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FAA upholds 2023 date for airport operations

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reiterated its ruling that the City of Santa Monica is required to keep Santa Monica Airport open through 2023.

In a ruling released Monday, the FAA denied an appeal of an earlier decision and maintained the City is required to keep the airport open due to the acceptance of grant money.

According to the FAA, Santa Monica received $1,604,700 for planning, airport development or noise program implementation in 1994. Projects funded by the grant were completed in 1996 however the city applied for, and received, an additional $240,600 in 2003. The FAA maintains that its agreements with grant recipients last for the life of the facility built with the money or 20 years.

City Hall had argued the 2003 grant did not trigger the grant provisions as it shouldn't be considered a "new" grant but rather should be part of a preexisting agreement that would have expired in 2014.

National aviation associations and individuals accused the City of violating of its agreement with the FAA by stating its obligations to the Federal Government expired in 2014 and filed a federal adminis-

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Decline in football participation 'a concern'

Sport leaders making tweaks to address safety fears

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

They call it the Vike Tackle.

Members of the Santa Monica High School football have been practicing a new way to take down opponents, one element of a series of changes as the sport evolves in an attempt to address safety concerns.

"Eliminating the head from our tackle is the best thing for our kids," Vikings coach Ramsey Lambert wrote on Instagram this month, linking a video with several examples of players implementing the altered technique.

But what remains to be seen is whether on-field tweaks and amended off-field protocols can mitigate ever-growing fears about the risks of playing football. Safety activists have highlighted the dangers of traumatic head injuries and the prospect of long-term brain damage as reasons to question the sport, which is predicated on physical contact.

Even as officials change rules and bolster injury guidelines to make football safer, worries about concussions have prompted some athletes and their parents to leave the sport altogether.

"It's obviously a concern," CIF Southern Section Commissioner Rob Wigod said in an interview with the Daily Press. "I suppose it's understandable with a lot of the information that's been put out there. But I also think that football might be safer now than it may

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Workshop nurtures future ocean stewards

Upcoming event spotlights underwater engineering



Courtesy Photo

TEAMS: Local youth are developing underwater robots as part of an educational program.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Where the kids see fun, the adults see the future.

When middle school students convene this weekend at Loyola Marymount University to engineer remotely operated vehicles and test them underwater, they will also be developing the skills that scientists and ocean experts think they'll need to address environmental problems decades from now.

"The exercise of designing and building ROVs as a team is a great introduction to problem-solving and the challenges associated with marine research and conservation," said Tom Ford, the executive director of The Bay Foundation. "And to be completely frank, it's a lot of fun."

The workshop Saturday and Sunday in Los Angeles is a future-focused event for Ford's nonprofit group, which was founded in 1990 to protect local coastal waters. The organization works with leaders in government, business and science to improve the sustainability of Santa Monica Bay.

The workshop highlights a budding partnership between the foundation and The Ocean School, a Playa Vista-based independent educational institution that will focus on marine science and environmental stewardship when it opens in the fall of 2017.

"The challenges and benefits of the work The Bay Foundation is committed to is multigenerational," Ford said. "By working with these young students and The Ocean School, we engage a new generation in the exploration of our coast."

Workshop attendees will learn about buoyancy and physics in small teams and then construct ROVs, which will be tested in an underwater obstacle course at the university pool. The activities will incorporate skills in STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

"21st-century learning applies a new set of approaches to instruction that actively engage the students in their education and require

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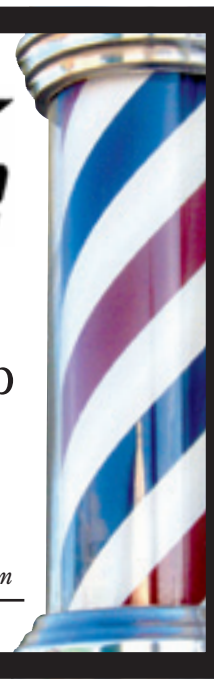
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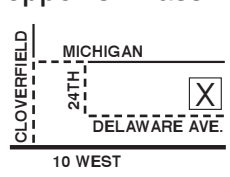


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Wednesday, August 17

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market

The Wednesday market met with instant success in its first year. Today the Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousand food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Arizona between 2nd and 4th.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica commission for the Senior Community. 1:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

Montana Branch Book Group: Appetite for America

Join the Montana Branch to examine the story of how Fred Harvey built his business from a single lunch counter into a family empire whose marketing and innovations we still encounter in myriad ways. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission in the Council Chamber. 7 p.m. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Thursday, August 18

Housing Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Housing Commission comes together for a regular meeting in the Main Library. 4:30 p.m. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Movie: Anomalisa

Gather at the Main Library for a showing of Anomalisa. Charlie Kaufman, the writer of offbeat classics like Being John Malkovich and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, brings us this groundbreaking and imaginative animated film about a lonely man whose life is changed by a chance encounter on a plain. Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, Main Library. 7 - 8:30 p.m. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

CANCELED

Free screening of "The Fountain"

This week, Mind Over Movies screens "The Fountain," Darren Aronofsky's mind-bendingly metaphysical movie that travels time and space to explore humanity's quests for immortality and love. Film features Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz. Screening followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMovies.

Friday, August 19

Picnic on the Promenade

Bring your lunch, your kids, and your board games. Sit on the Promenade and enjoy local artists on the 1300 block of the Promenade in Downtown Santa Monica. 12 - 3 p.m.

Computer Class: Word 1

Learn how to edit, save and print documents in this hands-on computer class. Creating simple documents, editing and formatting text, spell checking and setting margins will be covered. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. 4 - 5 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 1704 Montana Ave.

Play Reading: A Mexican Trilogy, An American Story

In this abbreviated reading of Evelina Fernández's award winning trilogy - Faith, Hope, and Charity - we follow the Morales family through decades of their Mexican-American experience. Presented by the Latino Theater Company. 6 - 8 p.m. Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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Charles Andrews Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Keep rockin' forever, Big Manny

MY 5-MINUTE RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL.

I got a lot of support (especially considering - per minute). Thank you all. Thank you. Thank you. If I had actually committed for, say, a couple of weeks, I guess I would have surfed a landslide vote right into City Hall.

Right.

But five minutes was all I needed to come to my senses. For all the grief, pressure and invective I get just writing a column, imagine my life running for Council. I guess I'm chicken. (Wait! - is that politically incorrect? Have I just ruffled feathers and fowled my reputation?)

I understand those who shy away, and my hat's off to those who do run; it is a personal sacrifice in so many ways. I may disagree 90 percent with some who step up to the plate, but service to the community is always good to recognize and honor.

The problem comes when a candidate's vision for our beach town is Miami Beach, or Rio - talk about filling every inch with skyscrapers! - not Santa Monica at the beach. Rio is not hemmed in by borders enclosing only 8.4 square miles. We the voters, and elected and appointed officials, can only control our small territory, but the behemoth LA looms hungrily at our border, like Audrey, needing to be fed.

