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CHECKING IT OUT: **Simon Johnson, 9, stocks books in his mother's Little Free Library on Monday as Santa Monica arts commissioner Tanya Merriman browses the selection. The library is part of an international effort to spread the written word.**

Sharing literature

Little Free Library builds community in Ocean Park

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Debbie Bernstein doesn't freak out when neighbors, or even strangers, stop by her Ocean Park home and make off with a book left out in her front yard.

After all, you can't steal it if it's free.

The former high school English teacher is one of thousands in the United States and across the world participating in the Little Free Library network, an idea that's achieved almost social movement

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LOOKING AROUND: **Visitors to the Santa Monica Pier peruse the Route 66 booth.**

Pier to get new food options

Currywurst and crepes to join cart vendors on pier

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Santa Monica Pier patrons will likely be greeted by a range of new food options and some old vending favorites if the City Council chooses to approve a number of new leases at its meeting Tuesday night.

Nine leases for vending carts that have been month-to-month since June 2012 were put up for bid over the summer, attracting 34 interested parties.

The remaining three have leases that expire this June.

An evaluation committee made up of representatives from the Office of Pier Management, Economic Development Division, Santa Monica Pier Corporation and Downtown Santa Monica Inc. whittled those applications down to 13 contenders.

Ultimately, nine were chosen, including six existing tenants and three new food vendors including a currywurst cart, crepe

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Search covers 30 miles in ski town for ex-L.A. cop

GILLIAN FLACCUS & TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. Authorities in a Southern California ski resort town are searching more than 30 square miles day and night for a fugitive ex-Los Angeles police officer charged with murdering an officer and accused of killing two others last week.

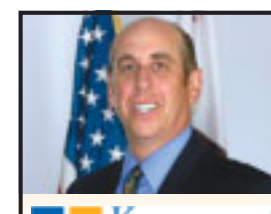
Jodi Miller, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, said Monday there are 30 deputies canvasing the Big Bear area and checking on roughly 600 cabins in the manhunt for 33-year-old Christopher Dorner.

Dorner's burned-out truck was found late last week in the mountain resort with

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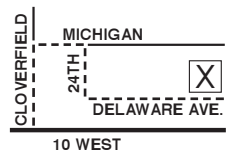
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

A heart full of laughter
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

A night of musical comedy
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
From the company that brought you "Sideways the Play" comes the never before staged musical comedy "Paradise — A Divine Bluegrass Musical." Tickets are on sale for $25 ($20 for students, seniors and guild members), and can be purchased in advance by calling (310) 397-3244.
For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

Balance and fall prevention
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Physical therapists Rhea Deal and Mary McGrego teach a workshop for seniors on what you can do to improve your balance and minimize fall risk, including exercises that can be done at home. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Westside writers unite
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Offered in conjunction with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the Westside Writers Schmooze is a chance to network, make friends and get connected with writers in the Southland. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013

Sing-a-long with your little sweetheart
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m.
Songwriter Alina Celeste leads a Valentine's Day program of songs in English and Spanish for ages 5 and up. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Magic of love
Magicopolis
1418 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Spend your Valentine's Day with a presentation of "Escape Reality!" While you're there for the magic show snack on pizza, toast with champagne and sparkling cider and collect your souvenir bag of tricks and magical surprises. For more information, call (310) 451-0749.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Changes to Big Blue Bus service

Those who hopped aboard a Big Blue Bus on Monday may have noticed something a little different. That's because the public transportation company made some minor tweaks to its lines as part of a seasonal service change, officials said.

Here are those changes, which are intended to improve service:

• Routes 1, 8, 11 and 12

Bus stop removal: Stop on southbound Westwood Boulevard at Massachusetts Avenue will no longer be in service. Instead, board one block north on Westwood Boulevard at Ohio Avenue.

• Route 2

Trip cancellation: Santa Monica High School trip departing at 3:23 p.m. from Fourth Street at Civic Center Way will no longer operate. Trips leaving that stop at 3:14 p.m. or 3:29 p.m. will still be available.

• Routes 2 and 3

Minor route change: Buses departing from Westwood heading toward Downtown Santa Monica will now turn right on Lindbrook Drive, left on Gayley Avenue and right onto Wilshire Boulevard to avoid the congested Westwood and Wilshire intersection. This change has no impact on stops served.

• Route 7

Bus stop move: The Local 7 stop on westbound Pico Boulevard at Stewart Street (in front of the 99¢ Store) will be moved to join the Rapid 7 stop just west of Stewart.

• Routes 8, 12 and Rapid 12

Bus stop removal: Stop on northbound Westwood Boulevard at Santa Monica Boulevard (in front of car wash) will no longer be in service. Instead, board directly north across the intersection.

• Route 9

Minor route and schedule changes in Pacific Palisades (note: this change will occur later in February, check back for more details).

• Route 14

Minor route change: Buses departing from Paul Revere Middle School will now turn from San Vicente Boulevard onto southbound Bundy Drive. Buses will not continue east of Bundy to the previous stop on San Vicente at Gorham Avenue. Riders will be able to disembark on Bundy at Montana Avenue and walk two blocks east to their destination.

• Rapid 20

New bus stop: Will now serve eastbound stop on National Boulevard at Venice Boulevard (in front of Palms Self Storage) to better serve the Expo Line.

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READY FOR SOME ACTION: **Samohi's Spencer Cramer (right) tries to shake free against Inglewood earlier this season.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Local teams fill basketball, soccer playoff brackets

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE Santa Monica-based schools will send a whopping 15 teams to the CIF-Southern Section soccer and basketball playoffs this season, it was announced on Monday.

At least one team from every local school has earned a spot in the postseason with St. Monica, Crossroads and Pacifica Christian leading the pack with four each.

Here is a list of who's playing and when:

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Santa Monica enters the Division 1A boys' basketball playoffs as the No. 2 seed after finishing the season as the Ocean League champs. The Vikings face Alhambra on Friday at home. The game begins at 7 p.m.

St. Monica boys earned the No. 16 seed in the Division 4A playoffs as the at-large entry from the Camino Real League. The Mariners travel to University Prep on Wednesday at 7 p.m. University Prep finished the regular season as the second place finisher in the Cross Valley League.

Crossroads also made the Division 4A field. The No. 13-seeded Roadrunners will host Sage Hill also on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Crossroads rebounded from a slow start and a mid-season coaching change to finish the season in second place in the Delphic League. Sage Hill qualified as an at-large berth from the Academy League.

The boys from Pacifica Christian draw No. 1 seeded Village Christian in the first round in Division 5AA. The game is at Village Christian on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Pacifica Christian received an at-large berth out of the Liberty League.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

St. Monica's girls rode a second place finish in the competitive Camino Real League to a No. 2 seed in the Division 4A girls' basketball playoffs. The Mariners will host St. Mathias on Thursday at 7 p.m. St. Mathias is an at-large entry from the Santa Cruz League. Fellow Camino Real League member St. Paul is the No. 1 seed in the bracket. St.

