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THE BACK TO NORMAL ISSUE

City Hall assesses strategy to end homelessness

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE City officials got good news from the annual homeless count but they'll push to do more at tonight's City Council meeting.

While homelessness rose in Los Angeles County, it fell 5 percent in the city by the sea in 2013 and city officials said that the Police Department was among several organizations helping to curb the epidemic in its annual review of homelessness services.

SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program Team was one of the major contributors to the decline in homelessness in the area, city officials said in a recent report.

The team is tasked with linking vulnerable residents with local services. In a fiscal

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LIVING ON THE EDGE

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

A distraught man walks haphazardly on the roof of a building at 1637 Appian Way on Monday. Police said the man didn't appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The SMPD's Crisis Negotiation Team responded. The man eventually came down on his own and he was taken to a local hospital for a mental evaluation.



Righting a wrong

Santa Monican passed over because of ethnicity to receive Medal of Honor

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief



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WASHINGTON, D.C. President Obama will correct a historical act of discrimination today when he awards the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest commendation for combat valor, to a group of Hispanic, Jewish and African-American

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Council could spend $1.3M on computers, audits, recycling bins

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.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council will consider spending $1.31 million in tonight's consent calendar with nearly half set aside for Big Blue Bus repairs.

Big Blue Bus has found another subletter. Council approved BBB's plans to rent its Transit Center space at 223 Broadway to California Love back in October. The plans fell through after it was determined that the clothing retailer would have to add a bathroom.

BBB reached an agreement with Washington Earth Spa, a beauty bar retailer,

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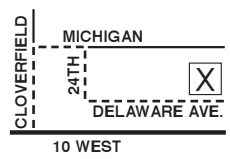
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City Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will weigh in on water quality, a resident survey on future development and homeless services. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Peace in the Middle East
RAND Corp.
1776 Main St., 6 p.m.
The RAND Corp. and Wilson Center will host a lecture on "Navigating Turmoil in the Middle East," featuring panelists Dalia Dassa Kaye, director of the RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy; Aaron David Miller, vice president for New Initiatives at the Wilson Center; and moderator Nicholas Goldberg, editor at the Los Angeles Times. For more information call (310) 393-0411.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Mind and body
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m.
Focus your mind while working on your body at this yoga class. All levels are welcome. Come experience the benefits of classical yoga encompassing postures for flexibility, strength and balance, breathing practices to calm the nervous system, and guided relaxation to soothe your mind. For more information call (310) 458-4904.

Sing along
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
1220 Second St., 10:30 a.m.
Bring your little one (age 0-4) for a morning sing-along. Kid-friendly percussion instruments, puppets, storybooks and other surprises. Your first visit is $10. For more information call (213) 986-5692 or visit http://snapproductions.org/. Admission: $20.

Protect your PC
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 p.m.
Learn how to best protect your identity and your computer from threats such as viruses, spyware, and scams.

Drinks and a movie
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Planning Commission will be discussing a new movie theater planned for the third floor of Santa Monica Place, as well as a permit to serve alcohol at the Palihouse Hotel. Residents living near the hotel are opposed to allowing it to serve alcohol since it is located in a residential neighborhood. For more information call (310) 458-8341 or visit www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/.

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Earthquake strongly felt; no injuries, damage reported

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A predawn earthquake rolled across the Los Angeles basin Monday, rattling nerves and shaking buildings along a 150-mile swath of Southern California but causing no major damage.

The 4.4-magnitude quake was centered 2 miles from Encino and 15 miles west-northwest of the downtown civic center, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

USGS seismologist Robert Graves called it a "typical" Southern California quake and said expectations were that damage would be slight, if it occurred at all.

Los Angeles police and fire officials said there were no immediate reports of damage. The Santa Monica Office of Emergency Management said there were no reports of injuries or significant damage in the city by the sea.

"It rocked and rolled for about 10 or 12 seconds. I'm surprised nothing fell off the walls or broke — and nothing did — but it was quite a shaker," said Brian Bland, a retired AP Radio correspondent who lives in Santa Monica.

Encino resident Joann Smith described the initial jolt as a "big crash" that shook her house.

"My dog got out of bed, and she came looking for me," Smith said. "She was shivering terribly."

The 6:25 a.m. quake occurred at a depth of about 5 miles. There were several aftershocks, including one of 2.7 magnitude that caused very minor shaking, Graves said.

Marita Ipaktchia was in the kitchen at her Encino home when the quake hit, sending salt and pepper shakers and collectible glass figurines on her shelves crashing to the ground.

"The whole kitchen was shaking," she said "Everything broke. Everything came down."

Californians are taught and practice the "drop, cover and hold" technique to prevent injury from falling debris.

The quake was felt as far away as Orange County to the south and Santa Barbara to the north.

It was one of the largest to hit Los Angeles since the 6.7-magnitude Northridge quake killed several dozen people and caused $25 billion in damage two decades ago, USGS seismologist Lucy Jones told KABC-TV.

"It's not that large by California terms. It's the size of earthquake we have across the state once every couple of months," Jones said. "But we haven't had one like this in LA for quite a while."

A magnitude-4.7 quake struck near Inglewood in 2009, she said.

Rania Jurdi, a school therapist who lives in Glendale, said Monday's temblor didn't rouse her two teenage children.

"I was in bed, and I heard the rumbling. The bed was moving," Jurdi said. "I jumped out of bed and ran to the kids' room. Everybody was asleep."

Broadcasters live on the air immediately announced that an earthquake was occurring. Anchors at KTLA-TV took cover underneath their desk before quickly resuming the broadcast by seeking USGS information.

The quake was somewhat unusual because of its location within the Santa Monica Mountains, a 40-mile-long range that crosses Los Angeles and stretches west through Malibu to Ventura County.

Seismologist Egill Hauksson, a veteran researcher at Caltech, said it was the only magnitude-4.4 temblor within the range since recording of earthquakes began.

"The Santa Monica Mountains are a very old rock formation, hundreds of millions of years old, and we sort of think of it as being a very rigid block. And the earthquakes tend to cluster either north of them or south of them but don't seem to be occurring within the mountains," he told a Caltech news conference.

The quake was, however, "par for the course in Southern California" and likely would be studied only briefly to understand how it fits in with previous activity, Hauksson said.

Southern California has been in a seismic lull since significant quakes of the 1980s and 1990s. Whether Monday's quake signaled an end to that "earthquake drought" won't be known for many months because it takes a long period to show whether the rate of activity has changed, he said.

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On the media buffet, people still seek meaty news

BY CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Americans of all ages still pay heed to serious news even as they seek out the lighter stuff, choosing their own way across a media landscape that no longer relies on front pages and evening newscasts to dictate what's worth knowing, according to a new study from the Media Insight Project.

The findings burst the myth of the media "bubble" — the idea that no one pays attention to anything beyond a limited sphere of interest, like celebrities or college hoops or Facebook posts.

"This idea that somehow we're all going down narrow paths of interest and that many people are just sort of amusing themselves to death and not interested in the news and the world around them? That is not the case," said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute, which teamed with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research on the project.

People today are nibbling from a news buffet spread across 24-hour television, websites, radio, newspapers and magazines, and social networks.

Three-fourths of Americans see or hear news daily, including 6 of 10 adults under age 30, the study found. Nearly everyone — about 9 in 10 people — said they enjoy keeping up with the news. And more than 6 in 10 say that wherever they find the news, they prefer it to come directly from a news organization.

The study found relatively few differences by age, political leanings or wealth when it comes to the topics people care about. Traffic and weather are nearly universal interests. Majorities express interest in natural disasters, local news, politics, the economy, crime and foreign coverage.

With so many sources and technologies, 60 percent of Americans say it's easier to keep up than it was just five years ago.

But at the same time, Jane Hall, an associate professor of journalism at American University, said no one is setting the national news agenda the way The New York Times and network evening news once did.

