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Can Curiosity's Mars mission inspire like Apollo?

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Neil Armstrong inspired millions with his moonwalk. Can a feisty robotic rover exploring Mars do the same for another generation?

With manned missions beyond the International Space Station on hold, the spotlight has turned on machines.

The newest, the rover called Curiosity, last week beamed home photographs of its first wheel tracks on the Martian soil since its daredevil landing this month. While it did not rise to Armstrong's "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," interest was so high in the rover's "seven minutes of terror" approach to the red planet that NASA's website crashed.

"There's something exciting about reaching another place in the solar system. If you think about the kind of interest the landing of Curiosity had, you get a sense of that," said Smithsonian Institution space curator Roger Launius. It wasn't on the same level as Armstrong's feat, "but it was pretty darn exciting," he said.

When Armstrong, then fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin, stepped on the moon on July 29, 1969, an estimated 600 million people watched and listened. "Virtually the entire world took that memorable journey with us," recalled Buzz Aldrin after Armstrong's death on Saturday.

Early in the Space Age, the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo astronauts were the public face of NASA's space endeavor while the unmanned lunar missions that paved the way were in the shadows. The public craved adventure and the manned missions delivered. Aiming for the moon was new and exciting — not to mention dangerous. And the U.S. was locked in a Cold War space race with the Soviets.

Next, the space shuttle ferried a new crop of astronauts to low-Earth orbit, but after three decades of service, it became routine. And the Cold War thawed with the Russians and Americans cooperating on the Russian space station Mir and the International Space Station.

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Jewish group halts protest against hotel

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A Jewish organization that planned to protest outside a local hotel called off its demonstration after the owner of Hotel Shangri-La pledged over $7,000 to benefit Jewish charities.

The Zionist Organization of America announced its intention to protest in front of the hotel last week in order to spread the word about a verdict that found the hotel's owner, Tehmina Adaya, had discriminated against a charity called Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces in 2010.

Adaya's move to donate $3,600 each to the Koby Mandell Foundation and the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization produced a "tangible and meaningful benefit" for the Jewish community, said Steven Goldberg, the national vice chairman of the Zionist Organization of

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Maya Sugarman *news@smdp.com*

ROLLIN': **A young couple rides aboard a Big Blue Bus. The City Council is expected to cut checks for the upkeep of the service's facilities.**

Council to open wallet for Big Blue Bus

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Benjamin Franklin coined the phrase, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and the City Council will surely be learning his meaning Tuesday night.

It's expected to approve a three-year, $955,080 contract with the Harder Brake Lathe & Electric company to perform preventative maintenance and inspection services at the Big Blue Bus' six major facilities.

That level of maintenance "has not been

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Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012

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Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Kids and teens ages 7-15 are welcome at this beach volleyball class. All levels can attend this semi-private class. Classes cost $18. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Tango time
Organic Tango
2523 17th St.,
8 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.
Come to this beginner class to learn how to tango. Beginner class begins at 8 p.m. and intermediate class begins at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call (310) 625-6501.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012

Talking transit
City Hall, City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing Downtown parking fees and the city's Bike Action Plan. This is a special meeting. For more information, visit www.smgov.net.

It's a wrap
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area invites you to attend the culmination program and reception for the Kids With Cameras Summer 2012 program. Kids With Cameras is a six-week workshop in photojournalism that took Santa Monica middle school youth to "people and places" of their city. Come and hear what they saw and view their photographs on exhibition. The youth represent the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, Police Activities League (PAL) and Santa Monica Family YMCA.

Dance, dance, dance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Every Wednesday, the club hosts a night of ballroom dancing. There's usually a good crowd and you can even get lessons. Cost: $10 general admission; $8 students. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Farm fresh
Downtown
Arizona Avenue between Second and Third streets,
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
This weekly Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in SoCal. Everything is fresh and there's always something new in season. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012

Hot night by the bay
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
The Hot 8 Brass Band headlines this week's installment of the annual Twilight Concert Series. It has been said that they epitomize New Orleans street music. Find out for your self during this free show. For more information, visit twilightseries.org.

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SEEING THE FUTURE

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Former Santa Monica mayor Mike Feinstein looks at the new beach bathroom design during a community open house on Sunday. The new bathrooms will be built along the beach in Ocean Park. It's part of an initiative to build new restrooms along the city's busy beach.

Ailing SoCal reactor prepares to remove fuel

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. The operator of the San Onofre nuclear power plant is preparing to empty the radioactive fuel from one of its twin reactors, a federal official said Monday, another sign the plant won't be operating at full capacity anytime soon, if ever.

Tons of fuel inside the disabled Unit 3 reactor will be moved into storage in mid-September, Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspector Gregory Warnick told The Associated Press on Monday.

The plant located between Los Angeles and San Diego has been shut down since January, after a break in a tube that carries radioactive water. Investigators later found unusual wear on scores of tubes inside the plant's four steam generators, and Southern California Edison has been trying for months to determine how to fix it.

Edison has previously said it's focusing on repairing the Unit 2 reactor, which had been taken offline earlier in January for maintenance, and that "the Unit 3 reactor will not be operating for some time."

Damage to the tubes in Unit 2 is less widespread, but there's no timetable for its possible restart.

Unit 3 "is clearly not the focus right now in terms of correcting the steam generator issues," said Warnick, the NRC's senior resident inspector at San Onofre. "Unit 3 is going to take more work."

Dave Lochbaum, director of the Union of Concerned Scientists' nuclear safety project, said placing the radioactive fuel in storage puts the reactor in a condition "requiring the least amount of safety equipment to be operable, and therefore the fewest number of tests and inspections to be performed."

Coming shortly after Edison announced plans to cut its workforce, "reducing the scope of required work at the jobsite is a good thing to do before discharging workers," Lochbaum said.

Edison spokeswoman Jennifer Manfre said in a statement that removing fuel from the unit "will best allow us to maintain the unit as testing, analysis and repair planning continue."

Traces of radiation escaped at the time of Unit 3's tube break, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors. A three-month federal probe blamed a botched computer analysis for generator design flaws that ultimately resulted in excessive wear to alloy tubes.

About 7.4 million Californians live within 50 miles of San Onofre, which can power 1.4 million homes.

Bill would give cyclists buffer zone

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California bicyclists who navigate busy roads may be able to ride a little easier if a bill approved by the Assembly becomes law.

The Assembly approved SB1464 Monday, which would require motor vehicle drivers to stay three feet from cyclists in most cases. Drivers would be allowed to cross double solid yellow lines to provide bicyclists enough room.

Opponents of the bill by Sen. Alan Lowenthal, a Long Beach Democrat, argued that it would give bicyclists a false sense of security. Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar bill last year.

The new legislation would allow fines of at least $35 for drivers who impinge on bicyclists' buffer zones.

The bill passed 52-19 and returns to the Senate for a final vote.

State Assembly approves bill to allow multiple parents

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A bill approved Monday by the state Assembly would allow judges to declare more than two legal parents for some California children.

Lawmakers approved SB1476 by Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, on a party line vote, with Democrats supporting it. The legislation would allow judges to legally recognize multiple parents when it is in a child's best interest to have more than two parental relationships.

"We live in a world today where courts are dealing with diverse circumstances that have reshaped California families," Leno said in a statement. "This legislation gives courts the flexibility to protect the best interests of a child who is being supported financially and emotionally by those parents."

