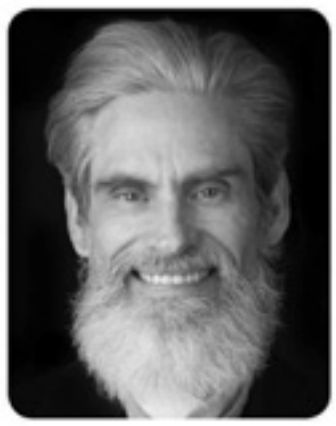
The advisory group recommends the city retire the total remaining debt service of $52 million before a new stadium opens. With proper third-party management, the expectation is the new stadium would break even, at a minimum, therefore the city would no longer be required to subsidize the operations of the stadium.

With the Qualcomm Stadium debt paid off, the city would not need to spend millions of dollars a year to retire that obligation. The advisory group recommends that $7 million a year of the city's savings be used to contribute toward financing the new stadium.

The county's stadium sub-committee has assured the advisory group it would partner with the city on financing, which is why CSAG recommends the county also contribute a minimum of $7 million a year, or a lump-sum payment of at least $121 million.

The advisory group estimates the team could make $135 million to $165 million in naming rights over 20 years, plus other revenue totaling $25 million a year.

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OPERA

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The concert is a joint performance of the SMC Opera Theatre (DeStefano), the SMC Chamber Choir (directed by William Belan), the SMC Dance Department, and the Bach Collegium San Diego. DeStefano said the joint production helps highlight the connections between the two pieces.

In the Durón work, the Huntress — Diana — banishes Cupid (Amor) from the world, with unexpected results. Cupid returns in Purcell's masterpiece — one of the earliest English operas — to command the hearts of Dido, Queen of Carthage, and her love Aeneas, the Trojan hero.

"Playing upon Cupid's appearance in both operas, the dancers serve as Cupid's helpful cherubs & embody the enduring power of love; tracing Cupid's orbit throughout," she said. "They lead a double life in Dido & Aeneas — also serving as minions to the evil Sorceress. Weaving modern kinesis through the varied acts, Tomasic's choreography is a refreshing juxtaposition to the early music ensemble."

DeStefano described opera as the culmination of the arts with elements of Literature, Poetry, Theatre, Music, Dance, Costume and Visual Arts. She said the participation in opera, as a performer or audience member, challenges individuals to expand their appreciation of the human experience.

"Opera not only challenges the human voice to express itself (as a singer) in its fullest capacity — it also challenges the listener to explore the depths of emotion in a way that is seldom experienced in everyday life," she said. "When the human voice resonates with such rich vocal dimension to tell a story; the audience is transported from the mundane to another worldly realm. This elevated expression of the human condition renders a powerful and unforgettable impact. Opera has deep seeded roots in the history and tradition of classical music. However, it is the students of opera which we must support. Through performances like these, they hone their craft and help cultivate the future innovation of this precious art form."

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- Grace Smith contributed to this story

