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THE PONY PROTEST ISSUE

Cal State L.A. anthropology major receives prestigious CSU Trustees award

BY MARGIE LOW

Special to the Daily Press

After battling through two cancer surgeries, Santa Monica resident Justin D'Agostino has emerged a bright and shining star.

Overcoming medical and personal challenges only strengthened his determination

to succeed in academics. Now, a second-year anthropology graduate student at California State University, Los Angeles with a 4.0 GPA, D'Agostino looks forward to pursuing a Ph.D. and returning to the California State University (CSU) system as a professor.

D'Agostino has conducted international research in Indonesia and studies at the

Gibbon Conservation Center. He also won an outstanding oral presentation award in behavioral and social sciences at Cal State L.A.'s 22nd Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity.

In recognition of his perseverance and

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Hospitality union endorses Gruber, McKeown

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A large hospitality union is getting behind incumbent Kevin McKeown and former Planning Commission member Frank Gruber in the race for City Council.

Unite Here Local 11 announced its endorsement of the two candidates on Friday afternoon.

The union has successfully negotiated labor agreements with developers in the early stages of many recent projects and has often worked with Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR).

"We chose Frank and Kevin because they both have a strong history of standing alongside us," said Derek Smith, political director of Unite Here, in a release. "Their longtime support of living wages, affordable housing, and job creation is a commitment to the idea that Santa Monica is a diverse, inclusive community where people can join the middle class and raise families."

McKeown and Gruber were the top vote-getters in the SMRR political convention earlier this year - thanks in part to preliminary support from union members who attended the convention. SMRR is the city's largest political party and most candidates who receive endorsements from the group go on to win a seat. No council candidates had vote totals high enough to get an endorsement from the membership this year.

SMRR's Steering Committee, however, pledged its support for McKeown and Planning Commission member Jennifer Kennedy.

A union endorsement committee of hotel workers interviewed candidates at the end of July, according to a release from Unite Here.

The Daily Press obtained part of a questionnaire the union presented to candidates, asking whether they would support or oppose a series of projects that are in the development pipeline. Projects included the Fairmont Miramar expansion, the project designed to replace the Wyndham Hotel by the Santa Monica Pier, the Bergamot Station Art Center project, and the Ocean Avenue

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Santa Monican mom-to-be launches new line

Santa Monica resident Kiana Anvaripour, is an entrepreneur and fashion designer. Her locally based shapewear line, dMondaine, sells at luxury retailers such as Neiman Marcus and Net-A-Porter and has been worn by celebrities such as Halle Berry, Fergie, and Ginnifer Goodwin. Anvaripour is currently pregnant with her first child and she is using this experience as inspiration to create new shapewear products for moms and moms-to-be.

Anvaripour responded to questions from the Daily Press.

Q: How has being in Santa Monica influenced your business and/or design aesthetic?

A: I am a California girl through and through so when I moved back to LA after being in London for over six years I wanted to set up my business as close to the beach as possible. Although I travel to NY quite a bit in this day and age you can run your business from just about everywhere and luckily there has been major start up culture happening here in "Silicon Beach."

I live in Santa Monica and my biggest motto has been "time in transit is time wasted," so when you work as much as I do it is important to live close to your business. Especially in LA, commute frustrations can easily pile on to your already hectic lifestyle.

My design aesthetic has always been in luxury. Although Santa Monica is consid-

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File photo

PROTEST: Two council members have put a discussion of pony rides on the Sept. 9 agenda.

Pony rides go to council

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL And now the moment you've all been waiting for: A discussion by the city's top elected officials about pony rides at the Farmers' Market.

Two City Council members have requested that, upon the expiration of City Hall's contract with a pony ride and petting zoo vendor at the Main Street Farmers' Market, preference be given to a vendor offering "non-animal activities."

Former congressional candidate Marcy Winograd has been leading a charge

against the pony rides since April, claiming that they teach children that it's acceptable to mistreat animals.

Vendor Tawni Angel, owner of Tawni's Ponies, claims that the animals are not being abused, that they are happiest working, that many of her petting zoo animals have been rescued from slaughter, and that they teach children how to interact with animals. She's been at the market since 2003.

Winograd's online petition, posted to MoveOn.org, has slowly gained 1,250 sig-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 6

Stones come to life opening ARENA 1

3026 Airport Avenue, 5 - 8 p.m.
September 6 - 27, 2014

An exhibition of sculpture by the late Jacqueline Piatigorsky. Jacqueline Piatigorsky - named a Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles Times in 1966 - won many senior tennis championships, published a memoir and several essays, and was one of only four female members of the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame. But she thought of herself first and foremost as a sculptor. For information on Arena 1 Gallery visit: www.santamonicaartstudios.com.

Opening reception

Building Bridges Art Exchange
Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave, 6 p.m.

Petra Eiko - Deep Transparencies: A Hidden Universe and Rachel X Hobreigh - Shadow Portraits on display Sept. 6 - Oct. 7. Curated by Marisa Caichiollo. Call (310) 770-1961, visit www.adcbuildingbridges-artexchange.org or contact BuildingBridgesAX@gmail.com for more information.

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials

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1920 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 a.m.

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Please RSVP by calling Shane Peters at (310) 458-2201, ext 5603 or via email at

shane.peters@smsgov.net. This is a continuing education program. Save these upcoming meeting dates: October 4, November 1 and December 6.

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18th Street Arts Center's

1639 18th Street, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Visiting artist Yukako Ando presents several site-specific installations in the Atrium Gallery that engage with themes of urban daily life in Los Angeles. Ando uses daily necessities to create the important elements of her work and explore ideas of time and space, drawing additional inspiration from the city's climate, buildings, and freeway connections. There will be a reception on September 6, from 6 - 9 p.m.

Kidz-Power! Child Safety Program for Parents and Kids ages 5-8

Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. Learn the ten Family Safety Rules, what to do if you get lost in a store, how to spot a "tricky" person and more in this age appropriate non-fearful presentation. This free interactive program will be on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. and will be for parents with children ages 5-8. The 45-minute program will be held in the Children's Activity Room of the Santa Monica Public Library. This is a free event. For more information, the public can call the Main Library at (310) 458-8600, or visit the Library's web site smpil.org.

Chili Roast

Virginia Avenue Park market
2200 Virginia Ave, 9 a.m. It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest! Join us for a southwest style chili roast at the Pico farmers market located in Virginia Avenue Park. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later.