The bill was inspired by the case of a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Praise, not criticism

Editor:

I am one of the City Council candidates who declined to sign the so-called "transparency agreement" ("Council candidates steer clear of unknown groups," Aug. 21). In my view, it had nothing to do with transparency, but was instead an attempt to intimidate and demean a group of residents who simply want to limit development.

Councilmember and current candidate Terry O'Day, quoted in the article as wanting "to do as much as we can to protect against the formation of groups that claim to be community-based groups but don't have community credentials," did not seem to have a concern for transparency when leading the deceptive, developer-backed campaign against Proposition T in 2008 that the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City placed on the ballot in an attempt to control the massive overdevelopment that is crushing the city's residents. The public did not know at the time who was behind the campaign, or that developers had poured almost $1 million into defeating the initiative. Mr. O'Day was subsequently appointed to fill a vacant council seat by presumably grateful incumbents.

Councilmember O'Day (along with Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis) was supported in 2010 by a secretive developer-backed organization cynically named "Santa Monicans for Quality Government." SMQG targeted Councilmember Kevin McKeown and council candidate Ted Winterer, going so far as to use phony depictions of Santa Monica's police and fire departments' insignias in its advertisements to provide an illusion of credibility. Mr. O'Day did not seem concerned about transparency at that time either.

Councilmember O'Day (along with Davis) was among the incumbents who recently voted to not provide any information about their donors, and to not make a booklet of their state filings available in the Council Chambers for the public to consult.

Councilmembers O'Day and Davis, having benefited from a lack of transparency over the years, are now jumping all over residents for doing nothing more than trying to become active in community affairs.

The residents behind Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth are to be commended, not attacked.

Bob Seldon
Santa Monica

What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Labor of love deserves protection

THIS COMING WEEKEND IS THE UNOFFICIAL end of summer. The Labor Day weekend is a traditional marker in the calendar of life that means kids returning to school, dads putting the barbecues away and moms planning for the holidays.

But Labor Day has a real history and meaning. It began as a way to recognize efforts made by tradesmen. Labor Day gained official status and was made a federal holiday under President Grover Cleveland, the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms in the White House.

In today's world we see the lionization of hard work less and less and we afford it less respect. In its place we honor Snooki for sobering up long enough to have a baby and the Kardashians for whatever it is they do.

President Cleveland was one of the hardest working presidents we've ever had and it is fitting that he should be tied throughout history to the cause of the worker. We need to take this weekend and focus on those who do work hard and do provide a benefit to the community from whence they came.

Men like Michael Anderson, who went from manager to owner of Chez Jay, deserve our admiration and support. He's an old-school, hard-working man who runs his business to provide for his staff and his family.

I walked into Chez Jay this past Sunday as the sun was setting on the Pacific Ocean. The sunlight was streaming into the darkened room through the port holes on the north side of the bar. As my eyes adjusted, I realized the light was hitting a young man who had the raccoon eyes of someone who spent the day at the beach and was there for some cocktails and dinner. When I looked around the room there were couples and families occupying the tables and booths, which are covered in red-and-white checkered linen. The warm glow of the Christmas lights makes everyone look tan and healthy. It's been that way for decades. The room has hosted the rich and famous, and a few infamous people, too.

Chez Jay has outlasted many a fancier, trendier restaurant; places like Romanoff's and Chasen's have all fallen away while Chez Jay keeps plugging along. Perhaps it's the peanut shells on the floor that make it seem so cordial. Or maybe the red-and-white awning over the bar that makes you feel like you're sitting under a flag that brings out sentimentality and patriotism. While I was there, a Bruce Springsteen song came on, and the father at the table behind me began explaining to his son and daughter who Springsteen was. It was one of those teachable family moments that make Chez Jay feel more like your friend's kitchen than a restaurant.

In the corner big booth was a family with four generations of Chez Jay customers in it, the youngest being about 8 months old. As I looked around the room I saw young and old couples, in the flush of new love and the warm comfort of old love.

The staff at Chez Jay is really more like a family, and when you know that the saucier has been making the same sauces for the past 44 years there, you can understand why. With that level of staff loyalty and stability, you get a quality of service that will not be equaled.

Of course a restaurant is really only as good as its food. I had a rib-eye with a sun-dried tomato and Roquefort butter that was perfection. The char on the outside was crunchy and the meat was cooked to exactly the medium rare I ordered.

I say all this because on Sept. 10 the Landmarks Commission will be deciding whether or not to grant Chez Jay landmark protection. The reality is that Chez Jay is deserving of the protection. It's home to our history, from the giant clam shell on its side that came from the old pier, to the port holes in the wall that sunlight streams through at sunset. This building and the people within it are very much a part of Santa Monica. A history of movie stars and post beach-day dinners; it's a living monument to the America of yesteryear, and a vivid reminder of what can be. It's a unique restaurant that offers a glimpse back in time to a softer, gentler, less corporate America.

President Cleveland saw the value in recognizing hard work and honoring it. The Landmarks Commission should follow his lead and make Chez Jay a cultural landmark and move to protect it. On Sept. 10 you can voice your opinion, or e-mail Commission Chair Ruth Shari beforehand at ruthshari@aol.com.

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After the Bell

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A free ride on the SPY

MAYBE THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH, BUT there can be a free ride in the stock market. Suppose you have a nice million-dollar portfolio, half in bonds and half in equities. And suppose after reading up a bit and doing some research, you are convinced that the S&P index is not going to go up more than 10 percent over the next two months.

The S&P index is a nice bundle of 500 diversified stocks that kind of tracks the Dow Jones, not exactly, about 1/8th of the price. So when the S&P moves 8 points, the DJ moves about 64 points, but not exactly.

That's the time to sell a call spread. After reading a number of economic reports lately, I am only mildly bullish on large cap U.S. equities for the rest of this year.

So while the market was up this month I sold 10 September calls on the S&P index, called the "SPY," 1,400 calls for $1,700 and bought the same options but at a strike price of 1,410 paying $360. I ended up with a net premium of about $1,150. The purchase of the 1,410s is a hedge against a sudden jump in the market above 1,400.

Here is the good news. If the S&P does not go over $1,400 by the third Friday in September, I just get to keep the $1,150. That sounds good. But if the market does go up, while I have a risk of $4,000 in possible losses on this trade, I will make much more on the increase in my stock portfolio. So I can't lose.

But there's more. Suppose the market does go up and I might lose up to $4,000, even though I make more on the rest of the portfolio. I don't have to take the loss. I can buy back the September 1,400 calls for a loss and sell back the 1,410 calls for a small profit, taking a nice loss for tax purposes, and at the same time sell a new call spread at higher numbers, such as 1,410s hedged with the 1,420s, and bring in a new premium. If I do that as soon as the market hits 1,400, the chances are good that the new premium will be almost as much as the loss. So I get a free ride: if the market goes down I pick up a premium, but of course lose some value in my equities that I would have lost anyway. If the market goes up, I get a tax loss plus an increase in value of my stocks. Isn't the stock market wonderful?

Notice that I'm not predicting that the market will go down between now and September, although it might. What this trade relies on for profitability is that the market will not go up very much during the next few weeks.

While profits are doing well in the large cap sector, there are also a number of negative things happening in the world that can affect prices. The Eurozone might fall apart. Spain might go into bankruptcy. Chinese imports are already falling. Some companies, like Facebook, are not showing well. All of this creates a psychology in the market that is negative and holds down prices.

But even when I think that most stock prices will not go up, there are always exceptions. A couple of months ago I bought some Xerox stock because its way down but the company seems to be improving. I bought the copper ETF, because I read an article about how the world is consistently using more copper than is being produced. Copper has continued to decline since I invested in it, but I'm holding on.

