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THE FULL STRENGTH ISSUE

Fewer questions about nativity scene ban

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK The holiday season is getting a little less stressful for City Hall.

City Council's ban of unattended displays at Palisades Park went even smoother last December than it did the year before, city officials said in a recent report.

For years, local church groups set up nativity scenes in the park but in 2012, council banned unattended displays. The decision came following a holiday season in which atheists stuffed the ballot box winning all but a handful of the slots allocated for the displays.

In 2012, the nativity groups relocated to a commercial property on the 2700 block of Ocean Park Boulevard. Last year they switched to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 14th and Maple streets.

During the first year of the ban, city offi-

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Santa Monica earns perfect score from L.A. Conservancy

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica aced its preservation exam.

The city by the sea topped the list of jurisdictions in Los Angeles County that were graded by the Los Angeles Conservancy for their commitment to historic preservation.

Santa Monica was one of five municipalities to get a perfect score on the report card, but there is always room for improvement, preservationists said.

Among the strengths listed by the L.A. Conservancy is the power of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission, which does not need consent from the landowner to designate a building as a landmark.

City Hall also offers a range of incentives that go beyond the ones offered by the state for landowners who choose to preserve historic properties.

Adrian Scott Fine, director of advocacy at the L.A. Conservancy, pointed to the preservation of the Annenberg Beach House as a major victory for the bay city. Ongoing issues include the protection of the restaurant Chez Jay, the former Santa Monica post office building and the Civic Auditorium.

"Every city can improve," Fine said. "Even the cities with the highest grades."

He would like to see the Landmarks Commission's powers extended to include

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AT YOUR DOOR

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Santa Monica Police officers Ricky Verbeck (right) and Scott McGee (left) deliver food to Michelle Duncan for Michelle's mother in honor of Meals On Wheels' March for Meals event and community champions day on Tuesday morning.

Cops 'proud' no one buys kids booze during sting

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police were "proud" to report Tuesday that during a sting operation targeting adults who are asked to buy kids alcohol no one was arrested for doing so.

Vice investigators also reported that in some cases clerks at liquor stores and other places that sell booze went outside to confront decoys, telling them that what they were doing was illegal before asking them to leave.

There were 227 attempts to get adults to purchase alcohol, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

Agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as well as officers from at least 109 local agencies joined

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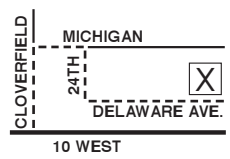
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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 snapproductions.org. Admission: $20.

Protect your computer
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 smgov.net/departments/pcd.

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Be happy
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street,
10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Join the mall for the Acts of Happiness event. It's a campaign to gather stories and images about how people are making the world around them happier. The public is invited to pledge to make their community happier and to post their "happy acts" on a wall in the center plaza. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Classic flick
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m.
In "The Informer," directed by John Ford, an Irish rebel turns in his best friend to earn passage money to America, then has to dodge the suspicions of his cohorts. Followed by a talk with film scholar Vivian Rosenberg. For more information, visit smpl.org.

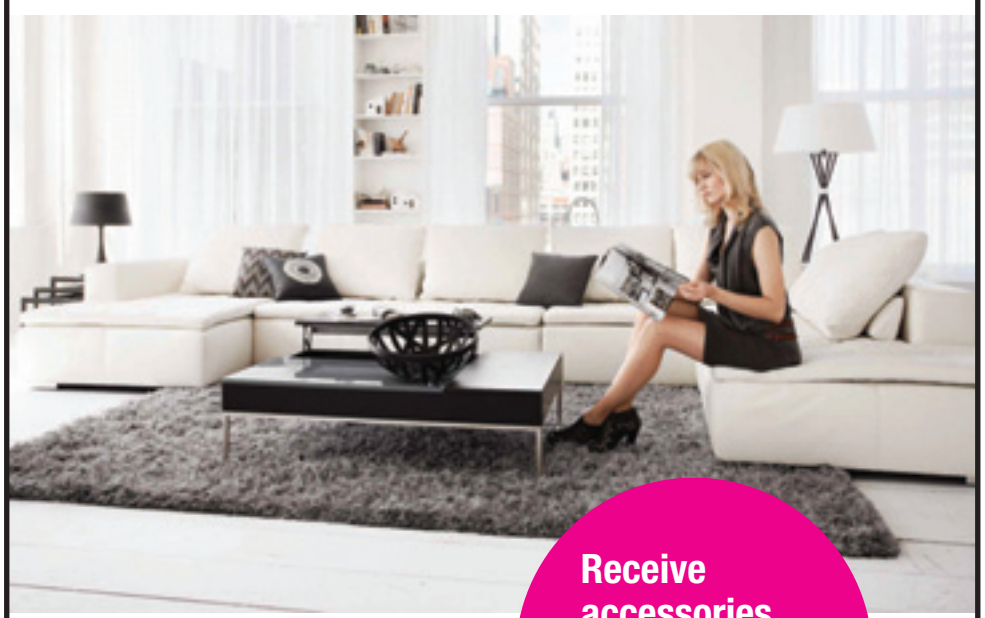
Hugs for trees
Palisades Park
Corner of Ocean and Colorado avenues
6 p.m.
Tree huggers of all ages are invited to join in a group hug around the specially designated "Peace Tree," which is located in Palisades Park at Ocean and Colorado avenues just north of the Santa Monica Pier. Participants will also be invited to "branch out" and give hugs to other trees in the nearby park area.

Friday, March 21, 2014

Forty for Friday
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
11:30 p.m.
The Friday Forty is Los Angeles' new current affairs comedy drinking game show. Forty questions about the events of the previous seven days, while they all drink forties of beer. Along the way, the week's biggest newsmakers drop in, played by a cast of sketch performers.
For more information,
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405 closures continue

If you plan to travel south on the 405 Freeway between Santa Monica and National boulevards, you better think again.

The contractor working on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project plans to fully close the freeway on the southbound side to install an overhead sign and conduct other roadway construction activities along the median, officials with Metro said.

The closure will take place from midnight to 5 a.m. on the nights of March 18 to Thursday, March 20, and from midnight to 6 a.m. on Friday, March 21 to Saturday, March 22.

Lanes will begin to close at 10 p.m., with ramps closing at 7 p.m.

If you do find yourself on the 405, take the Santa Monica Boulevard exit, turn left to eastbound Santa Monica, turn right on Sepulveda, right on National and then left on to the 405 on-ramp on National.

Emergency access will be maintained at all times.

The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project will add a 10-mile carpool lane and improve supporting infrastructure such as ramps, bridges and sound walls on the San Diego Freeway, while widening lanes from the Santa Monica Freeway to U.S. Route 101.

For more information, visit metro.net/405

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Fix that leak

City officials are encouraging people to fix that leak this week.

As part of the Environmental Protection Agency's ongoing "We're for Water" campaign, this year's Fix a Leak Week encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year.

"Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water waste in an average home every year – the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry," said Kimberly O'Cain, an analyst with City Hall. "As a WaterSense partner, we are encouraging our water customers to find and fix leaks to save water in our community. This is particularly important during this drought."

To help save water, City Hall is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace.

More water saving ideas include the following:

• Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, spigots and other fixtures. Also check toilets for silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes, and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Run your irrigation system and check each head for leaks.

• Reduce run times. Reduce your irrigation run times by 1-3 minutes for each cycle and save 15,000 gallons a year.

• Replace the fixture. Install a WaterSense toilet and save 5,000 gallons a year. A $50 rebate is available.

• Replace lawn. Removing your lawn and installing sustainable landscaping can save about 15,000 gallons a year. Rebates available, up to $3,000.

For more information on Fix a Leak Week, visit epa.gov/watersense. For rebates visit, sustainablesm.org/water.

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PLAY BALL

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Above: Young baseball players trade in equipment during Santa Monica Little League's Re-Opening Day at Memorial Park on Saturday.

Right: Santa Monica Police Sgt. Mike Boyd throws out the first pitch.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi pitchers have Vikings off to hot start

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A 4-1 start to the season has helped propel Santa Monica baseball to No. 7 in the current CIF-Southern Section Division 3 poll.