Fit Made Fun Day

Annenberg Beach House
On the sand north of the 1550 lot, 1 - 4 p.m. Hosted by LeapFrog LeapBand Activity Tracker Product to encour-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Virginia Avenue Park
What forms might
reparations take?**

The Committee for Racial Justice will present a talk by guest speaker, Dr. Ikaweba Bunting, entitled "Reparative Justice For the Enslavement and Colonialization of African People: A Necessity for Global Peace and Prosperity".

After hearing at last month's workshop about the debts owed to African Americans in areas like education, employment, wealth, health, and within the criminal justice system; this month the Committee For Racial Justice workshop will address the issue of reparations. What forms these could take will be addressed Dr. Ikaweba Bunting, professor of Ethnic Studies, Behavioral and Social Science Division at El Camino College Compton Center and Associate Professor in Africana Social Sciences at CA State University in Long Beach. He has a wealth of experience in dealing with issues surrounding the concept of reparations on an international level. There will also be discussion about how such reparative justice could happen locally.

Dr. Bunting lived in eastern and southern Africa for almost three decades before returning to the US in 2002.

Bunting, who earned his PhD from the University of Whales U.K., lived and worked in humanitarian assistance sectors for the Danish Association for International Cooperation, the British NGO, Oxfam, The Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation and the Tanzania Film Co. During the Genocide in Rwanda as the Region Policy and Communications coordinator for Oxfam (UK) he was instrumental in efforts to mobilize the international community and the United Nations to recognize that what was happening was in fact a systematically planned genocide. Bunting as a member of the Burundi Peace Negotiation Facilitation Team was an advisor on Civil Society in the Great Lakes region and Rapporteur General for the Facilitation under former Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

This free workshop is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (potluck supper at 6 and program starting at 6:30), on Sunday, Sept. 7, at Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Building, 2200 Virginia Avenue Park, Santa Monica (served by Big Blue Bus lines #7 and #11). Co-sponsors of the event are the African American Parent, Student, Staff Support Group; Virginia Avenue Park; and the Church in Ocean Park. For more information, please call (310) 422-5431.

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**City Hall
Santa Monica Rent
Control Board obtains
court victory preserving
affordable housing**

On August 13, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board obtained a vital court ruling that preserves greatly needed affordable rental housing.

A Los Angeles Superior Court dismissed a lawsuit-brought by attorney Rosario Perry on behalf of property owners Deborah and Robert Sidenberg that aimed to invalidate a 1994 contract between the Board and the Sidenbergs' parents. The contract required two units on their 10-unit property be continuously rented to low-income households. The new owners wanted to charge market rents on the units their parents had agreed to maintain as affordable to low-income tenants.

"Far too many units lose their affordability to low-income households when the current tenants move out," said Todd Flora, Chair of the Rent Control Board. "The Board's victory in this case means that these two units will be preserved for those who need them most, and sends a clear message that close to 200 controlled units subject to similar contracts will remain protected and affordable."

The contract in this case was entered into in the wake of the Northridge earthquake. To offset the costs of necessary

earthquake-related repairs to the property, the Board allowed the then-owners to rent eight of the ten repaired units at market rate. At that time, landlords did not have the right to reset rents to market rates after a vacancy because the Costa-Hawkins law had not yet been passed. In exchange for these benefits, the owners agreed to maintain two units in their building as permanently affordable to low-income households.

The Sidenbergs claimed that although their parents entered into a valid contract with the Board in 1994, the Sidenbergs (after inheriting the property) shouldn't have to honor the agreement now because the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act allows owners to set the initial rents for any vacated unit. That law, they claimed, allows them to set the rents at any amount regardless of the existing contract. They pressed these claims despite the statute's plain statement that it does not invalidate contracts entered into prior to its enactment on January 1, 1996.

The Board defended the suit for two years on the ground that Costa-Hawkins does not invalidate contractual obligations entered into prior to the law's enactment. Ultimately, the court agreed with the Board and upheld the contract. The court's ruling makes clear that pre-1996 contracts containing rent limitations remain valid after the passage of the Costa-Hawkins Act.

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age kids to be active. Includes attempt to break world record for most people making sand angels simultaneously.

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Sunday, September 7

U.R. Art Music Festival series finale

Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave. 1 - 10 p.m. U.R. ART's season finale will take place at Bergamot Station Art Center. Expect an assortment of live visual art installations, local fashion designers,

some of the best food trucks in LA, delicious craft cocktails, and a dedicated activity area for kids - all 100 percent solar-powered by Jeff Murrell's ECOBOOM project. \$20 General Admission.

Monday, September 8

Sunset GROOVE

1450 Ocean, 7-8 p.m. TheGROOVE is an evolutionary dance movement class where you are encouraged to Dance YOUR Dance authentically and creatively in community. With no complicated choreography or steps to learn, you are free to relax with the music & simply enjoy your Unique personal expression. All Fitness Levels Welcome. Drop-in participation is available for \$15. For

more information, please call (310) 458-2239. Offered through the City of Santa Monica Community Classes program.

Homework Help

Fairview Branch Library 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 3:30 p.m. 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.

Teen advisory council

Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 4 p.m. Teens! Get community service hours and help plan programs with other students!

Landmarks Commission

City Hall 1685 Main St, 7 p.m. Regular meeting. Visit <http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission> for more information.

Computer Basics

Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.



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Heartbroken

Editor:

I was heartbroken to learn about the death of Janet Watson who was run over by a work truck in Santa Monica recently. I never knew her name, until seeing the flowers and photo laid next to where she was run over near the boardwalk, but I knew her face and witnessed her kind heart dozens and dozens of times. She tirelessly worked to lift up the downtrodden souls, homeless and hungry and oft times comforting war torn vets coming off a binge, who happen to call the beach the streets of Santa Monica their home. She inspired these people she came across to know they could get off the booze or the drugs and put their life together, no matter how down and out things were. He sparkling eyes knew just who to tend to, as if Mother Teresa herself was channeling. It's hard to pull up or recall anyone I have ever witnessed first hand, who had such authentic compassion. She volunteered her time and gave of herself to help those most of us would try our best to avoid, I am embarrassed to say.

Gregory J. Chamberlain
Santa Monica

Pass S.J.Res.19 To Amend The Constitution To Reverse Citizens United

Editor:

This country has become completely screwed up by hyper moneyed interests, and the public has been brain washed and snow-jobbed into voting against its own best interests by media talking heads who twist reality in favor of their puppet masters. This must end!

