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THE WE'RE SORRY ISSUE



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NEVER FORGET: **World War II veterans Oscar Vizcarra (right) and Anna Brown (center) help Lt. Col. Douglas Woodhams, a Marine and Santa Monica Police officer, raise the flag during the 74th annual Memorial Day Observance at the Woodlawn Cemetery earlier this year.**

City Council to consider new war memorial

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monicans have worked to pay tribute to their war dead.

The Greek Amphitheater at Santa Monica High School stands in honor of Santa Monicans that served in World War I, and all five branches of the armed forces are remembered by a monument in Palisades Park.

Even the Civil War is represented in a memorial in Woodlawn Cemetery Mortuary and Mausoleum, although Santa Monica wasn't a city at the time of that conflict.

When City Councilmember Bob Holbrook walked amongst the graves on May 28 in preparation for a speech at the Memorial Day ceremony at Woodlawn, he decided that wasn't enough.

As he passed the graves, Holbrook wrote down names which he later read aloud before the audience so that people could

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Councilman Shriver won't seek reelection

Council candidates get extension courtesy of Bloom, Shriver

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The initial deadline for nomination papers for elections in Santa Monica has come and gone, but the candidate field in the City Council race is far from certain.

Unlike other races for the Board of Education, Santa Monica College Board of Trustees and Rent Control Board, non-incumbents vying for the four slots on the City Council will have until Aug. 15 to get 100 signatures from registered voters in Santa Monica to the City Clerk's Office.

That might be good news for a handful of candidates that have not yet turned in

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London Olympics lead to gold-medal procrastination

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Chores piling up. DVRs stuffed and groaning with unwatched favorites. Late, bleary strolls into the office.

Welcome to the Great Olympic Time Suck, that unsung sport that has millions glued to coverage of the London Games rather than tending to real life.

At 34-year-old Angie Butcher's house in suburban Chicago, the suck looks like this:

"Dishes are not getting done. Kids are not getting baths at night. Kids are up hours past bedtime," said Butcher, whose family has been watching anything and everything. "Nice summer evenings are going by and none of us are outside to enjoy it. Dinner has been picnic style on the living room rug more than once."

The suck has been so bad that her neighbors even wondered whether the family of five was out of town.

The family is far from alone. Nielsen said 29.1 million people watched NBC's Wednesday coverage, making it the 12th time in 13 nights that the audience for the London Games beat the corresponding night in Beijing.

Nearly eight in 10 Americans, in fact, have watched or followed the games either on television, online or via social networks, according to a survey done Aug. 2-5 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

If Bosco, Julie O'Grady's Australian shepherd in Palo Alto, Calif., could speak, he'd likely be shrieking, "Get a grip woman!" His pained, pathetic pleas haven't been enough to pry the tech industry public relations specialist away from the Olympics.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the Aug. 10 article "Paying up to live in town." The school bond, if approved by voters in November, will cost homeowners $185 per year and renters $16 per year on average, not per month. The Daily Press apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012

Willy in the great outdoors
Reed Park, tennis court No. 1
Corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica has worked with the city of Santa Monica to produce over 14 Shakespeare plays throughout the years. This year, they are performing "All's Well That Ends Well." Cost: $20 suggested donation. Another performance will take place on Sunday. For more information, call (310) 270-3454.

The search for TV Man
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Local author and director Steve Kosareff presents his new documentary, "TV Man: The Search for the Last Independent Dealer," a story focusing on the American television industry. See the film and check out his book, "Window to the Future." Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 392-4728.

Oh, Dorothy
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., times vary
Sit back, relax and enjoy the Santa Monica Playhouse's free performances of "Dorothy's Adventures in Oz," presented Aug. 11-12 and Aug. 18-19. The production is perfect for families. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012

Activists unite!
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m.
Bring a vegetarian potluck dish to share and enjoy the company of other vegetarian picnickers! Admission is free, as is the on-site parking. A picnic blanket and/or a folding chair is recommended. Present will be special guest speaker State Sen. Ted Lieu, who is the representative for the 28th District and will soon be representing Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and other Westside areas. For more information, call (310) 399-1000.

Jazz on the Lawn
Stewart Street Park
1836 Stewart St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Bring children, family and friends of all ages and enjoy a sampling of jazz each Sunday in August. Cool off with complimentary drinks and frozen treats. Alternate Sundays Beachy Cream offers 100 percent organic ice cream and sweet treats and Frozen Crush offers ultimate Italian ice. Admission is free. Free parking is available after 3:30 p.m. in the Olympic shuttle lot. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/jazz.

Big bang
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., call for times
"Mickalene Thomas: Origin of the Universe" is the first major solo museum exhibition for the New York-based multi-media artist. Best known for her elaborate paintings of African-American women against the backdrop of décor recalled from her childhood, Thomas has created an all-new suite of works that examine aspects of landscape painting. The exhibition continues through Aug. 25. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

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Lions Gate posts 1Q loss on high marketing costs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO AVE Movie and TV studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. said Thursday that it lost $44.2 million in the April-June period, reversing a profit from a year ago, as it booked higher marketing costs to release movies such as "The Hunger Games".

The loss in the first fiscal quarter came to 33 cents per share, reversing a profit of $10.3 million, or 8 cents per share a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet were looking for 9 cents per share in net income.

Lions Gate released five movies in theaters in the quarter, up from just one a year ago, and it has yet to benefit from home video sales of "The Hunger Games," which goes on sale on DVD and Blu-ray on Aug. 18.

CEO Jon Feltheimer said in a statement that two-thirds of the profitability of "The Hunger Games" is still ahead.

The company also blamed the loss on higher costs for compensating executives with stock and the expense of integrating "Twilight" maker Summit Entertainment, which it acquired for $412.5 million in January.

Revenue surged 81 percent to $471.8 million, thanks mainly to "The Hunger Games" ticket sales. The movie has grossed nearly $700 million worldwide.

The revenue beat the $442 million expected by analysts.

Motion picture revenue more than doubled to $407 million. The figure includes $138 million in revenue from movie ticket sales, which were over five times greater than a year ago.

Revenue from production of TV shows such as "Mad Men" and "Weeds" fell 5 percent to $65 million because the company delivered fewer shows into syndication than it did a year ago.

Lions Gate has headquarters in Santa Monica, but is based in Vancouver, British Columbia. Its shares fell 38 cents, or 2.8 percent, to close at $13.25. In after-hours trading they gave up another 40 cents.

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HAVING A GOOD TIME

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Children play with bubbles during the sixth week of the summer Twilight Concert Series on the Santa Monica Pier Thursday night.

Study tracks rise of feminine pronouns

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK In the opening pages of "The Feminine Mystique," Betty Friedan consciously captured the despair of so many housewives — and unknowingly anticipated a shift in language that would mirror the revolution to come in women's lives.

"As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched slipcover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, lay beside her husband at night," Friedan wrote in her 1963 book, "she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question — 'Is this all?'"

The average reader might catch such "Mad Men" details as "matched slipcover material." But a linguist or psychologist will be keeping score: "She" and "her" each are used twice; "herself" once. Not a single "he," his" or "himself" appears.

The golden age of the male pronoun was ending.

According to a study released Thursday, the "he-she" gap in books — one that has always favored the masculine — has dramatically narrowed since the release of Friedan's feminist classic.

Drawing upon nearly 1.2 million texts in the Google Books archive, three university researchers tracked gender pronouns from 1900 to 2008. The ratio of male to female pronouns was roughly 3.5:1 until 1950, when the gap began to widen as more women stayed home after World War II, and peaked at around 4.5:1 in the mid-1960s. The ratio had shrunk to 3:1 by 1975, and less than 2:1 by 2005.

"These trends in language quantify one of the largest, and most rapid, cultural changes ever observed: The incredible increase in women's status since the late 1960s in the U.S.," Jean M. Twenge, a psychology professor at San Diego State University and author of "Generation Me," said in a statement.

"Those numbers are quite staggering," says James W. Pennebaker, author of "The Secret Life of Pronouns" and chair of the psychology department at the University of Texas in Austin. "Pronouns are a sign of people paying attention and as women become more present in the workforce, in the media and life in general, people are referring to them more."

During a recent interview, Twenge said that she and her fellow scholars — W. Keith Campbell, who heads the psychology department at the University of Georgia; and one of his students, Brittany Gentile — had been talking about the Google database as a resource for studying gender. They

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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You got some 'splainin' to do

Editor:

I suppose that Santa Monica High School's principal and athletic director still haven't given fired head baseball coach Sheldon Philip-Guide a reason for being fired. Neither have they explained their actions to parents or community members who support Philip-Guide.

The reason given to the coach for being fired – "We are going in a different direction" – is not a good enough answer to someone that has worked so hard over three years to improve the baseball program at Samohi.

The Samohi principal and athletic director need to show some character and explain what their reason was for his firing. If it was because a few parents complained then they need to realize they made a mistake (parents should not decide the firing of a high school coach) and rehire him.