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Bad design

Editor:

Dear City Council,

Why do we end up simply taking the best of what developers are willing to give us?

Even if the Village Trailer Park developer agrees to provide additional affordable units, I would strongly encourage you to rethink this development agreement (DA). Assuming overriding issues of elderly eviction, landmarking, or conservation zoning are regrettably past history, this DA should still be rescinded when you consider the overwhelming design fallacies:

1. Access to 290 of 277 units (77 percent) from windowless 5-foot wide interior corridors which are 400 to 500 feet long – truly an inhuman "quality of life."

2. Garage circulation requires traveling in two subterranean levels as much as 2,000 feet ... to reach an assigned space.

3. Lack of privacy and light in narrow canyon courtyards 225 feet long and twice as high as they are wide.

4. No open space that is not 100 percent concrete paved with raised or depressed planters and "potted" landscape.

5. Non-mitigated traffic impacts generating 2,200 daily trips!

6. Total lack of relationship to the adjacent neighborhood, which will result in reduced property values for those neighboring residents along with massive visual and traffic issues.

7. Community benefits that don't address resulting educational and infrastructure needs which this project will create.

Why didn't staff ever mention anything negative resulting from this design in their lengthy reports (other than traffic)? And, it's also disturbing that the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board don't have the time to discuss these projects in the depth required. But clearly this project is way too dense with these design fallacies creating a slum-like environment.

Why should a developer's smooth-talking, opportunistic ambition trump the common welfare? It is becoming all too apparent in our city that the wreckage from this type of ambition threads its way largely unchecked through our political and community life. And if we didn't approve this much density, we wouldn't need all the drastic parking provisions being proposed.

If the council accedes to an "affordable compromise," it will truly be a community travesty. Please step back and think this through.

Alain de Botton wrote that "bad architecture is a frozen mistake writ large. We owe it to the fields and trees (and the homes we replace) that the buildings we cover them with will stand as promises of the highest and most intelligent kinds of happiness." And Le Corbusier stated "the fate of cities are made in town halls." Please do the right thing and maintain this revocation.

Ron Goldman
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The most unrealistic day of the year

VALENTINE'S DAY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. Yes, I am single, but that's not why I think that we should abolish this "holiday" that is more manufactured, primped, plumped, and full of unrealistic expectations and phony statements of love than a convention of southern belles trying to break into reality TV.

Professionally I have to say that as a divorce and child custody lawyer, I call Valentine's Day the Lawyers Full Employment Act. This day causes all types of emotional damage to both men and women. It's when wives find out about girlfriends, and when girlfriends try their very best to have the most romantic day possible to make sure that "he loves me." Babies are pictured on this day behind the magic and mystery of champagne clinking at the beach in view of the Santa Monica Pier, right before the run to a hotel for room service.

For the men it is a day filled with frustratingly absurd expectations as to what to say, how to act and most deadly, how not to propose. This is the day that Hallmark has wrought, and the false beliefs and outrageous concepts about what love is and how it is shown have been crafted to align with the Hollywood dream factory view of romance and eternal, all enduring love.

Women love this stuff. It's what Rom-Coms like "Pretty Woman" and "Romancing the Stone" are made of. The ideal ever after. Unfortunately it is more like "War of the Roses" with a good dash of "Jurassic Park," except that the dinosaurs are the lovers in this version.

There's a reason for the anger and frustration in break-ups post Valentine's Day euphoria; the emotional let down. The tales of enduring love with the "happily ever after" ending are as old as time, and they make great stories and movies. Who doesn't love to lose themselves in a great movie and forget about their real world troubles? That's why movies are so much fun, because they take us out of ourselves and our lives of demanding bosses, screaming clients and that scourge of the 20th century — the electronic phone tree to get through to a business. We crave the escapism of the darkened theater, the experience for two hours or being a superhero, or a damsel in distress who is saved by the man on a white horse.

The movies are great because we know that they are fake. No adult really thinks they will be bit by a magic spider and suddenly have "Spidey powers" and if they do, well they usually end up in a hospital being monitored for delusional thinking.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe Valentine's Day is all about the experience of getting outside of our boring day-to-day lives. Perhaps it's about forgetting ourselves for a day and being the damsel or the white knight. What if Valentine's Day is all about the feelings of being special, to one person, on that one day? Well then it's an experience to be enjoyed.

Valentine's Day can and should be a fun day. It should be like going to Disneyland, a place that has had so much to do with creating the modern day view of what love and romance is. We go to Disneyland to escape, for a day, and to enjoy the magic. But we know it has to end, so that we don't have the expectation that it will continue.

If we approached Valentine's Day with that same level of awareness for a day, it can be a wonderful experience. However, it is harder to do when it comes to matters of the heart.

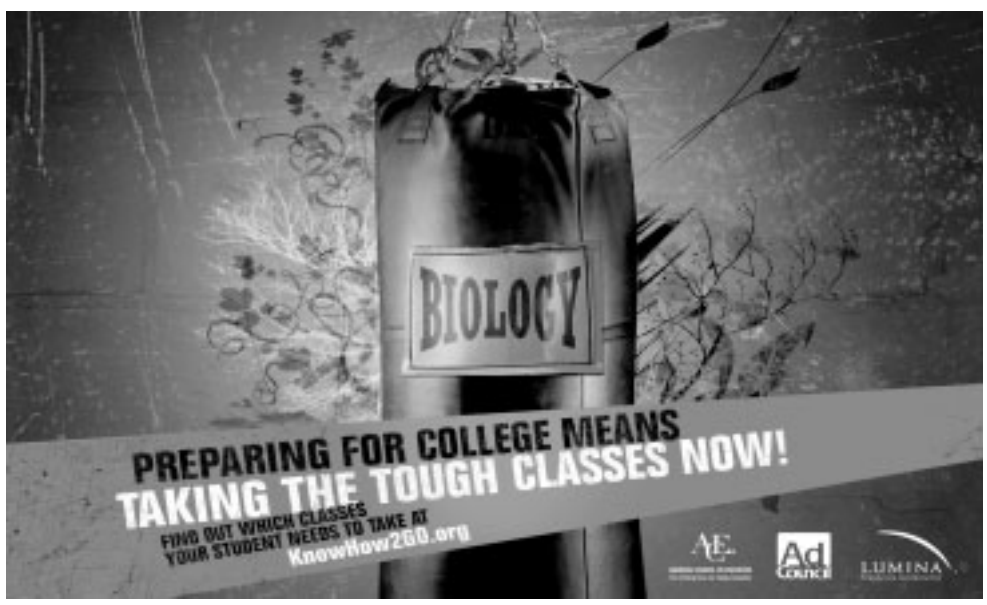
We speak of "falling" in love. Really, we fall in lust and love develops over time. I know because as a man I can tell you we feel lust pretty much all the time. Love not so much. Because love, truly loving someone, takes time to develop. The best relationships I observe and want to emulate have been slow burns to love.