Gerald Sobel
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The All-Ages City

"...WOULD SOMEONE BE KIND ENOUGH to tell me what has happened to our benches on the Promenade? When one entire block of benches disappeared, I questioned where they were and was told they were being 'repaired' and they would be returned. As a Senior, those benches are quite important to me. I can only go a short distance before I'm out of breath...When will the rest of them be coming back?"

Last week's message on the Santa Monica Government, Politics, Policies and People Facebook page represents a problem for many residents: the difficult daily interaction with the city's man-made environment because of poor planning, inconsiderate design and weak communications. Examples range from parking structure signs on Fourth Street blocking the view of on-coming traffic, to well-known problems with the new bus benches, and from un-enforced noise regulations to infrequent bus service. This affects people of all ages, not only seniors.

Every seven seconds another American turns 50 years old, more than 12,500 per day. The Census Bureau says there will be a 75 percent increase in the over-65 population by 2030. As a group, it contributes disproportionately to the local economy, and to demand for such things as safe bicycle routes, healthy food and, importantly, responsive local government.

Baby boomers face increasing physical challenges with mobility, vision, hearing and response times. Designing a city that physically works for them will result in a city that works well for nearly everyone. Santa Monica has been active in developing services for seniors, people with disabilities and low-income folks, as can be seen on the City's web site (<http://tinyurl.com/l5ogpb4>). But an approach based on service is only one component of a successful all-ages city. The physical "user-interface" is just as important. Make the city friendly and easy to use, and everyone's life here improves.

It's not simply a question of making buildings accessible and providing ramps at street corners; rather it is a matter of making it easier for people to use the city routinely: providing street shade throughout the year, reducing ear-shattering noise from buses, trucks and motorcycles, making places where people can sit, relax and socialize, helping pedestrians feel safe crossing the street or simply walking down the sidewalk, having access to frequent bus service. These are all features of age-friendly cities benefiting all residents, and demand a planning effort that goes beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

What makes a successful age-friendly city? The World Health Organization has developed a checklist used by many cities (<http://tinyurl.com/7od8nnx>). A few examples:

The city is clean, with enforced regulations limiting noise levels and unpleasant or harmful odors in public places.

Outdoor seating is available, particularly in parks, transport stops and public spaces, and spaced at regular intervals; the seating is well-maintained and patrolled to ensure safe access by all.

There are separate cycle paths for cyclists. Public transport is reliable and frequent (including services at night and at weekends). Designated transport stops are located in

close proximity to where older people live, are provided with seating and with shelter from the weather, are clean and safe, and are adequately lit.

Roads are free of obstructions that might block a driver's vision.

Affordable services are provided to enable older people to remain at home, to "age in place."

Housing design facilitates continued integration of older people into the community.

Many of these examples are familiar to Santa Monica residents, both because the city has incorporated some into its planning activities, and also because the city has, famously, utterly failed to incorporate others. What is needed is a systematic effort to make sure that the city's physical aspects are matched to the needs of its residents, many of whom are not only aging themselves, but also supporting children and caring for older parents. Fixing things to help people function well in the city should be a "no-brainer" project for any of the competent planners now working for the city.

Here are a few things the city can start doing right away.

Join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, and use their guide (and checklist) as a roadmap for the city. Some items are already done, but many others can and should be implemented.

Assign a planner to create a Santa-Monica checklist of physical aging-friendly measures, and then spend several hours every single month to ensure that these items are designed and implemented, and that all projects located within the city limits (including parks and bus stops) are made a part of this "all-ages" urban design plan. No more stand-alone silos, uncoordinated with other projects around town.

Amend zoning to allow two-story apartment buildings (so-called "dingbat" buildings) to be turned into much-needed small assisted-living facilities. Many of these buildings are ideally situated for this activity, both in their age-friendly locations and in their physical layout, which would allow staff and support spaces upstairs, and resident care rooms downstairs.

Enforce the noise and smoking laws. The downtown bus stops have become outdoor smoking rooms, a health hazard for all bus users and especially those with respiratory problems. Enforce the noise rules by ticketing muffler-less motorcycles and other vehicles that, apart from destroying the peace and quiet of many neighborhoods, also pose significant health hazards in the denser downtown regions.

Fix the bus stops throughout the city. Install comfortable seats with backs and arms, and provide protection from the sun where possible.

Fix the parking structure signs downtown. They are located at the exact height to obstruct the view of on-coming traffic.

These are just a few items to help start making this an "all-ages" city. Affiliating with the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities, and taking a cue from New York's Aging Improvement Districts (<http://tinyurl.com/3h5fo7a>) will help provided a needed boost.

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Court rules for Yelp in suit over online ratings

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SAN FRANCISCO Online review site Yelp can lower or raise the rating of a business depending on whether it advertises with the company, a federal appeals court ruled in a lawsuit filed by small businesses claiming Yelp used the tactic to try to extort ads from them.

Yelp has denied doing that, saying it uses an automated system to cull reviews that determine ratings.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Tuesday that even if Yelp did manipulate reviews to penalize businesses, the practice would not constitute extortion.

The court said businesses do not have a right to positive reviews on Yelp, and that the San Francisco-based company can seek payments for its advertising.

"The business owners may deem the posting or order of user reviews as a threat of economic harm, but it is not unlawful for Yelp to post and sequence the reviews," Judge Marsha Berzon wrote for the three-judge panel. "As Yelp has the right to charge for legitimate advertising services, the threat of economic harm that Yelp leveraged is, at most, hard bargaining."

Berzon said the plaintiffs could pursue other claims involving Yelp, but the extortion allegation did not hold up.

Yelp said in a blog post on its website that it has never altered business ratings for money.

"We are obviously happy that the court reached the right result, and saw through these thin attempts by a few businesses and their lawyers to disparage Yelp and draw attention away from their own occasional

negative review," the company wrote.

The ruling supported a lower court decision that dismissed the lawsuit filed by businesses that said positive reviews disappeared from their Yelp page, which dropped their overall star rating; or a negative review reappeared or was moved to the top of the review after they declined to purchase advertising from Yelp.

One of the businesses, Santa Barbara-based Cats and Dogs animal hospital, claimed a Yelp representative said the company would hide negative reviews or place them lower on the page in exchange for advertising.

"The Mafia wishes it had this ruling," said Lawrence Murray, an attorney for the plaintiffs, who equated the alleged tactic to a "shakedown."

Murray said the plaintiffs have not decided whether they will appeal.

Two of the business that filed suit accused Yelp of writing negative reviews. The 9th Circuit found there was insufficient evidence to support that claim.

