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THE OUT FOR A SPIN ISSUE

Executive director leaves youth center

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD The head of an embattled youth organization stepped down from the top job this week, just as city officials released details about a competitive bidding process that could reassign the group's funding to another institution.

Oscar de la Torre, long-time youth advocate and school board member, will continue to serve the Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC) as its interim executive director until its Board of Directors chooses his permanent replacement.

He will then transition into a consultant role, and focus on PYFC's programs and fundraising.

"In my new role, I will support the board and staff to ensure PYFC lives up to our mission statement," de la Torre said. "I'm charged with supporting best practices in direct services and leadership development for marginalized youth and families."

He will also mentor the new executive director, when he or she is selected.

Although de la Torre is technically taking a step back, he still has the board's confidence, said Leila Steinberg, a board member.

"Oscar is an excellent leader, role model and mentor to the youth that we serve," she said. "We are fortunate that he has agreed to continue to support PYFC in his new role."

Steinberg joined the board after half of the board members — including four in key leadership positions — left the organization en masse in late 2012, causing a disruption in the organization's leadership at a critical time in which over $300,000 in municipal funding was in jeopardy.

de la Torre will also work directly with the board and a new hybrid organization of PYFC and another service provider that will be responding to City Hall's request for proposals, a formal term for the process by which the organization will compete to keep

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de la TORRE

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LINING THE STREETS: **Vehicles park along Fourth Street just north of California Avenue.**

SM Planning Commission digs in heels on parking policy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Planning Commission asked Planning Department officials to go back to the drawing board on an unpopular parking policy that would have reduced the amount of parking needed for future development.

Commissioners unanimously supported

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ROUND AND ROUND

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A pair of young women ride the Scrambler at Pacific Park on Thursday. The Santa Monica Pier was packed during these last few days of spring break.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 5, 2013

Day to get fit
1550 PCH Beach Lot,
12 p.m. — 3 p.m.
BluePrint will be hosting a day of fitness at the beach with free yoga classes, CrossFit workouts and more. BluePrint juice will also be available. For more information, contact Chelsea Davis at (310) 663-2546.

Gem of a show
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 12 p.m. — 6 p.m.
For more than 44 years, the International Gem and Jewelry Show has been bringing the largest selection of jewelry at the lowest prices to locations across the country — and now the show is back in Santa Monica. You can expect to find colored gemstones, fine jewelry, gold and silver earrings, necklaces and bracelets, beads and crystals, ethnic jewelry, classic pearls, vintage estate jewelry, engagement rings and wedding bands, designer watches and one-of-a-kind seasonal pieces. For more information, visit www.intergem.net.

Here and there
haleARTS S P A C E
2443 Main St., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Renowned photographer Alan Kupchick's art gallery "There and Here," opens up on Friday. View moderately-priced work while enjoying fresh popcorn and white wine. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 314-8038.

High drama politics
Santa Monica Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., 8 p.m.
The sordid government tale known as "American Animals" will make its debut. The play written and directed by Alex Dandino takes the audience deeper into the world of American politics, exploring our leaders' abilities to blur the line between right and wrong. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased online at americananimals.brownpapertickets.com.

Tame that shrew
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
The "Taming of the Shrew" is one of Shakespeare's funniest plays — a farce in the truest sense. The Colonials theater company presents the story of a drunk tinker, Christopher Sly, who, having been cast out into the cold by a barmaid, is found lying in his drunken sleep by a wealthy lord who decides to see if such a "monstrous beast" will behave better if he is treated well. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Last day
John Muir Elementary School parking lot
2526 Sixth St., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The John Muir Elementary School Flea Market will have its last day after 23 years. Vendors sell a mixture of vintage clothes, coins, crystals, jewelry and antique furniture. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jaime Greger at (310) 570-6483.

Chae's concierto
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m.
UCLA graduate and gifted local pianist Lana Chae performs solo pieces by Beethoven, Ravel, and Schubert in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. Chae serves as a teaching assistant in UCLA's undergraduate music classes and maintains a private studio of piano students.

Sunday, April 7, 2013

New West kicks it old school
Samohi, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
New West Symphony will perform Haydn's Sinfonia Concentrate at Barnum Hall. The concert will feature New West principals Lara Wickes, Duncan Massey, and Mark Tanner with guest conductor Maxim Eshkenazy. Tickets range from $25 to $98. For more information, visit newwestsymphony.org.

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Lead poisoning toll revised to 1 in 38 young kids

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK More than half a million U.S. children are now believed to have lead poisoning, roughly twice the previous high estimate, health officials reported Thursday.

The increase is the result of the government last year lowering the threshold for lead poisoning, so now more children are considered at risk.

Too much lead can harm developing brains and can mean a lower IQ. Lead poisoning used to be a much larger concern in the United States, but has declined significantly as lead was removed from paint and gasoline and other sources.

The new number translates to about 1 in 38 young children. That estimate suggests a need for more testing and preventive measures, some experts said, but budget cuts last year eliminated federal grant funding for such programs.

Those cuts represent "an abandonment of children," said David Rosner, a Columbia University public health historian who writes books about lead poisoning.

"We've been acting like the problem was solved and this was a thing of the past," he added.

Lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys and other organs. High levels in the blood can cause coma, convulsions and death. Lower levels can reduce intelligence, impair hearing and behavior and cause other problems.

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Facebook tweaks Android phones to build new 'Home'

BARBARA ORTUTAY & MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writers

MENLO PARK, Calif. With its new "Home" on Android gadgets, Facebook is trying to prove that a company doesn't have to make a smartphone or operating system to define how people interact with mobile technology. The audacious move will provide further insights into how pervasive Facebook has become, testing whether people want to be greeted with content from the social network every time they look at their phones.

When people start downloading the Home software upon its April 12 release in the U.S., Facebook will become the new hub of their Android smartphones.

Switch on your phone and you'll see friends' photos, overlaid by status updates, links and eventually, advertisements in Facebook's quest to bring in more revenue and restore its stock price to where it stood when the company went public nearly 11 months ago.

About 80 percent of what currently appears within a Facebook user's News Feed will automatically be transferred into the "cover feed" of the Home service. For instance, a sibling's status update might be featured prominently on the phone's home screen when it's unlocked. Swipe a finger and there might be a photo posted by one of your best friends. Want to like what you see? Just tap on the home screen twice. Comments can be posted directly from the home screen, too.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

REED PARK
Dudley Cup returns

The 97th annual Dudley Cup, one of Southern California's most prestigious amateur tennis tournaments, is staging its semi-finals and finals this weekend at Reed Park at Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

From 262 participants the field is down to a precious few. Past winners of the Dudley Cup include tennis legends Jack Kramer and Billie Jean King.

The semis (and some quarter-finals) will be on Saturday with the finals on Sunday. The matches will start at 9 a.m. with much of the action taking place on Center Court, which features bleacher seating. The event is open to the public and there is plenty of street parking.

The Dudley Cup brackets include boys and girls ages 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 and also includes "open level" which has some of the finest players in Southern California. This is the 40th year the tournament has been run by Bill Nisley.

