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Haggen files for bankruptcy

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Haggen, the recently expanded chain of grocery stores, has filed for bankruptcy.

The company said the Chapter 11 process would allow it to reorganize around a reduced portfolio of locations while hopefully continuing day-to-day operations.

Grocery giants Safeway and Albertsons announced plans to merge in 2014. As part of the regulatory approval of the deal, the combined company was forced to sell some of its stores, including the Albertsons in Santa Monica.

Haggen, a then-small grocery chain based in Washington State, said it would purchase 146 of those excess stores, growing its company from 18 stores with 16 pharmacies to 164 stores with 106 pharmacies; from 2,000 employees to more than 10,000 employees.

At the time of purchase, Haggen said it would rely on cooperation from the newly merged Albertsons/Safeway to facilitate the

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RUN, VIKINGS, RUN

Courtesy photo

Santa Monica High senior Lucas Jackson took first place in the boys varsity cross-country race Sept. 5 with a time of 15 minutes 33 seconds during the Cool Breeze Invitational at El Prado Golf Course in Chino, leading the Vikings to second place as a team. Senior captain Kasia Krzyzanowski clocked in at 19:00 to take third place, helping the Samohi girls earn fifth place. The top Vikings freshmen were Jack Taylor (18:39) and Abby Grossman (21:34).

Downtown donates to SMEFF

BY NICHOLAS SALAZAR
Daily Press Intern

Businesses in Downtown Santa Monica are collaborating to support local education initiatives through the upcoming Buy Local, Give Local Week.

From Sept.12-20, participating businesses in several business districts will donate a portion of their proceeds to various local charities. Downtown Santa Monica is supporting the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF).

Established in 1982, SMMEF's mission is to engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all students in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools, according to a Buy Local press release.

The nonprofit provides financial support for academic and arts programs, field trips and other services for SMMUSD students. Funding during Buy Local, Give Local Week will be used to purchase new textbooks and fund teachers and afterschool programs.

For participating businesses, supporting neighborhood establishments strengthens the bond between commerce and communi-

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Santa Monica Dragons making lacrosse stick

Rise of local program mirrors sport's growth across country

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Randy Grube was looking for recreational activities for his son when he saw a pamphlet for a youth sports program.

"What's this lacrosse thing?" he recalled thinking.

Intrigued, Grube rented gear and enrolled his son in the Pacific Palisades-based group. But, all the while, he lamented the fact that lacrosse didn't have a presence in Santa Monica.

Well, that was then.

Over the last several years, thanks in part to Grube's efforts, youth lacrosse has become a vibrant and still-growing sport in the beachside city. And it's all part of a developing West Coast love affair with a fast-paced sport that has long been popular on the East Coast.

"The growth in L.A. is just happening now," said Grube, the co-founder of the nonprofit Santa Monica Dragons lacrosse program. "We're still behind."

Participation in lacrosse has spiked dramatically across the country over the last 13 years, according to data from U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's national gov-

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HUGHES

Local magician advances to 'America's Got Talent' finals

Hughes to perform live Tuesday at Radio City Music Hall

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Every exceptional magic trick is said to have three acts:: the pledge, the turn and the prestige. And Derek Hughes has already taken care of the first two.

He vowed to wow audiences as a contestant on "America's Got Talent," and he's been able to turn heads with his blend of stand-up humor and engaging magic.

The locally based performer is now in the hunt for prestige as he enters the NBC talent show's finals, which begin Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Answering his phone as he rode a shuttle from the airport to his hotel in Manhattan, Hughes marveled at the months-long journey that will soon put him on stage

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 10

Minion Party
Join organizers for crafts, games, and all kinds of fun featuring these lovable villains. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Twilight Concert Series
Free musical concerts every Thursday night with food vendors, sponsor booths and beer/wine pavilion. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 10 p.m.

Movie Screening: My Man Godfrey (1936)
In this classic romantic comedy set during the worst of the Great Depression, Carole Lombard stars as a scatterbrained socialite who hires a vagrant (William Powell) as her family's butler and proceeds to fall in love with him, much to his chagrin. (94 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Class: Email Basics
Learn how to attach and send documents, images, and more using email in this hands-on class. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 2 p.m.

Westside Laugh Party
Stand-up comedy in Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade! Featuring: Lang Parker (Last Comic Standing, Ellen Show, USO Tour), Sean Leary (America's Got Talent, MTV, Funny or Die), Chris Gorbos (Epic Rap Battles of History, Justified), Sharon Houston (MTV, Comedy Central, 2015 All Jane No Dick Comedy Fest), Joe Praino (ESPN, AXS TV's Live at Gotham), Adrienne Airhart (Two Inches Apart, Opened for Patton Oswalt), Dennis Gubbins (South Park, Brody Stevens: Enjoy It!, Grey's Anatomy), Jon Daly (Kroll Show, Parks & Rec, Family Guy, Bob's Burgers) Tickets are $10 http://westsidecomedy.com/event.cfm?id=398131&cart. M.I.'s Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd Street Promenade, 8 p.m.

September 11

Cycle For Heroes 2015
Annual Stationary Cycling fundraiser for The Heroes Project 501(c)3. For more information visit www.cycleforheroes.org. Santa Monica Pier, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Sunset Swim
Ages 18+ - Enjoy a fun evening at the pool, exclusively for adults. $10 adults, $5 senior (60+). No reservations required.
Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

"Autumn Deep Sky Wonders and Star Party Planner"
Explore the "Summer Triangle," rich in star clusters, planetary nebulae, and a supernova remnant. Includes tips on finding star parties to view these beauties in the eyepiece – even if you don't own a telescope – and a stroll outside to view the Summer Triangle, pointed out in green laser beams. The feature show is preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions. Tickets are available at the door and cost $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single show or telescope-viewing session, or $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill." For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice. Santa Monica College John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

THE DREAM ORCHESTRA: "Opera Forever" Gala
Gala will kick off Dream Orchestra's 2015-2016 season. Conducted by Daniel Suk and featuring Sopranos Golda Berkman and Tracy Cox, Mezzo Soprano

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For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

StokesMe raises funds for humanitarian organizations

The 2015 StokesMe fundraising initiative has begun. Put on by the SIMA Humanitarian Fund, retailers including the Jack's Surfboards and the Rip Curl Surf Center, join other surf brands, athletes, retailers, consumers and StokesMe beneficiaries to work together with the goal of raising more than $100,000 for 15 surf-related organizations focused on improving the quality of life, health and/or welfare of people around the world.

