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An angel turned 'hero'

Volunteer pilot who shuttles patients to medical appointments honored in photo exhibit



Sam Comen

PILOT: Steve Danz has been named an Unsung Hero for his work transporting patients.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Steve Danz learned about Angel Flight West back in 1998 when he read a flyer posted at Santa Monica Airport seeking volunteer pilots who could help sick people get to their medical appointments. The next week he attended an AFW orientation session to learn more. And now, almost 20 years later, he is being honored for the work he has done with the organization.

Danz has been included in the photo exhibit "Portraits of Compassion," along with 29 other L.A.-based "Unsung Heroes." The exhibit, conceptualized and commissioned by the California Community Foundation, looks to elevate local stories of significant, but unrecognized, contributions across Los Angeles County and demonstrate how everyday individuals are creating social change in the community.

When Danz joined Angel Flight West he had already been a pilot for over 20 years with a career that afforded him the time to do volunteer work.

"I thought 'what better and more joyful way to make a difference,'" Danz said.

Danz said that the work he and the other AFW volunteer pilots do is critically important.

"Next to the price of the healthcare itself, transportation is the biggest financial barrier for folks to access healthcare. We all started as pilots with our own planes and wanted to use them for something better. As AFW volunteer command pilots, we fly patients who need specialized, non-emergency medical services and

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Ocean search yields no clues in report of swimmer in distress

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A multi-hour search of local waters failed to locate a potentially missing man from the Santa Monica pier on Sunday morning.

A fisherman approached the Harbor Division office on the Santa Monica Pier at about 2 a.m. on Sunday morning to report a sighting of a man in the water. The officer on duty followed up with conversations with a second fisherman who also reported seeing someone in the water. The potential witness described a man wearing dark clothing with a dark hooded jacket.

The officer activated a water rescue protocol that involved lifeguards, Sheriff Deputies and the Coast Guard.

While divers from SMPD entered the water to conduct an underwater search of the pier, other officers patrolled the water by boat, searched nearby beaches and conducted a helicopter search.

"We put divers into the water twice to search under the Pier, North and South," said Rob Silverstein, Public Services Administrator for the police department. "Lifeguards also used a robotic device to search under and around the pier."

The search was ended between 11 a.m. and noon without any sign of a potential victim. While no officials saw evidence of someone in the ocean, Silverstein said officers found the initial report credible. He said no missing persons report had been made to local officers as of Monday morning.

He said officers on the pier receive a report of someone in the water about once a week during the warm months. While some individuals do jump from the pier, he said many of the calls are unfounded and witnesses sometimes report ocean swimmers as potential jumpers from the pier.

Anyone with information on the incident can contact SMPD at (310) 395-9931.

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Paltrow bankrolls local school projects

Teachers' requests for funding met by donation from actress

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

As the STEM coordinator at Will Rogers Learning Community, Laura Simon wanted iPads to help students develop their coding skills as they learn to program robots.

She announced a request for funding on DonorsChoose.org, hoping that philanthropists and members of the community would chip in.

Gwyneth Paltrow was right on cue.

The award-winning actress and Santa Monica native bankrolled all of the projects posted by Santa Monica teachers on the crowdfunding website as part of a coordinated effort through which celebrities supported educational endeavors in cities across the country.

"Santa Monica teachers give everything to their students," Paltrow tweeted March 10. "Today I'm giving back to them."

Paltrow's donation covered

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 15

Airport Commission Meeting

Special Meeting of the Airport Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m., www.smgov.net/departments/airport/commission/default.aspx?id=45320

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Title: "The Burning Room" by Michael Connelly. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7- 8:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Lecture: The Museum of Civilization & Other Coping Mechanisms

Join organizers as they plant the seeds for our own Museum of Civilization, and hear from UCLA psychologist Dr. Stephen Sideroff, author of The Path: Mastering the Nine Pillars of Resilience and Success, on the ways in which human beings cope in the aftermath of a traumatic or catastrophic event. Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Kombucha Tips and Tricks with Chef Rachael Narins

Learn how to make kombucha with Chef Rachael Narins of Chicks with Knives. Kombucha is a fermented drink consisting of a sweetened tea or tisane that has been brewed using a macroscopic solid mass of microorganisms. Each participant will go home with their very own S.C.O.B.Y. baby, the 'symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast' that transforms plain old green tea into Kombucha liquid gold. Please bring a well-washed 1 quart lidded jar and a thin cotton tea towel. (For straining.) $30, 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/48749 or call (310) 458-2239.

Wednesday, March 16

Santa Monica Reads Book Discussion: Station Eleven

Trained facilitators lead discussions of our 2016 Santa Monica Reads featured book. Station Eleven begins in the present, as child actress Kirsten Raymonde watches actor Arthur Leander die onstage during a performance of King Lear. Outside, the world is being consumed by a virulent flu that will rapidly lay waste to most of humanity. As this layered novel unfolds, author Emily St. John Mandel follows her characters through time, in flashbacks providing back story, in the present as characters realize what is happening, and fifteen years forward as Kirsten and other survivors make their way through the broken landscape that remains. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7-8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

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

College Majors and Careers: What's the Connection?