"I do lament those times in which something could become so important that we all watched," Hall said. "But that doesn't mean we aren't all engaged now."

If you're under 30, the future of news is in your hands, literally.

Three out of 4 young adults who carry cellphones use them to check the news. Most owners of tablet computers also use them to get updates; young people are the ones most likely to have tablets.

But the young think of news differently than previous generations did, said Rachel Davis Mersey, an associate professor at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. Their broader definition includes anything happening right now, whether it's sports or entertainment or politics.

"We don't see young people thinking of it as a civic obligation to keep up with news," Mersey said. "We see young people including news as part of a very complex, very diverse, very large media diet that includes a diversity of sources, a diversity of platforms and really goes 24/7."

The Media Insight Project study found 20-somethings likelier to follow up when they hear something big is happening.

"They're the sort of on-demand news generation," Rosenstiel said.

Americans get that first word an assortment of ways. Traditional news operations still dominate, but word of mouth, e-mail and text messages, Facebook and Twitter, and electronic news alerts also come into play.

Most people say they have more confidence in a story when they get it directly from a news-gathering operation. But their media habit doesn't include paying for it — only about a fourth have paid subscriptions.

Nine out of 10 watched some type of TV news in the previous week. Newspapers, including online editions, and radio news each reached more than half the country. Online-only news sources such as Yahoo! News and Buzzfeed reached nearly half.

People flit across the news landscape, depending on what they're seeking, the study found.

Wonder why local newscasts seem fixated on crime, traffic, weather and health warnings? That's why viewers go there.

Cable TV channels draw the most people looking for foreign news, politics, social issues and business stories.

Readers prefer newspapers — online or in print — for local news, stories about schools and education, and arts and culture coverage. Among news sources, newspapers have the widest range of topics that attract a significant number of people.

Americans most often turn to specialty media these days for their sports, entertainment news, and science and technology coverage. When a natural disaster strikes, they turn on the TV.

"People of all generations are picking and choosing the media that fit their needs at the moment and the story they're trying to follow," said Rosenstiel.

"Consumers are becoming more in control," he said, "and not simply reacting to what is thrown at us."

The survey was conducted Jan. 9 through Feb. 16, 2014 by NORC at the University of Chicago with funding from the American Press Institute. It involved landline and cellphone interviews in English or Spanish with 1,492 adults nationwide. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

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A little help

Editor:

In response to the letter to the editor published in the March 14 Daily Press ("No respect from the city") the Division of Parking and Traffic would like to provide some information to assist citizens renewing Senior Beach Parking Permits.

Senior Beach Parking Permits can be renewed by mail or in person at the Parking Office at 1717 Fourth St. We know a lot of people feel more comfortable renewing their permits in person, but the mail option is very fast and efficient. To renew your permit by mail, please send the following:

- $2.20 check
- Copy of a valid driver's license
- Copy of the vehicle's current registration (the permit is issued for the specified license plate)
- Copy of the old permit

Send the information to:
City of Santa Monica –Parking Operations
Attn: Senior Beach Permit
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90401

We typically provide the new permits in less than two weeks.

New applicants will need to come into the office for the first time.

There are many different phone numbers to contact various city departments, and unfortunately some numbers don't connect customers with the right people or departments. The best way to reach the Parking Office is to call (310) 458-8295 or e-mail parking.office@smgov.net.

We hope that this information is helpful for people wishing to obtain new or renew existing Senior Beach Parking Permits.

Sam Morrissey
Manager, Division of Parking and Traffic

Advocating density

Editor:

Councilpersons,

The resident survey results show pretty clearly that concerns about traffic and parking are predominate among Santa Monica voters, and that the negative effect of development, which a lot of them are most worried about, is its aggravating this traffic and parking situation.

However, it does not show that the basic Santa Monica planning strategy with regard to development and traffic is wrong or that there is a better one.

I would summarize the strategy as: given that there is no real way to significantly alleviate present traffic congestion in the city, focus on creating the kind of urban environment that will allow people to be less dependent or not dependent on the automobile through density, mixed-use and focus on alternative transit. These people, at least, will be able to escape the congestion. And with time, and concerted planning in this direction, such a life style will be increasingly widely practicable.

This strategy is a bitter pill, offering very little comfort to those who do not see ways to currently restructure their lives accordingly, or who just like to drive their cars. But it is probably the right strategy, given the intrinsically intractable nature of traffic congestion and the fact of continued growth in the region. It is also exemplary from a global perspective, given the role of automobile use in now known issues with non-renewable resources and global warming. I urge you to use the study session as an opportunity to advocate for it.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How to share a message

STUDY AFTER STUDY SHOWS THAT WE are being inundated with more messages, advertising, marketing, and distractions than ever before in history. Between the TV, newspapers, magazines, books, e-books, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, iPads, iPhones, billboards, placards, signage, e-mail, radio, streaming radio, podcasts, faxes, and voicemail, how are we ever going to be heard in this noisy world?

And being heard is only one part of the problem. Being heard the way we want to be heard and getting our message out clearly is entirely another thing.

I'm an expert on this. I have this column, for which I am extremely grateful. I have a blog at MensFamilyLaw.com. I have divorce and child custody related videos on my MensFamilyLaw YouTube channel. I have my "A Man's Guide" series on Amazon.com. I have my Men's Family Law podcast on iTunes. I do Google ads, I do YouTube ads, I have multiple websites, and I do public speaking to groups like the Rotary Club, corporate and social media conferences, Toastmasters and anyone who wants to hear me.

As an expert I follow the world of marketing and messaging, and it's not easy. There are profound mistakes made by giant corporations.

For example, United Airlines spends millions of dollars a year promoting their company, their quality of service, their on-time records, etc. But one time they had a passenger who was traveling with a guitar. Somehow the guitar was broken in transit. Hey, it happens. But that's not the end of the story.

How they handled the damaged guitar is what became the story. They didn't take responsibility for the damage and cut the owner a check. They didn't arrange for a guitar company to donate a new one. They stonewalled. Big mistake. Huge.

Musicians like to write about the events in their lives, and then share them. Well in the age of the Internet, with everything being online, and it has become so extremely easy to produce a message that can go viral, it's not hard to see that this musician would do exactly that.

Dave Carroll's YouTube video, United Breaks Guitars, has now been viewed almost 14 million times. It's a four-and-a-half-minute video that's 59 million minutes, almost 1 million hours of bad publicity. Then there are the thousands of articles that have been written about the video.

That level of publicity became great for Dave Carroll. He went on to become an Internet sensation, has a Wikipedia page about the song, and he's a sought-after public speaker.

Which brings me to the point of this article. Just because you have a message, doesn't mean it is being heard the way you want it to be heard. Dave Carroll was being heard, but he wanted to fine tune his messaging because he was going to do a TED talk. He needed to be coached.

We all need to be coached at some point in our lives. Most of us are done with coaches after high school, and certainly after college. But the most successful people and organizations always rely on additional coaching. They need an outside perspective to see what they are doing right and what they are doing wrong, to keep their messaging and purpose on track.

Dave Carroll talked with my friend John Bates of ExecutiveSpeakingSuccess.com to coach him and bring a new perspective to improve his performance. He said this about John, "I can honestly say he is improving the world by doing what he does."

And that is partly why New Vision Foundation is bringing in John Bates to do a training next Wednesday to improve the messaging of nonprofits and members of the public who want to attend.

New Vision Foundation is another awesome creation from Paul Cummings and the work they do on the campus of New Roads is extraordinary. They boast of programs that reduce recidivism rates by 1,500 percent. They work with nonprofits to help low-income families survive and thrive.

John will be giving his "Speaker Bootcamp" next Wednesday. I am scheduled to do a complimentary guest appearance and a portion of my presentation, "How To Improve Credibility Through Content Writing." My co-author and friend Steven May will be doing a presentation on how to grow your social media footprint with Facebook as well.

