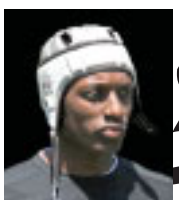
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THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND ISSUE

Major gains in standardized test scores

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students beat state and county scores in a battery of statewide standardized tests last school year, as well as their own past performance.

The Standardized Testing and Reporting exam, or STAR, is a statewide test in which 4.7 million California students participated.

State and county scores improved in all of five categories this year, with 57 percent scoring proficient in English-language arts and another 51 percent reaching proficiency in mathematics.

Those percentages include students in grades 2 through 11 who took English exams and the students in grades 2 through 7 who took math exams, as well as those who took "end of course" exams, which can include algebra and geometry as well as other forms

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WHAT A GEM

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Visitors enjoy the many different stones collected by Danny Duke at the GMI - Gemston Material Interiors booth during the International Gem and Jewelry show at the Civic Auditorium on Friday afternoon. The show runs through the weekend.

New airport commissioner breaks mold

Lael Rubin has little connection to SMO

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council selected attorney Lael Rubin to fill a vacancy on the Airport Commission, sidestepping the desires of both anti-airport activists and the pilot community.

Rubin, who is not related to airport critic Martin Rubin, the director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, was a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for over 30 years.

Rubin has been following news about the airport for a long time, she said Friday.

"I am interested in the two major issues, noise and environmental, as well as the issue with the city's contract with the (Federal Aviation Administration)," Rubin said. "As a lawyer and somebody who has worked on major policy issues, I think I can bring an interesting perspective to the table."

Mayor Richard Bloom nominated her for the spot, which was vacated in April when E. Richard Brown, a professor of health services and community health sciences at UCLA, died of a massive stroke.

"The bottom line is that Ms. Rubin is a highly-skilled attorney whose analytical and legal skills will be, increasingly, of great value to the commission," Bloom wrote in an e-mail.

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Forceful arrests inflame sentiment toward LAPD

BY CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A spate of incidents in which Los Angeles police officers are accused of using excessive force is threatening to undo the Police Department's efforts to bolster community relations.

Video in recent weeks has captured officers punching a handcuffed suspect and slamming a restrained woman to the ground. In the third case, a woman died in the back of a patrol car.

The incidents come after years of reforms by the LAPD to improve its officers' conduct.

The efforts, undertaken under a federal court order, have yielded results: The city's crime rate is the lowest in four decades, and

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012

Open doors
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 11 a.m.
September marks The Broad Stage's fifth year in Santa Monica. To celebrate, it's turning over its stage to all the local performers, artists and musicians who infuse the city with creativity. The Broad Fest is a free, day-long festival for family and friends to come together and share all the artistry the community has to offer. The first 600 attendees get a free ice cream sample from Beachy Cream. For more information, call (310) 415-3200.

Book it
Books and Cookies
2230 Main St., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Marcy Winograd, board member of the Ocean Park Association and author of the tween novel "Lola Zola and the Lemonade Crush," will be on hand to participate in the Local Authors Event. The event, sponsored by Books and Cookies, will bring together 12 Santa Monica-based children's authors. For more information, call (310) 795-2322.

What's your type?
Beyond Baroque
681 Venice Blvd., Venice,
4 p.m. — 6 p.m.
The lost and nearly forgotten manual typewriter comes alive in vivid colors and large-format fine art prints through the artful eyes and hands of Louise (L. A.) Marler in this exhibition. Marler grew up in an office equipment business that had evolved out of typewriters, and expanded into a love of printing and communication. For more information, visit typewritersaresexy.com.

Walk like an Egyptian
Third Street Promenade
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
See how the ancients lived during the Pharaohs Festival. There will be food, fun and culture.
Cost: Free. The festival also takes place on Sunday.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012

Old school
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Avenue at Bundy Drive,
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Located on the south side of the airport, the Santa Monica Outdoor Antique & Collectible Market features many great dealers offering treasures. It's dog friendly and there is food for purchase. Every first and fourth Sunday of the month. Cost: $3 for seniors. Ages 16 and under get in free. For more information, call (323) 933-2511.

Treasure hunting
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The International Gem & Jewelry Show provides an exciting opportunity to shop a wide selection of jewelry at the lowest prices available. From $5 to $500,000 there is something for everyone. The show is one of the largest exhibitions of gems, minerals and jewelry in the world. Cost: $8. For more information, call (301) 294-1640 or visit www.intergem.com/

Last chance to dance
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 2 p.m.
Don't miss the last chance to check out of the sixth annual MixMatch Dance Festival by the Hart Pulse Dance Co. Showcasing all forms of dance such as jazz, ballet/pointe, modern, contemporary, tap, belly, pole, lyrical, hip hop, folk, dance on film and much more, curious audiences can expect an evening packing a punch of excitement and energy, all for the price of a movie. Tickets: $14. For more information, visit www.milesplayhouse.org/

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Rich singles should flock to Santa Monica

If you have money but no one to share it with, you might want to try moving to Santa Monica.

The city by the sea is ranked amongst the top 25 cities for the rich and single, according to CNN-Money magazine.

The survey, which placed Santa Monica 13th, looked at factors like median family income, median age (Santa Monica's is 34.1), crime rates, reading and math scores and the percentage of the population that is single (40.9 percent of Santa Monicans are single and ready to mingle, according to the magazine).

The magazine pointed out the plethora of happy hours and the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Concert Series as places to meet that significant other or just play the field.

"Like much of Southern California, life's a beach for wealthy singles in Santa Monica," the magazine states. "Thanks to a year-round Mediterranean climate, locals flock to the waterfront to see and be seen."

The magazine then makes a reference to hanging with "hardbodies" and the television series "Baywatch," which was filmed along local beaches.

Other cities to make the list are Redondo Beach, Mountain View and Irvine, Calif.; Sandy Springs, Ga.; Oak Park, Ill.; and Alexandria, Va.

Read it for yourself at http://money.cnn.com/

– KEVIN HERRERA

WILSHIRE BLVD

Freeway ramps to open early

Those who use Wilshire Boulevard to travel into and out of Santa Monica will be relieved to hear this news.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on Friday announced that it reopened two key ramps – the westbound Wilshire Boulevard on-ramp to Interstate 405 and the northbound 405 off-ramp to westbound Wilshire Boulevard – three weeks ahead of schedule – just in time for the Labor Day weekend.