Larry Arreola
Santa Monica

Leave no stone unturned

Editor:

Dear Mr. Bill Bauer,

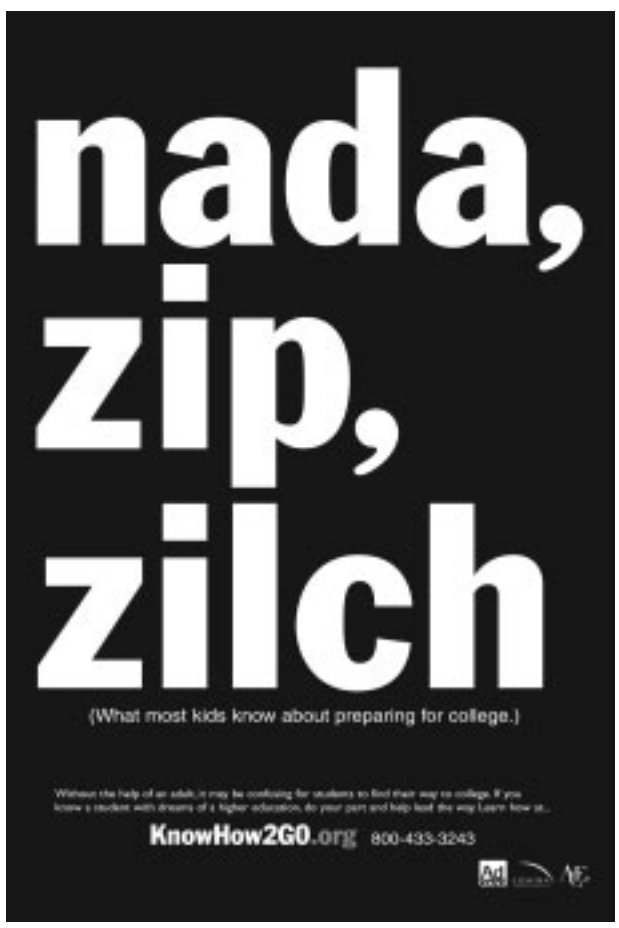
Please keep up the good work and keep fighting the good fight against petty bureaucrats and wannabe petty bureaucrats – for example, whoever at Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) is playing "hide the football" with SMRR's bylaws ("Intrigue and shenanigans on the local political front," My Write, Aug. 6)!

Please, in your column, stay on their case and keep us informed of each of their evasions. That bit about Gleam Davis running away from you is a classic. (Is it possible that no such SMRR bylaws exist? If so, are people at SMRR making it up as they go along?)

Also, please continue to expose the bogus election-year front groups such as Santa Monicans For This or Santa Monicans For That. We do need to know what interests they really represent, and nobody uncovers the dirty little secrets as well as you do!

In short, I salute you as a muckraker in the grand tradition of I.F. Stone. Are you old enough to recall that inexhaustible enemy of bureaucratic arrogance? All he did was force the scoundrels to defend their own horse manure and follow their own rules – rubbed their noses in it, you might say – and Lord how they hated him for it. But then, worms under a rock never like to be exposed to sunlight, do they?

Jim Picco
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Are we all criminals now?

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TENT CITY JAIL IN Arizona their time behind bars is an exercise in humiliation: they are forced to dress in pink underwear, they "work seven days a week, are fed only twice a day, get no coffee, no cigarettes, no salt, pepper or ketchup and no organized recreation." They work on chain gangs, and have to pay 10 bucks every time they want to see a nurse. This draconian treatment is not reserved for hardened criminals. In fact, most inmates in Tent City are imprisoned for less than a year for minor crimes, or are simply awaiting trial.

It is in this Guantanamo-like facility, surrounded by hardened criminals and subjected to all manners of degradation and hardship that Michael Salman is incarcerated. He was fined more than $12,000 and sentenced to 60 days in jail for the so-called "crime" of holding a weekly Bible study in his home, allegedly in violation of the city's building codes.

What happened to Salman — armed police raids of his property, repeated warnings against holding any form of Bible study at his home, and a court-ordered probation banning him from having any gatherings of more than 12 people at his home — should never have happened in America. Yet this is the reality that more and more Americans are grappling with in the face of a government bureaucracy consumed with churning out laws, statutes, codes and regulations that reinforce its powers and value systems and those of the police state and its corporate allies. All the while, the life is slowly being choked out of our individual freedoms. The aim, of course, is absolute control by way of thousands of regulations that dictate when, where, how and with whom we live our lives.

Incredibly, Congress has been creating on average 55 new "crimes" per year, bringing the total number of federal crimes on the books to more than 5,000, with as many as 300,000 regulatory crimes. As journalist Radley Balko reports, "that doesn't include federal regulations, which are increasingly being enforced with criminal, not administrative, penalties. It also doesn't include the increasing leeway with which prosecutors can enforce broadly written federal conspiracy, racketeering, and money laundering laws. And this is before we even get to the states' criminal codes."

In such a society, we are all petty criminals, guilty of violating some minor law. In fact, Boston lawyer Harvey Silvergate, author of "Three Felonies a Day: How the Feds Target the Innocent," estimates that the average American now unknowingly commits three felonies a day, thanks to an overabundance of vague laws that render otherwise innocent activity illegal and an inclination on the part of prosecutors to reject the idea that there can't be a crime without criminal intent. Consequently, we now find ourselves operating in a strange new world where small farmers who dare to make unpasteurized goat cheese and share it with members of their community are finding their farms raided, while home gardeners face jail time for daring to cultivate their own varieties of orchids without having completed sufficient paperwork.

This frightening state of affairs — where a person can actually be arrested and incarcerated for the most innocent and inane activities, including feeding a whale and collecting rainwater on their own property (these are actual cases in the courts right now) — is due to what law scholars refer to as overcriminalization, or the overt proliferation of criminal laws. "Such laws," notes journalist George Will, "which enable government zealots to accuse almost anyone of committing three felonies in a day, do not just enable government misconduct, they incite prosecutors to intimidate decent people who never had culpable intentions. And to inflict punishments without crimes."

Salman is merely one more unfortunate soul caught in the government's cross-hairs, only his so-called crime deserving of prosecution was daring to take part in a time-honored tradition that goes back centuries — gathering with family and friends at home for prayer and worship.

The situation in which the Salmans find themselves is not all that unusual. All across the country, in cities, towns and villages of every size imaginable, Americans of all faiths gather in their homes for fellowship, prayer and reflection. Yet as communities from New York to California adopt strident zoning codes crafted in such a way as to keep churches, synagogues and mosques at a distance, especially from residential neighborhoods, and discourage religious gatherings, these religious rituals are now being outlawed in America.

There was a time in our nation's history when such an accounting of facts would have sparked immediate outrage. However, having bought into the idea that anything the government says and does is right, even when it is so clearly wrong, many Americans through their own compliance have become unwitting accomplices in the government's efforts to prosecute otherwise law-abiding citizens for unknowingly violating some statute in its vast trove of laws written by bureaucrats who operate above the law. Yet as Nathan Burney so adeptly points out in his "Illustrated Guide to Criminal Law," "when crimes are too numerous to count… when you're punished, not because what you did was wrong, but simply because the law says so… when laws are too vague or overbroad… that's not justice."

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Dr. E. Kirsten Peters

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Salty tomb within an underground crystal

THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE A SALT SHAKER handy, remove a few grains. If you have a simple magnifying glass, you'll see the salt is really tiny cubes. Salt is a mineral and each grain is a well-formed crystal that breaks into cubic shapes.

Salt in your shaker looks like a simple solid. But salt far enough underground behaves like Silly Putty, oozing and flowing over time. Salt has been on my mind recently because I've been reading about nuclear energy. Bear with me and I'll explain.

Nuclear plants give us a fifth of the electrical power that we use in the grid each day. Even some environmental activists think highly of nuclear energy because it gives us power without the production of greenhouse gases.

But our use of nuclear plants also demands that we address the question of burying radioactive waste. The good news is that we've started to do exactly that in New Mexico and so far things are going just as planned. I've been reading recently about that and related matters in a book called "Power to Save the World" by Gwyneth Cravens.

The 4-square-mile Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (or WIPP) is in the Chihuahuan Desert. It makes use of one small part of an enormous salt bed.

In many parts of the world circulating groundwater could move nuclear waste after it's buried in the Earth. Happily, the salt formation at WIPP is quite dry, with only a little water in it. Best of all, the water does not move to any appreciable extent from the salt to the surrounding rocks.

"Movement of groundwater from or through the salt formation to rocks nearby is essentially nonexistent," Dr. Don Wall of Washington State University told me. Wall is the director of the nuclear reactor at WSU and he used to work on the WIPP project.

WIPP's storage "rooms" for nuclear waste are over 2,000 feet underground in the salt bed. From my point of view, part of the magic of WIPP is that salt that deep underground deforms like plastic, flowing about three inches per year. That's a helpful feature for the isolation of the nuclear waste because it means the salt will flow around the casks of waste, enveloping them in earth material and sealing them in place as time unfolds.

Alert readers may remember that concentrated, high-level nuclear waste was slated to go to the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada. We as a nation spent billions of dollars researching and building that repository. But Yucca Mountain was ultimately nixed because people in Nevada didn't want the waste in their state.

Most folks in New Mexico feel differently about WIPP and its successful operations are converting some skeptics, one by one. There's even the argument to be made that WIPP could someday accept high level waste, not just the type it's licensed for.

Nuclear energy is part of our daily electrical power supply. No matter your feelings about that, we've got nuclear waste on our hands. For my part, I'm glad WIPP is putting waste into a salty tomb.

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The Q Line

Representing Malibu

Three Malibu residents have decided to run for the Board of Education. Many in that city have said that they feel underrepresented on the board.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think having a Malibu resident on the board gives the city a voice when it comes to education issues and why?

Here are your responses:

"SANTA MONICA'S SUBSIDY OF MALIBU has gone on far too long. Malibu should have the self respect to separate and pay for their own schools."

"I THINK IT'S GREAT TO HAVE FOLKS FORM Malibu finally step up and run what I hope will be a real campaign. We need to have fair representation on the board and that means people from Malibu. We need to hear their perspective, or else it becomes somewhat of a dictatorship."