Wondering what to major in, how to make that choice, and what the hot jobs of the future will be? Come learn about college majors and the careers they lead to, the "in-demand" professions, projected income and career paths. Presented by C2 Education and college counselor, Evelyn Alexander, of Magellan Counseling. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

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College Prep Series: "How to Access Financial Resources for My Child's Tuition"

Learn how to access financial resources to pay for college. Parents and students are welcome. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/Portals/Seniors/content.aspx?id=19277

Thursday, March 17

Upper West Breast Cancer Research fundraiser

Upper West will donate 25 percent of all restaurant proceeds that evening starting at 5 p.m. Two local Mar Vista marathon runners, Jessica Balsam and Holly Sortomme, are taking on the Boston and Vancouver Marathons in honor and support of their friends who are fighting against breast cancer, more info at https://give.bcrfcure.org/fightingforfriends. Raffle prizes, silent auction items and live music throughout the night. Upper West, 3321 Pico Blvd., 5 - 10 p.m.

Introduction to Buying & Selling Online

This class provides an overview of best practices for using online marketplaces such as Craig's List, Etsy, and eBay. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Virginia Avenue Park

Santa Monica Lions Club holds 2nd annual Lions Eyes Across California vision screening event

On Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Virginia Avenue Park, the Santa Monica Lions Club will host their annual Lions Eyes Across California event. The Lions Clubs' mobile unit will offer free vision screenings by an optometrist. Vision To Learn will also be on site to provide free eye exams to youth ages 4-18 and free custom eyeglasses, as recommended. The Center for the Partially Sighted will be there as well, to provide free low vision assistance. The Lions Club will also be accepting donations of eyeglasses you no longer use.

Poor vision affects people of all ages. Some may struggle to read the print in this newspaper article or the directions on a frozen dinner. Many people experience blurred vision after a day spent in front of a computer. Often, children perform poorly in school because they cannot see well. It's easy to postpone making an appointment with your optometrist or ophthalmologist, perhaps due to time limitations, or difficulty choosing a doctor, or lack of the ability to pay. Poor vision can severely impact quality of life.

Lions Clubs International is here to help. In 1925, the Lions Club was challenged by Helen Keller to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". The Lions rose to the challenge and today the organization is made up of more than 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs located in more than 200 countries. The members of the Santa Monica Lions Club have joined with other Lions Clubs throughout California to carry on this crusade. Santa Monica's Annual Lions Eyes Across California is a single day of focus on raising vision awareness in our community.

The event will take place at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue (in the parking lot on Pico Blvd between 21st and Cloverfield), Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- SUBMITTED BY KATHY BOOLE

Citywide

SMPD to run Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations

The Santa Monica Police Department will step up Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations on March 19 and 20 with focused enforcement on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past five years where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SGT. RUDY CAMARENA

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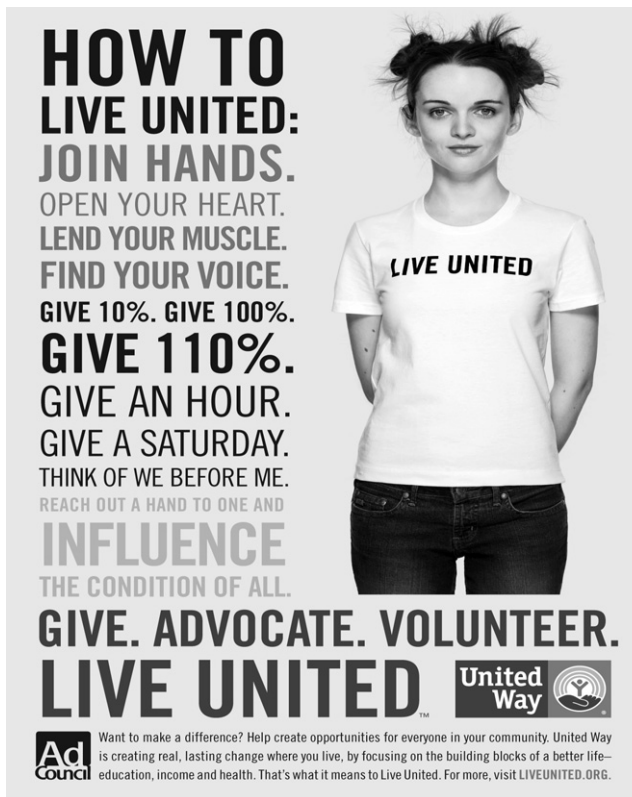
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Fruit, not candy

Editor:

I had a refreshing experience at Whole Foods on 5th and Wilshire. There were two small boxes by the front door and a mother took a banana, peeled it and gave it to her child without going to the cash register. The boxes had a sign that said free fruit for children to encourage healthy habits. Maybe some institutions can stop giving children free suckers.

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Keith Emerson of Emerson, Lake and Palmer dies at 71

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

Keith Emerson, founder and keyboardist of the progressive-rock band Emerson, Lake and Palmer, has died. He was 71.

Emerson's longtime partner, Mari Kawaguchi, called police to his condominium in Santa Monica, California, at about 1:30 a.m. on Friday.

