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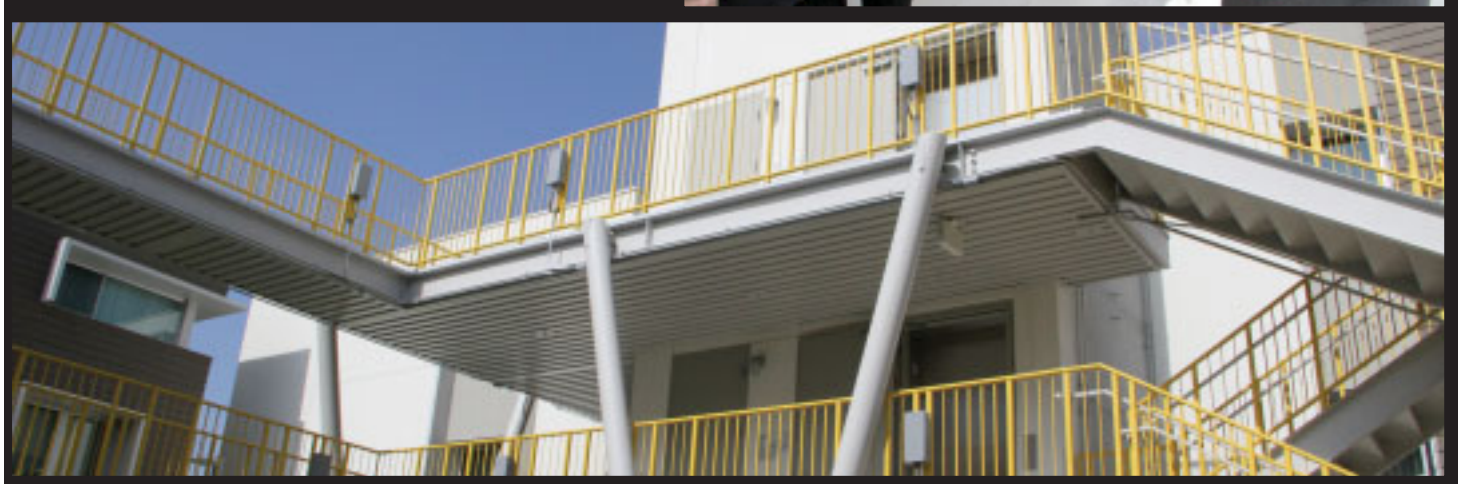


OPENING DAY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*



RIGHT: Community Corporation of Santa Monica Executive Director Sarah Letts (right) cuts the ribbon for the newly-opened High Place West Apartments on Thursday. The CCSM-developed housing complex features 47 affordable homes for families earning 35 percent to 60 percent of the area median income. The three-story building has 32 two-bedroom and 15 three-bedroom apartments. The event also served as the groundbreaking for the High Place East portion of the development.
ABOVE: Santa Monica Youth Orchestra conductor Ryan Dubenbostel leads the group during the opening ceremony for High Place West on Thursday afternoon.



SM Dems question parking policies

Commissioner offers new opportunity for engagement

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Preferential parking passes, bus routes and parking in new buildings will all be getting reviewed by City Hall as officials move forward with policy changes meant to reshape how Santa Monica deals with cars and alternative modes of travel.

That was the message that emerged from a four-person panel of city officials, policy makers and residents over a lively round of questions concerning parking and traffic policy at the Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting Wednesday night.

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Cops seize over $60K in property during credit card bust

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Over $60,000 in property, including over 27,000 rounds of ammunition, that was allegedly purchased using stolen credit cards has been seized and at least three suspects were in custody following a fraud investigation that began in Santa

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 29, 2013

Games and blocks
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
3 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.
The last day to participate in spring break crafts will feature Legos and board games. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Moonlight movie
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
ZJ Boarding House starts off its 2013 Night Sesh outdoor movie nights with "Float" by Rip Curl. Popcorn and Vitacoco coconut water will be served. Prizes from Rip Curl and ZJ will also be raffled in the name of Stoked Mentoring. For more information, visit zjboardinghouse.com.

Art be a lady
Broadway Art Space
929 Broadway,
5:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Month of Photography Los Angeles is featuring women artists in its exhibition "Women Make the World Go Round." It will be held in Santa Monica for one night only, and proceeds will go to the Venice Family Clinic. The event is free for the general public. VIP tickets are $20 and include access to a reception at 5:30 p.m. and one food ticket for the Border Grill truck. For more information and tickets, visit womenmaketheworldgoround.eventbrite.com.

Saturday, March 30, 2013

Day of the bunny
Douglas Park
2439 Wilshire Blvd.,
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
The 21st annual Peter Rabbit Day allows children and their families a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, take part in an egg hunt, enjoy face painting, games, egg coloring, and more. For more information, visit smjaycee.com.

Haut for 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 at Hotel Casa del Mar for guests and locals to stock up on holiday treats. On Sundays, guests can listen to music from KCRW's DJ Raul Campos and grab a blood orange mimosa during Casa del Mar's weekend brunch. For more information call (310) 581-5533.

Modern form of slavery
Soka Gakkai International-USA Culture of Peace Resource Center
606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m.
Catch a screening of the documentary "Not My Life," narrated by Glenn Close. The film depicts the practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale. The film screening will be followed by a conversation with an expert panel moderated by Lesford Duncan, Global Citizenship Fellow at U.S. Fund for UNICEF. The event is free. For more information, call (310) 393-0016.

Get started
General Assembly LA
1520 Second St., 5:30 p.m.
This free class is an orientation to help newcomers to the startup scene get acquainted with the exciting world of tech in Los Angeles. Topics to be discussed include key events/meetups to attend, people, companies, VCs, blogs, hot issues, and more. Beer and wine will be sponsored by Lyft, a mobile app that lets you request a ride from a fabulous, hand-selected community of drivers. For more information, e-mail la@generalassemb.ly

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Placard sting at SMC

Santa Monica Police officers confiscated 21 disabled parking placards and eight preferential parking permits Wednesday that were being misused by students at Santa Monica College or those using facilities there.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler, of the Traffic Enforcement Section, said the sting operation lasted from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Police have been cracking down on those who are using disabled parking placards illegally, confiscating over 150 placards since November, Trisler said.

The placards give the owner the right to park in spots designated for the disabled, but also allows for free parking at meters and in residential zones with restricted parking.

It makes them a highly valuable commodity for those that don't want to cough up the cash to meet Santa Monica's newly-raised metered parking prices or contend with the new smartmeters, which know when people attempt to overstay their welcome in on-street spots.

One of the goals of the sting is to make sure those with disabilities are able to find parking spaces.

Those caught breaking the law can face a misdemeanor or a fine of up to $4,200.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SM PIER

Suicide attempt foiled

Santa Monica police and fire fighters rescued a 29-year-old man who was threatening to kill himself by jumping off the end of the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday night.

Police responded to the pier at 8:55 p.m. after receiving a report that the man was suicidal, SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said.

A family member called police after the man said he was going to overdose and jump off the pier.

The man climbed down to a cement beam under the west end of the pier, Lewis said, where he remained until he passed out or fell asleep. Authorities were able to bring him back up onto the pier without incident.

The man, whose identity was not released by police, was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The incident lasted roughly an hour, Lewis said.

– KH

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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EASTER TIME

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Justin Murphy helps his daughters Addison (left) and Mackenzie (right) as they create bunny-face baskets in order to join the annual Easter egg hunt event at the Fairview Branch Library on Ocean Park Boulevard on Thursday afternoon.

Award-winning screenwriter Fay Kanin dies at 95

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PCH Emmy-winning and Oscar-nominated screenwriter Fay Kanin, who collaborated with her husband Michael in writing the scripts for such memorable 1950s films as "The Opposite Sex" and "Teacher's Pet" before becoming an acclaimed writer-producer of made-for-television movies in the 1970s, died Wednesday of natural causes at her home in Santa Monica, the Writers Guild of America, West announced. She was 95.

In addition to her creative work, Kanin served as president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science from 1979 to 1983. She was the second woman to hold the office, following Bette Davis, who briefly held the position in 1941. Kanin is credited with helping opening doors in Hollywood for women who wanted to work behind the camera, writing and producing. Her characters were often strong women who could be considered feminists before the term existed.

Kanin was born Fay Mitchell on May 9, 1917, in New York City, the only child of a clothing store manager and a retired vaudeville actress. She studied writing at the all-female Elmira College and worked for the local Star-Gazette. Eager to get into show business, she convinced her family to move to Los Angeles the summer before her senior year of college.

Kanin attended USC for a year and landed a job at RKO reviewing scripts for $25 a week. She took full advantage of her access, talking with directors, editors and producers and learning about the business.