Miami Beach has a similar situation with Miami. Miami Beach (land area) is smaller, only 7 square miles, with a population only a few thousand less. So, very close. But, look what they chose, or allowed. Mini Rio. That's not what our history, our look, our ambience is here. Is that what you want, voters? Could be. Not me.

When you start from the belief that Santa Monica can, and must, add thousands more housing units plus large commercial developments, on top of our current disasters of gridlock and dwindling resources, without recognizing what that will do to the people who already live here, you are not being realistic.

Talk about local politics a little and you're bound to hear the phrase, "drank the Kool-Aid." It usually refers to a candidate who preached slow growth during their campaign, or practiced it for a while after gaining a seat, but wound up coming around to all the "advantages" of runaway development. Of course, some started out with that Kool-Aid running through their veins. Maybe periodic blood testing of Council members would make things a little more transparent?

RUMORS

I have to sift through so many before I write anything. I try very hard to get it right, but nobody's perfect. Did the Pier Corp just vote to add a Planet Hollywood? What?!!? Oh. Uh, no. Just a rumor. Not true. Is former chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission Phil Brock, sworn onto the Arts Commission Monday night, having decided to sit out the Council race this time, still considering a run for school board? Could be. I don't know how that will turn out but you will, by the time you read this column (nomination papers are due by the end of the day).

I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE

That my wake will not be nearly as good as I hoped it would. (Not expecting it soon, just planning a fun party for my friends.)

That's because Big Manny won't be there. He beat me off the stage, closed the curtain and left the building. He died, apparently unexpectedly, August 5, and I didn't find out until a week later. He was a man and a musician who moved people, and a dear friend.

Now I have to let go of my longstanding wish to have the Blazers play for mis amigos upon my eventual passing. To rock the joint and get everyone on their feet dancing and twirling with grins so big you can't lose 'em, and make that final loud bilingual declaration that Charles Andrews was all about great music and the joy of sharing it with people.

For years now, I have not been able to think of another band for that gig, even a second choice. The Blazers, live, were exactly what I would want everyone to take away about me, for more reasons than I have space to explain here. But trust me, if you ever had the chance to go to a Blazers show and didn't have a great time, check your pulse, you might be dead.

The Blazers had a rotating rhythm section over the years, but the Blazers for sure were Manuel Gonzales and Ruben Guaderrama, buddies since Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles 45 years ago. They wrote most of the songs they played, and they wrote some great ones, from rockabilly to cumbia to ska to Chuck Berry rock and roll. Big Manny LOVED Chuck Berry rock and roll.

Big Manny was a gentle spirit, a man of faith, and one of the sweetest, kindest, most grateful and humble human beings I've ever met. In the world of hard scrabble rock and roll, in more than 25 years I never heard him say a mean or angry word about anyone.

The Blazers toured the US extensively, and Europe once or twice a year for a decade. Even though he endured years of physical pain from infirmities that finally led him to leave the band in 2003, he rarely mentioned that and never complained about it, except that it limited his touring, and put him in a chair on stage rather than standing at a mic. He was soft-spoken, but put an edge of belief and passion on his soulful singing and blistering guitar work.

My just-Bruin-graduated daughter used to love their first album, "Short Fuse," when she was a toddler, relentlessly circling the room at top speed to the strains of "Yeah Yeah Yeah" or "Tiburon Tiburon." I had a cable TV show for years and the Blazers were the only ones besides Mick Taylor (Rolling Stones) I invited on more than once (three times). When she was six or seven, Nicole interviewed the band for a show, and all agreed she had great questions and delivered them well. Big Manny would often bring that up to me, and smile or laugh with delight at the memory.

ANOTHER MUSIC NOTE: Bears repeating: If you miss Mavis Staples at the Pier tomorrow night, you've blown it big time. She's justifiably a living legend. And the remaining three concerts could also be good.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I'm gonna rock, and sing the blues, play my guitar and pay my dues… yeeee-hah!!" - Manuel Gonzales and Ruben Guaderrama ("Yeah Yeah Yeah," from "Short Fuse")

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Clinton's August fundraising spree: From Scranton to Cher

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Scranton isn't a standard stop on the Democratic fundraising circuit. Yet Hillary Clinton put the working class Pennsylvania town on her itinerary - several times.

The Democratic presidential nominee and her family have made four visits to Scranton donors since launching her campaign last August, raising millions of dollars in a former industrial city more known for needing economic aid than giving it out.

"Last July, we were all pinching ourselves and saying it's a once in a lifetime experience, but then she came back," said Grace McGregor, whose parents hosted an event Monday at their home.

Clinton is leaving no fundraiser behind as she crisscrosses the country scooping up cash. She's already been to 10 fundraisers in the first half of the month, and some of the biggest events are yet to come. In fact, she is on track to top the $90 million she raised for her campaign and Democratic allies in July.

August has always been one of the best months to raise money because voters tend to be more focused on their summer vacations than politics, giving candidates more time to woo donors.

Clinton definitely got that memo.

Donors can rock out to Cher at a Cape Cod "summer celebration" on Sunday and close out the month by dancing with Jimmy Buffett in the Hamptons. In between, during a Clinton California swing, they can talk politics with actor Leonardo DiCaprio, retired basketball star Magic Johnson or Apple CEO Tim Cook.

Why so many fundraisers?

"People in Montauk don't go to Fire Island," said Alan Patricof, a longtime Clinton donor who is co-hosting one of many summertime fundraisers in the Hamptons. "So there are events to attract anybody who's interested in being a supporter for Hillary."

Clinton has some heavyweight assistants on the cash trail, including two former presidents, her husband Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama.

"If we are not running scared until the day after the election, we are going to be making a grave mistake," Obama warned donors on a balmy Monday evening in Martha's Vineyard.

Running mate Tim Kaine has proven to a strong fundraiser in his own right, already headlining a dozen events from small towns in New Hampshire to the private dining space of a celebrity chef in New Orleans.

Fort Lauderdale attorney Mitchell Berger, who hosted Kaine's first fundraiser after he was picked as Clinton's running mate, said some of the 60 donors in the room hadn't met the Virginia senator. "For the people who were seeing him for the first time for first time, the glowing previews were confirmed," Berger said.

Clinton has made ample use of campaign finance limits that have loosened considerably in the past six years.

Although donors can give a maximum of $2,700 to the candidate's campaign, they can give far more to the party through new accounts that Congress opened up. And a Supreme Court ruling in 2014 lifted the overall cap on what donors can give in an election year - meaning Clinton and the party have no reservations about asking for as much as they can.

At least five August events have hit the seven-figure benchmark. Among them, a 60-person dinner where the minimum gift was $33,400 in an "estates only" area of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Last week, Clinton's cash express stopped in Miami Beach for two events. The larger one included 100 attendees donating at least $2,700. Later that evening, Clinton hosted a more intimate group of 30, each of whom gave at least $50,000.