Editor's note: It seems this question didn't excite our readers, as there were only two responses. We'll try to come up with something better next week.

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Calif. Muslims want fed probe of pig-leg vandalism

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ONTARIO, Calif. Pig's legs were thrown on the proposed site of a southern California mosque, and a Muslim civil rights group is asking federal officials to investigate.

Worshippers said two women threw the three legs onto the driveway of the proposed Al-Nur Islamic Center in Ontario shortly before 10 p.m. Tuesday and sped away in a white pickup, said Munira Syeda, spokeswoman for the Greater Los Angeles Area chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Pork is forbidden to practicing Muslims and pigs are considered unclean animals.

"This is Ramadan. It's the holiest time of the year for most Muslims, so it's especially offensive," Syeda said Friday.

The site is a house where Muslims gather to worship until a mosque is built there, Syeda said.

A security guard saw the incident and a vandalism report was filed with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

No arrests have been made, sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman said.

In a letter sent to the U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday, the council urged the government to open a hate-crime investigation.

"Only firm action by local, state and federal law enforcement authorities will send the message that bias-motivated attacks on Muslims, or Americans of any faith, will not be tolerated," CAIR-LA Executive Director Hussam Ayloush said in a statement.

No investigation has been opened, but it could be in the future if officials believe it is warranted, said Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

Plans for the proposed mosque are still in the approval process and some residents have expressed opposition, Syeda said.

Some worry that the mosque will create traffic and other problems, but some simply do not want a Muslim house of worship in the city, she said.

"Unfortunately, there's a wave of anti-Islamic sentiment around the country," Syeda said. "It's a time for Americans to remember our values of pluralism and diversity."

The vandalism came only days after four teenagers were arrested for allegedly throwing lemons and oranges at a mosque in the San Francisco Bay area of Hayward. It occurred last Saturday during prayers at the American Muslim Association.

Four Hayward boys, ages 13 to 16, were arrested on suspicion of vandalism that interfered with the civil rights of the worshippers.

It was one of several recent vandalism attacks on the mosque, authorities said.

CAIR's national headquarters issued a community safety advisory for U.S. mosques this week following "other incidents targeting mosques" in Missouri and Rhode Island and after the deadly shooting at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, the group said.

Calif. grid operator lifts weekend 'Flex Alert'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A possibly heat-related death was under investigation Friday as inland California faced continuing triple-digit temperatures and calls for power conservation to prevent outages.

Cindy Marie Grycel, 49, was found unresponsive on the ground next to her wheelchair on a San Bernardino street at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. She was pronounced dead at a hospital late Thursday, the San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department said.

"The cause of her death appears to be heat-related, but an autopsy is scheduled to confirm this diagnosis," the department said in a statement that noted Grycel had no known family.

National Weather Service online records from various San Bernardino locations show temperatures were at or near 100 degrees at the time the she was found.

The weather service has been issuing excessive-heat warnings because of the dangers of prolonged high temperatures, and cities such as Los Angeles have extended the hours of senior citizen and recreation centers to give people places to keep cool.

Some relief was in sight. Forecasters said temperatures would cool to near normal by early next week and later to slightly below normal.

The California Independent System Operator, which manages most of the state's grid, declared a so-called Flex Alert for voluntary energy conservation on Friday but lifted Flex Alerts that had been issued for Saturday and Sunday. The alert calls on residents, businesses and governments to cut back on use of electricity between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to prevent reserves from falling to emergency levels.

Record-breaking highs for the date were recorded Thursday in several Southern California areas. Lancaster's 109 degrees broke a 1980 record of 106. The Woodland Hills area of Los Angeles also reported 109 and Sandberg in the Antelope Valley had 98. Several desert areas had their warmest lows for the date. Palm Springs reported a low of 89, 3 degrees above the 2003 record.

Valleys and inland areas have been baking all week, bringing the summer's first real test of electrical supplies without the help of the San Onofre nuclear power plant.

The twin-reactor generating station on the coast between San Diego and Los Angeles has been off-line all year since a small radiation leak from a steam tube led to the discovery of more extensive problems.

An unexpected outage at the Ormond Beach Generating Station, a gas-fired power plant in Ventura County, was partially responsible for triggering the alert because it took out 775 megawatts of energy from the grid, Cal-ISO said.

Electrical demand, particularly from so many air conditioners in operation at the same time, puts a strain on components of distribution systems such as power lines and transformers.

The call for conservation was echoed by utilities such as Southern California Edison, which serves an area with about 14 million people, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, which supplies the nation's second-largest city.

The National Weather Service said the heat was being caused by a stationary area of high pressure over the southwestern United States. The weather pattern has been marked by a steep drop-off of temperatures toward the coast, where beach cities have been in the balmy 70s.

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"He's not getting his nightly walk. Period," a contrite O'Grady admitted.

In Miami, Jim Angleton has a financial services business to run. He's always been a big Olympics fan, and has attended several in person. This time around, his late-night viewing obsession has him heading to the office at 11 a.m. rather than his usual 8:30, ditching his nightly jogs, shedding his signature suits in favor of jeans, and failing to return calls and e-mails on time to make room for the games.

He, too, had a dog problem on one out-of-it day.

"I forgot to walk the dog before I left for my office. Yup, found a surprise when I arrived home," said Angleton, 56.

Emilie Yount, 30, a writer and actor in Chicago, was a sprinter in high school and her first year of college. She's been a swimmer all her life and has a friend who works at the rowing venue, Eton Dorney, so she's been glued to her TV and London.

Her 7 a.m. alarm has been more jarring than usual. "I haven't socialized and I missed a birthday party for a close friend," Yount said.

Paula Wade, 41, a quality assurance tech for a company in Oklahoma City, Okla., was sure she wouldn't get sucked in. "I mean, really, who watches archery or table tennis? And yet there I am, cheering the Italians, or whoever, on. And now I'm to the point that I have things auto-deleting off of the DVR."

Sunday's closing ceremony — and the end of the collective hangover — can't come soon enough.

"I love Team USA, but I really need to get back to my regular crap TV," she added.

Paul Dergarabedian, a box-office analyst for Hollywood.com, said games came at just the right time, so soon after the Colorado theater shooting that left 12 dead and 58 others injured, and the slaying of six Sikh worshippers at a Wisconsin temple.

"There's been some pretty terrible stuff in the news of late," he said. "These Olympics are a welcome relief from what's going on in the world. It's such an innately positive event."

The uptick in viewing popularity, he said, also has to do with NBC's coverage strategy of streaming online during the day, offering coverage on sister channels and highlighting big events at night, followed by a post-midnight recap. Let alone the usual summer dearth of fresh programming elsewhere.

"This is an insomniac's dream come true," Dergarabedian said from Los Angeles.

Yvonne Miaoulis, 23, works in Elmwood Park, N.J., as a marketing manager. She's been sleeping less, like so many others, but she's also given up multitasking in front of the TV.

"I'll usually be on my laptop, but I've eliminated that during the games because it's so easy to miss a great vault or a critical dig," she said.

O'Grady won't allow for distractions, either. "I find myself not folding or putting away laundry, even though it's sitting right in front of me."

A commercial break mentality has taken over Christine Zust, a corporate coach, and her husband in Westlake, Ohio. If it can't be done during NBC's commercials it's clearly not worth doing, at least until the Olympics are over, she said. They've also bid favorites like Jon Stewart and his "Daily Show" a ta ta for now.

"Thank goodness Downton Abbey isn't competing with the Olympics or I would have a tough decision to make," Zust said. "Then again, Downton Abbey is available on DVD."

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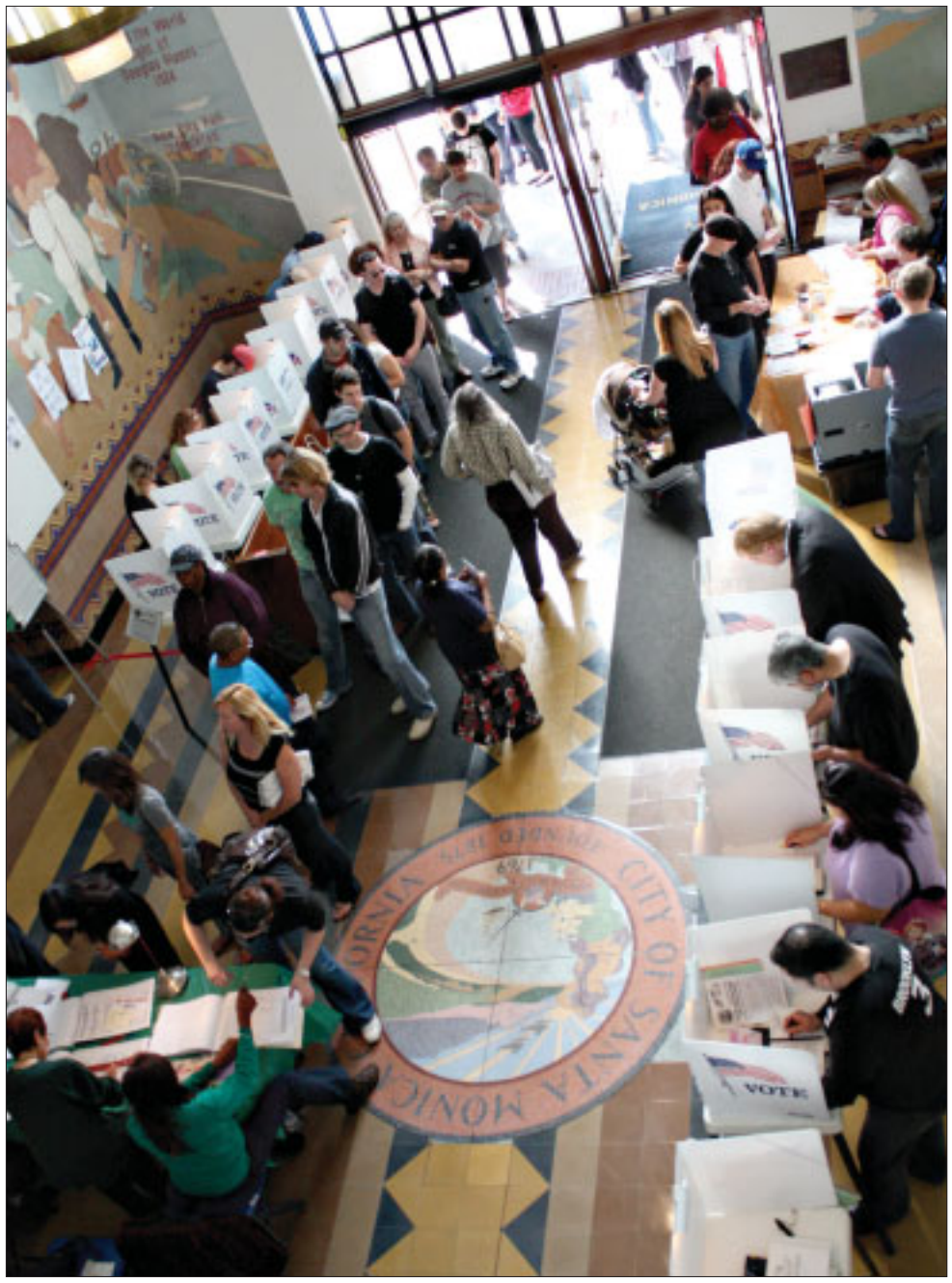