I am honored to share the stage with men like John Bates and Steven May, at a facility like New Roads for the New Vision Foundation.

We will be at The Capshaw-Spielberg Center for Arts & Educational Justice (Leadership Center, second floor), 3131 Olympic Blvd. in Santa Monica, on March 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Early bird tickets are $30 until 6 p.m. on March 19; after that they are $50. www.eventbrite.com/e/john-k-bates

If you'd like to come out and learn from a great coach, I guarantee you'll leave with an improved skill set of how to have your message heard in this noisy world.

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Your column here

By Lee H. Hamilton

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Where Congress falls short and where it does not

AT A PUBLIC GATHERING THE OTHER DAY, someone asked me how I'd sum up my views on Congress. It was a good question, because it forced me to step back from worrying about the current politics of Capitol Hill and take a longer view.

Congress, I said, does some things fairly well. Its members, for the most part, want to serve their constituents and the country. They may be ambitious — it's hard to be a successful politician if you're not — but they're not motivated primarily by personal interest. Most are people of integrity who have chosen to try to advance the national interest and are willing to work within our agitated political environment.

They also strive to reflect their constituents' views. They're not always successful at this — I think members of Congress tend to under-appreciate voters' pragmatism and over-estimate their ideological purity. Still, they're politicians: their success rests on being accessible to their constituents, understanding what they want, and aligning themselves with that interest.

For all the attractive individual qualities that members of Congress display, however, their institutional performance falls short. Talented though they are, the institution they serve does not work very well. They argue endlessly, pander to contributors and powerful interests, posture both in the media and in countless public meetings, and in the end produce very little. They discuss and debate a lot of problems, but don't create effective results.

This may be because many members of our national legislature have a constricted view of what it means to be a legislator. They're satisfied with making a political statement by giving a speech, casting a vote, or getting a bill through the chamber they serve in, rather than writing legislation that will make it through both houses of Congress, get signed by the president, and become a law. Their aim seems to be partisan and ideological, rather than a constructive effort to solve the nation's problems.

Similarly, they undermine their ability to oversee the executive branch by conducting hearings for political gain rather than to scrutinize government activities or develop effective policy directives. Many of our representatives have become so reliant on their staff for knowledge about public policy and the details of federal agencies that in off-the-cuff debate they can be untethered and misinformed. Small wonder that Congress has had trouble being productive. The days appear to be over when members of Congress strove to be masters of their subject matter and legislators in fact as well as in name.

Forced to spend so much time raising money and listening to well-heeled people and groups, they also seem to have trouble seeing current affairs from the perspective of ordinary people. They fall captive to the politics of any given issue, rather than thinking about the much harder question of how you govern a country with all its residents in mind. They don't see the necessity, in a divided Congress and a divided country, of negotiation and compromise.

Congressional tradition has created a legislative process that should encourage fact-finding, searching for remedies, and finding common ground. It should not work solely by majority rule; decisions spring from consultation with many voices, balancing minority and majority views, and fair-minded process. This is not what today's members of Congress do, however. Instead, they short-circuit the committee process; fail to do their homework; dwell on talking points put together by staff and others; give too much power to their leaders; pay too little attention to deliberation; allow insufficient opportunity to debate and vote on major policy amendments; and in general make a mess of the budget — the basic operating instructions for the government.

Process may not be everything, but good process enhances the chance of getting things right — and with each passing year, Congress forgets more and more about what good process looks like.

Plenty of forces are responsible for this state of affairs, from the outsized role of money in the political process to today's hyper-partisanship to TV-driven sound-bite debates. But in the end, it's still a source of great frustration to the American people, me included, that well-meaning, talented individuals cannot make the institution work better.

LEE HAMILTON is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

The Q Line

Up in vapor

A tenants' rights group in Santa Monica is asking city officials to ban e-cigarettes, a relatively new technology that delivers nicotine in the form of a vapor instead of smoke.

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Democrats scrap affirmative action amendment

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Bowing to pressure from within their party, Democrats in the Legislature on Monday abandoned an attempt to repeal California's voter-approved ban on affirmative action in the state's higher education system.

Assembly Speaker John Perez said he does not have enough support to place the constitutional amendment before voters in November. Instead, he said lawmakers will form a task force to study the issue of access in higher education.

California voters passed Proposition 209 in 1996, banning the use of race and ethnicity in public university admissions, state hiring and contracting. The amendment, SCA5, was initiated to address the drop-off in black and Latino admissions, primarily in the University of California system. The amendment's author, Sen. Ed Hernandez, D-Covina, asked Perez to spike the effort until there was broader debate.

"This is really driven most by my interest in making sure we come up with the best policy," Perez told reporters during a news conference. "As it's currently written, I don't think SCA5 gives us that."

Asian enrollment in the UC system has been more than double their share of California's total population since the ban on racial preferences took effect, and SCA5 drew a fierce backlash within that community.

Three Democratic Asian senators who voted for the constitutional amendment when it passed the Senate on a party-line vote in January wrote Perez last week asking that he not proceed with debate on the amendment.

The lawmakers, Sens. Ted Lieu of Santa Monica, Carol Liu of La Canada Flintridge and Leland Yee of San Francisco, said they had heard from thousands of people expressing concerns about the amendment in the weeks after their votes. Many Asians told the lawmakers they worried that reinstating racial preferences in the UC and California State University admissions process would leave their children shut out of the college of their choice.

"As lifelong advocates for the Asian American and other communities, we would never support a policy that we believed would negatively impact our children," the lawmakers said in their letter to Perez, dated March 11.

Perez said the letter was not his primary reason for shelving the matter, saying he is "rarely driven" by viewpoints of lawmakers in the other chamber. The office of Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Perez said the task force would make policy recommendations and consider how reduced higher education funding and court decisions affect minority enrollment at public schools.

Internal Democratic dissent might have been just one of Perez's concerns in putting the issue on hold.

The political calculations for this year's election season also are in play. The proposed constitutional amendment was a point of discussion at this past weekend's California GOP convention, with some Republicans planning to use it as a way to drive a wedge between Democrats and Asian voters in this year's campaigns.

The amendment can be placed on a statewide ballot only with two-thirds votes in both houses of the Legislature. If Democrats lose their supermajorities in just one of the chambers this year, the amendment is unlikely to succeed. Republicans were unanimous in their opposition when SCA5 passed the Senate.

Park officials oppose plan to rename Yosemite peak

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. A plan to rename a Yosemite National Park peak after the wife of 19th century explorer John Fremont is running into opposition from the National Park Service, which says it does not support the commemorative naming of landscape features in national parks, a newspaper reported.

A bill in Congress would change the name of 12,000-foot Mammoth Peak to Mount Jessie Benton Fremont, the Fresno Bee reported last week. The peak is Yosemite's sixth highest and lies in the park's east.

Jessie Fremont, born in 1824, was a strong advocate of preserving Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia trees. She chronicled her husband, John Fremont's, expeditions to the West and was a champion of the country's westward expansion.

"The naming of the peak is an important and overdue step in recognizing her important contributions to California and the nation," said Rep. Tom McClintock, who is pushing for the legislation. His Congressional district includes Yosemite National Park.

But the National Park Service says in addition to generally discouraging such commemorative naming, Jessie Fremont has no link to Mammoth Peak.

"There should be a compelling justification for the recognition and a strong, direct association between the landscape feature and the person being commemorated," National Park Service Associate Director Victor Knox testified last month.

The bill's prospects are uncertain. It has passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee, but a companion measure has not been introduced in the Senate, the Bee reported.

Similar naming efforts have failed. In 2008, Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer of California introduced legislation to rename Yosemite's 14,000-foot North Palisade Peak after the late environmentalist and mountaineer David Brower. But the bill failed to attract Republicans skeptical of Brower's environmental work, the Bee reported.