She launched her screenwriting career in 1942 with the classic comedy "Sunday



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Walk this way

Editor:

Although the topic is not represented in the Santa Monica Daily Press today, it does concern an incident that happened while walking on a Santa Monica sidewalk, so, I thought I would inquire here.

The story goes as follows:

I was heading east on Ocean Park Boulevard, toward Centinela Avenue, in Santa Monica, walking on the left side of the sidewalk, when I noticed a male heading toward me from the opposite direction, walking on the same side of the sidewalk apparently intent on walking right into me. I did not move, nor did he, and when I confronted him with his clearly hostile act, he responded by saying, "What side of the road do you drive your car on?" I responded, "I am not driving my car," upon which this person raised his arm angrily to me causing me to respond, "Don't you dare touch me!"

I have not encountered anything like this before on foot, walking on Santa Monica city sidewalks, or anywhere else for that matter, and it prompts the question, "Are there rules for walking on the sidewalk, such as traveling in the same manner as one would when driving one's vehicle?"

Personally, I think this man had another gripe and decided to take it out on me. I have never seen him before and hopefully, I will never see him again!

Maybe it is inappropriate to broach this matter with the Santa Monica Daily Press, and if so, please disregard this!

Julia Reeves
West Los Angeles





The Program

Thomas Roe

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How to maximize cardio training

A HEALTHY HEART IS A HEALTHY MIND.

While plenty of research and studies have been done in relation to exercise and a healthy (or peaceful) mind, how does the average person achieve that on a limited budget or low interest in exercise?

Below is a list of my favorite cardio exercises that are very inexpensive with no need to join a gym or invest in a personal trainer.

JUMPING ROPE

Outstanding cardio activity, portable and can be done almost anywhere. Depending on how fast your rope repetitions are, you can burn 5-15 calories per minute. In addition to improving your cardio, it's challenging and engaging. For the most part, your out-of-pocket expense is $11 for a professional boxing rope and $65 for a great pair of supportive athletic shoes.

• Equipment: Rope, athletic shoes and open space (home driveway/garage or playground hard court).

• Maintain good posture: Shoulders back and down away from your ears, looking straight ahead while relaxing your arms.

Once you have mastered the ease of rope jumping, try timed intervals, single leg, marching or running in place.

JOGGING, RUNNING

With a small investment in running or cross trainer shoes, you can build your cardio, endurance and stamina by simply running out your front door to a distance that is challenging but not overwhelming.

Jogging is a perfect exercise for the beginning runner to build a healthy heart, stay athletically motivated and not spend a lot of money on equipment or gym memberships.

Once you've managed jogging I suggest the following:

• Join a running group or buddy up with a like-minded, committed runner for training.
• Ease into a local or hometown 5K and once you feel comfortable with your time and distance, move up to a 10k.
• If you feel competitive, enter a biathlon or even triathlon to hone your running skills.

While sprints run a higher risk of injury than jogging or running, they are more challenging mentally and physically. Most of us haven't sprinted since high school, but sprinting will wake the quick-twitch muscles we don't use and burn more calories. Light stretching is a must before sprints and an absolute must after a spring workout.

SPRINTS

Unlike running or jogging where you can go anywhere, sprinting requires more of a commitment by traveling to your local high school or university track. While you can run sprints in cross-trainers or running shoes, I suggest making a small investment in sprinters spikes. Once you have sought out the local 400m track, begin with the following:

• Track spikes ($40-$75).
• Jog a few laps (400-800M) for a warm-up.
• Jog the corners and sprint the straight-aways.
• Begin with 10-100m sprints with a 60 second rest between.
• As you advance, five-200m sprints with two minutes of rest between.
• Advanced four-400m sprints with three minutes of rest between.

NOTE: All sprints are done from the "blocks," but most schools don't have these available to the public for liability issues so you'll start from a forward crouch position and lunge forward as if you were coming "out of the blocks."

SWIMMING

Swimming is easily the best full-body workout you could ever do. This exercise provides a perfect balance between anaerobic and aerobic activity without any impact or risk of injury, but don't drown; that's worse than an injury. Your equipment investment is a suit, goggles, cap (most public pools provide kick boards and buoys) and, lastly, a swim pass at your local pool or YMCA.

I'm sure you're not out to break Michael Phelps' records, but you are out to beat the clock both in the pool and time management. Swimming provides the following:

• A great anaerobic workout by building muscle with water resistance.
• Sheds fat with the high aerobic interval training.
• Improves endurance by controlled breathing.
• Builds stamina by length or distance of laps.
• Builds personal confidence as interval times lower.
• Stretches and loosens all muscles.

Most local pools offer a swim club/team that anyone can join to improve time, technique and keep your competitive spirit sharp.

T. ROE'S FIT BITES

True Food Kitchen is my new favorite find at Santa Monica Place. With easy access on the ground floor at the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue, both their lunch and dinner menu is loaded with super healthy low-calorie items. Since I've always preached small portions, a few of their starters make a great filling lunch and won't break the bank or caloric limit. A good example is the shiitake and tofu lettuce cups and daily market vegetable soup. Both items are filling, less then 485 calories each and surprisingly inexpensive.

If you're looking for something a little more filling, their panang curry is gluten-free and comes with a choice of protein (chicken or shrimp) or go vegan by adding tofu.

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Laughing Matters

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Taking the big out of bigotry

AS THE SUPREME COURT DELIBERATES marriage equality, it's clear that we are living in historic times.

In 2008, we elected the first African-American president and in 2016, if Hillary Clinton runs, we could elect the first female president. And if Sen. Rand Paul runs we could elect the first toupée-wearing president. (Assuming you don't count the founding fathers' powdered wigs as toupées.)

Ironically, in 2004, were it not for gay marriage, George W. Bush likely wouldn't have won a second term. Karl Rove, "Bush's brain" or "Bush's butt," depending on who's doing the describing, cleverly put same sex marriage on the ballot in 11 states.

The evil genius Rove knew that this would be feeding red meat to the right wing base. And it worked. All 11 initiatives to ban same sex marriage passed. As the saying goes, that was then and this is now. Once the right's darling, Rove was recently fired by Fox News.

Whichever way the Supreme Court rules (we won't know until June) it seems obvious that sooner rather than later same sex marriage will be the law of the land. While changes like these, to me, are long overdue, for hate groups like the Aryan Brotherhood or the Westboro Baptist Church, this trend of tolerance is no barrel of laughs. (Assuming laughs ever came in barrels, an odd expression indeed.)

Located in Topeka, Kan., the Westboro Baptist Church has been harassing gays and lesbians since 1991. They may be most famous (or infamous) for conducting anti-gay protests at military funerals because, in their warped minds, the government and the military condone homosexuality. (Reportedly Westboro spends $250,000 a year on such protests. What a country. They even took time out of their lives to harass the kids at Santa Monica High School recently.)

Imagine the plight of a family who has lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan and these hate-filled freaks show up to picket the funeral. Believe it or not, legally, there's not much the mourners can do. (I'm strongly against assault rifles, but in the case of Westboro I might be willing to make an exception.)

This brings us to the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist so-called religious organization that hates Jews, blacks and basically all minorities. In essence, they are equal opportunity haters.

Isn't it amazing that the Aryans and Westboro claim to be Christians? This reminds me of a Woody Allen line from "Hannah and Her Sisters:" "If Jesus ever came back and saw what was being done in his name he'd never stop throwing up."

Anti-same sex marriage advocates like Rush Limbaugh and Newt Gingrich argue that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. They must believe in it because Limbaugh has been married four times and Gingrich three.

But what nobody on the right, especially the religious right, has established is how allowing same sex marriage harms heterosexuals in the slightest. Their arguments before the Supreme Court are shockingly shallow. It isn't like a heterosexual man would suddenly say, "I was going to marry a woman but now that same sex marriage is legal I'm going to consider all my options." My advice is, if you're against gay marriage, just make sure you don't marry someone who's the same sex as you are.

In addition to the sea change in the country's views on same sex marriage there has also been one on immigration reform. Only a few years ago, when groups of Latinos protested on behalf of undocumented workers, the images viewed by the right wing were like waving a red flag in front of a bull. (For those keeping score, "sea change" came from Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and it isn't the color red that the bull charges, but the waving of the flag itself.)

After the Latino vote made such a huge difference in President Obama's 2012 stunning victory, both parties are climbing over each other to be "Latino friendly." I suppose it'd be a double whammy with what they'd do to get the "gay Latino" vote.

The sad truth is haters have been around since the beginning of time. But thankfully it appears that they are dying off faster than they are procreating. Young people, bless their souls, don't seem to care whether someone is gay or lesbian, black, Asian or Eskimo for that matter. This tolerance drives haters crazy, but to me it's a shining ray of hope in a not-so-hopeful world.

