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THE HOT, HOT, HOT ISSUE

Schools make gains in state requirements

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HQ Students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District posted gains in a state indicator used to evaluate schools' progress from year to year.

The California Department of Education uses a measure called the Academic Performance Index, which compiles scores from standardized tests covering English, mathematics, science and history.

Students' scores are based not only on their performance, but how much better they did than the year before.

The school district achieved an API score of 865, according to results released by the Department of Education last week. The state's benchmark is 800. It's a four-point gain over the 2012 base.

"When you look at our achievement on our test scores, we made some slight gains in

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Study: California spends $428M on waterway trash-fighting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California communities are spending $428 million dollars a year to keep plastic and other trash off the streets and keep it from polluting waterways and beaches, an environmental group said in a new report.

For many, "soda bottles, food wrappers, and cigarette butts are just forgotten bits of muck that hit the street and wash away, forgotten. That waste doesn't just disappear though, and it is very expensive to clean up," the Natural Resources Defense Council said in an "issue brief" about the litter problem.

The study, released on Aug. 28, was based on information supplied by 95 communities around the state on how much they spent on street sweeping; litter pickup; waterway and beach cleanup; storm drain cleaning and maintenance; installation of devices to trap trash that flows down storm drains with runoff, and public education programs about litter's impact on waterways.

The communities ranged in size from around 700 residents to nearly 4 million and at various distances from rivers, streams, lakes and waterways. Together, they spent an estimated $428 million on litter management and debris reduction, or around $10.71 per resident, the study concluded.

Los Angeles topped the spending list with more than $36 million in annual costs, followed by San Diego with about $14 million and Long Beach at around $13 million.

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FLIPPING OUT

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Don Yahyaoglu does a backflip off of a rail at Santa Monica State Beach on Tuesday.

Union workers protest proposed hotel developments

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL About two dozen workers from union hotels across town showed up at City Hall Friday to protest a developer's proposed project at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue and raise issues surrounding local hiring and job training.

The workers, from the Viceroy, Sheraton Delfina, and Loews Hotel, turned in a petition to City Hall asking to raise the minimum wage to $15 per hour for new hotels, and voiced displeasure at two proposed hotels spearheaded by South Carolina-based OTO Development.

The Courtyard by Marriott planned for 1554 Fifth St. would include 136 guest rooms, while the Hampton Inn & Suites at 501 Colorado Ave. would have 143 rooms. The two properties are directly across the street from each other.

OTO Development didn't return phone calls by deadline.

The details surrounding a "living wage" are controversial for the workers because the language has been replicated from the 710 Wilshire Blvd. proposed project, said Rachel Torres, research analyst with Unite Here! Local 11, the hospitality workers' union for the Los Angeles and Orange County region.

The petition stated how the developer's proposed living wage goes against "the community's standards."

"In that project, the way they described the living wage they exclude half of the workers that work at the hotel," Torres said.

Last year, the City Council compromised

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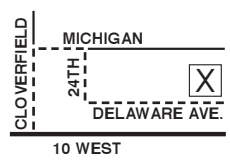
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Day at the market
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Helping vets find jobs
VA West Los Angeles Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The VA is hosting an open house for veterans and their families to receive information about VA programs, local job opportunities and health care enrollment. VA's Patient Education Resource Center, MOVE weight loss program, National Cemetery and Veteran Benefits Administration personnel round out the list of participants. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call (310) 268-4559.

Be mindful
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6 p.m.
The library invites you to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, mindful wellness consultant, will guide the session. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Find your dream career
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Learn exercises to learn about your strengths and interests to help you find the best work match. Carina Lin, a professional career counselor, will lead the workshop that focuses upon self awareness. Teens, adults and seniors are all encouraged to attend.

Thursday. Sept. 5, 2013

Work at the aquarium
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
6 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.
Take a trip to the aquarium for an open house information session. Learn about volunteer and internship opportunities, as well as the benefits of working at the aquarium. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

Summer night concert
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come listen to Gardens & Villa and Mr. Little Jeans perform on the pier as part of the Twilight Concerts. Only two weeks remain in the free summer concert series. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Friday, Sept. 6, 2013

Local artists showcase work
haleARTS S P A C E
2443 Main St., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Visit haleARTS S P A C E for the opening reception of a show featuring the work of Aubrey Studebaker and Gerry Hall. The show, which will run through Sept. 18, will feature Studebaker's acrylic canvases and Hall's photography of Southern California. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 314-8038.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM HISTORY MUSEUM

Funds awarded for youth programs

The Santa Monica History Museum received a $4,000 grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing California to be used toward youth programming.

The museum's "Magic of History" youth programs include free tours for school classes and youth groups, student volunteer opportunities, internships, educational programs, research projects and a children's history workshop.

Boeing systems analyst Robert Acherman presented the award to Museum Chair Eddie Guerboian on Aug. 3.

The museum is located at 1350 Seventh St., next to the main Santa Monica Library.

– GREG ASCIUTTO

SMMUSD HDQRTS

School district looks for new logo

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is asking the community to submit original logo designs to complement a new branding strategy designed to reflect the core values of the organization.

All submissions must be original, simple, easily replicable and produced without the use of photography.

Logos should also highlight SMMUSD's dedication to diversity; arts and academics; whole child: each child deserves to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged; and community, collaboration, forward thinking and engagement.

A volunteer panel of graphic designers will judge the logos: Josh Freeman (FreeAssociates), Terry Graboski (Beck & Graboski Design Office), Ni Glynn (Greenmount Digital), Diane Kuntz (Diane Kuntz Design Studio), Susanne Manheimer (Susanne Manheimer Design), Joven Orozco (We The Creative) and Bea Pomasanoff (freelance).

The winner of the competition will be featured on material related to the SMMUSD rebranding process and in a press release.

Submissions must be delivered or mailed to the SMMUSD District Office at 1651 16th St. with attention to Sarah Wahrenbrock. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 1.

– GA

SM CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Civic Working Group positions available

City Hall is accepting applications from community members and professional experts to fill positions on the Civic Working Group and its Technical Advisory Subcommittee.

The group, which will work in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding the future of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, has eight open seats for two-year terms that will commence November 2015.

The group is City Hall's latest attempt to find a solution for the aging Civic, which closed late June after officials estimated that upgrades to the facility would cost more than $50 million.

The auditorium was a major show place when it opened in 1958. It hosted the Academy Awards from 1961 through 1968 and was a regional concert and show venue for decades.

Duties of committee members would include drafting a vision for the Civic to become a hub of cultural activity, exploring compatible uses for adjacent spaces and evaluating potential financing options, programming and operating models.

For more information, call (310) 458-9211. The deadline for applications is Monday, Sept. 16.

– GA



WET PAINT

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Workers put a fresh coat of paint on the Wyndham Hotel on Colorado Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

Bill allows for multiple legal parents

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The California Assembly has approved a bill that would allow judges to declare that a child has more than two legal parents.

Under the legislation from Democratic Sen. Mark Leno of San Francisco, a judge could legally recognize additional parents if failure to recognize the relationships would be detrimental to the child.

Leno's bill was prompted by a 2011 court case involving a California girl whose legal parent could not care for her and whose biological father was deemed not a parent.

The measure is co-sponsored by Children's Advocacy Institute and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

The Assembly passed SB274 Tuesday 43-27, returning it to the Senate for a final vote.

Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar bill last year, saying he wanted more time to consider the implications.