California man arrested in plot to fight in Syria

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE A California man who spoke of wanting to bomb the Los Angeles subway system was arrested near the Canadian border in Washington state and charged with attempting to travel to Syria to fight alongside Islamic extremists, federal prosecutors said Monday.

Nicholas Teausant, 20, of Acampo, Calif., an unincorporated area near Lodi, was taken off a northbound Amtrak bus overnight just short of the border.

A criminal complaint filed in federal court in Sacramento described him as a student at San Joaquin Delta Community College in Stockton and a member of the National Guard who is being discharged for failing to meet basic academic requirements.

Beginning last spring, Teausant began expressing on his online photography account a desire to see America's downfall, saying "I would love to join Allah's army but I don't even know how to start," the complaint said.

Later, he took to another online forum to say he hoped to fight in Syria, the document states.

It wasn't immediately clear if Teausant had a lawyer in California. He was charged with a single count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and agreed during a hearing at U.S. District Court in Seattle to be returned to Sacramento to face the charge.

Tall and lanky with closely shorn hair and a thin beard, Teausant appeared in court wearing a white T-shirt and tan pants. He sat hunched beside a lawyer appointed for that hearing only, answering "Yes, ma'am" or "No, ma'am," to questions posed by Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler.

The complaint said he had discussed numerous other ideas for terrorist activity that never came to fruition, including a plot supposedly hatched during a camping trip with seven other people to bomb the Los Angeles subway system last New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

Investigators never corroborated that such a camping trip actually occurred. When an informant questioned Teausant on Jan. 4 about what happened to his plan, Teausant responded that it was canceled because "they" had been "tipped off," the complaint said.

The complaint said he had been planning since October to support the efforts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a group that has been fighting in Syria's three-year-old civil war and is designated by the U.S. State Department as a terrorist organization.

Investigators said Teausant discussed his scheme at length with a person who turned out to be a paid FBI informant, repeatedly affirming that he was serious about it.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is a breakaway organization from al-Qaida that is considered one of the most brutal groups fighting in Syria's civil war, made up largely of non-Syrian Islamic militants. It has seized several areas in Syria as it fights the government of President Bashar Assad.

The complaint said Teausant referred to himself as a convert to Islam but did not give details about when or why he may have done so. He met the informant through a mutual acquaintance, the document said.

Among Teausant's plans was to appear in videos for the group, without covering his face — to be "the one white devil that leaves their face wide open to the camera," he was quoted in the complaint as saying.

The informant put Teausant in contact with a "mentor" — in reality, an undercover federal agent — who could purportedly approve his efforts to join the extremists. Early this month, the "mentor" blessed Teausant's travels, and he boarded a train for Seattle on Sunday night, the complaint said.

When the bus arrived in Blaine, just south of Vancouver, British Columbia, U.S. Customs and Border Protection stopped it and questioned Teausant about where he was headed. He responded that he was traveling to Vancouver and was arrested, the complaint said.

The complaint said Teausant enlisted in the National Guard in April 2012 but never underwent basic training because he didn't meet academic requirements.

The complaint also states that Teausant told the informant he has an infant daughter, and had arranged for his mother to get custody of the girl if he disappeared.

At one point, the informant questioned him about whether he was serious about his plans, given that he talked a lot but did not seem to follow through.

The maximum penalty for attempting to provide support to a foreign terrorist organization is 15 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.





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veterans who were passed over because of their racial or ethnic backgrounds.

One of those soldiers is Santa Monican Joe Gandara, who enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduating from Santa Monica High School. The private with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, died behind enemy lines while protecting his fellow soldiers on June 9, 1944 in Amferville, France.

His niece, 69-year-old Miriam Theresa Adams, will accept the award on Gandara's behalf.

"I'm very grateful to be here for Joe, so happy, honored and very proud of him," Adams said during an interview with the Daily Press via telephone from Washington, D.C. "He sacrificed his life to be a good American. He was very proud of his [Mexican] heritage, but he was an American first."

The unusual presentation will culminate a 12-year Pentagon review ordered by Congress into past discrimination in the ranks.

The March 18 ceremony will mark another step to revisit a history of discrimination in the armed forces as the nation's demographics and social values shift rapidly.

The recipients served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Collectively, their award ceremony will mark the single largest group of Medal of Honor recipients since World War II, when more than two dozen service members were honored in that conflict's last days.

The unusual historical accounting began in 2002 when Congress, as part of the military spending bill, ordered the Pentagon to look into whether Jewish and Hispanic service members had been passed over unfairly for the nation's highest military honor.

Defense Department officials said there was specific evidence to suggest such discrimination may have existed in the ranks, including instances in which Hispanic and Jewish soldiers apparently changed their names to hide their ethnicity. The congressional order spanned the period from December 1941 through September 2001.

The project was an enormous undertaking that sent military personnel officials searching for lost records and battlefield histories amid the complicated politics surrounding the military's highest honor, according to a report in the Washington Post.

Officials from each service branch focused on service members who had been awarded the second-highest medal for gallantry: the Distinguished Service Cross for the Army, the Air Force Cross for that branch, and the Navy Cross for the Navy and Marine Corps. Gandara was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Adams said, as well as the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Although that narrowed the review, the Army alone identified more than 600 records that needed reassessment. The smaller branches found 275 among them.

Many of the veterans under review had passed away, making interviews impossible. Much of the review relied on existing information and comparisons to Medal of Honor recipients, but even then, there were challenges unforeseen when the project began.

In 1973, a fire tore through the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, destroying as many as 18 million military personnel files. Among those were Army service records from 1912 through 1960, a period that included World War II and Korea. The Air Force lost most of its personnel files from 1947 though 1964, according to the Post report.

The disaster forced officials to recreate the military history of scores of potential candidates for the upgraded commendation by interviewing family members, fellow battlefield soldiers, and others.

The reassessment sent a host of candidates through the various service boards that decide on Medal of Honor recipients and then to the Joint Chiefs for approval. Two dozen veterans — all from the Army — emerged as worthy of an upgrade to the Medal of Honor.

One of those men is Gandara, who was born in Santa Monica in 1924.

Gandara's family moved to the bay city during the early 1900s, Adams said. He lived with his mother, father, and five siblings in a modest home on Frank Street in a predominantly Mexican-American neighborhood and attended John Adams Junior High before graduating from Samohi. His dream was to enlist in the Army as many of his friends had so that he could "be a part of the solution," Adams said.

"Everything I know about him is through family and friends," she said. "I know he was a really nice kid who came from a close family. I grew up in the same house. I had the same family values he had. We were very disciplined. He was a very helpful person. He would often help his father, [a baker]. They were always together."

During World War II, the 507th was a regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division and, later, 17th Airborne Division of the United States Army. It would participate in three operations during the war: D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Varsity. After arriving in Britain, their D-Day objective was to help secure the Merderet River crossings. Although their target was supposed to be in Drop Zone T, north of Amfreville, the confusion caused by clouds and flak resulted in a wide scattering of the unit.

Gandara's detachment came under devastating enemy fire from a strong German force, pinning the men to the ground for a period of four hours. Gandara advanced voluntarily and alone toward the enemy and destroyed three hostile machine guns before he was fatally wounded.

Adams said stories about her uncle's bravery influenced many men in her family, including her son, who serves in the Air Force National Guard. Ever since World War II, Adams said someone in her family has been affiliated with the military.

"I really don't know the complete story behind it," Adams said of the effort to identify soldiers who may have been overlooked. "I know now he is going to get the honor and we are very proud of his dedication and what he sacrificed. Our family has always been proud to be Americans of Mexican descent. … I wish that Joe's mother and his brothers and sisters were still alive today. I know they would have been very proud."

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HOMELESS
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year (2012-13) when calls for service regarding transients were up 18 percent, the number of jail bookings were down 38 percent, city officials said.