And so it goes for this week. Some advisors are recommending an investment in the "VIX," which is the volatility index. They think that we are going into a period of higher volatility, and that causes the VIX to go up.

I never invest in the VIX because it has a built-in decline mechanism. But to each his own. That's one of the things that makes the market so much fun.

For information about **MERV HECHT** and more details on the strategies and stocks he writes about in this column, visit his website at DoubleYourYield.com.

The Q Line

Grubbin' on the go

The Planning Commission last week voted in favor of new regulations for off-street food truck lots, allowing them on Main Street one day a week while letting them set up shop on Santa Monica, Lincoln and Pico boulevards for four. They'll have to set up restrooms and provide parking, among other things. Some restaurant owners are none too pleased.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What should the City Council do now, allow the food truck lots or curtail their operations to only street parking?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.

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Slaughterhouse gets USDA approval to resume operations

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. A slaughterhouse at the center of a food safety and cruelty investigation resumed operations Monday after federal officials approved its plan to improve treatment of animals.

However, the investigation was ongoing to determine if animals that might have been sick or lame made their way into the food supply.

The cows were seen on an undercover video shot by an animal welfare group operative working at Central Valley Meat Co. of Hanford.

"We're looking at everything in terms of the investigation and have a team on the ground looking at records and interviewing folks," U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman Neil Gaffney said when asked about the possibility of a meat recall.

The video showed workers shocking cows on the face. One worker apparently attempted to suffocate a cow by standing on its muzzle.

Some dairy cows were unable to walk or stand, and some had udders so swollen they were unable to keep their legs under them.

The company committed to a number of corrective actions.

"Central Valley Meat will provide better training for our workers, better monitoring of our facilities, and more frequent third-party audits of our operations," the company, owned by Lawrence and Brian Coelho, said in a written statement. "We believe these measures will establish a new industry standard for the handling of animals."

A telephone recording told the company's 450 employees to report for work at 9 a.m. Monday.

The video was shot for Compassion Over Killing, a Washington D.C.-based animal welfare organization.

It shows workers attempting to move to slaughter cows unable to walk on their own. The slaughter of non-ambulatory cows is prohibited by federal rules designed to keep animals that may have mad cow or other diseases out of the food supply.

The group gave the video to officials with the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service on Aug. 17.

"We hope this plant's 'action plan' will actually result in improvements related to animal treatment, but we shouldn't forget that many of the so-called 'corrective' measures are steps that slaughter plants should already be taking in order to ensure compliance with federal law," said Erica Meier, executive director of the animal welfare group.

The tape prompted McDonald's Corp., In-N-Out Burger and federal nutrition programs to stop buying meat from the plant.

STATE BRIEFS

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Medfly infestation leads to quarantine

An infestation of crop-destroying Mediterranean fruit flies has led to an 88-square-mile Southern California quarantine zone east of Los Angeles.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture says three adult male flies and a female were found in two traps on Aug. 16 in the Rancho Cucamonga area of San Bernardino County.

Medflies lay eggs in more than 260 varieties of soft fruits and vegetables.

A quarantine area was mapped and officials began releasing sterile male Medflies over an 11-square-mile area last week.

Growers and residents in the quarantine zone cannot move produce from their properties.

About 250,000 sterile flies are being released weekly in each square mile of the target area.

Sterile male flies mate with fertile female flies and there are no offspring.

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LOS ANGELES

Dream Center charity adding more housing

The Dream Center charity complex near downtown Los Angeles is expecting a $50 million federal grant that will allow more housing for the poor, emancipated minors and young female victims of human trafficking.

The Echo Park charity, which is housed in the old Queen of Angels Hospital, hopes to boost the number of residents from 650 to 900 by spring.

The Los Angeles Times (lat.ms/Onae9b) says nine of the former hospital's 14 floors have already been converted to housing as part of $25 million in earlier improvements.

The New Markets Tax Credit grant allows the Dream Center to turn the five remaining floors into additional housing.

The money comes from investors who get income tax credits for funding the federal program intended to spur revitalization in low-income communities.

AP

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE

Bear euthanized after being hit by car

Authorities say a bear seen struck by a car in a foothill community north of Los Angeles has been euthanized after game wardens determined that its injuries were too severe.

A spokesman for the California Department of Fish and Game said the bear's back legs were broken after being hit Sunday morning near La Canada (kuhn-nyah-dah) Flintridge.

Andrew Hughan said the young male bear was spotted walking with a limp later in the afternoon behind a shopping center. Game wardens shot tranquilizer darts at the bear, prompting it to climb up a tree near Interstate 210.

The California Highway Patrol said it shut freeway lanes for several minutes until wardens were able to remove the bear for a medical examination.

Hughan said the injuries were "too catastrophic" and the bear couldn't be saved.

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Pediatricians: Circumcision pluses outweigh the risks

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO The nation's most influential pediatricians group says the health benefits of circumcision in newborn boys outweigh any risks and insurance companies should pay for it.

In its latest policy statement on circumcision, a procedure that has been declining nationwide, the American Academy of Pediatrics moves closer to an endorsement but says the decision should be up to parents.

"It's not a verdict from on high," said policy co-author Dr. Andrew Freedman. "There's not a one-size-fits-all-answer."

But from a medical standpoint, circumcision's benefits in reducing risk of disease outweigh its small risks, Freedman added.

Recent research bolstering evidence that circumcision reduces chances of infection with HIV and other sexually spread diseases, urinary tract infections and penis cancer influenced the academy to update their 13-year-old policy.

Their old stance said potential medical benefits were not sufficient to warrant recommending routinely circumcising newborn boys. The new one says, "The benefits of newborn male circumcision justify access to this procedure for those families who choose it." The academy also says pain relief stronger than a sugar-coated pacifier is essential, usually an injection to numb the area.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Convention has estimated circumcision costs range from about $200 to $600 nationwide. Coverage varies among insurers and several states have stopped Medicaid funding for circumcisions.

The new policy was published online Monday in Pediatrics. It comes amid ongoing debate over whether circumcision is medically necessary or a cosmetic procedure that critics say amounts to genital mutilation. Activists favoring a circumcision ban made headway in putting it to a vote last year in San Francisco but a judge later knocked the measure off the city ballot, ruling that regulating medical procedures is up to the state, not city officials.

In Germany, Jewish and Muslim leaders have protested a regional court ruling in June that said circumcision amounts to bodily harm.

Meantime, a recent study projected that declining U.S. circumcision rates could add more than $4 billion in health care costs in coming years because of increased illness and infections.

Circumcision involves removing foreskin at the tip of the penis. The procedure can reduce germs that can grow underneath the foreskin, and complications, including bleeding and infection, are rare, the academy says.

Despite the U.S. decline, about half of baby boys nationwide still undergo circumcision, or roughly 1 million each year. The country's overall rate is much higher than in other developed nations, but U.S. rates vary by region and are higher in areas where it is a cultural or religious tradition, including among Jews and Muslims.

Psychologist Ronald Goldman, director of an anti-circumcision group, the Circumcision Resource Center, said studies show circumcision causes loss of sexual satisfaction — a claim the academy said is not supported by the research it reviewed — and can be psychologically harming. Goldman contends medical studies showing benefits are flawed and that the academy's new position is "out of step" with medical groups in other developed countries.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists took part in the research review that led to the new policy and has endorsed it. Circumcisions in hospitals are typically performed by obstetricians or pediatricians.