– JACK NEWORTH

THRASHING

Photo courtesy Santa Monica Museum of Art/Elizabeth Pezza

ABOVE: Professional skateboarder Salman Agah tests out the new skate ramps created by local high school students in the Santa Monica Museum of Art's spring break program, 'Park Studio: Skaters and Makers, 2013.' The event was held at Virginia Avenue Park.

RIGHT: Local high school students build a skate ramp on Thursday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Development despair

Editor:

In response to Arthur Jeon's eloquent April 4 letter, "Pump the brakes on development," I too am a longtime Santa Monica resident and I am disheartened by the worsening of the quality of life as a result of the over building and development. OK, I'll be honest – I'm downright angry and resentful.

It's astonishing to see the number of empty lots and buildings being torn down for new buildings and condos. I voted in the last election for the "slow growth" candidates and look what good it did. Shame on me for believing we could change anything. Anyone see the new complex on the corner of Seventh Street and Arizona Avenue? It's a huge condo monster and surely the hundreds of residents' cars will spill out onto Lincoln Boulevard where it's gridlock most days anyway. Add a few hundred more cars in the morning and evening. Let's do it!

How many people do you think you can fit into a small town and still be able to get around with relative ease? Forcing people to use the bus or the upcoming light rail – good luck with that pipe dream. People are in love with their cars and will still use them. Has anyone tried to drive down Santa Monica Boulevard toward the ocean on the weekends? The traffic is backed up from Ocean Avenue to at least 11th Street with people trying to get to our precious Third Street Promenade.

I realize some growth is necessary, but it's long past the tipping point. I read an article where some city politician said Santa Monica had 40 development projects in the pipeline and it wasn't the job of the City Council to say "no" but just a matter of "when." Really? That shows me the pompous attitude that has led to the ruining of this once unique city. How many standing structures have "for lease" signs and have not been rented in years? They are everywhere. Why build structures that you can't fill? Look at the behemoth structure on Lincoln just south of Arizona on the east side. It's been mostly empty and "for lease" for years.

I avoid Lincoln ... as it's become a total gridlock street. I can only wait to see what new development project goes in across the street from Bay Cities or down the block when they gut Denny's and Norms. Do you think that area will be gridlocked during rush hour as people try to get on the freeway? Hello! No one cares to listen to the citizens of the city. Developers bought and sold this town years ago and we're just realizing it now. I receive the cards in the mail with invites to the council meetings about development in my neighborhood. Why bother to attend? It does no good to voice our opinions because they still vote the way they want in support of massive projects. We are citizens who live in this city, work in this city, pay taxes in this city and yet it appears as if we have no say in what goes on that affects the quality of our daily lives.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that more people equals more traffic, pollution and gridlock. From the outside, Santa Monica must have a mystique of glamour to tourists, but to longtime residents the quality of life in my once sleepy hometown has been eviscerated by the steady march of overdevelopment. I'm sure those who say that everything is great need to get in their car and drive around the city in the morning or evening. Oh, wait, you can't because of the gridlock.

So, my question is, what are we going to do about it or is it too late to care?

Mark Sanderson
Santa Monica

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

On location, on location, on location

SANTA MONICA HAS LONG BEEN A HOME to the television and film industries. Not only do many in the business live here, but our picturesque city is often used for location shots — too often if you ask me. Of course I may be biased from a rather unpleasant incident of a few years ago.

It was a summer afternoon during a heat wave and I was walking home from the beach. I was sunburnt, sandy and carrying an umbrella and a beach chair that goes over my shoulder like a backpack. In the heat, weighed down as I was, I felt like part pack mule.

I was about to cross Barnard Way going east when I was confronted by a young woman holding a red stop sign that had a handle. Seeming self-important, she informed me that she was part of a film crew and I had to wait until further notice — from her. "We're shooting a scene for a Chevy Chase movie," she said and her tone reeked of "I'm in show business and you're not."

The odd thing was that as I looked left and right, I didn't see any film crew or any vehicles. Or any Chevy Chase for that matter. Feeling ridiculous, I just stood there. After a minute I gave thought to opening my beach chair and sitting down to wait.

I tried to reason with her, but to no avail. I felt like Jack Nicholson in "Five Easy Pieces" asking for a side order of toast. Finally, I figured it's only 20 feet, I'll make a break for it. Just then the young woman thrust her sign near my face. "Can't you read?" For a fleeting second I thought I was a victim of the TV show "Punk'd" and Ashton Kutcher would step out from behind the bushes.

Once last time I tried logic. "Look, by the time I finish this sentence I could have been across the street already." She responded coldly, "Do I have to call the police?" That did it. This was crazy.

"Go ahead," I said defiantly. She immediately got on her walkie-talkie and I heard her describe me as "potentially violent." Potentially annoyed was more like it, only forget the "potentially."

Seemingly only seconds later a cop car barreled down Barnard Way. She glared victoriously, "Now you're in big trouble." Suddenly I pictured myself being handcuffed and shoved into the backseat of a squad car (along with my umbrella and beach chair).

Angrily, the cop got out of his car and I thought maybe he was going to taser me. Instead, he pleaded with me. "She doesn't have any authority but just don't make a scene, OK?"

As the exasperated cop drove off I should have just gone home right then, but I was too angry. I had just imagined myself getting fingerprinted and having my mug shot taken. Trust me, it would have looked worse than Nick Nolte, whose infamous 2002 mug shot resembled a homeless alcoholic. (No offense to homeless alcoholics.)

"Do you have a supervisor?" I demanded. She glared again before reluctantly using her walkie-talkie. This time I heard myself described as "an old weirdo." Yikes.

The supervisor was in a trailer at the far end of the parking lot. With my umbrella and beach chair, the last thing I wanted to do was schlep over there. But what pride I had left was on the line.

Much to my chagrin, I had to fill out a complaint form. Frankly, I'd rather be tasered than fill out a form. Especially when it was obvious the supervisor was going to throw it in the trash can the moment I left.

ON PRIVATE PROPERTY APPARENTLY THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HOW MANY TIMES A LANDLORD CAN RENT OUT HIS BUILDING TO PRODUCTION COMPANIES.

That was a few years ago. Recently, however, my apartment building lobby and parking lot were rented out to "Mad Men" to simulate a Miami Hotel circa 1960s. It's a great show and the thought was exciting. But, the following day, when trucks started noisily unloading heavy equipment at 6 a.m., it got considerably less exciting. Tenants were told we couldn't use the lobby, the parking lot, or even our balconies. (Modern-looking clothes conflicted with the period-era show.) So, this was twice Hollywood production had irked me. Once I couldn't cross the street, now I couldn't get my mail. Grrr.

The next day I checked with Rent Control and city permits and guess what? On private property apparently there's no limit to how many times a landlord can rent out his building to production companies. (Great, now I've probably given some greedy landlord a new money-making scheme.)

That day when "Mad Men" was here, we were instructed that to leave the property we had to go out the side exit. Grumbling, I decided to walk and see the filming from afar. As I did I kept thinking that I might run into the busybody woman with the stop sign. Of course, that was ridiculous. She's probably a director by now.