The Supreme Court may pass the buck on marriage equality this go-round, but it's only a matter of time. For his sake, I hope Rand Paul adopts the "coming out" trend. It could be so liberating. Reportedly, in addition to a toupée that looks like a squirrel's nest, Paul wears shoe lifts. Wouldn't it be great if, at the 2016 Republican Convention, Sen. Paul came out on stage bald and barefoot? OK, maybe it wouldn't be so great.

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The Q Line

Zero date

Officials have introduced an ambitious plan to have the city become nearly zero waste by 2030.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the zero waste goal is attainable and why?

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit 12UP-008, 2823 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant requests approval to construct a new telecommunications facility that will install sixteen (16) panel antennas, three (3) GPS antennas, one microwave antenna, and telecommunications equipment on the roof of a commercial building. The proposed antennas are each 4'6" in height and will be located at the corners of the existing building behind new screening that will be textured and painted to match the building. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Verizon Wireless/2825 Santa Monica Blvd, LLC.

Use Permit 13UP-002, 460 23rd Street. The applicant is proposing a new single family residence with an attached two-car garage facing the public street (23rd St.). The applicant requests approval to re-locate an existing curb cut to provide street access to the new two-car garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. The curb cut would be re-located approximately 22' to the north and widened from 13' to 16'. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana neighborhood and has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Bernd and Lori Stephens.

Use Permit, 13UP-003, 434 Seventeenth Street. A Use Permit to retain an existing curb cut to provide street access to a legal parking space located in the rear ? of the subject parcel. The applicant's request is in conjunction with construction of a second floor addition to a single-family residence and a new two-car garage with alley access. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow the retention of a curb cut in the North of Montana neighborhood for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage or legal parking space on parcels with adjacent side or rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana neighborhood and it has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. [Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: John & Teresa Bartlett.

Variance, 13VAR-001, 1514 Seventh Street. The applicant requests approval of a parking variance to provide 10 parking spaces in lieu of the 12 parking spaces required for the proposed affordable senior housing project at 1514 Seventh Street. Pursuant to 9.04.20.10.030(b), the applicant may request a parking variance to allow the modification of the number and dimensions of automobile parking spaces. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Spurgin Development Company.

Variance 13-VAR-002, 802 Navy Street. The applicant requests variance approval to allow a proposed addition to an existing two-story residence to exceed district height limits by no more than five (5) feet. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(f)(2), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to district height standards through the approval of a Variance application. Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Robert Rotman

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

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THE GRAND DEL MAR

A grand time in San Diego

BY CAROLE ORLIN
Special to the Daily Press

Thanks to the welcoming weather, lush landscapes and breathtaking coastal views, Southern California hosts a treasure trove of lovely resort destinations.

So how does a resort that has only been around for six years manage to not merely stand out but earn, among other accolades, both the AAA Five Diamond Award and Forbes Triple Five-Star rating for their resort, spa, and restaurant? The Grand Del Mar, located in the foothills of San Diego's Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, has been able to achieve this feat with what sounds like a simple menu of ingredients, but when executed correctly, results in a home run.

The Mediterranean-inspired resort is beautiful, impeccably landscaped, the rooms are pristine and spacious, and the spa and restaurants absolutely top-notch. It also features a Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole golf course. However, what separates the Grand Del Mar from the others can be traced to the fact that they cornered the market on service.

From the moment we drove up and were greeted by the attendants who offered to throw away our travel trash, to the warm lavender-infused hand towels we were offered when checking in, to the helpful housekeeping staff, everyone without exception seemed to be genuinely eager to help and knowledgeable about the resort. On several occasions when we asked directions to a restaurant or room, the staff stopped whatever they were doing and not only told us how to get there but graciously took us there themselves.

When we checked in we were upgraded to a suite without even requesting an upgrade. Our suite was huge, yet warm and inviting. I especially loved the fireplace and the bathroom. The tub was so large and deep that I briefly considered donning a flotation device when entering, but being the brave soul that I am, I decided to go for it. This has to be the best bathtub on the market.

Unfortunately we had to leave our mini-mansion to get a spa treatment. I got their signature Renaissance wrap, which is hard to explain, but it involves among other things, mud, a warm free-floating bed, a Swiss shower and rocking motions. My ankle had been hurting me, so I asked the therapist Polly to avoid it. Instead she whipped up a poultice of mud, herbs, and I don't know what else, and put it on my ankle. By the time my 90 minute treatment was over, not only did I feel renewed, but my ankle no longer hurt. I was sure the pain would return the next day, but it did not, despite taking part in their challenging and informative two-hour hike at the nearby Torrey Pines State Reserve. It is now several days later, and the pain has still not returned. I don't know what you did, but thanks, Polly!

The next treat for us was the restaurant Amaya. This is not their five-star Addison restaurant (named after the architect Addison Mizner), but I could not have asked for a better dining experience. My roasted baby beet and fig salad with basil-pistachio purée and brioche tuile was unrivaled, and my husband, who is the ultimate foodie, gave the Catalan-style shrimp the highest rating possible for his appetizer. The lobster and crab pappardelle was also a winner, as was their spicy jalapeno margarita. The waitstaff was knowledgeable, friendly and helpful.

The general feeling you get at the Grand Del Mar is that they have not cut corners on anything. They anticipate your needs and are more than happy to oblige. I've been to many resorts but this one earns the overall five-star rating for me. Whomever does the training or chooses the staff is to be congratulated. No matter how beautiful the setting or how good the food, the personal service enhances the environment and contributes enormously to the all-around positive or negative experience of a resort stay. It is hard to find a negative when reviewing the Grand Del Mar. The only negative I can think of is that it took time to get the lay of the land. At first, finding our way around was a challenge, but we caught on easily, especially once again — with a little help from our friends — the staff.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Police: Disgruntled, drunk construction worker arrested for damaging pier bridge

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, AT 2:35 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1500 block of Palisades Park regarding a report of a man using a hammer to break up concrete pavers owned by the city. When officers arrived they were directed to the suspect by witnesses and the suspect's former employer. Officers detained the suspect without incident. During their investigation they learned that the suspect was working for a private contractor on the Santa Monica Pier Bridge Project and when he arrived for work that morning he was allegedly drunk. He was fired on the spot and took the hammer and began breaking city-owned property. The suspect was identified as Justin Fuquay, 24, of Long Beach. He was booked for vandalism. His bail was set at $500.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, AT 12:48 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of Palisades Beach Road regarding a report of a residential burglary that was in progress. When officers arrived they made contact with a witness who told them that a homeless man kicked the door down to a vacant apartment in the complex and was inside. Officers went into the unit and made contact with the suspect, who allegedly told cops that he was inside his own home and wanted to go to sleep. The suspect was identified by the witness and placed under arrest for vandalism and trespassing. He was identified as Joseph Daniel Shone, 25, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $10,000.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, AT 2:45 P.M.,

Police responded to the Rite-Aid located at 1808 Wilshire Blvd. regarding a report of a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived they spoke with a security guard at the store who said the suspect entered the store and walked over to the electronics section. She allegedly grabbed a cell phone package that was secured to the shelving and cut it open, removing the cell phone. She then concealed the phone in a bag she had with her and left the store without offering to pay for the item. Security detained the suspect outside of the store and searched her. Security said they found a razor blade, scissors and other property from Rite-Aid stores in the area totaling over $300. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary, receiving stolen property and a probation violation. She was identified as Daisy Gonzalez, 18, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, AT 4:45 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 100 block of Broadway after receiving a call about someone trying to cut bike locks. When officers arrived they detained two people who were near a bicycle that was secured by a cable lock. One of the men was manipulating the lock when officers approached. During their investigation, officers searched one of the suspects and allegedly found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine and some pills. He was paced under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance without a prescription. He was identified as Ryan Butler, 35, of Pacific Palisades. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, AT 2:44 P.M.,

Officers responded to the front lobby of the Public Safety Facility to speak with someone who claimed to be the victim of a robbery. The alleged victim told police that at around 1:45 p.m. that day he was sitting outside the Whole Foods Market at 500 Wilshire Blvd. when he was approached by a man on a skateboard. That man said he was hungry. The alleged victim offered him $5 to buy something to eat. As he pulled out the money, the suspect grabbed all the cash in his hand and walked away. On March 24, officers on patrol were able to find the suspect and detained him. He was identified by the alleged victim and placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Joseph Ramirez, 29, a transient. No bail was set because of a parole violation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, AT 9:52 P.M.,

Officers responded to the Ivy at the Shore located at 1353 Ocean Ave. regarding a woman who was trying to leave the high-end restaurant without offering to pay her bar tab. When police arrived they detained the suspect and spoke with the bartender, who told them that the woman had four alcoholic drinks and when presented with the bill walked out without paying. The woman was booked for defrauding an innkeeper and for being drunk in public. She was identified as Allison Dyan Wilkie, 41, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, AT 5:56 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of the beach regarding a man seen masturbating on Lifeguard Tower 12. When officers arrived they made contact with the woman who called police. She said that she was taking some pictures with friends by the tower when she saw the suspect sitting on the tower with his penis exposed as he played with it. The suspect then got up and walked over to a restroom and entered a female stall. As she was calling police, she said two girls walked up to the restroom and then quickly walked away when they saw the man in the stall. They did not remain at the scene to report the incident to police. Officers placed the suspect under arrest and during a search said they found a methamphetamine pipe on him. The suspect, who was identified as Mettric Jelks, 37, a transient, was booked for indecent exposure and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at $10,000.