Head coach Kurt Schwengel gives much of the credit to a pitching staff that is 12 men deep.

Samohi's hurlers, led by Cal Poly-bound Alex Gironda, have posted an earned run average hovering around 1.00.

"It is certainly nice to have 12 great pitchers to choose from, but at the same time I have some very good pitchers who have not pitched an inning yet," Schwengel said.

Next for Samohi is a game Friday at home against Malibu at 3 p.m.

Malibu enters the game with a 5-0 record.

CROSSROADS, SAMOHI RANKED IN V-BALL

A pair of Santa Monica-based boys' volleyball teams have made it onto the CIF-SS Division 3 poll.

Crossroads is ranked No. 2 in the division, while Samohi is No. 6.

Crossroads is 4-0 overall and 2-0 in Alpha League play. The Roadrunners host Pacifica Christian, another Santa Monica team, today at 5 p.m.

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Report details out-of-sync response to LAX shooter

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles International Airport was ill prepared for a crisis when a gunman ambushed security officers last year, and the emergency response was hindered by communication problems and poor coordination, according to a report released Tuesday.

The report obtained in advance by The Associated Press was prepared by a consultant based on findings by several agencies that responded to the shooting and a review of camera footage, dispatch logs and 911 calls.

It looked at flaws in various divisions of the airport and systems that were in place but did not single out individuals responsible for problems.

The lengthy report cited the heroism of officers who shot and arrested Paul Ciancia after a Transportation Security Administration officer was

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Plenty of fish in the sea

Editor:

How ironic that you use the term "whales" in your title ("Bloom speaks up for the whales," March 7).

Dear Assemblyman Richard Bloom,

I just have to say how proud you make me feel to be a Californian, knowing that you are standing up to the big bully SeaWorld and their exploitation of orcas that we all know don't deserve their trademark name of killer whales. Heck, they aren't even whales to begin with, but that's another subject.

Given the issues that Californians face, such as homelessness, job loss to other states and other nations, financial shortfalls, increasing gap between rich and poor, education funding (or lack thereof) and failing students, border security, labor unions' power, mass transit, road infrastructure, Affordable Care Act, drought, oh and did I forget to mention high taxes? It is freaking fantastic to know that you are "storming the shores" to attack the orca exploitation rampant at these aquatic theme parks. I am quite sure that the trainers and audience participants who go to watch these extreme exhibitions of oceanic mimicry do so not realizing the horrible chain of events that brought these cetaceans to be held where they are today.

I mean seriously, let's forget about the educational aspects of the exhibitions and the "save the one ocean" theme that is almost forced at the guests! We know full well that it is all a farce to tote the line of conservation and respect for life on the planet. Obviously they have no respect for oceanic life or they would let these captives be free! (Between you and me, I won't mention the fact that these animals can't be released in the wild again since they are too far removed from even knowing how to deal with the cruel hostilities that are a part of the ocean world. Let's just you and me keep that a secret, OK?)

I know it takes courage to address the true problem in this state and for that I can't thank you enough. After this orca situation is resolved, do you think it will be time to go after the exploitation of thoroughbred horses? I know this affects a whole lot more people than orcas, but I'm sure you're up for the challenge. Seems like almost every year at least one more horse dies, all for some silly little trophy or money.

And then there's also a contingent that is looking for help with dealing with cock fighting, puppy mills, and let's not forget about all the cows and chickens held captive, that are raised for nothing more than nourishment. After focusing on these non-oceanic creatures for awhile, then it's time to go back full force to the rest of the oceanic lineup at these horrid parks, for the mistreatment of numerous types of pinnipeds, poor defenseless otters, and if I'm not mistaken, they have even trained penguins to do entirely unnatural things. OMG!

Hey I guess that's why there will always be job security for you politicians, I mean what with all these horrible problems that need your attention and all. Sorry about those term limit things, whatever that was about. Maybe we could teach the orcas and their type to vote that stuff out? Oh wait, that wouldn't be quite right would it? My bad, please forget I ever mentioned it. Nothing could be worse than the exploitation of animals, right?

Stanley Logan
San Diego





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Surrey to Santa Monica, for castles made of sand

IF JIMI HENDRIX HADN'T GONE THE WAY of too many rock stars, dying in 1970 at age 27 because of his desire and/or need for drugs, would he have gone to his movie's premier last week at South By Southwest in Austin? Would he have declared it groovy? Would he be using a walker? Hearing gone? Stopping frequently to rest, on his laurels? Would there have even been a movie to go to?

Of course, silly, because even cut down at such an early age, with only three studio albums to his credit, he planted himself deliriously, unquestionably, at the pinnacle of musical creativity and accomplishment, alongside such fellow 20th century giants as Coltrane, Mahler, Ravi Shankar and Wild Man Fischer.

If he had lived until now, into his 70s, there's no telling where he would have gone musically, but I'd bet my Strat (if I had one) it would have been crazy, unpredictable, brilliant and probably jazzy (oops, I guess that's a prediction), and pretty hard to squeeze into one movie. Tragic to have lost such soaring talent to dumb luck rather than wretched excess, most likely an accidental overdose, on red wine and sleeping pills — shoot, that's what gets me through long plane rides.

The film, scheduled for release in early summer, is called "Jimi: All Is by My Side," from John Ridley (wrote and directed), fresh off the Oscar stage for writing Best Picture "12 Years a Slave." The film's sound designer was Glenn Freemantle, whose mantle is no longer free because it's occupied by the Oscar he just won for sound editing on "Gravity." So, two blokes on this project each snag Oscars less than two weeks before the Jimi film's U.S. premier, and somehow they also bribe the U.S. Postal Service into issuing a Hendrix postage stamp the same day. Not bad.

But what, you're wondering, does any of this have to do with Santa Monica, that Curious City I profess to love writing about, even though I could be writing about music, or movies, as I did for so many years?

Maybe it's got nothing to do with Santa Monica, and I'm just a huge Hendrix fan who's excited about this new dramatization of his life. Actually, it's not his life, just a year or so, 1966 to '67, when he was still dreaming of success. There must be some way out of here, he told his several selves, then he got the invite to play the Monterey Pop Festival — and the movie ends! Just before the world's music axis shifted when he caught fire there.

And because Jimi's poopy half-sister Janie, who controls his catalog, wouldn't grant permission, there are no Hendrix songs in the movie (though she's had no problem giving the long green light to Visa, T-Mobile, Pepsi and others).

One lousy not-famous year, no Jimi songs (but remember, he always did great covers, like "Sgt. Pepper"), but these are not reasons to dismiss this flick. Trust me. I know more about Hendrix than you do. Unless you're, well, probably, quite a few people.

Maybe it sucks — I haven't seen it — but nearly all the press out of Austin is glowing. "The only negatives are from people expecting a film like 'Ray,'" said producer Nigel Thomas, "which this is definitely not."

Maybe I'm only excited about it because Thomas is a longtime friend?

No, that's not it. I am the huge Hendrix fan; he's one of my very few unadulterated music gods, and I understand the attitude of this movie and would beeline for it even if Thomas weren't involved and the reviews weren't stellar. Hendrix before stardom is a more interesting, ripe concept than what we all know followed, which is not that different from what every rock star goes through.

So Nigel Thomas, an English bloke (obviously), is formerly also a Santa Monica guy, splitting his time between his condo here and his London-area 16th-century farmhouse, for 10 years through the late '90s. I saw him create his film career here out of nothing more than his experience in finance, mostly in real estate, and his charm, smarts, people skills and dearly-acquired upper crust public school accent. ("Public schools" there are actually private schools. Go figure.)

He was so good at raising money for his first film that he had enough to immediately do a second. Unheard of. His movies in the beginning didn't always make it to theatrical release, but they always made money. From distribution rights, video rentals, Japan-Brazil-South Africa-Antarctica deals, cable, whatever it took. Smart guy, this Thomas. Especially smart to reinvent himself just to get his skinny pale English carcass out of the frigid English winter, to two blocks from the beach in sunny Santa Monica. He jokingly told me, just after relocating, "If I had known there were so many Brits in Santa Monica, I would've settled in Beverly Hills." But he did not mean it.