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Second lost hiker rescued from SoCal forest

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — Rescuers who plucked a young woman on Thursday from a steep, rocky canyon wall said she was exhausted, had trouble breathing and likely could not have survived much longer than another day in the rugged Southern California wilderness.

Kyndall Jack, 18, was rescued from a near-vertical wall in Falls Canyon in Cleveland National Forest, five days after she got lost on a day hike with a friend.

"She was kind of clinging to the ledge on the cliff side, kind of going in and out of consciousness," said Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Jim Moss, a paramedic who treated her. "We climbed up to her and could see she was in a lot of pain, obviously completely dehydrated and very week.

"She wouldn't have made it much longer. She's really lucky."

Barely able to move, Jack had managed to scream on and off for 90 minutes, shouting at times, "I'm here, I'm here," as rescuers moved toward her.

Her screams brought searchers to her hours after they found her hiking companion, 19-year-old Nicolas Cendoya on Wednesday night, said Orange County sheriff's Lt. Jason Park.

"We started to close in. We heard the voice from all our ground crews and surrounded it and made contact with her." he said. "It was very difficult to extract her."

A reserve deputy aiding the effort suffered a head injury when he fell 60 feet down the canyon. He was also flown to a hospital. His name was not released and his condition was not immediately known.

Jack and Cendoya had driven to the area on Easter Sunday for what was supposed to be a short, easy day hike through a picturesque canyon to a waterfall. The area is part of the rugged Cleveland National Forest, which sprawls across 720 miles of Southern California.

Searchers aided by a sheriff's helicopter with infrared sensors stepped up their efforts to find Jack after Cendoya was located by another hiker in the same area.

Cendoya was found in shorts and a shirt but missing his shoes. He was flown to a hospital where doctors said he was being treated for severe dehydration, scratches and bruises.

Cendoya was "extremely confused and disoriented," when he was found less than a mile from the pair's car, giving an added urgency to the effort to find his friend.

Searchers returned to the forest before dawn.

Rescuers had flown Cendoya to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, where Dr. Michael Ritter told reporters the teenager said he survived by taking shelter at night in heavy brush and passing his days by praying.

"He's got a lot of faith in the Lord, which I think will help him to work his way through this," Ritter said shortly before Jack was located. "And I think his recovery will be a lot faster if we can find Kyndall."

Cendoya told doctors the two became separated sometime Sunday night.

He was found on a steep hill less than a mile from where the pair had left their car, but the brush was so thick that a person wouldn't be able to see someone standing as close as five feet away, Park said.

The area is also just 500 feet from a dirt road that is fairly heavily traveled, but Park said Cendoya was so disoriented he likely wasn't aware of that.

"He was in an area near where people were calling his name and he didn't even know it. It just shows the extent of his disorientation," Park said.

Before his cellphone's battery died, Cendoya was able to make a 911 call Sunday telling authorities the couple had gotten lost and were in distress.

"He was panting and said, 'We're out of water.' You could hear Kyndall in the background," said Orange County fire Capt. Jon Muir. "He said, 'I think we're about a mile or two from the car,' and he was right about the distance but in totally the wrong direction."

Brush in the area was so dense that even after he was found, a helicopter dispatched to rescue him had trouble keeping track of where he was.

"When the rescuer was lowered he lost sight of him," said Division Chief Kris Concepcion of the Orange County Fire Authority.

Two volunteer searchers got lost themselves and had to be flown out Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff's investigators planned to talk to Cendoya at length once he recovers further.

Ritter said he was being given intravenous fluids and was becoming more lucid. He was expected to remain hospitalized for several days.

Cendoya says on his Facebook page that he's a 2011 graduate of Orange County's Costa Mesa High School and a student at Orange Coast College. A number of photos show the athletic-looking young man working out and lifting weights.

He and Jack are believed to have gotten lost near near Holy Jim Trail, a tree-lined dirt path along a creek that leads to the waterfall.

The path is popular with day hikers, including families with children, and is not considered particularly difficult.

The area is in a section of forest in the Santa Ana Mountains that lie along the border of Orange and Riverside counties southeast of Los Angeles. The trail ranges in elevation from about 2,000 feet to about 4,000 feet.

The Q Line

Breaking the ice

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Federal court rules electricity rebates due in California

GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO California electricity consumers could see up to $2 billion in new refunds from energy wholesalers that profited during the state's energy crisis more than a dozen years ago if a federal judge's recommendation holds up at trial, state regulators said Thursday.

The California Public Utilities Commission called the rulings this week from the U.S. Court of Claims in Washington, D.C., a tremendous victory for a state that saw power prices spike to extraordinary heights amid the rolling blackouts of 2000-2001. The state bought billions of dollars' worth of electricity at the time just to keep the lights on.

"The winds of justice and recompense are blowing in Washington," Frank Lindh, general counsel for the commission, said a statement issued Thursday. "Consumers, agriculture and industry all suffered terrible economic harm during the energy crisis. We look forward to the day when these cases can be laid to rest, once and for all."

The judge found Tuesday that Portland, Ore. -based Bonneville Power Administration and Lakewood, Colo.-based Western Area Power Administration sold energy at inflated prices.

The court will set the exact amount the two agencies owe the state at a June 3 trial.

The rulings come on the heels of another decision issued in February by an administrative law judge at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, who found roughly a dozen private sector companies also were liable for refunds of up to $1 billion. The FERC is expected decide on that case later this year. In total, the refunds could yield the state roughly $3 billion, the California Public Utilities Commission said.

Western Area Power Administration spokesman Randy Wilkerson said Thursday the administration could not comment because the case was still in litigation.

Bonneville Power Administration spokesman Mike Hansen referred calls to a Department of Justice attorney, who did not immediately respond to a voicemail or email after business hours Thursday.

Under bill, birthplace not required on voter forms

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Voting applicants who fail to list their birthplace on the registration form would still be deemed eligible to cast a ballot under a bill approved Thursday by the state Assembly.

Assemblyman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, said no harm would be done under his AB131 because applicants also must swear under penalty of perjury that they are U.S. citizens.

By law, county election officials must now reject an application in which the space was left blank or spend time and money contacting the applicant.

"The point of this bill is just to make sure that someone is not turned away because they failed to fill out this box," Williams said.

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials supports the bill. The group says many voters fill out a federal voter registration application that is accepted in California but does not ask for a place of birth.

Williams and the election officials say it's unfair to require voters to list their birthplace on a state application but not on a federal form.

The Assembly approved AB131 on a 47-21 vote over objections by Republican lawmakers. The legislation now moves to the state Senate.

"If this box is not important and the federal authorities don't have it, then why don't we remove it altogether?" said Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, R-Twin Peaks. "I don't really care what your national origin is. ... If you're an American, it doesn't really matter."

Williams said a place of birth might still be useful to elections officials to recruit poll workers with certain ethnic backgrounds or language skills to help on Election Day.

