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TAKING OVER: **On-street parking converted into bike parking in Portland, Ore.**

Dilemma for bike-crazy Portland: Parking for cars

BY STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. Though Portlanders are remarkably united when it comes to protecting the environment — curbside composting is the norm and terms such as locavore ubiquitous — a property on aptly named Southeast Division Street has provoked an unexpected backlash against the city's progressive approach to housing its burgeoning population.

The general reason for the controversy — insufficient parking — is typically American. But how this got to be a problem on Division Street typifies Portland, a place proud of its plastic shopping bag ban and global warming "action plan" but still struggling with how to grow while staying green.

Santa Monica too has been struggling with its parking policies, with one City Hall consultant calling for less parking to be built, forcing people to get out of their cars and take public transit or bike. One developer considered building apartments at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street without parking included. That project stalled for lack of financing.

A developer, Dennis Sackhoff, last year demolished what had been the city's landmark lesbian bar and started construction on a four-story, 81-unit apartment building that will include scores of bicycle racks — but not one parking space for automobiles.

It's one of about 30 parking-free apart-

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City Hall offers reprieve to unlicensed businesses

Some merchants will get break on penalties for unpaid license tax

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Finance Department will launch a program in early April to encourage new businesses operating without a business license to get one before more stringent enforcement measures take effect.

Under the "business license amnesty program," a business that has never before applied for a license in Santa Monica may do so and get up to 90 percent of penalties that stacked up during the time it operated illicitly waived.

That would constitute a major savings for businesses and a long-term coup for City Hall, which aims to get more owners into the fold. Officials hope that will result in additional tax dollars for City Hall down the road.

That's important at a time of fiscal belt-tightening in the wake of the loss of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency, said Salvador Valles, the business and operations manager at City Hall.

"What we're looking to do is increase our collections, whether it be a business license tax or a fee that someone owes us," Valles said.

Those that do not take advantage of the amnesty program will face stiffer penalties including citations and possibly criminal charges in what Valles describes as a "proactive discovery program" that will involve the

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Rendering courtesy Gehry Partners, LLC

TO BE OR NOT TO BE? **A rendering of the proposed hotel and condominium project designed by famed architect Frank Gehry.**

Love, hate relationship with Gehry hotel

Design praised by residents, but height a significant concern

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY A Frank Gehry-designed hotel proposed for the heart of Downtown got mixed reviews at its public debut Thursday night, with many happy for a piece by the architectural giant but concerned over its height.

Developer Jeff Worthe and the Frank Gehry Partners team, including the famed architect himself, presented the 144-foot-tall, 125-room luxury hotel proposed for the corner of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard to a standing-room-only crowd in the multipurpose room of Santa Monica's Main Library.

The hotel, which the developers say will be staffed by union workers if built, will be the first building that Gehry has designed in his hometown since the Edgemar Retail Complex was created in 1984, and while it is one-third of the height of a building recently completed in New York City, the 22-story tower was a hard pill for many to swallow.

"Why not build a shorter version?" asked John Smith, a former City Council candidate.

Gehry acknowledged that he had studied smaller models for the site, but said that it's "pretty hard to do something special with that profile."

"You can do it. I got everyone excited about a house and it was only two stories," he

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Medicare 101
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Learn about the four parts of Medicare, eligibility criteria, and other basics all residents should know about the program. To register, call (310) 458-8681.

Book of wonder
Lincoln Middle School
1501 California Ave.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Author R.J. Palacio presents a discussion of "Wonder," followed by a book sale and signing. A staged reading of scenes from "Wonder," directed and adapted for the stage by Edward Edwards, who will precede the author's presentation. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Knit, knit, knit
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Knitting, conversation and tea. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Sunday March 24, 2013

Pop-up chocolate
Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
For the first time ever, Vosges Haut-Chocolat will host an Easter pop-up store for guests and locals to chow down on some holiday treats. The chocolate pop-up store will be the first of a series at the hotel. Stop by and grab a blood orange mimosa and listen to DJ Raul Campos of KCRW. For more information, visit ww.VosgesChocolate.com

Get to pet
Montana Avenue
12 p.m. — 3 p.m.
A kid-friendly spring festival on Montana Avenue will feature a petting zoo with ducks, rabbits and goats. The free afternoon event will be in the parking lot behind 15th and 16th streets between Montana and Alta avenues. There will also be popcorn and face painting.

Steppin' out
Ann and Jerry Moss Theater
3131 Olympic Blvd., 2 p.m.
Herb Alpert and Lani Hall will entertain invited friends and supporters of The Herb Alpert Educational Village. The Alperts will play songs from their next album, "Steppin Out," to be released in spring. The show will include a jazz set and songbook favorites such as "Puttin on the Ritz," "Moondance," "La Vie en Rose," and "Besame Mucho."

Go get her
The Charleston
2460 Wilshire Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Ana Free has been a compulsive songwriter since the age of 11, with over 500 original songs to date. The British pop artist will perform songs from her debut album, "To.Get.Her." Doors open at 6 p.m. so get there early to reserve a table for the night.

Monday, March 25, 2013

Are the kids all right?
Ken Edwards Center
1427 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
The Social Services Commission will meet to discuss a Youth Well-being Report Card presentation by Natasha Guest. Also on the agenda will be the Santa Monica Festival, scheduled to take place on June 1.

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Local service offers dogs a home away from home

BY ALEX VEJAR
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE For pet owners who would rather leave their little critters in the comfort of a home rather than a kennel during their work day or when they travel, there is a scarcity of options in Santa Monica.

Local company DogVacay is looking to change all that.

The company allows users to find, schedule and book appointments with a host, who cares for dogs in their own home. Prospective clients can also register for a free account, read reviews on the hosts and make payments all on their website.

Tatiana Masterson is one of those hosts. In her professional life she works in the music industry doing public relations, managing, tour support, and more. She became interested in the concept of hosting pets in her home after a friend suggested she do that for her own adopted dog, Auggie, when she traveled for work.

"I fell in love with the concept, and I decided to become a host," she said.

Masterson has been hosting since July of last year. With the extra money she makes from DogVacay she is able to pay for her puppy's expenses.

"I'm very thankful because Auggie has the company that he needs and I have the company as well in the way that also I have a little bit of extra cash while working from home," she said. "It's been a great experience."

Prospective hosts go through an approval process before being able to work for DogVacay, said founder and "top dog" Aaron Hirschhorn, who started the company in March of last year in his home with his wife Karine after a negative experience with a dog kennel. The process consists of an online application, a phone interview and reference checks.

"These are people's babies," Hirschhorn said of the detailed approval process. "I love my dog so much, our customers love [their] dogs so much. Everything we can do to make them feel good is what our business is about."

Hirschhorn feels that customers get a different experience than they would if they left their dogs at a kennel.

"What we really feel is so incredible is the opportunity to give your dog individual attention in someone's home, like what they get normally," he said.

Hosts can also send photo and video updates of the owner's dogs while they are away, adding to the unique experience that Hirschhorn promotes.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FAIRMONT MIRAMAR

Red Cross to honor vets, cast of 'NCIS' in April

If you've ever wanted to rub elbows with the cast of "NCIS," veterans, and Fox News' Christine Devine, here's your chance.

The Fairmont Miramar Hotel will play host to the Santa Monica Red Cross' eighth annual Red Tie Affair, scheduled for April 6. The fundraiser, hosted by Devine, will honor the country's service men and women with a salute to the Armed Forces.

The "NCIS" cast and producers will receive the Crystal Cross Award for outstanding support of the American Red Cross. Dr. Richard Corlin of Saint John's Health Center will receive the Rick Crocker Spirit of Volunteerism Award named after Crocker, a Santa Monica police officer, Red Cross volunteer and Iraqi war veteran who died in 2005.

The Red Tie affair is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Santa Monica chapter.

This year's celebration will highlight the relationship between the Red Cross and the men and women of the military and the sacrifices their families have made.

The evening will include celebrities, cocktails, silent and live auctions, and special entertainment. Wearing red is encouraged to show support.