The CDC also participated in the review, and will consider the academy's updated policy in preparing its own recommendations, a CDC spokesman said. The agency has a fact sheet summarizing circumcision's potential health benefits and risks but no formal guidelines.

The American Medical Association and American Academy of Family Physicians have neutral policies similar to the pediatrics academy's previous position.

Philadelphia social worker Shannon Coyne examined medical research on circumcision before her son was born last September and had a tough time making a decision. She learned that a relative's boy needed reconstructive surgery after a botched circumcision, and that another's son who wasn't circumcised developed urinary infections.

Coyne said she and her husband ultimately decided against circumcision, because she didn't want her baby to have what she considers cosmetic surgery without being able to consent.

Her advice to other parents is "just make an informed decision. Do your research, be open-minded."

Some 18 states have eliminated Medicaid coverage for circumcision, a trend that could contribute to rising health care costs to treat infections if circumcision rates continue to decline, according to a study published Aug. 20 in Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Dr. Aaron Tobian, a Johns Hopkins University assistant professor who co-authored the study, said the academy's updated policy "is a very good step."

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PROTEST
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America and chair of the Los Angeles region chapter.

The Koby Mandell Foundation supports those who have lost loved ones to terrorism, and the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization helps Israeli disabled veterans reintegrate into society through sports and rehabilitation centers.

"To get a tangible benefit like that to people I think is significant enough to end the protest," Goldberg said, although he pointed out that his group is not the only organization out there that was angered by the actions leading up to the court case.

The amounts donated are also a nod to Jewish culture. Multiples of 18 are symbolic to the Jewish people because it references the word "chai," which translates to "life."

In a letter released Friday announcing the donation, Adaya also invited leaders of the Jewish and pro-Israel community to attend a private event, hosted by the hotel and organized by the Zionist Organization of America.

She said that she was "eager" to improve relations with the Jewish community in the wake of the jury's decision.

"I care deeply about the hurt, anger and misunderstanding that has resulted and I want the Jewish and pro-Israel community to know I condemn anti-Semitism," Adaya said. "I welcome diversity and never made disparaging comments to anyone who attended an event here."

Earlier this month, a jury found Adaya guilty of making disparaging and anti-Semitic comments against 19 members of the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces who attended an event at the Hotel Shangri-La on July 11, 2010.

According to the complaint filed against her, Adaya instructed her employees to make sure the group removed its banners, brochures and other materials that were set up and get them out of the hotel's pool.

The jury awarded the plaintiffs $1.2 million in statutory damages on Aug. 15.

The hotel owner announced her intention to appeal the decision, alleging that the original complaint was mostly based off of false information given by a disgruntled former employee who never appeared in court to testify.

Instead, attorneys read Nathan Codrey's deposition aloud. In it, Codrey alleged that Adaya had used profanity in referencing members of the FIDF that were using her hotel's amenities.

Hotel officials now say that the problem was caused by a third-party food and beverage operator that did not provide contracts for the party to the hotel leadership.

Since, the hotel's food and beverage operations have been handled in-house.

Attorney Jim Turken, who represented the plaintiffs in the case, was unimpressed with the argument.

"The problem with the spin they're trying to put on everything now is something called 'reality,'" Turken said.

The jury found that the group had been discriminated against, and had tossed out the argument regarding "shoddy" business practices, Turken said.

"In my opinion, they have a (public relations) disaster on their hands," he said.

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conducted consistently onsite," according to a city staff report.

The company will provide inspection and maintenance for the heating and cooling, plumbing, in-ground hoists, methane detection, fuel and electrical systems at the three onsite and three off-site locations.

Harder Brake Lathe & Electric was the only company that turned in a completed bid.

If approved, the City Council will pay out $300,000 for this year. Future funding of $318,000 and $337,080 will be contingent on council approval.

That's the largest component of the $1,115,588 consent agenda.

SOFTWARE UPGRADES

The City Council is expected to approve a $265,000 contract with Rimini Street Inc. to provide maintenance and support for two systems that manage City Hall's payroll and financial operations.

City Hall uses J.D. Edwards One World and Peoplesoft Human Resources Management Systems to manage municipal finances and payroll, respectively.

Oracle, a software company, owns both systems, and was the only organization that could provide maintenance.

Rimini Street stepped in to fill the void, and guaranteed it could do the same work for less money. Officials checked with other municipalities that use the company for maintenance, including Overland Park, Kan. and Eugene, Ore. to make sure their performance was up to par with Oracle's.

The $265,000 would be paid out this year, and would cover a three-year term.

BACKHOES

Because sometimes it's better to hoe your own row, staff is recommending that the City Council approve the purchase of two new backhoe loaders for the Public Works Department.

The two loaders are used to install, repair and replace underground portions of the local water system, and are replaced every 10 years.

Coastline Equipment, a California-based company, beat out three other companies with its $255,088 bid. The off-road equipment does not run off of alternative fuels, but the diesel-powered engines meet state air requirements, according to the staff report.

RENTAL CARS

Enterprise Rent-A-Car has tried to brand itself as the company that will pick you up, but a possible vote by the City Council could make it the group that locks you up.

The City Council will consider a $97,000 contract with Enterprise for vehicles used by the Santa Monica Police Department in specialized crime-fighting operations.

Enterprise was the only company that bid on the contract.

BUS-TED

Staff is recommending a $286,524 contract with the Wincal Technology Corporation to repair and maintain onboard camera systems on Big Blue buses.

The sensitive cameras and recording systems need maintenance to overcome the rough conditions on the buses. The footage and images they capture is used for safety, and also to substantiate passenger complaints.

Problems with the cameras have resulted in lost data. Under the terms of the contract, Wincal Technology would inspect each of the cameras for clarity and loose connections once every three months. The firmware would also be checked and updated as needed to make sure they continue to work.

The City Council will have the opportunity to approve $90,000 on Tuesday night. The remaining $200,000 would be contingent on future votes.

NEW DIGS, NEW FURNITURE

Furniture comes at a price. In Santa Monica, it's $80,000.

Staff is recommending an $80,000 contract extension with Interior Office Systems to provide, install, modify and possibly store furniture for the Big Blue Bus Operations Building.

The company, called IOS, provided furniture for the Operations Building as part of the rehab of the building that was begun in 2011. The contract at the time was worth $891,995, and was part of a nearly $4.3 million allocation for tenant improvements, furniture, graphic production and other services for the site.

Since, the department has reorganized and the communication work space has been reconfigured, resulting in a need for new furniture. Delays to the project also forced IOS to store some furniture, which cost the city approximately $17,000.

The installation of new furniture, shelves and cabinets will cost approximately $60,000, according to the staff report.

That leaves $20,000 over the remaining three years to pay for any additional changes.

Although City Hall does not have standards for large purchases of furniture, the pieces in question are made from recycled and low-emission materials.

PEERING INTO THE FUTURE

City Hall is suggesting a $28,500 extension on a $70,000 contract with an accounting firm to estimate the future costs of health care and other retirement benefits for city employees.

According to the staff report, City Hall has an existing contract with AON Consulting & Insurance Services to meet a requirement that local governments report retiree benefits, not including pensions.

That would include medical benefits, for the most part.

AON was originally contracted for five years at $70,000, but spent $66,500 of that on full valuations in 2008 and 2010 and partial valuations in the odd years.

The increase would ensure that the company could conduct a full valuation in 2012.