The ramp closures, part of what has been dubbed "Ramp Jam" or "Rampture," were originally scheduled for a 90-day window that officially began on June 22. They were expected to reopen Sept. 22.

All eight freeway ramps at the intersection of the 405 and Wilshire Boulevard must be torn down and rebuilt as part of the $1 billion I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project that is building a 10-mile carpool lane between Interstate 10 and U.S. Route 101.

"The completion of these Rampture construction projects three weeks ahead of schedule is a remarkable accomplishment and another step toward creating a more livable and navigable Los Angeles," Los Angeles Mayor and Metro board member Antonio Villaraigosa said. "Thanks to the swift work and collaboration of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Metro and the project contractor, Angelenos will be able to regain easy freeway access ahead of schedule and in time for the Labor Day weekend."

The six other Wilshire Boulevard ramps will be closed consecutively, some two at a time, between 14 and 90 days over the next year. The next ramp closures are not expected to start until November, and will likely be 14-day closures which may not be performed simultaneously.

For latest updates visit the project web site at www.metro.net/405 or follow the project on twitter: twitter.com/I_405 and Facebook at facebook.com/405project.

– KH



IT'S A WRAP

Photo by Joseph Fitzsimons

Worshippers are welcome, but termites, not so much at the Trinity Baptist Church at California Avenue and 10th Street. On Friday it was completely (aside from the steeple) tented for fumigation.

Brace for impact

Malibu High testing new helmets to prevent concussions

BY DICK DORNAN
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU With the fear of concussions continuing to rise each year among parents, school officials and health professionals, so has the emphasis on safety awareness.

Gamebreaker Helmets, a company based in Newbury Park, Calif., has developed a product to help lower the risk of head injuries during spring and summer competition when full pads are not allowed.

In the best interests of its players, the Malibu High School football program invested in the Gamebreaker Helmets as another sign of safety precaution.

"I made the decision to go with them because I wanted to protect the kids as much as possible," said Malibu Coach Ray Humphrey. "Because of all the concussion stuff that is going around, we bought them for preventative measure and for safety value."

While the helmets are not designed for full pad contact, and will only be used in spring and summer seven-on-seven scrimmages, it is hoped that reducing the number of head-on collisions players are exposed to out of season will increase player safety overall.

Founded in September of 2011 by former Agoura High standout Joey LaRocque and partner Mike Juels, the Gamebreaker Helmets remind football coaches of the old-school leather helmets worn in the 1920s and '30s. Weighing only 2.6 ounces, these "soft shell" caps have been designed to offer maximum protection upon impact.

"Schools, organizations and football programs are beginning to realize that there is something out there to protect kids," LaRocque said. "We offer a product that reduces the risk of head injuries. There is a need for safety and we want to help keep kids safe."

Three months ago many of the Malibu players were wary of wearing the helmets. But after a collision between two players during a spring practice that resulted in concussions for each boy, the Sharks understood the positive that upgrading to the new helmets could provide.

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Please don't go

Editor:

In your front page article of Aug. 13 ("Councilman Shriver won't seek reelectionn"), I read that Councilman [Bobby] Shriver won't seek reelection to the City Council. Bad news for Santa Monicans.

There has been a trend to transform our charming, unique city into a block of high-rise condos. The council members receive election money from the developers, then vote for the developers' causes. Example, [Mayor Richard] Bloom.

The only council member I know of who has had a more intelligent and honorable outlook has been Shriver. Who is going to take his place?

Toby Considine
Santa Monica

Distortion

Editor:

In the shameful deluge of blatant lies spewed out at the Republican revival meeting in Tampa, Fla., it is difficult to single out a target in special need of truth serum.

So, let me just respond to those who gleefully found yet another opportunity to misquote, misunderstand and criticize President Obama, only to hang themselves out as hateful ignoramuses by not understanding that no business is created in a vacuum. Every business is built with help all around!

Unless you desperately need to find something to hang Obama on, it shouldn't be too intellectually challenging to grasp the president's point, namely that no one is an island by himself, unless you sit on one isolated from everybody else, in which case you couldn't build a business!

Try to develop a thriving business in that environment! Although easier to develop successful businesses in a well-organized society, with law, order and regulations like ours, we still depend upon each other and on an infrastructure that moves people and goods and provides common necessities like energy, water, sanitary systems, etc. Businesses large and small need a functional monetary system, educated employees, suppliers, and a market, including customers who can afford to buy what's being produced.

Power to those who have started and developed successful enterprises, but it couldn't be done without a society stimulated by other businesses as well as government! We work together and help each other — that's our strength!

Some realism and a little humility would go a long way, not to mention honesty! Even Mitt Romney wouldn't have been able to do what he did without governmental assistance.

I'm sure many feel we would have been better off without governmental assistance for Bain Capital!

Jorg Aadahl
San Mateo, Calif.





Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Republican National Convention loves some conventional women

IF YOU HAPPENED TO TURN ON THE Republican National Convention the other night in the middle of Ann Romney's speech, you might've been surprised to hear what sounded like the wife of the Republican presidential candidate coming out of the closet. She screamed, "I love you women!" And the crowd of presumably conservative Republicans applauded! You may have concluded that the Republican Party has come a long way towards tolerance and respect for all women.

Of course, that was not the case. Her speech, an effort to court female voters, seemed like something from the "Leave It To Beaver" era. She was clearly alluding to the "wife who stays at home with the children, the husband who goes to work and is not very involved with the kids" kind of family. She told us that it's the mothers who hold the family — and the country — together. "It's the moms who always have to work a little harder, to make everything right."

What about the dads? Nobody at the convention seemed to care about fathers not being viewed as particularly necessary. To them, the important thing was to get the message out that Republicans think that women are just great.

It didn't matter to the people there that she didn't talk much about working mothers, or specifically about families in which the husband stays home and the wife goes to work. No, her comments were about what I'm sure many conservatives embrace as the "traditional" roles of men and women. Perhaps that was an accurate reflection of American families — in 1957.

This attitude is quite consistent with the Republican platform and positions on gender issues. Republicans can be against things like paying for birth control for women and legislation that would ensure equal pay in the workplace because those positions come from values from that bygone era that they want to revert to.