Bill would remove homelessness as abuse criteria

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The state Senate has approved legislation to remove homelessness as an automatic reason for reporting child abuse or neglect.

AB652 by Democratic Assemblyman Tom Ammiano of San Francisco says people who are required by law to report suspected child abuse should not be forced to do so based on homelessness alone.

Sen. Carol Liu says many homeless teenagers do not seek help because they are afraid of being referred to police or child welfare. The La Canada-Flintridge Democrat says many are homeless after fleeing abuse.

Republican Sen. Joel Anderson of Alpine said AB652 is the wrong way to help homeless teens. He says family problems "should be addressed so the child can return to a loving home."

The Senate passed the bill 24-12 Tuesday, sending it to the governor.

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Meter madness

Editor:

The new parking meter situation in Santa Monica is a disaster! I recently parked on Montana Avenue and put enough money in the meter for, what I thought, would cover the few errands I needed to attend to. On the way back to the car I spotted an item in a shop window that I considered purchasing. Unfortunately the meter was about to expire and I told the shop keeper I would return.

When I tried to put more funds in the meter they were rejected. Apparently the meter will not allow the same car to extend time even if the original time was less than the maximum allowed.

There were no other available meters in the area so I didn't buy the item. A loss for the store and for the area.

How many times must this happen every day?

Hopefully the City Council will reconsider this silly policy.

Richard Hirsch
Santa Monica





Your column here

Deanne Tilton Durfee — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Suffocation a silent killer for babies

IT'S A PARENT'S WORST NIGHTMARE TO lose a child. But every five days in Los Angeles County a baby suffocates while sleeping, making bed-sharing and unsafe sleep environments the leading preventable cause of infant death in the county.

According to recently released data from the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), between 2008 and 2011, more babies died from suffocation due to unsafe sleep than all accidental deaths for children under age 14 combined. This means that unsafe sleeping kills more babies than drowning, poisoning and car accidents.

These infants are dying from a number of suffocation dangers. Autopsy reports conducted by the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner reveal that the top causes of suffocation include babies sharing a bed with parents or sleeping on a couch; cribs cluttered with blankets, pillows, bumper pads and stuffed toys; and babies sleeping on their side or stomach.

Infants under the age of 1 are at greatest risk of suffocation because their bodies are still developing. For the first three to four months, babies can only breathe through their nose and don't have the strength to move their head. A baby's nose, unlike an adult's, doesn't have cartilage. So when that nose is pressed against an object, like a stuffed animal, couch cushions or even a parent's arm while sleeping in bed, it can flatten easily. With the opening to its nostrils blocked, the baby can't breathe and suffocates.

This type of death is silent and quick, occurring within seconds. Even the lightest sleeper wouldn't necessarily be able to save their baby, and baby monitors won't catch these deaths either.

However, by taking a few precautions, every parent and caregiver is capable of putting their baby to sleep safely.

These precautions are simple. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends sharing a room — not a bed — with a baby, and keeping cribs clear of blankets and soft objects. ICAN's Safe Sleep for Baby campaign endorses the same recommendations because there is no scientific evidence that bed-sharing is safe. However, there is evidence that it increases the risk of sudden infant deaths and infant suffocation.

Certain baby equipment and furniture can also increase the risk of suffocation. While it might be convenient to leave babies in a car seat or stroller after they've fallen asleep, these places are dangerous because the baby isn't lying down or sitting up straight. Since infants don't have the neck muscle strength to hold up their head, this slumped, in-between position can block their airway, leading to suffocation.

Other unsafe sleeping spots include couches, recliners and easy chairs. In these situations, a baby can slide down between an adult and the side of a chair or couch, get wedged in a corner or between cushions, or scoot into an unsafe position.

The only way to fully eliminate the risk of suffocation is to put a baby on his or her back in a crib or bassinet that's free of clutter (such as pillows, bumper pads, blankets and stuffed toys) until the baby's first birthday.

Many parents know that they should never leave young children alone in a bathtub, that they need to place medications and household cleaning products out of a child's reach, and that it's the law to have a car seat in their vehicle.

It's also everyone's responsibility to take similar precautions when putting a baby to sleep, so that no one wakes up to this tragedy again.

With the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association recognizing September as Baby Safety Month, one of the best ways to keep babies safe is to remove the risks of suffocation while sleeping.

How to put your baby to sleep safely:

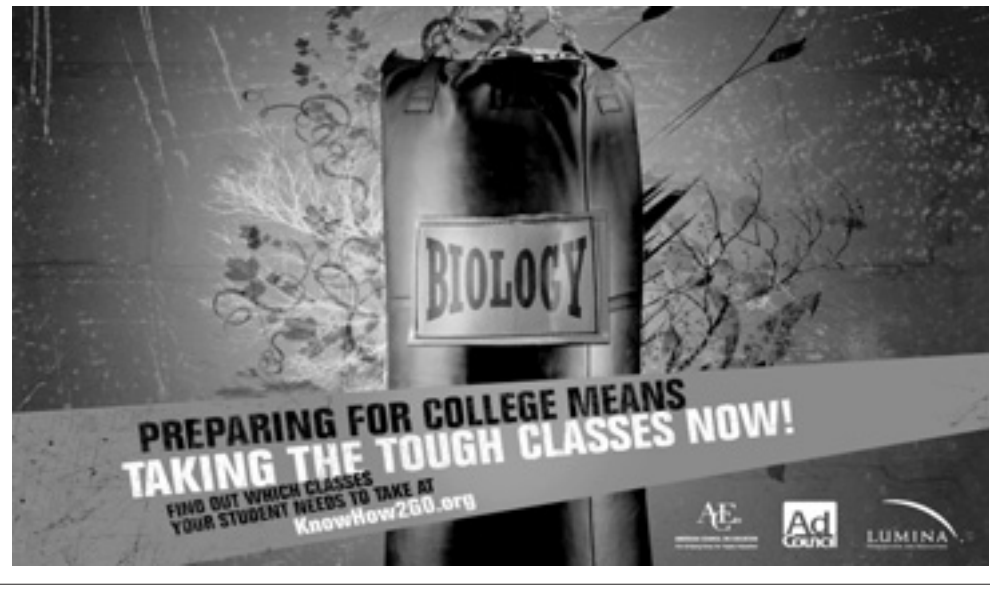
1) Share a room, not a bed. If you're breastfeeding, put your baby back in a crib or bassinet after nursing.

2) Lay babies down to sleep in a crib or bassinet with a firm mattress. Portable cribs, like a Pack 'n Play, are a good alternative.

3) Give babies space to breathe: No pillows, bumper pads, blankets or toys in the crib or bassinet. Even one object is a suffocation risk.

4) Place babies on their back every time, at night and for naps.

DEANNE TILTON DURFEE is executive director of the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN). ICAN and ICAN Associates have partnered with First 5 LA to raise awareness about the Safe Sleep for Baby campaign and save families from the preventable tragedy of losing an infant due to unsafe sleeping practices. Learn more at www.safesleepforbaby.com.



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Farmworkers buried in mass grave get names

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FRESNO, Calif. Twenty-eight farmworkers who were buried in a mass grave after their plane crashed in central California en route to Mexico in 1948 now have a gravestone with their names on it.

The granite memorial was unveiled Monday at the grave site at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Fresno.

The workers' burial without names prompted a protest poem by Woody Guthrie that was sung over the years by musicians including Joan Baez, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.