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Ordinance Numbers 2419-2420 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2419 and 2420, which were adopted by the City Council on March 12, 2013.

Ordinance Number 2419 amends the Municipal Code to eliminate the sunset date of a code provision that allows any business within the Main Street commercial district to utilize a single portable sign to promote to advertise his or her business, provided that the sign meets specified requirements. The elimination of the subset provision allows Main Street merchants to continue to utilize such signs, which are generally prohibited by the City's Sign Code.

Ordinance Number 2420 adds Chapter 9.73 to the Municipal Code, establishing a Transportation Impact Fee, which will be paid by developers to help offset traffic impacts of development. The measures provides for adjustments and waivers.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

301-315 Wilshire Boulevard, 13LM-002, Zoning: C3 (Downtown Commercial) zone. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 13LM-002, at 301-315 Wilshire Boulevard to determine whether the commercial building, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Promenade Properties IV, LLC. ***(Continued from March 11, 2013 meeting).***

128 Hollister Avenue, 13CA-007, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 13CA-007 for design approval for the construction of a new two-story addition to an existing single family residence located at 128 Hollister Avenue. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed work is appropriate and architecturally compatible with the American Four Square style residence. Applicant: Michael and Pell James Burns. Owner: Michael and Pell James Burns.

When: **Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

PARKING
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Planning Director David Martin, Ocean Park resident Mary Marlow and planning commissioners Jennifer Kennedy and Richard McKinnon took questions without the buffer usually afforded in public meetings as residents tried to discover what mix of parking, mass transit changes and other policies would result in the Santa Monica they want — one with adequate parking for residents and free-flowing streets.

The answer — we're working on that, but be prepared for some changes.

The much-lauded Land Use and Circulation Element, adopted by the City Council in 2010 to plot the future of development, dictated that a 10 percent reduction in cars on Santa Monica's streets would solve the bumper-to-bumper congestion that frustrates many residents.

How, exactly, to achieve those savings has been the work of the intervening years, and resulted in a plan to facilitate bicycle travel in the city, a new zoning ordinance currently in the works and a pedestrian plan to make the city more walkable.

"The whole idea is to give people options to provide other means of mobility around the city," Martin said.

Where residents will park cars when they're not using them also came up for discussion. There are between 40 and 50 areas in the city where residents purchase a parking pass for the exclusive right to park on-street without a time limit.

That hasn't stopped employees from major business corridors from taking advantage of free parking for two hours and then scurrying out to move the car before parking enforcement officers hand them a pricey ticket.

"Maybe we should be charging. As residents, we have parking permits. Why should those streets be free any other time those people want to park there?" asked Cynthia Rose, a bicycle advocate.

Martin acknowledged that City Hall is taking a new look at the preferential parking program that exists, including a model where outsiders would pay to park. A pilot program on that front may be forthcoming, he said.

That ticked off Marilyn Noyse, a West Los Angeles resident who felt that small businesses in the area depend on that two-hour parking in the residential neighborhoods so customers can make quick trips inside. People from the Westside won't take public transportation for those excursions, she said.

"You people are living in a dream world," Noyse said.

The practice of separating the cost of a parking space from the cost of an apartment's rent also drew scorn from the crowd, who believed that any effort to do so would result in a bidding war that would force out low- and moderate-income residents.

"You're not looking at the economic reality of what happens when you decouple parking. Is this goodbye diversity, that only the wealthy can afford it? Is that what we want?" Marlow asked.

Parking professionals, like Juan Matute, a UCLA researcher who attended the meeting, believe that cost is implicit in the rent as it is, and that it unfairly burdens those who choose to live without a car.

The meeting demonstrated the power parking and traffic hold over the residents of the city by the sea — it pulled in near record-breaking attendance with 40 people and a deficit of chairs in the hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, said Maryanne Solomon, new co-president of the club.

"Clearly this is a topic on people's minds," she told the crowd.

A recent survey conducted on behalf of City Hall showed the same result.

Although the survey results came with many statistical caveats, it reported that 28 percent of Santa Monicans listed traffic and congestion as one of the top two issues in the city and 13 percent picked parking deficit amongst the top two.

Both were considered amongst the top five "most serious" problems facing Santa Monica.

Efforts to tackle the problem of parking and congestion through the planning process have been met with suspicion from residents, who see proposed parking standards that lessen the amount of parking needed for new development as a gift to real estate developers.

The most recent face of such a policy was consultant Jeffrey Tumlin of Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates. He came under a barrage of public fire, first for an unflattering statement of Santa Monica residents in his online biography, but also for recommendations that would have cut the amount of parking required of new developments dramatically.

Under those recommendations presented at the Jan. 30 Planning Commission meeting, a new supermarket would have to build a quarter of the parking required under the existing code, and some residential developments would be able to reduce their per-unit parking by one-third and ax visitor parking.

The proposal led one resident who attended to exclaim, "We're residents; we're not a social experiment."

While public policy experts who study parking maintain that reducing future parking is one of the few ways to reliably cut down on traffic — the "if you build it, they will come" mentality — the culture clash with residents led Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon to propose a meeting of the minds at next Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting.

"We are receptive to almost any idea that can lead us forward and begin to unlock the problem that we've got," he said. "We need community-wide engagement for that to happen, and for community voices to be heard in City Hall very loudly and very clearly."

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Monica, authorities announced Thursday.

Santa Monica police said they opened the investigation earlier this month when a resident living on the 300 block of 10th Street reported that her credit card information had been stolen and she was receiving packages at her home that she did not order.

"The suspect was seen trying to intercept these packages and fled," said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the department.

Detectives were able to identify the suspect and began working with the Atascadero Police Department. The suspect was believed to have been living in Monterey County just north of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

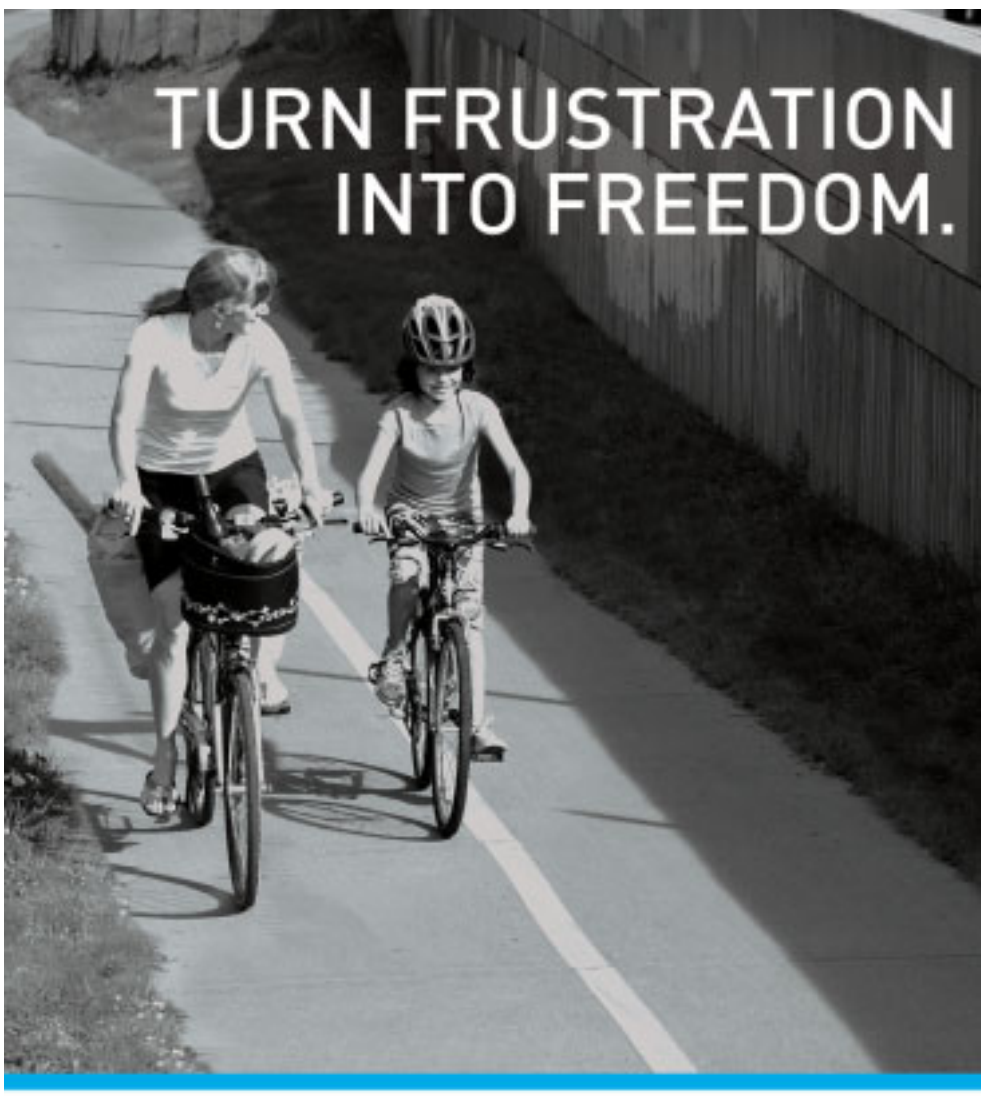
On March 22, police served a search warrant in Bradley, Calif. and arrested Vincent Gerard Tarantino, 20, who was booked on multiple charges, including burglary and forgery. At the time of his arrest, police said Tarantino was in possession of a loaded and unregistered .45 caliber handgun and 19.3 grams of marijuana.