Clinton's labors on the fundraising circuit have kept her ahead of Republican rival Donald Trump. But he unexpectedly came close to rivaling her haul in July, raising more than $80 million for his campaign and supportive Republican Party groups.

Having spent more than $50 million of his own money during the primary, Trump had no fundraising operation throughout the primary, meaning he was building one from scratch as Clinton's finely tuned machine was cranking out results.

Along with running mate Mike Pence, Trump has lined up at least two dozen August fundraisers, an increased pace over July and June.

Trump sees his greatest fundraising numbers not from high-dollar dinner events at posh homes - though he's doing that, too - but from small donations pouring in online. Trump said more than $64 million of his total came from millions of Americans giving online or by mailing in checks.

Unlike Clinton, Trump's campaign does not provide background information about any fundraising activities. Neither Clinton nor Trump is allowing reporters in the room for the fundraisers, a change in protocol from the last presidential election.

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Bullies in Santa Monica

I AM WRITING TO SHED LIGHT ON MY family's experience in Santa Monica. When we moved to Southern California two years ago, we specifically chose Santa Monica for many reasons - the schools had a good reputation, the community was known for being welcoming and accepting, it was walkable, it was a convenient commute to my job (under 40 minutes for L.A.) and the proximity to the beach was amazing.

We moved into the Grant Elementary School area in Sunset Park. Grant was a phenomenal experience for my son - Mrs. Smith was by far one of his favorite teachers ever. He learned a lot and his class was very accepting.

However, on the Pali Science trip, something happened to my son at camp. We don't fully understand the details, but apparently, something he did caused some of the boys to believe he was gay. Now whether my son is or is not gay doesn't matter - the point is, the other boys believed he was. And that is when the bullying kicked into high gear.

Stop there for a moment and think about it - in one of the most tolerant and liberal places to live in the United States - one that should be accepting of anyone - my son started being horribly bullied because other boys interpreted his actions and said he was gay. Should that matter anywhere in 2016? Especially in Santa Monica, California??

As this camp was towards the end of the year, he was able to endure the rest of the year. One boy (not from his classroom) picked him up and dumped him on his head on purpose on the ball field, but other than that, to our knowledge, the bullying was not terrible at Grant because Mrs. Smith had her class under control and had taught her students about acceptance and welcoming people different than you.

Fast forward to the beginning of school last year ... at John Adams Middle School (JAMS). We all know middle school is a difficult venture for the best of us - but what about those who are different? Are sensitive? Are transgender? Are gay? Have ADHD? Are whatever the world deems to be different? Shouldn't a place like Santa Monica be the most tolerant and accepting place on earth?

My son immediately started telling us about bullying. He was having a very difficult time at school - the things that the kids were calling my son I cannot even repeat here. Imagine the worst slur and most horrible things that could be said to any child who is thought to be or who is gay...and make them ten times worse and that is what these kids were calling my son every day, multiple times per day. There were several mornings my son curled up in a fetal position and cried so badly that he couldn't go to school - so my husband or I had to take off work to stay home with him and try to calm him down. He was also having a difficult time paying attention in class. He was fearful every day.

We reported it to the school administration. We reported it to the counselor. We reported it to the teachers. One of them had the gall to say "All kids are bullied in middle school - that is not an excuse for him not paying attention in class." We reported specific bullies - two of them by name to the school.

We thought about not letting him go on the Catalina Trip as we were very concerned about what might happen. But he wanted to go - don't get me wrong - he did have some friends who were loyal and stuck by him from The Cove Skatepark. He also had a friend who was a girl who constantly stuck up for him. One of his friends from The Cove even told the boys bullying him at lunch to "F!#% off".

But we let him go because he wanted to go. He made friends with a boy from his school who is gay - his Mom went on the trip to protect him. My husband and I couldn't do that so we let him go.

When we got to the drop off that morning, we found out our son was placed in a cabin with one of the main bullies we had reported to the school. When we went to the counselor and the head of the science department, they said he should have noticed that and asked to be changed from that cabin before that morning. First of all ... my son had asked to be placed with some of his friends. Why should he have to be in a different cabin? When we reported it, they said again "Well we can move him." Secondly, the school knew this kid was bullying him and knew that this same kid dumped him on his head in 5th grade. So why didn't they ensure he was in a safe place.

I contacted the school. My husband contacted the school. I sent an email pleading with them to move the bully and if they didn't keep him safe, I would have to take further action against the school district. Finally, they ended up moving the bully - but not before they pulled my son out in front of everyone to talk to him and the head of the science department said "I should send you home because of the email your mom sent this morning." Seriously ... ? Yes let's punish the people who are being bullied - that is just another form of bullying and from a teacher no less.

We continued to have challenges with our son/s bullies the remainder of the school year. Just before Christmas, I witnessed 10 boys bully him - one of them literally picked him up and threw him against the brick wall. He fell down, then a few of them kicked him as he got himself back up to walk into school. I ran out of my car leaving it running on Pearl Avenue - by the time I got to the boys, my son had gone in. I told them that was enough - this was going to stop today. I knew one of their mothers, so I contacted her immediately. I also contacted administration and the counselor again right away.

The school finally, finally took this seriously. One of the vice-principals got involved. She was amazing. They did a full investigation - after which she called me and said "I have to apologize to you - your son has been terrorized since his first day at our school and I am very sorry."

Then they changed his schedule, suspended a couple of boys for a few days, gave a larger group detention ... the boys slowly stopped saying things to him when he went back after break.

Then I got a call that changed everything ... the school called and said one of my son's friends told them that he had talked about suicide. I contacted his counselor (we got him into a counselor in December for the

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Court bars feds from prosecuting medical pot cases

PAUL ELIAS & GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

A federal appeals court on Tuesday banned the Justice Department from prosecuting medical marijuana cases if no state laws were broken.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ordered the federal agency to show that 10 pending cases in California and Washington state violated medical marijuana laws in those states before continuing with prosecutions.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, but Congress has barred the Justice Department from spending money to prevent states from regulating the use or sale of medical pot.

Federal prosecutors argued unsuccessfully that Congress meant only to bar the department from taking legal action against states and that it could still prosecute individuals who violate federal marijuana laws. The court rejected that, saying that medical marijuana-based prosecutions prevent the states from giving full effect to their own measures.

"If DOJ wishes to continue these prosecutions, Appellants are entitled to evidentiary hearings to determine whether their conduct was completely authorized by state law, by which we mean that they strictly complied with all relevant conditions imposed by state law on the use, distribution, possession, and cultivation of medical marijuana," Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain wrote for the panel.

Federal prosecutors could ask the 9th Circuit to reconsider the case or petition the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the issue. Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said officials are still reviewing the decision.