The bill also is supported by Secretary of State Debra Bowen, California Common Cause, the League of Women Voters of California and two labor unions. No organizations are recorded in opposition.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Angry customer allegedly uses hot coffee as weapon

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 7:10 A.M.,
Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 2400 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Jack in the Box – regarding a report of an assault that took place inside the restaurant. An employee told officers that she had just re-filled a self-serve coffee dispenser when the suspect asked the employee where the coffee cup lids were. And then, for no reason, the suspect started yelling at the employee and allegedly threw a full cup of hot coffee at the employee, hitting her in the chest. The suspect was detained a few blocks from the restaurant and placed under arrest. The victim was transported to a local hospital to be treated for burns to her chest. The suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail where she allegedly tried to punch a female jailer in the face. She was booked for assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a jail officer. She was identified as Rhonda Matoyer, 53, a transient. Her bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:23 A.M.,
Officers responded to a home located on the 1000 block of 20th Street regarding a report of a residential burglary in progress. When officers arrived they spoke with a woman who said her upstairs neighbors were out of town on vacation yet she could hear someone inside their apartment. Officers went to the unit and ordered whomever was inside to come out. A man was taken into custody without incident. The residents on vacation returned to find the apartment ransacked and some property missing. Based on the investigation, police believe the suspect was inside the apartment the night before he was arrested and took some property. The case is ongoing. The suspect arrested was identified as Frank Thomas, 37, of Malibu. He was booked for burglary, possession of burglary tools and a parole violation. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, AT 2:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 1900 block of 18th Street regarding a fight between family members. When officers arrived they learned that about 20 family members had gathered to celebrate Easter. Two brothers got into a fight after one of them allegedly berated one of their sisters about her boyfriend. When one of the brothers stepped in, the other attacked him and allegedly choked him for several minutes until he almost lost consciousness. The suspect ran when he heard police sirens. Officers were able to place the brother under arrest for assault. He was identified as Jose Manuel Campos, 24, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, AT 10:12 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 1300 block of Broadway when they saw a man riding his bike with an extra tire hanging from the handlebars. At the intersection of Broadway and Euclid Street officers said hello to the man as he rode by. The man tried stopping the bike with his feet because he said he did not have brakes, a vehicle code violation. Officers stopped him because he had no brakes. He did not have any identification, either, police said. He told officers he purchased the tire for $5 at a yard sale down the street. Officers searched the suspect and found a wrench and some extra wheel nuts. They noticed that the front tire on his bike was nearly flat. Assuming he stole the tire, officers asked the man to take them to the yard sale. He refused and allegedly grew hostile. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for receiving stolen property, possession of burglary tools and operating a bike without brakes. He was identified as Abel Torres, 38, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, AT 7:50 A.M.,
Officers responded to the Jack in the Box located at 802 Santa Monica Blvd. after receiving a report about a disgruntled customer who allegedly set fire to a trash can outside the restaurant. When officers arrived they detained the suspect without incident. He told officers that the restaurant was trying to poison him and would not give back his money. The suspect was smoking a cigarette when officers arrived and allegedly threw it on the ground near the same trash can that had been ablaze. The restaurant manager said a customer purchased a meal for the suspect. A short time later the suspect came up to the counter with a note saying they were trying to poison him like other restaurants had done. He wanted a refund but the manager refused since the suspect did not purchase the meal. That's when he went outside and threw a lit cigarette into a trash can, setting its contents on fire. The suspect was booked for arson and littering. He was identified as Erthell Grant, 65, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, AT 11:26 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home in the 1000 block of 21st Street regarding a report of an attempted burglary. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said that she scared off a man who tried to break into her home. The woman said that she was sitting at her computer working when she saw a man enter the front gate of her property and walk toward the back of the home. Not knowing if it was her boyfriend's brother, who lives in an apartment out back, she did not think much of it. A few moments later she looked toward her rear sliding-glass door and saw a man trying to open it. When he discovered it was locked, he pushed his face up against the glass to look inside and noticed the woman sitting there. The suspect turned and ran away, leaving his sandals behind. Officers detained the suspect on the 1000 block of 18th Street and placed him under arrest for attempted burglary. He was identified as Brian Feeley, 25, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

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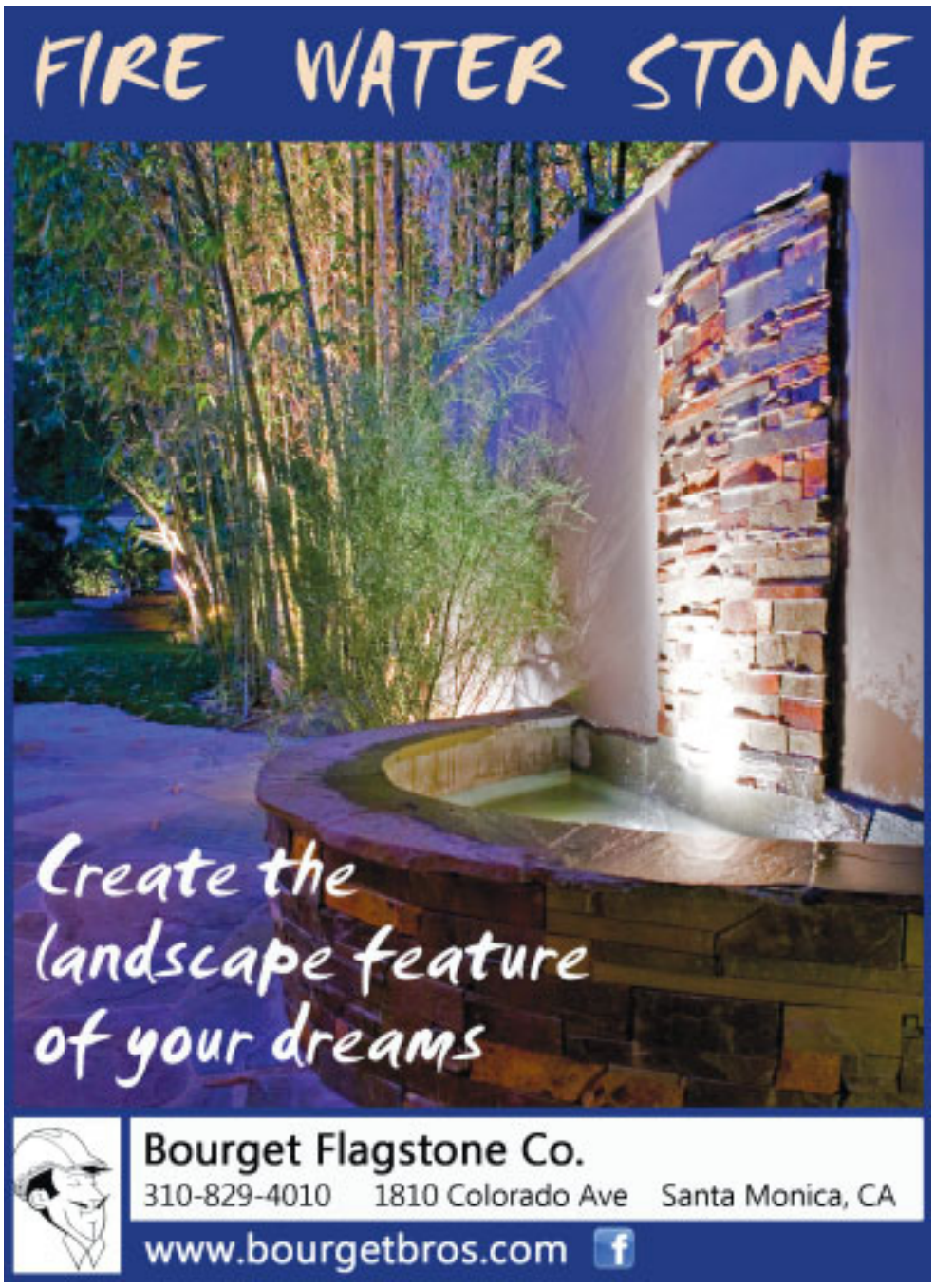

PYFC
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that cash.