In its fourth year, StokesMe is hosting a retail Add-A-Buck program, where each participating retailer asks its customers to add $1 to each purchase to directly go to the StokesMe campaign. These stores were hand-selected to participate in StokesMe's Add-A-Buck program by the SIMA Humanitarian Fund Board of Directors.

Local participants include Jack's Surfboards at 2012 Lincoln Blvd. and the Rip Curl Surf Center at 1451 Third Street Promenade.

All funds raised will go to the 2015 SIMA Humanitarian Fund beneficiaries including: AccesSurf, Best Day Foundation, Boys to Men, Boarding for Breast Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation, John Wayne Cancer Foundation, Life Rolls On, Mauli Ola Foundation, Outdoor Outreach, STOKED, SurfAid, Surfers Healing, Valpo Surf Project and Waves for Water.

New for 2015, a database of volunteer opportunities, open to consumers and surf industry vets, has been established to support StokesMe and its beneficiaries. Dubbed the StokesMe Volunteer Corps, beneficiary organizations post their needs for volunteers from surf instructors or graphic artists. Everyone is invited to search the interactive list to find volunteer opportunities with StokesMe beneficiaries. Learn more at www.stokesme.org/events.

For additional information on StokesMe September events and opportunities to contribute, visit www.stokesme.org.

- SUBMITTED BY AMANDA PENNINGTON

Playa Vista

Phelps Group leases 30,000 SF in Playa Vista

The Phelps Group, a Santa Monica-based media company, has signed a $16 million, long-term lease for 30,000 square feet of office space located at 12121 Bluff Creek, Playa Vista. The new location, which the Phelps Group plans to occupy by the first quarter of 2016, will serve as the company's new headquarters.

Principals Patrick Ayau and Andrew Wilson of Lee & Associates West LA represented the Phelps Group.

"Phelps is very excited to relocate to the white hot tech and advertising corridor of Playa Vista where the recent additions of Google, Facebook and Yahoo have created tremendous synergy," said Ayau.

Visit www.phelpsagency.com for more information about the company.

- SUBMITTED BY ERIK HAMILTON

SMC

Panel discussion on anger, fear and violence

Santa Monica College will present "Reconfiguring the Contexts of Violence, Anger, & Fear: Challenges & Opportunities," a free panel discussion on new developments in understanding and addressing the anger, fear and violence in today's society.

The discussion will be held at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sep. 17, in Room 165 of the Humanities & Social Science Building on SMC's main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The featured panelists are:

City of Pasadena police chief Phillip Sanchez, supporter of the 'Mission First, People Always' approach to community policing; committed visionary, actor and producer Kristanna Loken of Fighting for Freedom, Darfur, and Terminator 3; and aspiring journalist and former SMC Corsair editor-in-chief Alci Rengifo.

The panel discussion is a Community, Culture, and Transformation event sponsored by the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates), a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on the Santa Monica College campus, and the SMC Black Collegians, SMC English Department and SMC Veterans' Resource Center.

For information, please call SMC's Office of Public Programs at (310) 434-4100.

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- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

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Lacey Jo Benter, Tenor Joshua Guerrero and Bass Patrick Blackwell. $40 general, $30 seniors/students, $180 for six-concert season. (800) 838-3006, www.dreamorchestra.org. St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave., 8 p.m.

September 12

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers! Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Downtown)

The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market, also known as the Organic Market, opened in May 1991. As Santa Monica's second CFM, it had a different mission to fulfill. With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd St at Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Peace in the Park Festival

Free of charge at Tongva Park. Bringing together our diverse communities to explore peace in a fun, inspiring atmosphere with a Peace Walk, artists, entertainers. For more information call 323-933-2808 or visit www.bklosangeles.org. Tongva Park, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Second Saturday Free Craft Lounge - Intention Flags with Peggy!

Peggy will be making a streamer of flags, each flag worked in fabric, pens, feathers, beads and more with poetry, inspirations, and intentions. Pick out a flag and work on it today; we'll sew it together and fly it here - and hope for a good wind! Cost: Free. Call (310) 458-2239 to register. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Recovery Massage with Brookstone and Dolvet Quince.

Join organizers and Dolvett Quince, fitness expert and lead trainer on NBC's "The Biggest Loser," at the Brookstone in the Santa Monica Promenade to see its Recovery Massage Circuit. All guests will have the opportunity to trial the latest in massage recovery products, enter for the chance to win great discounts and amazing prizes and meet Dolvett Quince. Brookstone, 1311 Third Street Promenade, 1 - 3 p.m.

17th Annual Communitas Awards

The Church in Ocean Park will honor three exceptional community leaders (Mildred Pitts Walter, Linda Laisure and Melina Abdullah) during the 17th Annual Communitas awards event. Communitas honors members of the church and the larger community who have greatly contributed to fostering peace and justice and who embody and elevate the spirit of community. Individual ticket price is $75; for more information and to purchase tickets, please call 310.399.1631 or email: office@ciop4justice.org. The Church in Ocean park, 235 Hill St., 4:30 p.m.

THE GUYS - Reading in Tribute to the Emergency Workers of 9/11

Directed by Dan Lauria, the show is a benefit for the Malibu Playhouse in which a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The show stars Ray Abruzzo and Wendie Malick. For more information call (310) 589-1998. Malibu Playhouse, 29243 PCH, 8 p.m.

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Culture Watch

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The fall season begins

THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN A QUIET ONE for me; I read a couple of novels that I highly recommend and finally went to see the "The End of the Tour," with an unexpected and thoroughly convincing performance by comedic actor Jason Segel as the renowned late author David Foster Wallace.

The novels came from the Pico branch of Santa Monica Public Library, which I've visited a lot over the summer. I read "The Book of Air and Shadows" by Michael Gruber, an intricately woven literary mystery involving a heretofore-unknown work by Shakespeare. It's wonderfully constructed and completely engaging. The gripping novel "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins is one you won't be able to put down; no wonder it's been on the bestseller list for ages. And finally, I just discovered Anita Diamant's "The Red Tent," a fictionalization of the Biblical lives of Rebecca, Leah, Rachel and Dinah, wives, sisters and daughters of Isaac and Jacob, the direct descendants of Abraham and Sarah. I loved it.

But all this reading means I stayed mostly home, in advance of the upcoming busy fall cultural season. So I'll share some local events I've been alerted to that I think are worth your attention.

Courtesy photo

THE END OF THE TOUR: **Jason Segel stars as David Foster Wallace in this film about the late author.**

CINEPHILIA

Let's start with the anniversary series that Laemmle Theatres has created at the Royal in West Los Angeles.