Emerson had an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, and authorities are investigating his death as a possible suicide. Kawaguchi told police that Emerson could have died anywhere between Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Emerson, drummer Carl Palmer and vocalist/guitarist Greg Lake were giants of progressive rock in the 1970s, recording six platinum-selling albums. They and other hit groups such as Pink Floyd, the Moody Blues and Genesis stepped away from rock's emphasis on short songs with dance beats, instead creating albums with ornate pieces full of complicated rhythms, intricate chords and time signature changes. The orchestrations drew on classical and jazz styles and sometimes wedded traditional rock instruments with full orchestras.

Emerson, Lake and Palmer's 1973 album "Brain Salad Surgery" included a nearly 30-minute composition called "Karn Evil 9" that featured a Moog synthesizer and the eerie, carnival-like lyric: "Welcome back my friends, to the show that never ends."

A musical prodigy, Emerson was born in Todmorden, Yorkshire in England. By his late teens, he was playing in blues and jazz clubs in London. He helped form one of the first progressive rock groups, the Nice, before hooking up with Lake and Palmer in 1970 and debuting with them at the Isle of Wight Festival, shows that also featured Jimi Hendrix and the Who.

Although it filled stadiums, ELP also was ridiculed as the embodiment of the pomposity and self-indulgence that rock supposedly stood against. When the punk movement took off in the mid-'70s, the band was a special target, openly loathed by the Sex Pistols' Johnny Rotten among others.

Years later, Rotten (then calling himself John Lydon) and Emerson became friends, Lydon told News of the World in 2007.

"He's a great bloke," Lydon said. "I've told Keith in no uncertain terms that what put me off his band were those 20-minute organ solos and that film of their convoy of trucks crossing America."

ELP broke up in 1979, reunited in 1991, later disbanded again and reunited one last time for a 2010 tour.

Throughout, Emerson continued to compose and perform, sometimes solo and other times with various musicians, including Lake.

Palmer said in a statement that Emerson "was a pioneer and an innovator whose musical genius touched all of us in the worlds of rock, classical and jazz."

Steve Hackett, who was Genesis' lead guitarist from 1970 to 1977, called Emerson a "great showman."

"A lot of pop stars are there because they've got great hairstyles or could dance wonderfully," he said. "But he was, above all, a fantastic musician, arranger and writer."

Despite his influence, Emerson never considered himself a rock or pop icon and his true musical devotion lay elsewhere.

"At home, he listened to either classical or jazz. We never listened to rock," Kawaguchi said.

"He hated being called rock star or prog-rock star...he wanted to be known as composer," she said. "He never succumbed to being commercially successful. He had no interest. He always said: 'I'm not a rock star. I've never been a rock star. All I want is to play music.'"

Kawaguchi said Emerson was able to compose without any instrument.

"He was just natural. The music was always in his head, always," she said. "Even when he was sleeping, you know, I could tell he was always thinking about music. Sometimes he would wake up and compose music. And it was all so, so beautiful."

Emerson had been composing and working with internationally known symphonies, including two in Germany and Japan, and was about to embark on a short tour in Japan starting on April 14 with his band, Kawaguchi said. His work included a classical piano concerto.

"All these people from the classical world were playing his music," she said. "When he was young, he was using classical music for rock and now the wheel has turned and now the classical world is using his compositions."

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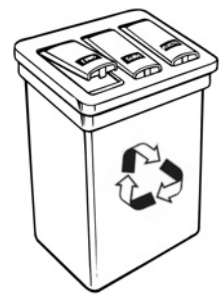
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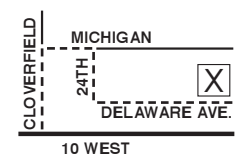


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Police operation targets adults purchasing alcohol for kids

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department issued one citation during a recent "shoulder tap" operation that asked 53 individuals to purchase alcohol for a minor.

SMPD officers visited four stores on March 12 using an underage decoy. The decoy stood outside of the retailers and asked adult customers to purchase alcohol on their behalf.

"Decoy Shoulder Tap operations are geared towards adults who knowingly and willingly furnish alcoholic beverages to minors," said Sergeant Rudy Camarena in a statement. "The goal is to reduce substance abuse and enhance community welfare by limiting underage access to alcohol."

Sarah Blanch, Director of the Westside Impact Project, said the "shoulder tap" is a significant source of alcohol for minors.

"According to the California ABC website, a recent survey by the Los Angeles Police Department indicated as many as 46 percent of all minors who attempt to acquire alcohol use the shoulder tap method," she said.

Blanch's organization is focused on preventing underage drinking. The organization sometimes conducts its own alcohol education campaigns and provides resources for the community to prevent minors from accessing alcohol. The organization had no affiliation with the recent SMPD operation but Blanch said police activity of this type could be very effective.

"High visibility enforcement (enforcement coupled with community awareness of said enforcement, typically via media) has been a common tactic of police departments since the mid 90s, when research began to demonstrate that violation rates drop significantly in cities that regularly conduct minor decoy and shoulder tap operations," she said.

"Shoulder taps and minor decoy operations (operations where law enforcement send a minor to into stores to attempt to illegally purchase alcohol) are effective primarily because they're used in combination with media to create community awareness that the operations are occurring. The primary intent of the operations is deterrence. If adults are aware the potential consequences are high, they are less likely to agree to purchase alcohol for minors."

Blanch said minors get alcohol from a variety of sources and that the community needs to be aware of the comprehensive problem.