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EXERCISE THE RIGHT: **Residents wait while others vote in the general election at City Hall in 2008.**

ELECTION

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their papers.

They have Mayor Richard Bloom and City Councilmember Bobby Shriver to thank for the reprieve.

Neither will stand for reelection this year, which lengthens the deadlines for the non-incumbents, according to the City Clerk's Office.

Bloom will instead duke it out with Assemblywoman Betsy Butler, a Democrat currently representing Assembly District 53, for the new 50th Assembly District, which includes Santa Monica and much of the Westside.

Whether or not Shriver would run was more of a mystery, and was the speculation of newspapers and politicos alike for more than a year.

Although he's played coy with the Daily Press for some time now, saying even as late as July 13 that he wasn't ready to come out one way or another, Shriver finally made a statement Friday.

Shriver will not — repeat, will not — run for City Council in 2012.

Much like the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil cannot predict his own actions until Feb. 2 each year, Shriver hadn't decided whether he would run or not until last week, when he came to the conclusion that he wanted to take time and focus on his 3-year-old daughter Rosemary and 15-year-old stepdaughter Natasha.

"I like being a father, and I've got two girls here at amazing moments in their lives, and I want to spend the most time possible (with them)," Shriver said.

Rumors that have him running for Los Angeles County supervisor in 2014 are somewhat trumped up, Shriver said, although he's not ready to make a decision on a race almost two years away.

"If I saw that office or another office that I thought I could work hard at and do something good in, I would run," Shriver said. "I'm not saying that I would never run for office on any level."

But that still leaves this race, and a number of first-time candidates that have already qualified for the ballot despite expectations of an extended deadline.

As of Thursday at 5 p.m., former Planning Commissioner and long-time columnist for The Lookout Frank Gruber, attorney Steve Duron and attorney and co-founder of the Northeast Neighbors neighborhood group Robert Seldon all had their 100 signatures validated, according to the Santa Monica City Clerk's Office.

Gruber has been preparing for the contest since January, when he first declared his intention to run. Since he began fundraising in the spring, Gruber has raised almost $21,000 for the campaign.

His years on the Planning and Housing commissions as well as over a decade spent following the issues facing Santa Monica's elected officials have prepared him for the job, Gruber said.

"I learned about, thought about and wrote about just about every issue for the last 11 years. Before that, I was involved in them," Gruber said. "I have a strong knowledge of the history of Santa Monica because of the work I've done, reading I've done and people I've talked to."

By comparison, Duron is a fresh face.

The attorney has lived in Santa Monica since 2007, and has a practice here. Before beginning a career in law, Duron worked on presidential campaigns for John Kerry and Barack Obama.

His focus is perceived over-development in Santa Monica while the city is in a "period of flux."

"These decisions will affect the future and my children," said the self-proclaimed family man.

Seldon has worked on political efforts in Santa Monica in the past, but never run for office himself.

He'd hoped to see a council with a resident-oriented majority to back up Councilmember Kevin McKeown, but felt that the options that came forward were not fitting the bill.

"I looked at who was stepping up and I didn't see it happening," Seldon said. "I decided to give it a shot and put my time where my mouth was."

Also qualified for the ballot are peace activist Jerry Rubin, Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis, former City Councilmember Tony Vazquez and entertainment consultant Terence Later.

Those who have turned in papers but not yet been affirmed by the County Clerk include Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer and journalist John Cyrus Smith.

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hear who had fought and died for them.

"I thought there were probably a lot more Santa Monicans who aren't buried here," Holbrook said. "I thought it would be nice if we did some kind of listing of their names on a plaque so that all of us could bring flowers to them, or at least never forget them."

On Aug. 14, the City Council will consider a proposal to create a war memorial honoring the Santa Monicans who died in five wars that have been fought since the city was incorporated in 1887.

The memorial, whatever form it takes, will have at least 97 names, all of which can be credited to the efforts of Ginamarie Vollucci, an intern in the Human Resources Department.

When Holbrook first approached City Manager Rod Gould with the idea, Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek thought she might take on the task herself.

It quickly proved daunting.

"I went to the Department of Veterans Affairs. They told me that I would have to go to every branch of the military," Polachek said.

Unable to pursue both the project and her daily duties running the city, Polachek asked to borrow Vollucci from Human Resources.

On July 30, Vollucci returned with her final work product — 97 names gathered from a multitude of resources both within and outside of official government databases.

Vollucci started by defining her search. She listed each war that had occurred since 1887 and eliminated those for which no records were available.

That left her with five: World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War.

She then went to the National Archives and Records Administration, a service of the federal government which provides a searchable database with names of casualties based on the hometown.

The search revealed 37 names from the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf wars.

"World War I and II required more in-depth research," Vollucci noted in a report to Polachek.

The database had no casualty records for World War I, and the information for the second global conflict was limited to three service branches after a 1973 fire destroyed 80 percent of the Army and Air Force records.

To fill in the gaps, Vollucci got creative.

She used Ancestry.com, a website which includes a search function for military records, and turned up five individuals listed in the U.S. World War II Jewish Servicemen Cards collection.

She also went to the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Department of Defense casualty analysis system and private websites created by former or retired military personnel or veterans' associations.

In so doing, Vollucci turned up an additional 60 names for the memorial.

The list is not exhaustive, Polachek said, and does not list the dead from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The idea here is that we want to publish this list so people can come forward and make additions," she said.

It will be up to the City Council to decide if the proposed memorial will leave room for the dead of future wars, Polachek said.

Both she and Holbrook expressed their hope that no names would ever need to be added to the list.

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BOOKS
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liked the idea of starting at 1900, because pronouns have not changed since "thee" and "thou" fell out of style in the 1800s.

Google offers much more information than what was immediately available just a few years ago, Twenge notes, although the material is far from complete; the search engine's archive contains just 4 percent of all books published in the U.S. since 1800. But Twenge and her colleagues concluded that gender was not a factor in which books Google included.

"You have this huge sample, with no biases," Twenge says. "And you have an agreed upon set of words."

"It seems very comprehensive and well done," Pennebaker says. "There are two types of data, imperfect data and no data. If you're going to wait around for perfect data, you are going to wait around forever."

From scholarly releases to popular fiction, books by and about women have proliferated in the past half century. Nine of the top 10 books on USA Today's current best-seller list were written by women and publishers have long believed that more women than men buy books. According to the market researchers Simba Information, around 60 percent of those purchasing books are women.

The new study confirms women's great advances in education and in their success in getting published, says Erin Belieu, an award-winning poet and co-director of VIDA: Women in Literary Arts, a nonprofit organization founded in 2009.

"Women have certainly increased their 'literary output' in the last two decades particularly," she wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "And women fiction writers specifically have been able to achieve a large economic impact within the publishing industry."

But as VIDA has demonstrated, more books by women does not mean more books are getting reviewed or more women getting to write for literary publications. For the past two years, VIDA has released studies showing that such magazines as The New Yorker and The Atlantic devoted far more space to male writers than to women, a ratio that led New Yorker editor David Remnick to acknowledge "We've got to do better."

"Women as writers are much more likely to be ghettoized into marketing that wants to define who women are as writers and what it is women supposedly want to read," wrote Belieu, an associate professor in the English department of Florida State University. "This is true in literature as well as in contemporary journalism. Women authors being stuffed into YA and 'Chick Lit' publishing. Women journalists being assigned more 'personal' stories."

The continued prevalence of male writers/male reviewers is "very much the old guard hanging on, as they always do," Belieu adds. "But the progressive mind wins in the long ball game."



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Brownies, beans do go together

I SO WISH I HAD INVENTED THIS RECIPE. I can be very creative when it comes to food, but I honestly did not come up with the idea of using black beans in place of flour to make brownies. However, the recipe I initially came across involved the use of boxed brownie mix and only one can of black beans. But I simply couldn't do it. I just could not use something as healthy as black beans and mix them with a "boxed" mix. So I came up with this recipe, and although I've made several versions, including some with prunes and some with flax seeds, I feel that this version is the best yet.