Bruce Dern will appear at the 55th anniversary screening of "Wild River," a film whose reputation has grown over time and was inducted into the National Film Registry at the Library of Congress. Dern made his film debut in "Wild River," which tells the Depression Era story of a defiant 80-year-old woman who refuses to sell her land to the Tennessee Valley Authority to build a dam. The event takes place Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Then take time out to meet Oscar, Emmy and Golden Globe award winning actress Cloris Leachman in person at the 40th anniversary of "Crazy Mama," a 1975 "chick flick" well ahead of its time. An early movie by Oscar winning director Jonathan Demme, it's a wild comedy that follows three generations of women on a crime spree in the 1950s. The event takes place Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Both evenings are hosted by film scholar Stephen Farber (Reel Talk) and feature a Q&A with the actors following the screenings. Tickets are available at laemmle.com.

STORIES WITH A PURPOSE

Some of us have found our purpose in life, others are still looking. Our local storytelling series "Shine" focuses a spotlight on "My Calling," the theme for an evening of inspiring true stories on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica's Promenade Playhouse.

Entertainer and coach Rahla Kahn, an original Groundlings member and a consultant who focuses on healing through entertainment, will host the night, which features live music by Wayne Perry, founder and director of The Holistic Voice Institute and Sound Therapy Center of Los Angeles.

Alan Aymie, whom I profiled in these pages when he performed his "A Child Left Behind" one-man show, is featured; also on the bill are Kimberly Dillon, an entrepreneur, techie, motivational speaker, stand-up comedian, and TV host; Kristina Kirstin, a TV director and filmmaker; Terrie Silverman, writer/performer and Artist-in-Residence at Beyond Baroque; poet, physician and story healer Dr. Ruby Carroll Simpkins; and Aileen Socrates, a trainer and coach who leads workshops in transformational leadership.

Get inspired; get tickets at www.StoreyProductions.com.

MOVIE WITH A PURPOSE

The Human Rights Watch Film Club at the American Cinematheque is sponsoring a screening of an award-winning documentary about the Middle East, followed by a panel discussion on Sept. 20, at Santa Monica's Aero Theatre. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., screening and panel discussion begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception at 7:30 p.m.

Oscar nominee Gini Reticker's "The Trials of Spring" follows three Egyptian women: Hend Nafea, a young religious Muslim from the countryside who is now facing a likely jail sentence for her role in the uprisings; Mariam Kirollos, a young, urban Christian who has long been passionate about women's rights; and Khadiga Hennawi, a formerly veiled widow in her 60s who earned the nickname "Mama K" for assuming the role of caretaker of the revolutionaries. Their stories illuminate the roles women play as they risk everything to bring change in their country.

The panel discussion will focus on Middle East activism, the pioneering role of women, and the legacy of the 2011 "Arab Spring" uprisings. It will feature Nafea, along with Professor Sherine Hafez, an expert on Islamic activism; Beth Levison, the film's producer; and Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East & North Africa director at Human Rights Watch.

Tickets are available at http://ttos.bpt.me.

AUTHORS SPEAK

Santa Monica College presents the 13th year of its popular Fall Literary Series, beginning Sept. 15, all free to the public, sponsored by the SMC Associates.

The line up starts on Sept. 15 with Geoff Dyer, "Expect the Unexpected: Geoff Dyer Reads from His Work." On Sept. 21, still a left-wing firebrand, my former colleague (KCRW's "Left, Right & Center") Robert Scheer will discuss "They Know Everything About You" at 6:30 p.m.

"Steph Cha Reads from her Work" on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 11:15 a.m. Cha is an attorney and LA Times contributor who's created a series of novels featuring a Korean-American sleuth who channels Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe.

And on Tues., Nov. 10, Cal State Long Beach professor Stephen Cooper, renowned for his biography of L.A. author John Fante, discusses "Isaac Babel: New Fiction by Stephen Cooper" at 11:15 am.

For details and locations call SMC's Office of Public Programs at (310) 434-4100.

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Why you should reconsider collecting comics only for their monetary value

AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH, A NEW OR potential comic book fan will walk through the doors of my shop interested in becoming a reader of the characters they've seen in the latest superhero films and TV shows. While scanning the wall of the newest available issues, they'll ask "So which ones will be worth money?" At this point, I usually feel my teeth clench but I can't blame the customer for posing the question. This is a left-over problem coming directly from the speculator boom of the 1990's. And that problem is the faulty mindset that comics are for collecting.

Don't get me wrong, I love collecting comics. Nothing beats the rush of adding a sweet silver age book to my collection to fill a hole and complete a storyline. Like any fan, I have certain creators that I adore and follow, gobbling up their newest releases and hunting down their older works to add to my library. Always the constant is the love of the art, the story and the history of the characters. Much like sports fans, dedicated comic readers can debate over the most miniscule Spider-Man stat or comic continuity error with all the passion of any great NFL weekend warrior. Amassing a collection becomes a natural outgrowth of following your favorite series and watching certain books rise in value adds an extra element of enjoyment to the hobby.

The hobby as an investment turned into the investment as a hobby in the 1990's, brought on by big event storylines like The Death of Superman. Comic books were now bought to be horded and tucked away, now considered to be a commodity instead of entertainment, unread and unopened for fear of losing any future value. Many of these issues sold in the millions, but failed to sustain their numbers and inflated fan base. This mid 90's boom eventually went bust and it took almost a decade for the industry to fully recover, leaving almost all of these speculator comics worthless. Countless articles have been written pointing the blaming finger, but it comes down to one basic truth. If you are collecting comic books like you're buying stocks without ever enjoying the creativity inside those front and back covers, you are unlikely to return each month to continue following the adventures and drama of the many quality series being published.

This brings me right back to that dreaded question and the need to change that way of thinking. I enjoy the opportunity to steer people in the direction of comic books for reading and entertainment first and investments second. I instead answer them with a quick rundown of some storylines of current titles and a couple will usually grab them and excite them to start reading. This is where true comic book collecting should start from and it's a joy to talk to a returning customer who just has to get their hands on the next issue or trade paperback of a series to find out what happens next. If you are only concerned with the value of a book, you will most likely miss rather than hit. Of the few current comics that have jumped in price, they were ones that existed under the radar for some time before shooting up in value. Not many people bought Walking Dead #1 when it was first released and the series trudged along for several years with a small fan base before the television show made it a household name. If you were lucky enough to buy a copy of the first issue for cover price, you would have succeeded in making a sizable profit from your initial investment. If you never dared to open that now iconic front cover and read it, then you've missed out on the real wealth inside.