As a family law attorney I deal on a regular basis with people who "fall in love" but were really just in lust. The man who comes to my office to discuss his options with the cocktail waitress he got pregnant on their third date did not love her. The sobering fact of his impending fatherhood was the coldest shower he has ever taken, and the rude awakening she received was that he was more interested in being a father to their child than a husband to her.

Valentine's Day can be a fun day of escapist romance, but let's keep in mind that it is just like a movie, and has to come to an end. Unlike the happily ever afters of Hollywood, this is just a day trip.

If you want the real happily ever after, go slow and keep a realistic appraisal of the day, the person you are with and what you really want in life. It's not all roses and chocolates — that's just for Hallmark to sell cards.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht
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Stock thoughts for February

BASED ON WHAT I AM READING THIS IS a difficult time for investors. The market has moved up in the first five weeks of the year more than most experts thought, and many are now just holding cash until there is a significant dip, which many predict.

Those that predicted that the dollar would rise against the Euro have not been proven right, and the Euro has strengthened against the dollar.

Gold diggers and commodity investors have been disappointed, and recently those oil bulls have realized that the price of oil is likely to decline as we extract more oil from shale, and usage goes down with more efficient cars and other technology. But, in line with a recommendation I made some time ago, many experts remain bullish on copper until next winter. Copper prices have risen most years in February and March.

I see a lot of stocks touted. A recent review of KLA-Tencor (Nasdaq: KLAC) suggests that this company, because it services the leading chip makers, is a good investment because that's a growing industry and this is safer than investing directly in a chip manufacturer. The problem is that as soon as a report like this gets out the stock moves up higher than the recommended price so it no longer is a good investment. Still, even though it is recommended at $54 a share, and has just gone up to over $56, it might still be a good move. Certainly selling puts at a strike price of 55 would seem to be a good idea. Then you either just keep the premium received, if the stock keeps going up, or you acquire it at an effective price of $54 if the stock moves down.

A few recently touted stocks that still look promising to me are DLB, MON, GLW, EIRC, and especially EMC. These are not for the conservative investor, but for someone that wants to take a chance on good companies in favorable economic areas at this moment in time. So one has to stay on top of them and get out when they meet profit goals.

For myself, I invested a bit into some Asian ETFs, and I am waiting for a dip in the S&P index, at which time I will put some money there. I rode Bank of America up from $5 a share to $12, and now it seems to have leveled off. So selling a call spread at $12 might be a good investment.

I rode Whirlpool up from $55 to $85, and it is now about $106 and seems to have leveled off, so selling a call spread there at $110 might be a good idea. It seems unlikely to go above that for the next 90 days.

I took my profits on DLX, in spite of my belief that companies involved in 3D printing will be a good investment for the future. My thinking is that the future for those profits might be too far forward, and I'm not that young. And the stock went up 33 percent since I bought it, so one would expect it to level off for a while until some new event occurs.

Since interest rates are likely to stay low for a long time, where can one put money and expect a reasonable return? The dividends for most stocks are not much above the level of inflation, so one would have to hope for an increase in the stock price to see any significant benefit. Short-term bond funds are not a bad idea, and can produce a yield of 4 to 5 percent. But be careful to stay with funds limited to bonds with less than two years to maturity. Interest rates can't stay low forever, and when they start to go up the bonds quickly lose value.

Well, in spite of the conservative mood that has come over many of us, there are still a lot of really good companies out there with low stock prices and good economic statistics. I like those that control a known brand. Among those that look good to me are the following:

McDonald's, CBS, Schlumberger, and General Electric all look like good companies with good prospects for the year. And of course Apple is still thought by many to be the best buy out there.

For information about **MERV HECHT** and more details on the strategies and stocks he writes about in this column, visit his website at DoubleYourYield.com.

The Q Line

Something in the air

City officials are actively seeking the public's opinion on medical marijuana dispensaries. There are currently none located in Santa Monica, but there are certainly interested parties who would like to set up shop.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think dispensaries should be allowed in town, and if so, where and under what guidelines?

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Texas governor tries to lure California businesses

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Texas Gov. Rick Perry began his latest visit to California on a quest to lure businesses to move jobs to his state by promoting low taxes and lax regulations.

The former Republican presidential candidate began meeting with business leaders in the San Francisco Bay area on Monday. His office said Perry will meet with leaders in the high tech, biotechnology, financial, insurance and film industries during his three-day trip, but declined to name any of the businesses he is targeting.

The trip follows a 30-second radio ad that began airing last week in which Perry criticized California's business climate.

"Building a business is tough, but I hear building a business in California is next to impossible," Perry says in the ad, which was paid for by a public-private marketing partnership called TexasOne. "There are plenty of reasons Texas has been named the best state for doing business for eight years running."

Some business leaders said Perry may have a difficult time persuading businesses to leave the Golden State, particularly in the talent-rich Silicon Valley, known for technological innovation.

Kim Polese, chairwoman of financial services company ClearStreet Inc., and former chief executive of software company SpikeSource, said she is glad Perry is spotlighting the issue of California's competitiveness and the need for some changes.

"But the startup world is thriving here in the valley," she said. She says startups are more concerned with issues like crowd funding and a ready workforce than taxes and regulations.

"I don't think it's impossible for other regions to create innovation centers, but the best talent in the world today gravitate to one place, here," Polese said. "And you need that talent to keep up with the speed at which technology is happening."

Perry's foray to California is not his first, and other governors have engaged in high-profile ploys to try to lure businesses and jobs away from states that are perceived as less friendly to business, though it's unclear how successful those efforts have been.

South Dakota's governor's office recently ran radio commercials and print ads in Minnesota trying to lure businesses across the border, and Wisconsin has put signs on its border with Minnesota that say "Open for Business."

The governors of several states sensed an opportunity in Illinois in 2011 after that state raised its income tax, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who flew to Illinois to meet with business leaders.

Since flaming out as a presidential candidate, Perry has kept mum on his political future. He faces re-election in 2014 and has said he'll make a decision after the Texas Legislature adjourns this summer.

Perry hasn't ruled out another shot at the White House or running to remain the nation's longest-serving governor. But seeking a fourth full term in Texas might not be a cakewalk: although Democrats aren't likely to mount a serious challenge for governor in 2014, Perry could face a stiff primary battle from the state's popular and well-funded attorney general.

California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, last week dismissed Perry's $24,000 in radio ads as a cheap gimmick that would barely make a dent. He said California has been adding more jobs than any other state. Nonfarm payrolls increased by nearly 226,000 jobs in 2012.

He also wondered whether Perry might have a change of heart after arriving.