Yelp has been dogged by concerns about the legitimacy of its ratings, in part because people don't understand the algorithm it uses to try to filter out fake reviews, said Georgios Zervas, a professor at Boston University who specializes in online marketing.

Zervas also said the algorithm can make mistakes.

A business might see a 5-star rating one day, only to find it's gone the next, he said.

"Businesses can find that confusing and occasionally upsetting," Zervas said.

However, Zervas said his research did not find the algorithm showed any preference for businesses that advertise with Yelp.

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LOCATION

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) encourages all Californians to give fishing a try for free this Saturday, Sept. 6. This is the second of two Free Fishing Days in 2014, when people can fish without having to buy a sport-fishing license. Free Fishing Days also provide an easy opportunity for licensed anglers to introduce non-angling friends and children to fishing and the outdoors.

All fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements and fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect. Every angler must have an appropriate report card if they are fishing for steelhead, sturgeon or abalone anywhere in the state, or salmon in the Smith and Klamath-Trinity river systems.

CDFW annually offers two Free Fishing Days - usually around the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend - when it is legal to fish without a sport fishing license. This year, the Free Fishing Days were set on the Saturdays following Independence Day (July 5) and Labor Day (Sept. 6).

Some CDFW regions offer Fishing in the City, a program where children can learn to fish in major metropolitan areas. Fishing in the City and Free Fishing Day clinics are designed to educate novice anglers about fishing ethics, fish habits, effective methods for catching fish and fishing tackle. Anglers can even learn how to clean and prepare fish for eating.

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project slated to be designed by Frank Gehry.

"I'm a hotel worker, and Santa Monica renter," said Jackie Martin of the Le Meridien Delfina in a release. "I support Kevin and Frank because they are both candidates that support preserving rent control, creating affordable housing, and maintaining strong local hiring and job training programs for Santa Monica's hospitality industry."

McKeown was endorsed by Unite Here in his previous four elections.

"Santa Monica's commitment to economic justice for working families is exemplified by UNITE HERE's struggle for fair wages and working conditions for the workers in our local hotels and restaurants," McKeown said. "We in Santa Monica want a hospitality industry we can be proud of, not one carried on the backs of low-wage workers and their children. I'm proud to have stood by our hotel workers since the mid 90s, and welcome their support as we fight on for fairness."

Gruber was also appreciative for the union's nod of approval.

"For going on two decades, the brave hotel workers of Santa Monica been on the front lines working for social and economic justice, and I am both proud and humbled to receive the UNITE HERE Local 11 endorse-

ment," he said in an e-mail.

There are three contested seats in this year's election. One of those seats is open; Bob Holbrook announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection. Unite Here will not make a third endorsement, according to union officials.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Unite Here endorsed incumbents Ralph Mechur, Oscar de la Torre, and Laurie Lieberman, along with former SMRR co-chair Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

Unite Here is particularly interested in the Board of Education race because they are in dispute with the ownership of the DoubleTree Hotel & Suites, a non-union hotel that sits on school district-owned property, over treatment of workers.

"After the interviews, I was confident that these candidates had the leadership experience necessary to improve the situation of workers and the District by fixing the ambiguous lease that the District has with the hotel," said DoubleTree banquet server Joe Silva in the release.

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natures - many from notable residents. She initially called for an all-out ban of pony rides in the city but has revised the petition language to ask for a stoppage of the rides.

Council members Glean Davis and Ted Winterer have asked that the council discuss the issue at Tuesday's meeting.

Their requests asks that City Manager to issue a vendor request "for children's-oriented activities at the ingress/egress of the Main Street Farmers Market that gives preference to partners in our Buy Local initiative and non-animal activities, such as painting, arts and crafts, gardening, cooking, food preparation and decoration."

"If the bids do not meet with Council's approval," the item states, "Council may reserve the entrance to the Main Street market for open space or dining."

Angel's contract expires in May. Winterer said that residents have been troubled by the petting zoo and pony rides for years. He's met people who boycott the Sunday Farmers' Market because of their concerns about the animals' welfare, he said.

"Since the worries about the animals' well-being have been more frequently and vocally expressed in recent months," Winterer said, "and since the contract with the current vendor expires next year, it seemed the right time to explore the options for different activities at this site and to then have a public discussion of what choice best serves the community's needs."

Winograd is happy with Winterer and Davis' proposal.

"I think the council members are wise not to push for a ban on pony rides, but to instead suggest alternative children's activities that support our city's 'Buy Local' initiative," she said.

Winograd has launched a full-fledged attack on Angel's business - protesting at the Farmers' Market, shedding light on Angel's expired business license (since remedied), and citing comments and videos posted on

the Facebook pages of Angel and her husband.

"Tawni has been at this for many years and has a lot of experience," Farmers' Market supervisor Laura Avery told the Daily Press when the issue first arose.

Winograd doesn't see the proposal as the end of all pony rides in Santa Monica.

"Local residents could still ride ponies, for example, at Virginia Park, a large enough venue to allow the ponies to be walked on gentle leads, not tethered to a metal carousel a few feet from a busy restaurant," she said. "It's exciting to imagine the possibilities for the Main Street Farmers' Market, where children with paint brushes in hand could create seascapes and even perform with an open mike."

Angel said she feels that the proposal is unfairly discriminatory against her business. She plans to rally fans of the pony rides and petting zoo at Sunday's Farmers' Market and then attend Tuesday's meeting to express her frustration.

"I have literally devoted my life to creating a relationship between 'Santa Monica city kids' and 'farm animals,'" she said in an e-mail. "They are both just good for your soul! I am blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to combine my loves."

Angel is considering a lawsuit against Winograd. She says that 80 percent of her business comes from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market.

"I am so sorry that Marcy Winograd has been able to lie, and exaggerate, to convince so many people that my animals are mistreated all due to some political agenda," she said.

In 1999, a previous Farmers' Market pony ride operator was arrested by SMPD after it was discovered her animals were living in squalor, according to the Los Angeles Times archives.

Santa Monica is no stranger to debating the rights of animals. In 2009, council banned the controversial veterinary procedure of clipping the claws of cats.

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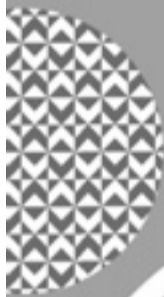
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Dunkin Donuts

DID DUNKIN DONUTS UNVEIL ITS latest iDonut? Is that why there is a line wrapped around the corner of 12th and Wilshire? No, but it's the franchise's only L.A. location, and for thousands of East Coast transplants, that is kind of a big deal.