To learn more about all things comic books, visit Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., in Santa Monica.

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Heat wave hits California; expect triple-digit temperatures

KRISTIN J. BENDER
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Crowded swimming holes, busy cooling centers and shuttered schools are all part of record-setting temperatures hitting California as excessive heat warnings were issued into Thursday night in many areas, especially the valleys and lower mountain elevations.

Hundreds of cooling centers are open in senior centers and libraries around California as high temperatures statewide, some triple-digit numbers, were expected from Sacramento to San Bernardino and Fresno to Fullerton in a heat-wave forecast, according to the National Weather Service.

With temperatures into the 100s inland and into the 90s in San Francisco expected, people were looking for ways to cool off.

Rikhardur Fridriksson, a tourist from Iceland, crouched under a row of trees near San Francisco's City Hall with a big map of the city unfurled before him. He had planned to spend the day walking around outside. But after just 45 minutes in the heat was looking for ways to spend the day indoors, possibly at museums.

"I thought it would be autumn here," he said. "I was definitely expecting cooler weather."

Nothing beats a cool lake on a hot day, said East Bay Regional Park District spokeswoman Carolyn Jones. "Apparently thousands of people agree. We've seen huge crowds at our 12 swimming pools, lakes, lagoons and beaches during this hot spell," Jones said.

A popular way to cool off is take the tour of the old Hazel-Atlas sand mine at the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch, where it's 57 degrees year-round, Jones said. "In fact, naturalists even suggest bringing a coat," she said

In Southern California, downtown Los Angeles hit 99 degrees before noon Wednesday. Triple-digit readings were already popping up across the region, where a swath of mountains, deserts and inland valleys were under a flash-flood watch as tropical moisture from Hurricane Linda off Mexico flowed in, creating a recipe for thunderstorms and sudden flows that swell washes and creeks into torrents.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power recorded the highest electricity of demand so far this year - 5,926 megawatts at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday with an even higher reading expected Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Sarah Wallin sat in the shade by a shallow fountain in a downtown park where her toddler rolled around and collected water in a bucket. She dipped her feet in the water.

"Our (air conditioning), frankly, can't keep up with the heat," she said.

Some schools are dismissing students early amid a heat wave and air-quality alerts.

South of San Francisco, the Campbell Union High School District, for the first time, ended the day early and banned outdoor activities.

But National Weather Service Forecaster Diana Henderson said there is relief in sight. "It won't be quite as bad toward the weekend. In (San Francisco) itself we are looking 86 degrees on Thursday and then it plummets down to 80 degrees by Friday," she said.

With the steamy temperatures, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on Wednesday issued a Spare the Air Alert, which is used on days when it's hot and air quality is forecast to be unhealthy.

In Sacramento, Gov. Jerry Brown is advising Californians to take precautions during the year's first heat wave.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is advising customers to set their air conditioning thermostat at about 75 degrees and to turn off unnecessary lights and appliances.

Associated Press reporters Linda Zhang in Los Angeles and Sudhin Thanawala in San Francisco contributed to this report.

GROCERY

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transition process.

However, Haggen contends that Albertsons actively derailed the transition process and filed a lawsuit last month.

"During the transfer process, Albertsons launched its plan to gain market power and/or monopoly power, acting in a manner that was designed to (and did) hamstring Haggen's ability to successfully operate the stores after taking ownership," said the complaint.

Albertsons has also accused Haggen of misconduct, claiming Haggen has refused to pay for millions of dollars worth of inventory that accompanied the store purchases.

"The allegations contained in the Haggen complaint are completely without merit and we will vigorously defend ourselves in court," said Albertsons in a statement. "Albertsons has not engaged in anti-competitive or inappropriate practices as alleged by Haggen. The divesture of stores to Haggen followed the process determined by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) order. Like the process followed by Albertsons in prior divestitures, our process with Haggen was the subject of regular reports to the FTC and review by the Monitor Trustee appointed by the FTC. From the outset, Albertsons has satisfied its obligations and worked to ensure the success of the transition of the divested stores to Haggen and several other companies. Recently, Albertsons was forced to sue Haggen for an amount in excess of $40 million for unpaid inventory. Rather than paying the amounts owing, Haggen responded by filing this lawsuit against us in an attempt to deflect attention from their failure to comply with basic contractual obligations."

While the Santa Monica store will remain open, Haggen eventually announced plans to close several stores including others in the Los Angeles market.

The announced store closures, and reductions in hours at other stores, has angered unions.

"Rather than doing the right thing, Haggen is fleeing the field,"said Rick Icaza, president of UFCW 770, the union representing grocery workers. "Instead of creating a long-term sustainable business plan that would have benefited workers and shareholders alike, Haggen instead took the greedy route of quick, short-term profits and ended up harming our community and neighborhoods. This is not just a case of an inexperienced, unprepared retailer floundering in a competitive market. This is a case of a profit-hungry Wall Street investor lying to employees and the communities they serve in order to make a quick buck. Now they leave behind a mass of broken lives and stores, all because they couldn't see beyond the end of their own quarterly report."

The union filed complaints against Albertsons, Vons and Haggen over the issue. According to UFCW 770, Albertsons/Vons have agreed to preferentially rehire any union members who used to work at either chain before the stores were sold.

According to Haggen, the Chapter 11 filing is the next step in recovering from the botched transition.

"After careful consideration of all alternatives, the company concluded that a reorganization through the Chapter 11 process is the best way for Haggen to preserve value for all stakeholders," said John Clougher, chief executive officer of Haggen. "The action we are taking today will allow us to continue to serve our customers and communities while providing Haggen with a process to re-align our operations to be positioned for the future."

The company said it had secured $215 million in financing from existing lenders to maintain operations and continue to keep shelves stocked. The company also announced the departure of Bill Shaner, who was hired late last year to help oversee the massive expansion.

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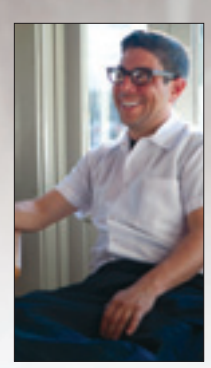

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"As small business owners ourselves, we know how hard the local businesses are working to provide unique services to us," said Kayla Allen, co-owner of Pure Barre, "We want to support that."

Local store owners said customers that shop locally can get unique services, such as in-person consultations or free samples based on their interactions with the actual business owners.

"We really like for people to come in as opposed to buying online," said Allison Marks, manager of ARCONA Studio spa. "When someone comes in, we can spend time with them and give them the right products."