Marijuana activists and lawyers representing medical pot suppliers say the ruling is a significant addition to the growing support for broad legalization of the drug. Marijuana is legal for medicinal or recreational use in 25 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, ten states have marijuana legalizations measures on the November ballot.

"This is the beginning of the end of federal prosecutions of state medical marijuana dispensary operators, growers and patients," said Marc Zilversmit, an attorney representing five people who operate four marijuana stores in Los Angeles and nine indoor growing sites in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Still, Zilversmit and other medical marijuana supporters said the Obama administration and federal authorities are still fighting the drug's legalization.

On Thursday, the Obama administration announced that marijuana will remain on the list of most dangerous drugs, but said it will allow more research into its medical uses.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the agency's decision came after a lengthy review and consultation with the Health and Human Services Department, which said marijuana "has a high potential for abuse" and "no accepted medical use." The decision means that pot will remain illegal for any purpose under federal law.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat who helped draft the language barring the Justice Department and its 93 U.S attorneys across the country from spending money on medical marijuana prosecutions said the "DOJ has been a little slow to pick up on" lawmakers' desire that prosecutors go after organized drug rings and leave alone medicinal pot sellers and users.

"Congress is increasingly united in the recognition that we should not interfere with what states are doing with medical marijuana," Blumenauer said. "Unfortunately we've got the DEA and 93 U.S. attorneys who have people that are still frying little fish."

BULLY

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bullying) and she said for the school to do an assessment. So they did. He shrugged it off as a joke. But then when he got home that night, I gently asked him about it. He said "Yes I have thought of suicide. The boys at school made up a song telling me to kill myself and sang it to me every day since October. You said we were going to stay in Santa Monica until I graduated from high school, so I thought there was no way out."

Thankfully ... I was laid off of my job that week (probably a lot for missing work for my son) and got a severance package. My husband and I immediately pulled up roots and moved to Phoenix where we could afford for me to home school my son.

I ask ... what the hell is going on in the homes of parents in Santa Monica that someone who their kids believe is gay is told to kill himself? Every day? Made up in a song that my son could sing back to me because he heard it every day?

I ask the community of Santa Monica - what are you going to do about this? I know that my son is not the only boy or girl who has experienced this. We have got to be better than this.

I know that you as a news source may not do anything with this letter. But I'm sending it anyhow - I don't live there any longer, but I want this to come to light so that the people of Santa Monica can rise up and find a solution. Otherwise, someone else is not going to find out their child is suicidal until it is too late.

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Ford says it will have a fully autonomous car by 2021

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

Ford Motor Co. intends to have a fully driverless vehicle - no steering wheel, no pedals - on the road within five years. The car will initially be used for commercial ride-hailing or ride-sharing services; sales to consumers will come later.

"This is a transformational moment in our industry and it is a transformational moment for our company," said CEO Mark Fields, as he announced the plan at Ford's Silicon Valley campus in Palo Alto, California.

Ford's approach to the autonomous car breaks from many other companies, like Mercedes-Benz and Tesla Motors, which plan to gradually add self-driving capability to traditional cars. Just last month, BMW AG, Intel Corp. and the automotive camera maker Mobileye announced a plan to put an autonomous vehicle with a steering wheel on the road by 2021.

Instead, Ford is taking the same approach as Alphabet Inc.'s Google, which supports moving directly to self-driving cars once the technology is perfected.

"We abandoned the stepping-stone approach of driver-assist technologies and decided we were going to take the full leap," said Raj Nair, Ford's chief technical officer.

Nair says Ford will continue developing systems that assist the driver, like automatic emergency braking or lane departure warning. But he said semi-autonomous systems that can operate the car but then cede control back to the driver when an obstacle is encountered are actually dangerous in Ford's view. Engineers couldn't figure out how to make sure drivers stay engaged and ready to take over. So, Ford decided to remove the driver altogether.

"We learned that to achieve full autonomy, we have to take a completely different path," Nair said.

Jeremy Carlson, a senior analyst with IHS Automotive, says he doesn't know of another automaker who's taking Ford's approach. But there are challenges either way, he said. Riders may have a hard time trusting fully autonomous cars, for example, but semi-autonomous cars can be dangerous because drivers may not understand what the vehicles can and cannot do.

"I don't think there's going to be any one right answer," he said.

Ford's vehicle will be specifically designed for commercial mobility services, like taxi companies, and will be available in high volumes. Ford says personal ownership of self-driving cars will come later.

Ford didn't say whether it would work with a ride-sharing partner or try to establish services on its own. Rival General Motors Co. has a partnership with the ride-hailing company Lyft and has also bought a self-driving software company called Cruise Automation.

Dearborn, Michigan-based Ford also said it plans to double the staff at its Palo Alto research center by the end of next year to nearly 300 people. It will buy two more buildings next to its current building in order to expand its campus, Fields said.

Ford will also make several investments and partnerships to speed its development of autonomous vehicles.

Ford and Chinese search engine company Baidu will each invest $75 million in Velodyne, a company that makes laser sensors that help guide self-driving cars. Velodyne, based in Morgan Hill, California, says it will use the $150 million investment to expand design and production and reduce the cost of its sensors. Laser sensors - dubbed Lidar, which stands for light, detection and ranging - can also be used in conventional vehicles as part of driver assist systems.

Ford said it has acquired Israel-based computer vision and machine learning company SAIPS for its expertise in artificial intelligence and computer vision. It also invested in Berkeley, California-based Civil Maps for its three-dimensional mapping capabilities.

Ford has also formed a partnership with New York-based Nirenberg Neuroscience LLC, a machine vision company that has developed devices for restoring sight to patients with degenerative eye diseases.

Ford shares fell 9 cents to $12.34. and were flat in after-hours trading.

FOOTBALL

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ever have been before."

Participation in standard 11-player football at the high school level fell considerably in California last year, dropping nearly 3.5 percent to 100,358 from 103,976 a year earlier. That's according to data compiled by the National Federation of State High School Associations, which tracks enrollment in sports and activities across the country.

Still, football remains the most popular high school sport in the nation. There were 1,085,182 participants in the 11-player version in 2014-15, according to NFHS data, down slightly from the 1,094,949 recorded a year earlier.

Wigod said the Southern Section has put into practice a variety of measures in recent years to address safety concerns. The section has ramped up guidelines for concussion protocols and beefed up its heat and hydration measures. It has also improved training among coaches and parents regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

Baseline tests for players at the beginning of each season have helped coaches and medical staffers identify concussion-related issues.

"Football, as we know, is a dangerous game," Wigod said. "But I would still offer that the steps — the bylaws, the awareness, the protocols — in place today don't even compare to how it had been 15 or 20 years ago. It's an ongoing effort."

The sport has also changed on the gridiron. Rules have been implemented to deter late hits and safeguard defenseless players. Blocks below the waist and helmet-to-helmet contact have also been discouraged through legislation.