Still, the police booked 1,205 people who claimed they were homeless last fiscal year. That's nearly one-third of all jail bookings in the city.

About a fifth of the Fire Department's paramedic calls were for homeless individuals, which is up from the previous year, but the number of chronic callers dropped, officials said.

Several local initiatives are also contributing to the overall decreases in homelessness, officials said. The Santa Monica Service Registry, created in 2008, provides data on transients who find, or don't find, housing.

The Homeless Community Court, which started in 2007, has served nearly 250 people with more than 100 being placed in homes as a result of the program.

In last year's resident survey, 62 percent of respondents named the quantity of homeless people in Santa Monica as a serious problem.

In August, city officials surveyed homeless individuals and found that almost half of them had only been in the bay city for a year or less. They are not considered City Hall's priority as defined by previous action plans, city officials said.

Officials said that increased Los Angeles Police Department presence in Venice has pushed some homeless people onto the city's southern beaches. L.A. City Council is considering a ban on feeding homeless people, city officials said, and if passed it could push even more L.A. homeless into Santa Monica. A quarter of all of Santa Monica's homeless report being from L.A. and another 22 percent report being from elsewhere in the county. Only 13 percent reported Santa Monica as their last permanent address.

This year, city officials want to focus on what they are calling "anchors" — Homeless people who hang around at the same locations, inviting other homeless to congregate in the area.

Last year, City Hall boosted funding for organizations that were trying to find housing for these anchors. Once housed, studies show that these anchors can draw more transients into housing, city officials said. City Hall and the police will continue in their push to house anchors in 2014.

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GREEN WITH ENVY

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The Praties perform classic Irish folk music at O'Brien's Irish pub on Wilshire Boulevard in celebration of St. Patrick's Day Monday morning. Despite the early hour the bar was packed.

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that could save City Hall $125,000 to $150,000 through June of 2017 when the lease expires. The spa would be required to add a bathroom.

If approved, BBB will offer 24-hour customer service from the Central Parking office on Fourth Street.

BUS ENGINES

That sublet savings will come in handy as BBB officials are asking City Hall to approve a $600,000 agreement with Cummins Pacific LLC to maintain and replace bus engine parts.

Cummins engines are environmentally friendly and produce 95 percent less harmful exhaust than diesel engines, city officials said in a report.

Two one-year extensions — if approved in coming years — would bring the grand total to $1.8 million over a three year period.

DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC EIR

AMEC, the company tasked with completing the environmental impact report (EIR) for the Downtown Specific plan, needs another $170,000 to study the area around the incoming Expo Light Rail station.

The Downtown Specific Plan, which is currently in draft form, will regulate and guide how land is to be used in the area. The EIR will study the impacts of the plan.

AMEC already received $601,000 to create the report.

MOBILE COMPUTERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council is likely to approve $275,000 in spending for new computers in the Fire Department's vehicles. The current computers were bought in 2006 and are typically replaced every five years.

Among other things, the mobile data computers improve response times and allow the responders to talk with the dispatch centers. Lehr Automotive will likely get the contract.

WATER SAVING PROGRAM

ConserveTrack, the web company tasked with monitoring water usage in the city, will likely get a $114,635 contract extension.

City Hall has been using the software since 2009 to track and report on its water conservation projects. The current contract will run through 2019.

City officials use the program to track data for those who participate in the landscape and rainwater harvest rebates. They also use it to track warning letters to those who violate various environmental ordinances. On top of allowing City Hall to learn from the data, the software helps city officials report data required by various environmental grants.

RECYCLING BINS

City Hall wants to spend $50,000 to buy more recycling bins. More than 4,000 of the two and three-yard metal bins are used by City Hall everyday. The cash would allow them to buy 1,200 bins over the next eight years.

BEACH PARKING

City Hall needs another $57,121 for a real-time beach parking project. Nearly $1.5 million has previously been approved for the project, which would give drivers information on empty spaces at the lots near the beach. Much of the cash came from grants but $57,121 that Caltrans offered from toll credits cannot be applied to the project thanks to a Federal Highway Administration policy. Council will have the option to cover that shortfall.

AUDITING

An auditing firm needs another $44,000 thanks to some new requirements from the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Council previously approved more than $750,000 for Macias Gini & O'Connell to handle audits for a five-year period but they will need extra cash to cover the extra work required by the GASB.

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Santa Monica Rent Control Board

At its regular meeting on March 13, 2014, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended regulations 1005 respecting the order of items on the Board's agenda and 1023 respecting the procedures for making and passing motions.

The amendments will become effective the day after publication of this notice in the newspaper. Copies of the amended regulations will be made available at the Rent Control Agency at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.



Corrected **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Conditional Use Permit 13-006, 1001 Third Street. The applicant, Palihouse Hotel, request approval of a Conditional Use Permit (13CUP-006) to allow on-site sales, dispensing, and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages to hotel patrons and their guests only on the premises (including room-service), with consumption within the main lobby, front outdoor garden area, and rear outdoor patio, between 6AM-**2AM** (Type70, On Sale General, Restrictive). In addition, the applicant proposed alcohol license Type 66 to allow in-room access to alcoholic beverages for consumption within guest rooms (Type 66, Controlled Access Cabinet). Requests for alcohol are in conjunction with the existing 38 guest room hotel located at the project site. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: 1001 3rd Street LLC.**

Development Agreement 13DEV010, 315 Colorado Avenue. The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to convert approximately 50,000 square feet of entitled, but vacant retail space on the third level of the Bloomingdale's Building within Santa Monica Place into a multi-screen movie theater complex with up to 13 movie theaters with a seating capacity of up to 1,500 seats. ArcLight has been identified as the operator for the cinema. Renovations would be limited to the 3rd level of the Bloomingdale's Building; the height of the existing building would be increased by approximately 28 feet from 56 feet to a maximum of 84 feet. No additional floor area is proposed. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review. (Planner: Laura Beck) **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Fast-food protests to spotlight 'wage theft'

BY CANDICE CHOI
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK Fast-food protests are planned for several U.S. cities today as labor organizers look to bring attention to practices they say illegally deprive workers of their wages.

The protests are planned for about 30 cities, but it's not clear what the scope of the turnout will be. It's part of an ongoing push by labor groups to build support for pay of $15 an hour and the right to unionize.

Organizers have also been referring workers to attorneys, who filed lawsuits in three states last week saying McDonald's was stealing their wages.

McDonald's Corp. said it planned to investigate the allegations and take necessary actions. A representative for the company, based in Oak Brook, Ill., did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the planned protests.

The protests by labor groups since late 2012 have captured national media attention and served as an important backdrop for President Obama's push to lift workers' wages. The White House wants to raise the federal minimum wage to $10.10 an hour, or about $21,000 a year for full-time work. That's up from the current pay of $7.25 an hour, or $15,000 a year, which was last raised in 2009.

Protests organizers are getting financial and organizational support from the Service Employees International Union, as well as local Democratic lawmakers and community leaders. In New York City, public advocate Tish James and others were expected to turn out Tuesday for a rally at a McDonald's near the Empire State Building.

"The lawsuits that were filed last week put McDonald's on notice that fast food workers are aware that they're getting their money stolen," said Kendall Fells, who works for the Service Employees International Union but said he was "on loan" to the campaign for higher wages.

Fells said the actions would target McDonald's restaurants, although fast-food workers from across the industry would participate.

The lawsuits filed in California, Michigan and New York against McDonald's detail a variety of "wage theft" allegations. In Michigan, for example, workers said they were made to wait before clocking in for their shifts so restaurants could maintain a target ratio of labor costs as a percentage of revenue. The suit describes a detailed monitoring system by McDonald's Corp. that closely tracks such metrics at its more than 14,000 restaurants in the U.S.

