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Film screenings raise awareness of local sex trafficking trade

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The film takes place far away in Nepal and India, but to local activists the issue hits close to home.

"It's very enlightening, I think," said RoseMary Regalbuto who is bringing the movie "SOLD" to Santa Monica for free screenings next month. "I think people are not aware of how much of a problem this is. This is a way to open their eyes."

In the movie, 13-year-old Lakshmi leaves her home in rural Nepal and ends up in a gritty brothel in Kolkata. The 2014 film comes from Academy Award winners Jeffrey Brown (director) and Emma Thompson (executive producer) who hoped to inspire a global movement to address the word's fastest growing business: sex trafficking. It is based on a novel by the same name by Patricia McCormick.

Santa Monica Rotarian Regalbuto hopes the film will raise awareness about the problem of sex trafficking here in the Los Angeles area. She has gotten the rights to screen the film and is bringing it to locations all over Santa Monica for free. Panels discussing the local impact of sex trafficking will follow

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Santa Monica leading groundwater planning efforts

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica could become the lead agency managing groundwater supplies for the 50-square mile Santa Monica Basin that provides most of the city's potable water according to a report on the City's website.

State regulators recently passed a set of laws creating new regulatory agencies to manage groundwater supplies and based on Santa Monica's history of pumping groundwater from the Santa Monica Basin, local agencies are leaning towards designating the city as the point agency on the project.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the City of Beverly Hills, Culver City, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works are all stakeholders in the local basin. However, Santa Monica is the only city currently pumping water from the area. Groundwater provides about 75 percent of the city's total water needs and the city is trying to source all of its water from local wells by 2020.

The state legislation, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) gives the state limited authority to intervene to protect groundwater supplies and encourages long-term management practices by newly formed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA). The new rules provide greater oversight over groundwater and will increase regulation over private wells that currently operate outside any municipal jurisdiction.

"SGMA establishes a definition

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BIG KIDS TABLE

Courtesy Photos

The Santa Monica Library system hosts a regular crafting activity for adults called "The Big Kids Table." As part of the ongoing Santa Monica Reads celebration, the most recent craft was a comic book themed picture frame. For more information on this year's book, Fun Home, visit https://smpl.org/SMR2017/


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 11

Mid City Neighbors Meeting

Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors hosts their 2017 Annual Meeting "The Future of Mid City – Medicine, Marijuana and Miatas", at the Edye Second Stage at Broad Stage, 11th Street and Santa Monica Blvd. Doors Open at 10:30 a.m. Program 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for: Neighborhood Watch, SMPD Meet Your Neighbors Program, Red Cross Training, Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, Beautify Broadway, Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors Committees, Mid City Mural Grant Project and Bike Broadway. Raffle, Buffet Brunch, Cookie Sale, Free Parking

Santa Monica Reads: The Cartoon Self with Charles Hatfield

Fun Home carries on the tradition of autobiographical comics or graphic memoir, which includes Art Spiegelman, Keiji Nakazawa, Marjane Satrapi, and many other celebrated artists. Join CSUN Professor Charles Hatfield for an illustrated talk about the roots and branches of this burgeoning genre, which has changed the face of comics. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Meet the Author: Sam Bennett of "Start Right Where You Are"

Author Sam Bennett offers an energizing talk on how small shifts in the right direction can yield big results. Leave inspired to complete a project, transform relationships with important people. A book sale and signing follows the presentation. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Spring Gardening Workshop

Get ready for spring gardening with Master Gardener Emi Carvell, who demonstrates how to sow seeds with Eco-pots. This is a zero-waste event, so please bring your own bowl and utensils for food sampling. All other materials provided. Space is limited. Please call Montana Branch at (310) 458-8682 to register. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 12 – 2 p.m.

Intercultural Dumpling Making Party with Grace Hwang

Grace is inviting dumpling makers from all cultures to demonstrate their delicious traditions. Dumpling students and observers please pay $5 towards ingredients; dumpling experts, please email camera@smgov.net; they'd love your participation. Cost: $5. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/56732 or call (310) 458-2239.