The convention may have avoided tropical storm Isaac, but the storm that they can't get away from is the one caused by Missouri Congressman Todd Akin. When he talked about "legitimate rape" and a woman being able to avoid getting pregnant just by "shutting down" if she wants to, even most conservative Republicans thought he went too far.

The goofy concept that women can just will themselves to avoid pregnancy is a pretty appealing theory. Not only would this render abortions unnecessary, but women wouldn't need to use birth control, either. They could just let their bodies decide if they want to get pregnant or not. And if this works for pregnancy, what about the common cold? If women just concentrated a little harder, you'd never see them sniffle again.

Akin was pressured into an apology, and he gave one. Sort of. He said, "The mistake I made was in the words I said, not in the heart I hold." I wonder what the proper words would have been for "legitimate rape" and a woman's body "shutting down" to avoid pregnancy.

YET, IF [WOMEN] ARE SO SPECIAL TO THE POINT THAT, AS ANN ROMNEY SAID, 'WOMEN HOLD THE COUNTRY TOGETHER,' WHY CAN'T THEY BE TRUSTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR BODIES?

I guess it was the wording, not his sentiments that outraged so many Republicans, because a great number of his Republican brothers and sisters share his opinions. The vice presidential nominee, Paul Ryan, and many Republicans agree with Akin that rape does not justify abortion. They are entitled to this opinion. However, I don't understand why they think it's OK to get the government involved in making their opinion the law.

Because of the reaction to Akin and to Mitt Romney's low polling numbers among women, there has been a great effort to show the country that Republicans really do like "the ladies." However, they've also created some confusion. Since Akin's comments, Republicans have gone out of their way to say how wonderful women are. They are extraordinary human beings capable of far more things than their male counterparts. Yet, if they are so special to the point that, as Ann Romney said, "Women hold the country together," why can't they be trusted to make their own decisions about their bodies?

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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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What should the City Council do now, allow the food truck lots or curtail their operations to only street parking?

Here are your responses:

"I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD definitely allow the food trucks to set up shop in San Malicious. We need an infusion of different flavors. From what I understand, they can be quite delish. So I say butt out and let them in for heaven's sakes. Merci beaucoup."

"TO MAKE IT SHORT, ANYONE WHO WANTS to conduct business in the city of Santa Monica, they are subject to a bunch of license fees and inspections from various departments … . They generate so much money as a result of business for the city of Santa Monica, which includes sales taxes, property taxes, they have to pay a lot of insurance … and have to pay a lot of money for the city to collect the garbage and have to obey all the rules and regulations … in order to conduct their businesses. None of these things that I said applies to food trucks. They are not subject to anything. They may be hazards to public health. Nobody knows. … They make such a mess on the street and sometimes the pedestrians have no way to walk on the sidewalk and have to walk in the street. … I think this is very unfair and very unjust and very unequal opportunities for people who want to do business."

"FOOD TRUCKS — BAD IDEA. EVERYWHERE I walk after they leave, they leave big, dirty, nasty trash everywhere, and pollution. You can't imagine the stuff that they leave. And they destroy the landscapes. I feel that their food is expensive and is it safe? Not! Please stop this ridiculous operation."

"I CAN'T BREATHE FROM THE STENCH OF propane and smoke from 12 to 15 trucks cooking downwind from me. Anyone who lives near a food truck lot may suffer from being gassed out of their home. The Planning Commission didn't consider the burning toxic clouds of fumes and the health of nearby neighbors, especially children, the elderly and asthmatics."

"SOMETHING DOES NOT ADD UP. WILL the food truck people be voters in Santa Monica? Do their relatives live here? By working in this town are they entitled to low-income housing, very expensive education and progressive medical care? How much do they pay in taxes … sorry, I mean permits? Do they pay more than the closest restaurant? I see the furtherance of a divide-and-conquer strategy from City Hall. Restaurateurs against new citizen voters, aka food truckers. A lot of cities have a minimal distance to the nearest restaurant that a food truck can park. I think the fair thing to do would be to park a food truck in front of a different council member's residence every week. Let's let our leaders endure a small irritation versus the planned grief they have given to long-time restaurants. It's all about the money. It's all about the power to disrupt lives."

"FOOD TRUCKS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED anywhere. It is completely unfair for local businesses who pay rent, Santa Monica taxes and employ local people. If the City Council is going to allow them, then they should at least be required to pay a fee that is comparable to the rent local restaurants pay. City Hall is attempting to grab fees from everywhere, including outdoor dining licenses for restaurants. Why have they ignored food trucks?"

"THEY'RE CALLED ROACH COACHES, AND not because Volkswagen builds them."

"I THINK THE COUNCIL OUGHT TO LET the food trucks sell where it doesn't hinder any public safety and they should let them go about their business, because they usually sell better food than some of the brick-and-mortar places that we have here in town. Let them compete and that way the market will tell the difference whether or not a food truck or brick-and-mortar place can succeed."

"I THINK THE FOOD TRUCKS ARE GREAT and the City Council should let them set up in Santa Monica. If the council doesn't take any action, the food trucks are still going to come. But instead of being regulated and forced to provide bathrooms, trash cans, parking and the like, they'll just park at a parking meter and take up space, create long lines that will block sidewalks, and their customers will leave trash in the gutters. Regulating them gives City Hall more oversight and keeps them somewhat contained. Restaurants are just going to have to step their game up and become innovative. Try making things off the food trucks' menus and advertise that. Survival of the tastiest, I say."

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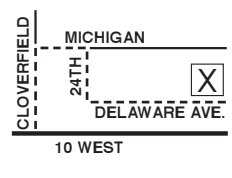
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Immigration bill divides California sheriffs

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. California sheriffs are divided over a bill aimed at protecting certain illegal immigrants from deportation, with some saying that if Gov. Jerry Brown signs the measure they'll be forced to choose between enforcing it or abiding by a conflicting federal mandate.

The Trust Act recently passed by the Legislature would limit the state's participation in the federal Secure Communities program, which checks the immigration status of people who are arrested. The program is touted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a vital crime-fighting tool but reviled by immigrant advocates who say it erodes immigrants' trust in police.