While such practices are widespread across the industry, lawyers said they targeted McDonald's because of its size and position as an industry leader.

Turnout for past fast-food protests has varied greatly. In major cities, for example, TV crews and other media are alerted of a time and location the day before a large rally is planned. The crowd will then flood the restaurant, with workers and others speaking before dispersing or moving to another location after about a half hour.

Elsewhere, the turnout has been much smaller and had little to no impact on operations.

For Tuesday, organizers have scheduled protests in cities including Detroit; Memphis, Tenn.; Milwaukee; and Oakland, Calif.

Brendan Brosh, a spokesman for James' office, said the New York City public advocate plans to propose legislation that would establish a hotline where workers could anonymously report actions that amount to wage theft. The legislation would also give city agencies expanded authorities to investigate wage theft, he said.

Brosh said James will also call on McDonald's Corp. to amend its franchise agreements to "punish franchisees that engage in wage theft."

Congress studies new way to pay to fight big fires

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho A bipartisan effort underway in Congress would change the way the country pays to fight catastrophic wildfires, tapping natural disaster funds instead of money intended for fire prevention, lawmakers from Oregon and Idaho said Monday.

In the past, as fire seasons have progressed, money set aside for forest thinning and other fire prevention efforts has been siphoned to pay for battling the biggest blazes.

"And then, of course, the problem gets worse," said Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

The legislation introduced in Congress would direct that when firefighting costs reach 70 percent of the 10-year average, firefighting agencies could dip into the government's fund for battling natural disasters such as hurricanes.

Republican Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch of Idaho, and Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon worked together on the idea of fighting the season's biggest fires with natural disaster funds, thus sparing fire prevention and restoration money for that important work.

"Wildfires are being allowed to become disasters, and they should be funded through the disaster fund," Risch said at a news conference at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. "If we more effectively manage our lands, fewer fires will become disasters."

Restoration work includes thinning overgrown forests, clearing underbrush and removing trees that have been attacked by insects and are more fire-prone.

Jewell noted that in 2013, the fire suppression budget was exceeded by $500 million, with that money coming from fire restoration and prevention funds. Firefighting costs have exceeded their budget in eight of the past 10 years.

Republican Reps. Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson of Idaho have introduced a companion bill in the House.

Some opponents worry the proposal will lead to a budget increase for fighting wildfires.

But the lawmakers said the government already is spending money each year to suppress disastrous wildfires, and this proposal adds no new funds for that. It simply offers a way to preserve fire prevention money, they said.

Experts at the National Interagency Fire Center predicted a busy wildfire season in Southern California, New Mexico and Arizona this year, expanding into Northern California and southern Oregon later in the year. All the moisture in the eastern United States this winter should mitigate the fire season there, the center predicted.

Wyden said the budget proposal arose from a meeting at the fire center in August, after agencies ran out of their budgeted funds for firefighting.

"Fires are now often bigger and hotter and last longer," Wyden said, in part because of the frequent "robbery" of fire restoration funds for firefighting efforts. "It's time for a fresh approach." Jewell said the biggest 1 percent of wildfires each year eat up 30 percent of firefighting funds.

Another GM recall: 1.18M SUVs for air bag issue

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT General Motors issued a new recall of 1.5 million vehicles Monday, part of an effort to assure buyers that it's moving faster to fix safety defects in its cars and trucks.

In a video message to employees posted Monday, CEO Mary Barra said the new recall resulted from a push to review potential safety issues and resolve them more quickly.

It's part of the fallout from the recall last month of more than 1.6 million small cars for defective engine switches. The defect is linked to 12 deaths, and GM is facing multiple investigations into how it handled the recall. GM first began investigating the switches in 2004.

"Something went wrong with our process in this instance, and terrible things happened," Barra said.

Barra told employees that GM is undergoing an "intense review" of its recall procedure, and that its system will change. In the meantime, she said, the company will cooperate fully with government investigators.

"The bottom line is, we will get better as a result of this tragic situation if we seize the opportunity," she said.

GM said it expects to spend approximately $300 million in the first quarter to repair the vehicles in the new recalls as well as the vehicles in the small car recall.

Jack Nerad, editorial director for Kelley Blue Book, said it's better for GM to act on the new recalls now rather than waiting until the ignition switch investigations have ended.

"If you've got bad news now and put it out in a month's time, it looks like a trend and it will just prolong things," he said.

"They're saying, 'This is our stake in the ground and we're changing the way we're operating."

GM announced last month that ignition switches in older models of the Chevrolet Cobalt, Pontiac G5s, Saturn Ion, Chevrolet HHR, Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky need to be repaired.

The recalls announced Monday include:

• 1.18 million SUVs because their side air bags, front center air bags and seat belt pretensioners might not deploy if drivers ignore an air bag warning light on their dashboard. The recall includes the Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia from the 2008-2013 model years; the Chevrolet Traverse from the 2009-2013 model years; and the Saturn Outlook from the 2008-2010 model years.

• 303,000 Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana vans from the 2009-2014 model years because the material on the instrument panel might not adequately protect unbelted passengers' heads in a crash.

• 63,900 Cadillac XTS sedans from the 2013 and 2014 model years because a plug in the brake assembly can get dislodged and short, increasing the risk of an engine compartment fire.

GM says it has received no reports of injuries related to any of the three recalls. But that contradicts publicly available complaints to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Drivers of the SUVs involved in the air bag recall have reported seven injuries to NHTSA because their air bags didn't deploy.

According to those complaints, three people were injured a crash last April when a 2012 Buick Enclave going 45 miles per hour was struck in the side and the air bags didn't deploy. Another driver claimed an injury when an accident shattered the windows of a 2009 GMC Acadia but didn't activate the air bags.

Drivers who report incidents to NHTSA don't necessarily report them to automakers. Also, air bags may not deploy in low-speed crashes, or if they detect a small person or a child seated too close to the air bag.

Court: Breastfeeding employee cannot sue insurer

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. did not discriminate against an employee who claims she was denied a room to pump breast milk and pressured to resign on her first day back from maternity leave, a federal appeals court has ruled.

Angela Ames, a former loss-mitigation specialist in Nationwide's Des Moines office, did not meet the legal burden of showing she was treated so badly that any reasonable person would have resigned, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thursday. The decision means Ames won't get a trial on her claims of gender and pregnancy discrimination.

Ames claimed that on the morning she returned from a two-month maternity leave in July 2010, the company refused to let her use its lactation rooms because its policy required mothers to complete paperwork seeking security access and wait three days for processing. She had been unaware of that requirement. A company nurse suggested she use a wellness room that was occupied at the time, but also cautioned that doing so might expose her milk to germs.

Ames said she was in pain while waiting for that room to be vacated, when her supervisor informed her that she would be expected to work overtime to catch up on her work or face disciplinary action. Ames then went to her department head, Karla Neel, to see if she could find her a place to lactate, but was told that was not Neel's responsibility.

Neel handed Ames a piece of paper and pen and told her to write her resignation, saying, "I think it's best that you go home to be with your babies," Ames claimed. Ames had also taken a two-month maternity leave after giving birth to her first child in 2009.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a friend-of-the-court brief urging the lawsuit be reinstated after it was dismissed in 2012 by U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt.

The remark that Ames should "go home to be with your babies" was evidence of discrimination because it invoked stereotypes about the role of women, commission lawyers wrote.

They also said jurors could find that a reasonable employee would quit as a result of such treatment, noting that Ames had gone through a difficult pregnancy in which her child was born prematurely and was in pain because she needed to express milk.

But an appeals panel — made up of Judges Roger Wollman, Steven Colloton and Raymond Gruender — disagreed that Ames faced discrimination.