Movies are more fun than real estate, especially when you get to hang with a Beatle because you hired his sister for one of your films and he came around during post production to visit and make sure all was well. I think Nigel now has Paul McCartney's mobile number, and I'm incredibly jealous.

Speaking of music, and Macca, I'm not the only one who has noticed what a good radio station KCSN (88.5) has become ("In the land of milk, honey, but no H20," Curious City, Jan. 21). The old Beatle, whose new album sounds pretty good, called the station unannounced last week and chatted for an hour with program director Sky Daniels. Nic Harcourt, former KCRW (Santa Monica College) program director for 10 years, is on the air there six (not eight) days a week, spinning much better sounds than he did here, I think.

And hallelujah, Harry Shearer's brilliant "Le Show" is there too, back at the 10 a.m. — 11 a.m. Sunday slot we all listened to for so many years until KCRW unceremoniously gave him the boot. (Shearer fell in love with New Orleans, but maintains a home of many years in Ocean Park. I've run into him a few times on the basketball courts near his house. He's pretty good, but he cheats.) Santa Monica's good radio has moved to Northridge, and it's better than ever.

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Airport Commission doing its job

FROM THE MID 1920S WHEN THE CITY of Santa Monica held a special municipal election on park bonds to acquire much of the existing Santa Monica Airport property (SMO), decisions regarding SMO were made and continue to be made by City Hall.

After World War II and with the rapid rise of general aviation, the Airport Commission was established in 1946. The five members of the commission must be qualified electors of Santa Monica and may not hold paid office or employment in city government. The Airport Commission shall have power and be required to: (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the municipal airport and to aviation matters generally to the extent that they affect the city; and (b) Consider and recommend City Council rules and regulations for the management and operation of the municipal airport.

I first attended an Airport Commission meeting in the mid 1990s when I became aware of the strong odor of the jet fumes wafting into my Los Angeles neighborhood of North Westdale just east of SMO. I felt that by going to the commission something would surely be done about it. At that time, only one of the five commissioners, Brian Ouzounian, was sympathetic to this issue. I left feeling dejected, and didn't start to regularly attend commission meetings until a few years later. By that time Brian was no longer on the commission.

Having attended most of the Airport Commission meetings over the past 14 years, I feel qualified to present a unique perspective. To broaden my knowledge, I reached out to several former and present-day commissioners to hear their views and to do some fact checking.

As I have witnessed and as my fact checking indicates, it never mattered what the composition of the commission was; be it pilots, lawyers, a scientist or even neighbors of the airport. Over the years the commission operated in a manner that approved almost all items brought before them by airport staff. All the commissioners, past and present, felt, accurately, that their power was limited to being advisory to City Council. Some felt that they had only slightly more influence than public speakers. (Normal public attendance at most meetings has been sparse; less than a dozen. On rare occasions there would be a large turnout.)

A few commissioners told me they were pressured by a former airport manager and city manager not to make waves. One commissioner was taken to lunch and lobbied to vote a certain way. Unrelated, one commissioner who bucked the status quo told me about physical threats they received.

Regardless of who sits on the commission, many of the Los Angeles community concerns were not given serious consideration. Even to this day the toxic air pollution concerns of SMO neighbors have not been given enough attention.

So over the years, and witnessed by the huge growth of SMO into a private jet center, it was aviation interests that drove the commission. But little by little I witnessed a slow process of the whittling away of this machine. Today's commission is interested in addressing serious community concerns that have not been resolved regardless of how hard former commissions have tried or what their intentions were.

Pilots have had the same opportunity to apply for a seat on the Airport Commission as any qualified Santa Monica resident. However, aviation interests have always had at least one seat at the commission in the form of the airport manager. Today, we have a commissioner who is an air quality scientist. Should the Airport Commission be concerned about the air quality the airport is generating into the downwind neighborhoods? They should, according to the Airport Commission Mission Statement (first paragraph).

Commission Chair David Goddard has been a leader in converting the commission into a body that is fulfilling its mission. The commission is finally making recommendations to City Council, something they had not done over the years I've attended meetings. When asked by the commission regarding how they could follow up on their advisories to City Council, then Airport Manager Bob Trimborn said he didn't know as it never happened before. Think about that. It speaks volumes.

Now that the commission is finally positioned to fairly represent community concerns, pro aviation special interests are crying foul. To these special interests, the public is a nuisance, but we airport neighbors know it is the airport that is a nuisance. The court has already ruled that the airport is a nuisance to neighbors in North Westdale.

Today's Airport Commission is doing what it should be doing and doing it very well by advising City Council on airport matters that affect the city. Still, there is certainly work to be done regarding air pollution.

MARTIN RUBIN is director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution and president, North Westdale Neighborhood Association.

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.

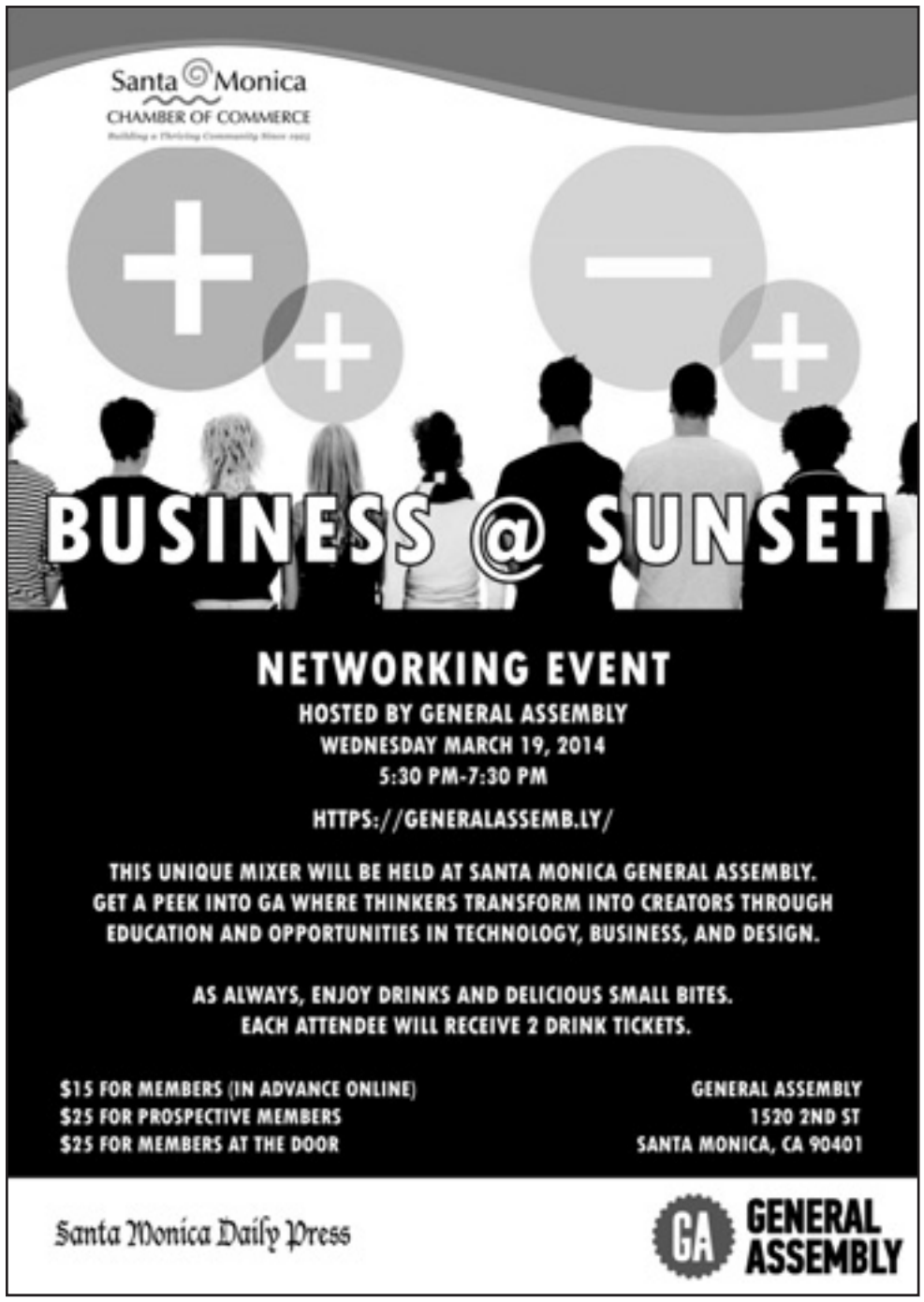
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FRESNO, Calif.