She said half of students surveyed in a recent project reported getting alcohol at house parties and from friends. Another 21 percent said they could acquire alcohol from adults.

"Regardless, since underage drinking is a complex and pervasive problem, it's important to use a combination of strategies that reduce youths' access to alcohol in both social and retail settings," she said.

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SCHOOL

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local projects that were not completely funded this school year. More than $48,000 combined has been raised for 42 projects in Santa Monica in 2015-16, figures show, and those projects will benefit more than 3,400 students.

Paltrow was one of dozens of donors in a campaign spearheaded by "The Late Show" host Stephen Colbert, a DonorsChoose board member. Actors Samuel L. Jackson and Anna Kendrick, professional athletes Carmelo Anthony and Serena Williams and businessmen Paul Allen and Elon Musk were among the nearly 60 philanthropists who gave more than $14 million combined to support close to 12,000 projects.

"Too many students don't have the classroom resources they need to realize their passions and unlock their potential," DonorsChoose CEO Charles Best said. "Students can't dream big when classrooms lack books, microscopes, and robotics kits - or even paper, pencils, and paste. ...

"We all remember special days at school, whether it was going on a field trip, doing a science experiment, or performing in a school play. Teachers have a hard time providing these experiences when they have to go into their own pockets to buy school supplies."

Paltrow's donation will pay for a 3-D printer at Olympic High School, where science teacher Christa Hollis has been working with students to design small objects using sophisticated software.

"It's one thing to conceptualize an idea, it's another to be able to actually hold your own prototype," Hollis said. "My kids have a collection of projects that have already been rendered in the computer, just waiting to bring them to completion through 3D printing!"

Paltrow's contribution will also help Santa Monica High School art teacher Amy Bouse, who said her current budget is $6.66 per student per semester. She said the supplies she requested through DonorsChoose will motivate her classes to expand their artistic horizons.

"We normally use small canvases because of our small budget," Bouse said. "Larger canvases give my paintings students new perspective."

Simon, the STEM coach at Will Rogers, said Paltrow's donation will allow students at the 14th Street elementary school to work in smaller groups and have more time to program robots. Students from transitional kindergarten to fifth grade will have access to the new iPads.

"Learning computer science skills and helping engage students in this field will help all students succeed," Simon said. "While learning to code, they will not only learn a lifelong skill, they will also be problem solving, working collaboratively, questioning, and thinking critically, while having FUN!"

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PILOT

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get them to their appointments."

The pilots call these flights "missions" and they carry them out at no cost to the patient, using their own planes, fuel and other resources.

Danz said the pilots' work is not only life changing, but many times life-saving.

"We have many flights that come in weekly to Santa Monica Airport transporting passengers to UCLA Medical Center, Cedars Sinai, Children's Hospital, etc., to receive dialysis, chemotherapy, participate in clinical trials and other life changing treatments."

According to Danz, over a third of AFW's passengers are children, including Elsy, a two year old who was born with an irreversible kidney condition that led to end stage renal disease.

"Her family of four struggles to subsist on her father's seasonal income as an agricultural worker," Danz said. Danz said that AFW's volunteer pilots provided over 16 round trip flights so that Elsy could receive the lifesaving care she needed. "Thanks to the doctors at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Elsy now has a new kidney. … And Elsy's is one of many, many stories with a good ending."

Danz said he is both honored and humbled to have been selected as an "Unsung Hero." But he will tell you he shares the award with all volunteer pilots who have been with Angel Flight West for the past 33 years.

"Angel Flight West has changed flying from fun to fulfilling. It truly has become joyful as we are using the resources for a real purpose. Passengers are treated with dignity and respect and they feel special - given the royal treatment by the pilots. The really human element is that their worth is acknowledged. We as pilots never hesitate to go 'above and beyond' what is expected of a charitable aviation volunteer."

Danz mentioned that when the pilot and passenger reach their destination and need ground transportation from the airport to the medical facility the organization Earth Angels provides volunteer drivers to assist the patients.

"Even though our flights are free, the cost of the 'last mile' is preventing many people from utilizing our services."

For more information on how to become an Angel Flight West pilot or Earth Angel, call (310) 390-2958 or visit the Angel Flight West headquarters at Santa Monica Airport.

The "Portraits of Compassion" exhibit will run through April 4 at LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes (501 N Main St, Los Angeles) and is open to the public free of charge.

For more information on the exhibit, please visit http://calfund.org/laheroes.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **60.6°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW swell mix trends down. Modest SSW swell moves in and becomes the dominant swell for the region. AM winds look light.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Modest SSW swell. Fading WNW swell mix. Better wind/weather.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Modest SSW swell. Leftover WNW swell mix. AM winds look favorable.

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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 MARCH 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:55 A.M.

The suspect entered the Banana Republic store at 1202 3rd St Promenade and set off the store's theft alarm for an unknown reason. This caught the attention of a loss prevention agent who was working inside the store. After looking around briefly, the suspect grabbed a necklace off a jewelry display and stuck it in his pocket. The suspect then walked out of the store without paying for the necklace. The loss prevention agent followed the suspect outside and confronted him about the theft. The suspect apologized and returned to the store, but could not produce any identification. Santa Monica police officers from the Downtown Services Unit responded and took the suspect into custody. After confirming his identification, the suspect, Rey Vasquez, 24, was issued a citation for shoplifting and released. Bail was set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 376 calls for service on March 13.