For some merchants, buying locally is representative of a proud, longstanding relationship between their business and the city of Santa Monica. Edward "Eddie" Guerboian has operated Readers Fine Jewelers since he acquired it almost 40 years ago.

"We give locally and buy locally to keep the money in the city. It's one of my beliefs," said Guerboian, who has donated door prizes and auction items to support schools, churches, and other organizations. "When customers support local merchants like me, it gives me the opportunity to give back to the community," he said.

Local businesses view Buy Local, Give Local Week as an opportunity to show thanks to the Santa Monica neighborhood. "We really love the Santa Monica community," said Marks. "We wanted to take the opportunity to give back to the community that we've been a part of for so long."

John Cassese has been Santa Monica's "Dance Doctor" for almost three decades and Oct. 1 will mark his studio's 18th year at the downtown location. "I've been in Santa Monica for so many years and Santa Monica has been so close to my heart ... I feel that it's necessary to give back to the community," said Cassese, "We need to support our local business that has merchandise and services to offer in our own backyard."

With the 2015 Buy Local, Give Local Week, downtown businesses continue a longstanding collaboration between the city's business and education interests. "Education is one of the most important investments into our society," said Cassese, "the more education they have, the better our country will be."

Businesses said donating to education is a way to support future Santa Monicans and help maintain the kinds of services that Santa Monicans want.

"It's important because we support our local schools," said Guerboian, "I believe our local schools need local support to maintain their standard of education."

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MAGIC

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with the opportunity of a lifetime.

"It's pretty incredible," he said. "It starts with thousands of people throwing their names in a virtual hat. ... It's kind of a whirlwind. You really feel the pressure of that venue. And that's just the live audience."

Hughes knows millions more people will be tuning in on their television sets, and he's hoping they will vote for him to win the grand prize of $1 million and a headline gig in Las Vegas.

As Hughes has advanced on the show, from the first rounds of auditions in April through judge cuts and live performances, he has met with producers to pitch ideas for what he'll do in the next rounds.

In his first audition, he performed the closing segment of his act. Over the course of the competition, he's worked backwards through the routine he's been developing over the last decade.

"My final performance will be my opener," he said. "When I introduce it, I'll say 'I'm not going to close with my closer. I'm going to show you my opener,' and it'll be be of closer quality, hopefully. It's kind of amazing how it's gone full circle."

Born in Minnesota, Hughes became interested in magic as a 10-year-old after trading his chemistry set for a friend's magic kit.

He has since forged a career as an entertainer, landing a variety of acting gigs and performing at corporate events and colleges across the country.

Hughes moved from New York to Southern California in 2001 to pursue opportunities in the entertainment industry, living in Venice for 10 years before settling with his family in Playa del Rey.

Hughes has spent ample time in Santa Monica, where he has performed a recurring show, "Insomnia," at Hotel Casa Del Mar.

A self-described stand-up magician, Hughes uses comedy to complement the drama of his magic tricks.

"Audiences really enjoy that flow," he said. "You need the moments of comic relief in between because you can't have too many miracles happening in one hour. These jokes kind of work, intentionally, like a sorbet in between courses to cleanse the mental palate. Magic can create psychic tension, and seeing something impossible isn't always the most comfortable. So that stand-up material works twofold. It helps prepare them for the next moment of magic, and it allows them a glimpse into my world and my thinking.

Magicians are often distant and mysterious. I'm admitting that I'm not completely in control. I like the idea that a magician isn't a person who's in control, but a conduit. You have powers, but you don't quite know how to control them."

For Hughes, the biggest challenge of competing on "America's Got Talent" is making sure his performances aren't compromised by the show's cameras.

"As a magician, one of my greatest concerns is not having control over camera angles," he said. "They've got 20 camera angles working simultaneously, so I've spent time talking with the director and making sure they understand what part of the story needs to be told.

"My greatest fear is exposing magic in any way, shape or form on live television. When it's live, it's hard to protect yourself completely. It's a little bit of a leap of faith that I'm going to do it right, that they're going to capture it right. There's a lot of stress because secrets are such a foundational part of the craft."

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LACROSSE

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erning body. There were nearly 773,000 players registered nationwide last year, up more than 200 percent from the 253,901 counted when U.S. Lacrosse began tracking involvement annually in 2001.

The rapid expansion of the sport is mirrored locally by the flourishing Santa Monica Dragons program, which is officially known as the Academy of Lacrosse.

Hoping to get youth lacrosse off the ground in Santa Monica, Grube first approached the leaders of Santa Monica High's lacrosse club program about building up its youth ranks.

"It was very interesting," he said. "You learn a lot about how to teach kids, and you start developing a unique approach. We felt we were giving the kids a good-quality experience."

A year into it, though, Grube evaluated the situation and decided that the gulfs in the various coaching philosophies were too large for him to continue working under the Vikings' umbrella.

So he convinced other families to join what is now the Santa Monica Dragons, which he established in 2012.

"We thought we could do a better job if we did it on our own," he said. "We didn't have a relationship with the City for field space, and we were going to have to scramble. It was a risk."

Starting with 14 players, Grube's program now features about 200 at a variety of ages and skill levels.

The organization initially leaned towards high levels of competition, performing well at several tournaments beyond the region and state.

But it has since expanded to offer clinics and activities for less-experienced players, developing a Lacrosse 101 program held at Grant Elementary School that offers instruction for boys and girls in the basic skills of catching, throwing and cradling.

As far as Grube is concerned, the training can have promising results.

Indeed, the rise of lacrosse in the area is reflected in the coaching staffs at two private schools in the region. Erik Krum, the Dragons athletic director, was recently named the head coach of the lacrosse program at Harvard-Westlake. Meghan Toomey, a Dragons coach who played collegiate lacrosse, is now the head lacrosse coach at Marlborough School.

Grube said the coaches' work beyond the Dragons program improves continuity and gives players opportunities to excel beyond high school.

"If, say, you go to Marlborough and you play lacrosse, you have a decent shot of getting into college," Grube said. "It's a way for the school to help their reputation, and it helps them help their kids. It gives the kids more tools."

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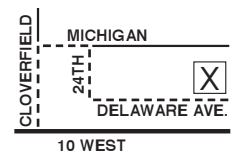

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THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **5-7 ft** head high to 2 ft overhead
SE Linda swell due to peak at best exposures. STAY TUNED. Also SW-SSW Southern Hemi swell holds with 3-4-5' waves, as old SSE swell drops.

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **5-7 ft** head high to 2 ft overhead
SE Linda swell due to hold at best exposures. STAY POSTED FOR UPDATES: Old SSW Southern Hemi swell eases.