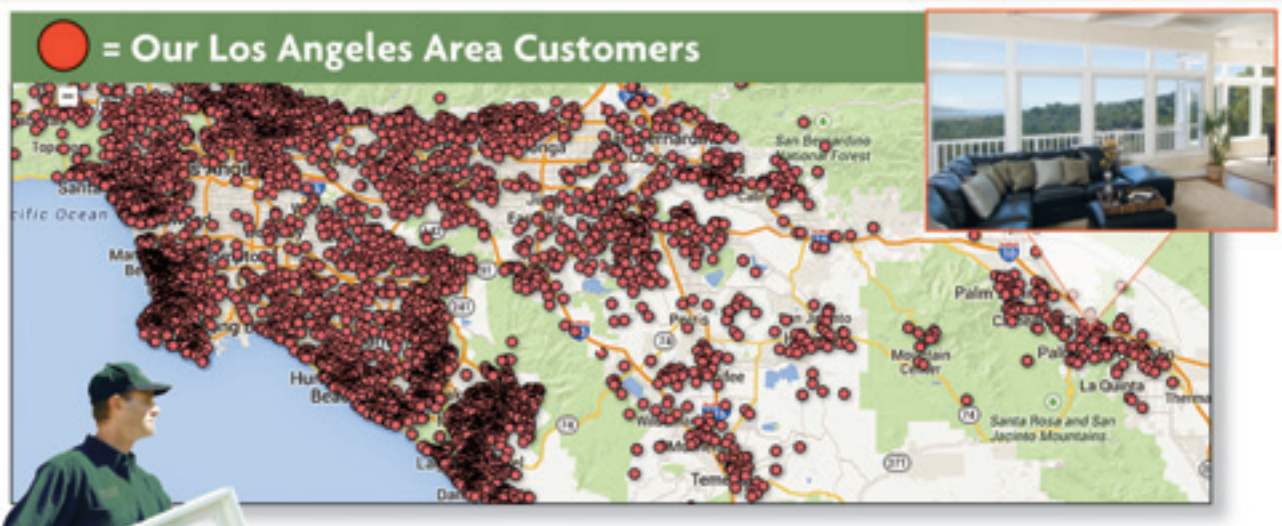
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TEEN LINE, the confidential teen-to-teen hotline, honored The Herzer Family with the "Above and Beyond Family Award" and Santa Monica residents Ellie Schneir and Peter Mezza with the "Humanitarian Award" at the annual Food for Thought Luncheon May 7, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills. In addition, nine of TEEN LINE's 120 teen volunteers were honored for exceptional dedication to the program. Actor/director Gabriel Sunday, hosted. The Sumner Redstone Foundation was Presenting Sponsor. Stephanie Nemeth Bronson, MFT and Jane McCord are Co-Chaired. TEEN LINE is an affiliated program of Cedars-Sinai and has been serving the greater Los Angeles community since 1980. Its flagship program is a confidential teen-to-teen hotline that receives more than 10,000 calls, texts and emails each year. More than 38,000 participants annually attend TEEN LINE events at schools and community forums and many more access their outstanding website. Services include renowned suicide prevention programs, a robust anti-bullying campaign, and substance abuse education. For more information, visit www.teenlineonline.org. Pictured are Executive Director Michelle Carlson, Humanitarian Award honorees Peter Mezza and Ellie Schneir, and TEEN LINE Founder Elaine Leader.

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MONEY

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tection and PR," she wrote in a letter to the Malibu Times. "Parents (would) be more inclined to donate if the SMMUSD was both fiscally responsible and took the utmost in precaution to put children's health and safety first."

Karen Farrer, Malibu High School's PTA president, said some families are leaving the district or considering private schools at least in part because of the current fundraising system.

"Historically, Malibu schools have been extraordinarily high achieving, with extremely high levels of volunteerism and local financial support," reads a letter signed by Farrer and several other Malibu parents. "These resources, along with higher enrollments of local children, will quickly return if the board hears and empowers us as we work to improve our schools."

SMMEF executive director Linda Greenberg said the foundation's message "isn't resonating" in Malibu, acknowledging the community's complaints. "But I do feel strongly that this process is going to take some time to transition and become part of the culture."

SLOW TO GIVE AT SAMOHI

Just 16.9 percent of families at Santa Monica High School, the district's largest campus, had contributed to the SMMEF fundraiser as of last month.

Greenberg said the low participation was due in part to how the funds are spent.

"I do recognize that the goals that we're fundraising for benefit the elementary level more than the high school level," she said, adding that the Superintendent's Advisory Committee has discussed adding programs at district middle and high schools.

Greenberg also said high school parents are more likely to donate to their children's activity booster clubs than to SMMEF.

"It's different at the high school level," she said. "If your kid's in choir, you're giving to choir."

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS ACTIVE

Olympic High School and Santa Monica Alternative School House have the highest rates of participation in the district fundraising campaign.

Close to 80 percent of families at the district's continuation site had donated to SMMEF as of April 23, and 72 percent of families at SMASH had contributed.

"Their principals and their staff have made a concerted effort to message to their parent community that it's important to donate," Greenberg said. "Both Olympic and SMASH have done that well. And they see great benefit."

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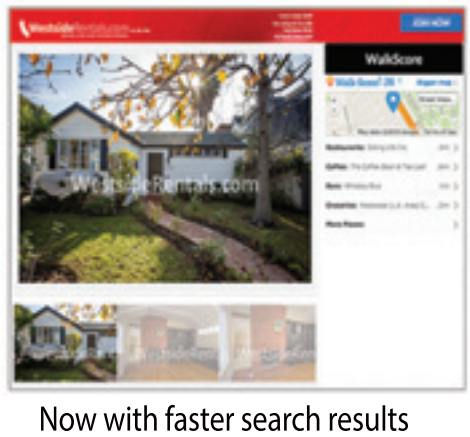
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
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Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
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Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON MAY 5 AT ABOUT 6 P.M.