Students sue over alleged drug sting

Two students at a Central California high school are suing the school district, claiming a school employee asked them to take part in a drug sting on campus without the consent of their parents or police, a newspaper reported.

The lawsuit against the Clovis Unified School District, filed in Fresno County earlier this month, also alleges that the employee, Kelly Racca, and another school official encouraged one of the students to lie, the Fresno Bee reported.

District spokeswoman Kelly Avants said Tuesday that the district had not been served with the lawsuit, but it doesn't typically comment on litigation. Racca did not want to comment, Avants said.

A message at a phone listing for Racca was not immediately returned.

The students are not named in the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified monetary damages. Their attorney, Stephen R. Cornwell, told the Bee other students view them as snitches, and they fear for their safety.

Racca, 36, wanted to stop the sale of marijuana at Clovis North High School about a year ago and asked one of the students, identified in the lawsuit as Mary Roe, to buy the drug with bills whose serial numbers she had recorded, according to the lawsuit.

Racca was a campus monitor and continues to work part-time for the district, Avants said.

The student enlisted the help of the second student, identified in the lawsuit as John Doe. Under Racca's instruction, John Doe bought marijuana from a student on campus using Racca's money while Mary took a photograph of the transaction, according to the suit.

They then allegedly turned over the evidence to Racca.

The two students were later questioned by police. The lawsuit says Racca and another employee, Wesley Flowers, encouraged one of them to lie about the sting.

No one picked up at a listing for Flowers on Tuesday morning, and an email to him was not immediately answered. Avants said she would ask Flowers whether he wanted to comment on the suit.

The lawsuit is similar to a case filed in Los Angeles that alleged school officials gave a middle school student cash to buy drugs. A jury awarded the boy $1 million in damages three years ago.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Judge allows lawsuit over Kardashian-West proposal

A lawsuit by Kim Kardashian and Kanye West over leaked footage of their marriage proposal can proceed because it does not violate the free speech rights of the co-founder of YouTube, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The ruling came as Superior Court Judge Ruth Ann Kwan rejected a motion by tech entrepreneur Chad Hurley seeking dismissal of the case against him on constitutional grounds.

Hurley was sued days after posting a 2 1/2 minute video of West's lavish proposal to Kardashian in October on his new video-sharing website MixBit.

Their court filings have stated the video pre-empted the official release of footage by E! Entertainment Television.

West and Kardashian claim Hurley violated a confidentiality agreement and may have infringed the rights of the producers of the reality series, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" who filmed the proposal at San Francisco's AT&T Park.

The lawsuit states that Hurley wasn't invited to the event and accompanied another guest. Kardashian's mother Kris Jenner wrote in a sworn statement that Hurley would have been kicked out of the event if he hadn't signed the confidentiality agreement.

Hurley eventually removed the video from MixBit.

The footage showed West proposing to Kardashian while an orchestra played and the ensuing celebration with Kardashian's family and invited guests toasting the newly engaged couple.

Hurley contends he posted his footage only after seeing pictures and congratulatory messages from celebrities online.

The ruling was praised by Eric George, an attorney representing the celebrity couple. "We're very confident going in to the next phase of this case," George said.

Hurley's lawyer Rodger Cole said he was disappointed by the ruling and planned to appeal.

"We still believe Mr. Hurley's conduct should be protected by the First Amendment free speech rights," Cole said. "We do not believe the celebrity release agreement should preclude him from posting the video he posted."

West and Kardashian are seeking unspecified damages.

A trial on the case is scheduled for Nov. 17.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

A 'bad day' in rehab costs Chris Brown his freedom

With a roll of his eyes and a comment that he was good at using guns and knives, Chris Brown may have cost himself weeks of freedom and his chance to get back to making music anytime soon.

The reasons for Brown's dismissal from a Malibu rehab facility were detailed in court on Monday, with a judge ordering the Grammy winner to remain in jail until a formal probation violation hearing can be convened on April 23.

The jail stint will be Brown's longest and comes more than five years after he viciously attacked his then-girlfriend Rihanna in a rented sports car just hours before the Grammy Awards. Superior Court Judge James R. Brandlin said he was most troubled by a comment the singer made during a group therapy session last week.

"I am good at using guns and knives," the rehab reported Brown said in response to an exercise asking him to reflect on what he was good or excelled at.

Other transgressions cited by rehab workers included the singer ignoring a worker who was waiting to give him a drug test, rubbing elbows with a woman when he had signed an agreement to stay at least two feet away from all female clients and joking telling fellow patients, "I'm going to ask my higher power to take away my troubles." When asked whether he was serious, Brown said yes while shaking his head no, a report on Brown's conduct stated.

Outside court, Brown's attorney described Brown as having a bad day at the facility and said he didn't think his client should be forced to stay behind bars for another month.

– AP

LAX
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killed and three other people were injured on Nov. 1.

However, it also detailed lapses in technology and coordination and included some 50 recommendations and a list of lessons learned from the shooting.

"Had the attacker not been highly selective in his targets, and/or had there been multiple attackers with weapons of greater lethality, the outcome might have been far different," the report said.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said at a news conference Tuesday that the shortcomings in the communications infrastructure had been addressed since the shooting. All LAX telephones and panic alarms now transmit location information to dispatchers when an emergency call is made, the mayor said.

Sean Burton, president of the board of airport commissioners, said LAX needs additional emergency management staff, more training, new equipment and better agreements with law enforcement.

"We clearly have more work to do and it begins with embracing the recommendations in the report," Burton said in a press release.

Absent from the report was mention that two airport police officers assigned to Terminal 3 were out of position without notifying dispatchers, as required, when the shooting erupted.

The report also didn't discuss a decision months prior to the shooting to have police officers roam terminals instead of staffing security checkpoints such as the one approached by the shooter.

The report said various agencies had been hampered by poor communication during the shooting. It noted that airport police had previously upgraded to a $5.4 million high-tech radio system but often couldn't communicate with the 20-plus agencies that responded to the attack.

Senior police and fire commanders had no idea where to go or what the others were doing, and they didn't unify multiple command posts for 45 minutes.

In addition, there was nearly no communication between command post officials and the airport's emergency operations center, which the report described as being staffed by untrained mid-level managers.

Fire officials concerned about gunfire set up their command post away from Terminal 3, which made it harder to coordinate with police and delayed rescuing victims.

The AP has reported that the TSA worker killed was not taken to an ambulance for 33 minutes. The report called for training airport police in tactical medicine so they can help the injured before paramedics arrive.

The review also confirmed earlier AP reports, including that a TSA supervisor picked up a red phone immediately after the first shots were fired and hastily fled as the gunman approached.

The airport police dispatcher who answered the call "only heard the sounds of shouting and gunshots. With no caller identification for a call from a Red Phone, and no one on the other end of the line, it was not initially known from where the call originated," the report states.

The report recommended that airport police look for flaws in security deployments because the gunman wasn't deterred by at an airport police checkpoint.

The AP previously reported that a union representing service workers found that sky caps, baggage handlers and security employees had no idea what to do, were not trained for an evacuation and didn't know how to help passengers.

To keep travelers informed during chaotic situations, Garcetti said, LAX will develop a centralized public address system and a way to send messages directly to the cellphones of travelers at the airport. In addition, 11 message signs have been added to airport roadways.

The report was highly critical of the Los Angeles World Airports emergency management program, which it said was "not well-defined or widely understood across the agency, or perhaps even respected."

The airport prepared a draft plan for dealing with a shooter in March 2013, but officials on the airport's emergency management committee couldn't reach a consensus on it so it was never circulated.