When you look at the complete nutritional analysis, please take note of the nutrient density of this recipe, which offers significant amounts of folate, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, phosphorus, selenium and zinc. Each of these nutrients contributes in some way to your metabolism and your body's ability to recover from exercise and from exposure to free radicals.

Although there are specific organic ingredients listed, you will still reap the benefits if you choose non-organic ingredients. So don't be put off if you can only find regular canned black beans or conventional eggs. However, if you are willing to go that extra mile and find these specific ingredients, you will get more protective nutrients with every bite.

In the end, the purpose of every recipe I create is to save the world, or at least try to save the people of the world, by teaching you how to cook your own delicious and nutritious life-saving foods … one recipe at a time.

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Fudgy black bean brownies

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1 cup organic brown sugar or sucanat (dehydrated cane juice)
1 cup non-alkalized (non-Dutched) cocoa (I like Chatfield's)
1 cup semi sweet or dark chocolate chips (blend half with the batter and save half to top the mix)
1 tbs. organic vanilla extract
1 tsp. aluminum free baking powder
1/4 tsp. sea salt
1 tbs. organic instant coffee (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Spray 9-by-12-inch baking pan with cooking spray to coat thoroughly
3. Puree all ingredients, except the chocolate chips, in a food processor until you reach a smooth consistency.
4. Add half the chips to the batter and pulse a few times to combine but not pulverize the chips.
5. Pour batter into baking pan.
6. Disperse the rest of the chips evenly over top of the batter.
7. Bake for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.
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Santa Monica's rollin' in the lobster

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Not so long ago a friend of mine Tweeted a photograph of a particularly tasty looking lobster roll from Santa Monica Seafood. Just using the camera on his iPhone he was able to frame the sandwich with the entire background completely blacked out for what I imagine was some sort of dramatic effect. The result was a really good picture of an already photogenic lobster roll that in no time went viral. Santa Monica Seafood posted the pic on their Facebook page, likes and comments ensued, and once it came across my news feed I was instantly out the door and en route to get one as fast as you could say California king salmon!

I often approach seafood with a bit of apprehension. It is, after all, very different from all the other animals we eat. As wrong as it may seem, cows, chickens and pigs are basically meat plants mostly grown in government-subsidized pens. Aside from the farm-raised variety, seafood comes from the ocean and surprise, surprise, us humans can't get enough of our seafaring friends and are wiping out populations of all the good stuff. The mere look of a lobster is proof that humans will try and eat anything. Santa Monica Seafood states that they are committed to responsible, sustainable sourcing and therefor peace of mind remains.

Now that we got the moral rant out of the way, it's time to delve into the lobster roll. This sandwich is sans the filler and essentially all lobster. A light dressing of lemony aioli and the sprinkling of chives brighten the flavors, add bits of color and a little texture. There is no better vessel to accommodate such decadence than a lightly-toasted plain, white hot-dog bun. This is the best lobster roll in Santa Monica. (However, if Santa Monica Seafood's lobster roll is the Cadillac, Blue Plate Oysterette's version is the Lincoln). Pair it with a nice Chablis and you have yourself a winning hand.

Seating at Santa Monica Seafood is limited and the secret is out so expect moderate crowds, especially during peak hours. The display cases are beautiful and you will be hard-pressed not to walk out of there with a handful of shallots and their catch of the day.

Santa Monica Seafood is situated next to other eating and drinking hot spots like Huckleberry, El Cholo, JP's and Rustic Canyon on what a friend of mine has referred to as the "fillet" of Wilshire Boulevard. Exploring the area is recommended. Trying the lobster roll at Santa Monica Seafood is wholeheartedly insisted!

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With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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U.S. gas prices spike; refinery problems cited

BY JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK A surprise surge in gasoline prices is taking some of the fun out of summer.

The national average for a gallon of gas at the pump has climbed to $3.67, a rise of 34 cents since July 1. An increase in crude oil prices and problems with refineries and pipelines in the West Coast and Midwest, including a fire in California, are mostly to blame.

Analysts don't expect gas prices to get as high as they did in April, when 10 states passed $4 a gallon and the U.S. average topped out at $3.94. But this is still unwelcome news in this sluggish economy, since any extra money that goes to fill gas tanks doesn't get spent on movies and dinners out.

The rising prices could also put pressure on President Barack Obama in the heat of his re-election campaign.

When Phil Van Schepen recently went to fill up his dry-cleaning delivery van in Coon Rapids, Minn., he found a Post-it note a driver before him had placed on the pump faulting Obama for high gasoline prices.

"It's a reminder of his energy policies overall, which I don't agree with," said Van Schepen, who buys about 100 gallons a week and finds he is spending about $40 more than he did in early July. Still, he said the Post-it "was a bit much" because the president isn't responsible for gasoline prices.

Analysts and economists agree, saying prices for crude oil and wholesale gasoline are set on financial exchanges around the world based on supply and demand and expectations about how those factors may change.

The price at the pump in the U.S. fell more than 60 cents per gallon during the spring as the global economy slowed and turmoil in the Middle East seemed to subside.

But crude oil is climbing again, rising to $94 a barrel from a low of $78 in late June. Production outages in South Sudan and the North Sea, Western sanctions that have cut the flow of Iranian oil, Iran's threat to block tankers passing through the vital Strait of Hormuz, and fears that the violence in Syria could escalate into a wider regional conflict have driven up oil prices.

Seasonal factors are also sending pump prices higher. Gas usually costs more in the late spring and summer because refiners have to make more expensive blends of gasoline to meet clean air rules and because the summer driving season boosts demand.

In the past few weeks, pipelines serving Wisconsin and Illinois ruptured, refineries were shut down unexpectedly because of equipment problems in Illinois and Indiana, and a blaze broke out at a refinery in Richmond, Calif.

Gasoline prices shot up more than 50 cents in the span of a month in Indiana, Vermont, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin. And California drivers have seen gas climb 13 cents since the fire Monday. Motorists in many cities there are paying well over $4.

Drivers in 20 states, including the possible White House battleground states of Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, Ohio and Wisconsin, are paying more for gasoline this year than they did last year, and the list will probably soon include Virginia and North Carolina, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. The national average a year ago was $3.64.

"If you are paying more than in the past, it does have the potential to hurt the president," Kloza said.

Economists said the price bump probably won't have much of an effect on economic growth, at least not yet. The extra 34 cents a gallon translates to $33 per month for a typical household.

Prices could go higher if Middle East tensions rise, more refinery problems emerge or hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico force oil drillers or refiners to shut down. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration this week said this could be a more active hurricane season than previously thought.

But analysts say that without those disruptions, gasoline will probably begin dropping after Labor Day as refiners switch to cheaper blends and drivers hit the road less often. That means voters could be going to the polls as prices are falling.

U.S. nuns under Vatican rebuke will continue talks

BY JIM SALTER & RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS An American nuns group rebuked by the Vatican said Friday it would hold talks with the bishops appointed to overhaul the organization but would not "compromise its mission."

Sister Pat Farrell, president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, called a Vatican assessment charging the sisters with tolerating dissent a "misrepresentation." But she said the more than 900 women who attended the group's national assembly this week decided they would stay open to discussion for now with three bishops the Vatican appointed to oversee them.

"The officers will proceed with these discussions as long as possible but will reconsider of LCWR is forced to compromise the integrity of its mission," Farrell said at a news conference, where she declined to discuss specifics.

The organization represents about 80 percent of the 57,000 Roman Catholic nuns in the U.S.

The St. Louis meeting was the group's first national gathering since a Vatican review concluded the sisters had "serious doctrinal problems" and promoted "certain radical feminist themes" that undermine Catholic teaching on all-male priesthood, birth control and homosexuality. The nuns also were accused of remaining nearly silent in the fight against abortion.

Farrell acknowledged the nuns' plan going forward was vague, but noted the process was to last five years and had only just started. The board is expected to meet soon with Seattle Archbishop Peter Sartain, who will be in charge of the overhaul.

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AWOL soldier gets life term for Fort Hood plot

BY SARAH KUTA
Associated Press

WACO, Texas Naser Jason Abdo sat alone in court with his hands shackled and a white cloth secured over his mouth and neck. The soldier who went AWOL and plotted to kill other troops outside a Texas Army post remained defiant Friday as he was sentenced to life in prison, not asking for mercy and vowing to never end what he considers his holy war.

"I will continue until the day the dead are called to account for their deeds," Abdo said in a low, gravelly voice through the cloth mask.

A federal judge sentenced Abdo, 22, to two life terms plus additional time. The federal prison system offers no chance of parole. He was convicted of planning what he claimed would have been a massive attack on a Texas restaurant filled with troops from Fort Hood.

In court, Abdo referred to Maj. Nidal Hasan — the Army psychiatrist soon to be tried in a deadly shooting rampage at that Army post — as "my brother." He said he lived in Hasan's shadow despite "efforts to outdo him."

Abdo became a Muslim at age 17.

Outside court, prosecutor Mark Frazier said Abdo had come close to carrying out the attack. U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman compared the plot to recent mass shootings at a movie theatre near Denver and a Sikh temple in suburban Milwaukee.

"In the wake of the tragic events in Colorado and Wisconsin, this is yet another reminder that there are those among us who would use or plan to use violence to advance their twisted agenda," Pitman said.