Starting a Business: What You Need to Know

Thinking about starting a new business, or recently started one? This workshop will help you gain a clear understanding of the legal requirements for a start-up business, as well as actions that are simply smart to do. Key topics covered include naming your business, licenses and taxes, insurance, financing sources, elements of a business plan, marketing considerations. You'll also hear how SCORE can help you succeed in your new venture. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Opera talk

LA Opera Talk on Richard Strauss's opulent, mesmerizing, violent and sexually-charged "Salome" at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Join Community Educator Larry Verdugo for this interactive, multi-media presentation. Admission is free. Call (310) 575-8273 for more information. 2 p.m.

Dementia talk

UCLA Health Sponsors Free Educational Forum for Those Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia on March 11 UCLA Health, in conjunction with WISE & Healthy Aging and Alzheimer's/Greater Los Angeles, hosts a free half-day educational conference to support family members and caregivers of those with dementia on Sat., March 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program includes presentations on latest research, coping strategies and information on legal and community resources. Attendees will also have the opportunity to consult with physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other UCLA geriatric medical experts about specific concerns. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica. Validated parking below the building. Reservations are suggested. To register, call (800) 516-5323. Respite care available for loved one for $20. Advance reservations required. To register, call (310) 394-9871 ext. 482.

Sunday, March 12

Community Giveaway

This is a Native American ceremony called "Giveaway" and the purpose is to create balance in the community. Please bring items that you no longer use or have use for but someone else can use. Anything can be given except food items. Everyone walks away with at least one "gift" of his or her own choosing whether or not you brought anything. Items that are not taken away will be donated to a charitable organization. Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill Street, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Citywide

Researchers develop equation that helps to explain plant growth

It is rare in biology that a single trait can answer questions spanning several fields of research. One such trait is plant biology's "leaf mass per area," a simple measurement calculated by weighing a dried leaf and dividing by its original fresh area. Leaf mass per area, or LMA, which has been measured in thousands of studies, is used in nearly every field of plant biology to make predictions of many processes and properties such as leaf photosynthetic rates, nitrogen content and plant environmental preferences.

However, despite the simplicity of the measurement of leaf mass area and its value for predicting so many aspects of plant biology, the relationship of leaf mass area to leaf structure – the cells and tissues that make up a leaf, and their numbers and dimensions – has not previously been determined.

UCLA researchers have developed a mathematical equation for leaf mass area that will help to determine what drives plant behaviors based on their cells.

The research, which has important implications as plants adapt to a warming environment, is published online by Ecology Letters, a prestigious journal in the field of ecology.

"The great diversity of leaves in size, shape and color is dazzling, and yet, it is nothing as compared to the diversity of cells and tissues inside," said Lawren Sack, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and the study's senior author. "However, we have lacked equations to relate this inner diversity to overall leaf behavior in an exact way."

Grace John, a UCLA doctoral student in ecology and evolutionary biology and the study's lead author, conducted a detailed study of the anatomy of 11 species growing on the grounds of UCLA that included iconic species from many ecosystems, such as the toyon or hollywood, and a species of tea from Japan. She measured cross-sections for the sizes and numbers of cells of the different leaf tissues and she stained whole leaves to measure their vein tissues. The team then developed a theoretical approach based on geometric principles to derive an equation for leaf mass area, taking into account the dimensions and numbers of cells of each type in the leaf.

The biologists' strategy was to create a powerful mathematical equation that predicts the leaf mass area from just the structures inside the leaf. This equation was able to predict the leaf mass area of the diverse leaves with extreme precision.

The team, which collaborated with researchers in Spain, Germany and Australia, also used the mathematical approach to explain the difference between evergreen and deciduous leaves in their toughness.

"If you grab a leaf from a California evergreen shrub and a deciduous sycamore tree, you can feel the difference in toughness, but it's more challenging to explain why," John said. "With our approach, we show that evergreen leaves tend to be tougher and live longer because they have larger and denser cells."