Officers seized electronics, expensive clothing and accessories, as well as a John Deer riding mower and various calibers of ammunition, including 220 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition most often used by the U.S. military and by law enforcement during "highly critical incidents involving SWAT sniper teams," said Sgt. Gregg Meyer, spokesman for the Atascadero Police Department.

Two other men were arrested in Los Angeles by Santa Monica police. They were identified as Durran Nasir Bennette, 20, and Tyler Joseph Stapleton, 20; both from Temecula, Calif. Both were booked for burglary and obtaining credit in someone else's name.

Lewis said the investigation is still ongoing.

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Punch," which she co-wrote with her husband and Allen Rivkin. The husband-and-wife duo emerged as one of the most successful screenwriting teams in Hollywood, co-writing a string of screenplays for films such as "My Pal Gus," "Rhapsody," and "The Opposite Sex."

Kanin was nominated for an Academy Award for 1958's "Teacher's Pet" alongside her husband. The film starred Clark Gable and Doris Day.

Kanin was also recognized for her television contributions, winning two screenwriting Emmys in 1974 and another for producing the TV special "Friendly Fire" in 1979, which starred Carol Burnett as a real-life Iowa woman battling the U.S. government to uncover the truth about the death of her son in the Vietnam War.

Lauded for her volunteer efforts on behalf of women, Kanin earned honors from the American Civil Liberties Union, the League of Women Voters, the American Women for International Understanding, and the Crystal Award of Women in Film, among other organizations.

Known for her signature style and wit, Kanin remained an articulate industry spokesperson and leader on a variety of issues important to creative artists, including film preservation, according to the guild.

Kanin is survived by her son, Josh, his wife Laurie, two grandchildren, Laurel and Jessica, and two step-grandchildren, Michael and Eddy, and great-grandson, Justin.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Fay Kanin's name to the American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org/donate.

Funeral services for Kanin will be held this Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m. at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery (Chapel), 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., in Hollywood.

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L.A. cops searching for suspects in girl's abduction

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LOS ANGELES More than 20 Los Angeles detectives are hunting for two men who grabbed a 10-year-old girl from her bedroom before dawn and held her for nearly 12 hours before dropping her off at a hospital near her San Fernando Valley home, police said.

LAPD Cmdr. Andrew Smith asked for the public's help in finding the men Thursday, saying they believe strangers took the girl to several locations in different cars.

The girl was found with cuts and bruises on her face and told police she did not know the men, Smith said.

She had been awake for much of her ordeal and has been resting at home and is going to be re-interviewed by detectives later Thursday, he said.

Meanwhile, police were canvassing the area's prolific number of surveillance cameras, checking local registered sex offenders, and digging into any possible clues related to the girl's family, acquaintances and Internet contacts.

While parents should be cautious, there are no other serial kidnappings in Los Angeles and such kidnappings are exceedingly rare in the United States.

"Right now we're looking at this as an abduction, a stranger abduction, one of those things that's very, very rare in this country but does happen," Smith said.

Police said one of the men was about 18 years old but they released no description of the other.

At the hospital where she had been treated, the girl told investigators the men held her for nine or 10 hours, police Capt. William Hayes said.

Police believe two vehicles were involved in the abduction and officers have recovered one of them, Hayes said. Investigators have cordoned off several crime scenes including houses and a storage facility in the investigation and manhunt.

"We have a 10-year-old girl that's been traumatized here. She was forcibly taken from her home," Hayes said. "If these individuals are brazen enough to do that, I'm putting all the resources I have to make sure they don't do it again."

The girl's parents reported her missing just before 4 a.m. More than 11 hours later, someone who recognized her from media reports spotted her outside a Starbucks shop and summoned police officers who happened to be nearby, police Capt. Kris Pitcher said at an earlier news conference.

Police later learned the girl had been dropped off at a hospital a few blocks away and had wandered to the area around the coffee shop, Hayes said.

The girl was wearing an oversized white T-shirt and was barefoot when she was found.

Her parents reported that she had been wearing a black T-shirt emblazoned with characters from the TV show "Heroes" when they last saw her in her bedroom shortly after midnight, police spokesman Richard French said. When they checked on her a few hours later, she was gone.

There were no clear signs of forced entry into the house, Hayes said, but a gate outside that had been closed was left open and investigators believe the men somehow made their way in through the back of the house.

Police released the girl's name, description and a photo in an urgent campaign seeking the public's help in spotting the child with distinctive long red hair. After she was found, police asked media to stop using the name and photo.

Smith said the request came "due to the confidentiality of her being a juvenile and her being the victim of a serious crime," and at the request of her parents.



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S&P 500 closes at a record high, beating '07 mark

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NEW YORK For the second time in less than a month, the stock market marched past another milepost on its long, turbulent journey back from the Great Recession, toppling another record left over from the days before government bailouts and failing investment banks.

The Standard & Poor's 500 closed at a new high Thursday, three weeks after another popular market gauge, the Dow Jones industrial average, obliterated its own closing record. The S&P capped its best quarter in a year, rising 10 percent, and the Dow had its best first quarter in 15 years, climbing 11 percent.

The numbers offer more evidence that investors believe the economy is on the mend, said Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ.

"The low-flying recovery is gaining altitude," Stovall said, citing a truism among investors that rising stock prices come first, then the economy catches up.

Thursday's performance was driven by encouraging economic data. Companies are making record profits quarter after quarter. They're hiring in greater numbers, and the housing market is finally recovering. The economy has expanded for 14 quarters in a row.

The Fed has helped, too. By keeping interest rates near record lows, the central bank has encouraged people to move money out of savings accounts that pay next to nothing and into stocks and other investments.

Investors warned clients not to get overly excited.

"Getting back to where we were is an important step," said Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices. But he cautioned in a note to investors: "Markets are volatile, and if you are a long-term investor you should expect declines."

On Thursday, the S&P 500 rose 6.34 points, or 0.41 percent, to 1,569.19, beating by four points its previous record of 1,565.15 set on Oct. 9, 2007. The index is still shy of its all-time trading high of 1,576.09.

The index has now recovered all of its losses from the recession and the financial crisis that followed. Investors who put their dividends back into the market have done even better. A $10,000 investment in the S&P back in October 2007 would be worth $11,270.

On any other day, a market gain of six points would go unheralded but not after the turmoil that began in late 2008 and persisted through a slow, sometimes stalled recovery.

The S&P 500 is a barometer that gauges market performance. And while professional investors might scoff at using it to decide when to buy and sell, the breaking of an old record can be psychologically important.

However, many obstacles still loom.

The U.S. economy is stable, but growth is anemic. Unemployment is 7.7 percent, versus 4.7 percent, the last time the S&P notched a record. The European debt crisis is far from resolved. And some investors are concerned that the market's gains are being fueled by the Federal Reserve's easy money policy and will disappear once the Fed reverses course.

The crisis of the moment is Cyprus, the Mediterranean island country that struggled this week to get an emergency bailout. For many investors, the bailout deal was a reminder of Europe's lingering economic problems. Elsewhere, Italy failed to set up a new government this week, raising fears that the country will be unable to manage its deep debts.

On Thursday, U.S. economic news was mixed.