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forces throughout the state last Saturday as part of the Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation in which a minor, under the direct supervision of a peace officer, will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask people to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way that they are underage and cannot get it themselves.

If the adults agree to do it, officers then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The penalty is a minimum $1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. According to the American Medical Association, underage drinking can increase chances of risky sexual behavior and teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, compromise health, and result in unintentional injury and death.

During the operation, 544 arrests and citations were issued throughout the state, according to authorities. Most were issued citations for giving minors alcohol, however, there were some cited for open containers and false identification. In addition, 60 were arrested for crimes such as driving under the influence, illegal drugs, public drunkenness, parole violations, resisting arrest and outstanding warrants.

Santa Monica investigators used two decoys at 15 different locations Saturday.

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File photo

OLD SITE: **A woman stops to view one of the three nativity scenes in Palisades Park in 2011.**

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cials spent about 80 hours answering questions and providing information regarding the new policies. Last year, they spent only about 21 hours on the issue.

"Leading up to and during the 2013 holiday season, fewer members of the public communicated concerns about the lack of nativity scenes which had been a holiday tradition for many years," city officials said in the release.

Two holiday events attended by 75 or more people — and therefore requiring a permit — were held on the Third Street Promenade last year, city officials said. One was City Hall's tree lighting ceremony and the other was the Chanukah Menorah celebration.

Nativity advocates held an event of their own in Palisades Park that did not require a permit. They unveiled a 24-foot-long scriptural banner. The display remained attended at all times.

Another Palisades Park use was debated last year when City Council approved an ordinance to regulate fitness trainers using the public park for workouts.

Since the ordinance has been enacted, use of the park by trainers is significantly down.

Only one group paid the $8,000 fee to hold large classes in Palisades Park. Another nine groups paid fees to train medium-sized or one-on-one classes in the park.

This is compared to a study by city officials prior to the ordinance during which they counted nearly 150 groups training in the park over a week-long period.

Recently, a church-state issue was raised when neighbors of Grant Elementary School cried foul over a decision to allow City of God church to hold a service at the school.

Neighbors claimed that the church created traffic and noise problems in the area. Others felt that the space shouldn't be rented out to religious groups.

Carey Upton, director of the Facility Use Department at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, promised to do what is in his power to curb neighborhood issues.

He explained that if they withheld the space from the church, they would not be allowed to rent to other groups like the Girl Scouts or the Parent Teacher Association.

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CLASSIC: The Junipher Building on the Third Street Promenade was recently named a landmark.

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the protection of interior spaces. Under Los Angeles' preservation ordinance, which allows for the protection of interior spaces formerly accessible to the public, saving the interior of the former post office would be much easier. Currently the Santa Monica commission must way to see what the owner of the post office will do with the space before moving forward. It has been purchased by a film production company.

Santa Monica could also use more multi-building historic districts, Fine said. These areas allow for preservation with a more unified scope.

The last multi-building preservation in Santa Monica was of four Craftsman style homes on Bay Street back in 2000, said Santa Monica Conservancy director Carol Lemlein.

Lemlein said that residents are sometimes fearful of the impacts from landmarking their neighborhood.

Fine suggests that Santa Monica should look to Pasadena's multi-building preservation approach, which balances the needs of residents who want to make changes to their homes with the need to save iconic architecture.

The top of Lemlein's list of potential improvements includes more public outreach about the benefits of preservation opportunities like the Mills Act, a statewide program, and smaller local programs, that provide financial incentives to landowners for saving buildings.

Lemlein also lauded the Landmarks Commission, calling it "top notch."

"I say that recognizing that not everyone is going to agree with every decision that they make."

Overall, she was happy with Santa Monica's standing in the L.A. Conservancy's first report card since 2008.

"It's always a pleasure to be singled out for excellence in the area that you have the most interest in," she said.

Santa Monica racked up 245 points from categories like "dedicated preservation staff" and "active landmark designation (at least annually)".

Fine noted that the report card is not meant to cover all of the specific issues that exist in every city.

"The report card is a snapshot," he said. "The idea is to use it as a tool so that we will continue to track progress as change is happening."

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Stocks gain after reports on housing, Ukraine

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NEW YORK The stock market rose Tuesday after some encouraging news on housing and on hopes that the conflict between Russia and the West wouldn't escalate further after Russia's President Vladimir Putin said that it won't take over other areas of Ukraine.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,873 as of 2:50 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 107 points, or 0.7 percent, to 16,354. The Nasdaq composite climbed 52 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,332.

UKRAINE CRISIS: In a speech, Russian President Vladimir Putin told the Russian Parliament not to believe those who say that Russia will look to take over other areas of Ukraine. On Sunday, a majority of voters in Ukraine's region of Crimea voted to break from that country and join Russia. Stocks fell last week as tensions rose between Russia and the U.S. and the European Union over the Ukraine.

"As long as Putin seems to be satisfied with what he has, that's the key," said Joe Quinlan, chief market strategist for U.S. Trust. "It gives the markets less to worry about in terms of an escalation of the crisis."

BOUNCE BACK: The stock market is recovering this week after logging its biggest weekly drop in almost two months. The S&P 500 has gained 1.7 percent so far this week after dropping almost 2 percent last week on concerns about slowing growth in China and tensions between Russia and the West over Ukraine.

OFFICE ON iPAD: Microsoft jumped $1.47, or 4 percent, to $39.52 after Reuters reported that CEO Satya Nadella plans to use his first big press event to unveil an iPad version of the company's Office software suite. Analysts regard this as a first step for Nadella in repositioning Microsoft as a company that focuses on mobile devices rather than the shrinking market for personal computers.

SPEED UNDER SCRUTINY: Nasdaq OMX Group and IntercontinentalExchange Group slid following news that the New York Attorney General, Eric Schneiderman, was taking a closer look at services offered by stock exchanges to high-frequency traders. Schneiderman said that when exchanges allow trading firms to put their computers within the exchanges' data centers, it gives these firms an unfair advantage. Nasdaq OMX lost $1.14, or 3 percent, to $38.59. ICE lost $2.50, or 1 percent, to $206.66.

HOUSING: Home builders rose after the Commerce Department said that applications for building permits reached their highest level in four months. Beazer Homes USA rose 52 cents, or 3 percent, to $20.57 and Ryland Group rose $1.18, or 3 percent, to $41.35.

PRICE WATCH: The government reported that cheaper oil and gas kept U.S. consumer prices in check last month, despite a big rise in the cost of food. It was the latest sign of weak inflation. The Labor Department says the consumer price index increased 0.1 percent in February. In the past 12 months, prices have risen just 1.1 percent.

FED MEETING: The Federal Reserve will start its second meeting of the year on Tuesday. The meeting will end Wednesday and be followed by an early afternoon press conference by Fed Chair Janet Chairman. Most analysts expect the Fed to continue to reduce its economic stimulus by cutting back on its bond purchases.

GAME STOPPED: GameStop fell $1.45, or 4 percent, to $38.30 after Wal-Mart said it plans to let video game owners trade in used games in Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores in exchange for store credit, not cash. Previously they offered trade-ins on a more limited basis online.

BULLISH OUTLOOK: Hewlett-Packard rose $1.14, or 4 percent, to $30.61 after analysts at Barclays upgraded their outlook on the hardware company and raised their price target on the stock to $38 from $33. They expect HP to return more cash to shareholders and gain market share in the server business from rivals in coming months.

BONDS AND COMMODITIES: In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.68 percent. The price of oil rose $1.51, or 2 percent, to $99.59 a barrel. Gold fell $13.90, or 1 percent, to settle at $1,359 an ounce.

Concerns about cancer centers under health law

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WASHINGTON Some of America's best cancer hospitals are off-limits to many of the people now signing up for coverage under the nation's new health care program.

Doctors and administrators say they're concerned. So are some state insurance regulators.

An Associated Press survey found examples coast to coast. Seattle Cancer Care Alliance is excluded by five out of eight insurers in Washington's insurance exchange. MD Anderson Cancer Center says it's in less than half of the plans in the Houston area. Memorial Sloan-Kettering is included by two of nine insurers in New York City and has out-of-network agreements with two more.