"The implications of these kinds of equations are enormous," Sack said. Because a lower leaf mass area generally leads to greater plant growth and productivity, and a higher leaf mass area can contribute to stress tolerance, this approach can resolve how differences in cell traits among species affect productivity and tolerance to environmental stress given climate change.

"It is hard to exaggerate the importance of LMA in plant biology – it's like body size in animal ecology, facial symmetry for the psychology of attraction, and sprint speed for NFL wide receivers," John said. "LMA has really been the 'uber' variable for understanding plant economics, productivity and function."

Sack described the approach as a game-changer for designing crops with higher productivity or greater stress tolerance.

"We are aiming to usher in a new era in the science of leaf economics by merging plant anatomy with mathematics and ecology in a unique way," he said.

The research was federally funded by the National Science Foundation (grant IOS-1457279).

– SUBMITTED BY STUART WOLPERT, UCLA

Countywide

Los Angeles County promoting mental health awareness

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is promoting early intervention for Spanish-speaking and Native American individuals living with mental illness including depression, co-occurring substance use and primary health (integrative) issues.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority campaign began on March 1, and will run for at least 14 weeks. The ads feature a Latino family and Native American individuals conveying the message that mental illness affects one in four people and provides contact information for assistance, including the 24/7 ACCESS number: 800-854-7771. The corresponding public service announcements are viewable at LACDMH's YouTube page, www.youtube.com/user/lacdmhpio.

The Native American ads target depression, anxiety and underscore the fact that historical trauma affects Native Americans today. Like other underserved communities, the Latino population in Los Angeles County often does not seek help until a crisis occurs.

For both groups, the stigma associated with mental illness and getting help prevents many from seeking the services they need. Inclusion and respect toward all individuals receiving treatment for mental health-related issues encourages fair, equitable, effective, voluntary treatment and housing services that lead to Hope, Well-Being and Recovery.

This marketing campaign is part of an ongoing outreach program to educate Los Angeles County's diverse populations about mental health issues and LACDMH resources available to help them or their loved ones. LACDMH is committed to working with underserved communities, such as the Native American and Latino populations, to reduce stigma and promote mental health services countywide.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 1,000 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 250,000 residents of all ages. The Department's mission -- enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency – is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible.

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Santa Monica artist Thomas Mercer Hart will be celebrated on March 12, 2017 at Upper West Restaurant, 3321 Pico Blvd from 4 – 7 p.m. Every few months Upper West Restaurant presents a new exhibition featuring a local artist. "Experiments," a solo exhibition will feature works created by the artist within the past several years at his Santa Monica studio. Visit www.mercerproject.com or www.theupperwest.com for more information.

Felt Hatmaking with Leslie Robinson
Join Milliner Leslie Robinson for this introductory hatmaking class. You will learn the fundamentals of blocking, shaping and trimming a wool felt hat. Returning students welcome - we'll cover more advanced techniques. Cost: $60 + $30 material fee (please bring cash). 1450 Ocean, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. To register, please click on https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/57324 or call (310) 458-2239.

Guest House Open
Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/cultural-programs-events-and-tours.aspx#Guest_House.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market
The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

Landmarks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission.

Maker Mondays
A space to create STEAM projects at Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center Maker Space! Bring your ideas and use our materials (and MacLab) to create. Space is limited and on first-arrival basis. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4 – 6 p.m.

Preschool Story Time
Story time series for 3-5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 11:15 – 11:35 a.m.