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

Loud music, 1300 block of Santa Monica, 12:07 a.m.
Party complaint, 1100 block of 19th, 12:22 a.m.
DUI, 16th/Santa Monica, 1:21 a.m.
Fight, 2800 block of Main, 1:51 a.m.
Threats, 1500 block of Berkeley, 5:35 a.m.
Fight, 700 block of Washington, 5:50 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1000 block of Wilshire, 6:01 a.m.
Threats, 1500 block of Berkeley, 8:10 a.m.
Missing person, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 8:49 a.m.
Person down, 1200 block of 5th, 10:16 a.m.
Person down, 1400 block of 16th, 10:24 a.m.
Suspicious person, 100 block of Alta, 10:42 a.m.
Overdose, 100 block of Hollister, 11:31 a.m.
Family disturbance, 900 block of 16th, 11:47 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 500 block of Santa Monica, 12:01 p.m.
Grand theft, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 12:20 p.m.
Illegal weapon, Ocean/Pacific, 12:58 p.m.
Battery, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 1:03 p.m.
Stolen vehicle, 1100 block of 25th, 1:11 p.m.
Traffic collision, 17th/Ocean Park, 3:07 p.m.
Fight, Ocean/Colorado, 3:11 p.m.
Burglary, 2300 block of Oak, 3:28 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2300 block of Montana, 3:57 p.m.
Hit and run, 1600 block of Cloverfield, 4:23 p.m.
Person down, 3000 block of Santa Monica, 4:28 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2100 block of 20th, 4:45 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1000 block of Broadway, 4:50 p.m.
Domestic violence, 2200 block of Colorado, 4:53 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2nd/Wilshire, 5:15 p.m.
Domestic violence, 4th/I-10, 5:17 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1500 block of PCH, 6:06 p.m.
Burglary, 1700 block of Pico, 6:48 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1100 block of Arizona, 7:37 p.m.
Traffic collision, Yale/Washington, 7:47 p.m.
Hit and run, Main/Marine, 7:49 p.m.
Child stealing, 800 block of Bay, 9:16 p.m.
Threats, 1600 block of Appian, 9:36 p.m.
Hit and run, 4th/Wilshire, 9:54 p.m.
Loud music, 600 block of Broadway, 11:07 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1700 block of Ocean, 11:19 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 11:40 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 38 calls for service on March 13.

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

EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 3:01 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Ocean, 5:49 a.m.
EMS, 400 block of Broadway, 6:05 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of 29th, 6:59 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 5th, 8:10 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Stanford, 8:14 a.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Neilson, 8:23 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 17th, 8:57 a.m.
EMS, 3100 block of Neilson, 9:47 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 6th, 10:11 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 16th, 10:25 a.m.
EMS, 900 block of 3rd, 10:31 a.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Ocean Front, 10:45 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Hollister, 11:31 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 600 block of Wilshire, 12:21 p.m.
EMS, 3100 block of 3rd, 12:26 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 9th, 1:35 p.m.
Lockout with EMS component, 1300 block of Wilshire, 2:15 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 3:06 p.m.
EMS, 17th/Ocean Park, 3:15 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 4th, 3:27 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of Wilshire, 4:12 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of 6th, 4:28 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Pico, 4:47 p.m.
EMS, Lincoln/I-10, 5:34 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Santa Monica, 6:26 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Hollister, 6:49 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Pier, 7:07 p.m.
EMS, 26th/Wilshire, 7:13 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 7th, 7:18 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 5th, 7:31 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Oak, 7:42 p.m.
EMS, Yale/Washington, 7:45 p.m.
EMS, 3100 block of Main, 7:51 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 7th, 7:54 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Montana, 8:03 p.m.
EMS, 3300 block of Ocean Park, 8:23 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Main, 9:42 p.m.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Where trapeze artists meet
7 "Dragnet" org.
11 Marigold color
12 Toledo's state
13 Some are shaped like swans
15 Swiss cheese feature
16 "Scram!"
18 Gather
21 Crockpot contents
22 Court sport
24 Squeak stopper
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34 Some chair parts
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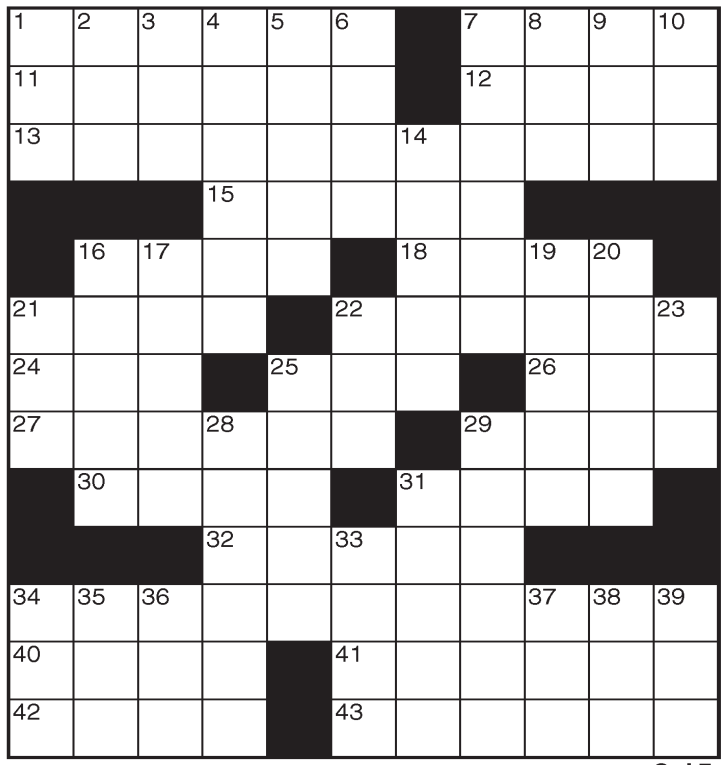
DOWN