In all, only four of 19 nationally recognized comprehensive cancer centers that responded to AP's survey said patients have access through all the insurance companies in their states' exchanges.

Not too long ago insurance companies would have been vying to offer access to renowned cancer centers, said Dan Mendelson, CEO of the market research firm Avalere Health. Now the focus is on costs.

"This is a marked deterioration of access to the premier cancer centers for people who are signing up for these plans," Mendelson said.

Those patients may not be able get the most advanced treatment, including clinical trials of new medications.

And there's another problem: it's not easy for consumers shopping online in the new insurance markets to tell if top-level institutions are included in a plan. That takes additional digging by the people applying.

"The challenges of this are going to become evident ... as cancer cases start to arrive," said Norman Hubbard, executive vice president of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Before President Barack Obama's health care law, a cancer diagnosis could make you uninsurable. Now, insurers can't turn away people with health problems or charge them more. Lifetime dollar limits on policies, once a financial trap-door for cancer patients, are also banned.

The new obstacles are more subtle.

To keep premiums low, insurers have designed narrow networks of hospitals and doctors. The government-subsidized private plans on the exchanges typically offer less choice than Medicare or employer plans.

By not including a top cancer center an insurer can cut costs. It may also shield itself from risk, delivering an implicit message to cancer survivors or people with a strong family history of the disease that they should look elsewhere.

For now, the issue seems to be limited to the new insurance exchanges. But it could become a concern for Americans with job-based coverage, too, if employers turn to narrow networks.

The AP surveyed 23 institutions around the country that are part of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Two additional institutions that joined this week were not included in the survey.

Cancer network members are leading hospitals that combine the latest clinical research and knowledge with a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. They say that patients in their care have better-than-average survival rates. The unique role of cancer centers is recognized under Medicare. Several are exempt from its hospital payment system, instituted to control costs.

AP asked the centers how many insurance companies in their state's exchange included them as a network provider.

Of the 19 that responded, four reported access through all insurers: the Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Duke Cancer Institute in Durham, N.C., and Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville. One caveat: Some insurers did not include these cancer centers on certain low-cost plans.

Two centers had special circumstances. The best known is St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Treatment there is free as long as children have a referral.

For the remaining 13, the gaps were evident.

In Buffalo, N.Y., Roswell Park Cancer Institute is included by five of seven insurers in its region. But statewide, the picture is much different: Roswell Park is not included by 11 of 16 insurers. Dr. Willie Underwood, associate professor of surgical oncology at the teaching hospital, says that's a problem.

"Overall, when you look at the Affordable Care Act, it improves access to cancer care," said Underwood. "When it comes down to the exchanges, there are some concerns that we have. That is not being critical, that is being intelligent. There are some things we should talk about ... before they start becoming a problem."

Melanie Lapidus, vice president for managed care at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, home to Siteman Cancer Center, said she doesn't think patients realize the exchanges offer a more restrictive kind of private insurance.

Lapidus cited Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which includes Siteman in many of its plans outside the Missouri exchange, but none within the exchange.

"We have had many people say to us, 'I picked Anthem because you guys are always in their products, and I assumed you would be in their exchange products'," Lapidus said. "It's still hard to tell who is in network and who is not."

In a statement, Anthem said its network was based on research involving thousands of consumers and businesses. "What we learned was that people are willing to make trade-offs in order to have access to affordable health care," the company said. "Our provider networks reflect this."

Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City is included by five of six Utah insurers, but Mark Zenger, who manages the center's negotiations with insurance companies, said he's concerned about getting left out by Humana, a major carrier.

"We are worried about the potential to have these Humana exchange members seek treatment and have no other option," said Zenger.

Humana spokesman Tom Noland said patients can have access to Huntsman for complex procedures, on a case-by-case basis.

Some state insurance regulators see a problem.

"I want insurers to be able to innovate and come up with new product designs," said Mike Kreidler, insurance commissioner for Washington state. "At the same time, there is a requirement for regulators like myself to be vigilant to make sure there aren't unreasonable compromises."

The Obama administration says it has notified insurers that their networks will get closer scrutiny for next year in the 36 states served by the federal exchange. Cancer care will be a priority, it says.

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Candidates vie for Afghan women's vote

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KABUL, Afghanistan The candidate strode down the aisle separating hundreds of male and female supporters at a campaign rally in Kabul. She shook hands with the women filling the chairs to her right. To the men on the other side, she simply nodded.

Habiba Sarabi is the most prominent woman running on a ticket in the April 5 election to choose a successor to President Hamid Karzai. Sarabi once served as Afghanistan's first female governor, and her current bid to become Afghanistan's first female vice president is part of an effort to get out the women's vote as candidates scramble for every ballot.

Women "can affect the transition, the political transition," she said in an interview after addressing the rally to support Sarabi and her running mate, presidential candidate Zalmai Rassoul. The event was held in a wedding hall in a Kabul district dominated by her ethnic minority Hazara community.

But Sarabi, a 57-year-old former governor of Bamiyan province, still must conform to cultural norms in this deeply conservative Islamic society. Her challenge highlights the difficulties facing Afghan women who worry about losing hard-won gains as international combat forces prepare to withdraw from the country by the end of this year.

Afghan women were granted the right to vote in the constitution adopted after the U.S.-led coalition toppled the Taliban regime in late 2001. Under the Taliban, women were also banned from school and forced to wear the all-encompassing burqa.

But security concerns have marred their participation in previous elections. In areas of the country still controlled by the Taliban, women have been threatened with violence if they vote.

In 2009, many Afghan women registered but then gave their voting cards to male relatives, who ended up casting multiple ballots as polling officials and police conveniently looked away — one of many forms of fraud that tarnished Karzai's re-election.

Although voting cards are supposed to include a photo for identification, in some areas women refused to be photographed.

Naheed Farid, a lawmaker from the western province of Herat, predicted fraud will be rampant this year as well.

"I am so optimistic that we will have more women to vote in this election, but who they vote for and what happens to their vote will be a problem," she said in a telephone interview. "There's lack of awareness that women can decide on their own, and families especially the fathers have an influence, and this is something we can't change now, not this time."

Still, she and others said, there are signs of progress.

There are nine candidates in the crowded race, but only three are considered frontrunners — Rassoul; Abdullah Abdullah, who was runner-up to Karzai in the disputed 2009 election; and Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai.

Gul Makai Safi, the head of the women's council for Abdullah's campaign, said women are streaming into their offices to learn about the process. She expressed concern that women in areas where militants are active will be unable to vote.

"We are very hopeful and optimistic that this time the women's vote will decide the fate of the candidates in the election," she said. "Women will bring a change in the result of the election this time."

Ahmadzai's wife, Rula, has even stumped for votes at campaign events, something that is very rare in a country where the current first lady has almost never appeared in public.

There are officially 12 million eligible voters in Afghanistan, according to the Independent Election Commission, but the number of people who go to the polls may be higher because many voter cards were issued in past elections and are unaccounted for. Since registration began last year for next month's election, the commission has document 3.6 million new voters, including 1.2 million women.

Volunteers have visited villages and districts around the country to inform women about the issues and how their participation could help improve their lives.

But many obstacles remain.

To help prevent suicide bombings and other attacks, police will search voters before they are allowed to enter the polling stations. The Interior Ministry said it is training 13,000 women to search female voters, but there is concern there will be too few of them — and that some women will be turned away from the polls as a result.

And even in Kabul, some women have no idea how to register.

"No one guided us and we haven't got voting cards now. If we could get our voting cards, we could have fulfilled our part in making the government," said Gul Sara, a woman living in an internal refugee camp in the Afghan capital.

Activists also warned the situation has not changed in areas where the Taliban remain active and conservative mores are entrenched, including many parts of the east and in the southern provinces of Kandahar and Helmand.

Covered from head to toe in a black veil in downtown Kandahar city, Shaqiba Ahmadi acknowledged the difficulties facing women and chastised the government for not doing more on their behalf.

"I think we have to try harder," the 20-year-old tailor said. "Afghan women are not very active. They should vote. I will vote."