Baby Time
Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months accompanied by an adult. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 – 10:20 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Book Buzz with Penguin Random House
Pennie Hoyle previews Spring and early Summer new book releases, and gives participants a tote bag and book sampler of upcoming titles. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Women's History Month Movie: Suffragette (2015)
In this galvanizing feminist drama, a working class laundress (Carey Mulligan) joins a cadre of English women organizing to obtain the right to vote. (Film runtime: 106 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Online Applications
Find out where to find online job applications, how to avoid common errors when applying online, and how to maximize your chances of success. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

Spy Academy for Kids
Learn how to become a spy. Limited space; register in person or call (310) 458-8682 for the secret password. March 14 – TOP SECRET TRAINING: DIY disguises and fingerprinting. For grades K-5. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Soundwaves Concert: Michael Pisaro
A performance and discussion with composer/guitarist Michael Pisaro. SoundwavesNewMusic.com for details. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting
The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th St). The public is welcome to attend.

Meditative Chinese Brushwork with Farah Rosier
Get a short introduction to the venerable art of Chinese ink painting with practitioner Farah Roser. With an emphasis on breathing and brushwork, students will have fun, interrupt their daily routine, and come away with an appreciation for this ancient art. A traditional Chinese brush painter follows rules that are different than Western painting styles and focuses on brush stroke and strength of line as well as overall composition. No experience required, just an interest in self expression. 1450 Ocean, 4 – 6 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/57482

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AWARENESS

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some screenings.

Regalbuto says awareness is crucial to the cause.

"If people are aware they can see the signs of trafficking and they can help that victim," Regalbuto said.

In Los Angeles, underage girls and boys are frequently advertised on the Internet but are difficult for law enforcement to track down. For that reason, the odds of a victim being rescued is just one in 100, according to the organization ERASE child trafficking. The group estimates in the United States alone over 100,000 kids are trafficked into slavery.

In Santa Monica, the City Attorney's Office has reached out to 48 local businesses where victims might pass to post flyers with hotline information victims can call.

So far, Urgent Care centers, bars, massage parlors, bus stations, train stations are required to participate and post the flyers, according to Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades. However, after receiving the posters in October, only 25 out of the 48 business owners are currently in compliance according to a recent audit by the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST).

"Studies have shown these posters increase the amount of reporting," Rhoades said. "It's giving people a number to call, whether it's a witness or the actual victim."

The City is also reaching out to ride services like taxi companies and Uber and Lyft to educate drivers on sex trafficking. While the companies are not required to participate, Rhoades says drivers can be a frontline to stop trafficking in the act.

"Not only can the drivers be the eyes and ears of the community, but traffickers often use taxis to transport victims," Rhoades wrote in a recent column that appeared in the Daily Press adding, "the drivers may help save a victim."

The following screenings of SOLD are open to the public for free and will include a panel discussion on Sex Trafficking in the Los Angeles area:

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April 1
2 – 5 p.m.

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April 12
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Local students named as semifinalists in The Music Center's 29th Annual Spotlight Program

The Music Center named 111 Southern California high school students as semifinalists in The Music Center's 29th annual Spotlight program, a free nationally-acclaimed scholarship and arts training program for teens.

Samohi student Madeleine Hammer is a Semifinalist in the Classical Instrumental category. Samohi student Andrew Pringle is a Semifinalist in the Classical Voice category.

The program provides opportunities for Southern California high school students to acquire the skills they need to pursue their dreams in the performing arts, ranging from the development of performance abilities in numerous genres to roles in arts management, along with valuable workforce readiness skills.

Semifinalists were named in each of seven categories, including acting, ballet, non-classical dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental and jazz instrumental.

"The Spotlight program exemplifies The Music Center's commitment to the next generation of performing arts professionals, both those performing on the stage and working behind the scenes," said Rachel Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "We strive to provide students with the tools, training, and coaching along with the knowledge that we believe in them. We feel this will help these committed high schoolers to be successful in their futures regardless of which path they may take toward their professional goals."

"Spotlight is as much about self-discovery and building self-esteem for young people as it is about pursuing a career in the performing arts," said Jeri Gaile, director of The Music Center's Spotlight program. "The students that participate in Spotlight learn how to identify and achieve their goals from mentors who are highly successful in their field, gaining first-hand knowledge of how to seize opportunities and prepare for important transitions in life."

Approximately 1,300 participants auditioned for Spotlight this year, and more than 45,000 students have participated in the program since 1988.