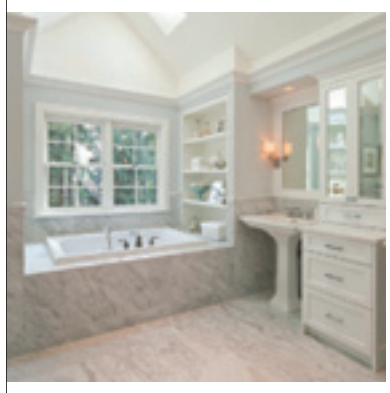
"We're going to be at the forefront of trying to keep students safe, and we're not done with that," he said. "We have made a lot of progress as an organization. ...

"Hopefully people realize we've made a lot of improvement in the area of safety in the game of football. And hopefully that trend can turn in the other direction."

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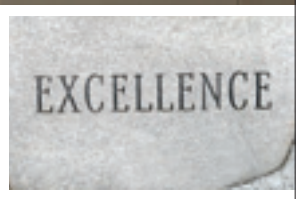
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trative process known as a Part 16 hearing.

City officials had filed a motion to dismiss the case but their motion was denied in Dec. of 2015. The Monday ruling was the city's first appeal and officials said they will now continue their appeals in the federal court system.

"We are not surprised. The FAA has once again acted in their favor, as judge and jury in matters involving the future of Santa Monica's land. We did not expect the FAA to rule against itself," said Mayor Tony Vazquez in a written statement. "We will act swiftly to appeal this decision to a federal appellate court where an impartial panel of judges will consider all of the facts and our legal claims will finally be given fair consideration. Our City Council is committed to protect the health and safety of all the communities that have been forced to endure the adverse impacts from the airport."

Nelson Hernandez, Sr. Advisor for Airport Affairs for the city, said the city expected the FAA to uphold its own ruling.

"Keep in mind the FAA is judge and jury in these administrative proceedings hence impartially and consideration of all the facts is not necessarily required," he wrote in an email. "What is required is a strong determination to protect public health from dangerous lead exhaust, excessive noise and potential accidents. That is why, Mayor Vazquez said the City intends to appeal to the Courts whether impartially and facts are required."

Aside from the grant related case, City Hall has other legal battles afoot over the airport. The National Business Aviation Association has filed a separate Part 16 hearing against the city with multiple allegations including an assertion the City has illegally diverted funds away from airport operations as a means of strangling aviation operations. The FAA has accepted that complaint but no ruling has been issued.

City Hall is also embroiled in lawsuit over ownership of the airport land. That case has been remanded to the U.S. District court for trial.

The City Council has already scheduled a discussion for Aug. 23 to reiterate its desire to close the airport.

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WATER

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them to apply their learning to real-world challenges," Ocean School founder Jeff McConaghy said in a press release. "Students are empowered to move beyond just thinking about the world's problems towards actually solving them."

Those problems include numerous water-related issues, including sea level rise and other challenges associated with climate change. Ocean acidification and ongoing nitrification — and the potential ecological consequences — are also topics of concern.

Which is where the remote-controlled vehicles come in.

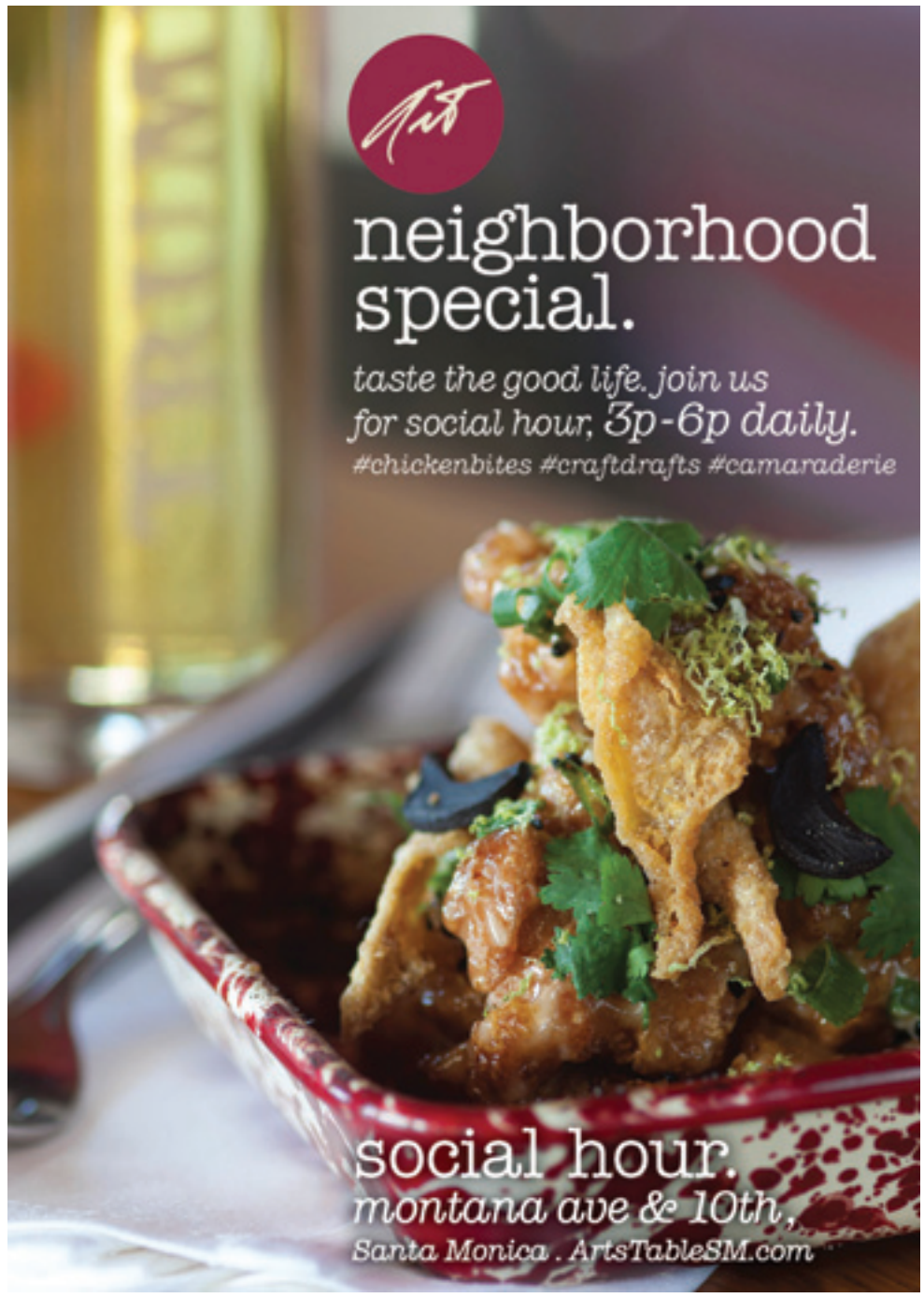
"Our ocean, even off the coast of Los Angeles, is still largely unexplored and poorly understood," Ford said. "Remote sensing and remotely operated vehicles will take technology to places divers can't go. These tech platforms are an increasingly important aspect of oceanographic exploration. I'm certain that remote technologies will be the wave of the future that informs the preservation of life and a healthy ocean for the coming century."