The legislation would prohibit local law enforcement officials from detaining arrestees while ICE checks their immigration status unless the person is suspected of a serious or violent felony. Supporters tout it as a counter to harsh state immigration laws like the one in Arizona that encouraged local law enforcement to act as immigration enforcement agents.

Brown, who supported Secure Communities when he was state attorney general, hasn't said if he will sign the legislation.

The prospect of having to choose between following state or federal law is troubling for some law enforcement officials. The California State Sheriffs' Association opposes the legislation, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca is among those struggling with the issue.

"It does set up a conflict," Baca spokesman Steve Whitmore said. "He's pretty much resolved to the fact that the federal law ... does take precedent."

Sonoma County Sheriff Steve Freitas declined to say what he would do because he wanted to avoid pressuring Brown.

"I am going to break either the federal law, or the Trust Act," Freitas said. "I am not going to say which one I am going to break until the governor decides what he is going to do."

Several Northern California law enforcement officials, including Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith, voiced support for the legislation, saying it would reduce the costs shouldered by local departments asked to help carry out immigration enforcement.

Under Secure Communities, arrestees' fingerprints are checked against immigration databases and criminal records. Federal authorities may ask police to hold an arrestee for possible deportation if he or she is suspected of being in the country illegally.

Over the last four years, the program has been expanded across the country and is now in place in more than 3,000 jurisdictions. Since 2009, nearly 80,000 people flagged through the program in California have been deported.

ICE officials said in a statement that immigration "detainers" are placed on arrestees "to ensure that dangerous criminal aliens and other priority individuals are not released from prisons/jails and into our communities." State and local law enforcement cooperation is a critical component of the program.

Critics say Secure Communities is too sweeping, allowing people picked up for minor infractions to face possible deportation. Some cities and counties have scaled back or stopped honoring ICE detainers.

Thomas A. Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said communities can do so because detainers essentially are requests from federal authorities to keep arrestees in custody, not requirements to do so.

Brown has until Sept. 30 to sign the bill.

Sick cows not slaughtered for food

BY TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. Federal investigators probing a slaughterhouse after an undercover video showed inhumane treatment of cows said Friday that there is no evidence that sick animals entered the food supply.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that a team of investigators at Central Valley Meat Co. in Hanford found that no food safety violations occurred, though an investigation into inhumane handling of animals continues.

"The USDA team conducting the Central Valley Meat investigation has concluded there is no evidence to support the allegation that a downer cow was slaughtered and entered the food supply, and that no food safety violation occurred as a result," said Al Almanza, administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The USDA closed the plant for a week this month after an undercover video shot by Compassion Over Killing showed downed animals being repeatedly kicked, shocked, shot and pulled by the tails by workers trying to get them to stand. Executive Director Erica Meier said she is unsure what to make of the USDA's decision.

"The video is clear and experts agree: Cows who were too sick or weak to stand up were egregiously abused," said Meier. "These animals were excessively shocked and grabbed by their tails in a desperate attempt to get them to walk to the slaughter line. Such treatment is not only cruel but a violation of federal animal handling regulations put in place for welfare concerns as well as food safety concerns."

Outrage over cruelty shown in the video was swift as McDonalds Corp. and In-N-Out Burger canceled purchasing agreements along with the federal government, which bought 21 million pounds of meat from the company last year for the national school lunch program and other nutrition programs.

The USDA's findings mean the potential for a nationwide recall no longer is a factor. Company officials have been working to implement corrective actions, including quarterly training for workers and more frequent audits. Video surveillance cameras were installed in the plant this week.

"We have been informed that the USDA food safety investigation is now over and there are no food safety issues whatsoever with our product or operations. As a result, we are resuming full operations and production immediately," said the company in a statement.

The investigation continues into allegations of inhumane treatment of animals and how it was allowed to exist. USDA inspectors on site at slaughterhouses are trained in humane handling and "are expected to take immediate enforcement action" if they observe violations, according to the USDA.

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.

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Another point in Rubin's "plus" column is that she rises above the fray when it comes to the often-divisive issue of the Santa Monica Airport.

Unlike the other four commissioners, she does not live immediately adjacent to SMO. On the other side of the coin, she does not claim any pilot credentials or other flight experience.

"She is not vested in any particular outcome at the airport, and that was an important factor for me, too," Bloom wrote.

Rubin won five of six available council votes to take the seat. Councilmember Kevin McKeown nominated Suzanne Paulson, a professor in the UCLA Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, and Councilman Terry O'Day was absent.

Paulson was a favorite amongst SMO's disgruntled neighbors because she both lives in Sunset Park, which lies to the west of the airport, and conducted studies about the emissions coming out of SMO.

She had the backing of Friends of Sunset Park and Los Angeles residents who have also taken up the charge against SMO operations.

Martin Rubin called the appointment a "missed opportunity."

"I believe that the communities of both Santa Monica and Los Angeles who backed Dr. Paulson are very disappointed," Martin Rubin said. "It seems to me that the city is afraid of exposing the facts regarding how Santa Monica Airport operations affect the public health of the exposed nearby residential communities."

Zina Josephs, of Friends of Sunset Park, said she found the appointment "puzzling" because Lael Rubin did not indicate any familiarity with the airport or its issues on her application.

The last appointment to the Airport Commission was David Goddard in March 2011. Goddard, a real estate executive, replaced Jean Gebman, who had worked for the RAND Corporation and was knowledgeable about aviation matters.

Goddard has since become one of the most outspoken of the five commissioners.

At the Aug. 27 commission meeting, he presented six items on everything from technology to make airplanes quieter to recommendations about what can be done in 2015 when City Hall believes it will get a greater measure of control over the SMO aviation property.

There are no pilots on the commission, although Friends of the Santa Monica Airport, an aviation association seeking to champion SMO, put forward Lauren McCollum for the post. Her application was not on City Hall's website at the time of the nomination.

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Commission asks council to get behind air quality study

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The Santa Monica Airport Commission voted unanimously this week to recommend that the City Council put its weight behind an attempt by a West Los Angeles group to impose air quality controls on SMO.

Mitchell Tsai, an attorney with Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP), sent a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District asking for the agency to put limits on the amount of pollution coming out of the airport.