Many of the farmworkers were returning home after being part of the bracero program, which allowed Mexican citizens to legally enter the U.S. to do seasonal work. Some were working in the U.S. illegally and were being deported.

Their airplane, chartered by the by U.S. Immigration Services, crashed over Los Gatos Canyon near Coalinga in California's Central Valley, killing everyone on board — including the 28 workers, three crew members and an immigration guard.

The farmworkers were buried in a mass grave in Fresno, but the grave marker did not list any names. It simply read "28 Mexican citizens who died in an airplane accident."

News accounts at the time listed the four Americans' names but called the farmworkers simply "deportees." The anonymity angered Guthrie, leading him to write the famous song "Deportee (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)."

The effort to remember the workers was spearheaded by writer Tim Hernandez, who grew up in central California and came across an article about the plane crash while scrolling through old newspapers at the Fresno County Library.

Hernandez, who is now writing a book about the farmworkers, teamed up with the Diocese of Fresno to track down the workers' names, their family members and their stories. While the diocese's church register had partial, misspelled names, the writer and diocese officials pulled death certificates for all the workers and reconstructed their full names.

More than 500 people attended a mass and gravestone dedication at the Fresno cemetery, including relatives of those who died in the crash. Renditions of "Deportee" were performed at the memorial.

The 28 Mexican citizens whose names were inscribed on the gravestone include: Miguel Negroros Alvarez, Francisco Llamas Duram, Santiago Garcia Elizondo, Rosalio Padilla Estrada, Tomasa Avena De Garcia, Bernabe Lopez Garcia, Salvador Sandoval Hernandez, Severo Medina Lara, Elias Trujillo Macias, Jose Rodriguez Macias, Tomas Padilla Marquez, Luis Lopez Medina, Manuel Calderon Merino, Luis Cuevas Miranda, Martin Razo Navarro, Ygnacio Perez Navarro, Roman Ochoa Ochoa, Ramon Ramirez Paredes, Apolonio Ramirez Placencia, Guadalupe Laura Ramirez, Alberto Carlos Raygoza, Guadalupe Hernandez Rodriguez, Maria Santana Rodriguez, Juan Valenzuela Ruiz, Wencealado Ruiz, Jose Valdivia Sanchez, Jesus Meza Santos and Baldomero Marcas Torres.

The gravestone also includes the four Americans, although they were buried at other cemeteries: Francis "Frank" Atkinson, Long Beach, pilot; Marion Harlow Ewing, Balboa, co-pilot; Lillian "Bobbie" Atkinson, Long Beach, stewardess; and Frank E. Chaffin, Berkeley, immigration guard.

Zoo to breed endangered yellow-legged frog

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. A Northern California zoo has established a center to study and breed endangered amphibians and reptiles, including the rare mountain yellow-legged frog.

The Oakland Zoo's Biodiversity Center opened last week to house the frog that is nearly vanished due to Chytrid, a skin fungus that thickens their skin so they can't breathe and is decimating frog populations around the world.

Scientists will send about a dozen frogs to the zoo this month where they will live in tanks mimicking its mountainous terrain of granite rocks, clear water and plenty of bugs to munch on. The mountain yellow-legged frog, which once hopped throughout California's upper elevations have dropped more than 90 percent in the past decade.

"If we can make a difference here, we can have an impact on amphibians all over the world. It's awesome to be a part of this cutting-edge research; It's humbling," Victor Alm, the zoo's zoological manager told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Researchers at San Francisco State University have developed a treatment for the fungus, a bacterial bath that so far seems to help frogs fight off infection. The San Francisco and San Diego zoos are also involved with the project.

The hope is that the frogs in the program will start breeding after a few months of hibernating.

Ultimately, zoo officials say the frogs will stay at the 1,800 square-foot facility for about a year or two before scientists release them in the southern Sierra.

The Q Line

Building up

With the forthcoming Expo Light Rail Line comes much construction and its related frustrations.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Has the light rail construction made your commute around Santa Monica more difficult?

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L.A. schools may have to buy keyboards for iPads

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LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Unified School District — which has begun giving iPads to students — may have to spend millions to supply students with keyboards.

The Los Angeles Times says wireless keyboards are recommended for students when they take new state tests. The district didn't include that cost in the estimated $1 billion budget to provide all 650,000 students with iPads over the next year and put wireless service in schools.

Providing all students with keyboards could run an additional $38 million. However, it's not clear yet whether the district plans to supply all students with keyboards or just older students who might need them for essay questions.

The district is using school construction bonds to buy the iPads. The first ones were distributed at two schools last week.

First cars cross Bay Bridge's new span

SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO There was little fanfare, but the gleaming white and newly built $6.4-billion eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened to the public as vehicles began crossing it after more than a decade of construction delays.

Part old and part new, part permanent and part temporary, the hybridized bridge opened late Monday night in time for Tuesday's morning commute. The opening followed a five-day closure for the entire bridge.

Drivers began lining up their cars hours earlier in an attempt to be among the first on the new span, and CHP officers led a line of vehicles across at about 10:15 p.m. several hours before the estimated opening time and the expected commuter crunch on Tuesday morning.

The new span replaces a structure that was damaged during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which struck as millions tuned in to watch Game 3 of the "Bay Bridge World Series" between the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants. The replacement span is designed to withstand the strongest earthquake estimated by seismologists to occur at the site over a 1,500-year period.

"Despite the journey's length, it has been completed before the arrival of our next big earthquake," said Steve Heminger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. "And thank goodness for that."

At a modest inaugural ceremony, the new, self-anchored suspension bridge with its looming, single white tower was praised as a dramatic safety upgrade over its predecessor. It also was held up as a beautiful example of public art.

"I hope this is more than just connecting two land masses," said Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom. "I hope that the progress that's being represented at this moment is for a generation to dream big dreams and to do big things."

Newsom, the former mayor of San Francisco, cut a chain with a blow torch to mark the opening after leading those gathered around the bridge's toll plaza in a countdown to the reopening.

Plans initially called for a public celebration with fireworks, a concert, a half-marathon and more than 100,000 pedestrians crossing the bridge.

Instead, after years of delays and cost overruns, the opening of one of the state's most expensive public works projects was marked with a relatively low-key event that did not even include the governor.

"The project inspired me, challenged me, frustrated me and today, after seeing the final product, it impresses me with its beauty, its grace and its strength," said Brian Kelly, who heads the state's transportation agency.

Gov. Jerry Brown, who was closely involved in planning the bridge when he was mayor of Oakland, was out of town and unable to attend the ceremony, said his spokesman, Evan Westrup.

The entire bridge closed Wednesday night so crews could do final work, and they were still striping, putting up signs and putting down roadway markers Monday, said bridge spokesman Andrew Gordon. Some barrier railing also needed to be installed.

The new section of bridge has been under construction for almost a decade and follows years of political bickering, engineering challenges and cost overruns.

James Ghielmetti, a member of the California Transportation Commission, said at Monday's ceremony that the bridge should not have taken so long to go up.

"California must do a better job going forward on all of our public works projects," he said.

In March, more than two dozen rods used to anchor the roadway to important earthquake safety structures cracked after they were tightened. The discovery threatened to delay the bridge's opening by months.

The bridge opened with a temporary fix for the broken rods while the permanent repair, expected to be completed in December, is being installed.

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Mom of 'rainbow' son comes out in new book

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NEW YORK For Lori Duron, parenting her younger son C.J. is etched in time as B.B. and A.B. — before Barbie and after Barbie.