Ford said he hopes the event gets the middle schoolers thinking about the roles they'll play in the future of

"Their future starts with us, today," Ford said. "So today we aspire to instill the understanding and confidence in these young minds that they can make the world a better place."

For more information, visit www.theoceanschool.org/ocean-school-events/rov-design-workshop.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.6°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SW/SSW swell slowly on the rise - few larger sets possible in the PM. Minor NW windswell.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
SSW swell is on the rise. A little slow early, with more size due to show through the afternoon for summer focal points. Minor NW windswell.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON AUGUST 4, AT ABOUT 12:42 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at Bloomingdales, 315 Colorado Avenue, regarding a theft suspect in custody. Officers determined the suspect entered the store and was recognized by employees as being a theft suspect a few days ago. Employees alerted the store's Loss Prevention Agents. Loss Prevention monitored the suspect as he selected several items from the sales floor and ran out onto the street without paying for the items. Loss Prevention stopped the suspect outside and attempted to detain him. The suspect fled the area. The suspect was detained by Santa Monica Place Security near Ocean Avenue and Broadway. All items taken, approximately $900 value, were recovered. Ruben James Wells 33, from Pasadena was arrested for shoplifting. Bail was set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 388 calls for service on Aug. 15.

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

Hit and run 300 block of Olympic 1:26 a.m.
Shots fired 300 block of Montana 1:52 a.m.
Battery Lincoln/Hill 2:26 a.m.
Sexual assault 1400 block of Ocean 2:33 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1400 block of 10th 7:11 a.m.
Fight 200 block of Santa Monica 8:36 a.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of 11th 9:14 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of 14th 9:16 a.m.
Suspicious person 800 block of Montana 9:28 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1600 block of Georgina 9:36 a.m.
Identity theft 2000 block of Main 9:57 a.m.
Person down 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 10:14 a.m.
Person down Euclid/Wilshire 10:29 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 10:30 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block of Ocean Park 10:41 a.m.
Fraud 700 block of 17th 11:01 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th/Pier 11:23 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block of 22nd 11:35 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2300 block of California 11:36 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2000 block of Santa Monica 11:53 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Broadway 1:07 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 2nd 1:23 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Pine 1:44 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 2nd 1:51 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Ocean 1:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block of The Beach 2:07 p.m.
Assault 1900 block of 18th 2:23 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block of 10th 2:23 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Wilshire 2:35 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:00 p.m.
Critical missing person 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:07 p.m.
Fraud 1100 block of Montana 3:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 3:33 p.m.
Illegal weapon 1600 block of Ocean 3:45 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 800 block of 16th 3:46 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block of 7th 4:33 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Broadway 4:42 p.m.
Fire 1500 block of Wilshire 4:59 p.m.
Identity theft 1000 block of 2nd 5:11 p.m.
Battery 1600 block of Ocean 5:31 p.m.
Person down 250 block of Main 5:51 p.m.
Fight Ocean/Colorado 7:23 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Pine 7:26 p.m.
Hit and run 11th/Washington 8:23 p.m.
Person down 2000 block of Main 8:45 p.m.
Suspicious person 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 9:38 p.m.
Petty theft 3200 block of Airport 10:05 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on Aug. 15.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 2700 block of Neilson 2:39 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 11th 2:51 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Santa Monica Place 3:22 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica 5:35 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 4th 7:42 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of Princeton 8:17 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Lincoln 8:22 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 22nd 9:37 a.m.
Assist LAFD 500 block of Stassi 9:54 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Kansas 10:24 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 10:26 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 11:19 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 11:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Lincoln 11:28 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 10th 11:43 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 11:45 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Colorado 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Pine 12:58 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 1:01 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Park 1:53 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Pico 1:56 p.m.
EMS 14th/Pico 2:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 2:21 p.m.
EMS 19th/Carlyle 2:23 p.m.
Smoke investigation 900 block of 11th 4:10 p.m.
Illegal burning 1000 block of Pico 4:43 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Foxtail 4:55 p.m.
Structure fire 1500 block of Wilshire 4:55 p.m.
EMS 14th/Pacific 5:00 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Santa Monica 5:44 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Santa Monica 5:59 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Santa Monica 6:11 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean Front Walk 6:24 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 6:45 p.m.
EMS 4th/Interstate 10 7:32 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 14th 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 8:15 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 8:26 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of 21st 8:33 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Main 8:46 p.m.
Public assist 900 block of 5th 8:53 p.m.
Transformer fire 2000 block of Delaware 9:32 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Left over
6 Time in office
10 Gauge setting
11 CBer's need
12 Brat's opposite
13 Heart, for one
14 Tater
15 Turn
16 Wire measure
17 Add up
18 Bright beam
19 Paints like Pollock
22 Pennsylvania port
23 Staff member
26 Speaks explosively in anger
29 Beanie or beret
32 Early hour
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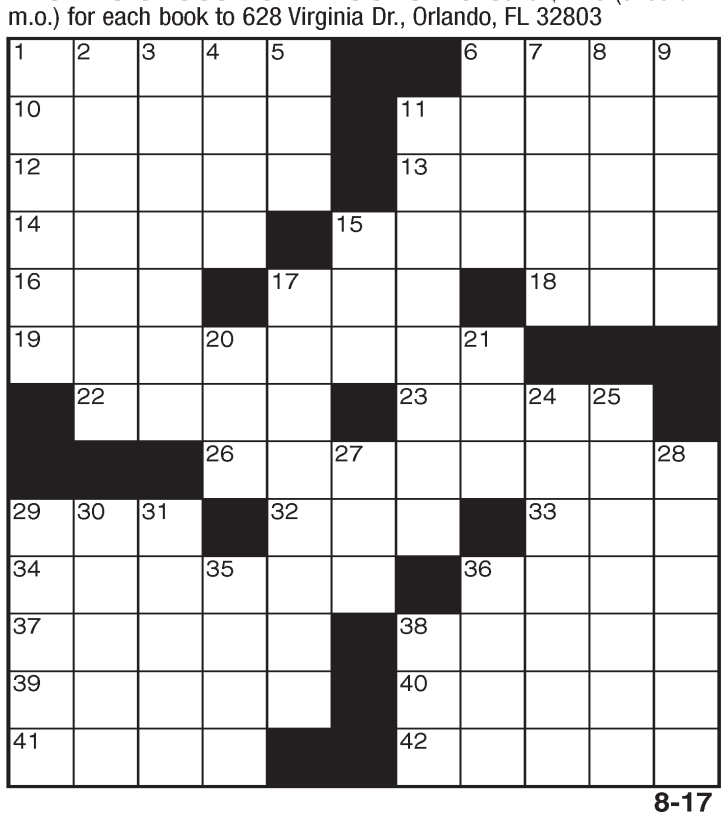
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9 Bucks
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15 Wish undone
17 "Hurry up!"
20 "— the season ..."
21 Use a chair
24 Illinois city
25 Sign of error
27 German conjunction
28 Treeless plain
29 Deep sleeps
30 Ouzo flavor
31 Aspect
35 Prayer finish
36 "Nonsense!"
38 Spare tire