The live auction will feature an electric guitar signed by all the members of Maroon 5, a custom Red Cross surfboard signed by Greg Noll, and a canine ride-along with the Santa Monica canine cop Rambo and his partner.

There will also be the Celebrity Gift Experience where the winner will attend the Emmys in style. The winner will have a car sent to their house and be allowed to hang out in the swag room, where they will take home a gift bag. Last year's swag bag was valued at $30,000.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.redcross.org/ca/santa-monica

– HENRY CRUMBLISH

SM BEACH

Santa Monica one of the best places to fly kites

Santa Monica has been named one of the 10 best places to fly a kite in the nation by John Baressi, owner and editor of Kitelife magazine, in an interview with USA Today.

In anticipation of National Kite Month, the aficionado compiled a list of the top 10 places to fly kites with Santa Monica making the list, along with Edgewater State Park in Cleveland, Ocean City, Md., Kill Devil Hills, N.C., and Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley, Calif.

Baressi, who judged the 2006 World Sport Kite Championships, knows a thing or two about kites, and believes when it comes to his favorite activity, the Southland beaches reign supreme.

"Santa Monica really is a great beach," he said "Any day you go out it's beautiful."

"Naturally as kite-fliers, we're always looking for open space," Baressi said, a commodity in high supply on West Coast beaches. Combined with the consistent, moderate winds, Santa Monica is hard to beat.

– HC



Knowles Adkisson

EXTERMINATOR: **Master falconer Nricco Iseppi and his Harris hawk Maya near his house in Malibu.**

Patrolling the skies

Malibu company uses hawks for pest control

BY KNOWLES ADKISSON
Special to the Daily Press

COLORADO AVENUE It's a hazy Saturday at an office park in Santa Monica, and passers-by skirting a large artificial pond in the park's courtyard can't help but notice master falconer Nricco Iseppi as he explains how he is ridding the park of its sea gull problem. Steps away, tethered docilely on perches, are three magnificent hawks.

As he is speaking, a half-dozen sea gulls land in the middle of the pond. Iseppi puts on a scratched leather glove, walks over to one of the hawks — and the gulls fly off.

"See what I mean? They've learned that they only have a few seconds to drink," he says.

Iseppi, whose company, Pacific Coast Falconry, is based in rural Malibu, is one of a handful of experts across the U.S. who use the ancient practice of falconry — using birds of prey to hunt game for sport — as the basis for a novel method of pest control.

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Ability to attract

Editor:

The proposed Frank Gehry building is striking and iconic. It appears to be some white mystery fabric billowing and undulating in the sea breeze.

Its presence would bring an influx of sophisticated and prosperous visitors to our fair little city by the sea.

"It's the economy, stupid" – plus a vision.

Karen A. Baker
Santa Monica

Teaching both sides

Editor:

Open letters were written by the principal of Samohi and the SMMUSD superintendent in connection with the announcement of the Westboro Church protest – which took place on Feb. 25 near Samohi. Did these "politically correct" letters and the response to the protest by school officials promote tolerance, freedom of thought, freedom of speech, knowledge, or good health?

Quotes from the letter by Samohi's principal read: "Teachers may be discussing issues in classes. We've given them parameters regarding what is acceptable. ... Samohi's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (formerly known as Gay Straight Alliance) is working on a presentation for period-by-period meetings in Barnum Hall. English teachers will be asked to bring their classes to Barnum Hall for a short meeting."

Those quotes appear to imply disapproval of homosexuality was not allowed in classroom discussions. Furthermore, these quotes suggest that teachers may not have been allowed to inform pupils about the following:

– Various religious traditions disapprove of homosexuality.

– Homosexuality activity increases one's risk for certain diseases.

Do pupils (many of whom are truly students) have the right to accurate information on both sides of an issue in an intolerant atmosphere? Should we not at least consider the possibility that there might be wisdom in religious teachings?

I applaud Judson Yaker for coming to the site of the protest and sharing his concern about the role of school officials in the counter demonstration ("Samohi community rallies against anti-gay group," Feb. 25). He asked if teachers would have supported a student protest which opposed homosexuality and if they had considered "what it's like to be a student on the other side, and the angst of not being able to speak."

Let's honor our First Amendment rights and allow balanced discussions!

Dhun May
Santa Monica



Your column here

Sheldon Richman

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Disasters U.S. intervention created

AMERICANS HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE Iraq war, which began 10 years ago this week, and the Afghan war, the longest in American history, but the U.S. government is still throwing its weight around in both countries.

The Iraq war, the pretext for which was nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, officially ended in 2011 with the withdrawal of virtually all of America's combat troops. But the havoc wreaked by the U.S. invasion and regime change goes on. Over 100,000 Iraqis were killed in the war itself, but many more died in the aftermath from sectarian violence and the obliterated infrastructure. (Iraq had never recovered from the destruction inflicted by the U.S. government in the 1991 Gulf War and in the decade of sanctions related to it.) Millions fled their homes.

The U.S. occupation unleashed bitter sectarian violence, complete with U.S.-trained death squads, leading the numerically dominant Shiite Muslims (who are friendly to Iran) to cleanse the Sunnis from Baghdad. A Sunni insurgency against the occupation inflicted heavy casualties until American money managed to have the guns turned on the al-Qaeda affiliate, which was not in Iraq before the U.S. invasion.

On the American side, the deaths approached 4,500, with tens of thousands shattered in body and spirit. For the U.S. taxpayer, the price is over a trillion dollars, with billions lost to sheer corruption in the so-called rebuilding.

The enormity of the crime committed by the Bush administration, with the complicity of cheerleading politicians (Republican and Democrat), journalists, and foreign-policy "experts" cannot be adequately calculated — and the consequences are not all in.

The country is now ruled by a corrupt, authoritarian, and brutal government. The infrastructure is a mess, with water, sanitation, and electricity unreliable. Most significant, the violence continues. Car bombings are common, and the al-Qaeda affiliate is active again — so active that the CIA is "ramping up support to elite Iraqi anti-terrorism units," the Wall Street Journal reports. (And you thought the American war was over!) The irony is that these al-Qaeda fighters have been on the American side in the efforts to overthrow Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi and Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad.

If the Iraqi catastrophe isn't enough to destroy one's confidence in big government, what would it take?

Meanwhile, in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, 300 residents of Wardak province recently held a demonstration demanding that the U.S. government remove its special-operations forces from the province because of the violence they are believed to be supporting.

Last month Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, gave the Americans until March 10 to leave the province, but so far they have not left and Karzai is willing to compromise. The order came after complaints about raids by U.S.-trained Afghan squads that led to the disappearance of Wardak residents. Nine men disappeared after one such nighttime raid. Murder and torture have also been alleged.

THE 9/11 ATTACKS WERE CRIMINAL ACTS INTENDED AS REPRISALS FOR AMERICAN-SPONSORED OPPRESSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The New York Times reports that "the influential Ulema Council … issued a threatening statement," which said, "If the Americans once again do not honor their commitments and keep on disobeying, then this will be considered as an occupation, and they may expect to see a reaction to their action." The Times added that the statement "referred to American forces in Afghanistan as 'infidels,' echoing language used by the Taliban."

The U.S. command denies the allegations, and an investigation is underway. It should be noted, however, that the U.S. military trained and supported similarly brutal militias ("death squads") in Iraq, just as it did in Latin America in the 1980s.

Whatever the investigation reveals, the controversy demonstrates the perils of invasion and occupation. People resent foreign forces on their soil, and the Afghans are no exception. They have driven out foreigners many times in the past, most recently the powerful Soviet Union.

U.S. officials say the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan were key to national security after 9/11. Even Barack Obama, who built a presidential campaign on opposing the Iraq war, claims it did much good after all.

Nonsense.

The 9/11 attacks were criminal acts intended as reprisals for American-sponsored oppression in the Middle East. The U.S. response has not made America safer — it has created new enemies. What did you expect of the corrupt, power-hungry incompetents who call themselves American "public servants?"

Next on the agenda: Iran.

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The Q Line

Running around town

The Los Angeles Marathon returned to Santa Monica this week. Tens of thousands of runners and even more friends, family and fans crammed the streets for the big day.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think city officials handled the event properly, or do you have advice for managing the throngs of people next year?