That money hung by a thread when the City Council put PYFC on notice in June 2012 for what staff described as internal weaknesses.

The council gave PYFC leadership six months to get its fiscal- and paperwork-house in order with the help of Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, or SEE.

City officials returned to the City Council in December with a scathing report about the organization's progress, highlighting the departure of the board members.

de la Torre disputes much of that report as inaccurate and biased.

Rather than strip PYFC of funding, the City Council voted to put $315,220 back up for bid and allow the organization to compete for it alongside any other nonprofit focused on at-risk youth.

That's two years earlier than anticipated under the four-year grant funding cycle.

City officials have held at least one meeting in the community to gather criteria for the applying nonprofits so that they could get the requirements out in time to include the monetary request in upcoming budget discussions before the City Council, said Setareh Yavari, human services manager with City Hall.

Applications are due April 26 at 5 p.m., just over three weeks after the requirements are posted.

"The timing for this is to make sure it can be reviewed and rolled into our budget process," Yavari said. "That's why the turn around is based on a July 1 start."

City Hall will release its recommendations for funding on May 20, and the City Council will adopt funding for the Human Services Grant Program on June 25.

The first day of the municipal fiscal year is July 1.

The document put out by City Hall is titled "Opportunity Youth in Santa Monica."

Applicants must serve youth between 16 and 24 years of age in Santa Monica, at least half of which must be above the age of 18 and at risk of gang violence or incarceration.

Evidence gathered in the recent Youth Wellbeing Report Card and through police statistics caused City Hall to refocus its efforts to help young people get either a high school diploma or equivalent, prepare them for employment and develop programs that target self-confidence.

The chosen organization will have to accomplish those goals, and provide documentation showing that it is achieving progress on those fronts.

One of the chief complaints about PYFC was that it could not provide quantitative data to show how many kids it was helping and how effective its interventions were.

The April 26 deadline seemed fast to de la Torre, but PYFC has been holding meetings of its own to galvanize the youth and prepare for the application process.

The benchmarks described encompass things that PYFC is already doing, de la Torre said, and the organization is working hard to look at what other programs and practices it has that can be strengthened.

"We feel very comfortable, especially if we partner with an agency that has more capacity," de la Torre said. "We feel our application will be competitive."

PYFC is reaching out to Homeboy Industries and similar organizations to find a partner that can give it the institutional support it needs so that it can accomplish the mission-critical work with at-risk youth.

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LEAD
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Most cases of lead poisoning are handled by tracking and removing the lead source, and monitoring the children to make sure lead levels stay down. A special treatment to remove lead and other heavy metals is used only for extremely high levels.

Often, children who get lead poisoning live in old homes that are dilapidated or under renovation. They pick up paint chips or dust and put it in their mouth. Other sources include soil contaminated by old leaded gasoline, dust from industrial worksites and tainted drinking water

Lead has been banned in household paint since 1978 and was gone from gasoline by the late 1980s.

After lowering the standard, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention went back and looked at old blood tests from 1,653 children under 6 to determine how many would have lead poisoning under the new definition.

About 3 percent of them — or about 50 kids — had blood lead levels higher than the new threshold of 5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. Using that result, CDC officials calculated that an estimated 535,000 young children have lead poisoning.

A year ago, when the threshold was 10 micrograms, experts estimated that somewhere between 77,000 and 255,000 young kids had high levels of lead.

These estimates have focused on children younger than 6, who have been considered most at risk of neurological problems due to lead.

Overall, the new CDC study found lead counts were higher on average in children who were poor or African-American, said the CDC's Mary Jean Brown, an author of the study.

Those kids are more likely to live in old housing or in neighborhoods with greater exposure to lead, she added.

The good news: Even with the lower threshold, lead poisoning appears to still be declining. Years ago, some local health departments began tracking the number of kids with blood levels at 5 or greater, and they say those numbers have been dropping steadily.

However, it's likely that many children with lead poisoning have not been diagnosed. In the CDC study, elevated lead levels were discovered for a third of the children only when they were tested by researchers.

"When you look for it, you find it," Columbia's Rosner said.

Once lead poisoning is diagnosed, doctors often refer parents to local health departments to get their homes checked out to try to find the source of the problem. But as demand for investigations grows, there's less money to pay for them. Congress last year cut CDC lead program's budget from about $29 million to $2 million. That ended CDC grants to local health departments for their programs.

Detroit's lead program was all but eliminated because of the federal cut and state and local funding problems, said Bob Scott of Michigan's lead poisoning prevention program.

Other places are struggling to keep up with lead work at the same time they are cutting staff. The Cleveland area has been aggressive about lead poisoning prevention but the loss of CDC funding hurt those efforts.

For example, Cuyahoga County — which includes Cleveland — saw its staff for blood testing of children and public education drop from 2 1/2 positions to 1.

"It's unsustainable," said Terry Allan, the county's health commissioner.

PARKING
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a motion that requested city planners come back with a second draft of the parking plan before moving forward with the zoning ordinance, a critical policy document that details what types of buildings can go up and where.

Commissioner Richard McKinnon placed the item on the agenda in the wake of hundreds of e-mails and communications received from residents who feared that they would no longer be able to rely on parking near their homes should the policies go forward.

"What has become clear is that it's a topic that affects everyone in the city, but it's not a one-size-fits-all discussion," McKinnon said Wednesday.

He proposed delaying the zoning ordinance for another year as planners gathered community opinions on parking and incorporate them into a new proposal that better reflected local needs.

Planner Jory Phillips objected to the delay, citing budgetary issues.

"I do want to state that we believe the parking element is integral to the rest of the update," Phillips said. "We wouldn't want to see all of it unraveled and taken out. We believe the two are closely linked, and should be implemented simultaneously."

Santa Monica planners also said that an extensive community process had already been conducted, and that another one wasn't needed.

"We have been engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the community that has been rich and covered transportation and parking issues," said Francie Stefan, community and strategic planning manager with City Hall.

Even community members, who flocked to the hearing, seemed split on exactly what they wanted to see in Santa Monica's parking future, and how best to arrive there.

For some, parking was an "us versus them" issue pitting Santa Monicans against "outsiders" who flocked to steal parking from tax-paying residents.