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Difficulty Level ★★★

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 8/13
38 44 60 64 69
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 94M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/12
4 41 44 56 69
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 52M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 8/13
6 18 39 44 47
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 26M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/15
12 13 17 18 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/16
MIDDAY: 7 4 6
Draw Date: 8/15
EVENING: 3 3 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/15
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 04 Big Ben
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WORD UP!

honorific 1. a title or term of respect. 2. (in certain languages, as Chinese and Japanese) a class of forms used to show respect, especially in direct address.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 – Quake Lake is formed by the magnitude 7.5 1959 Hebgen Lake earthquake near Hebgen Lake in Montana.

1959 – Kind of Blue by Miles Davis, the much acclaimed and highly influential best selling jazz recording of all time, is released.

1960 – Decolonization: Gabon gains independence from France.

1962 – East German border guards kill Peter Fechter, 18, as he attempts to cross the Berlin Wall into West Berlin becoming one of the first victims of the wall.

1969 – Category 5 Hurricane Camille hits the U.S. Gulf Coast, killing 256 and causing $1.42 billion in damage.

1970 – Venera program: Venera 7 launched. It will later become the first spacecraft to successfully transmit data from the surface of another planet (Venus).

1978 – Double Eagle II becomes first balloon to cross the Atlantic Ocean when it lands in Miserey, France near Paris, 137 hours after leaving Presque Isle, Maine.

1980 – Azaria Chamberlain disappears, at Ayers Rock, Northern Territory, probably taken by a dingo, leading to what was then the most publicized trial in Australian history.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, Dieter Uchtdorf, a high official in the Mormon Church, said the historic narrative of Mormon founder Joseph Smith's use of a "seer stone" to translate the "golden plates" that gave Smith ultimate worldly knowledge has been authenticated, basically, by the 2007 invention of the iPhone. "I can get the collected knowledge of the world through a few little inputs," said Uchtdorf, and thus it is likelier than ever that God gave Smith something like a smartphone in 1823.

■ Geoffrey Fortier, 23, was arrested in Craighead County, Arkansas, in July and charged with video voyeurism of a woman he had allowed to shower in the home occupied by Fortier and his girlfriend. After the woman stepped out of the shower, she noticed a logged-on iPad propped against a wall. Fortier informed deputies that it was all a misunderstanding – that he had earlier recorded himself urinating in order to sell the video to a urination-fetish website, and he simply forgot to remove the device.

■ Rapper Kasper Knight apparently shot himself in the cheek with a revolver on July 17 in Indianapolis – as part of a staged music video – according to raw footage of the incident posted on his Facebook page (and then of course seen by almost 2 million people). Knight, seen bleeding afterward, said he tried to recruit a shooter, but when no one volunteered, shot himself, anticipating (as in previous times he had been shot, by other people) "like a 4 out of 10 on the pain scale."

Man on the Street

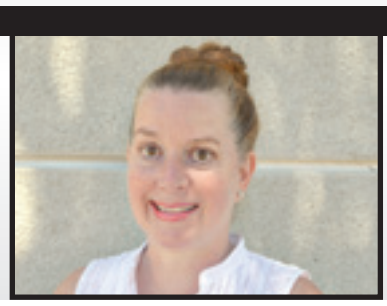
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Q: Is a wise investment for Santa Monica city to spend a significant amount of money to close the airport?



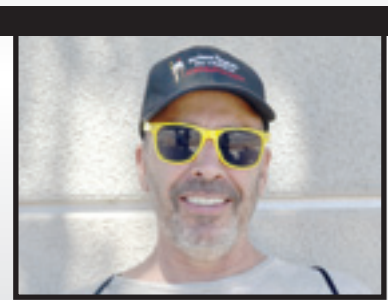
CONGDON SITA-SMITH

In my opinion yes it would be a great idea to shut down the airport and for multiple reasons. Not only getting rid of pollution but also it would make the people around Santa Monica feel safe. Human life is just too valuable to risk. Let them use LAX.



SHIRLEY MUNRO

Santa Monica should definitely keep the airport. It's a huge interest for people who have small planes and don't want to be on a plane with hundreds of others. It would be criminal if the city were to shut down the airport. I am sure I am not the only one who has had many fantastic memories at SMO.



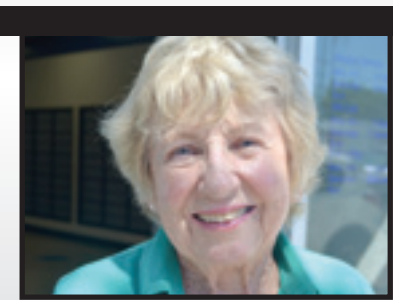
TOM POOLLE

If it were up to me ideally there would be no jets, and the planes would only be operating from certain hours during the day. Thankfully I don't deal with it now but hearing the planes every two minutes in the early morning is not something I am very found of. I am not saying to get rid of it but with some regulations it would definitely help out the community.



CHRISTIAN THILLET

Heavens No! I have been living here for almost 30 years now and I hope they don't get rid of the airport. It is a place where my family and I can sit, have lunch and watch planes take off. That is a part of the history we have here in Santa Monica. I will continue to cross my fingers there are no accidents and the airport stays put.



BERNICE CUTHCOTT

SMO is a landmark and is a historic airport to us Santa Monica residents. I think its impressive to have an airport, and be by the beach with such a wonderful city. Its not everyday people are getting injured or bad things happen, if anything more good comes from this airport.