Here are your responses:

"I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD ALLOW the marathon in Santa Monica or by the beach at all. The people who run will run anywhere. So move it to the desert or to an outlying town like Cucamonga. Don't disrupt all of us who live on the Westside. Stop the marathons at the beach."

"SANTA MONICA'S GOT A WORLD-CLASS reputation. So, I think that the marathon has been handled very well, and brought more notoriety to this lovely city by the sea. ... It would be nice to have smoother streets to ride one's wheelchair on."

"MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO RUN THE race somewhere else. Four or five times a year this town [is impacted] by some kind of 10k run, turkey trot, bike-a-thon or walk-a-thons. The closures of streets is a huge disruption of the many for the few. All of these events bring out the usual boosters. The guy in the wheelchair, the woman running for cancer, the businessperson who donates to a politician's retirement fund, and thinks that he and the city will clean up monetarily. They are there to promote your guilt and dismiss your inconvenience. Runners, next to bicyclists, are the biggest a-holes this side of creation. They believe the streets, your time and money, your aggravation are small tributes to their physical vanity. Rerouting the race to end somewhere else would give a less fortunate city the chance to experience the pride of running for gridlock."

"AT THE BEND AT SAN VICENTE AND Ocean, there was not much encouragement between there and the finish, I thought. The chain-link fences around the California Incline were an insult to spectators, as was the screening after the finish line. People were waiting to see their friends and were unable to."

"THE QUESTION REALLY SHOULDN'T BE about the throngs of people who descend upon Santa Monica for the marathon. The question really should be about the throngs of residents in Santa Monica who basically are cut off and stranded while the marathon is going on for the better portion of the half day. For instance, the Big Blue Bus does not provide service north of Wilshire during the marathon. Which means the elderly, the disabled people who need to get to work, people who need to run errands, cannot do what is necessary for their lives. There is no shuttle bus going up and down for people living above Wilshire Boulevard. They are simply cut off from civilization; people who rely on public transportation. This has been going on for three years. The Big Blue Bus people are unresponsive, and a representative from City Hall indicated that the people up here should 'share a taxi.'"

"I THINK THE MARATHON IS GREAT FOR the city of Santa Monica. I believe it helps local businesses make money and helps promote the city as a beautiful place that encourages exercise and living a healthy lifestyle. I saw the traffic moving fairly well. There didn't seem to be any major problems. I liked the festive crowds and all the different faces. Then again, I rode my bike Downtown because I knew driving would be suicide. I believe it's a small inconvenience for something that is truly historic and iconic."

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Techie fired after tweeting about men's comments

BY MARTHA MENDOZA & SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. A female developer was fired after tweeting about a group of men she said were making sexual comments at a computer programming conference, fueling an already vigorous debate about gender equality and culture in Silicon Valley.

Adria Richards wrote on her blog, butyouareagirl.com, that she was seated in a ballroom at the Santa Clara conference Sunday when the men behind her started talking about "big dongles."

A dongle is a device that plugs into a computer, but Richards tweeted that the men made the comment in a sexual way.

After hearing their remarks, Richards turned around, took a photo of two men and posted it on Twitter with their alleged comments.

Conference organizers said they were concerned by the tweet and quickly met with Richards and the men, who immediately apologized.

"We pulled all the individuals aside. We got all sides of the story. They said she was right, and they were very apologetic," said Jesse Noller, who chaired the conference, PyCon 2013, for people working on Python programming language.

Richards worked for SendGrid, a technology company with offices in Orange County and Colorado. CEO Jim Franklin wrote on the company's website that SendGrid agreed with Richards' right to report the incident to Pycon staff, but not the way she reported it.

"Her decision to tweet the comments and photographs of the people who made the comments crossed the line," Franklin wrote in a blog post on the site. "Publicly shaming the offenders — and bystanders — was not the appropriate way to handle the situation."

Franklin said Richards put the company's business in danger, divided the developer community and could no longer be effective at the company.

One of the men in the photo Richards posted has also been let go from his job at San Francisco-based mobile game company PlayHaven.

"PlayHaven had an employee who was identified as making inappropriate comments at PyCon, and as a company that is dedicated to gender equality and values honorable behavior, we conducted a thorough investigation. The result of this investigation led to the unfortunate outcome of having to let this employee go," PlayHaven CEO Andy Yang said in a blog posting.

The company did not release the name of the fired employee, but said a second man in the photo "is still with the company and a valued employee."

"We believe in the importance of discussing sensitive topics such as gender and conduct and we hope to move forward with a civil dialogue based on the facts," said Yang.

Gender gaps are the hot topic in Silicon Valley, in large part because of the bestselling book "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer at Facebook. Sandberg has launched a "Lean In" movement to encourage and support women in the workplace.

Richards, reached Friday by The Associated Press, said she couldn't comment. But she confirmed her blog and tweets, along with the report that she was fired.

"Have you ever had a group of men sitting right behind you making joke that caused you to feel uncomfortable? Well, that just happened this week but instead of shrinking down in my seat, I did something about it .," Richards wrote in her blog post about the incident.

She said she was spurred in part by a photo of a young girl on the stage at the time, and the thought that the men seated behind her would make it impossible for the girl to learn programming.

The men were not identified by name.

Richards said she also had confronted a man earlier after he told her what she thought was a sexist joke at the conference.

"There is something about crushing a little kid's dream that gets me really angry," Richards wrote. "Women in technology need consistent messaging from birth through retirement they are welcome, competent and valued in the industry."

SendGrid was founded in 2009 and has developed a cloud-based email system, according to its website.

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Ailing San Onofre nuke plant eyes summer restart

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The operator of the troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant in California said Friday it might seek a rewrite of its operating rules as a way to get one of the shuttered reactors in service by summer, officials said Friday.

The announcement at a Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting in Maryland marked an abrupt change of direction for Southern California Edison, which has been trying to clear a series of regulatory hurdles to restart one of the twin reactors, Unit 2.

San Onofre has been shut down since January 2012, after a small radiation leak led to the discovery of unusual damage to hundreds of tubes that carry radioactive water.

The commission has been reviewing the company's plan to restart the reactor, which was submitted last year.

On Friday, officials said the company might seek the rewrite of plant operating rules that, if approved, would allow the Unit 2 reactor to run at reduced power. It would also argue that running the reactor at 70 percent capacity would pose no significant safety risk.

That proposal, technically known as a license amendment, came as a surprise since Edison has long argued such a revision was unnecessary to restart the plant.

If approved by federal regulators, the move would offer a potentially quicker way to a restart.

"We want to do every responsible thing we can do to get Unit 2 up and running safely before the summer heat hits our region," SCE President Ron Litzinger said in a statement.

He added that the company wanted to pursue the best path to a safe restart while avoiding unnecessary delays.

Anti-nuclear activists who have opposed the restart accused Edison of trying to circumvent a thorough review by the NRC and restart troubled machinery.

"Edison is more focused on making profits than it is in assuring the safety of millions of Southern Californians living near these reactors," Damon Moglen of the advocacy group Friends of the Earth said in a statement.

The company needs the approval of the NRC to restart the plant. Spokesman Victor Dricks said the agency had not received the proposal from Edison.

The problems at San Onofre focus on its steam generators, which were installed in a $670 million overhaul in 2009 and 2010.

Last year, federal regulators blamed heavy tube wear in the generators on a botched computer analysis that they said misjudged how water and steam would flow in the reactors, along with manufacturing problems.

The generators, which resemble massive steel fire hydrants, control heat in the reactors and operate somewhat like a car radiator. At San Onofre, each one stands 65 feet high and weighs 1.3 million pounds, with 9,727 U-shaped tubes inside that are each 0.75 inch in diameter.

Overall, NRC records show investigators found wear from friction and vibration in 15,000 places, in varying degrees, in 3,401 tubes inside the plant's four generators, two in each reactor.

The plant is owned by SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside.

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Judges side with FDA in rejecting stem cell device

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
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WASHINGTON A federal appeals court has sided with the Food and Drug Administration in a case brought by medical device maker Cytori, ruling that the agency was correct to reject fast-track approval for two company devices used to process adult stem cells.