"It's festive, nobody is whining, and we're all from back East so we all have something in common." Kara Warner explains to me about the line we were standing in of about 50 people. Kara currently lives in Santa Monica but lived in New York City for 6 years.

"I'm here for the experience," says Matthew who was born in France but grew up in New York and now lives in Santa Monica. "I love Dunkin' Donuts, it reminds me of home."

Matthew bailed halfway through the wait and went to Starbucks down the street.

It seems a bit extraordinary that there is so much fan fare over a fast food franchise. It's certainly a testament to the Dunkin Donuts devout. If a Wienerschnitzel opened in midtown Manhattan would it be newsworthy? Perhaps In-N-Out is a better comparison.

Growing up in Chicago, I knew nothing but Dunkin when it came to donuts. Sunday morning mass followed by a dozen donuts and a carton of Munchkins was a family tradition. However, I always felt like I found something better when I moved to the West

Coast years later.

It's not surprising that a donut franchise with more locations than Starbucks in New York would seem kind of homogenized compared to the L.A. Donut scene that is filled with ma and pa donut shops. The local donut places, many times run by Cambodian immigrants, have character, variety and for the most part, really good donuts. Ironically enough, Dunkin Donuts is one of a kind in the Southland, for now.

But as I learned from the Dunkin Donut die hards it's not really about the donuts as it is for the coffee.

"It's way better than Starbucks." Scott from Westwood emphatically decreed. Others in line shared the same sentiment. "And way cheaper too!" Someone else chimed in.

Personally the coffee is too weak for my liking. The styrofoam cup does not seem very Santa Monica-centric either. I think \$2.00 for a 14oz cup is close if not more than the same at Starbucks as well. I still prefer it over Starbucks that has a bad habit of burning their brew, but would much rather pay a little extra at Luxxe, Elabrew, Refinery or some of the higher end roasters in town.

As for the food, Dunkin does bake their muffins and bagels on site however the donuts are shipped from another location.

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Since they are moving so many, the donuts don't have a chance of getting stale but you never will have the joy of holding a warm donut straight from the fryer either. My chocolate glaze donut (a childhood favorite) was fine, but it lacked that desired slight exterior crunch.

I understand the thrill of getting a little taste of home, and if Dunkin Donuts does it for East Coasters, that is just as well. But I also know that for donuts there are better donut options around town including DK's Donuts, which I am totally partial to. As for the coffee, to each their own. Pick your battles in life and telling people what coffee to drink is usually a losing one.

I personally don't get the hoopla over the Dunkin Donuts but then again if a White Castle opened up down the street, I'd find myself in the same frenzy as well.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food. He can be reached at michael@smdp.com. Follow him on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/greaseweek>. Mike_Hummingbird_Ryan is on Instagram.



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LOS ANGELES A monocled cobra that roamed a California neighborhood for days could have given a potentially deadly bite, a snake expert said Friday.

"There's no indication that it's had its venom glands removed," said Ian Recchio, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Los Angeles Zoo.

The snake, about 3 feet long, was captured on Thursday in a neighborhood in Thousand Oaks, where it had been slithering around since at least Monday.

Reports that it had bitten a dog that evening raised concerns, and authorities warned people to watch their children and keep their pets indoors.

A veterinarian later said it appeared the dog was simply injured while trying to get away from the snake.

Still, authorities were wary because the bite of a monocled cobra can kill a person within hours if untreated.

The snake was taken to the Los Angeles Zoo Thursday evening and will be transferred to the San Diego Zoo, which has a supply of antivenom for Asian cobras, Recchio said.

A monocled cobra gets its name from the ring-like mark on the back of its hood, but the cobra found in California lacked the mark because it is nearly pure white.

The blue-eyed snake lacks pigment, a condition known as leucism, Recchio said.

The snake probably was raised in captivity because its color would make it an easy dinner for predators in the wild, Recchio said.

The snake is an adult and could be anywhere from 5 years to 20 years old, Recchio estimated. Monocled cobras can grow to 5 or 6 feet and live two decades, he added.

Recchio said the snake appears to be healthy and probably chomped down on rats and mice while it was loose.

"It looks pretty fat," he said.

The zoo didn't try to determine its sex.

"We don't have the antivenom here so putting your hands on it wouldn't be in the cards," he explained.

Cobras are illegal in California without a permit to keep one for scientific or educational purposes. Authorities are searching for the owner.

There is a thriving black-market trade around the world in dangerous and exotic wildlife, but Recchio said he couldn't understand the motivation of the owner.

"I can't get into the person's head who would put their neighbors and their family at risk," he said.

Snakes aren't aggressive but will bite if they are cornered, so it's a good thing that the cobra will have a new home at the San Diego Zoo, said Recchio.

"I'm looking at an animal that's over-the-top, nervous, just wants to get away from you and settle down," he said. "So I'm happy it's going to be in a place ... where it'll be safe."

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MOM

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ered a more laid back city, people love to dress up and show off their bodies so it definitely influences how I design.

Q: What advice do you give to new moms or moms to be?

A: I can only speak from my experience but I would say take the time to be active if you can. Exercise has always been an important part of my life and when I got pregnant that didn't change. It has been my savior and a major stress reliever and you will be surprised how much you can do up until the last day of pregnancy.

I know many moms who have to go back to work and have an internal battle and feel guilt about spending that hour with the baby or going to the gym. You need to be healthy for your baby, both body and mind.

Q: What lessons translate from motherhood to entrepreneurship or vice versa?

Well I had my first baby - my business - about four years ago and I am beyond excited to welcome my little baby girl in

just a few days! I think there are lessons that resonate with both, even though bringing a life into this world is like no other thing. Dedication, sleepless nights, making the baby a priority, paying attention and being present, patience. All these things are true for both baby and business. The list goes on and on!

Q: What sacrifices have you had to make to balance your work/life demands?

A: Having your own business is not for everyone. When the weekend comes around it doesn't mean you get those days off. You have to be committed to the business and understand that it can often be 24/7 because things come up at the most inopportune times. I had to work on my honeymoon! Every "vacation" I have attempted to go on I've had to work because there was no other option. But as long as you have a positive attitude about everything, it is very manageable. I truly enjoy every moment of it! I take pleasure in the times it all works out and it is totally worth it.

Q: How long have you been in business?

A: Four years! I can hardly believe it.

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fortitude, D'Agostino will be honored by the CSU Board of Trustees with a 2014 CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the CSU Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach. He will be one of 23 students from throughout the CSU system to be recognized for demonstrating superior academic performance, personal accomplishments, community service and financial need.