"A lot of these Texans, they come here, they don't go back," he told reporters. "Who would want to spend their summers in 110-degree heat inside some kind of a fossil-fueled air conditioner? Not a smart way to go."

Perry will also visit Los Angeles and Orange County on his trip, which is being paid for by TexasOne.

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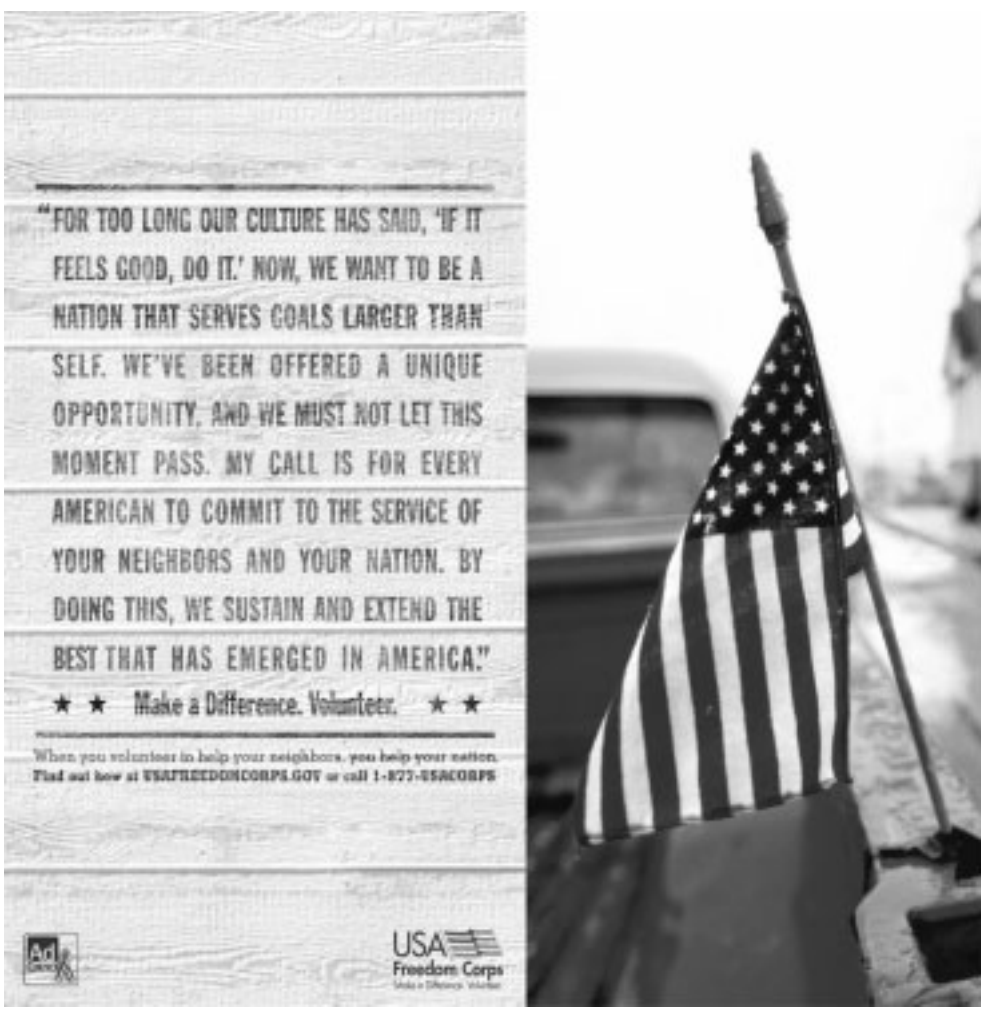




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SAFE: **Santa Monica College opened a new 400-space bike parking lot on campus on Monday.**

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More bike parking on campus

KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press

Responding to a significant increase in bicycle ridership by Santa Monica College students and employees, officials there on Monday announced the opening of a new $600,000 bike parking lot with 400 spaces.

That brings the number of total bike parking spaces to 710, college officials said. The lot also has secure racks for skateboards.

The parking lot, on three-quarters of an acre, is secure, with bright lighting, security cameras and emergency phones. It is also located across the street from the campus police office.

Funded by Measure AA, a 2008 bond measure, the new bike parking lot took six months to complete. A grand opening ceremony is planned for 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28.

The lot opened just in time for the spring semester.

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PLAYOFFS
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Paul defeated St. Monica twice this season.

Crossroads heads into the postseason as the No. 8 seed, also in Division 4A. The Roadrunners will host Mayfield on Thursday at 7 p.m. Crossroads won the Delphic League this season. Mayfield finished fourth in the Prep League.

Pacifica Christian made it to the playoffs as an at-large entry from the Liberty League in Division 5AA. The Seawolves travel to Loma Linda Academy on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the first round.

BOYS' SOCCER

Samohi travels to Carpinteria for the first round of the Division 4 boys' soccer playoffs on Friday at 5 p.m. The Vikings finished the regular season in second place in the Ocean League. Carpinteria finished second in the Tri-Valley League.

St. Monica will have to battle out of the wild card round in Division 7. The Mariners will host Sierra Canyon on Wednesday at 5 p.m. St. Monica enters the match as the second place team from the Camino Real League. Sierra Canyon made it as an at-large entry from the Delphic League.

Crossroads, which finished the season as the champion of the Alpha League, hosts the winner of a wild card game on Friday at 5 p.m. The Roadrunners will play the winner of the Pioneer Valley, Wilson matchup, to be played on Wednesday.

New Roads will host Mary Star of the Sea in a wild card game in Division 7 on Wednesday at 5 p.m. The Jaguars completed the regular season as the third place side in the Coastal League. Mary Star is the at-large team from the Camino Real League.

GIRLS' SOCCER

St. Monica was awarded the No. 1 seed in Division 7 girls' soccer. The Mariners, who won the Camino Real League crown, host the winner of a wild card match on Thursday at 5 p.m. They will play the winner of the Lennox Academy, California Military Academy game, which takes place on Tuesday.

Samohi hosts Colony on Thursday in Division 4 at 5 p.m. The Vikings came in second in the Ocean League with Colony finishing second in the Mt. Baldy league.

Crossroads, the second place side from the Delphic League, hosts the winner of a wild card game between Alhambra and New Community Jewish Academy on Thursday at 5 p.m. The Division 7 wild card game takes place on Tuesday.

Pacifica Christian brings a perfect 12-0 record and first place finish in the Liberty League into the first round as the Seawolves host Tarbut V Torah on Thursday in Division 7. Tarbut was the second place team from the San Joaquin League.

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CONSENT
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maker and a third that provides local, organic food.

The maker of holographic photo souvenirs, a fruit truck, snack shop, T-shirt salesman, sunglasses purveyor and kite shop were all asked to come back.

One of the nine leases was empty to begin with.

According to the staff report, the leases are expected to bring in at least $106,650 over the course of the year.