Cytori Therapeutics Inc. makes the Celution and StemSource devices which separate adult stem cells from fat tissue using a combination of spinning motions and chemical reactions. The company is studying the technology for a variety of medical uses, including breast reconstruction, burn healing and treating damaged heart tissue. The technology has even been adopted by some plastic surgeons, who claim adult stem cells can be injected into the face, breast and other areas to create a younger look.

Medical devices cannot be marketed in the U.S. without prior approval by the FDA.

Cytori asked the FDA in 2011 to approve the Celution and StemSource devices using a fast-track pathway reserved for devices that are similar to products already on the market. Cytori argued that its technology is similar to that used to process cells from blood and bone marrow.

The FDA rejected that argument and told the company it would need to apply through a more rigorous process that involves large studies with human participants.

A three-judge panel backed that decision in a ruling issued Friday.

"FDA concluded and explained that fat is not blood and that the difference matters. A court is ill-equipped to second-guess that kind of agency scientific judgment," states the opinion, written by Judge Brett Kavanaugh. "After careful review, we find FDA's assessment both reasonable and reasonably explained."

The ruling was signed by fellow Judges Janice Rogers Brown and David Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The judges noted that the study Cytori submitted to the FDA for approval included only 12 patients, too small for regulators to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the technology.

Cytori downplayed the significance of the ruling Friday in an interview with The Associated Press, saying the company had effectively abandoned the shortcut approval pathway, known as the 510k process.

"What you're really seeing today is an old story in some ways, because our pathway to a 510k had effectively been removed from peoples' consciousness several years ago when we were getting these rejections," said Mark Saad, the company's chief financial officer. "This is a final adjudication of that."

Saad said that Cytori has already begun enrolling patients in a larger trial that will be used to seek traditional FDA approval. The study is looking at stem cell injections to treat heart disease, but approval for that use is not expected until about 2017, according to Saad. It usually takes companies several years and millions of dollars to conduct large studies of medical devices.

Shares of San Diego-based Cytori Therapeutics Inc. fell 5 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $2.72 in afternoon trading.

Adult stem cells are found in bone, fat and tissue throughout the body and are thought to be able to morph into several different cell types. They differ from embryonic stem cells, whose use has been heatedly debated because their use involves the destruction of human embryos.

Cytori won a $4.7 million Defense Department contract last September to study the use of fat-derived stem cells in treating thermal burns and radiation injuries. The company's technology is already approved in Europe for several uses, including breast reconstruction in patients who have had cancerous tumors removed.

Cytori stresses that it does not market its products in the U.S. for use in stem cell procedures. However, the company has previously sold its $100,000 devices to plastic surgeons across the U.S. for use as "laboratory equipment" for research, a gray area which is not overseen by the FDA.

Surgeons in Los Angeles, Miami and elsewhere claim to have used Cytori-processed cells to perform "stem cell facelifts," which they market as an alternative to the incisions and implants of traditional plastic surgery. But there are few studies to support such claims, and the FDA has not approved any therapies using stem cells for cosmetic use.

Saad said Cytori is not responsible for how researchers use the device and that the company is cooperating as much as possible with the FDA.

"Do we have 100 percent control over what third party doctors do with things they find? Of course not," Saad said. "People have the ability, under the practice of medicine, to do a variety of things and it's up to their medical boards to review them."

When asked if the Cytori continues to sell its devices to doctors for research use Saad said: "We are not promoting it to researchers in the U.S. That's the cleanest and tightest way to say it."

Last year the two largest professional societies for plastic surgeons issued a joint statement calling on their members to avoid stem cell procedures. A review of the medical literature found little human data to support the benefits of injecting stem cells into patients, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

"The public needs to understand that while there is a scientific basis for this, it's just too early to say it's an effective treatment in humans," said Dr. Peter Rubin of the University of Pittsburgh in an interview with the Associated Press at the time of the statement's release. Rubin headed the task force that reviewed the evidence on stem cell therapies.

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Burger Lounge aiming to stand out from the herd



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BEAT THEIR MEAT: **The Elk Burger at Downtown Santa Monica's latest restaurant, Burger Lounge.**

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. A LONG LUNCH line that snakes out the door of the brand new Burger Lounge seems to signal success. The location may play a role as it is situated in the heart of Downtown Santa Monica between the Third Street Promenade and Second Street on Arizona Avenue. Furthermore, there really is not a premier burger joint on the promenade. Being a popular franchise, the Burger Lounge should fit right in along the likes of Tender Greens, Urban Outfitters, and all the other brand names in the area.

What sets the Burger Lounge apart from the rest of the high volume burger purveyors, according to them, is grass-fed beef sourced from one family farm in the Midwest. Apparently, most other places go with corn fed cows; not something that I have pondered too deeply, but a point that the Burger Lounge proudly advertises.

The grass-fed cow, which eats from a pasture and is not "finished" on a diet of grains and supplements for rapid weight gain, is said by its promoters to be better for the planet (less energy goes into growing grass than grain); better for the beef eater (less overall fat, and more omega-3s and other "good" fats); and better for the cow (critics decry feedlot practices as inhumane). It's also more expensive per pound. So I guess it's true — you do get what you pay for.

My editor joined me for lunch this week at the lounge and he did not distinguish anything particularly different from the Burger Lounge's brand of burgers, however, the texture was another story. A burger that seemed to be smashed down on the griddle and quickly fried to high heaven did render a crispy exterior yet maintained a moist inside. Moist is a word that many people loath, but I can't say that it was downright juicy. Going with the Elk Burger myself did seem exotic, but there was nothing discerningly different from it and the beef variety. Topped with jicama, fried pork bellies and chipotle aioli did add some flair though.

The menu is limited, which is a good thing. I tend to worry when I see a menu that looks like the Sunday paper with page after page of offerings. No way a restaurant can offer that many dishes and still keep the food fresh. You have no idea how many people are going to order that Philly cheese steak or the lasagna so you risk ingredients going bad. To save money, some will try and cut corners. The better decision would be to offer a limited menu that is based on what's in season.

The Burger Lounge keeps things to the point with your standard selection of burgers, salads, sides and fountain drinks. To provide some variety, they offer a special burger of the month. That's why I went with the Elk. There are gluten free options, which has become more important over the last few years as more people seem to be coming down with the gluten allergy. The lounge also serves beer and wine.

The interior is some sort of contemporary, new age, modern, something or other thought up by some designer who knew what he was doing. For an interesting dining experience find a seat toward the back of the house. There is an open yoga studio adjacent to the dining area. I'm not sure what is more awkward, devouring a burger and fries and watching yoga, or some girl in her vinyasa flow class in a warrior pose watching me chow down.

For a great burger in Santa Monica take your pick. Montana Avenue has Father's Office. If you're on Main Street try M Street or Brick + Mortar. I recommend Shaka Shack Burgers and of course The Counter on Ocean Park Boulevard. For Mid-City, Hole In The Wall is where it's at. For Downtown, Curious Palate used to take my top honors, but for something more in the mix try the Burger Lounge. It certainly beats Johnny Rockets, Barney's Beanery, or Yankee Doodles.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.



Giving asparagus a crunchy 'bake-fried' treatment

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

What I wanted? A simple recipe — any recipe, any trick, any technique — that would entice my 8-year-old son to embrace broccoli.

What I got? A simple recipe that ended up so good, so crispy, so delicious I no longer cared if he ate the broccoli (he did), because I wanted it all to myself.

And it was pathetically easy. I wanted something that accentuated, rather than masked, the flavor of the broccoli. I wanted something that appealed with both texture and taste. And that meant that as far as technique went, steaming and boiling were right out. We'd be doing some roasting or frying.

For inspiration, I considered the vegetable tempura served at Japanese restaurants. I liked the idea, but not all the fat (not to mention mess, trouble and time) that goes with the frying of it. So my goal was a crispy coated vegetable that cooked up without a lot of oil.

I started by cutting the broccoli into small florets. Small pieces not only cook faster, they also collectively provide more surface area. And more surface area meant more coating and more crunch.