Two homeless men (the victim and the suspect) were sitting on a short wall at the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk. When the victim looked at the suspect, who was seated several feet away from him; the suspect became enraged and demanded the victim stop staring at him. The suspect also made derogatory comments about the victim's sexual orientation, and then pulled a pair of sharp scissors from his pocket and threatened to stab the victim with it. The victim immediately grabbed the suspect's bicycle and used it to create a barrier between him and the suspect. The victim also yelled for help from the police. The suspect then put the scissors away, grabbed his bike, and walked away. Officers arrived within a minute and stopped the suspect at the entrance to the 1550 beach parking lot. The suspect was arrested without incident and booked at the Santa Monica jail. The suspect was identified as William Jeffery Plumm, 21, of Yacolt, WA. Bail was set at $15,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 315 calls for service on May 17.

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

Party complaint 1900 block of 4th 12:07 a.m.
Loud music 500 block of Santa Monica 12:31 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of 2nd 12:37 a.m.
Battery Ocean/Broadway 12:59 a.m.
Fire 1600 block of Lincoln 1:18 a.m.
Drunk driving 2nd/Santa Monica 1:36 a.m.
Fight 2000 block of Wilshire 1:48 a.m.
Vandalism block of Arizona 2:13 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block of Olympic 2:39 a.m.
Traffic accident 3200 block of 23rd 3:41 a.m.
Panhandling Lincoln/Interstate 10 3:53 a.m.
Drunk driving Cloverfield/Interstate 10 5:23 a.m.
Hit and run 19th/Washington 5:43 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th/Wilshire 7:40 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block of Cloverfield 9:41 a.m.
Vandalism 200 block of Colorado 10:07 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 600 block of 10th 10:07 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block of 4th 10:09 a.m.
Bike theft 200 block of Santa Monica 10:45 a.m.
Assault 1600 block of Wilshire 11:12 a.m.
Traffic accident 23rd/Pico 11:20 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 400 block of 23rd 11:22 a.m.
Battery 300 block of Pico 12:14 p.m.
Burglary 300 block of ocean 12:29 p.m.
Attempt burglary 3200 block of Wilshire 12:44 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 2nd 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of Wilshire 2:55 p.m.
Fight Promenade/Santa Monica 4:02 p.m.
Petty theft 2300 block of Ocean Park 4:18 p.m.
Petty theft 2300 block of Ocean Park 4:29 p.m.
Child endangerment Lincoln/Pico 5:02 p.m.
Traffic accident 1000 block of 2nd 5:28 p.m.
Identity theft 1800 block of Euclid 5:28 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of 15th 6:38 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1400 block of Ocean 6:41 p.m.
Petty theft 400 block of Santa Monica 6:59 p.m.
Traffic accident Main/Pico 7:23 p.m.
Drunk driving Berkeley/Santa Monica 8:03: p.m.
Domestic violence 2000 block of 4th 8:12 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Euclid 8:35 p.m.
Traffic accident 33rd/Pico 8:51 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block of Ocean 9:10 p.m.
Domestic violence 1300 block of Promenade 9:18 p.m.
Battery 2nd/Wilshire 9:26 p.m.
Vandalism 1900 block of Stewart 9:41 p.m.
Speeding Harvard/Santa Monica 9:44 p.m.
Fight 5th/Broadway 10 p.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Pico 11:25 p.m.
Fight 2900 block of Pico 11:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on May 17.

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

EMS 800 block of Woodacres 12:39 a.m.
EMS 19th/Idaho 12:55 a.m.
Injuries from assault Ocean/Broadway 1:03 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1600 block of Lincoln 1:18 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block of Olympic 3:06 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 3:19 a.m.
Water heater rupture 2400 block of 20th 7:09 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Wilshire 7:52 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 15th 8:58 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 23rd 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 10:10 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 10:37 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Montana 10:50 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 11:17 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Main 11:29 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 11:37 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 11:40 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 11:42 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Montana 12:02 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Pico 12:15 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Pico 12:21 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 26th 12:24 p.m.
EMS 4th/Interstate 10 1:17 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 20th 3:20 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of san Vicente 3:22 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 10th 3:27 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 3:38 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 18th 3:43 p.m.
EMS 20th/Interstate 10 4:13 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Santa Monica 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Franklin 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Ocean 5:21 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 15th 6:29 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of 30th 7:10 p.m.
EMS 21st/Arizona 9:23 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 9:49 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 10:33 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fragrant wood
6 Book of maps
11 Sports setting
12 Hard to see
13 Hit for Jennifer Lopez
15 Court divider
16 Look upon
17 Price addition
18 Hoisting device
20 Lucifer
23 Become narrower
27 Wildly excited
28 Zilch
29 Train stop
31 Praline nut
32 Fleet-related
34 Buck's mate
37 Buddy
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47 Foe