The U.S. economy grew faster than first estimated in the fourth quarter, the government reported. But the growth, an annual rate of 0.4 percent, was still weak. The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits jumped for the second straight week. Longer-term, though, applications for benefits have been declining since November.

In Europe, Cyprus reopened its banks after closing them for nearly two weeks to keep depositors from making panicked withdrawals. Portugal reported that its budget deficit was widening.

"If you're a bull or a bear, you could find enough news out there to convince you of your position," said Jim Lauder, CEO of Global Index Advisors in Marietta, Ga., and co-portfolio manager on Wells Fargo Advantage Dow Jones Target Date Funds.

Brian Singer, partner at William Blair in Chicago, said the market's gains Thursday were more about a lack of any major negative developments than the appearance of any good ones.

"We are looking at a realization that Western civilization is not ending as we know it," Singer said. "Fiscal discussions in the U.S. have settled into an acceptable stalemate. The Italian elections that did not result in a government are on hold. Cyprus hasn't sunk into the Mediterranean."

Thursday marked the end of the first quarter, since markets are closed for Good Friday. Overall, it was a strong quarter.

The Dow climbed for the first 10 trading days of March — a record not matched in more than 16 years. In the past 10 days, though, it has wavered under the weight of Cyprus.

The Dow rose 11 percent in the first three months of the year, its best quarterly performance since the fourth quarter of 2011. Last year, it lost ground in two quarters and was up by smaller amounts — 4 percent and 8 percent — in the other two. On March 5, it beat its own all-time record of 14,164.53, which was also set on Oct. 9, 2007, and has been climbing ever since.

To be sure, the S&P 500's last record was followed by a painful downfall. By March 2009, long after the subprime mortgage market had been revealed as an unsustainable bubble, the S&P had cratered from its lofty heights. On March 9, 2009, it fell to its Great Recession low of 676.53 — down 57 percent from its October 2007 pinnacle.

With Thursday's gains, it has climbed 132 percent since reaching the bottom. Including dividends, it is up more than 150 percent.



Prosecutors not ready to agree to Holmes plea

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Associated Press

DENVER Prosecutors in the Colorado theater shooting on Thursday rejected an offer from suspect James Holmes to plead guilty in exchange for avoiding the death penalty and accused defense lawyers of a serious breach of court rules by making the offer public.

In a scathing court document, prosecutors said the defense has repeatedly refused to give them the information they need to evaluate the plea offer, so the offer can't be considered genuine.

No plea agreement exists, prosecutors said, and one "is extremely unlikely based on the present information available to the prosecution."

They also said anyone reading news stories about the offer would inevitably conclude "the defendant knows that he is guilty, the defense attorneys know that he is guilty, and that both of them know that he was not criminally insane."

Neither the defense nor the prosecution immediately returned phone calls Thursday.

Holmes is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder in the July 20 shootings in a packed theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora. Twelve people were killed and 70 were injured.

Holmes' attorneys disclosed in a court filing Wednesday that their client has offered to plead guilty, but only if he wouldn't be executed.

Prosecutors criticized defense attorneys for publicizing the offer, calling it a ploy meant to draw the public and the judge into what should be private plea negotiations.

Prosecutors did not say what information the defense refused to give them, but the two sides have argued in court previously about access to information about Holmes' mental health.

Karen Steinhauser, a former prosecutor who is now a law professor at the University of Denver, said prosecutors clearly do not want to agree to a plea deal without knowing whether Holmes' attorneys could mount a strong mental health defense.

"One of the issues the prosecution needs to look at is, is there a likelihood that doctors, and then a jury, could find that James Holmes was insane at the time of the crime?" she said.

Prosecutors also criticized comments to The Associated Press by Doug Wilson, who heads the state public defenders' office.

Wilson told the AP Wednesday that prosecutors had not responded to the offer and said he didn't know whether prosecutors had relayed the offer to any victims as required by state law.

Prosecutors said that violated the gag order.

They also said they have repeatedly contacted "every known victim and family member of a victim — numbering over one thousand" about possible resolutions of the case, including the death penalty and life in prison without parole.

George Brauchler, the Arapahoe County district attorney, is scheduled to announce Monday whether he will seek the death penalty for Holmes. Brauchler hasn't publicly revealed his plans. He has refused repeatedly to comment on the case, citing the gag order.

Pierce O'Farrill, who was shot three times, said he would welcome an agreement that would imprison Holmes for life. The years of court struggles ahead would likely be an emotional ordeal for victims, he said.

"I don't see his death bringing me peace," O'Farrill said. "To me, my prayer for him was that he would spend the rest of his life in prison and hopefully, in all those years he has left, he could find God and ask for forgiveness himself."

A plea bargain would bring finality to the case fairly early so victims and their families can avoid the prolonged trauma of not knowing what will happen, said Dan Recht, a past president of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar.

"The defense, by making this public pleading, is reaching out to the victims' families," he said.

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North Korea orders rocket prep after U.S. B-2 drill

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SEOUL, South Korea North Korea's leader said Friday that his rocket forces are ready "to settle accounts with the U.S.," an escalation of the country's bellicose rhetoric and a direct response to the unprecedented announcement that U.S. nuclear-capable B-2 bombers had joined military drills with South Korea.

Kim Jong Un's comments in a meeting with his senior generals are part of a rising tide of threats meant to highlight anger over the military drills and recent U.N. sanctions over Pyongyang's nuclear test. North Korea sees U.S. nuclear firepower as a direct threat to its existence and claims the annual military drills are a preparation for invasion. Pyongyang also uses the U.S. nuclear arsenal as a justification for its own push for nuclear-tipped missiles that can strike the United States — a goal that experts believe to be years away, despite a nuclear test last month and a long-range rocket launch in December.

A full-blown North Korean attack is unlikely, though there are fears of a more localized conflict, such as a naval skirmish in disputed Yellow Sea waters. Such naval clashes have happened three times since 1999. North Korea's threats are seen by outside analysts as efforts to provoke South Korea to soften its policies and to win direct talks with Washington that could result in aid. Kim's comments are also seen as ways to build domestic loyalty and strengthen his military credentials.

Kim met early Friday morning with his senior generals, state media reported, signed a rocket preparation plan and ordered his forces on standby to strike the U.S. mainland, South Korea, Guam and Hawaii. Many analysts say they've seen no evidence that Pyongyang's missiles can hit the U.S. mainland. But it has capable short- and mid-range missiles, and Seoul is only a short drive from the heavily armed border separating the Koreas.

U.S. Forces Korea said Thursday that the B-2 stealth bombers flew from a U.S. air base in Missouri and dropped dummy munitions on the South Korean island range before returning home. It was unclear whether America's stealth bombers were used in past annual drills with South Korea, but this is the first time the military has announced their use.

The statement follows an earlier U.S. announcement that nuclear-capable B-52 bombers participated in the joint military drills.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told reporters Thursday that the decision to send B-2 bombers to join the military drills was part of normal exercises and not intended to provoke North Korea. Hagel acknowledged, however, that North Korea's belligerent tones and actions in recent weeks have ratcheted up the danger in the region, "and we have to understand that reality."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the U.S. was making sure its defenses were "appropriate and strong" as North Korea continues to test and seeks to extend the reach of its weaponry.

Washington and Seoul say the military drills are routine and defensive.

North Korea has already threatened nuclear strikes on Washington and Seoul in recent weeks. It said Wednesday there was no need for communication in a situation "where a war may break out at any moment." Earlier this month, it announced that it considers void the armistice that ended the Korean War in 1953.

But there were also signs that Pyongyang is willing to go only so far.

A North Korean industrial plant operated with South Korean know-how was running normally Thursday, despite the North's shutdown a day earlier of communication lines ordinarily used to move workers and goods across the border. At least for the moment, Pyongyang was choosing the factory's infusion of hard currency over yet another provocation.

Pyongyang would have gone beyond words, possibly damaging its own weak finances, if it had blocked South Koreans from getting in and out of the Kaesong industrial plant, which produced $470 million worth of goods last year. South Korean managers at the plant reported no signs of trouble Thursday.

The Kaesong plant, just across the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone that separates the Koreas, normally relies on a military hotline for the governments to coordinate the movement of goods and South Korean workers.

Without the hotline, the governments, which lack diplomatic relations, used middlemen. North Korea verbally approved the crossing Thursday of hundreds of South Koreans by telling South Koreans at a management office at the Kaesong factory. Those South Koreans then called officials in South Korea.

Both governments prohibit direct contact with citizens on the other side, but Kaesong has separate telephone lines that allow South Korean managers there to communicate with people in South Korea.

Factory managers at Kaesong reached by The Associated Press by telephone at the factory said the overall mood there is normal.