Since I wasn't frying, my coating would need to be made from dry ingredients (traditional tempura coating is a pancake-like batter), and those ingredients would need some sort of glue if they were to stick to my florets. Eggs whites were an easy choice. I whisked a few (from a carton for ease) in a very large bowl. Then I added my florets and used my hands to toss until thoroughly coated.

Onward to my dry coating. Breadcrumbs were an obvious choice, but I wanted something with more body and more flavor. After several attempts, almond flour (sold in the gluten-free and natural foods sections, or made at home by grinding almonds in the food processor) proved to be the best choice.

Once I'd seasoned my almond flour, it was just a matter of tossing the egg white-coated florets a few at a time in the almond mixture. For even roasting on all sides of the florets, I set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet, then arranged the florets on the rack. A quick roast at high heat resulted in deliciously crisp, savory and — dare I say — meaty broccoli.

But since we're coming into spring, I wanted to see just how adaptable this recipe is. Turns out it produces equally good crispy asparagus. Because asparagus is much smoother than broccoli, the coating doesn't adhere quite as evenly, but it's still delicious.

Almond-crusted bake-fried asparagus

Start to finish: 35 minutes (15 minutes active)
Servings: 6
6 egg whites
1 1/2 cups almond flour
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons kosher salt
3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 bunches asparagus, tough bottoms trimmed

Heat the oven to 450 degrees. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.

In a very large bowl, whisk the egg whites until frothy. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, mix together the almond flour, garlic powder, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper.

Place the asparagus in the egg whites and gently roll or toss until all of the spears are coated and moistened. A few spears at a time, transfer the asparagus to the almond flour mixture. Roll the spears in the mixture until evenly and well coated. If needed, pat the coating on with your hands. Arrange the coated spears on the prepared rack. When all of the spears are on the rack, spritz them lightly with cooking spray.

Roast for 20 minutes, or until crispy and lightly browned. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 190 calories; 110 calories from fat (58 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 12 g protein; 700 mg sodium.

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Pan-seared pound cake becomes easy Easter dessert

BY ALISON LADMAN
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NO SWEAT: **If you can make a grilled-cheese sandwich, you can make this pan-seared pound cake dessert.**

How do you make pound cake even more buttery and delicious? Easy! Pan-sear slices of it with butter and sugar.

If you know how to make a grilled cheese, you can make this dessert, which is a perfect ending to an Easter — or any springtime — dinner. Pan-seared pound cake is decadent and rich, so we've paired it with a fresh, minty fruit salad for balance. Looking for even more indulgence? Top the whole thing with whipped cream spiked with powdered sugar and orange liqueur.

Looking for a little less indulgence? Opt for banana bread instead of pound cake and top the fruit salad with a dollop of nonfat Greek yogurt.

Pan-seared pound cake with minty fruit salad

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 8
2 tablespoons sugar, divided
3 navel oranges, peeled and segmented
1 cup blueberries
1 cup raspberries
1 cup quartered strawberries
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
8 thick slices purchased or homemade pound cake
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

In a medium bowl, combine 1 tablespoon of the sugar with the orange segments, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, lemon juice and mint. Stir gently, then set aside.

Spread both sides of each slice of the pound cake with a bit of the butter, lightly coating the surface. Use the remaining tablespoon of sugar to sprinkle over both sides of each slice.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium. Working in batches, toast the cake slices for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until golden and caramelized. Serve warm and topped with the fruit salad.

Nutrition information per serving: 340 calories; 150 calories from fat (44 percent of total calories); 17 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 165 mg cholesterol; 46 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 5 g protein; 280 mg sodium.





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ment buildings that have been recently completed or are in some stage of development in the city, mostly in the cozy neighborhoods on the east side, across the Willamette River from downtown.

Developers such as Sackhoff are capitalizing on one of the nation's tightest rental markets while following Portland zoning rules that require them to provide parking for bicycles but not cars.

The people who already live in these neighborhoods worry about increased traffic and an inability to find parking in front of their places. And though the apartments are intended for those with a bicycle-first mentality, most of the new tenants are not choosing a car-free existence.

"The developer says he is trying to give Portland what it says it wants, but in reality, Portland wants it both ways," said John Golden, a high school teacher trying to stop, or at least reduce, the size of another four-story apartment building in the works near his northeast Portland house.

Sackhoff, who declined to be interviewed, is the developer on that project, too.

Portland has carefully charted a course that has made it one of the most environmentally friendly urban areas in the country. Its strategic planning emphasizes the use of alternative forms of transportation, such as light-rail, a streetcar, skateboarding and bicycles. A major bridge is under construction across the Willamette that will be off-limits to cars.

The zoning rules and planning goals that spawned the surge in parking-free apartments were meant to discourage people from owning cars and also entice developers to build apartments closer to downtown, limiting the type of farmland-devouring sprawl seen in many U.S. metropolitan areas.

Mayor Charlie Hales was on the City Council in 2002 when it approved a zoning change that allowed housing to be constructed without parking if it's within 500 feet of a bus or light-rail stop with frequent service. That's defined as an arrival every 20 minutes.

Hales said he envisioned developers building condominium- or townhouse-sized apartments on top of retail stores. He did not expect boxy, four-story buildings packed with studios and one-bedroom apartments.

For almost a decade, his vision was right. But then Portland found itself with an apartment shortage following the condominium boom and ensuing real-estate bust, and developers saw a chance to fill the desperate need.

Hales said he remains a champion of "density," a word you hear a lot in Portland, but the city has to make adjustments so that future buildings better "fit into the urban fabric."

"It is a good thing that we're building up and not out," Hales told The Associated Press. "But we also have to be pragmatic in the present day. People still own cars."

The city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has proposed that developers of larger apartment buildings — those with at least 40 units — include at least one parking space for every four units. Hales said he has yet to decide if that's the right target.

Joe Zehnder, Portland's chief planner, said the city is looking for a middle ground that takes some pressure off of streets like Division but does not create so much parking that the city is one day awash in unused spaces.

Car-sharing programs are proliferating and the national trend, especially for younger people, shows a decline in vehicle ownership, he said.

Justin Wood, a developer and associate director of the Home Builders Association of Metro Portland, said Zehnder's idea is a good compromise for a city that wants to limit sprawl, steer people away from driving and have relatively affordable apartments.

According to city estimates, it costs developers $3,000 per space for surface parking, $20,000 per space for structured parking and $55,000 per space for underground parking. Wood notes that many of the planned buildings are on small lots, making it a challenge to install parking spaces.

Wood said he wouldn't like to see a four-story building with no parking rise next to his house. But the only other way the city could handle the newcomers is to embrace the suburban-style growth that makes most Portlanders cringe.

"You're not going to stop people from moving to Portland," he said.

City leaders want to see them in neighborhoods with a mix of residential and commercial structures, so people can be a quick walk or bike ride away from restaurants, coffee shops and grocery stores.

A city survey of residents in the parking-free buildings found that 72 percent own cars, but only half that many drive to work. They keep a vehicle for trips across town or weekend getaways.

Ryan McGuire, 30, moved to Portland from St. Paul, Minn., last year and lives in the 50-unit Irvington Garden Apartments. The building in northeast Portland has more than 50 bike racks but no parking.

McGuire said he and his girlfriend both have bikes and share one car. As the city survey suggests, McGuire said he keeps a car to go snowboarding and "haul stuff."

On-street parking also does not appear to be that difficult to find on Division Street, the epicenter of the apartment boom. Ample spaces were found during three recent visits to the neighborhood, on different days and at different times.

That, however, will likely change when more of the planned apartment buildings reach completion, including the 81-unit building that is the largest project on what has become a trendy stretch of the city. Construction on that building has stopped, at least temporarily, because of an Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals ruling that involves a technicality unrelated to the lack of parking.

Elisabeth Varga, who lives near the building and was one of the people who filed the Appeals Board complaint, emphasized that she and other opponents favor density, as long as it's done responsibly. Parking is just one issue, she said. Traffic congestion is another, and the four-story building is "out of scale" with the rest of the neighborhood.

"People move to Portland for the quality of life," she said. "Part of quality of life is being able to access your streets and not be towered over by a monster of a building."