Arguing for a life sentence, Frazier had said Abdo still presented a threat. Abdo's mouth was covered in court, Frazier said, because he had earlier spat his own blood at agents believing he was infected with HIV. That belief turned out to be wrong.

"He felt it was his duty to take lives, even after incarceration," Frazier told the court.

Abdo was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., when he was arrested with bomb-making materials last summer at a Fort Hood-area motel. A federal jury convicted him in May on six charges, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Abdo also was found guilty of attempted murder of U.S. officers or employees and four counts of possessing a weapon in furtherance of a federal crime of violence.

Representing himself, Abdo told the court how his effort to become a conscientious objector led him to Fort Hood.

He grew up in Garland, Texas, and enlisted in the military in 2009 thinking the service would not conflict with his religious beliefs. But as his unit neared deployment, the private first class applied for conscientious objector status, writing in a letter that accompanied his application that he wasn't sure "whether going to war was the right thing to do Islamically."

Abdo's unit was deployed to Afghanistan without him. He said he would refuse to go even if it resulted in a military charge against him.

But his conscientious objector status was put on hold after he was charged with possessing child pornography in May 2011. Abdo told the court he felt the pornography accusation was made only because he had tried to leave the Army.

"I just can't imagine a worse stigma being placed on a person," he said of that charge.

A month later, after his efforts to reach out to the media had failed, Abdo said he decided he "was going to go on jihad." Then, over the Fourth of July weekend, Abdo went AWOL.

In a police interview, Abdo said he wanted to carry out the attack because he didn't "appreciate what (his) unit did in Afghanistan." His plan, he told authorities, was to place a bomb in a busy restaurant filled with soldiers, wait outside and shoot anyone who survived — and become a martyr after police killed him.

According to testimony, Abdo told an investigator he didn't plan an attack inside Fort Hood because he didn't believe he would be able to get past security at the gates.

Abdo said Friday he would not ask U.S. District Judge Walter Smith for a lighter sentence. Most of the prison time he received was mandatory under the charges for which he was convicted.

"I do not ask the court to give me mercy, for Allah is the one that gives me mercy," he said.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted in the Fort Hood shootings. His court-martial is slated for later this month.

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"Dialogue on doctrine is not going to be our starting point," Farrell said. "Our starting point will be about our own life and about our understanding of religious life, and the (Vatican) document's, in our view, misrepresentation of that, and we'll see how it unfolds from there."

The Vatican orthodoxy watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, undertook the assessment in 2008, following years of complaints from theological conservatives that the American nuns' group had become secular and political while abandoning traditional faith.

The critique, issued in April, prompted a nationwide outpouring of support for the sisters, including parish vigils, protests outside the Vatican embassy in Washington and a congressional resolution commending the sisters for their service to the country.

After the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, many religious sisters shed their habits and traditional roles as they sought to more fully engage the modern world. The nuns said prayer and Christ remained central to their work as they focused increasingly on Catholic social justice teaching, such as fighting poverty and advocating for civil rights.

Vatican investigators have praised the nuns' humanitarian work, but said the conference had "serious doctrinal problems." Sartain has been appointed to oversee a full-scale reform of the conference, including rewriting the groups' statutes, reviewing its plans and programs, approving assembly speakers and ensuring the group properly follows Catholic ritual.

One part of the Vatican censure focused on the speakers the nuns selected for their annual meetings. The keynote address this year was from a woman who described herself as a futurist who leads a movement called "conscious evolution."

Bishop Leonard Blair of Toledo, Ohio, who oversaw the Vatican doctrinal review, has said "there's been a lot of just denial" by the conference about its problems. In a recent radio interview on National Public Radio, he said there was no "middle ground" on core church teaching.

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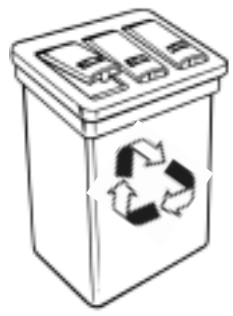
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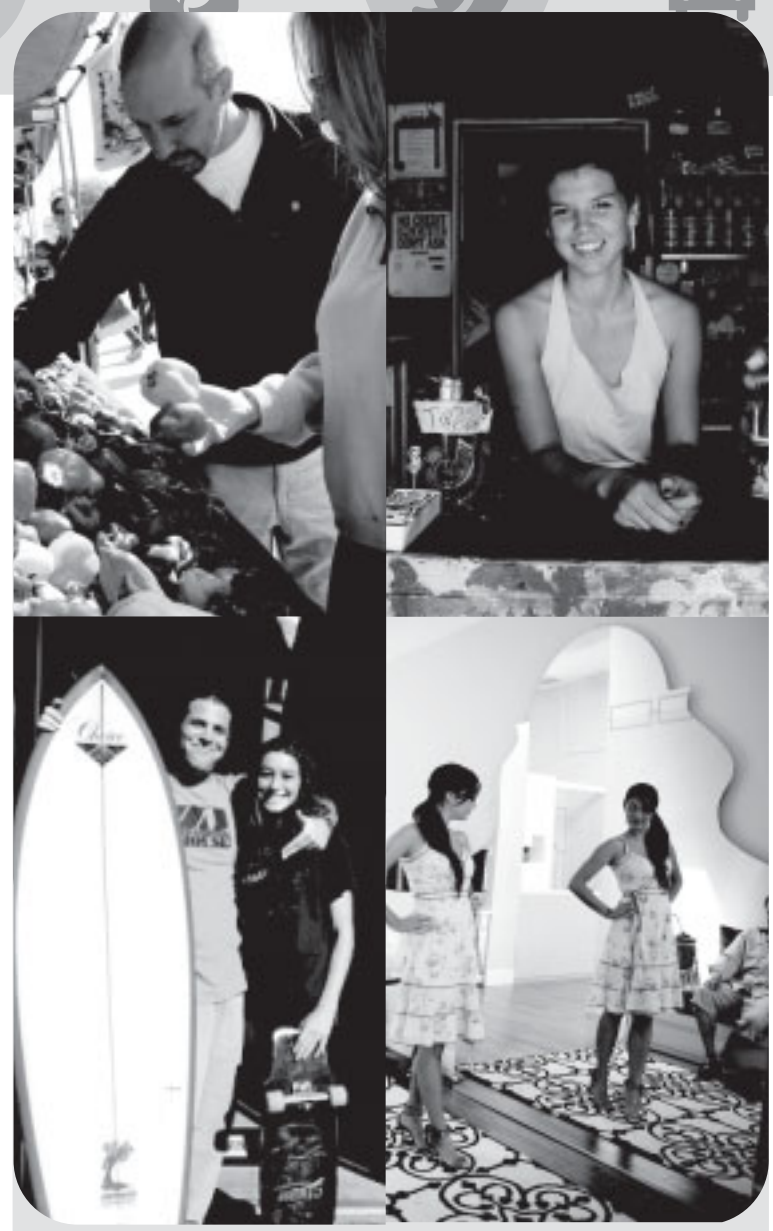

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China: Politician's wife admitted murdering Brit

BY SCOTT MCDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING The wife of a disgraced top Chinese politician was a depressed woman on medication but a willful murderer who poisoned a British businessman while in fear for her son's life, official media said Friday in what appeared to be a prelude to her conviction and punishment after a seven-hour trial.

The official Xinhua News Agency — in a 3,400-word report that was its most detailed accounting of the scandal that has shaken the country's leadership — said Gu Kailai and her co-defendant "confessed to intentional murder" in the death of her business associate Neil Heywood last November.

It said evidence showed she used cyanide to poison him in a Chongqing hotel room but also describes her as depressed and fearful that Heywood would harm her family — factors that may bring leniency in her sentence.

Gu's arrest and the ouster of her husband Bo Xilai, the Communist Party boss of Chongqing until March, sparked the biggest political turbulence in China since the putdown of the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989. Her tightly orchestrated trial was a step toward resolving the scandal before the party's once-a-decade leadership transition this fall.

The court in Hefei in eastern China's Anhui province that heard her speedy trial on Thursday said a verdict against Gu and the family aide accused as an accomplice would be delivered later. Their trial was followed Friday by the trial of four senior Chongqing police officers accused of helping Gu cover up the crime.

Xinhua said Gu accepted all the facts in the indictment and was ready to accept her punishment, saying: "The tragedy which was created by me was not only extended to Neil, but also to several families."

Gu said Heywood wrote a letter of self-introduction in about 2005 when her son Bo Guagua was studying in Britain. They then got involved in a land project that never got off the ground. According to Xinhua, she said Heywood later got into a dispute with her and her son over payment and other issues and she "believed Heywood had threatened the personal safety of her son and decided to kill Heywood."

It said that according to testimony that prosecutors presented in court, Gu said: "To me, that was more than a threat. It was real action that was taking place. I must fight to my death to stop the craziness of Neil Heywood."

The report did not detail any alleged threats or say why the murder then took place seven years later when Bo Guagua was a graduate student at Harvard. The court was presented with e-mails between him and Heywood showing how their dispute escalated, Xinhua said, without detailing the contents.

Xinhua said that family aide Zhang Xiaojun had also confessed and said "sorry" to the relatives of Heywood.

A guilty verdict is all but assured against Gu and Zhang and carries the potential punishment of 10 years in prison up to a death sentence.

Heywood's mother, Ann, has said previously said she would not be making any statement about the case.

In a brief interview outside her London house earlier this week, Ann Heywood accused journalists of spreading lies about her late son and said that she was cutting off all contact with the media in order to protect his two young children.

Two letters left at the home have gone unreturned.