Others sided with planners in the view that building more parking facilities would only attract cars and drivers like bees to honey.

"Kicking this can down the street for a year is not the solution that I would like to see happen," said Cynthia Rose, Santa Monica resident and bike advocate. "We're not going to solve congestion by building more parking."

McKinnon agendized the topic specifically to get the ball rolling on such a free-wheeling discussion that might ultimately result in a well-rounded proposal that satisfied most, if not all, Santa Monicans.

Such a policy might act as a counterweight to a set of guidelines put forward by a controversial consultant who advocated that City Hall reduce the amount of parking needed for future development as a way of reducing traffic and congestion in Santa Monica.

That didn't go over well with residents, who accused the consultant, Jeffrey Tumlin of Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, of trying to experiment on Santa Monica.

City Hall later cut ties with Tumlin after comments in a two-year-old biography surfaced in which he called Santa Monicans "NIMBYs," an often-derogatory term for people who resist change.

"The original consultant report on parking didn't strike people as rational," McKinnon said Thursday. "We needed to provide some sort of path forward."

Although McKinnon's proposal died for lack of a second, Chair Gerda Newbold picked up the ball and ran with it, asking for many of the same provisions McKinnon put forward but without the one-year deadline.

The same motion included a recommendation that the City Council establish a transportation management association.

Transportation management associations are groups of local businesses that work together to drive down the number of car trips needed by their employees and provide an institutional framework for transportation demand programs.

Those programs, which set trip reduction goals and the average number of workers allowed in a car, amongst other things, have become common pieces in contracts between City Hall and large developers.

There are no such associations in Santa Monica right now, McKinnon noted at the beginning of the meeting.

"It's really hard to point to one that works because we don't have that," McKinnon said. "We have individual efforts, but no area-wide transportation demand organizations to say what works and what didn't work."

The association suggestion will have to go to the City Council for approval.

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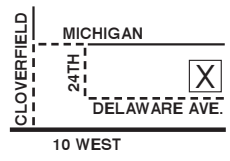

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FACEBOOK
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If other friends happen to send you a message, their Facebook photo will pop up as a notification.

Other Facebook features, such as video, will be added to Home in future months. A Home version for Android-powered tablet computers also will be coming later this year.

Once they have had their fill of what Facebook is feeding them on the Home service, users can just swipe a finger on the screen to get to all the standard Android apps to listen to music, watch videos or send email.

At first, Home will only work on some Android devices, including HTC Corp.'s One X and One X Plus and Samsung Electronics Co.'s Galaxy S III and Galaxy Note 2. For now, Home isn't compatible with the Nexus phone designed by Google, a fierce Facebook rival whose pliable Android software is being modified to accommodate the new service.

A phone from HTC that comes preloaded with Home will be available starting April 12, with AT&T Inc. as the carrier. The HTC First will sell for $99.99 with a two-year data plan from AT&T.

Home is debuting after several years of speculation that Facebook intended to make its own phone or mobile operating system to drive more traffic to its social network. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the speculation never made sense to him because he believes a company-produced phone might only end up in the hands of 10 million to 20 million people. The Home service gives Facebook a chance to take control of the main screen of every phone running on Android, the leading mobile operating system. In the U.S. alone, about 64 million people will be relying on Android-driven phones this year, estimated the research firm eMarketer.

"Just building a phone isn't enough for Facebook," Zuckerberg said Thursday during Home's unveiling at the company's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters.

The idea behind the software is to bring Facebook content right to users' home screens, rather than requiring them to check various apps to see what their friends are up to, or to chat. Down the line, Facebook will integrate its existing camera app and other features. Though cameras and calls won't be built into the initial version of Home, Zuckerberg promised the software will be updated at least once a month to add more features and fix bugs.

"Home" comes amid rapid growth in the number of people who access Facebook from phones and tablet computers. Of the social network's 1.06 billion monthly users, 680 million log in using a mobile gadget. As a result, the money Facebook makes from mobile advertising is also growing. Taking over the entire screen of smartphones and, eventually, tablet computers will provide Facebook for a larger canvas for selling mobile ads.

Zuckerberg, already a multibillionaire, didn't dwell on Home's moneymaking potential Thursday. Instead, he depicted the software as a noble attempt to put a higher priority on personal relationships than utilitarian apps.

"Why do we need to go into all the apps in the first place to see what is going on with the people we care about," he asked.

"We think this is the best version of Facebook there is," he said.

That statement implies that using Facebook on Apple's iPhone and other smartphones may become a less enriching experience. Apple Inc., which rigidly controls how apps work on the operating system built for the iPhone and iPad, has ingrained more Facebook features into the most recent versions of its mobile software

Apple had no immediate comment about Home.

Zuckerberg said users can have an experience on Android phones unavailable on other platforms because Google makes the software available on an open-source basis. That allows phone manufacturers and software developers to adapt it to their needs.

Recognizing that text messaging is one of the most important tasks on a mobile phone, Facebook programmed Home to include a feature called "chat heads." This lets users communicate with their friends directly from their home screens — without opening a separate app.

"What Facebook wants is to put itself at the front of the Android user experience for as many Facebook users as possible and make Facebook more elemental to their customers' experience," said Forrester analyst Charles Golvin.

While the Home service probably makes sense for Facebook, Forrester Research analyst Charles Golvin thinks the company is overestimating "the extent to which this is something their users want."

"I'm sure there are people out there whose lives revolve around their social network and for them it makes sense to have it front and center," Golvin said. "But this doesn't describe the majority of consumers."

Google Inc. is among the companies hoping that Golvin is correct. The Internet search leader gives away its Android software for free, in the hope that it will steer phone users to ads sold by Google. With Home, Facebook will be muscling its way in between Android users and Google, creating an opportunity for Facebook to seize the advertising advantage.

This is not the first time a big Internet company has co-opted Android: Amazon.com's Kindle Fire tablets run a version of Android that strips out all Google services, replacing them with Amazon's equivalents. Google responded by releasing its own tablet to compete against the Kindle Fire last year.

The mobile advertising market is growing quickly, thanks in large part to Facebook and Twitter, which also entered the space in 2012. EMarketer expects U.S. mobile ad spending to grow 77 percent this year to $7.29 billion, from $4.11 billion last year.

Facebook, meanwhile, is expected to reel in $1.53 billion in worldwide mobile ad revenue this year according to eMarketer, up from $470.7 million last year.

Facebook's stock rose 82 cents, or 3.1 percent, to close Thursday at $27.07. That's 29 percent below its initial public offering price of $38. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's 500 index has surged by 20 percent since Facebook's rocky debut.

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Laws, rumors have ammo flying off store shelves

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ALBANY, N.Y. Gun enthusiasts fearful of new weapon controls and alarmed by rumors of government hoarding are buying bullets practically by the bushel, making it hard for stores nationwide to keep shelves stocked and even putting a pinch on some local law enforcement departments.