Accept an offer, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might start feeling some of the drain of the upcoming eclipse. Your relationships with friends and loved ones will be featured. Consider pursuing a long-term desire you have had. Committing to making it happen will give you an extra push. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of your feelings toward an authority figure. You might be inclined to be less than compliant, but that is not the smart move. Instead, go along with this person's wishes. Listen to what a friend shares; he or she is more grounded than you realize. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be stressed out without knowing why. The real issue will be figuring out what you want to do and how you want to do it. Don't make a decision just yet; more information is likely to emerge. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be extraordinarily emotional, and the topic of the day is money. It would be wise to nix any financial discussions for now. More information is about to come to light. Know what you want from a personal situation. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Though you seem to be content, you'll notice that those around you are contentious and challenging. Your reaction will define what happens. Will you have a knee-jerk reaction, or a thoughtful response? A loved one could start acting up. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are all about getting the job completed as efficiently as possible. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Understand that many people could be very stressed out and will want to take a break, while others won't even want to chat. Tonight: Be smart and do your own thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be in a situation that causes you a lot of grief. You seem to have a lot of pressure on you to be more expressive in at least one area of your life. Understand that breaking through self-imposed restrictions won't be all that easy. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could be in the midst of juggling two distinctly different interests simultaneously. You will want to reach out to a loved one for help, as you'll have your hands full. You seem to be a bit overwhelmed right now. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be on top of your game; however, getting past others' opposition could be hard. This barrier is merely a restriction that will end in time; do not take it seriously. Get to the bottom of the issue. Use your verbal skills, and you'll make your point. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Money continues to be the hot topic. You might be more possessive than you realize, and someone is likely to give you feedback that supports this conclusion. With an eclipse heading your way, opt not to make a financial decision for a few days. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Other than a friend's tenuous mood and someone else's unpredictability, everything seems to be running as it should be. Be careful with someone who can be challenging. You might not agree with this person, but the issue is how to say so. Tonight: Just ask for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might feel drained and pushed to the max. Know that these feeling are only temporary and should not be worried about. Instead, try to lighten up and enjoy being a little offbeat. You might consider taking a nap. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Early to bed.

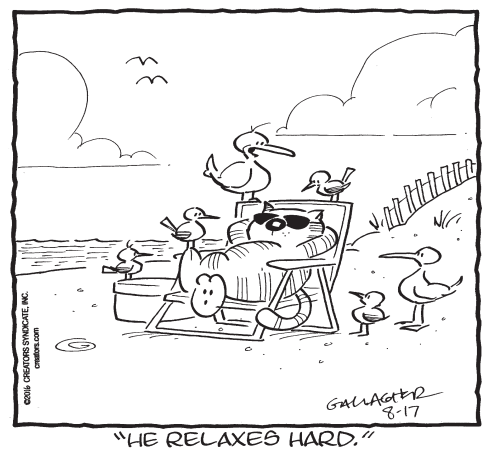
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This year you often sense that something big is about to happen, which tends to be true. However, you might want to be more aware of a sense of expectation that is sometimes mixed with trepidation. Know that you can handle whatever pops up. If you are single, you could meet many people this year and expand your circle of friends. As a result, you might meet someone special through one of your new pals. If you are attached, you enjoy being with your partner more and more, as long as you decide not to argue over differences of opinion. AQUARIUS is attracted to you, but might be colder than you realize.

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

Heathcliff

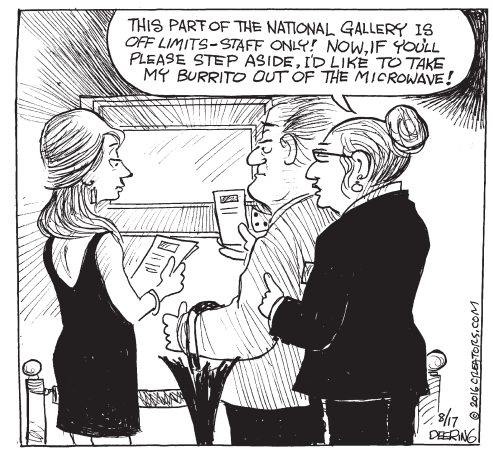
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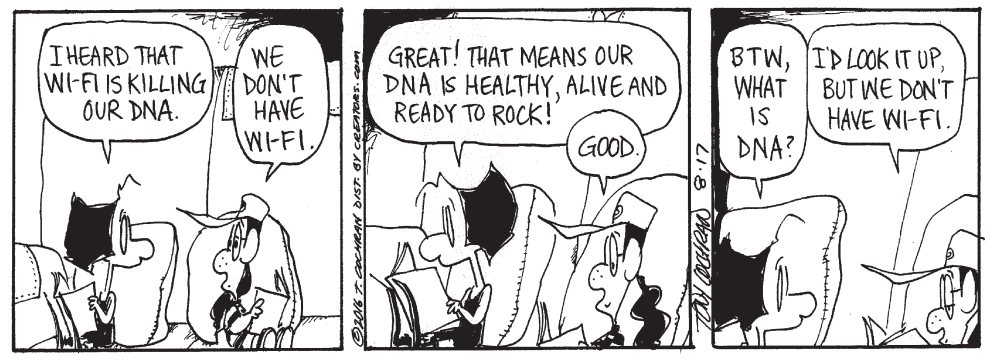
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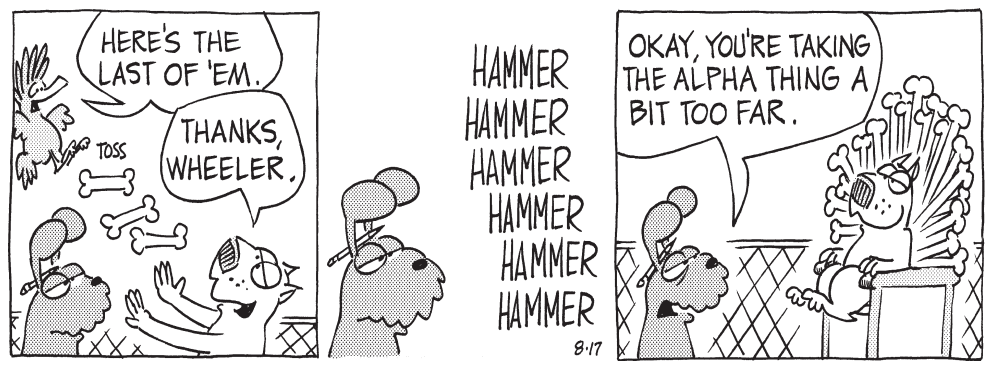
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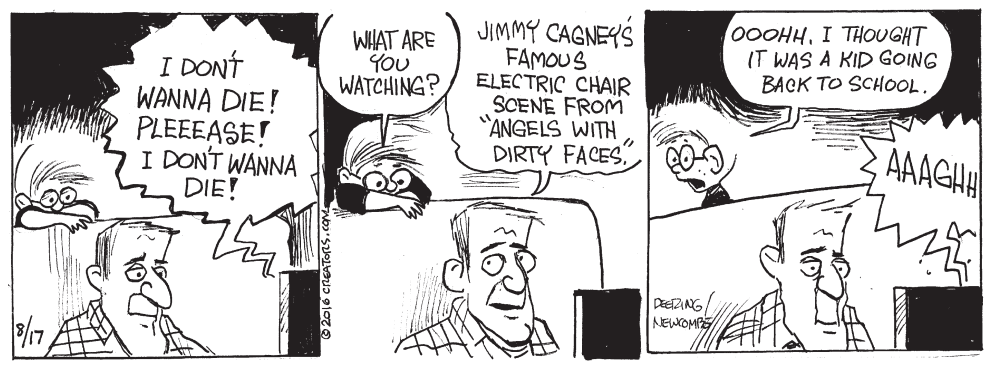
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