Zehnder, the city planner, said Portland's policy goals of becoming less car-dependent while growing taller instead of wider appear to be working, but he understands why it may be alarming to residents such as Varga.

"Now you're seeing it," he said of the density. "And it's one thing to think it hypothetically, it's one thing to see it happen and it's another thing entirely to see it happen as much at one time as they're seeing it on Division."

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help of the State Franchise Tax Board and Los Angeles County.

The amnesty program is one part enforcement and one part education.

Officials believe that there are 700 businesses without licenses in Santa Monica, but many may not realize that they need to pay the tax, particularly if they are home-based or contractors that may do work in the city but do not live here.

"Oftentimes, they are small businesses, so the tax burden isn't great," Valles said. "These are groups that don't think they rise to the level of a business."

Getting the license wouldn't add much of a burden to businesses like these, he said.

For the most part, if their revenues are less than $40,000, they can claim an exemption and pay no tax at all. Up to about $60,000, the tax is only $75.

Beyond those two revenue brackets, owners pay a specific fee per $1,000 in gross receipts, depending on the kind of operation that they run.

It's still important for City Hall to know where those businesses are for zoning reasons, and to ensure that neighborhoods aren't impacted by increased foot traffic or parking woes as a result of their presence.

The 90 percent discount on penalties — which does not include the cost of the license itself — can represent a real savings to out-of-compliance outfits.

In fiscal year 2011-12, City Hall collected $26.3 million in business license taxes and penalties, with late payments ranging between 20 and 100 percent of the tax due, according to a staff report.

The amount in licenses fluctuates from year to year as new businesses come online. Revenues jumped by 3.3 percent between 2010-11 and 2011-12, mainly because Santa Monica Place reopened.

Santa Monica last used an amnesty program in 2004, which collected approximately $588,000 in unpaid taxes. Other jurisdictions like Burbank and Pasadena have seen results from similar programs, and even the state government got in on the action, netting $350 million for an amnesty program relating to offshore accounts and tax shelters and $1.3 billion in a "voluntary compliance initiative" in 2004.

Those that don't take advantage of the program could face severe penalties compared to the 10 percent that they would otherwise pay.

It could result in an audit for the business and potentially legal action, particularly in the case of large businesses.

"It's not that unthinkable that they would because we do confront that sometimes and make a direct referral to the City Attorney's Office to prosecute them," Valles said.

The program will stretch from April 8 through May 24. Those interested will be able to get additional information about the program, including required forms, when City Hall launches the program website (www.smgov.net.businesslicense) on Monday.

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said, referencing his Santa Monica home built in 1971 to the delight of many in the room.

As proposed, the building will also include 22 luxury condominiums and a 460-space parking garage, and will be capped by an observation deck that members of the public can visit to look out over the ocean.

Although the company plans to charge for access to the deck, proceeds will go to the local school district, Worthe said.

Immediately north of the site, Worthe and his partners at M. David Paul Associates plan a 36,000-square-foot museum that will incorporate two landmarked structures, a Spanish Colonial style house and a Victorian as well as a third building which will be designed by Gehry.

Worthe presented it as one of the key community benefits of the site, one which appeared in the plans for the first time roughly two years ago to replace a proposed sculpture garden.

"Residents will go to this more than once," Worthe said. "The sculpture garden is not a lasting experience."

The developers expect the project to generate $72.7 million per year in direct and indirect spending, 1,394 jobs during operations and $4 million in new tax revenues to the city, as well as the money for the school district.

Height became the biggest obstacle for the development team, which presented its case as a compromise between a tall building and one with no open space.

The tower will encompass 12 percent of the total site, said Tensho Takemori, a partner at Gehry Partners LLP.

Make it lower, the team argued, and the museum may have to be sacrificed.

While some in the room seemed to have no problem with that — shouting, "We didn't ask for a museum!" — others described the building as delicate, and seemed excited to have a Gehry-designed hotel in the Downtown location.

In fact, the same development team did propose a smaller hotel on the portion of the site that will now be the museum in 2007. It would have included under 80 rooms, but they let that application expire, Worthe said.

He now believes that 125 rooms is as small a hotel as they can build and still operate at an efficient level, and the condominiums are critical if the 36,000-square-foot museum will be included.

It's as good of a spot as any for a relatively tall building, placed far from residential neighborhoods and in the context of Downtown, said Kenneth Breisch, director of USC Programs in Historical Preservation and former Santa Monica Planning Commissioner between 1993 and 2000.

"It's interesting that Santa Monica has begun to look again at high rise buildings, which seemed out of the question not that long ago," Breisch said. "There has been and will continue to be local opposition to anything like that, but it has advantages of opening up more public space and consolidating the development as opposed to spreading it out over a larger footprint, which can be detrimental."

It may be time for the world-renowned architect to have the space to build an iconic structure in his own town, Breisch said.

There's one factor that's stood in the way of that so far.

"I haven't done much in Santa Monica except my house, partly because the people who came with projects weren't people who were interested in making buildings that I would call architecture," Gehry said.

Aside from the relatively warm reception, there was another factor that set the meeting apart.

This was only the second public meeting held at the beginning of a development agreement process run by the developer rather than city officials.

It removed barriers, allowing residents to ask questions directly to the people in charge of decision-making, said Mary Marlow, member of the Ocean Park Association.

"We get to talk to people themselves and get it from the source," Marlow said.

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DOG
FROM PAGE 3

In case of a pet emergency, DogVacay has a 24-hour service that a host can call, as well as a partnership with VCA Animal Hospitals, which provides emergency veterinary care to all of their customers, all paid for by the company, Hirschhorn said.

The company doesn't only care for dogs. Customers have used the service for cats, rabbits, and even a pig, Hirschhorn said.

In the time that it has been in business, DogVacay has grown to having 10,000 hosts all across the United States and Canada, Hirschhorn said.

"The real business is the hosts," he said.

DogVacay's pricing ranges from $15 to $50 per night, with the norm being under $30, which can be half of what someone would pay for a kennel depending on the quality of the facility and the types of services offered, Hirschhorn said.

According to the trade group American Pet Products Association, it is projected that people will spend $55.53 billion on services and products related to pets, $5.54 billion for grooming and boarding alone.

For more information, to find a host, or to become a host, visit dogvacay.com.



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BEST FRIENDS: **Tatiana Masterson plays with her dog Auggie in her Santa Monica home, where she cares for other dogs as a host for the company DogVacay.**

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OUT OF REACH

Photo courtesy Matthew Hynes

A member of UCLA's beach volleyball team, ranked no. 7 in the country, dives for the ball during a match Thursday against no. 9 Nebraska at the Annenberg Community Beach House. The Bruins lost a 3-2 decision. It was UCLA's home opener. They play next at Annenberg on April 3 against Loyola Marymount.

HAWK
FROM PAGE 3

In 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began issuing permits to licensed master falconers to use raptors to "flush or haze" nuisance birds such as crows, sea gulls and starlings, among others. Instead of killing the nuisance birds, falconers unleash birds of prey to harass them. Over periods of weeks and months the unwanted birds become conditioned to avoid the area and seek an alternative.

"I'm forcing them to become hungry until they find another place to seek another source of food," Iseppi says, "and this place doesn't have a problem anymore."

Iseppi is one of 92 master falconers across the country with the federal bird abatement license. He says the solution lasts longer — and is more humane — than common deterrents such as needle strips, electrified shock tracks, hot glue pads and poisons. That's because the memory of one of his hawks chasing after them is enough to keep nuisance birds away long after he's gone.

Office complexes, landfills, military airports and hospital landing pads (where roosting birds can cause air strikes) are common clients of his, Iseppi said. Farms and vineyards have hired falconers to protect their crops from large flocks of starlings, and oil refineries in Texas, Montana and nearby Torrance, Calif., are increasingly turning to falconers to prevent starlings from fouling their facilities.

Three days a week, Iseppi shows up at the park with his Harris hawks. (Their names are Maya, Melvin and Mowgli — for the "Jungle Book" character.) In the seven weeks Iseppi has been at the office park in Santa Monica the number of gulls, pigeons and crows has dwindled from hundreds to a few, he says, and the remaining gulls have migrated away from the sidewalks and lunch tables — close to a preschool in the office park — to taking quick, nervous gulps from the pond before flying off.