The 6?-year-old discovered the doll at the back of his mother's closet about four years ago, and she's barely left his clutches since.

In a new book "Raising My Rainbow," the Orange County, Calif., mom describes C.J. as — in a word — fabulous as he lives life largely in pink, playing with girl toys, dressing in girl clothes and worshipping the Disney princesses.

If you want more words, there's "gender nonconforming, gender creative, gender fluid, gender independent, gender variant, has gender identity disorder, or whatever you prefer to call it."

A world of nagging fear and anxiety about raising a boy who wants to be treated like a girl prompted Duron to begin an anonymous blog, RaisingMyRainbow.com, documenting their family's adventures. More than a million readers later, the book from Broadway Books is her humorous coming out.

A conversation with Lori Duron:

AP: How's C.J. doing now?

Duron: He's getting ready to start first grade, so he's great. He's fun. He's a great kid. He's healthy and happy. C.J. could be transgender. We've always been open to that possibility, but right now he's entering first grade as a boy and he likes being a boy. He's already picked out his rainbow-colored, leopard-print backpack and his pink lunch box.

AP: You've tapped into a burgeoning parenting "movement," of sorts, meaning those parents who are allowing their children to be gender creative.

Duron: It has been great that we've met other families. That's part of the reason why I started the blog, because we were feeling so alone and we were feeling like we were the only family going through this and we knew that that couldn't be the case.

This is also something you don't necessarily see when you're out and about because some kids are in hiding, and sometimes their parents don't allow them to be gender creative out in public or even in the house.

I've made amazing friends who are raising kind of this next generation of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) youth and we do consider ourselves to be in that community. We may not always be. There's still the possibility that C.J. could identify as straight.

AP: What are some of the fears as a "spokesparent," with the blog and now the book?

Duron: I never anticipated that. I thought I would start this blog and I would meet other families like ours. I never, ever intended to show my face, let people know my name. But because of the emails and the support that I've received, I know it's so important that someone needs to speak out for families like ours. I'll be that person who speaks out. I get some hate mail and I don't like getting hate mail, so there are people who definitely disagree. It would be much easier not to deal with that but it's too important for kids and families like ours. I can't hide.

AP: You're not a fan of Dr. Phil. Have you ever met him?

Duron: I've never met him, no. He said some things that are hurtful, that could be really hurtful to kids like C.J. if parents took his advice to heart. He said if your son is playing with girl toys redirect him toward boy toys. Redirect those feminine behaviors, to limit play things to those in line with their gender. I just think that's so dangerous.

AP: You grew up with a gay brother and brought that experience to the table when C.J.'s preferences for "girl stuff" surfaced.

Duron: I definitely saw my parents make some mistakes. It was a different time and a different place. We lived in a not-so-great area of Los Angeles and we grew up in the '70s and the '80s into the '90s. We come from a very religious home, where homosexuality was considered a sin. I watched my brother struggle and I watched my parents and I promised that I wouldn't make those same mistakes with my kids should they be LGBTQ.

We wouldn't call C.J. a sissy. My brother was called a sissy at home. My brother was encouraged to "man up." We don't try to get C.J. to man up. My brother was not always given the toys that he wanted for Christmas and birthdays. My brother grew up feeling shame and some of it was in direct relation to actions of my parents and some of it was self-inflicted because he knew he should have been doing boy stuff. I know what it can do to someone from a home that isn't totally supportive.

AP: One of the talking points in your reader's guide at the back of the book struck me: Can you parent to the best of your ability when you're concerned about what other people will think or say?

Duron: Yeah, that's something that we had to deal with. It got to the point where we were putting all of these constrictions on C.J. at first, like you can play with your girl toys and put on your girl clothes at home but not in the car. Then it was you can do it in the car but not when we get to the destination, then you could do it at this destination but not that destination. It was making all of us a little bit crazy. No one knew where the lines had been drawn because we had drawn them so many times.

My mom finally said, "What are you guys so afraid of?" because she just saw that we were so anxious and so worried, and I just blurted out the first thing that came to my mind: "I'm afraid of what other people will think," which is so not like me as a person in general, which is so not like me as a parent.

AP: When will parents of gender nonconforming kids get some answers to the tough questions you pose in the book about the root of this behavior? Does their behavior need to be explained?

Duron: The thing that parents like me take away the most is that they're not alone, and that can feel so good, to finally feel like you're not alone in this. That is very powerful.

There's more and more research being done. It's hard. People are just now starting to dedicate the time and the money to research this in children. A lot of parents won't allow their children to participate. I would love to see more studies. That would also raise awareness for kids like C.J.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2012 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2012 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2012-13) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2012 .The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 9, 2013. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 9, 2013.



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some areas, but what helped us increase our API was a strong gain in our graduation rate," said Maureen Bradford, director of educational services at the district. "I think what's really important to remember [is] we've had steady, incremental growth in our student achievement data which is reflected in our API. It's that kind of steady incremental growth that is sustainable."

For the second straight year, a majority of schools statewide met or exceeded the state performance target of 800 points on the API.

"Despite the very real challenges of deep budget cuts and the ongoing effort to shift to new, more demanding academic standards, our schools persevered and students made progress," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said. "These results should give us confidence as we start the new school year, and our efforts to make college- and career-readiness a goal for every student move into high gear."

African-American, American-Indian, Asian, Filipino, Hispanic or Latino students and other ethnicities made significant gains in their 2013 district API scores, Bradford said. African-Americans posted a seven-point gain from 738 in the 2012 base to 745, while Latinos increased four points from 787 in the 2012 base to 791 in 2013, according to the results.

White students stayed the same at 907, while students of two or more races saw their score drop by one point, she said.

The federal measurement system, built into the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, creates a steadily climbing benchmark that dictates that all districts and schools reach 100 percent proficiency by 2014. It measures schools and districts against an "annual measurable objective."

The district as a whole posted a "very slight" gain, scoring 76 percent proficiency in language arts and 72.2 percent in mathematics, Bradford said. Last year, language arts was 75.7 percent and mathematics was 72.1 proficient.

Districts that receive federal money for Title 1 schools, or schools with at least 40 percent of the student body considered economically disadvantaged, have an extra burden.

If they fail to make adequate yearly progress two years in a row in any of a handful of categories they fall into what is called "program improvement," or PI, that can allow for significant government intervention.

SMMUSD has four Title 1 schools: Edison Language Academy and McKinley, John Muir and Will Rogers elementary schools.

All missed at least one measure in 2011. It's the third year for Will Rogers as a "PI" school while McKinley, John Muir and Edison are in their second year, Bradford said.

She said each year a school is considered a "PI" school, there are additional actions the district needs to take. For example, in the first year for Will Rogers, families were notified and offered a choice for their child to attend another school, if there was space available. This year, in addition to providing a choice and supplemental education services like tutoring from an outside agency at Will Rogers, the district is implementing a new curriculum, which is the Common Core, or a set of expectations adopted by states across the country that emphasize a new style of learning that values critical thinking over rote memorization and application of concepts to real-world situations.

Common Core standards were adopted by the California Department of Education in 2010, and students will be tested on them as early as the 2014-15 school year, leading educators across the state to begin brainstorming on how to change classes to make sure their students can pass the exams.