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
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Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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
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LOS ANGELES Three young brothers were found stabbed to death inside a vehicle parked outside a South Los Angeles elementary school, while a man suspected to be their father was in critical condition, police said.

The brothers, ages 8 to 12, were found dead of multiple stab wounds in the back of an SUV, while a man in the front seat was alive but bleeding with stab wounds to his chest, Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said.

The man was in critical condition at a hospital, while the boys were pronounced dead and later taken to a coroner's office. A knife was recovered from the front passenger seat, police said.

Detectives believe they have a suspect in custody, but Beck declined to be more specific about that person's identity.

The deaths come as homicides are on the rise in Los Angeles. In August, 39 killings drove a year-to-date uptick in murders in the nation's second-largest city, according to police statistics. The 39 killings in August are compared with 22 the previous month and 19 last August.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 405 calls for service on Sept. 8.

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

Burglary 1500 block of Berkeley 2:41 a.m.
Loud Music 1900 block of 18th 5:19 a.m.
Construction Noise 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 6:21 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 4th 7:27 a.m.
Identity Theft 3300 block of Barnard 8:05 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1600 block of Ocean Park 8:14 a.m.
Burglary 300 block of Montana 8:45 a.m.
Hit and Run 900 block of 5th 9:11 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300 block of Olympic 9:35 a.m.
Battery 500 block of Olympic W 9:41 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 2600 block of Lincoln 9:42 a.m.
Hit and Run Lincoln/Ashland 9:51 a.m.
Public Intoxication Ocean/Wilshire 9:52 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1800 block of 7th 9:57 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 4th 10:24 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block of Santa Monica 10:44 a.m.
Lewd Activity 700 block of Ozone 10:51 a.m.
Vandalism 100 block of Ocean Park 12:14 p.m.
Fraud 700 block of 24th 12:24 p.m.
Elder Abuse 1300 block of 20th 12:27 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block of 2nd 1:14 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1100 block of Olympic 1:19 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1700 block of Ocean 1:25 p.m.
Child Molestation 1400 block of 2nd 1:28 p.m.
Grand Theft 1500 block of The Beach 2:07 p.m.
Traffic Accident 19th/Wilshire 2:32 p.m.
Elder Abuse 2500 block of 20th 3:12 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1500 block of Palisades Park 3:16 p.m.
Traffic Accident 2600 block of Ocean Park 3:36 p.m.
Burglary 2400 block of Beverley 3:44 p.m.
Traffic Accident 23rd/Oak 3:50 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600 block of 5th 3:54 p.m.
Traffic Accident 4th/Civic Center 4:14 p.m.
Grand Theft 2600 block of 3rd 4:14 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of 18th 4:20 p.m.
Death 0 block of Pico 5:16 p.m.
Hit and Run 400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:25 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 2600 block of Lincoln 6:12 p.m.
Lewd Activity 700 block of Ozone 7:04 p.m.
Grand Theft 2600 block of 3rd 7:34 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1100 block of 5th 7:56 p.m.
Hit and Run 17th/Pico 9:19 p.m.
DUI Lincoln/Pico 10:17 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 53 calls for service on Sept. 8.

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

Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1500 block of Ocean 12:10 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Virginia 12:36 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Pico 3:22 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Ocean Park 4:16 a.m.
EMS 22nd/Arizona 6:07 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 3rd 6:10 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Michigan 7:29 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Idaho 8:09 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Berkeley 8:40 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Franklin 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 9:02 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of 3rd 9:07 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of 6th 9:25 a.m.
EMS Main/Pico 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 10:18 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of California 10:57 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 6th 11:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of 6th 11:06 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Ocean Park 11:14 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Arizona 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Centinela 12:14 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of 6th 12:39 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Centinela 12:47 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of 6th 12:47 p.m.
Lock In/Out 800 block of 20th 1:22 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 20th 1:35 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 1:45 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 2500 block of Beverley 2:37 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 7th 2:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of 2nd 3:17 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 3:33 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Virginia 3:54 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Palisades Park 4:19 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Main 4:34 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 5:02 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 5:04 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:17 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Main 6:13 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Arizona 6:38 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1000 block of 3rd 6:47 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300 block of 6th 7:11 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 8:35 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Ocean 8:41 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 1800 block of 10th 9:03 p.m.
Wires Down 7th/California 9:39 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rigging support
5 "Aladdin" villain
10 Cocoa alternative
12 Full of verve
13 Battery part
14 Sandy hills
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16 Tin or titanium
18 Chooses
20 Candle count
21 "M*A*S*H" star
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24 Fill completely
26 Night fliers
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29 Rotisserie part
31 Yoga need
32 Football team
36 Raise
39 "— had it!"
40 Like some jackets
41 Consumerist Ralph
43 Muscularly fit
44 Correct, as text
45 Loses it
46 Cook's needs

DOWN

1 Deli counter sight
2 Seminar group
3 Stood
4 Piston connector
5 Green stone
6 Homecoming guest
7 Connoisseur's concern
8 Gets satisfaction for
9 Took a breather
11 Entomology topic
17 Acid
19 Purr producer
22 Chisholm Trail end
24 Marine mammal
25 Reception aid
27 Had lunch
28 Does refinery work
30 Sulky state
33 Musical mini-movie
34 Happening
35 Uncool group
37 Julia Louis-Dreyfus show
38 Throws in
42 Band blaster

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Yesterday's answer

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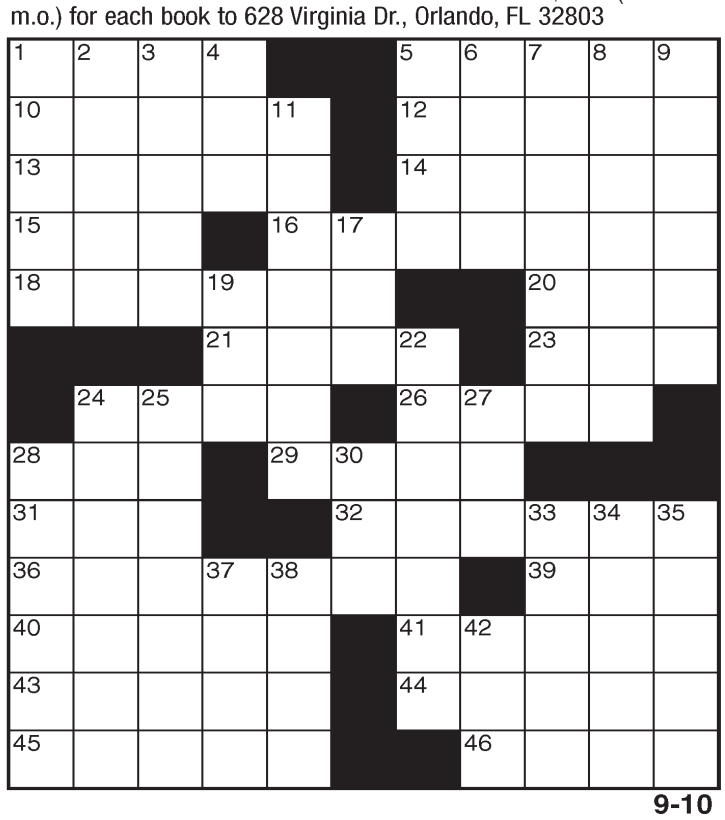