The airport has a "disproportionate environmental health impact on local residents" because there is no buffer between the airport and neighborhoods which surround it on all sides, according to a statement released by CRAAP on Friday.

According to a study sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District, cancer risk arising from maximum exposure to air pollution caused by activities at SMO for local residents ran 13 to 26 in 1 million. That's far above the one in a million risk under the Federal Clean Air Act.

The letter calls on the AQMD to regulate the pollution coming from SMO with help from the California Air Resources Board, which has the power to do so under the Clean Air Act.

Putting the call for stricter environmental controls up before the people of Santa Monica on a City Council agenda is the right thing to do, said Martin Rubin, director of CRAAP.

"Council owes it to the neighboring communities to do something about the air pollution problem from their airport, and this is something they should certainly support," he said.

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of math.

That's the highest percentage since 2003 when the tests were aligned with content standards that lay out what students in each grade level are expected to know.

"In less than a decade, California has gone from having only one student in three score proficient to better than one student in two," State Superintendent Tom Torlakson said. "That's nearly 900,000 more students reaching proficiency now than in 2003 — a remarkable achievement that represents real, sustained improvements in learning."

Local students left state numbers in the dust, however, with 74.5 percent of test-takers reaching proficiency in English-language arts and 62.4 percent hitting that mark in mathematics.

Elementary and middle school performance in mathematics was flat from 2011, with 81 percent of elementary students scoring proficient or advanced and 65 percent of middle school students hitting that mark.

SMMUSD students often chalk up increases of 1 and 2 percent in most subject areas per year, which Maureen Bradford, director of assessment, research and evaluation for the SMMUSD, dubbed "sustainable" growth.

Year-to-year gains are especially impressive given the major cuts to funding, said SMMUSD Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"These relatively small gains over the prior year are part of a longitudinal pattern of steady and continuous improvement. Our multi-year, upward trend reflects the high caliber of our classroom teachers and their ongoing efforts to improve instructional practice," she said.

What really got the local education community talking this year, however, was the 5 percent gains seen in high school mathematics scores, traditionally an area of weakness in the district.

High school math performance can be difficult to improve because it requires that students form a solid basis in abstract math concepts when they are younger, Bradford said.

By the time they're looking at calculus or statistics, it's no longer enough to just memorize formulas — they have to understand the mechanics of why those formulas work.

That can be difficult to achieve at lower grade levels because those teachers do not have to specialize their instruction, Bradford said.

"Most elementary teachers are not math specialists, they're generalists," Bradford said. "The challenge there is helping elementary teachers understand underlying math concepts that will carry the students forward."

On the other hand, math scores dip dramatically by the time students get to high school.

Only 40 percent of high schoolers in SMMUSD reach the "proficient" level on their math exams. While that's a huge step above the state scores, in which only 29 percent of high schoolers earn proficiency-level scores, it shows that something is not quite right.

In part, it has to do with high school math teachers who, unlike their elementary colleagues, are specialists, but need help engaging their students in math lessons, Bradford says.

Focusing on both kinds of teachers paid off with a 5 percent bump in high school math scores.

"We do want to celebrate our success, but of course we're not satisfied," she said.

Fourth and seventh graders in SMMUSD also saw major improvements in their writing scores, with 90 percent of those students nabbing the two highest scores possible on the essay portion of the exam.

"People must be shaking their heads when they look at Santa Monica-Malibu," Bradford said.

And, while a significant achievement gap still exists between white and Asian students and their minority counterparts, this year's scores continued to show a slow narrowing of the gulf.

Over the past 10 years, African-American students gained 20 percentage points in their English-language arts scores compared to 15 points gained by white students. Latino students did even better, with a 26-point gain.

Latino students maintained their gains in math, showing a 20-point improvement over that time period compared to 13 points for white students.

African-American students also improved, but slightly behind the white students with a 12-point gain.

The California Department of Education will take the test results and match them with other academic information to create two important measures of academic progress, the Academic Performance Index and the Adequate Yearly Progress reports.

Both are used to determine how well schools are educating their students, and factor into the federal No Child Left Behind law.

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police are getting praise from communities, including minorities and gays, that had historically complained about mistreatment.

But the recent incidents underscore that for some police officers on the street, the line on acceptable use of force remains blurry.

"There's been a real effort to change the culture," said Joe Domanick, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice who is writing a book on the transformation of the LAPD after the Rodney King beating. "It takes a long time for a culture to change, for things to trickle down."

Andrea Ordin, president of the Los Angeles Police Commission, the department's civilian oversight panel, said it's too early to tell if a trend toward overaggressive tactics is developing.

"We are seeing community groups coming to our meetings and talking about the changes in the Police Department and that they appreciate the better communication," she said. "At the same time, we're seeing these incidents. Each of these has to be investigated thoroughly."

In one incident, Alesia Thomas died in a squad car July 22 after struggling with officers trying to arrest her on suspicion of child endangerment. She had left her two children at the police station where they told officers their mother didn't want them, and they had not eaten for several days, said Cmdr. Andrew Smith.

During the struggle to get Thomas into the patrol car, a female officer was captured by the car's video camera threatening to kick Thomas in the groin if she did not obey, and

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then she made good on the threat. A short while later, Thomas stopped breathing.

Police Chief Charlie Beck has reassigned the five officers involved and ordered an investigation.

On Aug. 21, registered nurse Michelle Jordan was pulled over for holding her cellphone while driving. She got out of the car and did not comply with an officer's demand to get back in the vehicle. The 5-foot-4-inch woman was slammed to the ground by two male officers and handcuffed. While being led to the patrol car, another officer slammed her to the ground again.

The incident was captured by a surveillance camera at a nearby restaurant.

The officers involved were removed from patrol duty pending an investigation, and their supervising captain was transferred. Beck said the videotape raised serious concerns and ordered it shown at officer roll calls throughout the department.

In a third incident, college student Ronald Weekley Jr. was stopped Aug. 18 by officers for riding his skateboard on the wrong side of the street. A bystander's cellphone video appears to show an officer punching the 20-year-old in the face while he was on the ground being handcuffed with four officers on top of him. He said he suffered a broken nose and cheekbone.

Weekley was arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest. Police have launched an internal investigation to determine whether excessive force was used, but the officers involved remain on duty.