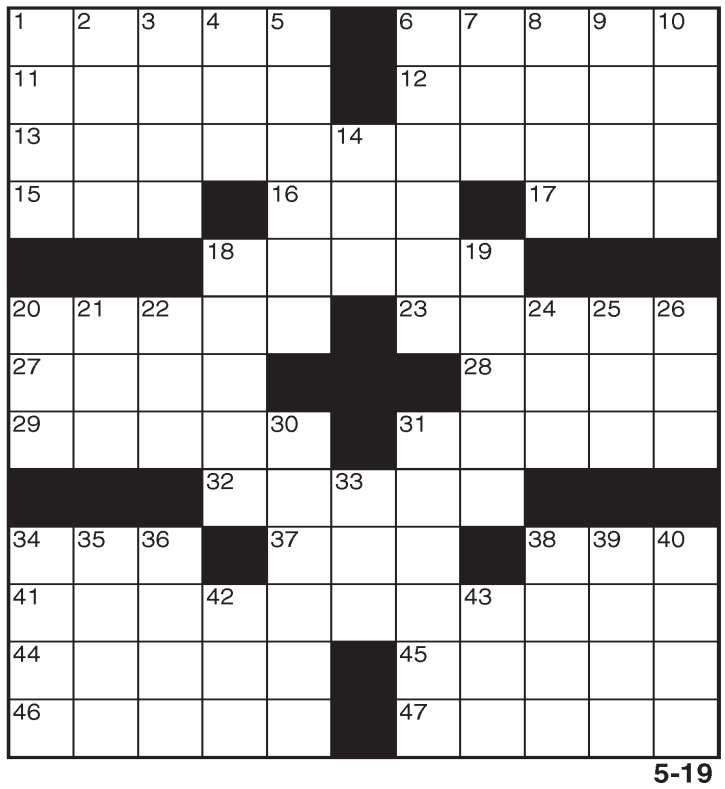
DOWN

1 James of "The Godfather"
2 Pennsylvania port
3 Car scar
4 Tiny worker
5 Granola bit
6 Have an influence on
7 Letter after sigma
8 Pocket fuzz
9 Visitor to Siam
10 River of Hades
14 Toe count
18 Hayride need
19 Greenish brown
20 Mournful
21 Bringer of wisdom
22 Summit
24 Chest muscle, for short
25 Memorable time
26 Harry's friend
30 Gimme putts
31 Royal home
33 Dyeing tub
34 Watch part
35 Norwegian city
36 Finishes
38 Employ
39 Proton's place
40 "Good heavens!"
42 Golf peg
43 Mythical piper

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Yesterday's answer

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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 ★★

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

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

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 5/16
24 29 38 48 52
Power#: 32
Jackpot: 121M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 5/15
11 17 21 36 74
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 173M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 5/16
2 5 22 39 42
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 36M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/17
10 14 18 22 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/18
MIDDAY: 8 3 6
Draw Date: 5/17
EVENING: 3 7 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/17
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:49.31

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WORD UP!

bucolic

1. of, pertaining to, or suggesting an idyllic rural life.
2. of or pertaining to shepherds; pastoral.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 – A birthday salute to U.S. President John F. Kennedy takes place at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The highlight is Marilyn Monroe's rendition of "Happy Birthday".

1963 – The New York Post Sunday Magazine publishes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail, drafted shortly after his arrest on April 12th during the Birmingham campaign advocating for civil rights and an end to segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. The letter was in response to "A Call for Unity": a statement made by eight white Alabama clergymen against King and his methods, following his arrest, and became one of the most-anthologized statements of the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

1971 – Mars probe program: Mars 2 is launched by the Soviet Union.

1984 – Michael Larson, a contestant on the television game show Press Your Luck exploits a bug in the prize board, and wins over US$110,000.

1986 – The Firearm Owners Protection Act is signed into law by U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

1997 – The Sierra Gorda biosphere, the most ecologically diverse region in Mexico, is established as a result of grassroots efforts.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, WNBC-TV's investigative unit in New York City reported on a series of fetish parties in Manhattan reportedly organized by a licensed M.D., in which the consensual activities consisted of saline scrotal inflation, controlled near-asphyxiation and controlled arterial blood-letting (in which splatters are captured on a canvas as if made by a painter). An event organizer said the "Cirque de Plaisir" was more of a "performance art" display by a few body-modification aficionados than it was a fetish "party." Local governments were alarmed especially by the blood splatters' endangering onlookers and promised an investigation.