"Rather than intentionally rendering Ames's work conditions intolerable, the record shows that Nationwide sought to accommodate Ames's needs," Wollman wrote.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.2°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW/NW swell swell mix due to fade slowly through the day;
winds looking light early but some leftover morning sickness likely

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading WNW/NW swell; watching winds/weather...stay tuned

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
WNW groundswell leftovers; NW windswell possibly picking up;
watching for increased onshore wind...stay tuned

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SSW swell creeps in; Watching for possible
NW windswell and steep-angled NW swell...stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 12, 2014**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 18

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

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
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+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	C	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	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+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
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 CAW jetty).	A+	D
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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Call for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
4:05pm, 9:45pm

Tyler Perry's Single Moms Club (PG-13) 1hr 41min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:10pm, 10:05pm

Monuments Men (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Lego Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:30pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:00pm

Need for Speed (PG-13) 2hr 10min
11:00am, 4:40pm, 10:20pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 1:25pm, 4:05pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Right Kind of Wrong (NR) 1hr 37min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Her (R) 2hrs
9:45pm

Art of the Steal (R) 1hr 30min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
4:00pm

Tim's Vermeer (PG-13) 1hr 20min
1:50pm, 7:30pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

PRETEND IT'S THE WEEKEND, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others count on you adding an eccentric or exciting element to their day. You won't disappoint them, and they, in turn, are likely to add some fun to your day. One of your close associates or a loved one might be unusually combative. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could feel as if you are about to get very angry. Resist the urge. The universe is just sending you feedback. You are quite adept at what you do, but you might not understand the implication of some of your insights. Tonight: Make nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The unexpected will occur. How you handle this moment could prevent a fight. Additionally, you'll gain insight into a friend. Awkwardness might ensue. Perhaps you should reveal more of your concerns. Tonight: Act as though it is the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you might not be sure what to do next. You will need to take a direct approach, but realize that you can't push someone too hard. Realize your limits with a domestic matter. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to move in a different direction, but because of a surprising happening, you might not have any choice but to stay where you are. Listen to the feedback you are receiving from a contemporary who might be a little angry. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to get past a limitation emerges. You could feel as if you have to spend too much time meeting certain demands. At this point, you might want to get expert advice. Be imaginative with how you handle this problem. Tonight: Make it your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You can beam in more of what you want. Understand what is happening behind the scenes of a situation. All the anger that might be bubbling to the surface needs to be handled in a way that others will receive it. No tirades, please. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Know when to pull back and do something differently. Others might be unusually irritating to you at this moment. Honor what needs to happen, and consider having a talk with someone you trust in the next few days. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might wonder what would be best to do with someone who can't see any other perspective except the one he or she is rooted in. You could be dismayed by what is happening around you. Recognize your choices. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to stay ahead of a difficult, argumentative situation. Make strong choices, yet know when you need to get advice from someone else. You have purpose and direction. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might reach out to someone at a distance, only to discover that this person is in a determined mood. You'll want to back off as quickly as you came in. Tonight: Go for the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone who is instrumental to your well-being could be in a bad mood. You might want to consider backing off a bit in order to avoid getting caught in a predicament. Know that this person could get even more upset; the timing just might be off. Tonight: Let off some steam.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

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

This year your mind evolves to a new way of thinking, as a result of what is going on around you. You might see some situations as unchangeable, but by next year at this time, you could see these key matters in a totally different way. If you are single, you are likely to fall head over heels for someone this year. Late spring and summer could be significant. Give yourself a year before you make any commitments. If you are attached, you often might be at odds with your sweetie, especially with a critical matter or with your different approaches to spending. Open up to new possibilities. LIBRA is a lot more lighthearted than you are.

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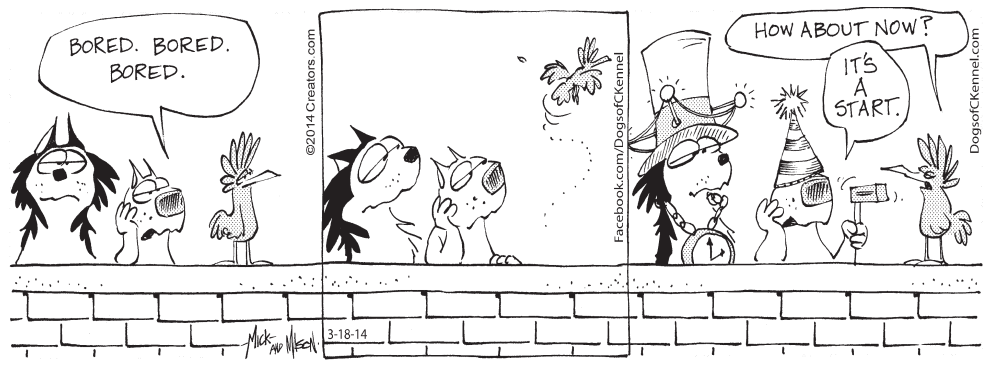
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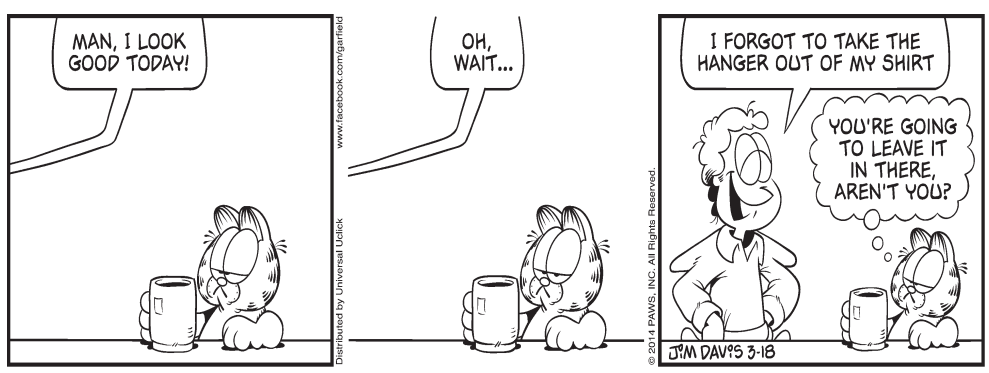
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

			1	5	9			
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

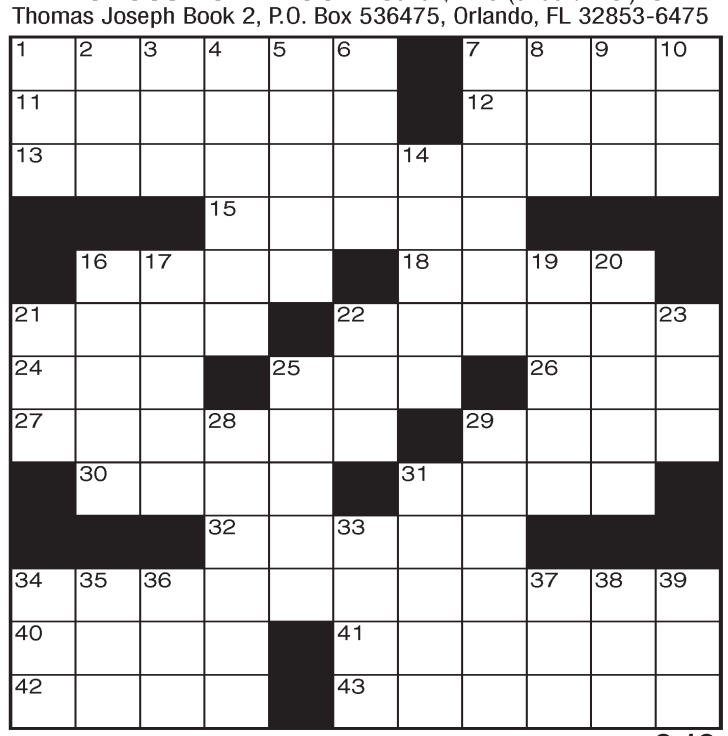
ACROSS
1 Nursery residents
7 Book unit
11 Willing to try
12 Open space
13 Sports sub
15 Swiftness
16 Spotted
18 Be boastful
21 Lacking locks
22 Drift onto the beach
24 In the style of
25 Method
26 Memorable period
27 Round storage item
29 Treat roughly
30 Small valley
31 Atlantic catches
32 Many a time
34 Portable warmer
40 Urban oasis
41 Statue setting
42 Crumb carriers
43 Sounded a horn