1 Swabbing tool
2 S&L offering
3 Mom's mate
4 "You said it!"
5 Snow house
6 Stagger
7 Relax
8 Cry of insight
9 Peach part
10 Uno doubled
14 Floppy cap
16 Pigs' digs
17 Phone greeting
19 Black cattle breed
20 Spotted horse
21 Father's pride
22 Finger count
23 Haul into court
25 Fable finish
28 Casual shoe
29 Brawls
31 Glue's kin
33 Suit piece
34 Attack command
35 Hubbub
36 Lawn coating
37 Paintings and sculpture
38 Golfer's peg
39 Turf

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Yesterday's answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	9	5	6	7	8	2	3	4
7	6	3	4	2	1	9	5	8
4	8	2	3	5	9	1	6	7
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3	7	8	1	9	4	6	2	5
8	3	4	7	1	6	5	9	2
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Draw Date: 3/11
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Mega#: 13
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/12
2 16 27 34 36
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/13
16 18 23 27 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/13
MIDDAY: 5 2 7
Draw Date: 3/13
EVENING: 2 6 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/13
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2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
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WORD UP!

Definitions for apostasy

1. a total desertion of or departure from one's religion, principles, party, cause, etc.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1926 – The dictator Theodoros Pangalos is elected President of Greece without opposition.

1927 – The first Women's Boat Race between the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge takes place on The Isis in Oxford.

1931 – SS Viking explodes off Newfoundland, killing 27 of the 147 on board.

1935 – Percy Shaw founded his company Reflecting Roadstuds Limited to make cat's eyes.

1939 – World War II: German troops occupy the remaining part of Bohemia and Moravia; Czechoslovakia ceases to exist.

1939 – Carpatho-Ukraine declares itself an independent republic, but is annexed by Hungary the next day.

1943 – World War II: Third Battle of Kharkov – the Germans retake the city of Kharkov from the Soviet armies in bitter street fighting.

1945 – World War II: Soviet forces begin an offensive to push Germans from Upper Silesia.

1952 – In Cilaos, Réunion, 1870 mm (73 inches) of rain falls in a 24-hour period, setting a new world record (March 15 through March 16).

1956 – My Fair Lady debuts on Broadway at the Mark Hellinger Theatre.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Exasperated, Columbia County (Pennsylvania) District Judge Craig Long felt the need to post a sign outside his courtroom in January informing visitors that they should not wear pajamas to court. However, even Judge Long acknowledged that his admonition was not enforceable and that he was merely trying to encourage minimal standards.

■ "Microaggression": In its brand-new communications stylebook this year for city workers, San Diego officials noted that the city's then-upcoming Presidents' Day announcements should, to be bias-free and inoffensive, never refer to America's "Founding Fathers" – even though they were all males – but only to "founders."

■ "Medical" marijuana will take on a new meaning soon if the Food and Drug Administration approves Foria Relief cannabis vaginal suppositories for relieving menstrual pain (from the California company Foria). Currently, the product is available only in California and Colorado, at $44 for a four-pack. The company claims the inserts are targeted to the pelvic nerve endings, but International Business Times, citing a gynecologist-blogger, noted that the only studies on the efficacy of Foria Relief were done on the uteruses of rats.

Call it an early night, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ After recent events, you'll embrace the unexpected, as long as it doesn't create too much of a hassle. You'll have a choice to make that probably will affect your day-to-day life. As you discuss the possibilities, your perspective changes. Tonight: Happily relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be somewhat skeptical about a money matter, to the point that you might be on the verge of overthinking it. You'll gain an insight about a friend that might jolt you. Still, there will be a tendency to want to go to extremes in a specific area of your life. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Know that you can deal with what heads your way, even if you'd prefer not to. Many opportunities could emerge out of these various situations. You might have to juggle your personal life and your professional life. Remain confident. Tonight: On top of your game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Situations change quickly, and you could be somewhat reserved as a result. You might feel as if you must strap on your seat belt with today's roller coaster ride. Extremes seem natural under the circumstances. You see different sides of your friends. Tonight: Feeling up to snuff.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, despite a sense of chaos. You seem to be able to sail through any problem with ease, though there might be a tendency to go to extremes when it comes to spending. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Tonight: Call it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Despite all the pressure around you today, you will land like a cat, on all fours. You seem to make the right choices, despite having to deal with a boss who is putting pressure on you to see how much you can handle. You'll show what you're made of. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You understand the art of detachment more than many other signs do. You might need to pull away from some emotional drama in order to see the situation and the players more clearly. Follow your sixth sense; it will help you make the right choices. Tonight: Others count on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might choose to dedicate some quality time to a special individual. You might be taken aback by what you hear, but try to remain confident. You will manifest a long-term goal or desire if you stay centered at this moment. Tonight: Understand others' reactions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might need to turn a situation around. It seems obvious that you will need the help of a partner, associate or loved one. It will be hard to let go of the reins, but it probably is the best solution. Delegate some of the responsibility. Tonight: A loved one tries to draw you in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to others, even if the topic is your forte. Not until they have to handle what you do will you be appreciated for the job you do. Relax and let go of the role of authority. Others seem to show up from out of the blue with nuggets of good news. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You appear to be in a period where you simply can't hold yourself back. Lighten up and make the most out of the moment, yet still remain sensitive to others. You might need to be a little less sociable at work. Tonight: Recognize when you need to call it a night.