Semifinalists receive a rare opportunity to attend a special master class with highly regarded artists, who share their expertise on performance technique, training and professional life. Students are offered feedback on their performances, offering them a rich learning experience. Each semifinalist will audition again before a new panel of judges, who will then select the top two finalist performers in each category for a total of 14 Grand Prize Finalists.

Judges will also name an Honorable Mention in each category. The Grand Prize Finalists will perform at Walt Disney Concert Hall at The Music Center in the Spotlight Grand Finale Performance on May 23.

The Music Center's Spotlight program awards more than $100,000 in cash scholarships annually. Both Grand Prize Finalists in each category receive $5,000 scholarships, with one Honorable Mention in each category receiving $1,000. Semifinalists each receive $300. The Music Center also celebrates five students in each preliminary category with the Promise Award, which acknowledges students who inspire the judges by their commitment and dedication to their art form. Spotlight Promise Award recipients each receive $100.

For more information about The Music Center's Spotlight program, visit musiccenter.org/spotlight.

– SUBMITTED BY LISA DUCORE, THE MUSIC CENTER

Citywide

Lions Eyes Across California

For the third year in a row, the Santa Monica Lions Club has organized the "Lions Eyes Across California" vision assistance event. The list of services that will be offered this year is bigger and better than ever. The event will take place at a new location: The Church on Pearl, 1529 Pearl Street in Santa Monica, on Saturday March 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..

"Lions Eyes Across California" has become a tremendously popular Santa Monica event. The SM Lions will be partnering with other area Lions Clubs and nonprofits to provide even more complimentary vision and health services than last year. On site will be the Stein Eye Institute Mobile Eye Screening Unit and Vision to Learn will again offer vision screening and free glasses for children, as needed. The Westside Family Health Center will bring their mobile health screening unit. Covered Community will be there to inform attendees about their program that assists consumers in navigating health care and social service options, and representatives from the Center for the Partially Sighted will be on hand to discuss their services as well.

All services are free and medical insurance is not required.

For more details see the Santa Monica Lions Facebook Page or email info@santamonicalion.com or call (310) 442-9513.

– SUBMITTED BY KATHRYN BOOLE

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #107 GEOTECHNICAL AND SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING SERVICES

- **Submission Deadline is March 27, 2017 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

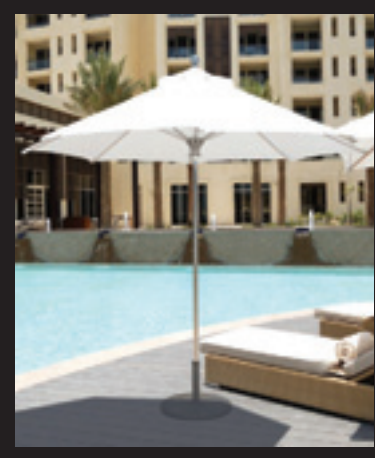
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **57.3°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell mix peaks. Minor S swell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small WNW swell mix.



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FEBRUARY 18, 2017 AT ABOUT 8:07 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at Sears-302 Colorado Blvd regarding a subject ripping tags off of merchandise and placing it in luggage. Upon officer's arrival, the suspect was identified by Loss Prevention Staff and attempting to walk out of the store without paying for any items. The suspect was detained by officers at the entry/exit of the store and officers recovered merchandise valued at approximately $415. The suspect was observed carrying an empty duffel bag and selecting merchandise from the sales floor. The suspect removed tags from the merchandise and placed it in the bag. The suspect grabbed a suitcase from the sales floor and put additional merchandise in it. Gregory Jackson 55, from Fountain, CO was arrested for shoplifting and a probation violation. Bail was set at $10,000.

GROUNDWATER

FROM PAGE 1

of sustainable groundwater management, requires that local agencies develop groundwater management plans and implement strategies to sustainably manage groundwater resources, prioritizes basins with the greatest need (ranked as high and medium priority), and sets a timeline for implementation …" said a recent report to the City Council.