ON TO GRADUATION

In addition to gains in the API, there were also some improvements in proficiency on the California High School Exit Exam, which is required by law to show that students have a 10th-grade mastery of English and an understanding of math up to algebra by the time they leave high school. Students who do not pass the exam in grade 10 have two opportunities in grade 11 and up to five opportunities in grade 12 to pass the exam.

Statewide students in the class of 2013 passed the exam at the highest rate since the test was made a graduation requirement, with 95.5 percent earning a passing score, Torlakson said in a news release.

Bradford said 10th graders have had a pass rate of 90 percent or more since 2007.

In 2013 for SMMUSD, 10th graders had a pass rate of 92 percent in English and 91 percent in math, compared to the 2012 rate of 94 percent for English and 92 percent for mathematics, Bradford said.

The 2013 10th grade proficiency rates for the exam were 76 percent in English and 73 percent in math, compared to the 2012 rates of 73 percent for English and 74 percent in math.

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Others in the top 10 for costs were San Jose, Oakland, Sacramento, Hayward, Merced, Redondo Beach and South Gate.

"Trash that pollutes our streets, beaches and waterways, costs local governments and California taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars every year," Leila Monroe, senior attorney in the council's oceans program, said in a statement. "That's money down the drain that could otherwise be invested in schools, firefighters, police, or improving public parks and other open spaces."

The study also said that actual prices of dealing with trash are likely to be much higher than estimated because the report didn't include the cost of routine waste management and recycling at county and state levels.

In addition, it didn't calculate losses to tourism caused by debris that can kill fish and other wildlife and damage habitat.

The report, produced for the council by Kier Associates, called for more measures to reduce trash, especially plastics, and notes that a number of counties and communities have banned single-use plastic bags and food containers. It also said communities should work with the state to limit litter discharges in waterways.

The council said California needs a program to share the growing cost of dealing with plastic trash between plastic producers, local governments and taxpayers.

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Photo courtesy Rachel Torres

SIGNING UP: Workers from the Viceroy Hotel on Friday signed a petition that was delivered to city officials calling on the developer of two proposed Downtown hotels to pay a living wage.

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on a living wage for future workers at the 285-room hotel at 710 Wilshire Blvd., which left neither business interests nor labor advocates happy. The council approved a wage rate of $11.29 or $12.54 per hour, depending on whether workers also received benefits. Tipped workers were excluded from the provision. The rate was a midpoint between developer Alexander Gorby's initial offer of $10.64 and $11.89 per hour depending on benefits and a flat $14.97 per hour that workers rights advocates sought. Unite Here! filed a petition for a referendum against the City Council's decision and began gathering signatures last year. However, one week later the developer agreed to give the union a crack at organizing its future employees.

In the petition turned in on Friday, workers asked for the minimum wage to be raised to $15 per hour, or about $2 more than what has been proposed so far. Torres said when the price of living goes up, the wages go up as well.

"The developer [OTO Development] seeks to reduce the living wage every three years if so desired," the petition wrote. "After a long recession, the cost of living is projected to increase, and the living wage should follow these projections. There should be no reduction in the wages."

Moreover, she said the issues surrounding local hiring and job training the union raised at the Planning Commission last month haven't been resolved either.

At the meeting, union and city officials were concerned the proposals weren't addressing many of the community benefits associated with the development agreements and also thought local hiring was key. In the end, commissioners asked developers to come back with changes. OTO Development is expected to go back in front of the commission in early October, officials said.

> **"IN THAT PROJECT, THE WAY THEY DESCRIBED THE LIVING WAGE THEY EXCLUDE HALF OF THE WORKERS THAT WORK AT THE HOTEL."**
>
> **Rachel Torres**
> Research analyst with Unite Here Local 11, the hospitality workers' union for the Los Angeles and Orange County region

Commissioner Sue Himmelrich said the commission's concerns were the failure of the developer to reach agreement with city officials on community benefits such as reducing project parking demand and vehicular trips in the area; certain design elements and the developer's failure to reach out to the local group that's training youth to work in the hotels.

At the commission meeting, city officials were recommending that the developer contribute to the Colorado Esplanade, a transit mall planned for the area west of the proposed hotels. OTO Development offered a one-time contribution of $300,000 to go toward the esplanade and other projects around town. Commissioners asked them to double that amount.

Torres said feedback from City Hall has been "positive."

"We believe the city wants to represent the interests of the community and we believe the community is supportive of this," Torres said. "When we met with them, they were very positive and we are going to have future ongoing discussions with the leadership to make sure those needs are met."

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Stock market ends slightly higher after rally fades

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NEW YORK The stock market rose modestly Tuesday as renewed worries about a U.S.-led attack on Syria dampened an early rally.

Stocks surged in the opening minutes of trading as traders felt that a U.S. attack on Syria wasn't imminent after President Barack Obama announced over the weekend that he would seek congressional approval for a strike.

But the early rally faded after the top Republican in Congress said he would support President Obama's call for the U.S. to take action. Speaking in the late morning, House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said the use of chemical weapons must be responded to.

"Key Republicans seem to agree with Obama on Syria," said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist for TD Ameritrade. "It puts us in a difficult situation as to what might happen from here."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 23.65 points, or 0.2 percent, to 14,833.96. The index had climbed as much as 123 points in early trading.

The Dow was also held back by Microsoft and Verizon, which both slumped after announcing deals.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 6.80 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,639.77. The Nasdaq composite climbed 22.74 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,612.

The stock market also got an early boost from a report showing that U.S. manufacturing expanded last month at the fastest pace since June 2011. The report was better than economist had expected, according to estimates compiled by data provider FactSet.

In corporate news, CBS surged $2.40, or 2.7 percent, to $53.50 after the broadcaster and Time Warner Cable reached an agreement that ended a blackout of CBS and CBS-owned channels such as Showtime.

Other corporate news was disappointing. Microsoft fell $1.52, or 4.6 percent, to $31.88 after the software company said it would acquire Nokia's smartphone business and a portfolio of patents and services. Microsoft is trying to capture a slice of the lucrative mobile computing market that is dominated by Apple and Google, and investors are concerned that Microsoft won't succeed.

Verizon fell $1.37, or 2.9 percent, to $46.01 after the company agreed to pay $130 billion for Vodafone's stake in Verizon Wireless.

After a tough August, stocks may struggle to rally in September because of a string of events that could shake investors, said Randy Frederick, managing director of active trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

The S&P 500 logged its worst performance since May 2012 last month as investors fretted about when the Federal Reserve will cut its economic stimulus. The Fed's next meeting, which starts Sept. 17, is when many on Wall Street think the central bank will begin winding down its massive bond-buying program.

Lawmakers in Washington may also throw investors a curve ball.

To keep the government running, Congress needs to pass a short-term spending bill before the fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Then there's the government's $16.7 trillion borrowing limit. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew warned that, unless it's raised soon, the government would lose the ability to pay all of its bills by the middle of October.

Political wrangling in Washington shook financial markets in August 2011, when lawmakers fought over raising the debt ceiling. That led the rating agency Standard & Poor's to strip the U.S. of its triple-A credit rating.

"All these catalysts out there ... are still there," said Frederick. "There's just not enough upside catalysts, and there's plenty of downside catalysts."

September has often been a losing month for the stock market. Since 1945, the S&P 500 index has slumped nearly six out of every 10 Septembers, with an average loss of 0.6 percent.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.86 percent from 2.79 percent Friday. U.S. markets were closed Monday for Labor Day.

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose 89 cents, or 0.8 percent, to $108.54. The price of gold rose $15.90, or 1.1 percent, $1,412 an ounce.