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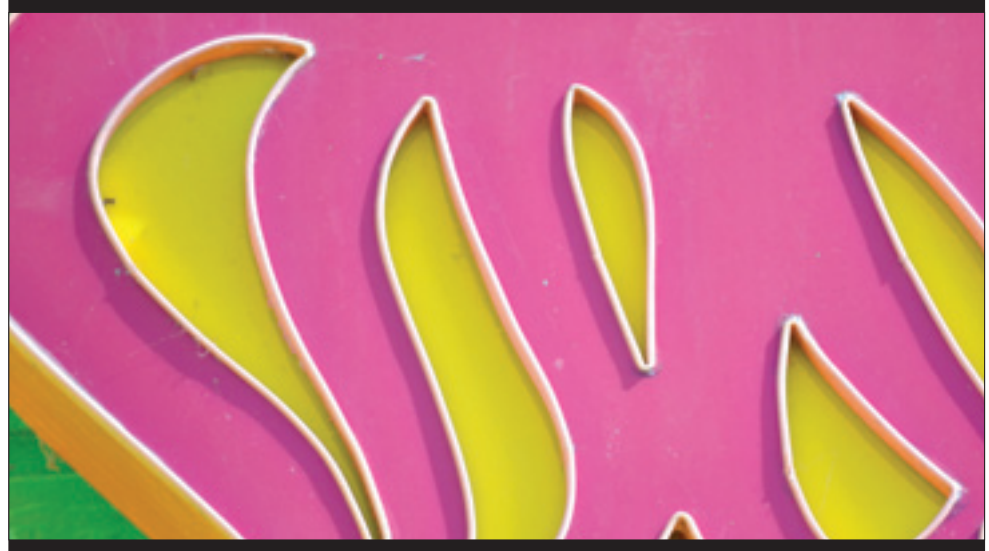

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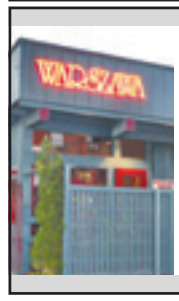

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Difficulty Level ★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	5	9	7	6	2	1	8	3
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL Draw Date: 9/5
10 16 18 29 45
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 149M

MEGA MILLIONS Draw Date: 9/8
19 20 36 41 46
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 106M

SUPER LOTTO Draw Date: 9/5
4 22 39 44 47
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 9/8
5 14 31 33 39

DAILY 3 Draw Date: 9/8
MIDDAY: 6 0 0
Draw Date: 9/8
EVENING: 7 4 3

DAILY DERBY Draw Date: 9/8
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:48.56

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WORD UP!

Fata Morgana 1. Meteorology. a mirage consisting of multiple images, as of cliffs and buildings, that are distorted and magnified to resemble elaborate castles, often seen near the Straits of Messina.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 - A British Airways Hawker Siddeley Trident and an Inex-Adria DC-9 collide near Zagreb, Yugoslavia, killing 176.

1977 - Hamida Djandoubi, convicted of torture and murder, is the last person to be executed by guillotine in France.

1987 - Pope John Paul II starts his 11-day papal visit to Fort Simpson, Canada and afterwards to several southern and western cities in the United States.

1990 - The Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, the largest church in Africa, is consecrated by Pope John Paul II.

2000 - Operation Barras successfully frees six British soldiers held captive for over two weeks and contributes to the end of the Sierra Leone Civil War.

2001 - Charles Ingram cheats his way into winning one million pounds on a British version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?.

2001 - Antônio da Costa Santos, mayor of Campinas, Brazil is assassinated.

2003 - Anna Lindh, the foreign minister of Sweden, is fatally stabbed while shopping, and dies the following day.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Former Massachusetts Institute of Technology lecturer Joseph Gibbons was sentenced in July to a year in prison for robbing a New York City Capital One bank in December (while operating a video camera) in a heist that he had insisted all along was merely "performance art." (He had been suspected in a similar robbery in Rhode Island in November.) His biography on the MIT website described him as "blurring the boundaries between fact and fiction, self and persona ... with a contradictory impulse to confabulate and dissimulate." The Queens Museum in New York City has offered to screen the footage of the robbery as an art piece.

■ "Excessive" (I): Three weeks ago, News of the Weird mentioned that a federal judge had officially declared 29 years as an excessive amount of time for the Bureau of Land Management to have sat on a natural gas permit, but four years' waiting is apparently an acceptable period for a judge to sit on a decision whether to fire a New York City schoolteacher. Edward Morrissey, charged with pushing and shoving a student at PS 109 in Brooklyn in 2009, had his administrative hearing in 2011 and since then has been drawing full pay and benefits (including seniority raises) while reporting to a no-duties "job" (termed a "rubber room") every school day. In May 2015, he was finally found guilty.

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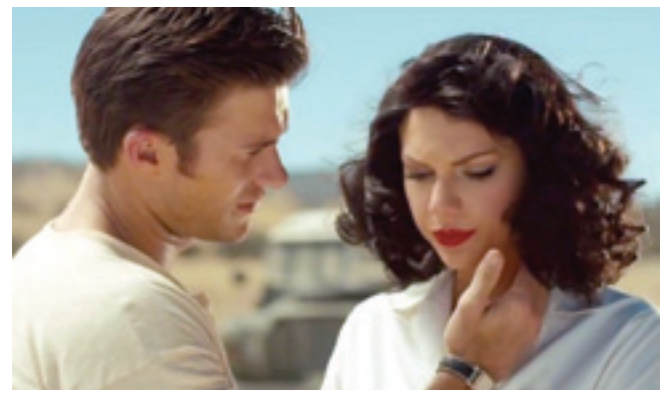

By Megan Tambio

Having reached the level of mega-ubiquity Taylor Swift has, she can't help but ignite controversy. The most recent outrage? Perpetuating colonialism. Wait. What?