DOWN
1 Hope of comedy
2 King Kong, for one
3 Golfer Crenshaw
4 Moved slowly
5 Patriot Allen
6 Boars' mates
7 Kitchen gadgets
8 Sleeve filler
9 "My word!"
10 Cochlea setting
14 Cornered
16 Crouton's place
17 Delight
19 In the lead
20 Wise ones
21 Scrooge cry
22 Candle makeup
23 Crony
25 "The Right Stuff" writer
28 Childhood toys
29 Riviera nation
31 Singer Green
33 Yonder item
34 Restful resort
35 Mythical piper
36 Museum focus
37 Young one
38 Cain's mother
39 Crimson

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Yesterday's answer

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3-18

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/15
2 5 34 51 58
Power#: 9
Jackpot: $M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/14
7 20 40 54 69
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: $M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/15
10 20 21 23 36
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/17
8 10 12 14 33

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/17
MIDDAY: 7 3 2
EVENING: 5 5 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/17
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:40.37

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A trauma victim arriving at a hospital emergency room but requiring specialized intensive care would usually be transferred promptly to a qualified "trauma center," whose success rate with such patients is believed to be 25 percent better than that of ordinary hospitals. However, a recent study from Stanford University researchers found that, among 636 hospitals observed, there was a greater reluctance to make the transfer -- if the patient was fully insured. (That is, the authors suggest, there is a tendency for hospitals to hang onto insured patients, even though their outcomes might be worse, but not to similarly hang onto the uninsured -- who are more likely to be properly transferred.)

■ Latest Female Beauty Products: Cosmetic surgery is expensive, but beauty-conscious Japanese girls and women (especially those obsessed with a more "Western" look) have low-priced workarounds to choose from -- as uncovered in January by the fashion blogger Liz Katz: (1) the $63 Face-Slimmer Exercise Mouthpiece (insert it for three minutes a day, make vowel sounds and watch a "saggy" mouth turn taut); (2) the Beauty Lift High Nose nostril clip, which emits electronic vibrations to raise the proboscis's profile; (3) an altogether different but similarly painful-appearing Nose Straightener (insert for 20 minutes a day for added "perkiness").

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 - In Egypt, a 4,400-year-old mummy was found near the Pyramid of Cheops.

1990 - Germans in the German Democratic Republic voted in the first democratic elections in the former communist dictatorship.

WORD UP!

Eire \ AIR-uh, AHY-ruh, AIR-ee, AHY-ree \ , noun;
1. the Irish name of Ireland.
2. a former name (1937–49) of the Republic of Ireland.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORRECTIONS

FRIDAY, March 14, 2014
CORRECT PUZZLE ANSWER FOR 3/13/14

A	P	S	E	■	M	A	S	H	U	P
L	E	T	S	■	A	R	O	U	S	E
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SATURDAY, March 15, 2014
CORRECT PUZZLE ANSWER FOR 3/14/14

C	R	E	P	E	■	G	A	V	E	L
H	E	M	I	N	■	E	L	I	T	E
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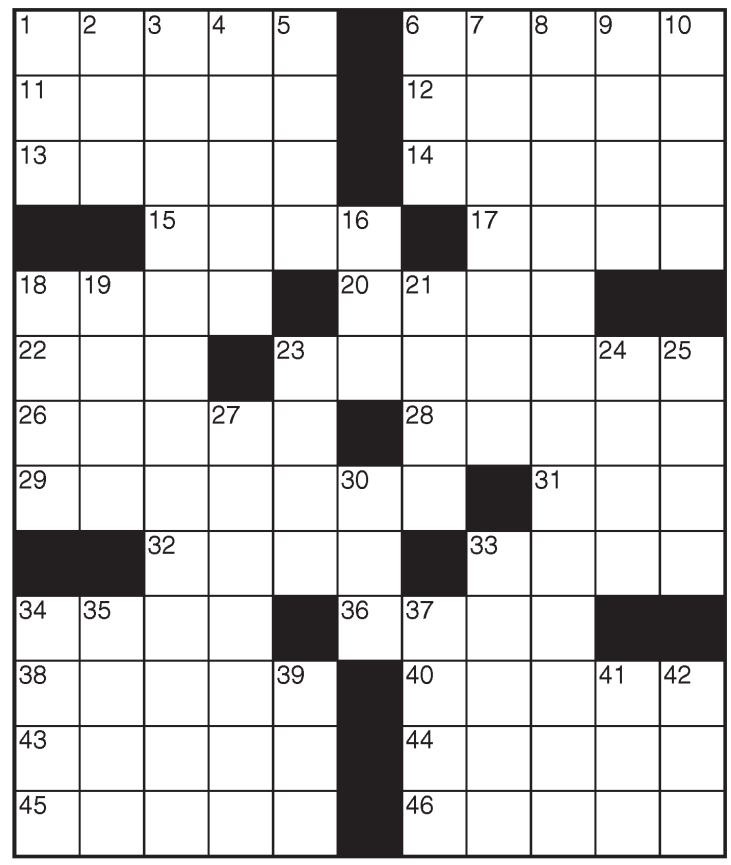
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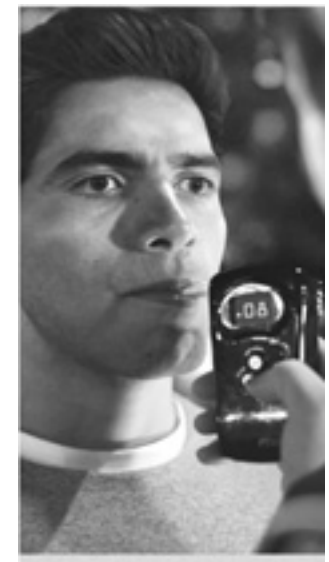
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23 Consults
26 Hilo hello
28 Patriot Allen
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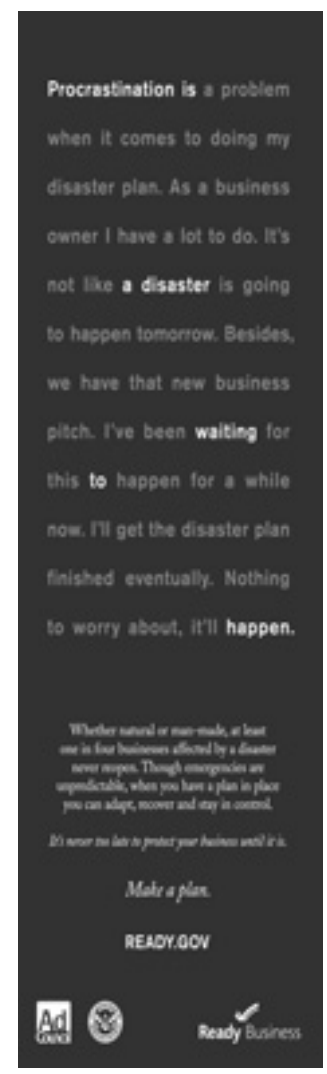
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18 Shower need
19 Shower square
21 Dreary shade
23 Yarn
24 Night music
25 Aware of
27 American fashion designer
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All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevail-ing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the State Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are avail-able at the Department of Public Works. Furthermore, minimum Davis-Bacon Act Wage Decisions for this Project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor (Federal) can be found at the following website: http://www.wdol.gov/ wdol/ scafiles/ davisbacon/ ca33.dvb If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the applicable prevailing wage rates per the Director of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and its subcon-tractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. 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