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NY case puts 'N-word' use among blacks on trial

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NEW YORK In a case that gave a legal airing to the debate over use of the N-word among blacks, a federal jury has rejected a black manager's argument that it was a term of love and endearment when he aimed it at a black employee.

Jurors awarded $30,000 in punitive damages Tuesday after finding last week that the manager's four-minute rant was hostile and discriminatory, and awarding $250,000 in compensatory damages.

The case against Rob Carmona and the employment agency he founded, STRIVE East Harlem, hinged on the what some see as a complex double standard surrounding the word: It's a degrading slur when uttered by whites but can be used at times with impunity among blacks.

But 38-year-old Brandi Johnson told jurors that being black didn't make it any less hurtful when Carmona repeatedly targeted her with the slur during a March 2012 tirade about inappropriate workplace attire and unprofessional behavior.

Johnson, who taped the remarks after her complaints about his verbal abuse were disregarded, said she fled to the restroom and cried for 45 minutes.

"I was offended. I was hurt. I felt degraded. I felt disrespected. I was embarrassed," Johnson testified.

The jury ordered Carmona to pay $25,000 in punitive damages and STRIVE to pay $5,000.

Outside court after her victory, Johnson said she was "very happy" and rejected Carmona's claims from the witness stand Tuesday that the verdict made him realize he needs to "take stock" of how he communicates with people he is trying to help.

"I come from a different time," Carmona said hesitantly, wiping his eyes repeatedly with a cloth.

"So now, now you're sorry?" Johnson said outside court, saying she doubted his sincerity and noting Carmona had refused to apologize to her in court last week. She said he should have been sorry on March 14, 2012, "the day when he told me the N-word eight times."

Her lawyer, Marjorie M. Sharpe, said she hoped the case sent a strong message to those who "have tried to take the sting out of the N-word. ... It's the most offensive word in the English language."

Carmona left the courthouse without immediately commenting, as did all eight jurors.

In closing arguments, Sharpe had said Carmona's use of the word was intended to offend "and any evidence that defendants put forth to the contrary is simply ridiculous."

"When you use the word nigger to an African-American, no matter how many alternative definitions that you may try to substitute with the word nigger, that is no different than calling a Hispanic by the worst possible word you can call a Hispanic, calling a homosexual male the worst possible word that you can call a homosexual male," Sharpe told jurors.

But Carmona's lawyers said the 61-year-old black man of Puerto Rican descent had a much different experience with the word. Raised by a single mother in a New York City public housing project, he became addicted to heroin in his teens and broke it with the help of drug counselors who employed tough love and tough language.

Carmona went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia University before co-founding STRIVE in the 1980s. Now, most of STRIVE's employees are black women, his attorney, Diane Krebs, told jurors in her opening statement.

"And Mr. Carmona is himself black, as you yourselves can see," Krebs said.

In his testimony, Carmona defended his use of the word, saying he used it with Johnson to convey that she was "too emotional, wrapped up in her, at least the negative aspects of human nature."

Then he explained that the word has "multiple contexts" in the black and Latino communities, sometimes indicating anger, sometimes love.

Carmona said he might put his arm around a longtime friend in the company of another and say: "This is my nigger for 30 years."

"That means my boy, I love him, or whatever," he said.

He was asked if he meant to indicate love when he called Johnson the word.

"Yes, I did," he responded.

The controversy is a blemish on STRIVE, which has been heralded for helping people with troubled backgrounds get into the workforce. Its employment model, which was described in a CBS' "60 Minutes" piece as "part boot camp, part group therapy," claims to have helped nearly 50,000 people find work since 1984.

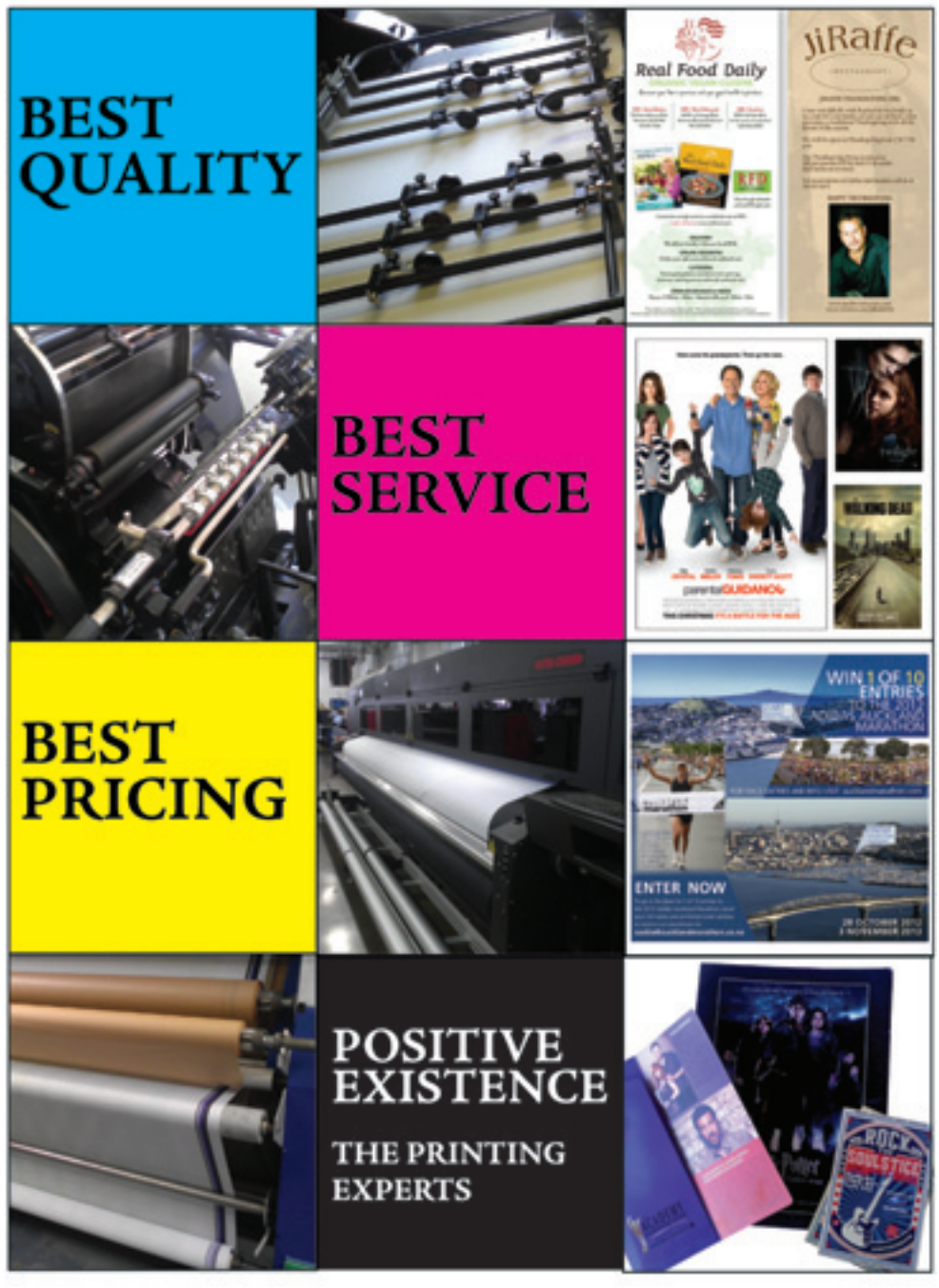
Sharpe told jurors that STRIVE's tough-love program cannot excuse Carmona's behavior.