At a 24-hour Walmart in suburban Albany, the ammunition cabinet was three-fourths empty this week; sales clerks said customers must arrive before 9 the morning after a delivery to get what they want. A few miles away, Dick's Sporting Goods puts up a red rope after ammunition deliveries so buyers can line up early to get a number, averting races up the escalator to the gun counter. Both stores are limiting ammunition purchases to three boxes a day.

In mid-January, two days after New York became the first state to toughen laws post-Newtown, hunter and target shooter Mark Smith spent $250 to stockpile ammunition, including $43 for a brick of 500 .22-caliber bullets, commonly used for target shooting and hunting small game.

"I had a feeling there was going to be a huge ammunition shortage," said Smith, browsing shotgun shells this week at Dick's. "Especially .22s. It's probably the most popular round out there."

Likewise, the .223 ammunition used in popular semi-automatic rifles is hard to find.

At Hunter's Haven, a strip-mall gun shop in the farming community of Rolesville, N.C., north of Raleigh, clerk Dean Turnage said ammunition is going out "as fast as we can get it in," even though new gun controls are not on the state's agenda.

The run started in November with President Barack Obama's re-election, followed by the mass shooting in December of children in Newtown, Conn., which led the president to launch an effort to strengthen federal gun controls and several states to tighten their laws.

Connecticut on Thursday became the latest to crack down as the governor signed a measure — effective immediately — that adds more than 100 firearms to the state's assault weapons ban, creates a dangerous weapon offender registry and institutes eligibility rules for ammunition purchases.

Hours before the law took effect, hundreds of customers streamed out of Hoffman's Gun Center in Newington with guns and boxes of ammunition.

"The bad guys are going to get guns," said John Power, 56, of Bristol, arguing the new law would not stop a troubled gunman.

The nation's 100 million firearms owners are driving the market for some 10 billion rounds annually, with demand and gun purchases both increasing the past several months, driven partly by fear that tougher laws will restrict the ability to buy firearms, said Lawrence Keane, whose National Shooting Sports Foundation is based in Newtown.

"There's a concern by firearms owners that this administration will pursue bans on products, bans on ammunition. ... It's not limited geographically to New York or anywhere else. It is nationwide," he said.

Some government critics attributed shortages to federal purchases of bullets, accusing officials of trying to hoard a billion rounds and disarm the populace.

"Department of Homeland Security and the federal government itself is buying up ammunition and components at such a rate, it's causing artificial shortage of supplies for the regular consumer," said Jesse Alday, a state corrections officer who was buying a couple of boxes of primers at Hunter's Haven.

"They're buying it up as fast as they can, for reasons they're not officially willing to admit or go into. ... They're not willing to come up with any answers as to the reasons behind why they have enough ammunition on the U.S., on our own home soil, to wage a 25-year war," he said. "That's kind of strange."

Keane, whose group includes manufacturers, said the reports of massive federal purchases were not true.

The government routinely buys products in bulk to reduce costs, and Homeland Security has said the latest purchases are no different.

Last year, the department put out bids for a total of about 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition over the next five years. The rounds are to be used for training, routine weapons qualification exercises and normal duty by various department agencies.

On a smaller scale, some local law enforcement agencies are also having problems getting ammo.

Jennifer Donnals, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Highway Patrol, said the agency was still waiting on rifle and shotgun ammunition ordered in November.

In Phoenix, the Police Department has stopped providing officers with 100 rounds of ammunition per month for practice. Sgt. Trent Crump said 10 to 15 percent of the department's 3,000 officers, who are assigned .40-caliber and .45-caliber handguns, had taken advantage of the ammunition for practice shooting.

In January, police chiefs in central Texas said they were having trouble arming their officers because of shortages of assault rifles and ammunition.

The major U.S. manufacturers are running shifts around the clock to try to meet increased demand, Keane said. The foundation projected $1.5 billion from ammunition sales in 2011 and $2.8 billion from gun sales, totals that more than doubled in a decade.

Stockpiling has also been fueled by false online rumors, such as one that purports a coming nickel tax on each bullet, which would triple the cost of a .22-caliber cartridge, said Hans Farnung, president of Beikirch's Ammunition, a retailer and wholesaler in Rochester, N.Y., that sells in seven states.

"I don't want to call them doomsdayers, but people get on these blogs on the Internet and they drive people's fears," he said. "They do not want to wait around and see."

The tax rumor was fueled by proposals in Connecticut, California and Illinois that haven't advanced.

This isn't the first U.S. run on ammunition. Walmart's Kory Lundberg said the retail chain previously rationed in 2009, the year Obama entered the White House. However, sportsmen and tradesmen say the current shortages are nationwide, and the worst they've seen.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.2°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Small, new W swell; long period SW swell gradually building all day with sets to 4'+ for standout focal points in the PM

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
SSW swell tops out as small W swell likely fades; steep-angled new NW swell shows; watching the wind...stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 27, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA, and Groundbeck Family Foundation

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+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Penn Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
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.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	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+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Westward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Conditional Use Permit 12-005, 2700 Colorado Avenue. The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to upgrade the alcohol service (Type 41 to Type 47 alcohol license) and modify the conditions of approval established pursuant to Conditional Use Permit (CUP 96-025). The existing restaurant (Tiato) is located at 2700 Colorado Boulevard within the Viacom and Lionsgate Building in the Special Office Commercial (C5) District, which is governed by a Development Agreement that was adopted in 1982. In addition to upgrading the alcohol service, the applicant requests operational changes to accommodate special events. **Applicant: Catherine An of An Catering Beverly Hills, LLC. Property Owner: CREP 2700 Holdings, LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 12-012 & Variance 12-019, 1519 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit (12CUP-012) to allow the incidental on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a new, full-service restaurant with more than 50 seats and Parking Variance (12VAR-019) to allow 32 required parking spaces to be provided at an off-site location. [Planner: Grace Page] **Applicant: Larry Greenwood. Property Owner: 1519 Wilshire Blvd. Ltd Partnership.**

Conditional Use Permit 13-008, 1401 Santa Monica Boulevard. The applicant requests establishment of a new and previously-owned vehicle dealership on a 22,500 sq. ft. corner parcel. The proposal includes a 962 sq. ft. sales office building, exterior display for up to 53 vehicles and parking for 15 employees and customers. No auto service or repair is proposed on-site. The subject site had been used for automobile sales from 1969 until 2009. [Planner: Paul Foley] **Applicant: Ali Olfati, project architect. Property Owner: Steve Taub.**

Development Agreement 12DEV013, 1731-33 Twentieth Street. The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to remove five existing classrooms and construct a new three-story science learning center containing twelve classrooms on the Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences campus. The proposed project also includes the installation of three temporary modular classrooms during the construction of the new science learning center. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review. [Planner: Tony Kim] **Applicant / Property Owner: Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

MOVIE TIMES

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

From Here to Eternity (NR) 1hr 58 min
The Search (NR) 1hr 44 min
7:30pm

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

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Host (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Admission (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:40am, 2:15pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
10:40am, 4:50pm, 11:00pm

Evil Dead (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 9:45pm

Spring Breakers (R) 1hr 34min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:40pm, 10:40pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 7:00pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
1:45pm, 8:10pm