"These are unarmed, handcuffed suspects. It's a disturbing, growing trend of police brutality throughout Southern California," said Najee Ali, of the South Los Angeles civil rights group Project Islamic Hope. She noted two other nearby cases that outraged citizens: The police killing of two suspects last month in Anaheim, which sparked a riot, and the July 2011 fatal beating of a handcuffed, homeless, mentally ill man in Fullerton.

Smith, the LAPD commander, said use-of-force incidents are not on the rise. The department records about 1,600 such cases annually, a number that has remained constant in recent years.

"That's out of the millions of contacts we have with the public and the tens of thousands of arrests. Because there's videotape in these incidents, they get a lot of media attention," Smith said.

Officers are permitted to use "reasonable" force to make an arrest, prevent a suspect's escape and overcome resistance. "The question is, is it objectively reasonable? If it isn't reasonable, we hold them accountable," Smith said.

Officers are also extensively trained to verbally persuade people to do what they want without resorting to force, said Richard Weinblatt, a former police chief and police consultant who is a dean at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana.

Police academy trainers, however, notice that younger cadets, who grew up communicating via text messages and e-mail, and in an era where schoolyard fights are not tolerated as they once were, often lack verbal communication skills and experience in dealing with physical aggression, Weinblatt said. At the same time, criminals are more violent than ever.

"Officers are just plain scared," Weinblatt said. "They don't have the communication skills or physical confidence of previous generations. They're jumping higher and quicker on use of force because of that fear element."







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HELMET
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"That sealed the deal for everyone," Humphrey said. "It was now part of our uniform."

Wearing the helmets throughout summer seven-on-seven passing competitions was a positive experience for many of the players, including junior quarterback Dylan Miller and senior linebacker Alden Quartz.

"I thought they were very useful for seven-on-seven drills. It's a fast game and guys are running all over the place," Miller explained. "So if you hit heads it's almost like a helmet in a real game. You get used to them real quick. Some games get really physical and they definitely helped protect us from concussions."

"I don't remember one seven-on-seven game where somebody had a concussion," Quartz added. "In previous years I remember concussions happening all the time. But not this summer. You get to play a little more aggressive and not have to worry about hitting heads as much."

As for the look and feel of the soft-padded helmets, players came away satisfied.

"They are real light and fit well," Quartz said. "They are comfortable, easy to clean and positive all around."

Gamebreaker Helmets has outfitted more than 250 schools in Southern California and 300 across the United States. High schools such as Westlake, Oaks Christian, Oak Park, Burbank, Burroughs, and powerhouses Santa Margarita and Servite have joined in the effort to raise safety awareness on the gridiron.

"This was the first summer where I saw multiple schools wearing them," said Humphrey, who is in his eighth year at Malibu. "Now I see them all over the place. People are doing whatever measures they can take to protect the players."

Doctors from UCLA, USC, Stanford, Michigan, Wisconsin and North Carolina came together to form BRAIN first, a company that conducted tests on soft shell caps and specifically the Gamebreaker Helmets. Studies showed that the risk of head injuries was reduced 30 to 60 percent by the reduction of force or force attenuation.

"For many years the discussion of head injuries got brushed under the rug and coaches would move on to the next season," said LaRocque, who was an All Pac-10 performer at Oregon State and played briefly in the NFL with the Chicago Bears. "Now a kid gets hurt and we get a call from the coach the very next day. Schools should be wanting and willing to keep their kids safe."

The Sharks open their season Sept. 1 against St. Monica at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field at 7:30 p.m. Though the Gamebreaker Helmets won't be used again until spring, Humphrey can be reassured he is taking the necessary steps for safety in his program.

"The emphasis on safety is big time. We want football to keep going on and concussions and those types of injury deter people," Humphrey said. "If you show them the right way to play and emphasize safety, it eases peoples' minds. The feedback from the parents has been positive too. They were happy to know we were looking out for their kids. They were saying, 'thank you for making sure our kids are safe.'"

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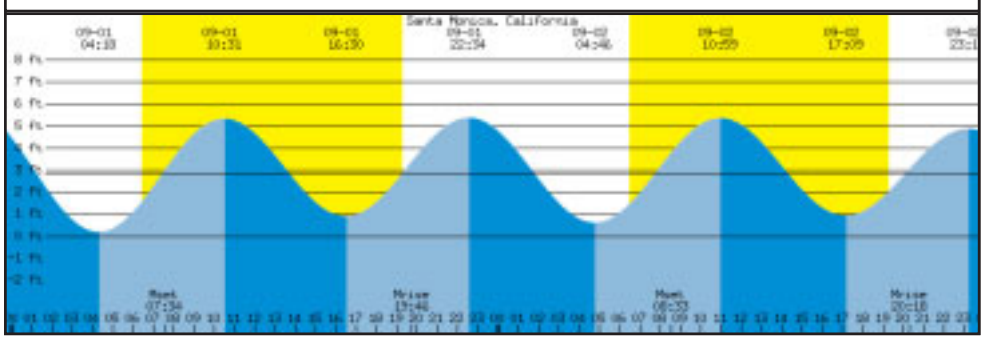
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Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
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Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 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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4:00-5:00 pm (1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal Law, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman

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

4:00pm-5:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. (By appointment only)

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
11:00am-3:00pm Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parfents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessements, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings.

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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10am-11:30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday/month) Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills & Living Trusts, Will Contests, Probate, Elder Law Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, Construction Contracts Family Law including Divorce, Child/Spousal Support, Prenuptial Agreements, Personal Injury, Accidents, Premises and Product Liability, & Legal Malpractice with Attorney Richard Ruman. (By appointment only)

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Sept. 1
Los Angeles Plays Itself
7:30pm
Discussion following with director Thom Andersen (schedule permitting).
This film also screens at the Aero on Sunday at 7:30pm.