Local agencies must be formed by June 30, 2017. The local agency will have until January 21, 2022 to develop a sustainability plan and the agency will have twenty years to achieve sustainability following adoption of the plan.

For the Santa Monica Basin, the stakeholders will use a memorandum of understanding to create the agency and while the document is still in development, consensus has formed around Santa Monica taking the lead.

"A GSA must consider the interests of a variety of different stakeholders, including beneficial users of water, environmental interests, disadvantaged communities, tribes, and others. The agency must maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation and other activities," said the report.

Details regarding shared costs, powers and duties of the participating agencies are still under negotiation. However, The GSA will be able to conduct investigations, establish how much water can be pumped from the basin, measure/limit wells, impose fees and enforce the terms of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A GSA cannot determine water rights or supersede land use authorities.

New wells can still be drilled in the basin with the appropriate construction permits, but their operation will have to comply with the new plans.

"The GSA formation isn't going to be an agency that restricts the construction of new wells but will be an oversight agency that oversees wells," said Santa Monica's Water Resource Manager Gil Borboa.

Anyone interested in discussing the new agency can attend a public information meeting on April 12 at Windward School (11350 Palms Blvd) to provide stakeholders and interested parties an opportunity to become informed about SGMA. Following adoption of the MOU by the other agencies in the basin, City Council is expected to formally vote on the issue at its May 23 meeting.

editor@smdp.com



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 3/8
23 33 42 46 59
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 104M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/7
3 30 45 53 68
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 106M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 3/8
2 11 25 33 37
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/8
1 6 11 22 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/8
MIDDAY: 9 0 8
Draw Date: 3/8
EVENING: 5 1 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/8
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:47.71

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Best Medicine

■ It is well documented that for every mile that you jog, you add one minute to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at $5,000 per month.

Observation

■ "If something happens to him, then it happens to him. It's like all the rest of us, no? That's why we have a vice president and a speaker of the House and a whole line of people. They can just keep dying." --Dr. Harold Bornstein, personal physician to Donald Trump,whom he once said would be the "healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency"

MYSTERY REVEALED

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



Flo Ginsburg correctly identified this image at Tongva Park. She wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

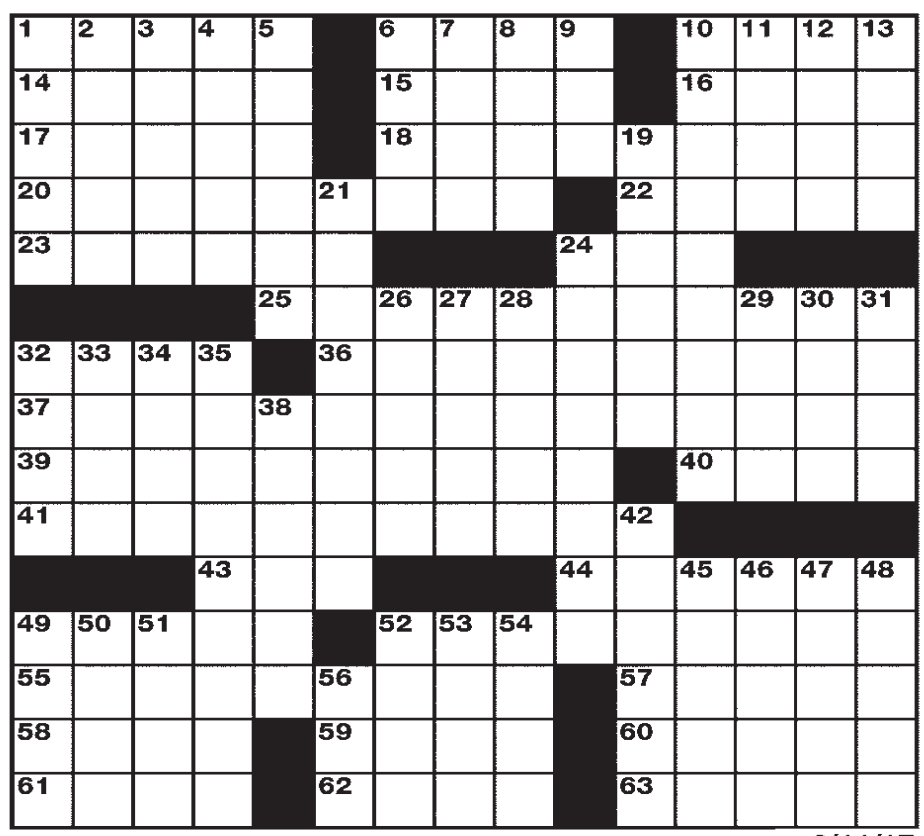
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Home for a quark
6 25 degrees, for Mars
10 It might span eras
14 Championship ring
15 Cognate
16 They're often a round
17 Schedule succession
18 Paradoxical phrase on some printed pages
20 One to beware, per a gag sign
22 Solo stoppers
23 Funds
24 Some state representatives, for short
25 "Wild and windblown" Nat King Cole subject
32 Self starter
36 Instrumentalist *Rolling Stone* called "revered"
37 Energy producer, in electrical devices
39 Bandwagon jumper's comment
40 What the sciatic nerve runs behind
41 Steals, maybe
43 Sotomayor, in the late '70s
44 Doesn't keep it down
49 Word on the non-sporting breed list
52 Wand holder
55 Tornado lassoer of legend
57 Petco purchase
58 2000 ESPY Female of the Decade honoree
59 Sight in Baffin Bay
60 Kellogg's whole-grain subsidiary
61 "Puh-leeze!"
62 Emulate a chicken
63 Detailing result