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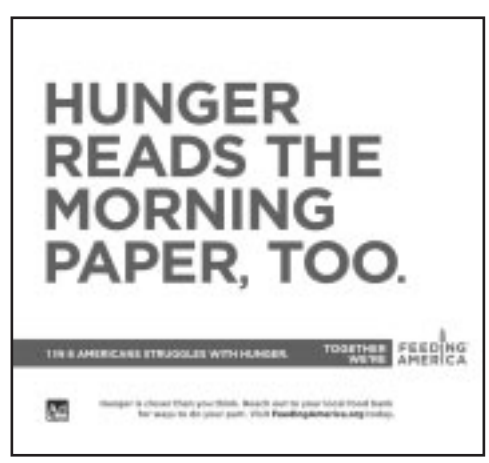

MARS
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With the space shuttle fleet retired, the International Space Station is all that's left. Its crew of six for the most part quietly goes about doing its job about 250 miles above the Earth. President Barack Obama nixed plans for returning astronauts to the moon in favor of landing on an asteroid and eventually Mars.

These days, space exploration is carried out by robotic spacecraft — commanded by human handlers on Earth. Advances in technology have allowed unmanned spacecraft to go farther and peer deeper, with craft circling Mercury, Saturn, asteroid Vesta and others headed for Jupiter and dwarf planet Pluto. The twin Voyager craft are still going strong at the fringes of the solar system 35 years after their launch in 1977.

American University space policy analyst Howard McCurdy said today's generation of explorers was raised on technology and tends to get more jazzed about delivering a car-size rover to Mars.

"Robotic exploration has taken more of a center stage," he said. "It gets more publicity now than the International Space Station."

When the first Mars rover Sojourner landed in 1997, science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke paraphrased Armstrong's famous line and said the event was "one small step for the rover."

Three other rovers have followed including Curiosity, which landed Aug. 5 by executing an intricate routine that ended with it being lowered by cables to the surface. Curiosity's acrobatics proved so popular that some 1.1 million people now follow it on Twitter (the first person accounts are being written by the public affairs office at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which manages the $2.5 billion mission.)

Curiosity chief scientist John Grotzinger said Monday the wheel prints on Mars may turn out to be an iconic image just like those first boot prints on the lunar surface.

"Instead of a human, it's a robot pretty much doing the same thing," he said.

Henry Lambright, a professor of public policy and space scholar at Syracuse University, said while Curiosity is inspiring, the world still needs to send humans beyond low-Earth orbit.

"It can't inspire to the degree that Apollo did because a robot can't inspire the way a man can," Lambright said.

On Monday, NASA played a recording from Administrator Charles Bolden that had been sent up to the rover on Mars and relayed back to Earth. In it, he thanked scientists and engineers for their achievement.

David Lavery of NASA headquarters said the hope is that someone will be inspired by Bolden's message and become the first human to stand on Mars.

"Like the great Neil Armstrong, they'll be able to speak aloud — the first person at that point, of the next giant leap in human exploration," he said.

BILL
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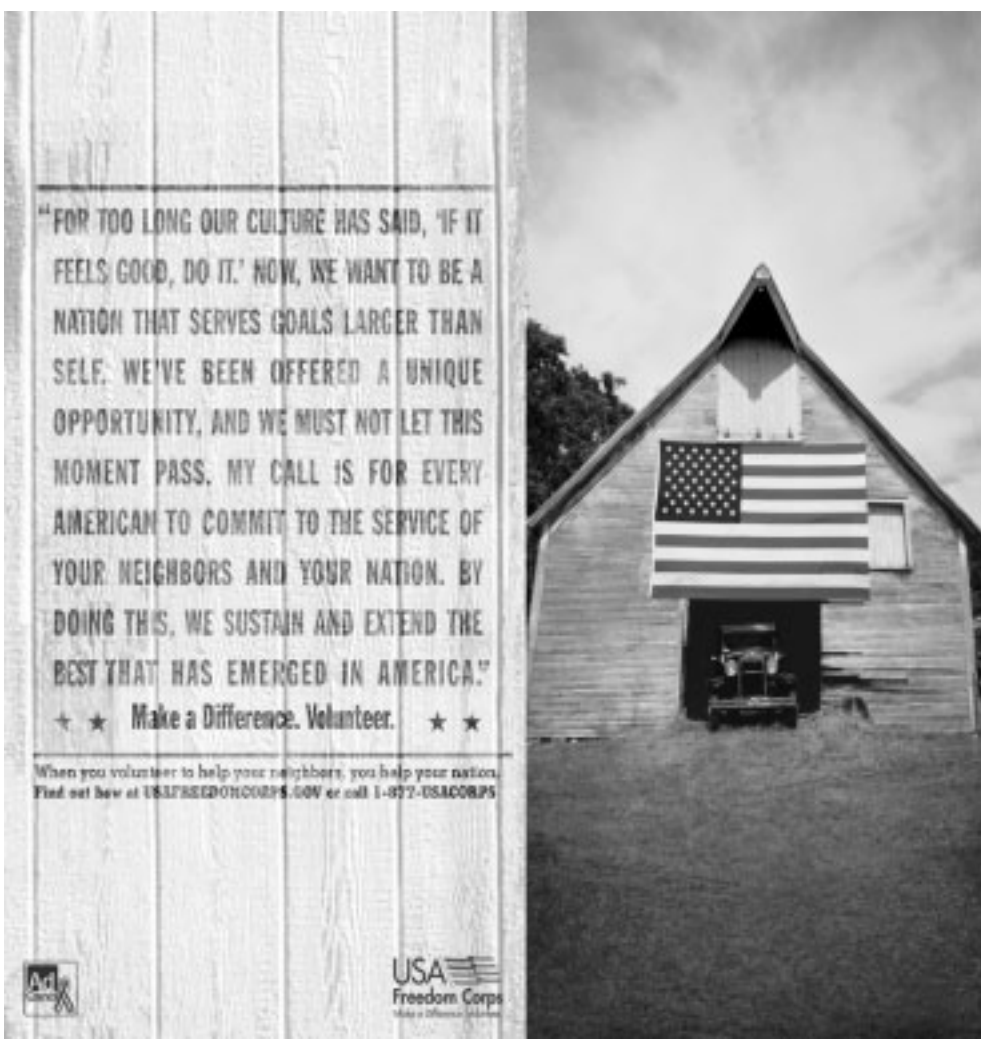
California girl who was put into the foster care system because her biological father could not be ruled a third parent when her two legal parents were unable to care for her. Supporters of the legislation say it could keep future children out of the foster care system by giving them additional legal parents who have caretaking and financial responsibility.

Opponents say the bill erodes traditional parental roles. It would not change existing standards for legal parenthood, only the number of parents a court can recognize.

Other states, including Pennsylvania and Maine, already allow judges to recognize more than two parents in custody cases, according to Leno's office.

The California legislation, if approved by the Senate and signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, would apply to a range of family structures, including a man who married a woman while she was pregnant with another man's child or a lesbian couple who conceived a child with the help of a sperm donor who has been involved as a father.

In 2010, married couples fell below half of all American households for the first time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.