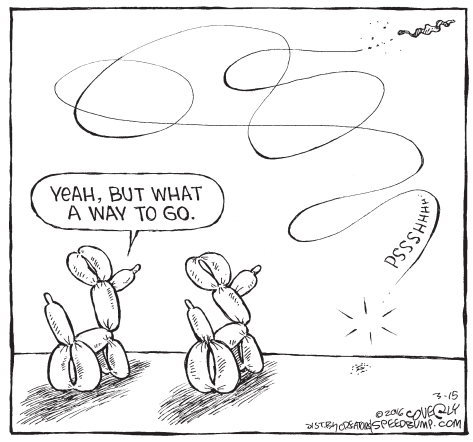
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Honor a family member's needs. You initially might be uncomfortable with what has been suggested, but you'll learn to run with the moment. You also could feel pressured by a loved one or a partner to be more positive. Tonight: Do not push someone else too far.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

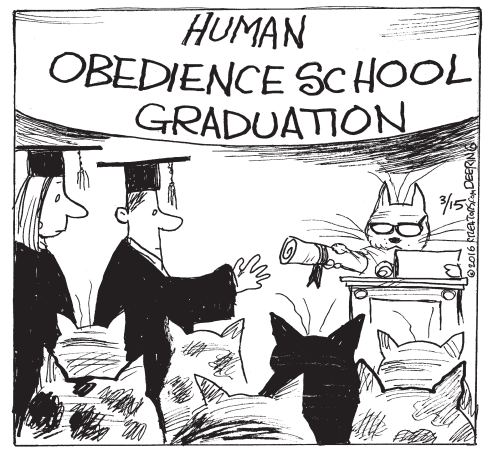
This year you could experience a lot of ups and downs. At times you might see no way out, but know that there always is one. At other times, you will be very lucky and will land well; in fact, you will be better off than you had anticipated. If you are single, romance is likely to be very active. You will stumble into an unusually romantic bond, and will love it! Do not settle for less. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy interacting with each other so much that you won't let issues between you gain any power. CANCER is more moody than you are!