■ Accused amateur serial tooth-puller Philip Hansen, 56, was convicted on two counts in May following a trial in Wellington (New Zealand) District Court. Several women had accused him, during 1988-2011, of holding their mouths open and wriggling teeth out with pliers (and in one case, a screwdriver), motivated by his attraction to "gummy women" as a prelude to sex. He apparently also lauded the "free" service he was providing, since real dentists, he said, would have charged the women. (Hansen allegedly told another woman, with full dentures, how "beautiful" she was -- as he was removing the plates, crushing them and flushing them down a toilet.)

Spend reasonably, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll swing from one position to another with obvious mood changes. Recognize that you are lucky, so it would be wise to pursue a major change. You'll have a lot going for you as long as you don't act erratically. Tonight: Speak your mind, but be diplomatic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when having a discussion about funds and long-term financial directions. You will gain insight into your motives, as well as others', by heading in a certain direction. You might have a lot to integrate. Tonight: Be reasonable with spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You seem to be easygoing despite a disruptive element that runs through your plans. Honor your obligations. You can cover only so much ground. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be open to accepting an offer from a friend. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your instincts will guide you in a new direction. Take charge, and be as effective as possible. If your emotions seem out of control, step back and handle an important matter that could help you calm down. You can't count on others' reactions. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll be in your element when surrounded by friends who are asking what needs to be done. You exude confidence, and as a result, a meeting will work out in your favor. News from a distance opens you up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel as if you don't have a choice, as you might be pressured by a boss. You will do what is needed. Your ingenuity is likely to emerge and help you accept disruption as part of the plan, which will keep your schedule intact. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Though the conversation could be void of intense words of affection, the caring will be evident. You might be shocked by someone else's response. Do some thinking about what you have heard. Tonight: Daydream time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly. You could be tired of seeing a situation in a certain light. Laughter and caring are the natural outcomes of being more relaxed and detached. Your creativity will prove to be enormously healing. Tonight: Revise a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be in a position where you'll have to make a decision that you would prefer not to make. Detach and talk to people who know more about the situation than you do. Try not to act impulsively, as someone else involved could be very reactive. Tonight: Let go of problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself. Be sure to make time for a loved one. You are easygoing and will be willing to make an adjustment. An unexpected twist could take you in a new direction. A personal matter is likely to steal center stage. Tonight: Head to the gym or walk the dog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your perspective could be changing, even though it might not yet be outwardly expressed. Unexpected news or an off-the-wall comment could ground you and bring you back to the here and now. Use caution with financial dealings. Tonight: Time for fun and games.

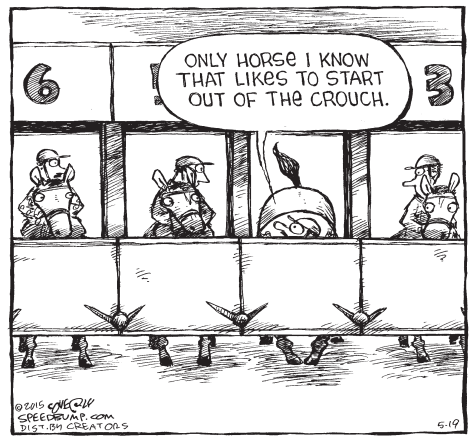
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have been going through a lot lately. You might be feeling a bit off-kilter. Tension seems to be building around your personal life. Zero in on what is important to you. Don't sell yourself short. You have what it takes to deal with a problem. Tonight: Lie low.

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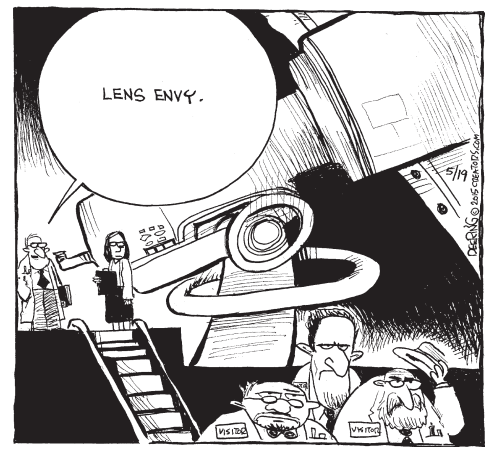
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year your creativity emerges, but it often could cause you to go to extremes. Curbing impulsiveness might be difficult with friends cheering you on! Be aware of a tendency to be possessive or to feel as if others possess you; those feelings point to insecurity. If you are single, you will meet someone who could have a strong influence on your life. This person will be very meaningful to your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you might be quite involved with the quality of your domestic life. Romance builds after summer. GEMINI does not view life from your perspective, so getting along might be challenging.