The report said Gu, 53, has been treated for chronic insomnia, anxiety and depression and paranoia in the past, and had unsuccessfully used various drugs to overcome those problems, and that she had "developed a certain degree of physical and psychological dependence on sedative hypnotic drugs, which resulted in mental disorders."

But it said Gu "had a clear goal and a practical motive in committing the alleged crime," shown by the preparations prior to Heywood's death, such as arranging the poison and location in an isolated hotel.

That meant, Xinhua said, that although she had "a weakened ability to control herself," Gu knew the consequences of the alleged crime and therefore "she should be identified as having the capacity to accept full criminal responsibility."

Xinhua quoted Gu as saying "the case has produced great losses to the Party and the country, for which I ought to shoulder the responsibility" and that she was grateful to the humanitarian care shown to her by those who handled the case.

"I solemnly tell the court that in order to maintain the dignity of the law, I will accept and calmly face any sentence and I also expect a fair and just court decision," she said.

The report detailed the help Gu had from four police officers in Chongqing. A verdict against them will also be delivered later. It said the four decided to say Heywood died of excessive drinking even though he was not known as a heavy drinker, and covered up Gu's presence at the scene by fabricating interview records and hiding material evidence and other measures.

Xinhua said prosecutors presented testimony from Gu and Zhang that showed Gu had prepared poison containing cyanide and had asked Zhang to accompany Heywood from Beijing to Chongqing where he checked into the Lucky Holiday Hotel.

There Gu drank wine and tea with Heywood until he became drunk and asked for some water. Xinhua said Gu then "put the bottle of cyanide compound she had prepared into Heywood's mouth."

Gu then spread capsulated drugs on the hotel floor to make it seem like Heywood had taken them, Xinhua said, and put a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door when she left.

The Xinhua report did not mention Gu's husband Bo Xilai even though he is a major political figure in China. Besides being the Communist Party boss of the mega-city of Chongqing where he ran a high-profile crackdown on corruption, Bo was also a member of the party's 25-member Politburo, which is just below the nine-member Standing Committee in power.

The length of the Xinhua report that was released after 11 p.m. Friday was extraordinary compared with important government announcements can run just several hundred words. It also quoted a resident of Hefei praising the case as showing that all people are equal before the law, even though the average person in China is unaware of the case and search words for Gu are blocked on the Internet, and the judiciary is firmly controlled by the Communist Party.

The murder only came to light in February when former Chongqing police chief Wang Lijun suddenly fled to a U.S. consulate and told American diplomats about his suspicions that Heywood had been murdered and that Bo's family was involved.

Wang is being detained for unspecified reasons, and a Hong Kong newspaper, the South China Morning Post, reported Friday that he will go on trial next week in Chengdu for treason.

Bo, 64, the son of a revolutionary veteran, was widely popular among working-class Chinese. But his overt maneuvering to reach the highest echelons of the Communist Party angered some leaders, as did his bombastic campaigns to bust organized crime and promote communist culture while trampling civil liberties and reviving memories of the chaotic Cultural Revolution.

Bo is in the hands of the party's internal discipline and inspection commission, which is expected to issue a statement about his infractions. That would open the way for a court trial with charges possibly including obstructing police work and abuse of power. Thus far, Bo has been accused only of grievous but unspecified rules violations.



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 69.3°

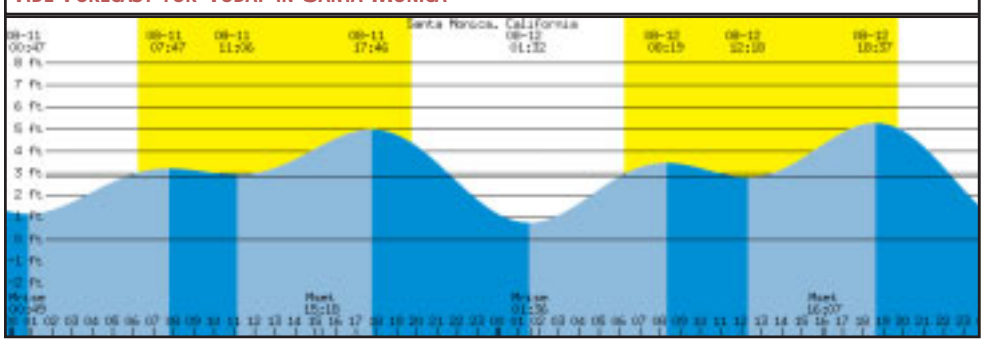
Swell Forecast

Should run chest high at south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 8, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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Pac-12 working to get satellite, telco deals

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Pac-12 said it is unlikely it will have distribution agreements in place for its new television networks with all four of the major satellite and telco providers in time for next week's launch.

Pac-12 Enterprises President Gary Stevenson said on a conference call Friday that the conference is working "day and night" to reach deals with DirecTV, Dish Network, Verizon and AT&T to add to agreements with cable operators in about 48 million homes.

"We're perfectionists, so we would like to have every distributor out there and that's our goal," Stevenson said. "If you take a look at our distribution launch compared with just about every other cable company that launched in history, that distribution with three of the five most powerful operators in the country is terrific."

The Pac-12 announced distribution deals with Comcast, Time Warner, Cox and Bright House cable systems last summer when it revealed plans for the networks. The conference has also reached deals in recent weeks with many smaller cable operators in advance of its launch next Wednesday.

But reaching deals with the major satellite and telco providers would help the conference deliver its programming all over the country.

"There's nothing that I've heard that is discouraging from any of them," Stevenson said. "We only have 50 percent of the vote. I don't expect all of them will be on at launch. I do believe that as we talk about our content over time, our fans that are customers of those distributors will get what they want."

The Pac-12 is launching one national sports network as well as six regional ones that each focus on two of the conference's 12 schools. While much of the programming, especially football and men's basketball, will air on all the networks, each of the regionals will also have about 50 lower-profile sports from the two schools in its coverage area.

The networks will be on basic cable in home markets, on digital cable in cities like Sacramento and mostly on sports tiers outside the six conference states. While some of the cable partners are paying for the networks, some like Cox will not offer it currently outside the Pac-12 region.

The networks launch at 6 p.m. PDT Wednesday with a one-hour studio show, followed by a football season preview show, a 30-minute feature on No. 1 pick quarterbacks Andrew Luck, Alex Smith and Drew Bledsoe and a rerun of last year's conference championship football game.

The first live event is a Santa Clara-Stanford women's soccer game on Aug. 17 and there will also be 30-minute preview shows on all 12 football teams before the first football game is played on Aug. 30 between Utah and Northern Colorado.

All 12 schools will play football games on the networks in the first four weeks of the season, with top contenders Southern California, Oregon and Stanford scheduled to be on the air five times during the season.

"We have some blockbuster games on our network," Stevenson said.

Pac-12 Networks will also air hundreds of Olympic sports from a conference whose athletes won 37 medals in the first 13 days of the Olympics and sent 239 competitors to London.

"Take all the athletes that did so well at the Olympics and think of the programming you can do on Olympic sports," Stevenson said. "It's really exciting for us."

The Pac-12 is also relaunching its website next week, renaming it from pac-12.org to pac-12.com. All of the live events will be available there on home computers to users who also get the networks on their television systems, with programming soon to also be available to iPads, iPhones and Android.

"We're really excited about what that will look like," Stevenson said. "It will give our fans a totally different look and feel."



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Saturday, Aug. 11
Mary Poppins (G) 2hrs 20min
4:00pm

Before Sunrise (R)1hr 45min
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7:30pm

Sunday, Aug. 12
A Face in the Crowd (NR)
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
12:45pm, 7:00pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm

Step Up Revolution (PG-13) 1hr 40min
4:15pm, 10:15pm

Nitro Circus: The Movie 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Ted (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
10:45am, 2:30pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Watch (R) 1hr 42min
9:45pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Matchmaker (Paam Hayti) (NR) 1hr 52min
11:00am

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Kumaré (NR) 1hr 24min
11:10am

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Big Boys Gone Bananas! (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Farewell, My Queen (Les adieux a la reine) (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
4:20pm, 9:45pm

Ruby Sparks (R) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:25pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 10:30pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Celeste and Jesse Forever (R) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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Have fun with the family, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Once more, you do the unexpected and surprise others. You have the ability to start conversations, which makes others feel more open. A new opportunity emerges out of the blue. Do not ask too many questions; just jump on it. Tonight: Visit with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Stay open to different possibilities. You gain insight about someone you deal with financially. A new purchase might be OK once you do some price comparison; otherwise, you might pay more than you had intended to. Tonight: Indulge not only yourself, but also others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The unexpected occurs within your circle of friends. You will enjoy the excitement if you do not get too engaged. A fun offer just might be too enticing to say "no" to. You'll feel more positive than you have in a long time. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming that not only enlightens you, but also increases your security. The unexpected develops out of the blue, and you will seize the moment. Say very little to others, unlike before. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important and necessary. You will enjoy being together with friends more than anything. You also sense that others want to catch up on news. Whether playing softball or chatting over a meal, you'll enjoy yourself. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Others acknowledge what you are doing, as you assume a leadership position. Know that what is happening behind the scenes does not need to be communicated to others. Make it OK. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be pushed to the max by a situation that forces your hand. Once you open up to new ways of thinking, you could be surprised by what happens. Laughter comes more easily. Tonight: Try a new spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with a partner openly, and you'll find out how easy it is to get to the bottom of a problem. Good news comes from this person; still, don't trust him or her with your checkbook, as he or she appears to be in the mood to spend. Tonight: Dinner and talks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others and understand where they are coming from. Go along with a friend's or loved one's suggestion. You might find that expressing an interest in this person's favorite pastimes is rewarding. He or she appreciates your efforts. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Touch base with a close friend, and you'll discover how very fun and enjoyable this person can be. Open up to changes in your relationship. Invite this person to join you on a picnic or for some other fun moment. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have zip and get-up-and-go. There is a lot of fun ahead of you if you can just let your impulsive, childlike side come forward. There is a potential romance in your future, whether you are single or attached. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