The Trolley Kiosk at the east end of the pier, operated by '66 to Cali, Inc., will also continue its operations.

Six businesses applied for the spot including an eyebrow threading location and souvenir shop, but the committee decided to stick with the Trolley Kiosk.

The company first set up shop on the pier in 2009 as part of the mobile vending cart program, but moved into the fixed store in 2011. Its lease expired at the end of June, and the store has been month-to-month since.

Its lease will generate at least $11,850 throughout the year, according to the report.

Combined, the leases are expected to raise $118,500, which offsets less than a third of the $628,551 in expenditures the City Council is expected to approve Tuesday.

TECH UPGRADES

City Hall has plans to turn over 1,450 desktop, laptop and tablet computers within the next four years, and are prepared to pay $1.6 million to do so.

The contract with Hewlett Packard, if approved, will last four years at a cost of $400,000 a year. The machines will replace out-of-date computers that came with a four-year warranty for product replacement and tech support.

The funds come from the Computer Equipment Replacement Program, a six-year-old program that ensures City Hall's computers hold up.

Hewlett Packard was one of four companies that bid on the contract.

Only $400,000 of the contract will be paid out this year. Future funding is contingent on City Council approval.

ZONING ORDINANCE

A firm hired in 2004 for extensive planning work relating to the new Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and zoning ordinance needs another $84,640 to take on additional tasks relating to parking and circulation.

Dyett & Bhatia, a California-based company, was originally contracted to complete the LUCE, zoning ordinance and associated environmental documents.

That work was expected to cost $1,648,830, roughly a quarter of which went to the zoning ordinance update.

Since, officials have requested two new studies including one of off-street parking and loading and a transportation demand management chapter.

Three teams of consultants bid for the work, but Dyett & Bhatia was chosen through the bidding process. The modification will bring the total contract up to $1,733,470.

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE

City officials are recommending an $80,000 contract with a California-based company to monitor water quality at an experimental site that could help determine storm drain design for the entire city.

California Watershed Engineering would take samples of storm water that pass through the project site and analyze them for adherence to bacteria and other contaminant levels set by local authorities.

It's a pilot project called the In-line Storm Drain Runoff Infiltration Project. It will retrofit existing catch basins and manholes to capture and purify urban runoff.

It came out of a $300,000 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. The whole project is expected to cost $400,000, and will be funded by local taxes and Proposition 84, a 2006 measure that authorized $5.4 billion in bonds for water quality projects.

The $80,000 will be reimbursed "as authorized" by the State Water Control Board, according to the city staff report.

CAR PAPERS

The Public Works Department is in the market for a new, zero-emissions stakebed truck used for trash collection.

The vehicle, which is used with cart service for trash collection at single family and apartment complexes, will be purchased from ZeroTruck, one of four companies that bid.

ZeroTruck was the only company that offered an electric vehicle rather than compressed natural gas, lowering the overall cost by $136,500 because of a grant through the California Energy Commission.

The truck will cost $63,911.

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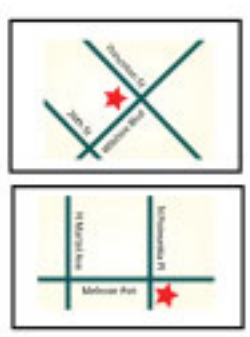

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SEARCH
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weapons and camping gear inside.

Prosecutors filed a murder charge against Dorner that could bring the death penalty in the killing of a Riverside police officer. He was charged with the attempted murder of three other officers.

Miller said authorities will continue to search the Big Bear area until Dorner is found or there's evidence he's there.

Hundreds of tips prompted by a $1 million reward poured in to authorities seeking help finding the most wanted man in America, the ex-Los Angeles police officer who was charged Monday with murdering a policeman in Riverside.

With thousands of officers around Southern California searching for Dorner, prosecutors in Riverside announced charges for last week's killing. Dorner also was charged with attempted murder for wounding another officer and firing at two others, Riverside County District Attorney Paul Zellerbach said.

Authorities obtained a no-bail arrest warrant, which allows Dorner to be apprehended anywhere, Zellerbach said.

The manhunt for Dorner, 33, began last Wednesday when he was named the suspect in the Orange County murders of a former Los Angeles police captain's daughter and her fiance the previous weekend. Hours after police announced they were looking for him, Dorner first fired at two LAPD officers, then ambushed the Riverside officers.

"By both his words and conduct, he has made very clear to us that every law enforcement officer in Southern California is in danger of being shot and killed," Zellerbach said at a news conference that was guarded by four officers armed with rifles.

Police say Dorner wrote a lengthy manifesto that was posted to Facebook after the double murder. He vowed deadly revenge on those in the LAPD responsible for his firing years earlier, and their families. Police now are providing protection for some 50 families thought to be targets.

The search for Dorner was focused in the mountains near Big Bear Lake about 80 miles east of Los Angeles after his burned-out truck was found there last Thursday. That effort was scaled back over the weekend, when authorities announced the reward.

Police and city officials believe the reward, raised from public and private sources, will encourage the citizens to stay vigilant. More than 700 tips had come in since the reward was announced.

"Now it's like the game show 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire,'" said Anthony Burke, supervisory inspector for the U.S. Marshals regional fugitive taskforce. "Instead of one contestant, we've got 100,000, and there's only one question you have to answer. All they have to answer is where he's at, and we can take it from there."

The wide-ranging search has created unusually heavy traffic backups at California border crossings into Mexico, as agents are more closely inspecting each car. State police in Mexico's Baja California were given photographs of Dorner and warned to consider him armed and extremely dangerous.

Zellerback said authorities believe Dorner will emerge at some point and try to continue carrying out his vendetta.

"I don't think he's done," Zellerback said. "Just read his manifesto and look at his actions. He's trying to send a message, and it would be my belief that his message is not completed yet."

Dorner was fired from the LAPD five years ago, when a department board determined that he falsely claimed another officer had kicked a suspect. Randal Quan represented him during the proceeding.

Quan's daughter, Monica, and her fiance, Keith Lawrence, were found shot dead Feb. 3 in a car in the parking structure of their Irvine condominium. Last Wednesday, after discovery of the manifesto, Irvine police announced they were searching for Dorner.

Early Thursday in the Riverside County city of Corona, police say Dorner shot at two LAPD officers who had been dispatched to protect a possible target of Dorner's. One officer's head was grazed by a bullet; the other was unharmed.

Minutes later, authorities believe Dorner used a rifle to ambush two Riverside officers, killing one and seriously wounding another. The slain officer was identified as Michael Crain, 34. The other officer's identity was not released to protect his family.

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LIBRARY
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status amongst its devotees who forge community ties through sharing the written word.

Each Little Free Library volunteer sets up a box-like structure — either homemade or from a kit provided by the nonprofit for a fee — and fills it with books available to all who pass by. In return, those who take books are expected to drop off another, possibly with a note to future readers, and continue the connection.