In her new video for "Wildest Dreams", Swift and genetically immaculate Scott Eastwood play two Hollywood movie stars shooting a sweeping epic in Africa. So, what's the problem?

In an NPR article, "Taylor Swift is dreaming of a white Africa", writers Viviane Rutabingwa and James Kassaga Arinaitwe rip the production for portraying a white-washed image of Africa. Colonialism in this context refers to the European colonization of Africa following World War II, a dark period with lasting implications on the continent.

Swift's video, however, has nothing to do with that. They are clearly shooting a fictional film in the music video. The writers criticize the video for not featuring actual Africans, but if we're to believe this is a 1950's film crew (their clothes and camera equipment clearly scream 'Olde Timey'), would there be any non-white people in the crew?

The authors saw a zeitgeist-y moment and tried to use it as a platform for other issues. Swift's video, if anything, is a love letter to the beauty of Africa. And, oh yeah, the proceeds are going to the African Parks Foundation of America.

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Think weekend, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be bombarded by a call in the morning from someone who wants to use you as a sounding board. You won't mind, but you could get thrown off by the conversation and lose your sense of time. Consider taking a shortcut. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You know better than to spread yourself too thin. Slow down and prioritize. Be caring with those in your immediate environment. Cancel an outside commitment if need be. Consolidate rather than fragment. Tonight: Consider what you would like to do this coming weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might be so busy on the phone that you could miss what is going on around you. Remember to make some time for yourself. A friend or co-worker could surprise you with his or her response. Stay levelheaded. Be forthcoming. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What is happening around you allows you to step back and consider what you would do in the same situation. A friend or relative does the unexpected and throws you into some chaos. Hang in there, and know that everything will work out. Tonight: Do some shopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are firing on all cylinders. Even if you run into a problem or an angry person, you will find the right words to allow everyone to move on. A loved one at a distance finds you to be unusually attractive, and will let you know that as well. Tonight: Be physical.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Deal with someone directly and with kindness. You might not want to be visible at the moment, and could choose to play it low-key. Understand that you will be missed! Use this day for yourself, and get some much-needed R and R. Tonight: Continue the vanishing act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others might be more provocative than you would like, but you'll have little choice except to deal with them. You have at least one friend from whom you never know what to expect. Keep your goals in mind, and you can't go wrong. Tonight: You will be missed if you stay home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Once more, you seem to end up accepting all the responsibilities of others. You might want to consider stopping this habit -- it is not good for your well-being. An older friend or relative will let you know how much you are appreciated. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You understand all the different energies that are swirling around you through others. On some level, you will find it very amusing; however, you'll prefer to stay out of a problem rather than hop in the middle of it. Tonight: Say "yes" to a weekend getaway!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You will be in the mood to let others deal with the details of a certain situation rather than handling them yourself. You could feel as if you have not had enough time to get into a social mode yet. Others seem to be only too pleased to pitch in. Tonight: Surprises await you!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others go out of their way to get you going, and will encourage you to join in. You have a unique ability to make people feel appreciated. Many people might be seeking you out for that reason as well. Throw yourself into the moment. Tonight: What is stopping you?

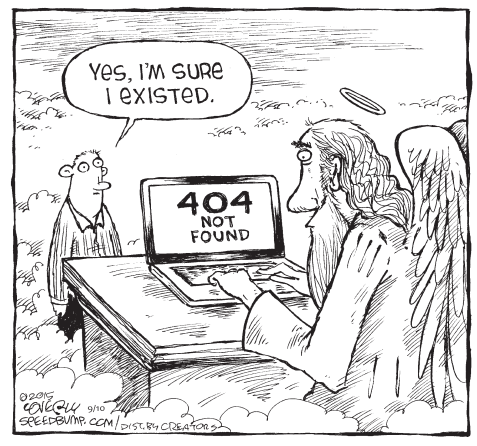
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Ideas and suggestions simply fly right out of your mouth. You might be surprised by everything that is happening around you. Be willing to go 100 percent in whatever you do. You will have nothing to worry about then! Tonight: Get some sleep while you can.

Thursday, September 10, 2015

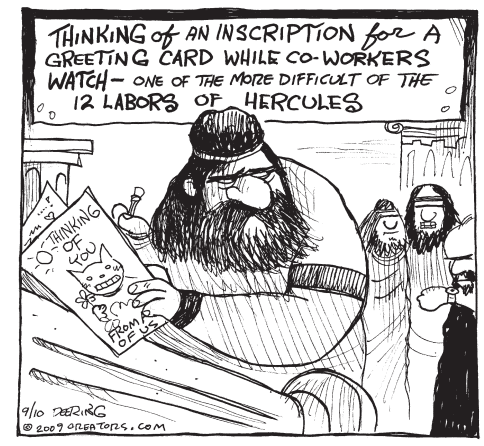
This year Lady Luck rides on your shoulder. Nevertheless, you will want to keep a low profile, as you will feel more comfortable. Whatever you plan seems to fall into place. If you are single, you might meet someone quite exotic who is not as authentic as you would like. Be clear about the qualities you seek in a partner. If you are attached, the two of you will want to share a lot of alone time together. You'll enrich your bond as a result, and become much more intimate than in the past. LEO knows how vulnerable you are.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



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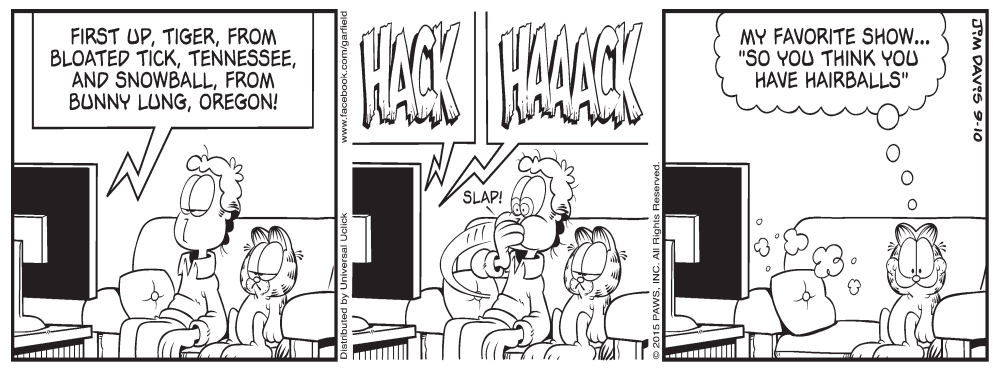

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