The hall in Kabul where vice presidential candidate Sarabi gave her address was packed equally with men and women, though they sat on separate sides of the room.

Sitting at the rally with a turquoise campaign scarf draped over her head, Gul Chaman said she plans to vote for the first time.

"I didn't care in the last election and I couldn't figure out how to get a voting card," said Chaman, who has nine grandchildren. "I hope the election will bring security, reconstruction and prosperity and stability to Afghanistan."

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Phil Jackson is Knicks' president

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AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK Phil Jackson is back in New York, providing the Knicks stability, championship-building ideas and a link to the franchise's best days.

Now they need him to get some good players.

Jackson was introduced Tuesday as team president of the Knicks, in the midst of another difficult season and with no easy path to a quick fix.

But Jackson has won here before, done plenty of it since and says a couple of years off have left him ready to take on what might be his toughest challenge, turning this dysfunctional franchise into a champion again.

"It would be a capstone on the remarkable career that I've had," Jackson said.

Jackson was a member of the Knicks' title teams in 1970 and 1973, and they haven't won since. He went on to win 11 championships with the Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls.

This will be his first time as an executive and the Knicks say he will be in charge of all basketball decisions. Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan said he "willingly and gratefully" is stepping back to give Jackson the power to make the changes.

"Phil has a vision for the Knicks that I know will put us on the path for success," Dolan said.

Steve Mills will remain general manager.

"I think that we have a teamwork situation here that's going to be really quite swift and capable of making some important changes as we move forward," Jackson said.

The Knicks announced the hiring in the lobby of Madison Square Garden, with a giant "Welcome Home Phil" sign overhead and racks of his old No. 18 jersey on sale.

He signed a five-year contract that reportedly will pay at least $12 million annually. After living in California for many years, Jackson said he would spend significant time in New York, starting with Wednesday's game against Indiana.

He's got big decisions coming up involving Carmelo Anthony and coach Mike Woodson.

It's the second reorganization in six months for the Knicks, who fired GM Glen Grunwald days before the start of training camp. Mills replaced him even though he had no previous experience running the basketball side.

The deal began to take shape at a holiday party hosted by a mutual friend of Jackson and Dolan. Though Jackson quickly declined interest in coaching, they agreed to keep talking.

It will be tough for Jackson to make big changes quickly in New York, where the Knicks face with the salary cap problems. Amare Stoudemire, Tyson Chandler and Andrea Bargnani will all be in the final year of expensive contracts, making them difficult to unload. And they traded their first-round pick to Denver in 2011 to acquire Anthony.

Jackson alluded to that, saying the Knicks "were going to have to go out and work the bushes for players this next year."

But he has a vision for how he wants to do it, a change from the Knicks' way of too frequently adding big-name players who don't fit any particular style.

Jackson said he won't insist that the Knicks run the triangle offense that worked so well for him with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, then Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal. But he made it clear he believes in the system's principles of passing, movement and teamwork.

But it's not just Xs and Os that have doomed the Knicks during a mostly disastrous decade. It's the policies of Dolan, who has too often involved himself in basketball decisions.

Jackson said he will be accessible and will focus on things such as "how players are treated" and "the kind of culture that's built."

It wasn't like that when Jackson played in New York. Those teams not only thrived on the court but were well-known and well-liked around the city, players such as Willis Reed, Walt Frazier, Bill Bradley and Dave DeBusschere.

"This is the best place to play basketball," Jackson said.

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **62.6°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading WNW/NW swell; morning winds looking light, surf is small

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
WNW groundswell leftovers; light winds and small surf

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

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Steep NW swell mix mostly bypasses the region; Modest SSW swell fills in a touch more

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**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 Alisa 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 DBW 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

Tenderness (NR) 1hr 18min
7:30pm

There will be a Belgian beer reception following the movie.

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**

GO TO THE GYM, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could have a change of heart about an important matter after an open and revealing conversation with a loved one. Your perceptions could change radically as a result. Tonight: Hang out with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others might reveal far more than you realize in a conversation. Having a delayed reaction and/or a need to rethink and evaluate your ideas would be natural. If you do not have all the information, how can you make a sound decision? Tonight: Go along with someone's request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your feelings in the morning could change once you understand the depth of dealing with an older relative or a boss. Your carefree approach might bring less-than-desired results, which will require a push for change. Tonight: Incorporate a stress-reducing activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might have felt as if you wanted to retreat and start a project or interaction all over again. With a touch of imagination, you might find it unnecessary to go back to square one. Tonight: A loved one invites you into his or her world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You are on top of your game. You know where you are heading and why. Communication will seem to dull in comparison to your creative thoughts. You'll see possibilities where you previously might have thought there were none. Look to the long term. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a careful look at a financial matter, and know that you might need to get input from others. You could have one idea that seems very good, but you still need feedback. Others' suggestions can only help. Be open to conversation. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Hopefully you have maximized the past few days. Be willing to look at what all the recent activity means to you. An investment might go beyond being financial -- it also could be emotional. Tonight: Make it your treat!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to feedback, and understand what is happening behind the scenes. You might have had a quick glance, and now you have to look toward integrating some of this knowledge. Others will respond to you in a positive, caring manner. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You could be off-kilter today. Understand what is happening with an investment, as vagueness seems to surround the issue. A partnership is likely to increase in importance to you. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You barely can deal with someone and his or her many needs. You could find it difficult to complete a personal matter because of the intervention of others. Perhaps you need to establish boundaries more seriously, as others might not be hearing you. Tonight: In the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Follow your instincts when dealing with a personal matter. Think in terms of getting together with a loved one. You will have an opportunity to catch up on news while also getting meaningful feedback. Tonight: Stop at the gym or get exercise some other way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A conversation keeps echoing in your mind. Detach from the small story or the minor details. Look at the implications involved. Thoughts are nice, but actions count -- no matter what you do or with whom. Tonight: Wherever you are, make sure there is music.

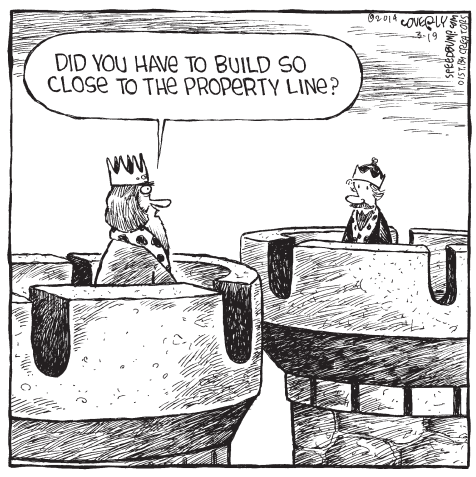
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you seek more depth and understanding. Your emotional creativity and intuition guide you when logic no longer can. You need to trust yourself and your sixth sense. Even when you don't see a solution, know that there is one. If you are single, romance could add to the heat of the coming summer. You actually might want to pinch yourself just to make sure that what you are experiencing is real. If you are attached, plan on taking a special trip or a second honeymoon, as it likely will have tremendous meaning to both of you. Trust in your bond. SCORPIO sees right through you, but chooses not to share what he or she perceives.