As a CSU trustees' scholar, he will be awarded a \$3,000 John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation Scholarship, which is presented to an outstanding student's dedication to the pursuit of higher education.

D'AGOSTINO'S STORY

As a child growing up in Washington, D.C., D'Agostino excelled in his studies and in sports. He was a recipient of the Yale University Science and Engineering Medal and earned an athletic scholarship to attend St. John's College High School in D.C.

While attending St. John's, he was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer and the cause of death from skin disease. At the same time, his parents divorced due to strained relationship.

"The physical and psychological struggle of dealing with cancer and my parents separating at such a young age had a detrimental impact on my academic and athletic performance and I lost my scholarship," he said, adding that he had to transfer to a local high school where he didn't have any support system and had to make new friends.

After a year of recovering from two surgeries on his left eye at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, he was cancer free and started the process of putting his life back on track. After overcoming his battle with cancer, D'Agostino became interested in biology and developed a desire to understand the cause of this disease. He eventually earned his biology degree from San Francisco State University but realized he wanted to delve into the study of the origin and evolution of the cognitive mechanisms that allow humans to study the disease.

This fall, D'Agostino will be finishing his master's degree in anthropology at Cal State L.A. and preparing for his doctoral study. Currently, he is doing cognitive experiments for his master's thesis that involves the gibbon's ability to associate colors with the location of hidden food items.

"I am active in communicating my research data through publications of an original manuscript, 'Flexibility in learning color-reward associations in gibbons - can gibbons generalize and learn to learn?' that is in review with the journal, 'Folia

Primatologica,'" he said.

On campus, D'Agostino was recognized for his research at the University's 22nd Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creativity. He was also instrumental in organizing a group of Cal State L.A. students to present papers at the 85th annual Conference of the Southwestern Anthropological Association in Garden Grove. He completed a six-month stint as a field research assistant on a project studying the behavior and ecology of red langurs in East Kalimantan, Indonesia. He is working on publishing an article from this research. Additionally, he has volunteered at the Gibbon Conservation Center in Santa Clarita, which houses the largest collection of captive gibbons in the Americas. This summer, he presented two posters at the 25th Congress of the International Primatological Society in Hanoi, Vietnam.

"Working with many people of diverse backgrounds to accomplish collective goals has prepared me for the challenges of doctoral study. My career goals are to become a university-level professor and to create a long-term field site in Southeast Asia," D'Agostino added.

"[Justin] is hands-down one of the most self-motivated, persistent, and hard-working students I have ever known," said Associate Professor Stephanie Spehar of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, in a nomination letter. "He has expressed great interest in my research and is eager to learn about all aspects of conducting research, from planning to data analysis and presentation. Before he even enrolled in his current Anthropology Master's Program at Cal State L.A., he took initiative to design and conduct his own research project at the Gibbon Conservation Center."

"It is clear to me that [Justin] is a bright, hard-working student of the highest caliber," said Cal State L.A. Professor James Brady, "...this is a young man who is very serious about his research. His research on gibbons, furthermore, is very important for its implications for the evolution of human consciousness."

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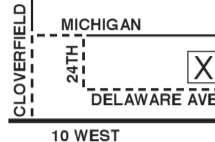
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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **72.7°**

SATURDAY - GOOD - SURF: 4-7 ft shoulder high to 2 ft overhead occ. 8ft Holding SSW groundswell; Many beachbreaks on walled side, Best shape for summer reefs/points; SSE Norbert swell may start to move in late

SUNDAY - GOOD - SURF: 4-7 ft shoulder high to 2 ft overhead occ. 8ft Holding SSW groundswell; Many beachbreaks on walled side, Best shape for summer reefs/points; Secondary SSE Norbert swell mixing in

MONDAY - FAIR - SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead Easing/primary SSW groundswell; Watching the tropics for a secondary SSE Norbert swell to be mixing in

TUESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high Easing/primary SSW groundswell; Watching the tropics for a secondary SSE Norbert swell to be mixing in

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 27, 2014**

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 -- 1
 Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2
 Number of wet days -- 0
 Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42/40
 Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2/10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: **SMA** Swan Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	B	BB
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain.	A+	BB
Peacemaker State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alas creeks.	BB	BB	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain.	A+	BB
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	BB	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chaetangal).	A	BB
Broad Beach at Tomacco Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	D	BB
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	BB
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	BB	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	BB
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A+	BB
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	BB	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	BB
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	BB	Ocean Park Beach at Redwood Ave. drain.	A+	BB
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blocker County Beach.	A+	BB	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	BB
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	BB	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	BB
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	BB	Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain.	A+	BB
Southside Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	BB	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	BB
Southside Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	BB	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A	BB
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	BB	Marino del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	C	BB
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	BB	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	A	BB
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point near).	A+	BB	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	BB
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	BB	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	BB
Pine Creek at Las Torres County Beach.	A	BB	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	BB
Tuna Canyon.	BB	BB	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	BB
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	BB	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	BB
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	BB	BB	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	BB
Santa Year Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	BB			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	BB			

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
 BB -- no sample taken

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Union says NFL wants DUI policy change

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The players' union says the NFL has asked for the right to immediately suspend players who are arrested for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

NFL Players Association executives told The Associated Press on Friday that the league's proposal to increase penalties for DUI offenses includes a provision to suspend or discipline a player before the completion of his legal due process.

"They want to immediately discipline for an arrest," said George Atallah, the NFLPA's assistant executive director of external affairs.

Such a policy change would also go for coaches, owners and league staff.

"We prefer to discuss these issues directly with the union," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Atallah also noted that progress has been made on possible testing for HGH as well as other areas of the drug program. The union historically has not been interested in focusing on one issue, but on the entire drug policy.

That would make erroneous recent reports that the NFLPA was in hurry-up mode to negotiate changes that would help a specific player, such as Wes Welker. The Denver receiver was suspended Tuesday by the league for four games under the performance-enhancing drug policy.

"There is no artificial deadline," Atallah said. "A collectively bargained policy we are negotiating is on behalf of all players to benefit the most possible number of players for generations to come."

But both sides have held intensified talks on a variety of drug policy issues, what New York Giants long snapper and union executive committee member Zak DeOssie's calls "doing our due diligence."

HGH testing has been the most difficult obstacle, even though the two sides agreed in principle on it when the CBA was reached in 2011. Two plans under discussion center around the parameters of a population study, in which the players could not appeal scientific findings to a neutral arbitrator, or not having a population study, but players have the ability to challenge the science.