"Well, if calling a person a nigger and subjecting them to a hostile work environment is part of STRIVE's tough love, then STRIVE needs to be reminded that this type of behavior is illegal and cannot be tolerated," she said.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.7°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
South fills in further; Selective Tropical SE-SSE swell eases; Small NW windswell; stay tuned

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
South swell mix continues; Minimal NW windswell continues;
Slightly larger peaks/sets for top combo spots

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
New SW pulse fills in; NW swell mix continues;
larger sets for top combo spots to around chest high

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
SW swell continues; NW swell mix easing; slightly larger sets for top spots

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 28, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 2
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
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 Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 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.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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.	F	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 ONW 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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Cougars optimistic for USC game

NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. Washington State's narrow loss at Auburn has given the Cougars confidence they can win their Pac-12 opener on Saturday at No. 25 Southern California.

Washington State produced 464 yards of offense in losing its season opener 31-24.

Quarterback Connor Halliday was 35 of 65 for 344 yards and one touchdown, connecting with 10 different receivers. But he threw three costly interceptions.

'We stopped ourselves," Halliday said. "They didn't do too much to stop us."

Washington State also produced 120 yards rushing, after averaging only 29 yards last season.

Center Elliott Bosch said the Cougars made plenty of first game mistakes, but looked a lot better than the team that stumbled to a 3-9 record last year.

"A few things here and there going in our favor and there would have been a different outcome," Bosch said.

"We played more as a team," Bosch said. "Everyone believed we were going to win and we got a great effort."

Auburn capitalized on a 100-yard kick return and a 75-yard scoring run in the second quarter that gave it the lead for good. The offense wasn't that effective otherwise.

"For the most part we beat ourselves; turnovers and big explosives," Bosch said. "If you take away those, the outcome is different."

The early conference game against Southern California (1-0) has WSU traveling to a traditional power with a big stadium for a second consecutive week.

"We've got to put (Auburn) behind us and take another step by getting better this week," Bosch said. "We can't stay the same."

The two teams have not played since the 2010 season, when the Trojans won 50-16 in Pullman.

Halliday said he was excited to play in the Coliseum, especially with this team.

"We actually have a decent amount of Pac-12 talent," Halliday said. "That team in 2010, half those kids wouldn't have started for a good high school football team."

For coach Mike Leach, a big plus was his team's effort against Auburn. Last year, Leach was highly critical of what he said was a lack of effort in numerous games.

He was especially pleased with an offense that produced more yards than Auburn.

"That was good when you consider our opponent," Leach said. "That's a great opponent."

Halliday is also playing better, despite the costly interceptions, Leach said.

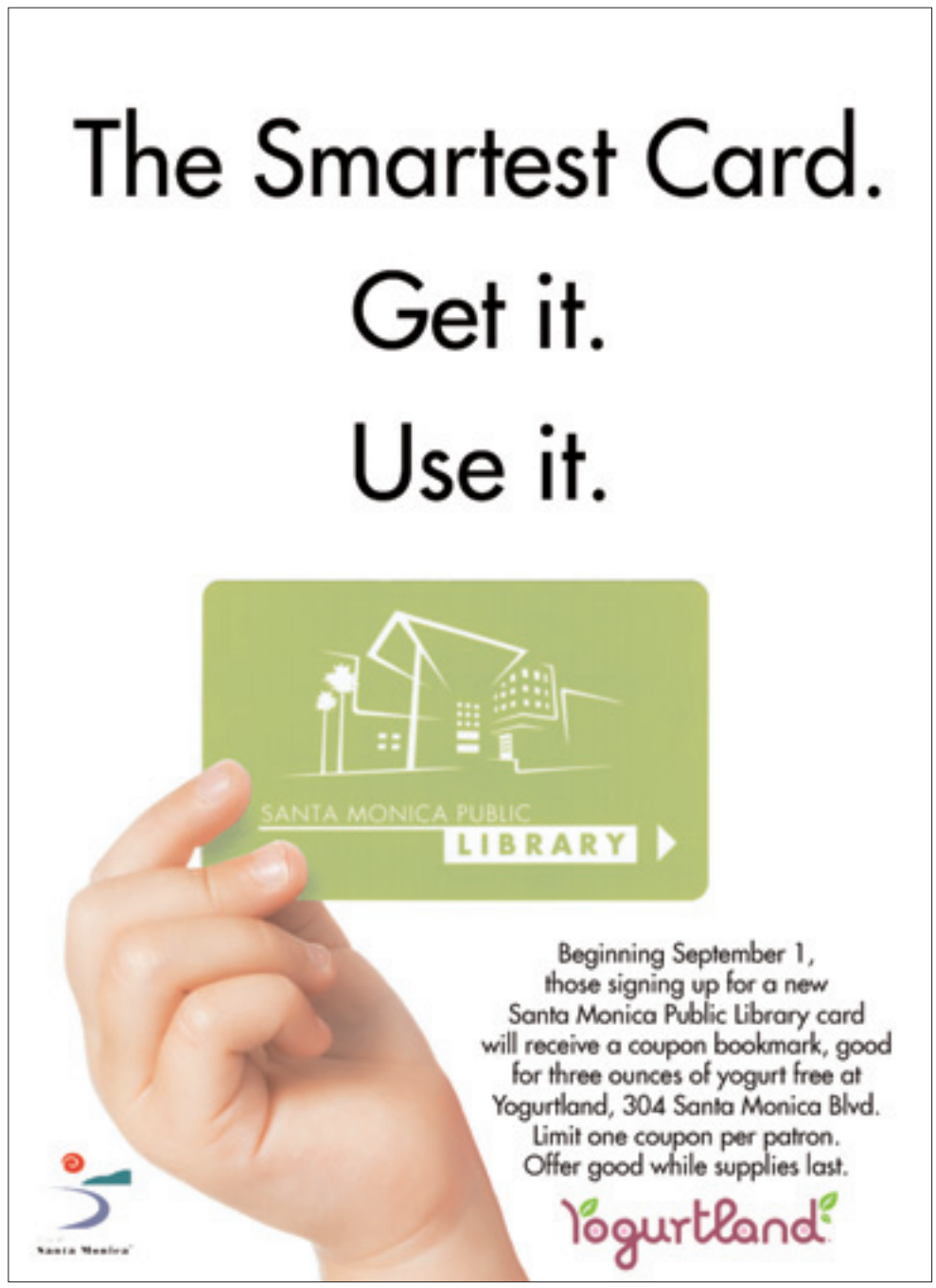
"He's certainly taken the team on his shoulders as a leader," Leach said.

The team's newfound confidence is good, Leach said. But he noted the Cougars still lost.

"We have to get a lot better," Leach said.

This will be Leach's first time coaching in the Coliseum, but not his first time in the stadium. When he was in law school, he attended a Los Angeles Raiders game there and remembers seeing a fan wearing a shirt with the opposing team's name.

"The fans ripped off his shirt, passed it up and dropped it off the back of the Coliseum," Leach recalled.