Co-founders Todd Bol and Rick Brooks established the first library in 2009. Since, over 6,000 have sprung up throughout the Midwest, both coasts and tens of other countries.

Maybe that's what happens when you pair two entrepreneurs with decades of international and domestic nonprofit experience between them — a simple concept meant to encourage literacy and connect neighbors becomes an online phenomenon.

"We're both idea guys," Brooks said. "We thought it could carry a lot of different freight and accomplish a lot of different things."

The project began as a personal one, and has only become more so as it spreads.

Bol built the first library in memory of his mother, June Bol, a teacher and generous spirit.

"She was one of those rare people you meet and you think, 'I feel better about myself after spending time and talking to them,'" Bol said. "There's something magical about them. They ask how you are, and they really mean it."

June Bol would have literally given the shirt off her back, Bol said, and he felt there was no better way to honor her memory than to create the system which evolved into Little Free Library, where books are freely given and the generosity is rewarded in kind.

The first one went up in Bol's front yard, and caught the attention of his neighbors. He put up another on a busy bike path that saw 20,000 to 30,000 passersby each day.

"It grew pretty quickly after that," Brooks said.

Getting started with the Little Free Library is as easy as going to the organization's website and ordering a $35 kit that comes with a numbered sign identifying it as an official library and information for the new "steward" on how to make the project a success.

Register with the organization and your library shows up on a Google map on the website populated by thousands of icons giving the location of the library for those in search of a book.

The website also provides patterns for those who want to take library construction into their own hands.

Disparate ends of society got involved in the project, from prisons to high schools.

Walmart requested one for its flagship store, and activist filmmaker Michael Moore also chipped in, said Bol.

"To encompass Michael Moore and Walmart in the same thing is pretty magic in itself," Bol said.

Each of the free libraries — first called "habitats for humanity" as a nod to the nonprofit that builds homes for the needy — takes on the feel of the neighborhood in which it is situated.

Bernstein's husband Nick Johnson, a current English teacher, built their Little Free Library #3904 from scratch, and Bernstein stocked the shelves with books she'd kept in storage before the family moved out of their rental and into their Ocean Park home two years ago.

They were inspired by a 2012 Los Angeles Times article on the subject, and saw an opportunity to share favorite books with their new community.

"I had saved books that I loved thinking I want these books, and when I went through them I realized I don't have to have them all," Bernstein said.

As neighbors began to realize what was going on, new books streamed in as quickly — or quicker — as old ones left. Soon, the library was taking on a life of its own.

Bernstein noticed that children's books disappeared in a flash, perhaps because of her proximity to John Muir Elementary School, and the books that repopulated the shelf had a decidedly feminine slant.

"It's evolved its own theme," Bernstein said.

Author Nora Roberts, mystery-thrillers, even non-fiction from politics to child-rearing have all made an appearance, she said.

Bernstein herself is more of a biographies fan, but the arrival of the new books has stretched her horizons, like Augusten Burroughs' "Running with Scissors" and Jeannette Walls' memoir "The Glass Castle."

The neighbors love it, Bernstein said, and she's gotten thank-you notes and phone calls. There's never been a problem keeping the library stocked.

Thievery and vandalism are two of the most common questions put to the Little Free Library founders.

Book-theft is easy, Brooks said.

"You can't steal a free book, so that problem's gone," Brooks said.

Vandalism has been extremely uncommon.

One steward thought their library had been burned by an arsonist, only to discover that it had been hit by lightning.

"The theme was that books are the keys to knowledge, and they had keys on the library that attracted the lightning," Brooks said.

Although Little Free Libraries are growing in popularity, Brooks and Bol are not done growing the idea.

They plan to launch a new website with improved maps, and are working with the American Association of Retired Persons, more commonly known as AARP, to do almost Meals on Wheels type outreach to reach out to homebound seniors.

"Keeping up has been quite a challenge," said Brooks, who has a full-time job. He's received three paychecks from Little Free Library LTD since it was founded.

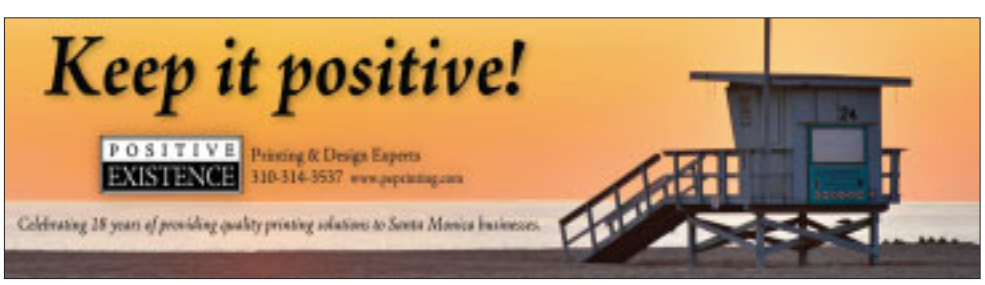
"We want to set up a self-sustaining network. We've resisted commercializing, because that's not quite the idea. The idea is that people get involved themselves," Brooks said.

And they are.

It's a fitting tribute to June Bol, whose memory lives on in the Little Free Libraries, her son said.

"It's the energy and spirit of my mom and who she was," he said. "My mom dances everywhere."

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WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high occ. 3ft
WNW swell fades through the day; plus sets for top exposures

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
WNW swell drops to leftovers; plus sets for top exposures

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Potential small WNW pulse rises up through the day

TIDES

still need to be taken into consideration as mid/late morning high tides will be pushing 5'+ for the first half of the week before draining out to negative lows in the later afternoon. Things moderate more as the week progresses. Plan you sessions accordingly.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescadero State Beach, between Latigo and Las Flores creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at 24872 Malibu Rd.	D	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Topanga Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
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
ns -- no sample taken

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Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NFL

Union still concerned about Chargers doctor

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith says the union is still concerned about San Diego Chargers team doctor David Chao even though he reportedly has been cleared by an independent panel.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Smith says neither the Chargers nor the NFL initiated an inquiry or provided oversight of Chao even though he has been found liable of malpractice.

At a pre-Super Bowl news conference, Smith called for Chao to be replaced as team doctor. The NFLPA filed a complaint.

Quoting a club source it did not identify, the U-T San Diego reported Sunday that three independent doctors "totally exonerated" Chao.

The NFL and the Chargers refused to confirm the report, citing confidentiality.

Chao hasn't returned calls and texts seeking comment.