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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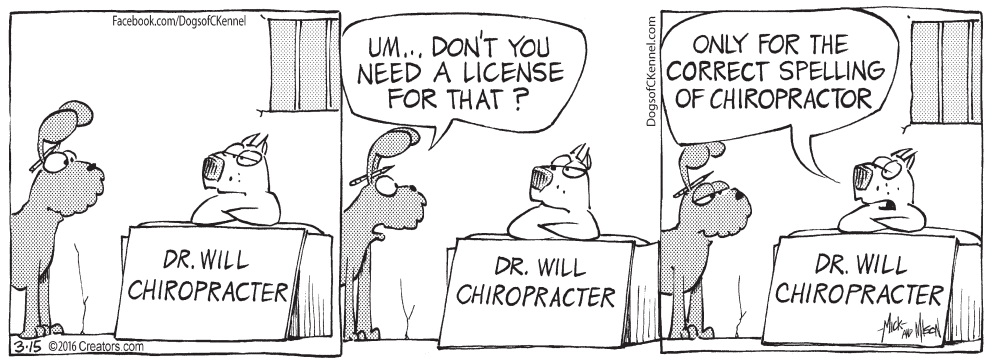
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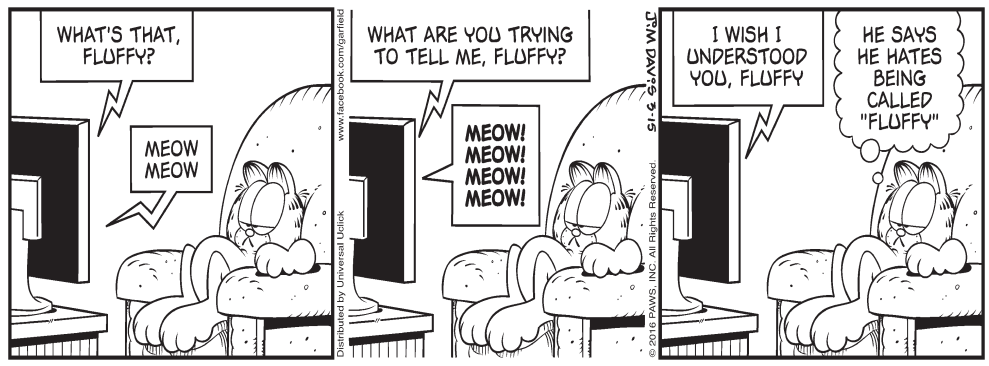
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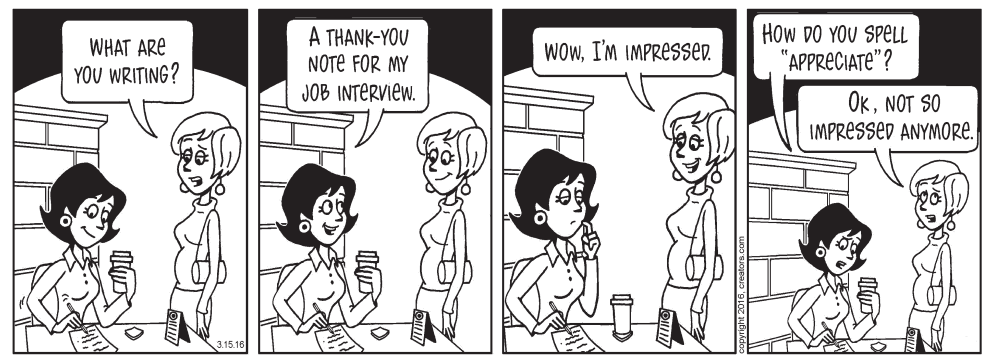
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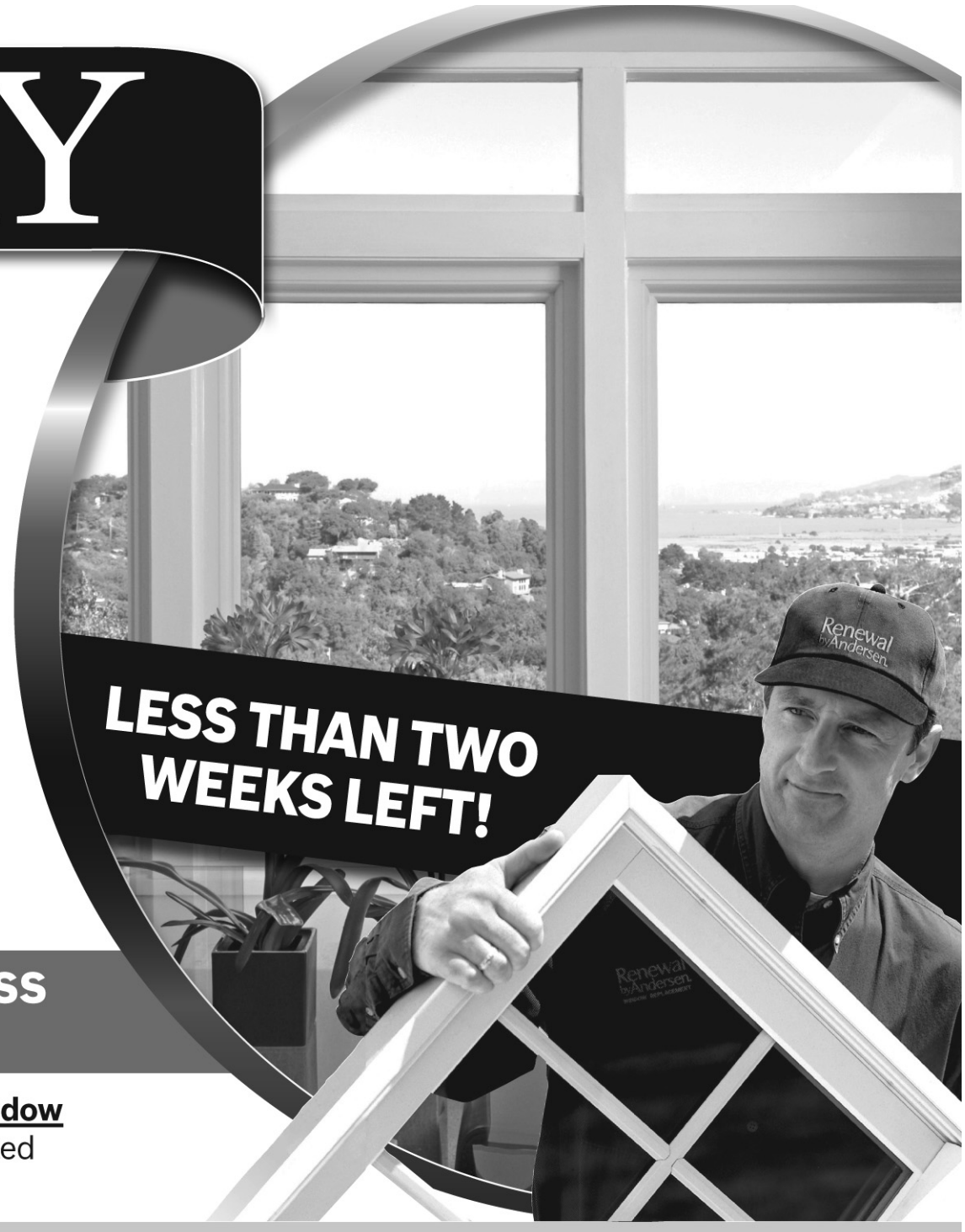
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