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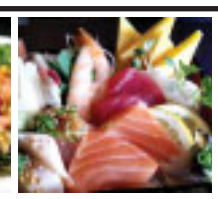

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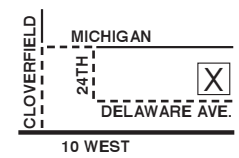

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 67.6°

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Long Range Synopsis

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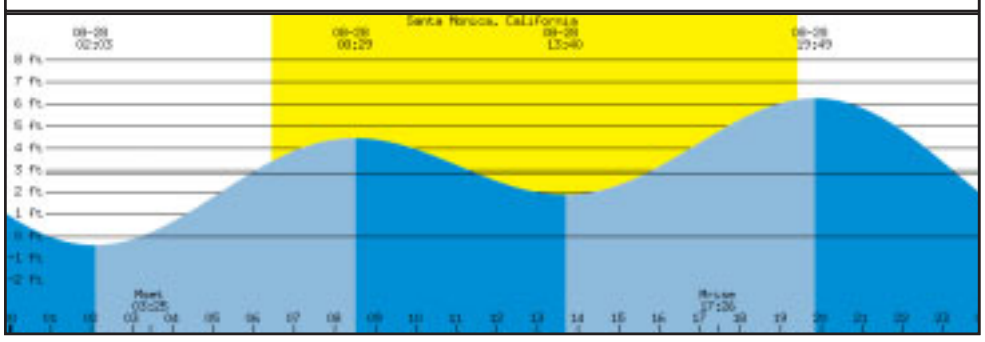

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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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 Lechuza 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.	B	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 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
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las 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.	B	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 CIWW 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

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

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

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

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

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

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

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9:00am-12:00pm Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso. (By appointment only)

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5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

WEDNESDAY
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5:00-6:30pm Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

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Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
1:45pm, 5:30pm, 9:15pm

Red Hook Summer (R) 2hrs 01min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Cosmopolis (R) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:40pm, 3:50pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:45am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm, 11:00pm

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

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:20am, 2:50pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Hit & Run (R) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

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

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

La Scala Opera Series: Carmen (Encore) (NR) 3hrs 45min
7:30pm

Killer Joe (NC-17) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Awakening (R) 1hr 46min
9:30pm

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

Queen of Versailles (PG) 1hr 40min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Ruby Sparks (R) 1hr 44min
4:10pm

Abel's Field (NR)
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
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Apparition (PG-13) 1hr 22min
11:55am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Sparkle (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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All smiles tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to think carefully about someone's lack of warmth and generally irritating personality. Let go of this observation in order to avoid getting into an argument. Deal with financial matters directly, but do not expect easy agreements. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Move forward and read between the lines with an associate who seems to be holding back. Do not start up or play into a combative partner's beliefs. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out to others, yet be fully aware that your charm might not work. Instead, use sincerity to get better results. Even when you're stressed, you can count on authenticity being effective. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Understand that you can't do anything to move others into your way of thinking. Remember, you can control no one. Though this might be a depressing thought, keep pushing to find a solution. It is yours to have. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your intentions might be right on; however, others have their own agendas. You easily are distracted, as you tend to be more interested in what others are up to. Do not let your frustration get the best of you. Tonight: Sort through different ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to focus on your ideas and how to make them come to life. Many of you will enjoy yourselves so much that you won't notice anything else. Do not let your temper get out of control. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Tension builds, no matter what you do. Fatigue marks your perspective. In fact, you could be too tired to jump on the bandwagon in order to enjoy what is going on. Tonight: Lighten up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Use the morning, when you seem more verbal or direct. In the afternoon, you might become befuddled by a personal matter, or simply not want to use self-discipline. A conflict could emerge from out of nowhere, and quite suddenly at that. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Opportunities appear if you simply answer your phone, open your email or respond to the knock at your door. Be careful if you find your anger rising. You might want to understand what is going on within yourself. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Use the early part of the day to the max. You could discover that your appraisal of a financial matter is off. You might be really uncomfortable with what you hear about the situation. A friend pushes for what he or she wants. Tonight: Temper, temper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ If you discover that someone is being unresponsive, try to get him or her to open up. Be sure to honor this person's mood, though, and say something appropriately nice yet reserved. Tonight: Detach from someone's anger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Make an important call first thing in the morning. You might want to maintain more distance from others as the day goes on. Someone could see you as provocative, or maybe it's the other way around. Tonight: Not to be found.

Happy birthday

This year your logic becomes the flagship of your many traits, and often it manages to keep you in good standing. You still could be dealing with some fiery personalities. Be sure to vent your frustration and anger appropriately. Don't try to swallow your anger -- this behavior won't work. If you are single, your magnetism attracts many people. Relish the process of dating and choosing the right person. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy a new magical quality, as long as you funnel your anger appropriately. AQUARIUS presents unusual yet workable solutions.

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

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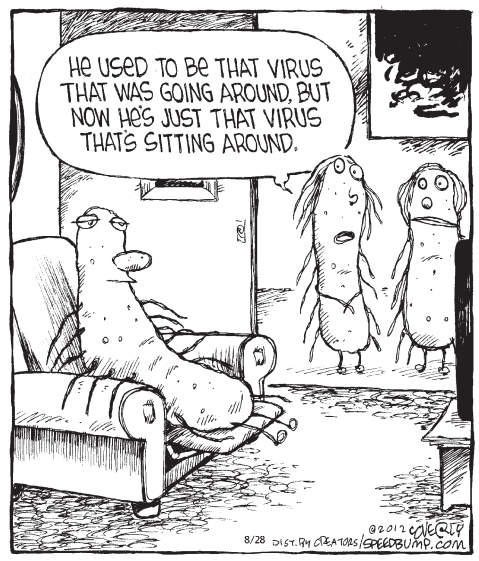
By Dave Coverly



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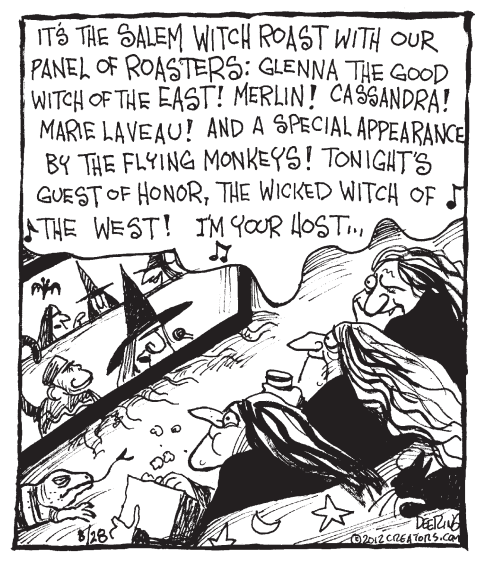

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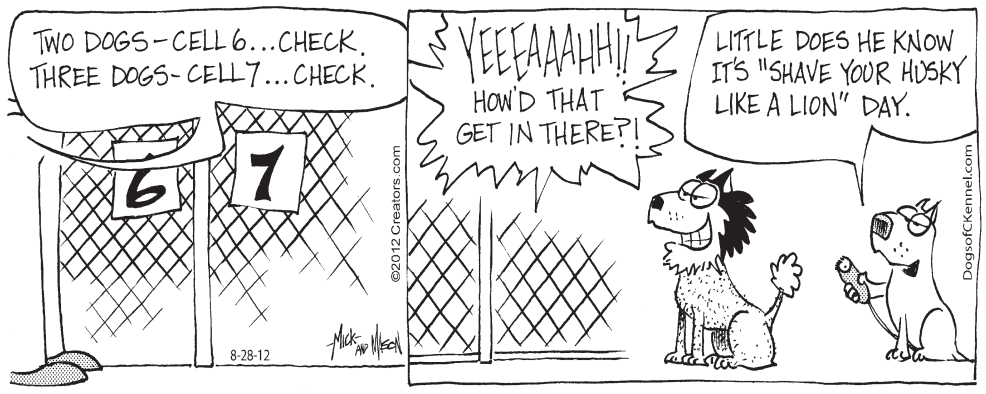