DOWN
1 __ Chair
2 Virgil seeks her help in the *Aeneid*
3 Small scrap
4 Magic star of the '90s
5 Its hall of fame has a Glory Road
6 Metamorphic mineral
7 Major seller of *cider äpple*
8 Rescind
9 Sticks in an arsenal
10 Amazon datum
11 Word of resignation
12 Heel's opposite
13 Charges
19 AFI's #4 Male Legend
21 Longtime Mideastern head of state
24 Spread widely
26 What spider-web strands are measured in
27 Lineage
28 "__ go!"
29 Turnover locale
30 __ *anno* (date unknown, in bibliographies)
31 *Uno de los puntos cardinales*
32 Cutter's cousin
33 *Otto*: Venice :: __ : Valencia
34 2011 Pac-12 joiners
35 Frees of dirt, perhaps
38 Vacation spots
42 Eighty-sixes
45 An executive producer of *Selma*
46 Romanov-era edict
47 Focus of State of the Plate research
48 Earthenware product
49 Sanctioner of annual Rolex Rankings
50 Word not in the Constitution, as Stanton noted
51 Vitamin-water flavoring
52 Food processor
53 Yucca relative
54 Artist born near Bern
56 Fave bud



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11)

You don't have to know your way; the map is in you and the map is you. Friends will inspire you to travel. Family will provide you with a moneymaking opportunity so you can do it right. Next month: Rethink; revamp; remodel. June brings a fork in the road and a big decision, but don't stress; revert back to sentence one. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 48 and 1.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The perfect thing for you now is a system that allows you to operate freely within it -- even break out of it -- because you know it's a loose guide and not a stone tablet gospel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The key to being "on" in the moment when it matters may be in being "off" before it matters. All that you do to rest and recharge today will count toward next week's success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You'll deal with the difficult people again, because you're often the only one in your group who can. Just remember, the loudmouths are usually trying to project a bigger sense of themselves to hide deep insecurities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The meditator aims to master the mind by emptying it. Logically, it would seem that fewer thoughts would be easier to manage. Another, perhaps easier, way to have fewer thoughts will be to lose yourself in your favorite activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It's like you're given a key today -- just one, but one is all you need. The same key will open the door to a few different opportunities, some of them most enjoyable, some terrible. So go with caution, testing things out along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
When you think you understand but don't really, it's worse than knowing you're clueless. The latter is an invitation for learning, the former an invitation for mistakes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Stick too close to the tradition, routine or plan and the result will have less life in it than the zingy unpredictability of your inspired whims. Surround yourself with people who get this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The Zen proverb says, "The wild geese do not intend to cast their reflections. The water has no mind to receive their images." Unintended validation, beauty and grace will be part of your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
In all matters of life, from choosing a mate to choosing a teacher (home-repair person, tour guide, babysitter or any role at all that needs filling in your life), what matters is not that it's a perfect match but that it's a good fit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
No matter how much money a person has, there will always be options that cost more. So don't wish for wealth as you face today's financial decisions; wish for wisdom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
To seek "the" truth may be a waste of the day, as there are thousands of informational bits to sort through, held together by only the most tenuous threads of the stuff. Instead seek "your" truth (also difficult, but less so).