On Saturday, Iseppi lets Mowgli loose and he flies off into a nearby tree, spooking another flock of lingering gulls. After a few minutes, Iseppi blows a whistle and Mowgli swoops back in (a little terrifyingly), and is rewarded with a piece of quail.

Ten feet away, a pair of mallard ducks bobs on the water.

"What's kind of cool is how selective this is," Iseppi says. "It makes my job more difficult [not to scare off the ducks]. The managers like to have the ducks for the customers."

How he manages it is a neat trick, because evolutionarily speaking, hawks are bred to hunt. It's also in his best interest to avoid a blood-spattered mess in the middle of a corporate campus.

Part of it is down to the difference in species — ducks can dive into the water, while sea gulls cannot. Some of it comes down to Iseppi knowing his hawks' body language and moods.

But he also keeps meticulous logs, weighing his hawks twice a day down to the tenth of a gram. He knows exactly how hungry they are at a given time, and when they are working, he makes sure they have been fed enough not to snap and kill a nuisance bird, although it sometimes happens.

"If a hawk is hungry, he'll kill [the duck]; if he's peckish, it's much easier to get him to fly back to the glove for food," Iseppi says. "It's a weight management thing."

On Saturday, Iseppi knows that Mowgli weighs about 725 grams. "If I cut his rations for two days, the next time he saw that duck, he'd attack it," he adds.

Whenever land is cleared for development, predators are removed. In a perfect world, Iseppi says, developers and architects would plan ahead to avoid attracting birds with helipads close to beaches, or not put farms directly under migratory bird routes.

"Ideally, we'd live in a world where we could all just get along, that John Lennon world," Iseppi muses.

Until then, he'll be gladly flying his hawks over Southern California.

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SURF REPORT



Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.1°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Building and fading WNW and SW swell combo;
Larger sets possible for top SSW spots; stay tuned

SUNDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW swell builds further, plus sets at standout spots; small WNW swell mix

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 20, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 22
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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 Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	B
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17338 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	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+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	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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MLB

MLB sues Fla. clinic over banned player drugs

BY CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI Major League Baseball on Friday sued a now-shuttered South Florida clinic and its operators, accusing them of scheming to provide banned performance-enhancing drugs to players in violation of their contracts.

The lawsuit in Miami-Dade Circuit Court seeks unspecified damages from Coral Gables anti-aging clinic Biogenesis of America and its operator, Anthony Bosch. Several other Bosch associates are named in the lawsuit. A phone message left for a Bosch representative wasn't immediately returned, and associates have previously said Anthony Bosch is out of the country.

MLB contends the clinic's operators solicited players to use banned substances knowing that would violate their contracts, specifically the drug prevention and treatment program that became effective in 2003. That program, part of baseball's collective bargaining agreement with players, includes a list of banned substances, lays out penalties for violations and imposes testing requirements.

Because of the alleged conspiracy, the lawsuit contends MLB has suffered "costs of investigation, loss of goodwill, loss of revenue and profits and injury to its reputation, image, strategic advantage and fan relationships," attorneys Allen Weitzman and Matthew Menchel wrote in the complaint.

Although it seeks money damages, the lawsuit also could provide a way for MLB to more deeply investigate Biogenesis and Bosch through depositions of witnesses and subpoenas to obtain documents. MLB was rebuffed in an effort to obtain clinic records from the alternative Miami New Times newspaper, which has published detailed accounts of the alleged player drug use.

Among those implicated are New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, outfielder Melky Cabrera of the Toronto Blue Jays, Washington pitcher Gio Gonzalez, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon, Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz and San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal. Most have denied the Biogenesis link, although Rodriguez has admitted using performance-enhancing drugs earlier in his career and Colon, Cabrera and Grandal were each suspended for 50 games last year for testing positive for elevated testosterone levels.

The lawsuit also contends that former star Manny Ramirez, who is now signed to play for a team in Taiwan, obtained a prohibited substance from Bosch in 2009 that ultimately resulted in Ramirez's 50-game suspension by MLB when he was with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The suit marks the first time MLB has gone on the record saying Ramirez tested positive for the female fertility drug HCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin.

Elements of the scheme, according to the lawsuit, including use of fake or partial names on drug packages sent to players, visiting players at home or at hotels to personally administer the banned substances and claims made to the players that if used properly the drugs "would not result in a positive test" under the MLB drug program.

Among the banned drugs supplied, the lawsuit said, are testosterone, human growth hormone and human chorionic gonadotropin. The players were told the drugs would increase their strength and help them recover from injuries more quickly.

NBA

Tycoon joins team to keep Kings in Sacramento

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The effort to keep the Sacramento Kings from moving to Seattle got a boost from a Silicon Valley software tycoon who was introduced as the new lead investor.

Vivek Ranadive will join Sacramento's bid to keep the team, which includes health-club financier Mark Mastrov and billionaire Ron Burkle, according to the Sacramento Bee.

Ranadive's involvement comes after NBA Commissioner David Stern said earlier this month that the Sacramento group's offer needed to be increased before league owners would consider it.

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, who recruited the Burkle-Mastrov group, said adding Ranadive takes the effort "to the next level." A former All-Star point guard, Johnson has been working to keep Sacramento's only professional franchise from bolting.

The Maloof family has agreed to sell 65 percent of the team to hedge-fund manager Chris Hansen and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for $341 million. Hansen's group plans to move the team to Seattle.

Ranadive is chairman and chief executive of TIBCO Software and already part-owner of the Golden State Warriors. If the bid is successful, he would sell his stake in the Warriors.

Any deal to keep the Kings in California's capital would have to include plans for a new arena, and the city is trying to get its arena proposal approved by the City Council next Tuesday so it can be presented to the league.

On April 3, the NBA is scheduled to hear competing proposals from Seattle and Sacramento. A final decision will be made by the full board of governors in mid-April.

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Saturday, March 23
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7:30pm

Sunday, March 24
Sullivan's Travels (NR) 1hr 30min
O Brother, Where Art Thou? (PG-13) 1hr 46min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 6min
12:45pm, 6:45pm

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
3:45pm, 10:00pm

Admission (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

Spring Breakers (R) 1hr 34min
11:00am, 1:20pm, 5:50pm, 8:20pm, 11:00pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 7min
11:30am, 2:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:50pm, 10:00pm

Croods 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:45am, 12:45pm, 2:35pm, 3:35pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Olympus Has Fallen (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Call (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Call (R) 1hr 35min
6:30pm, 9:00pm

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

Happy Poet (NR) 1hr 25min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

On the Road (R) 2hrs 20min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Bless Me, Ultima (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:20am, 4:30pm

Just 45 Minutes from Broadway (R) 1hr 48min
11:00am

Everyone Has a Plan (Todos tenemos un plan) (R) 1hr 58min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Gatekeepers (Shomerei Ha'saf) (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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1313 Third St.
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Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
10:50am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:35pm, 10:45pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 7:15pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:20pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:10pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:55pm

Stoker (R) 1hr 38min
4:30pm, 10:00pm

Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:50pm

InAPPropriate Comedy (R) 1hr 24min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

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GET FLIRTY, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Others count on you to make a difference. You'll come up with plans that will allow people to express themselves. Your sense of humor comes across, which helps others clear up their issues. You know your priorities and goals. Tonight: Expect to be in demand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You love to relax at home. Your sense of how things should be done comes through when throwing a party or other type of social event. You smile, and others do as well. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Partake in the old art of swapping jokes. Start sharing more, and others will respond in kind. Keep asking a shy person questions about his or her life. Conversations will flow more easily with this type of communication. Your efforts count. Tonight: Factor in some flirtation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You indulge others with your generous nature, but you don't have to buy others' affection. You have a lot to offer. Vary your expressions of caring. Tonight: Let go, and paint the town red.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You draw many people toward you. Listen to news more openly. Someone you care about knows how to get your attention. Let this person infuse more excitement into your plans. Squeeze in some thinking time, and know full well which way you want to go. Tonight: Frolic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll relate to a partner directly in order to understand his or her bottom line. In this conversation, a mutual understanding will develop that will allow you to grow. Tonight: Togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, and you could gain a better sense of your immediate circle. Where you believed there was a mutual understanding, you might discover the opposite is true. Tonight: Go to a spontaneous gathering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Toss yourself into a fun project, but understand when you have had enough. Someone quite close to you might express intense compassion through his or her actions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your file cabinet of possibilities needs some updating. The status quo is subject to change, and you would rather have it occur randomly than be the one who has to decide what area of your life needs modernizing. Gain control by accepting responsibility. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You will enjoy spending the day with a special person in your life. The more you do this, the stronger your bond will be. Together, you will feed off each other's energy and share ideas in order to help each other in any way possible. Tonight: Add some spice to the night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You will enjoy the cast of characters in your life. Feel free to ask for a break, or try to do something by yourself. You will have a lot to reflect on. One person appeals to you much more than others do. Make your decision accordingly. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You know how to spice up the moment, and you will do just that. Someone comes forward who wants your advice. You might recognize that there could be much more of a relationship than what exists between you. Open up a discussion. Tonight: Dinner for two.