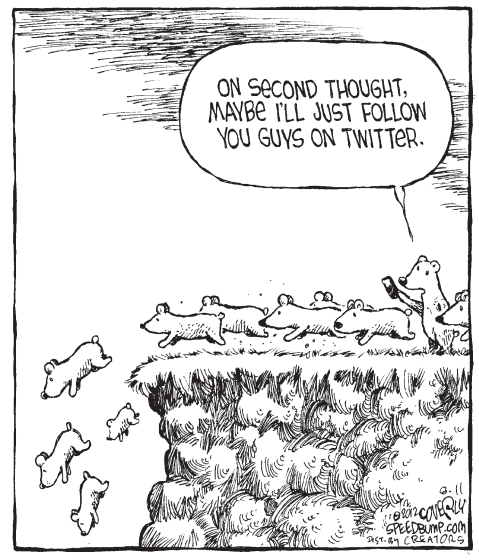
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Invite others over for a fun day with the family. As a result, you help people relax. Optimism and good times surround your home and family. A new addition to the family or your home adds to the moment. Tonight: Keep it easy and fun.

Happy birthday

This year you open up to new possibilities. Your fiery side emerges when dealing with others, especially when it comes to your joint interests. Meetings seem to be a powerful vehicle for feedback and support. Use these events to the max if you want to succeed. You sometimes come off as too serious and demanding. In general, you are one of the more diplomatic signs. If you are single, you meet available like-minded people through your circle of friends. You might enjoy the process so much that you might hesitate to commit. If you are attached, socialize more with your friends. You will like opening up more as a couple. GEMINI points to the right path.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



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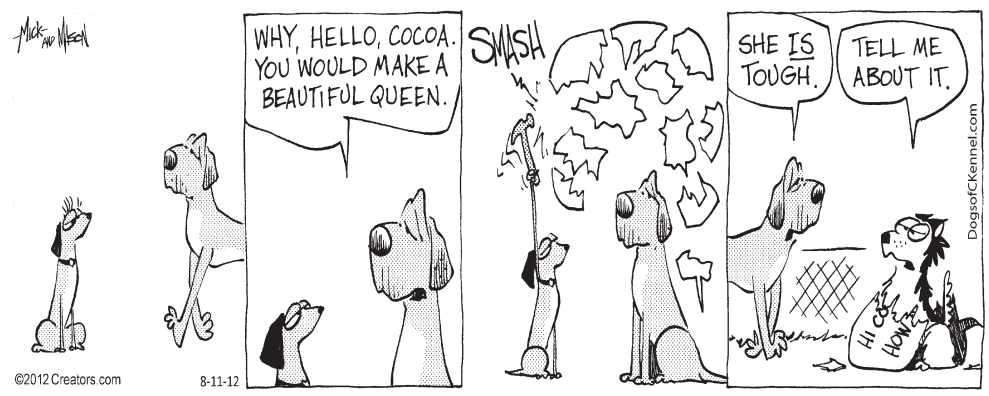

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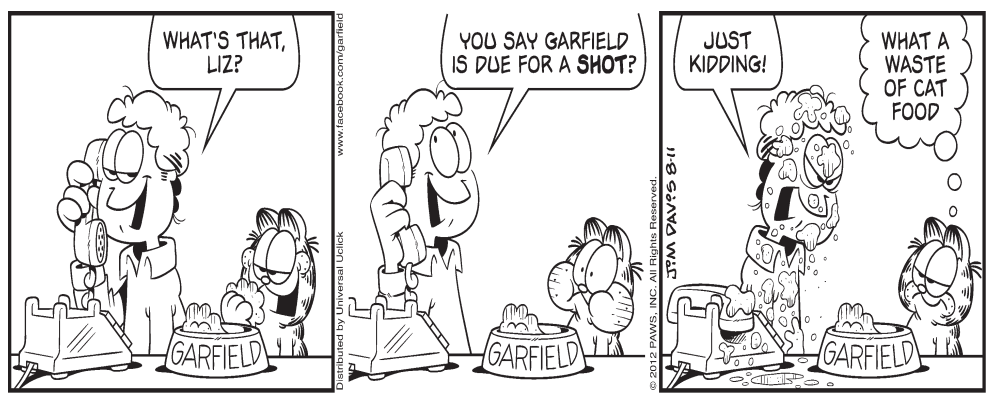

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	8						3	
7								3
	2		4		5		9	
		3		8		4		

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Parched
5 Theater awards
10 Maximum amount
12 Summer of song
13 Psychiatrist Alfred
14 Precise
15 — culpa
16 Twisty turn
18 Coffee, in slang
19 Posse's quarry
21 Knotty
22 Dove's love
24 Make pigtails
25 Parent's request
29 Litter makeup
30 Banquet attendees
32 Ring setting
33 Ornate planter
34 D.C. baseballer
35 Swindler
37 Pol's concern
39 Make amends
40 Winter quaff
41 Marginalia
42 Flex

DOWN

1 Battle site of 1836
2 Not stay in place, as underwear
3 White Rabbit cry
4 Spotted cube
5 Jonson works
6 Cereal buy
7 Having trouble
8 Concert bonus
9 Stuffed
11 Cloying sentiment
17 Pullover, e.g.
20 Azure mineral
21 Words to the bandleader
23 Doomed liner
25 Page size
26 Eradicate
27 Threaten
28 2006 fantasy film
29 Texan tree
31 Place
33 Island strings
36 Early hour
38 Unruly group

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Yesterday's answer

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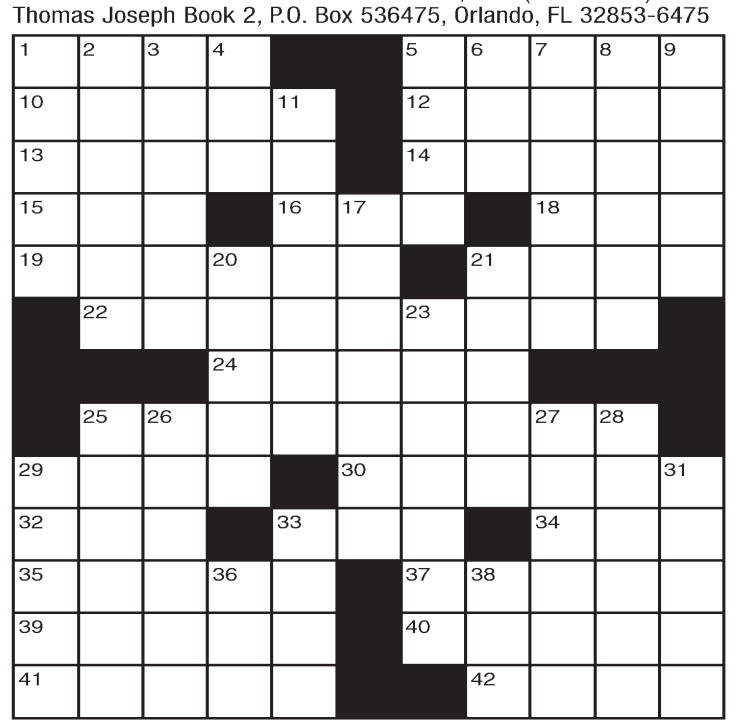

8-11



NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When the assistant manager arrived early on June 26 to open up the Rent-A-Center in Brockton, Mass., he encountered a man with his head stuck underneath the heavy metal loading bay door (obviously as a result of a failed burglary attempt during the night). "Hang tight!" the manager consoled the trapped man. "The police are on their way." Manuel Fernandes, 53, was arrested.

■ (1) Our Lady of Sorrows Academy in Phoenix, playing for an Arizona state boys' baseball title in May, decided to forfeit the game rather than field a team against Mesa Preparatory Academy -- because Mesa's second-baseman was a girl, Paige Sultzbach. (In two regular-season meetings, Mesa had honored Our Lady's beliefs by benching Sultzbach.) (2) The Judson Independent School District near San Antonio fired a kindergarten teacher in June for arranging an unorthodox solution to a colleague's bullying-student problem. The teacher ordered the class's 24 other students to line up and slap the bully (and encouraging the students to "hit him harder") to reinforce the message of "why bullying is bad."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 - East Timor: Governor Mário Lemos Pires of Portuguese Timor abandons the capital Dili, following a coup by the Timorese Democratic Union (UDT) and the outbreak of civil war between UDT and Fretilin.

1982 - A bomb explodes on Pan Am Flight 830, en route from Tokyo to Honolulu, killing one teenager and injuring 15 passengers.

1984 - "We begin bombing in five minutes" - United States President Ronald Reagan, while running for re-election, jokes while preparing to make his weekly Saturday address on National Public Radio.

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2. To set in the pillory.

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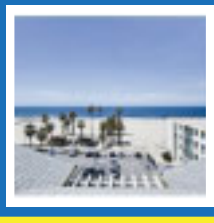

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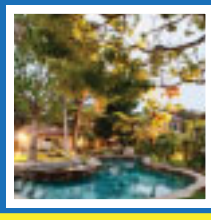

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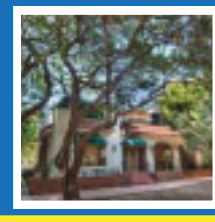

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