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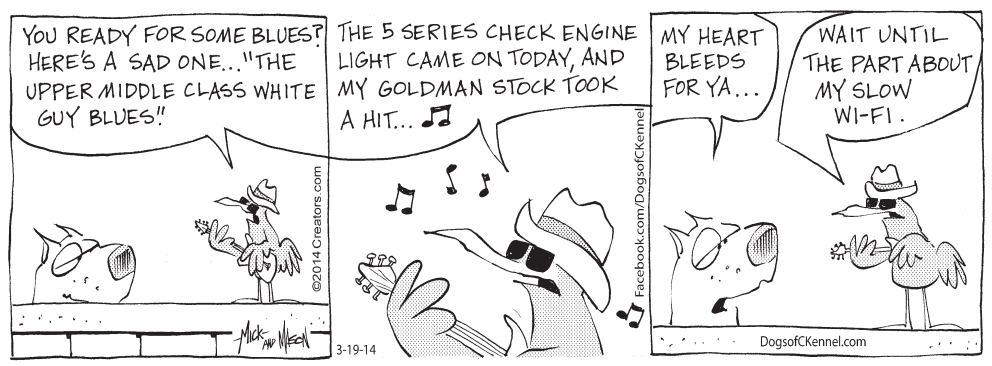
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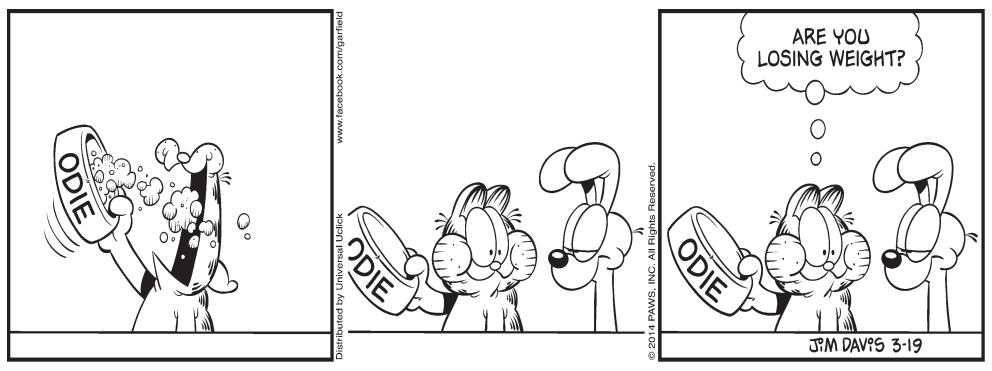
Strange Brew
By John Deering



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 ★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Supplies with staff
5 Painter Klee
9 Steer clear of
11 — d'Or (Cannes award)
12 Social group
13 Throat dangler
14 — stand-still
15 Boxer George
17 Governor George
19 Squirrel's snack
20 Gasp, say
21 Humorist
22 Wild card, at times
24 "Golly!"
26 Hops in place
29 Determined
30 Actor George
32 Singer George
34 Tell tales
35 Fireplace stuff
36 Spanish resort isle
38 Break the rules
39 Radio part
40 Automaker Benz
41 Army chow

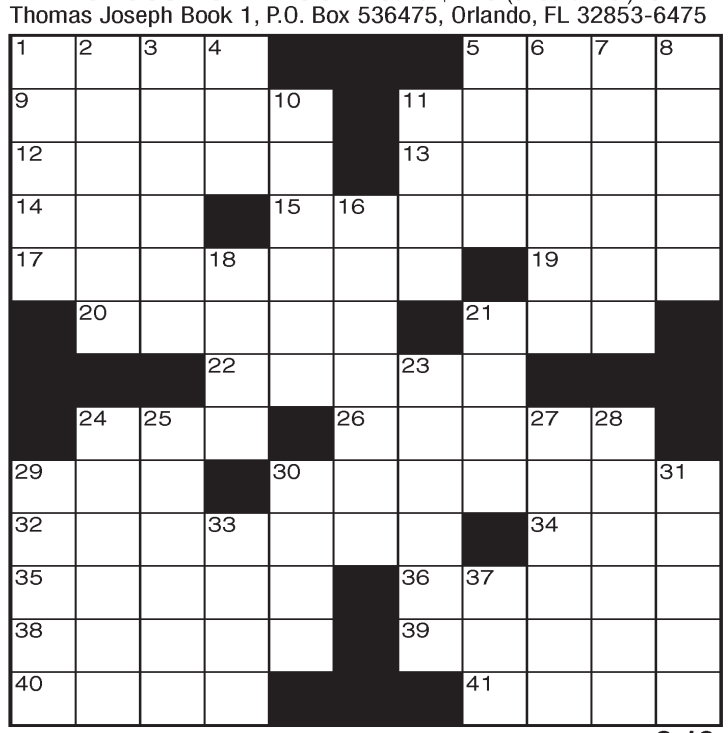
DOWN

1 Bright parrot
2 James Cameron movie
3 Old cash register reading
4 Canine command
5 Make roads
6 Homecoming group
7 Vowel topper
8 Inclined
10 Mar
11 Undiluted
16 Multiply by eight
18 Stow cargo
21 "Here — again!"
23 "Settle down!"
24 Japanese entertainer
25 Rembrandt, for one
27 One way to shop
28 Grabs
29 Open-handed hit
30 Play group
31 Decade parts
33 Get better
37 Lazy fellow

B	A	B	I	E	S	■	P	A	G	E
O	P	E	N	T	O	■	A	R	E	A
B	E	N	C	H	W	A	R	M	E	R
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A	N	T	S	■	T	O	O	T	E	D

Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/15
2 5 34 51 58
Power#: 9
Jackpot: $80M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/14
7 20 40 54 69
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: $400M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/15
10 20 21 23 36
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $34M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/18
1 4 14 15 19

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/18
MIDDAY: 5 3 6
EVENING: 3 5 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/18
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:44.69

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Technological Know-How at Work: Hard-core pornography fans are split (according to a January report on Salon.com) on whether they want male actors to use condoms, but California's Falcon Studios has the technology to serve both audiences. Falcon's actors wear them, but in some movies those condoms might be digitally "removed" during post-production. The major downside, said one renowned director, is the prohibitive cost -- about $100,000 to re-digitize the estimated 90,000 frames in a typical "low-budget" porno film. The Falcon president said he is trying an alternative -- using clever lighting during filming to de-emphasize the condom's presence.

■ Security and law enforcement agencies are looking beyond traditional biometric identification techniques (such as the accurate but obtrusive fingerprint and iris scans and unobtrusive yet questionably accurate facial-recognition) and, based on recent laboratory research, are now considering earwax and underarm odors. Work by Philadelphia's Monell Chemical Senses Center shows that ear secretions may reveal personal identity, ethnicity, health status and sexual orientation, among other information, and researchers at the Polytechnic University of Madrid (Spain) said their work demonstrates that recognizable patterns in body odor remain stable even through disease and diet change (although admitting that even the best odor technology is far inferior to a dog's nose).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1931 - Gambling is legalized in Nevada.
1932 - The Sydney Harbour Bridge is opened.

WORD UP!

venerable
\ VEN-er-uh-buhl \ , adjective;

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The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the Depart-ment of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between $2,500,000 and $3,500,000. The work requires a California Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions should be directed to Mr. Keegan Fahey of the Construction Division, (626) 458-3190. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications shall be submitted via e-mail only to: Mr. Fahey at kfahey@dpw.lacounty.gov. Include ``Pre-bid Questions for RDC0015018`` in the subject line of the e-mail. Prebid questions will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014. The basis of bidding for this contract will be cost plus time, commonly re-ferred to as ``A + B`` bidding. The contract will be awarded to a responsi-ble contractor with the lowest grand total of the cost of the contract bid items (``A``) plus the amount bid for the time of completion (``B``). The contract price will be for the cost of the contract bid items (``A``) portion only. The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for $14 if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for $17 if mailed, which includes postage and handling. The plans available for purchase from the Cashier's Office will be on a compact disc in electronic format only. The contract documents for this project may also be downloaded free of charge by visiting the following website: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/ general/ contracts/ opportunities_ Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is awarded to him. 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/ davis bacon/ 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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Fail-ure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/ or not responsible. The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; how-ever, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Due to the requirements of the use of Fed-eral and State funds on this project, no Local Small Business Enterprise pref-erence will be applied to this project as defined in County Code 2.204. A re-sponsible contractor is one who has demonstrated the attribute of trustwor-thiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfacto-rily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors. The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings. The contract is subject to the requirements of the County of Los Angeles' Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (Defaulted Tax Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206. Bidders should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both contrac-tors and their subcontractors. Bidders will be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of the contract, or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing a certification of compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202, failure to maintain compliance with the Defaulted Tax Program or to cure defects within the time specified may be cause for termination of the contract and/ or initiation of debarment proceedings against the noncompliant contractor. Bids that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered nonresponsive and excluded from further consideration. The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, and liability and worker's compensation insurance with the contract. As provided for in Section 22300 of the State Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent. Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code. Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves. The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. This transportation improvement project was partially funded by Metro. 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