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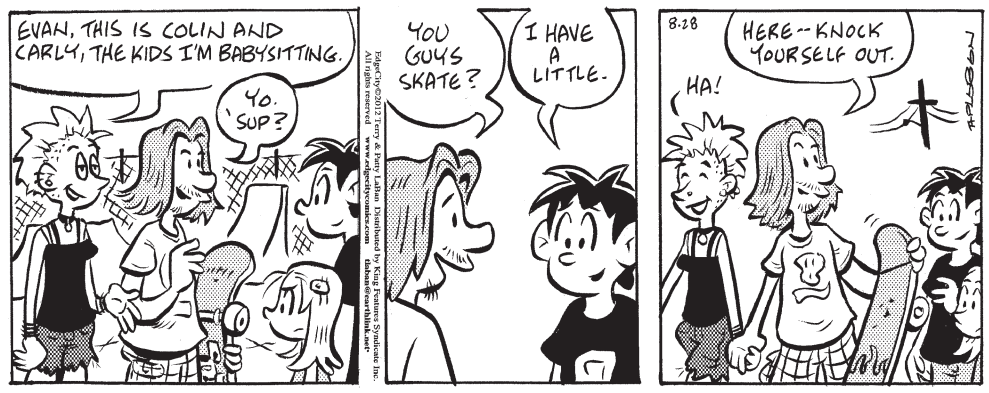

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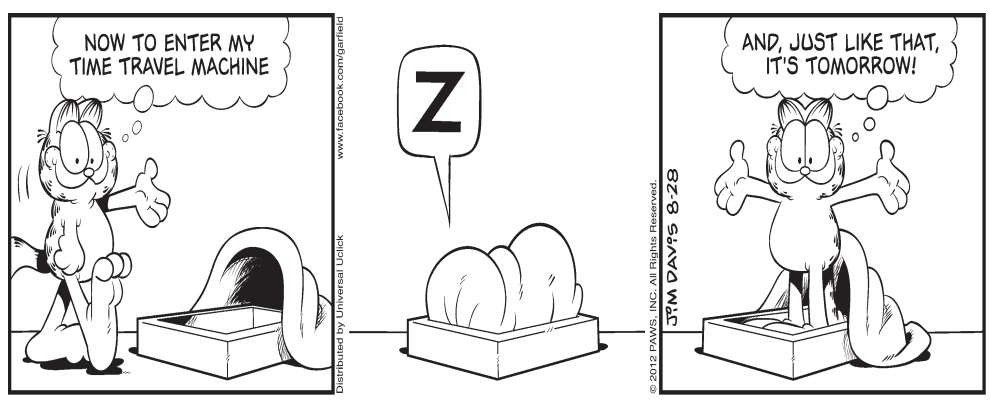

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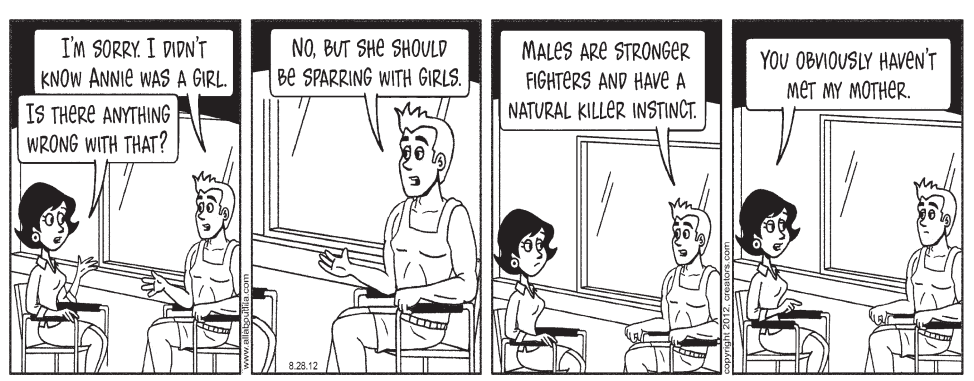
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Give the once-over
5 "The Thinker" sculptor
10 Verdi songs
12 Papas of "Z"
13 Do a pre-meal chore
15 Seventh Greek letter
16 Chopping tool
17 Gangster's gun
18 Madrid matron
20 Electrified
21 Song snippet
22 Not new
23 Following
25 "I didn't hear you"
28 Burger go-with
31 Latest fad
32 Painter Wyeth
34 Longoria of TV
35 Three, in Torino
36 Stadium cry
37 Provide a background
40 Western resort lake
41 Sum
42 Declare
43 Hoof it

DOWN

1 Caravan stops
2 Hansel's sister
3 Repetitive chant
4 Have lunch
5 Solemn act
6 "... man — mouse?"
7 Wreckage
8 Smitten
9 Required
11 "Doctor Zhivago" star
14 Bus rider's need
19 Make speeches
20 Sensational
24 Writer Hemingway
25 Gains by force
26 Attack
27 Hercule's creator
29 Book boo-boos
30 Steven of "Under Siege"
33 Spiral seashell
35 Quaker's pronoun
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39 Road rescue

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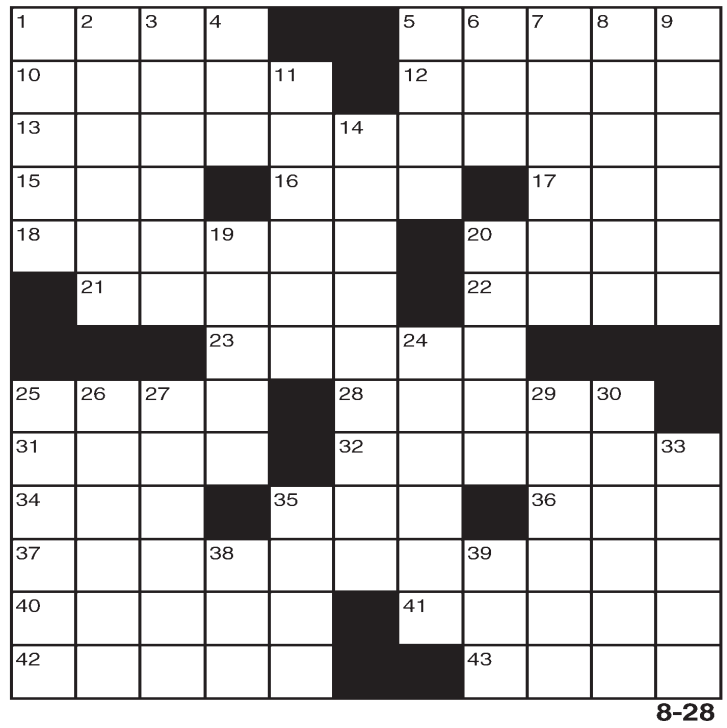

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S	T	E	P	O	U	T	■	S	E	T
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E	R	A	■	S	U	F	F	E	R	S
A	R	T	■	M	R	F	I	X	I	T
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Yesterday's answer

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■Unclear on the Concept (and the Image): The Associated Press, reporting in August from Jerusalem, noted that the ultra-Orthodox community's "modesty patrols" were selling eyeglasses with "special blur-inducing stickers" that fuzz up distant images so that offended men will not inadvertently spot immodestly dressed women. (The stickers apparently simulate near-sightedness, in that vision is clear in the near-field.) The "modesty patrols" have long tried to shame women dressed in anything other than closed-neck, long-sleeved blouses and long skirts, but may be losing that fight. A columnist for the Tel Aviv daily Haaretz praised the eyeglasses for shifting the responsibility to men for their priggishness.