March 23-24, 2013

This year you are energized and full of fun. You also have a strong sense of what your destiny is. You know what you want, and you will meet your goals by tapping into your assertiveness. No one can get in your way. If you are single, many potential suitors will come forward. Understand that you don't need to choose any of them -- just enjoy the process. If you are attached, you will have fun together when out and about. Be sure to maintain a sense of humor. LEO loves to challenge you.

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

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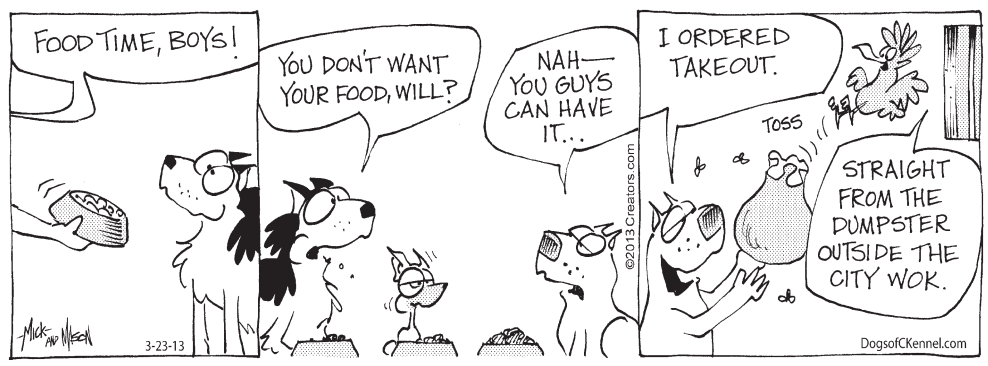
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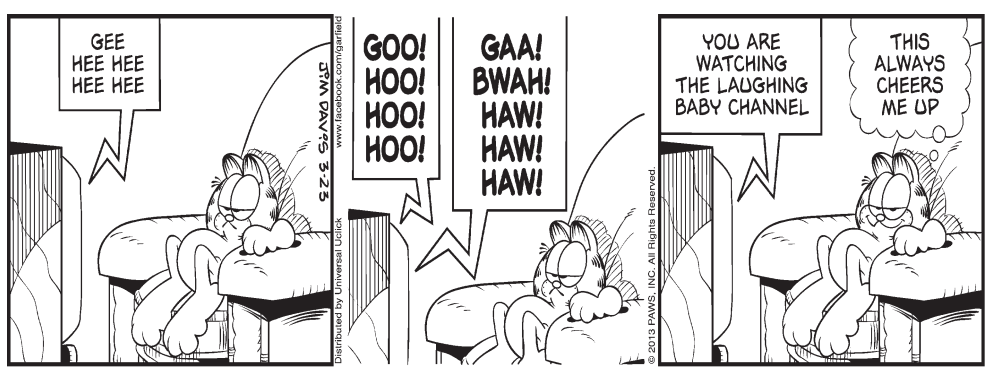
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

		9	4	8		7	5	
8								
2					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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Folded food
5 Moroccan city
10 Steer clear of
12 Musical drama
13 Ambulance announcer
14 Even a little
15 Mineo of movies
16 Warning color
18 Kickoff aid
19 Like some clocks
21 Moral no-nos
22 Code of behavior
24 Debonair
25 Sudden drops
29 Turn down
30 "Hold on ..."
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40 Calendar markings
41 Freezing rain
42 Hotel units

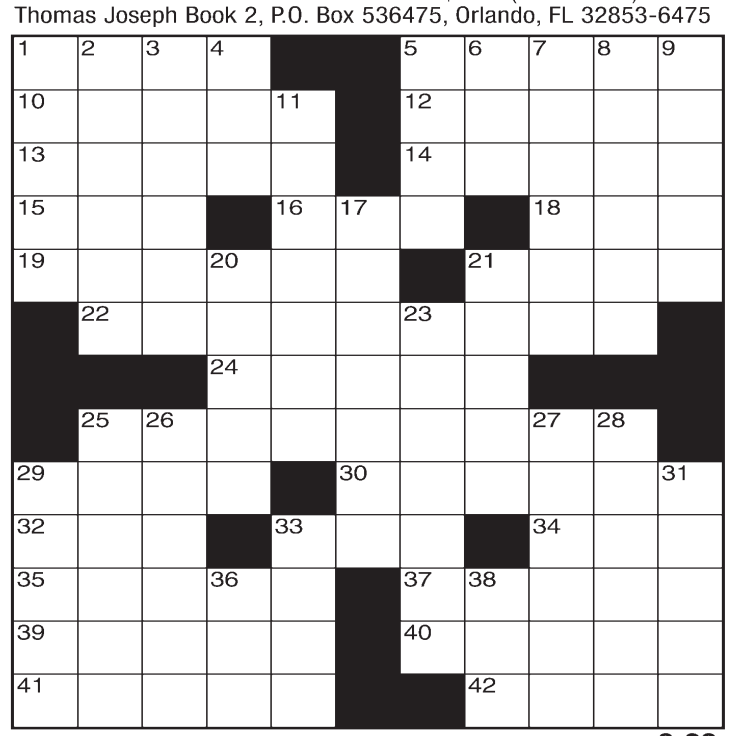
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1 "Suburgatory" girl
2 Fly high
3 Spot for some lemons
4 Pindar poem
5 Map line
6 Gifted
7 "Scram!"
8 Francis of game shows
9 Yarns
11 Singer Iglesias
17 Peru neighbor
20 Rapper Elliott
21 Canyon of comics
23 Demonstrated
25 Kind of network
26 Ready to come home
27 Fancy home
28 Ready for the show
29 Pulls
31 Salad green
33 Helper: Abbr.
36 Worker, for one
38 Research site

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lee Wildman, 35, and Adrian Stanton, 32, pleaded guilty in connection with a burglary at Durham (England) University's Oriental Museum, in which they heisted artwork worth the equivalent of about $2.7 million and hid it in a field in April 2012. However, they have been unable to help authorities locate the bounty (even with the reward of sentence-reduction) -- because they have forgotten exactly where they stashed it. Eventually, hikers unconnected with the case discovered it and notified police. Said Judge Christopher Prince, "This is not an offense that can be described as sophisticated."

■ (1) Two brothers, celebrating a winning lottery ticket in Wichita, Kan., in February, bought a stash of marijuana, but then, attempting to light a bong using butane lighter fluid, one accidentally blew up the family home. That brother was hospitalized with second-degree burns, and the other was arrested for marijuana possession. (2) Megan Thode, 27, went to trial in February in Easton, Pa., suing Lehigh University, accusing a professor of illegally discriminating against her with a C-plus grade in a class in 2009 in the school's graduate counseling program, in which a B was the minimum required to continue. Thode demanded $1.3 million for future damage to her career (but not a tuition refund -- as she had matriculated for free because her father is a Lehigh professor). Four days after the trial began, the judge ruled against her.

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