Both of those scenarios are being discussed, although the league did agree to the appealing process several years ago.

"We are on our way to getting that neutral arbitration and this HGH testing will move forward," DeOssie said. "We want it (done) right, we are in no rush."

Also being discussed is marijuana testing. The union feels the league's threshold for a positive test of 15 nanograms per milliliter is too demanding, citing the IOC's threshold of 150 ngs, 10 times as high.

The NFL threshold was collectively bargained. But as NFLPA President Eric Winston noted, anyone within the vicinity of people smoking marijuana without partaking themselves could wind up testing positive at such a low number.

"The (potency) level is so much greater in marijuana now, the second-hand smoke can get a positive test," Winston said. "Just a guy who is around it second hand, then to have to go into the program? We don't want false positives, we have to move up the minimum to normal workplace standards."

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Boyhood 2:43 (R)
11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R) 3D
11:20 a.m., 9:45 p.m.

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R)
4:30 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)
11:30 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

Lucy 1:29 (R)
10:15 p.m.

Magic in the Moonlight 1:37 (PG-13)
1:50 p.m., 7:05 p.m.

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Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
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The Identical
11:05 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

If I Stay
11:30 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)
10:50 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

The November Man 1:48 (R)
10:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13) 3D
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TAKE IT EASY TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You initially might feel dismayed by feelings that seem to be unexplained. Don't worry -- this, too, will pass. Do your best to maintain a sense of optimism and excitement. Others will pick up on your feelings easily. You are an emotional trendsetter. Tonight: Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might feel cornered and not know which way to go. You are likely to realize that impulsiveness won't serve you well. Make decisions with care. Others count on your leadership, even in a festive situation. Tonight: You are the leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your leadership will energize friends to join in on a fun round of volleyball. The fact that others are so responsive will make you feel good. Take some credit for loosening everyone up. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others want you to continue being on center stage. The question remains: Do you really want this? Loosen up and relax, and you will deal with people much more efficiently. Do not allow a depressed friend to slip through the cracks. Tonight: A partner calls the shots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your upbeat attitude is a direct result of the intense popularity you've experienced during the past few days. You seem to do the right thing at the right time. You might be eyeing a purchase for a loved one. Can you keep it a secret? Tonight: Go along for the ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You will have a lot to do today. Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a massage or maybe a visit to the hairdresser; you will feel much more upbeat as a result. Tonight: Let it happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination could take you down a new path to new possibilities. The question remains: Are you ready for this change? Someone will let you know how much he or she cares. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Tension could be high as a result of a roommate or family member pushing to get what he or she wants. Your sense of humor might kick in and save the day. Lighten up in any case, as things will get better soon. Tonight: Invite a friend over for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You'll want to do more shopping. Somewhere along the way, you might pick up a present or a token of affection for a loved one. Hopefully, the person for whom the gift is intended will be flattered and delighted. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will be more in touch with what you want. You don't want to continue as you have been with unnecessary spending. Eventually, you will have to pay the piper. A family member could act in an illogical manner. Tonight: Treat a friend to a drink and some munchies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You seem to have the energy and wherewithal to clear out a lot of errands and even throw a spontaneous get-together. How you manage to get a special someone to attend your impromptu happening will be interesting. Tonight: Do not push.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You could have a difficult time expressing your thoughts to a friend or loved one. Don't worry so much -- this person knows that you care, and it appears to be mutual. Let the party begin! Tonight: As you like it.

Weekend Edition, September 6-7, 2014

This year you will have an opportunity to wrap up a matter that began as far back as 12 years ago. If you cannot get the issue resolved, it would be wise to let it go. Next summer, you will enter a new love and life cycle. The universe will give you what you desire, but you will need to make room for it. If you are single, use caution with anyone you meet this year, as people are likely not to be who they appear to be. If you are attached, you both will benefit from spending weekends alone together. Remember to respect each other's differences. AQUARIUS is an eccentric yet excellent friend.

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

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By Dave Coverly



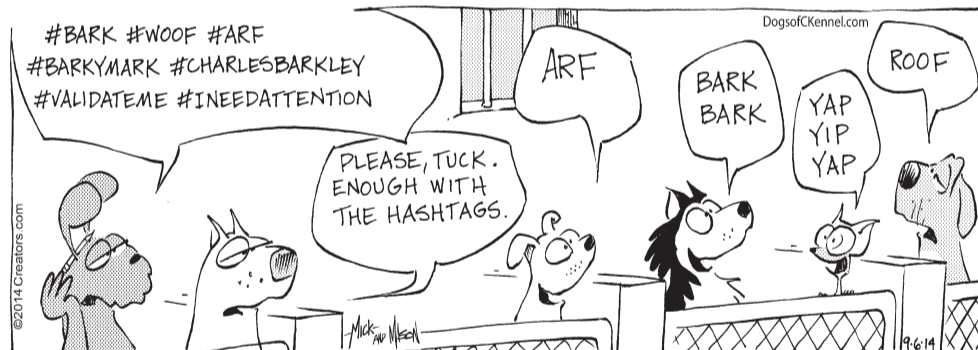
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Sudoku

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

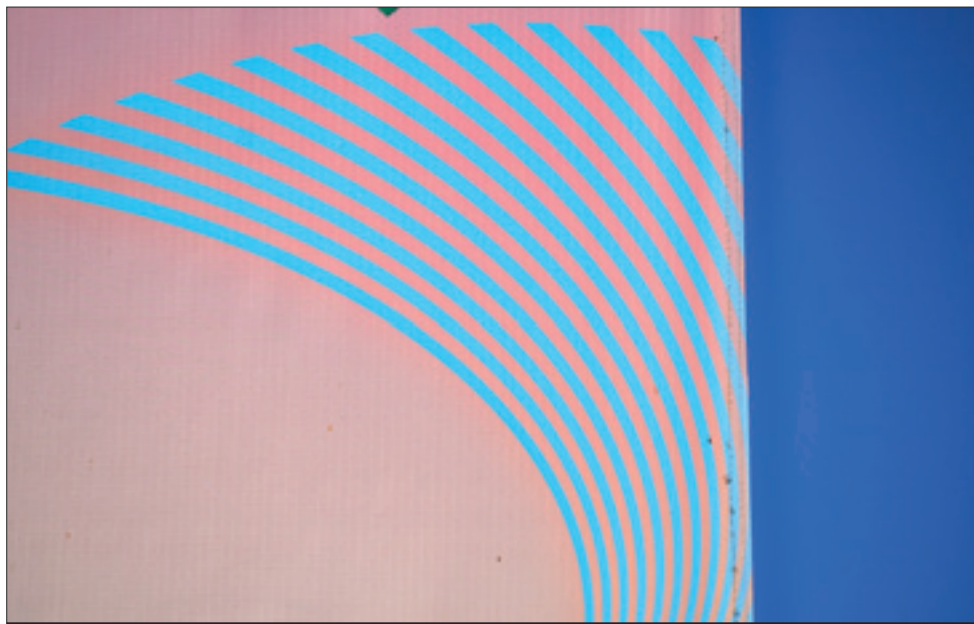
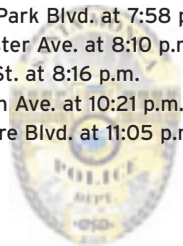
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 408 calls for service on Sept. 4.