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1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
2:45pm, 6:15pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm

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Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:55am, 4:45pm, 9:45pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:15am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:25pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

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1:20pm, 7:00pm

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4:10pm, 9:50pm

Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 1hr 55min
4:30pm, 9:40pm

Clandestine Childhood (Infancia clandestina) (NR) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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1:50pm, 4:40pm

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11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

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Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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Shop tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 20-April 19)
★★★ You might feel a bit off in the morning. Postpone key discussions, as others seem unwilling to move forward or change their ideas. Tomorrow is another day. Tonight: Join a friend. Have some fun together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. At this point in time, you will get people to stand behind you and your ideas, and if you move quickly, you just might get the OK on a key project. If not, you'll have to wait until the end of the week. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Claim your power, but understand that you might encounter some backlash. Do you really care? Move forward with a project that has been sitting on the back burner. Tomorrow is another day, when others might be more flexible. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a friend at a distance. The conversation you have will be quite enlightening. Your creativity might be falling flat. Try to brainstorm with friends for solutions. Tonight: Act as if you don't have a care in the world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your romantic side emerges, and you might wonder how best to communicate your feelings. You come from a place of security, yet you question your ability to get past someone's stern demeanor. If you hit a roadblock, try to get a new perspective. Tonight: Near music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Others want to understand your position. You might not be very clear, so be sure to share more openly. Avoid being too serious, or you could end up creating distance between you and someone you care a lot about. Tonight: Check your budget before making a purchase.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Dive right in, and get as much done as possible. Allow greater give-and-take in the process of resolving a personal problem. You have a way of telling someone to drop dead without that person even realizing it until hours later. Tonight: Let the party begin at your place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Focus on meetings and get-togethers with others. Fatigue could be an issue. Slow down a little, take a cat nap and eat well. You will become re-energized quite quickly that way. Tonight: Take the dog for a walk --you need a little exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your sluggishness will pass quickly. How you respond to that slow energy says a lot about you. A discussion allows more openness between you and a loved one. This exchange will encourage you to make a couple of confidential calls and do research. Tonight: Strut your stuff!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Initiate conversations and schedule meetings. You might need to revise your plans once you hear certain news. A meeting might take on a very serious tone. Talking helps. Tonight: Get some fresh air.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Have you overcommitted yourself? Deal with this issue as soon as you can. You know what is happening in day-to-day matters. Detach, and gain a better perspective. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ News coming in from a distance could set you back. You might not have the whole story yet. Be willing to get to the bottom of what is happening. Not knowing could make you edgy, unless you assume a positive stance. A meeting keeps you on track! Tonight: Do some shopping.

Happy birthday

This year you alternate between being emotionally detached and being oversensitive. If you have an artistic talent, it is likely to emerge. This ability could be profitable. Your communication with others becomes more important than it has been in many years. If you are single, someone could come into your life unexpectedly. This bond could be very passionate if you meet before July. If you are attached, you often have very emotional talks. A new interest in communication could add new clarity and warmth to your bond. PISCES knows how to spend your money well.

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

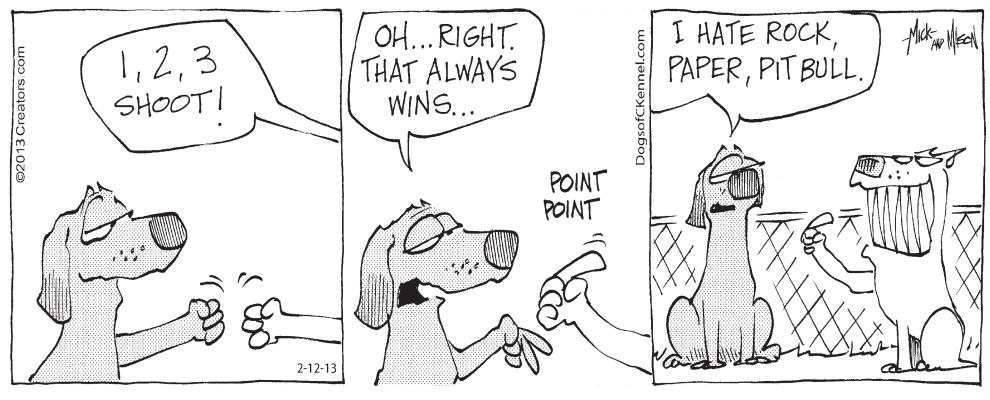
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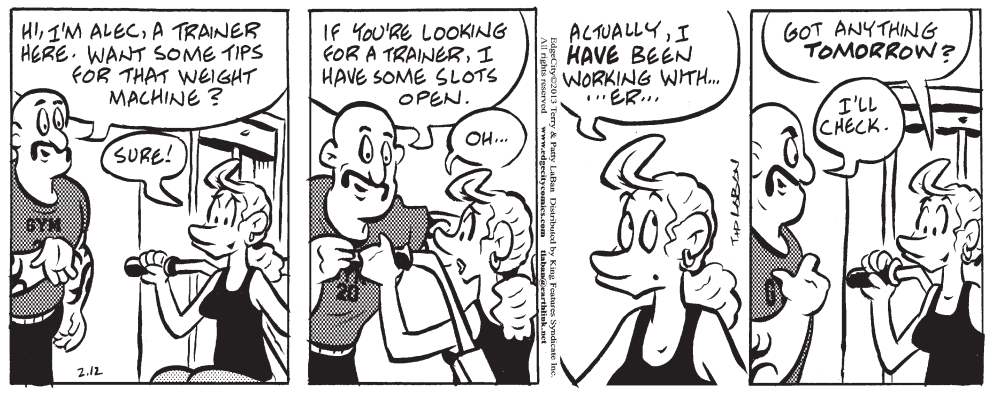
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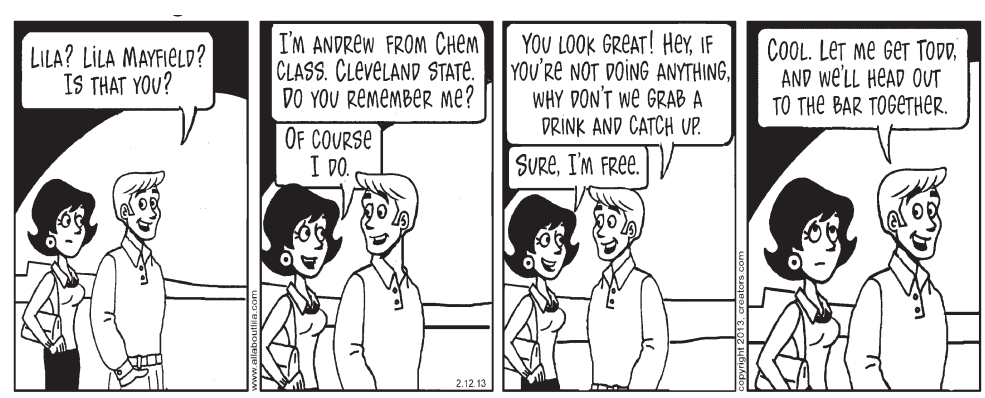
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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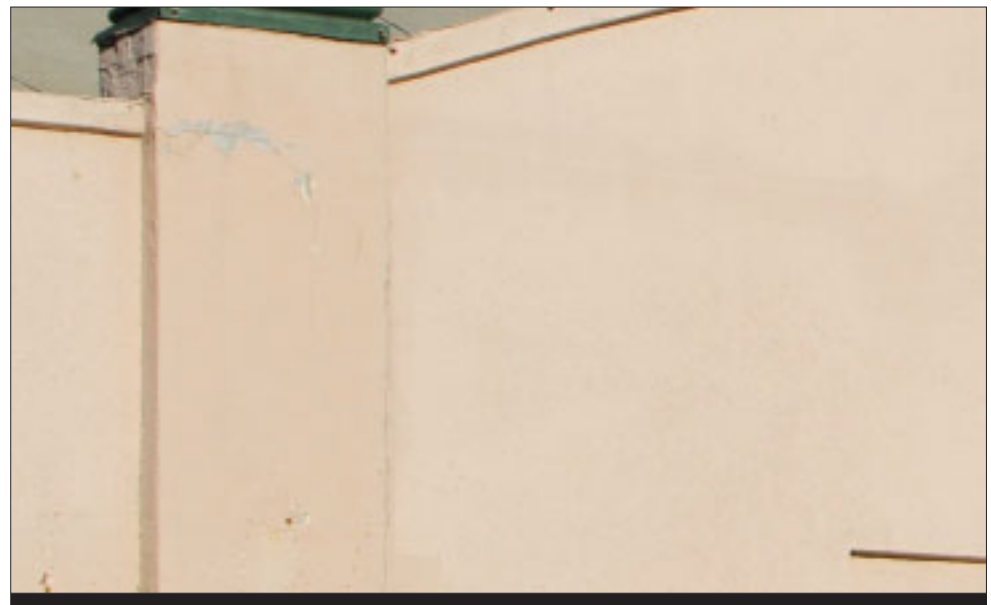
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