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Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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GO WITH THE FLOW, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Confusion could cloud a decision if it is made immediately. Sit on this matter for a few days, if possible. A partner will appear to be more cheerful than he or she has been in a long time. Tonight: Go for an early bedtime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your creativity is likely to emerge when dealing with a partner who can be cold. You might decide to suggest a weekend away together. Tonight: Consider taking a midweek break.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might need some time to reach out to a family member or to deal with a domestic matter. A boss or higher-up could be so vague about what he or she wants that you might need to read some tarot cards in order to figure it out! Stay even-tempered. Tonight: Happy to be home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You might find that someone's voice has you drifting off to a different time or place. Try to stay present. Someone who has been controlling will become a lot easier to deal with. Take advantage of the moment. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner could be more creative than usual. This person seems to be choosing not to see what he or she does not want to. Try to help this individual be more realistic without sacrificing his or her imagination. You might like the outcome. Tonight: Take your next cue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to try a new way of doing something, and even if you don't, a partner or loved one will insist that you approach a situation in just that manner. Keeping the peace in this case might not be very easy, but it certainly will be necessary. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot to do, and you will do your best to accomplish all of it. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Do not hesitate to question a family member, as this person often is elusive. You know what needs to be done. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might have been so focused on work lately that you'll be delighted to have some fun with a child or loved one today. You could see a situation differently from how an associate sees it. Tonight: Play the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others will push you hard because they know that you'll perform to the best of your ability. You might not feel comfortable with their lack of perspective. You are likely to distance yourself and say little. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will want to reconsider an offer that comes from someone at a distance. You might not want to share more until you are ready. You also might want consider making a change in your daily life. Tonight: Surf the Web.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Try a different approach, or do some rethinking and revising. An associate or a partner could have strong feelings regarding how a situation needs to be approached. Let this person have his or her way, as your convictions are not as strong as his or hers. Tonight: Love the one you are with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to a friend or loved one. You might be uptight about what you are hearing. Clearly, you seem to be getting mixed messages. Understand what is happening between you and someone else. Tonight: Go with the flow.

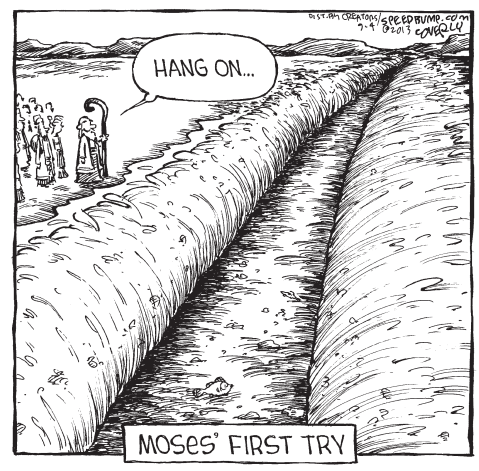
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This year you often will have to push away a mental fog that creates cloudy thinking and delusional outcomes. The more reality-bound you become, the better off you will be. You also will experience a better year overall. If you are single, the problem won't be having a lack of potential suitors, but rather it will be deciding which suitor to choose. You might go through quite a few possibilities until you meet the right one. If you are attached, the two of you will love doing more together as a couple, both with friends and on your own. Take advantage of any free time you have. A fellow VIRGO can trigger strong reactions.

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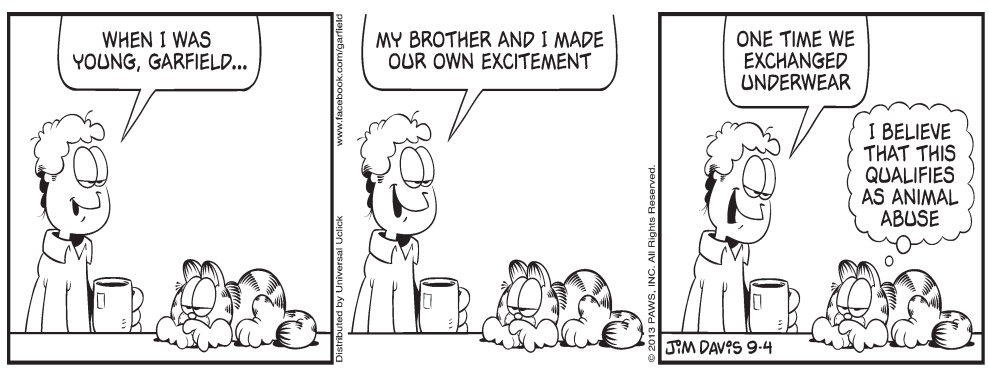
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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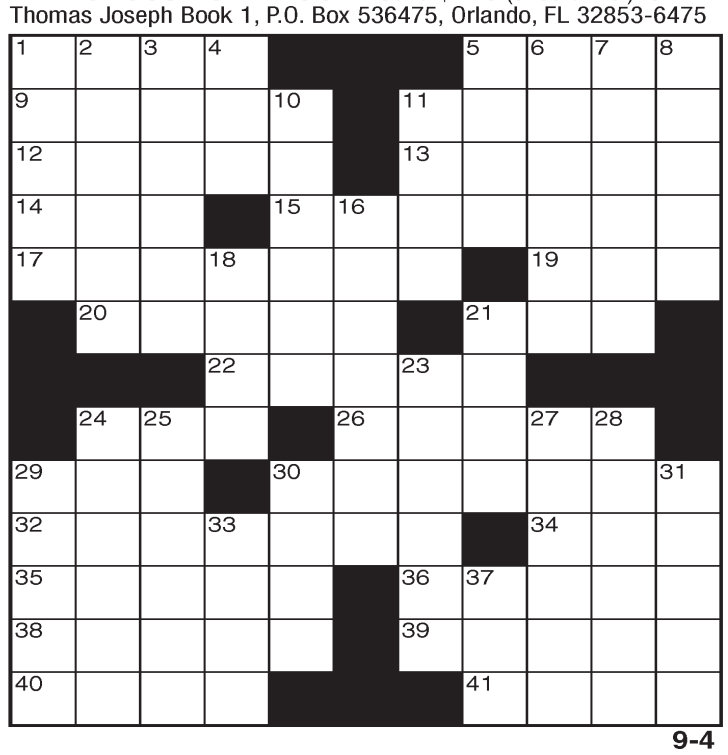
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11 Reach across
16 Jazz legend Ornette
18 Ship staff
21 Depleted
23 1984 World Series champs
24 Cochise's people
25 Bloc
27 Concert bonus
28 Gems
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30 Catcher's need
31 Deal maker
33 Diner buy
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Rules Are for the Benefit of Us All": Adhering to "federal regulations," the Denver Housing Authority ordered the immediate ejection of the family of Sandra Roskilly (her mother and autistic son) -- because Roskilly had been shot dead in a random homicide in August. The mother, who shared the apartment with Roskilly for 10 years, said she was told that once the head of household is no longer present (no matter the reason), the apartment must be forfeited. Said Roskilly's astonished brother, "(T)here was no question in my mind that my mother would at least be able to finish out the lease."

■ America's military veterans, whom the country supposedly champions wholeheartedly and insists should be properly compensated for their service and the disruption to their lives, must navigate as many as 613 government forms from 18 different agencies to receive what they are due by law, according to a July study released by the American Action Forum. The principal agency, the Department of Veterans Affairs, purports to have been making great progress over the last few years, but earlier this year acknowledged that, still, about 70 percent of claims (covering 600,000 veterans) have been waiting longer than 125 days for yes-or-no decisions.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1996 - War on Drugs: Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) attack a military base in Guaviare, starting three weeks of guerrilla warfare in which at least 130 Colombians are killed.

1998 - Google is founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two students at Stanford University.

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