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

- Drunk driving on the 1300 block of 5th St. at 12:26 a.m.
- Public intoxication on the 200 block of Pico Blvd at 12:32 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace on the 2600 block of Broadway at 1:15 a.m.
- Trespassing on the 1600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 1:34 a.m.
- Animal related incident on the 1800 block of Euclid at 1:48 a.m.
- Found property on the 200 block of the Santa Monica Pier at 2:13 a.m.
- Traffic accident at 26th and Wilshire at 2:18 a.m.
- Animal related incident on the 200 block of 4th St. at 2:49 a.m.
- Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of 9th St. at 5:21 a.m.
- Battery at 4th and Adelaide Dr. at 7:16 a.m.
- Identity theft on the 1300 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 7:59 a.m.
- Traffic accident at 20th and Delaware at 10:37 a.m.
- Vandalism on the 800 block of 4th St. at 11:11 a.m.
- Hit and run at Cloverfield and Broadway at 11:37 a.m.
- Traffic accident at 26th and Wilshire at 2:18 p.m.
- Vandalism on the 1400 block of 3rd Street Promenade at 3:15 p.m.
- Traffic accident on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:23 p.m.
- Battery on the 700 block of Broadway at 3:48 p.m.
- Identity theft on the 1400 block of Franklin St. at 4:07 p.m.
- Grand theft on the 3200 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 4:36 p.m.
- Burglary on the 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk at 5:13 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 800 block of 10th St. at 5:23 p.m.
- Defrauding an innkeeper on the 1600 block of Ocean Ave. at 6:19 p.m.
- Trespassing on the 100 block of Bay St. at 6:51 p.m.
- Fraud on the 800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:31 p.m.
- Assault on the 600 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 7:54 p.m.
- Petty theft on the 1700 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 7:58 p.m.
- Vandalism on the 1900 block of Dorchester Ave. at 8:10 p.m.
- Hit and run on the 1900 block of Frank St. at 8:16 p.m.
- Vandalism on the 1300 block of Michigan Ave. at 10:21 p.m.
- Drunk driving on the 100 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 11:05 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Give a hoot
- 5 Stylish
- 10 Verdi pieces
- 12 Antisocial sort
- 13 Took notice
- 14 Pedro's pal
- 15 Flightless bird
- 16 Decline
- 18 Cambridge sch.
- 19 Nanny's nappy
- 21 Long swim trunks
- 22 Old calculator
- 24 Hive head
- 25 Overthrow
- 29 Give an edge
- 30 Euphoric
- 32 Louvre fill
- 33 Common verb
- 34 That girl
- 35 Tuck, for one
- 37 Minos' kingdom
- 39 Florida city
- 40 Sounds

DOWN

- 1 Packed in boxes
- 2 Friend of Porthos
- 3 Ceremony
- 4 Mer makeup
- 5 Thick slice
- 6 CBS sitcom
- 7 Muppet drummer
- 8 Group in power
- 9 Easy runs
- 11 Accelerate
- 17 Stud farm owner
- 20 Irritated state
- 21 Coup group
- 23 Keep in power
- 25 Mustang's place
- 26 Punctual
- 27 Wise goddess
- 28 Wobble
- 29 Tool handles
- 31 Getup
- 33 "I smell — !"
- 36 Phone download
- 38 Hold up

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Questionable Decisions: (1) Ryan Mullins, 22, was arrested in Swansboro, North Carolina, in August when he came to an officer's attention at 5:30 a.m. Police said he had broken into a pharmacy, had stolen the 100-pound safe, and was dragging it behind his car when the officer routinely pulled in front of him. Nonetheless, Mullins decided to try and pass the officer. (2) Robert Haught Jr., 42, was captured after a high-speed chase through Burlington, Massachusetts, in August, with police recovering "stacks" of stolen credit cards and suspected- stolen high-end electronics from the car. Haught had attracted police attention by parking his car (with a mismatched license plate), unattended, with engine running, in a handicapped parking spot. ■ Briton Robert Dee, feeling humiliated at being called the "world's worst tennis pro" by London's Daily Telegraph (and other news organizations) sued the newspaper for libel in 2009. After taking testimony in February 2010, the judge dismissed the lawsuit, convinced by Dee's having lost 54 consecutive international tour matches (each in straight sets). Fearful of an opposite result, 30 other news organizations had prematurely apologized to Dee for disparaging him, but the Telegraph had stood its ground (and was, of course, humble in victory, titling its story on the outcome, "'World's Worst' Tennis Player Loses Again.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1992 - Hunters discover the emaciated body of Christopher Johnson McCandless at his camp 20 miles (32 km) west of the town of Healy, Alaska.

1995 - Cal Ripken, Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles plays in his 2,131st consecutive game, breaking a record that stood for 56 years.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014217577 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CONGA COOKIES. 10907 MAGNOLIA BLVD. 250, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CONGA COOKIES 10907 MAGNOLIA BLVD. 250 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/CONGA COOKIES. CONGA COOKIES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/07/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 09/06/2014, 09/13/2014, 09/20/2014, 09/27/2014.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Family • W. LA, Culver City, Mar Vista, Palisades, Bev. Hills, Westwood, Century City, Bel Air, Brentwood or Santa Monica • Minimum 3 +2 • Up to \$1,600,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Property • 4-8 units • Between Wilshire & Adelaide • No price cap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Family • North of Montana • Minimum 4 + 3 • Up to \$4,500,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Family Home (Fixer OK) or Land • North of Montana • Up to \$4,000,000

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From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale as of Early September 2014

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North of Montana	=	\$ 6,292,692
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	\$ 3,366,800
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