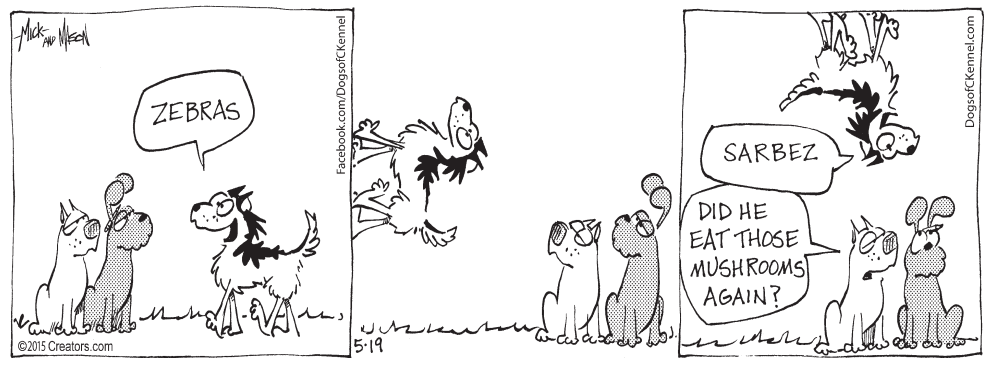
Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



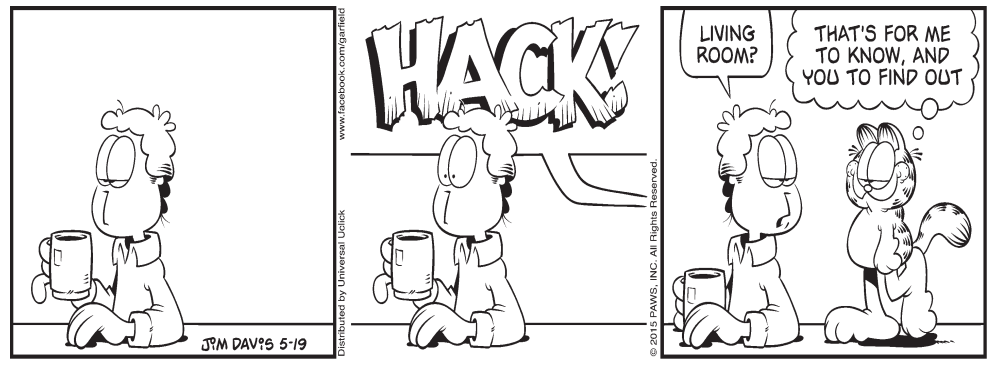
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



give a (bleep)

Each Tuesday, 'Roxy's Pet Peeves' gives voice to friends-in-need

Roxy: Hey, we like shoes too!

With Samantha Davidson



Hey, hey buds,

Roxy here. I have some more too-cute-for words, furry friends to introduce you to this week.



However, I have something I need to get off my chest. Dogs and cats alike want to chew things. It's just our nature. Sadly, sometimes we pick the wrong things, like a really cute pair of Christian Louboutins or Manolo Blahniks. Whoops! Don't leave them out or else we think they are fair play. And we hate it when you guys get mad at us. I'm talking like REALLY MAD. Do you want your pet ridden with guilt because YOU didn't take the time to put away your own shoes?



Angelina

Angelina is one of the most affectionate and loving 60-pound, white Dogo mixes. About 3 years old, it appears she was bred for beautiful pups and then discarded at a high-kill shelter. She will benefit from training (as will all dogs), but she is very smart and eager to please. Angelina is ready for her forever home!

Big Mama

Big Mama is a gorgeous purebred, 4-year-old black Great Dane who is as beautiful as she is sweet. This gentle giant was bred for puppies and then dumped at the shelter. She was left emaciated, but Wags and Walks' amazing foster is feeding her well. She is gentle with everyone and everything. Big Mama is calm, super loyal, healthy and up to date on vaccinations.



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