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Independent test results set off communitywide frustration

Malibu Unites and D.C. group PEER release test results from their own sampling of classroom caulk. District, teachers union say it's a tactic to alarm the public.

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representatives and district Supt. Sandra Lyon, who accused the groups of trying to "incite" the public.

Some classrooms contain caulk consisting of up to "one-third" cancer-causing carcinogens known as PCBs, according to independent testing funded by MU and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). The testing was completed after members of MU and PEER grew frustrated with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and apparently took matters into their own

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By Melissa Caskey and Nancy Sagona
The Malibu Times

Environmental test results released by local group Malibu Unites (MU) and a Washington D.C.-based group last week sparked outrage on all sides of the issue, including teachers union

Garner remembered for 'Rockford Files,' environmental passion



James Garner

Actor James Garner passed away this week at age 86.

By Emily Sawicki
Staff Writer

Hollywood fans and local conservationists are mourning the death of actor James Garner, known for his role in the Malibu-based "The Rockford Files," as well as his passion for the environment.

Garner passed away at the age of 86 on Saturday, July 19, at his home in Brentwood.

"The Rockford Files," which See Garner, page A10



Julie Ellerton / TMT

Jim and Kelly McCue join the protest on PCH and Topanga. They were part of a small group that protested on Saturday.

Residents take to PCH in protest of immigration

As immigrants continue to stream in, concerned citizens are speaking out.

By Emily Sawicki
Staff Writer

Around a dozen passionate Malibu-area residents stood on the corner of PCH and Topanga Canyon on Saturday afternoon, holding American flags and homemade signs calling for closed borders.

The group made up one of over 300 protests around the country this weekend, organized by the Conservative group "Americans for Legal Immigration PAC."

A recent influx of undocumented immigrants crossing the United States-Mexico border has made headlines all over the country this month, lighting a fire across the political spectrum as politicians and concerned citizens debate how to handle the

thousands of people now in U.S. custody. Since last October, an estimated 52,000 undocumented children have been caught crossing the U.S. border and are being held at facilities across the country, including nearby in Port Hueneme.

Diane Pope, a protester who grew up in Malibu, said the children in Port Hueneme pose a potential health threat to Malibu.

"It may not appear to be

affecting [Malibu] now," said Pope, adding, "Problem is, they're dropping off kids with diseases, and diseases aren't private."

Pope then went on to say that the children would likely be attending school in the fall.

"I could see possibly Malibu High being tapped and kids being bussed in," said Pope.

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Malibu group works to break rodenticide 'chain of death'

Poison Free Malibu began its campaign to wipe the city and region clean of rat poisons, which can spread up the food chain and kill larger animals.

By Emily Sawicki
Staff Writer

For more than a year, Poison-Free Malibu (PFM), a Malibu-

based nonprofit, has quietly been leading the charge to eliminate anticoagulant rodenticides from local stores and homes.

The rodenticides, which often come in the form of black "bait boxes," are meant to kill rats and other rodents considered to be pests. However, they are now known to spread poison up the food chain to harm larger mam-

mals.

National Park Service (NPS) studies have shown that rats who ingest the harmful chemicals can take several days to succumb to the poison, and often in the interim larger birds and mammals hunt and eat them.

"They're wandering around with poison in [their] system, which can make them more of

a target for prey animals," NPS spokesperson Kate Kuykendall said, "so the prey animals could be more likely to eat them and then get the poison in their system."

Kian Schulman, a founder of PFM, agreed.

"It's called the 'chain of death,'" said Schulman, "animals don't stay in [the bait boxes] and See Poison Free, page A10

Street Talk | By Julie Ellerton | "How do you conserve water?"



Wendy Witter Jonsson, Sea Lily, Malibu
"At Sea Lily, we take the old water from our buckets [because] we need fresh water for the flowers all the time, and we use it to water our own plants and we water [Trancas Nursery's] plants as well."



Bethany Sherman, Sea Lily, Malibu
"At home, we only run our sprinklers three days a week at night. I don't wash my car myself anymore, I always take it somewhere else where they use recycled water. And I also use water that is left over from water bottles to water my plants at home."



Larry Waldinger, Malibu resident
"My kids taught me that one of the best ways to conserve water is to not let the water run when we're brushing our teeth because there's four of us in the house, and four people brushing their teeth with the water running all the time will waste a lot of water."



Theresa Dunn, Johannesburg, South Africa
"The big thing here is everybody drinks bottled water. There's not bottled water in South Africa. People drink out of the taps. You drink home water. Even though there's a drought here, I think people still waste a lot of water."



William Lippincott, Malibu Library
"I conserve water like when doing dishes, filling a basin instead of just letting the water run and rinsing it that way as well. Also, sometimes I put shampoo in my hair before I hop in the shower."



Hady Abuemeira, Malibu barista
"When I take showers I set a 5-minute timer and just go in the shower and wait for it to go off and get out. When I brush my teeth I fill up a cup of water and use that for all my daily hygienic needs."

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