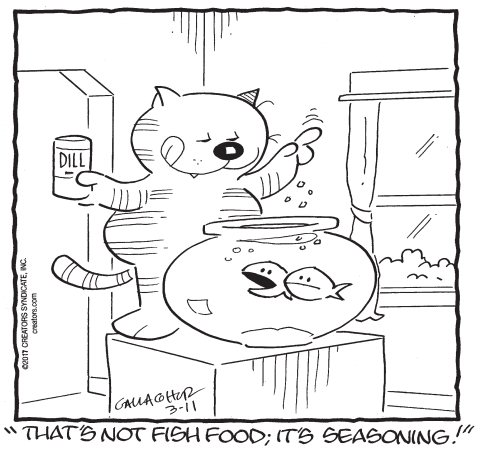
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your fortunes will be augmented when you are sweet to your family for an hour, unless you are too busy: Then your fortunes will be augmented when you are sweet to your family for two hours.

Lunar Liberation

What you admire (and criticize, love and worry about) in others also exists in you, otherwise you wouldn't be able to recognize it so keenly. Your observations can be put to excellent use as the moon swells to tomorrow's full status in Virgo. Neptune antagonizes the lunar influence, urging us to unearth the hidden truth, set it in the light, and be liberated.

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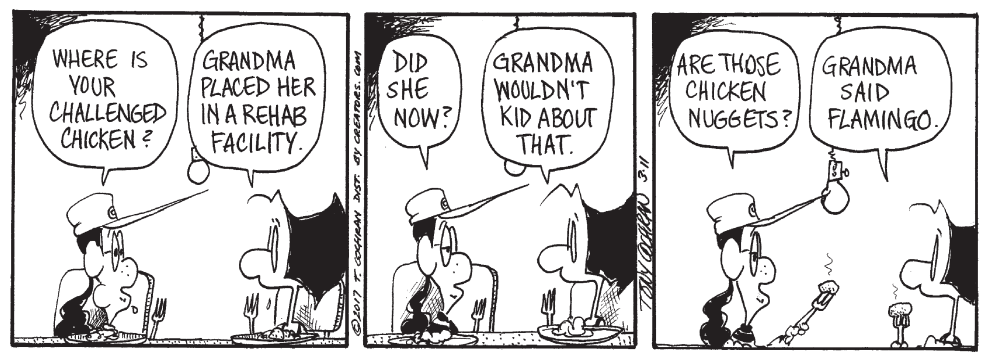
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The name and business address of the buyer is Meribear Productions, Inc., located at 4100 Ardmore Avenue, South Gate, California 90280.

The assets being sold are generally described as follows: all of Seller's (a) furniture, furnishings and accessories; and (b) rights, if any, which Seller may have to use the name "Priceless Interiors", its non-exclusive customer list and all goodwill associated with Priceless Interiors, Inc.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of and claims of Seller's creditors may be sent to Louis Kaplan, Esq., Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz, LLP, located at 15303 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1650, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

The anticipated sale date is March 24, 2017

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