"Tension rises almost every year when it's time for the U.S.-South Korean drills to take place, but as soon as those drills end, things quickly return to normal," Sung Hyun-sang said in Seoul, a day after returning from Kaesong. He is president of Mansun Corporation, an apparel manufacturer that employs 1,400 North Korean workers and regularly stations 12 South Koreans at Kaesong.

"I think and hope that this time won't be different," Sung said.

Technically, the divided Korean Peninsula remains in a state of war. North Korea last shut down communications at Kaesong four years ago, and that time some workers were temporarily stranded.

North Korea could be trying to stoke worries that the hotline shutdown could mean that a military provocation could come any time without notice.

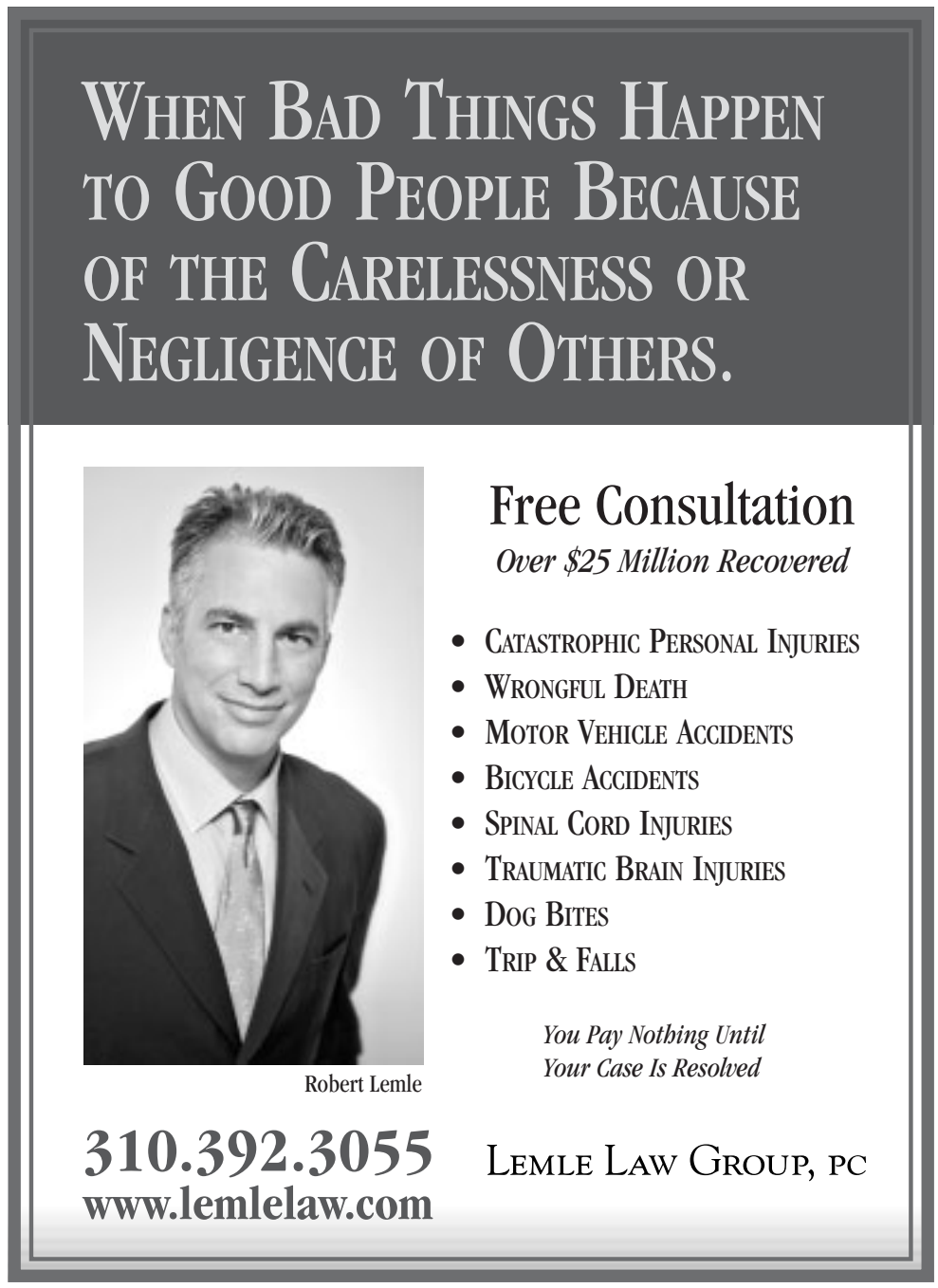
South Korea urged the North to quickly restore the hotline, and the U.S. State Department said the shutdown was unconstructive.

Although North Korea has vowed nuclear strikes on the U.S., analysts outside the country have seen no proof that North Korean scientists have yet mastered the technology needed to build a nuclear warhead small enough to mount on a missile.

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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 Alloe 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+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce 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
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Penn Creek at Las 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 17300 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

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SOCCER

Landon Donovan hopes to rejoin U.S. national team

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON Landon Donovan hopes to regain his place on the U.S. national team.

Back with the Los Angeles Galaxy after a sabbatical of nearly four months, the 31-year-old midfielder said Thursday he wants to help the U.S. qualify for next year's World Cup.

"I realize that I have a long way to go, both on the field and off the field, to work back into the national team, and that's my goal," Donovan said after a training session with the Galaxy at Georgetown. "I miss being a part of that. I want to represent my country again."

Donovan, who joined the Galaxy ahead of their visit to the White House Tuesday, said he will not play in Los Angeles' match Saturday at Toronto but could return as a substitute in upcoming games.

A member of three World Cup teams and the American career scoring leader, Donovan has been watching the national team from a distance. The U.S. is 1-1-1 in the final round of qualifying from North and Central America and the Caribbean following Tuesday's 0-0 tie at Mexico. It was just the second time the U.S. secured a point in Mexico in World Cup qualifying.

"I was so proud to watch, so proud to be just an American fan," Donovan said. "Forget about a player or a teammate."

Donovan hadn't appeared in a match since Dec. 1, when the Galaxy won their second straight MLS title. He took the extend break to "get the enjoyment back" and already has missed Los Angeles' first three league matches and CONCACAF Champions League quarterfinals.

While Donovan has had brief loan spells with Bayern Munich and Everton in recent years, he has spent most of his club career at MLS. He's been with the Galaxy since 2005.

"I've known a lot of these guys for a long time, and I think they understood how badly I needed some time away," he said. "I'm fortunate to play for a team like this. There are probably a lot of other teams that would not have been as accepting."

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann didn't consider Donovan for his roster against Mexico but has said he is open to a return. It depends on Donovan's condition and form.

"He certainly hasn't agreed with a lot of my choices, and that's understandable," Donovan said. "He's always been very respectful. He's always been supportive, and now my task is to find my way back in."

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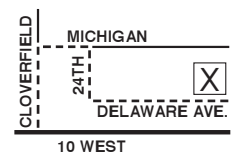
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
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Croods 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
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TGIF, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might want to let off some steam and say what you feel. Get together with a friend with whom you can share your thoughts. Celebrations will happen after you clear the air. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Defer to others, as they seem to be insistent on having their way. Use the free time to go off and do something you really want to do. Plans involving travel or a reunion could change quickly. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and you'll clear up a problem quickly and easily. You see situations in a different light. Where others could have difficulty understanding a dynamic person, you do not. Tonight: Join friends, but make it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Tap into your creativity, and you'll come up with solutions. A loved one might become childlike, as he or she is full of fun. Avoid being stern with this person; instead, enjoy his or her energetic personality. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Choose to stay close to home if you can, as a domestic situation might need you. Wherever you are, you will be overwhelmed by invitations. Make time for a close loved one. You might need a break from your "business as usual" routine. Tonight: Dance the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Communication could be difficult right now. Remember, this is just a passage. A discussion with less blame could open up an impasse between you and someone else. Make calls, and start thinking about weekend plans. Don't take a comment personally. Tonight: TGIF!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be more possessive than you might realize. Try getting out of your own head so that you can see the big picture. Being possessive might remedy a situation temporarily, but it certainly is not a fix. Tonight: Be aware of tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Open up to a new possibility. How you handle a difficult conversation could affect the relationship in question. Listen to news, and understand that the sentiments of the moment could change quickly. Follow through on a suggestion. Tonight: Beam in the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you can't do everything that you want to do. Sort through a financial matter first, and then decide which way you should go as far as making plans. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be coming from a position of strength. You are changing, and your desires reflect that transformation. Your priorities and focus are constantly evolving. Recognize self-imposed restrictions. A conversation might reveal more. Tonight: Happiest among crowds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll decide to do something very different. You are in a position in which others are observing you. Don't be surprised if someone follows your lead. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might not be getting the whole story. Fret a little less and remain optimistic. A group of friends plays a significant role in making weekend plans. Detachment shows you where a judgment was faulty. Tonight: Wherever there is music.