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

Apparition (PG-13) 1hr 22min
11:50am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:35pm, 8:15pm

2016: Obama's America (PG) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure (G) 1hr 28min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm

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

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

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

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
9:15pm

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

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Hit & Run (R) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

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

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

Chicken With Plums (Poulet aux prunes) (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

2 Days in New York (R) 1hr 31min
1:50pm, 9:30pm

Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am

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

Imposter (R) 1hr 35min
11:10am

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

Ruby Sparks (R) 1hr 44min
4:20pm

Side by Side (NR) 1hr 39min
11:20am

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:30am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

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

For A Good Time, Call... (R) 1hr 26min
11:55am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

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

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Say 'yes', Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Follow your instincts with a child, loved one or personal money matter. Confusion surrounds communication, as well as key relationships. You also feel more vulnerable than usual. Choose to revisit these feelings another day. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Be where your friends are, and stay around crowds, if possible. You could feel as if circumstances have rushed you into an uncomfortable situation. Confusion surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might feel as if the camera is on you. You'll tend to go overboard with showing affection and giving praise. You could try to communicate your thoughts instead. The other party is not on the same wavelength as you. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Look at the big picture before taking a leap of faith. You might want to gather more opinions, especially if finances are involved in some way. If you need to find an expert, do not hesitate to do so. Forthcoming news could be confusing. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make plans with a favorite friend or loved one. Make this important person in your life feel valued. One-on-one conversations, though sometimes confusing, have great value. Tonight: Individual time with someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Listen to others, but know that you do not need to agree with them. In any case, these discussions create unusual and spontaneous plans that you really want to be a part of. Make sure that everyone knows exactly where to meet and when. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You do not need to go far to find a way to occupy your time. Either someone you care about wants to join you, or you could meet someone who is quite enticing. Meeting up with people could be a problem if confusion is present. Confirm "what, where and when." Tonight: Just don't push.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be pushing way beyond your normal limits, but your enthusiasm helps carry you to the finish line. Do not forget a child or loved one. Spending time together could be more satisfying than you think. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Invite others to come over to your home, rather than go out. This doesn't require much preparation. You can always order a pizza or do barbecue. Tonight: The later, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to others and let them decide where to meet and what to do. A break from organizing and bringing others together would be more refreshing. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Use good sense when making a decision about where you want to be and with whom. Do not take any risks, as you easily could see money disappear. Be careful when counting your change. Tonight: Your treat.

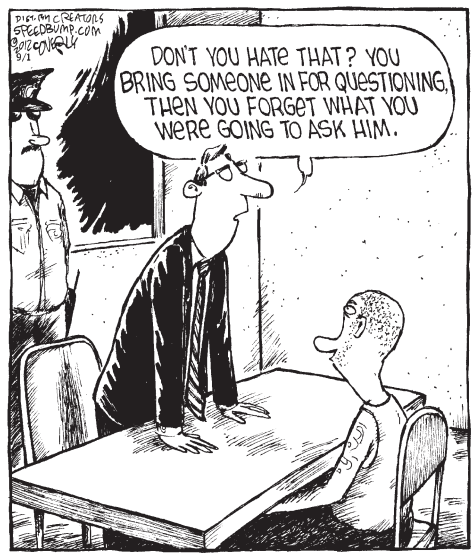
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You beam from ear to ear, smiling "just because." Others note your mood and hope that it's contagious. You presently manage to add an element of mystery that could translate to confusion if people are not used to your ethereal side. Tonight: Wish upon a star -- it just might work.

Happy birthday

This year you are capable of making a big difference in many friends' and loved ones' lives. You will demonstrate a high level of sensitivity to their emotional aches and pains. If you are single, this quality will draw someone very special to you who you might consider sharing a life bond with. You will meet very different people who are bonded by a mutual respect for difference. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy socializing as a couple far more than in the past. PISCES is quite drawn to you. You are nearly opposites, but you have the same core issues.

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

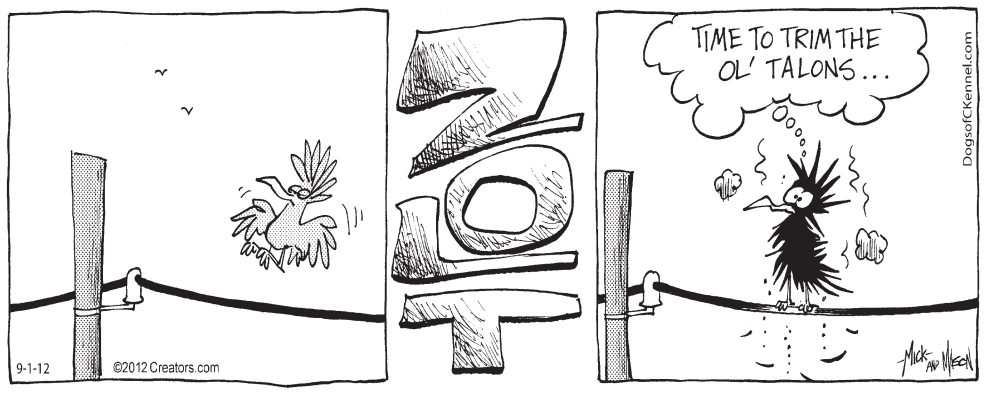
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Strange Brew — By John Deering



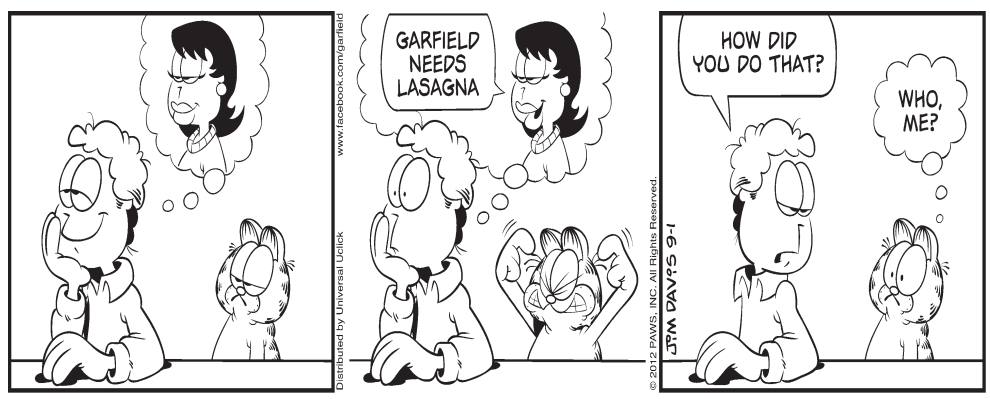
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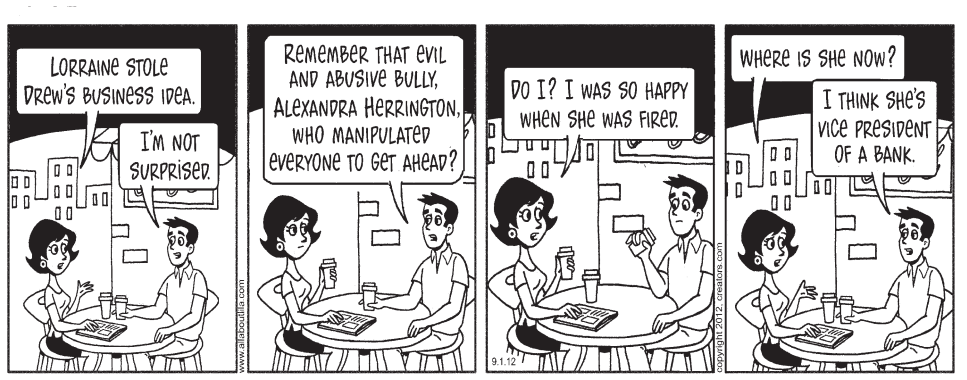
Edge City — By Terry & Patty LaBan