■In June, inmate Michelle Richards, 33, was about to begin her sentence at the Albany County (N.Y.) jail when guards discovered a hypodermic needle and seven packets of heroin inside her vagina. (She had been arrested for possessing a needle and heroin in her bra.) Richards' arrest came about a week after inmate Andrea Amanatides was caught at the very same jailhouse using the same hiding place to sneak in heroin and 256 prescription pills (reported in News of the Weird eight weeks ago). (Amanatides' stash was discovered when the baggie holding it became dislodged and broke open on the floor.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1830 – The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's new Tom Thumb steam locomotive races a horse-drawn car, presaging steam's role in US railroading.

1833 – The Slavery Abolition Act 1833 receives Royal Assent, abolishing slavery through most the British Empire.

1845 – The first issue of Scientific American magazine is published.

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AMENDED VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 6000 AND 6020

CASE NO. BS138034

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF "PETER" PENGFEI WEI TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE EPOCH TIMES AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

Petitioner, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, alleges:
1. Petitioner is the manager of the newspaper known in English as The Epoch Times and in Chinese as Da Ji Yuan (which means "The Epoch Times").
2. The Epoch Times is a newspaper of general circulation published, in both English-and Chinese-language editions, for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character (concerning statewide, national and international news, as well as local) in Los Angeles County, California (hereinafter referred to as "the newspaper"). The business address of the newspaper is 9550 Flair Dr. #411, El Monte, CA 91731.
3.The newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in Los Angeles County and the surrounding area, and the English- and Chinese-language editions of the paper have a
combined average weekly circulation of 112,000 in Los Angeles County and neighboring areas.
4.For more than one year preceding the filing of this amended petition, the newspaper has been established under the name of The Epoch Times in both English and Chinese ("Da Ji Yuan"), and has been printed and published regularly in Los Angeles County, every Thursday for the English-language edition and every day of the week for the Chinese-language edition.
5.During the whole of the one-year period preceding the filing of this amended petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper - that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper - has been performed in Walnut, California, which is in Los Angeles County; the newspaper has been issued from the same county in which it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published in the same county; and the English-language edition has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week, and the Chinese-language edition has been published as a daily newspaper each day of each calendar week.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing The Epoch Times, in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Section 6000 of Government Code, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

VERIFICATION
I, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, am the petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding. I have read the foregoing amended petition and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 20, 2012, at El Monte, California. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In Pro Per
The Epoch Times
9550 Flair Drive, #411
El Monte, CA 91731

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENTION\
TO APPLY FOR ORDER
DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER
AS ONE OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

CASE NO. BS138034

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF "PETER" PENGFEI WEI TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE EPOCH TIMES AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 7, 2012 at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 90A (formerly Department IA) of this Court, located on the Fifth Floor, Room 548 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, petitioner intends to apply for an order declaring the newspaper known as The Epoch Times (in Chinese, "Da Ji Yuan"), in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, to be a newspaper of general circulation for Los Angeles County, California.
Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In P00054556ro Per
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS02252
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL to CHARLES WILLIAM RUSSELL. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: Septemebr 07, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is: 1726 Min St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
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Date: JULY 26 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. LS023029
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of RYAN MOTAMED for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: RYAN MOTAMED filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: RYAN MOTAMED to RYAN ELIJAH LEVI. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: September 19, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. C, Room 310
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401
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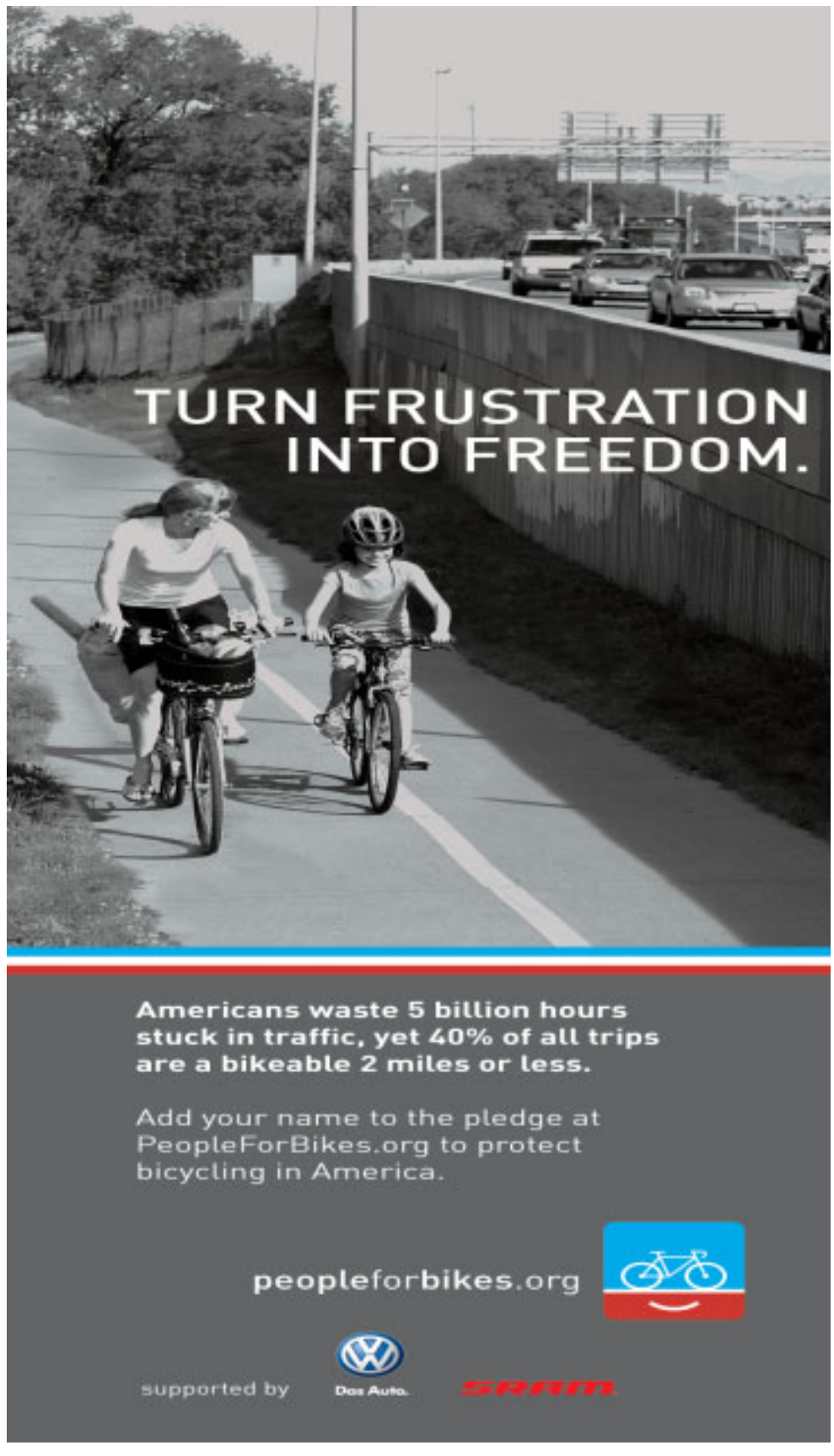

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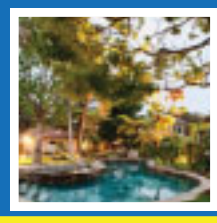

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