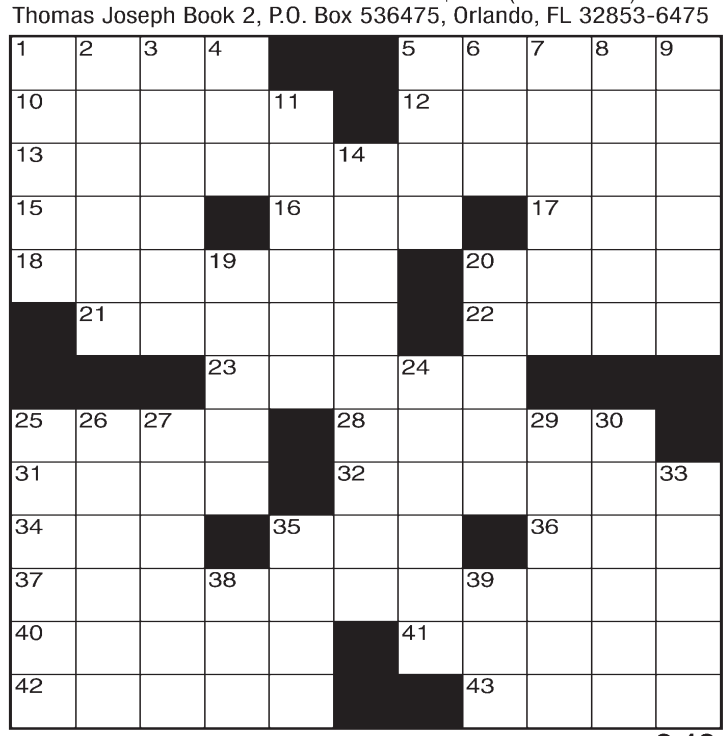
ACROSS
1 Went under
5 Kitchen pest
10 Steer clear of
12 Usher's place
13 Lepidopterist's collection
15 Quarterback Manning
16 Squirrel's snack
17 Got together
18 Bigot's problem
20 Stance
21 Cut off
22 At any time
23 Make speeches
25 Rating unit
28 Small amounts
31 Battle group
32 James of "Boston Legal"
34 Spring month
35 Life story, for short
36 6, on the phone
37 Features of some jeans
40 With all one's might
41 Impel
42 "Game of Thrones" girl
43 Brewed drinks

DOWN
1 Fencing sword
2 Throat danglers
3 Catch sight of
4 Young fox
5 Vessel for Huck
6 Engine need
7 "I, Robot" writer
8 John of Monty Python
9 Prynne in "The Scarlet Letter"
11 More tightly packed
14 Ice cream choice
19 Tusk material
20 "The Hunger Games" boy
24 Complete
25 Brazilian dances
26 Emotional wound
27 "The Joy Luck Club" author
29 Look up to
30 New York tribe
33 Romantic dozen
35 — fide
38 "— folly to be wise"
39 Fate

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A man with admittedly limited English skills went to a courthouse in Springfield, Mass., in December to address a traffic ticket, but somehow wound up on a jury trying Donald Campbell on two counts of assault. Officials said the man simply got in the wrong line and followed jurors into a room while the real sixth juror had mistakenly gone to another room. The jury, including the accidental juror, found Campbell guilty, but he was awarded a new trial when the mistake was discovered.

■ (1) Timothy Crabtree, 45, of Rogersville, was arrested in October and charged with stabbing his son, Brandon, 21, in an argument over who would get the last beer in the house. (2) Tricia Moody, 26, was charged with DUI in Knoxville in January after a 10-minute police chase. The officer's report noted that Moody was still holding a cup of beer and apparently had not spilled any during the chase. (3) Jerry Poe, 62, was charged in a road-rage incident in Clinton on Black Friday after firing his handgun at a driver in front of him "to scare her into moving" faster, he said. (Poe said he had started at midnight at one Wal-Mart, waited in line unsuccessfully for five hours for a sale-priced stereo, and was on his way to another Wal-Mart.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1992 - The current Constitution of Mongolia comes into effect.

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SOLD

1211 Pearl Street

$1,285,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Baths
- Living Rm w/ Fireplace
- Outdoor Entertaining
- Koi Pond



Just Sold

I Represented the Buyer

202 South Rockingham Avenue

List Price

$3,650,000



1751 Appian Way #401
For Lease
$6,400 per month

Santa Monica's Prime Beach Location

- Captivating Ocean Views
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Baths
- Hampton Style
- Newer Construction



603 16th Street
For Lease
$5,750 per month

Newly Remodeled Kitchen w/ Stainless & Limestone
Open Sunday, February 17th
1 pm to 4 pm

- 3 Bedrooms
- 1 Bath w Vintage Tiles
- Hardwood Floors
- Freshly Painted
- Stainless Steel Appliances



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies Listed for Sale as of Mid February 2013		
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$10,200,000
North of Montana	=	$ 4,885,100
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$ 2,811,250
South of Wilshire	=	$ 669,000
Sunset Park	=	$ 1,319,271
Ocean Park	=	$ 1,550,000
Statistics updated every Friday		

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