Friday, March 29, 2013

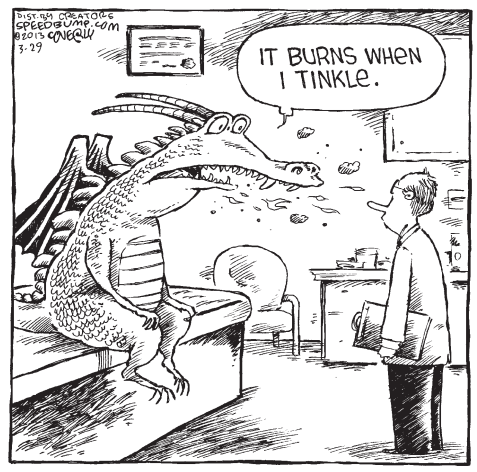
This year, if you follow your intuition, you will make the correct choices for your life. Know that you do not need to consult others -- you know what is best for you. After June 2013, you will land like a cat on its feet. Be careful when expressing any frustration or anger. Others might accept your apologies, but that won't erase their hurt feelings. If you are single, you could unintentionally create some distance between you and a would-be suitor, as you can be sarcastic. If you are attached, plan on taking that long-desired vacation together. SCORPIO understands your intensity.

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

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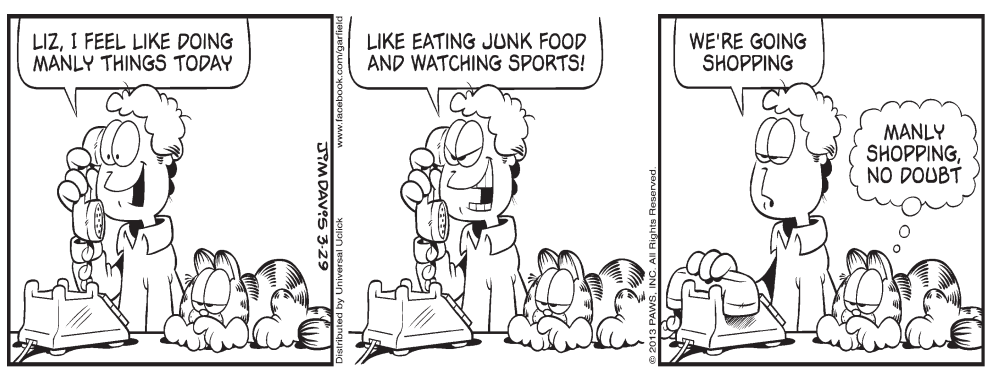
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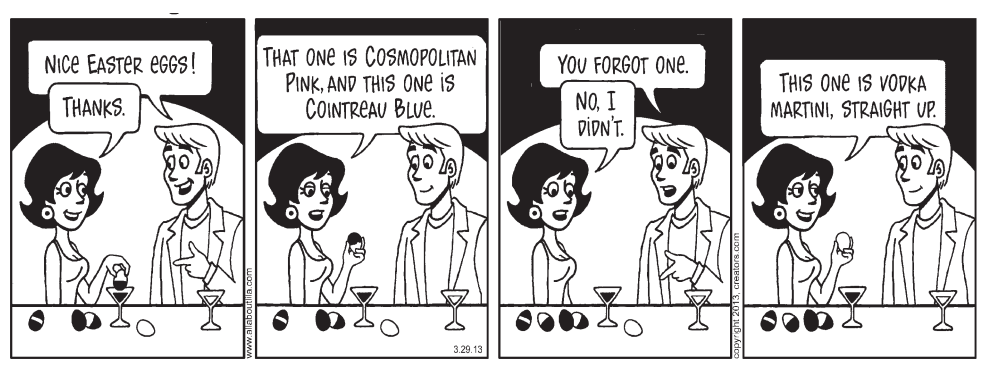
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Track count
5 Puppy sounds
9 Shower time?
11 Pungent
13 Veep Agnew
14 "Spider-Man" director
15 Toe count
16 Chateau owner
18 Drawer fresheners
20 Guest's bed
21 Staggers
22 Turn down
23 Utter
24 Distress letters
25 Play group
27 Like Dylan Thomas
29 Throw in
30 Miss badly
32 Oatmeal extras
34 Drink cooler
35 Banded rock
36 Conjure up
38 Met performer
39 Feasted
40 Easy targets
41 Foots the bill

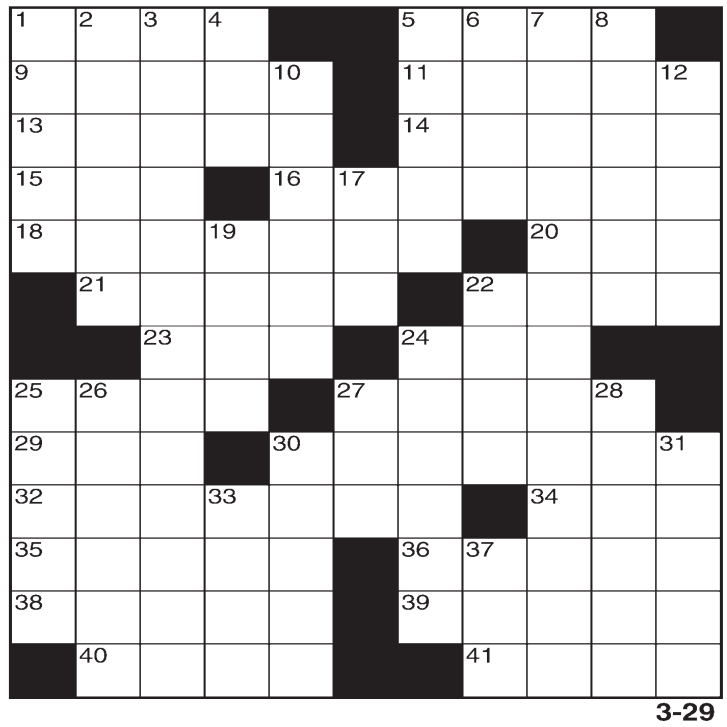
DOWN

1 Endures
2 Show up
3 Bride of July 1981
4 Polite address
5 Stories
6 "... ways to skin —"
7 "Shrek" character
8 Hearst's San —
10 Enticing
12 Corrupt
17 "— your loss!"
19 Miami team
22 Portion
24 Felt
25 Gem unit
26 Wise sayings
27 Take the title
28 Game with wings
30 Berth places
31 Oboe parts
33 Organ part
37 Big shot

S	H	I	P	■	■	S	L	E	P	T
M	A	N	O	R	■	C	A	M	E	O
A	N	K	L	E	■	A	M	A	S	S
R	O	E	■	G	A	M	B	I	T	S
T	I	D	B	I	T	■	■	L	E	E
■	■	■	A	M	E	N	■	E	R	R
■	K	I	T	E	■	A	D	D	S	■
B	E	N	■	N	A	T	E	■	■	■
A	N	A	■	■	R	A	B	B	I	T
H	O	B	B	I	T	S	■	O	R	E
A	L	I	E	N	■	H	A	R	E	S
M	I	N	E	R	■	A	G	E	N	T
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Yesterday's answer

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EVENING: ...

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2nd: ...
3rd: ...
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **First-World Products:** The DogTread Treadmill is a modification of the familiar exercise machine in homes and health clubs, with special features for dog safety -- a helpful invention in a nation in which over half of all pet dogs are too fat. (A somewhat higher percentage of cats is overweight, but it is unlikely that marketing a cat treadmill has ever been considered.) The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention points out that pets can develop type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and osteoarthritis, and that the problem stems from insufficient exercise and overindulgent owners. (The DogTread Treadmills sell for $499 to $899.)

■ (1) Teri James, 29, filed a lawsuit recently in San Diego against San Diego Christian College because it fired her for being pregnant and unmarried -- a violation of specific employee rules. She said the firing was obviously illegal gender discrimination because her job was quickly offered to the next-most-qualified candidate -- James' fiance, who was openly cohabiting with James all along and is the baby's father. (2) In a Philadelphia courtroom in February, alleged assault victim John Huttick was on the witness stand tearfully describing how miserable his life has become since he lost his left eye in a barroom fight with the defendant. Right then, however, his prosthetic eye fell out. The judge, certain that it was an accident, quickly declared a mistrial (especially since two jurors, seated a few feet away, appeared sickened).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1973 – Vietnam War: The last United States combat soldiers leave South Vietnam.

1973 – Operation Barrel Roll, a covert US bombing campaign in Laos to stop communist infiltration of South Vietnam, ends.

WORD UP!

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