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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	7	3		8		6		

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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

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





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 No-no on some diets
6 Sprawling stories
11 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
12 Majestic
13 Touch base
14 Fight site
15 Wading birds
17 Cargo unit
18 2016 Olympics setting
19 Surge
22 Scatter seeds
23 Skirt features
24 Missteps
25 Straight
27 Rock's — Leppard
30 Fan
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32 Horse bit
33 Know-it-all
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39 Hot coal
40 Yard tool
41 Squalid
42 Romantic dozen

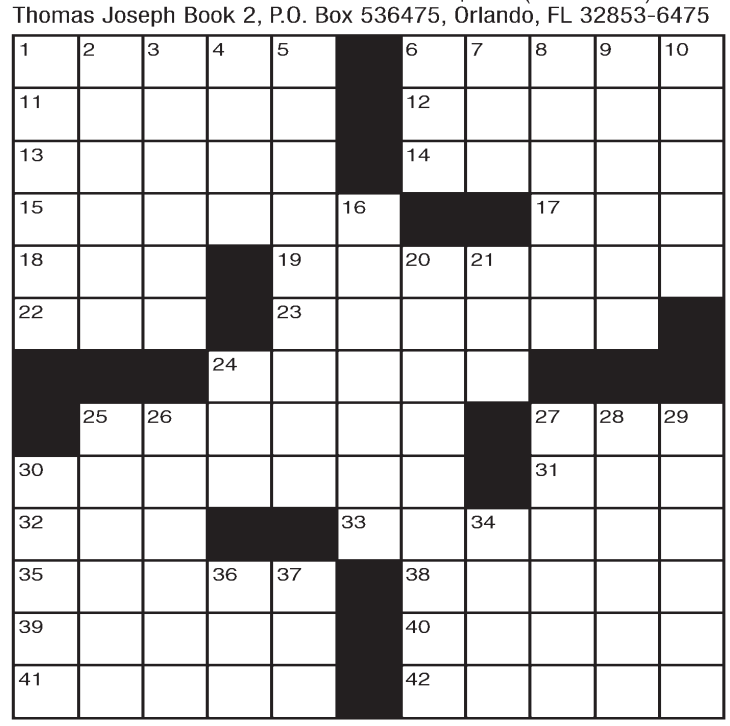
DOWN

1 Stocks the party
2 Slow passage
3 Sprout anew
4 Down
5 One in a big litter
6 Hurler's stat
7 By the unit
8 Response to a joke
9 Accepted rules
10 Informal talk
16 Joins together
20 1987 Woody Allen film
21 Used to be
24 Hit letters
25 "Gracious!"
26 ICU hookup
27 Head wraps
28 Menu choice
29 Halls
30 Venetian rulers
34 Ray of films
36 Flowed into
37 Make tempura

C	A	M	E	L	■	N	A	R	C	S
A	B	O	V	E	■	O	N	E	A	L
D	E	B	I	T	■	R	I	D	G	E
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S	E	E	T	O	■	I	N	K	E	D
E	R	R	A	N	D	S	■	S	A	G
■	■	B	L	E	U	■	F	U	M	E
P	O	L	K	■	D	O	R	M	■	■
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M	E	S	O	N	■	T	E	R	R	Y

Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Michael Wyatt first made News of the Weird in 1991 when foot fetishism was viewed as unfit to report in most newspapers. Several arrests (owing to his aggressiveness and threats of amputating feet) have followed, resulting in jail sentences, but Wyatt is apparently still unable to resist his urges. In July in Faulkner County, Ark., Wyatt, 51, was sentenced to a year in prison for violating the terms of a deferred sentence he had received for harassing a woman about her feet in 2011.

■ William "The Hackney Mole Man" Lyttle (first mentioned in News of the Weird in 2001) died in 2010 after spending most of his last 40 years compulsively digging elaborate tunnels underneath his home in east London. By the time authorities could stop him, the hollow shafts were endangering the street and adjacent homes. He was ordered to pay the equivalent of $560,000 so that the holes could be filled, and in July 2012 the refurbished, supposedly structurally sound home was placed at auction and drew a winning bid of the equivalent of about $1.5 million.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1982 – The United States Air Force Space Command is founded.

1983 – Cold War: Korean Air Flight 007 is shot down by a Soviet Union jet fighter when the commercial aircraft enters Soviet airspace. All 269 on board die, including Congressman Lawrence McDonald.

1985 – A joint American–French expedition locates the wreckage of the RMS Titanic.

1991 – Uzbekistan declares independence from the Soviet Union

2004 – The Beslan school hostage crisis commences when armed terrorists take children and adults hostage in Beslan in North Ossetia, Russia.

WORD UP!

**gull \ guhl ** , verb;
1. To deceive, trick, or cheat.
noun:
1. A person who is easily deceived or cheated; dupe.

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UNLIMITED JUR1SDICTION

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

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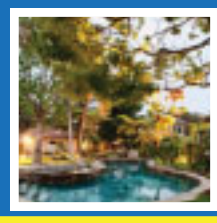




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