Croods 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Olympus Has Fallen () 1hr 40min
10:50am, 1:50pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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

From Up On Poppy Hill (Kokurikozaka kara) (PG) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Sapphires (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

No (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Babe's and Ricky's Inn (Centerpiece) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

TAKE OFF TONIGHT, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Let your weekend plans float around in your mind as much as you'd like. Take off to visit some friends, or plan a get-together in the near future. Your energy might be needed, as others might be dragging. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be left trying to tie up the loose ends of a situation. You might not know why this is the case, but you do know what to do. Be willing to say "no" if you can't handle any more. Someone you really care about opens up. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. You'll want to get the lay of the land before you commit to anything. Friends might push you in a certain direction. Be honest with yourself and evaluate your options. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Relate on an individual basis, and let others know why they are important to you. Sometimes you assume that others just know. An occasional confirmation or acknowledgment means a lot. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seem to be in control right now. You can carry on all you want, but either go along with someone else's plans or make your own. Accept an invitation that involves travel and seeing someone at a distance. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Defer to someone else in order to lighten your workload. Confusion surrounds a personal situation. You have some choices to make. Stay centered in your priorities, commitments and whatever else is important to you. Listen to news carefully. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You can't suppress your playfulness -- even if you should change your mind or decide to do something differently. Someone clearly is on your side, but he or she still might give you some flak. Tonight: TGIF.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stay centered, and recognize when enough is enough. You know far more than what you are sharing. Realize what is happening between you and someone else. Make sure that you are able to blend two different -- and perhaps contradictory -- parts of your life. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to complete a conversation, but interruptions could leave you feeling frustrated. Try this conversation on a Monday or Tuesday -- not on a Friday. Tonight: Express your liveliness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of the cost of proceeding as you are. If you are investing in real estate, the superficial costs have nothing to do with reality. Create a sound budget that allows for a snafu here and there. Tonight: Time for a treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to your imagination, and follow through on an idea that seems a little offbeat. You'll get your point across while still being able to express your caring. Avoid a disruptive person in your daily life who thrives on chaos. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Avoid getting into today's confusion; otherwise, your feelings easily could be hurt. Listen to a friend who shares a secret of sorts. You might need to point this person in a new direction. Express your caring in a way that is very different for you. Tonight: Join friends.

Friday, April 5, 2013

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

This year you make it a point to express your feelings more often -- especially your friendly, more positive ones. Others respond in kind, and they will have an easier time relating to you as a result. If you are single, you'll do well in just about any circumstance. You need to decide what you want from a relationship and choose the right person accordingly. You could meet someone simply by going about your daily activities. If you are attached, your openness will encourage greater closeness. Your sweetie finds you exciting yet unpredictable. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

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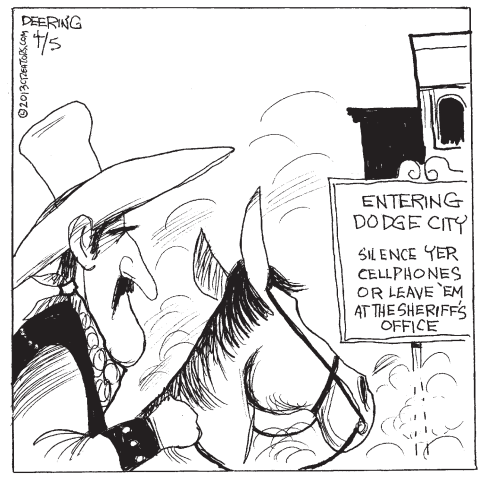

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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni

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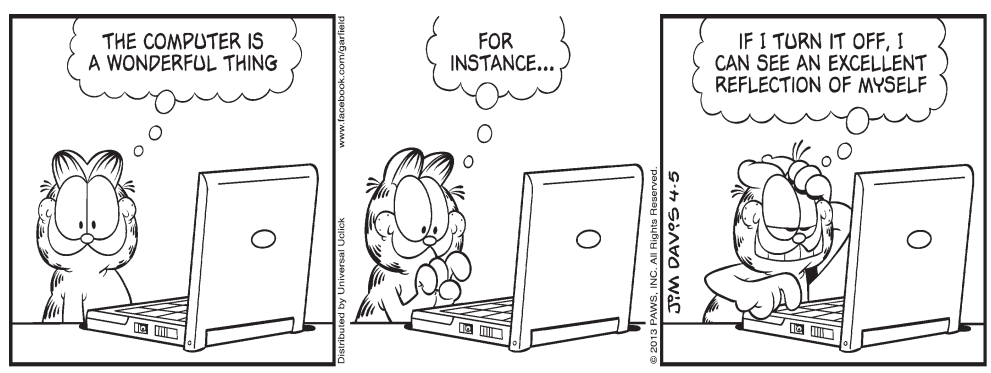
By Jim Davis



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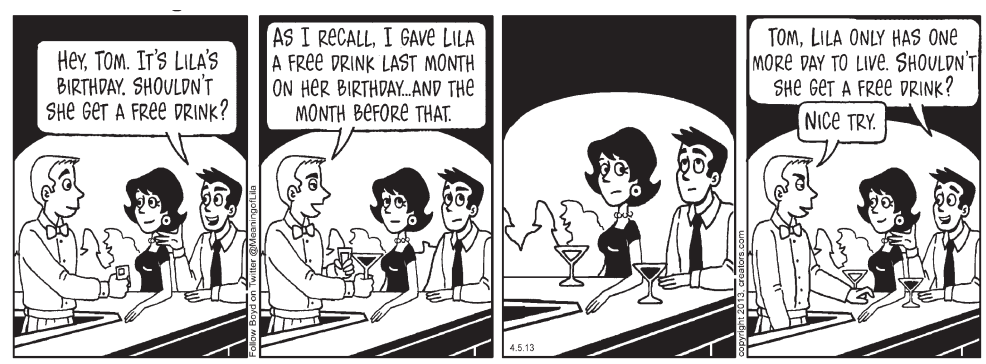

Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Miller's salesman
6 School areas
11 Seething
12 Lusitania sinker
13 Stows cargo
14 "Beau —"
15 Glacier makeup
16 Tango need
18 Brit's brew
19 Yale student
20 — Palmas
21 Squid's squirt
22 Return address name
24 Colony members
25 Freud's home
27 Iditarod end
29 Broadway great Jerry
32 Start of a count
33 Clinic nickname
34 Seine summer
35 Bruins legend
36 Previously
37 Squabble
38 Virtuous fellow
40 Lorelei's home
42 Game leader
43 Cuts into cubes
44 Tiffs
45 Kick off

DOWN

1 Easter symbols
2 Wise one
3 Ted Danson movie
4 Ignored a diet
5 Gets comfy
6 Sci-fi awards
7 Tad's dad
8 Albert Brooks movie
9 Hidden
10 Swordfish cuts
17 Disney's Pumbaa, for one
23 Expected
24 Broadcast
26 Annals
27 Gallows sights
28 Freeway entrance
30 Penitent person
31 Most original
33 Calendar markings
39 Volleyball need
41 Successful song

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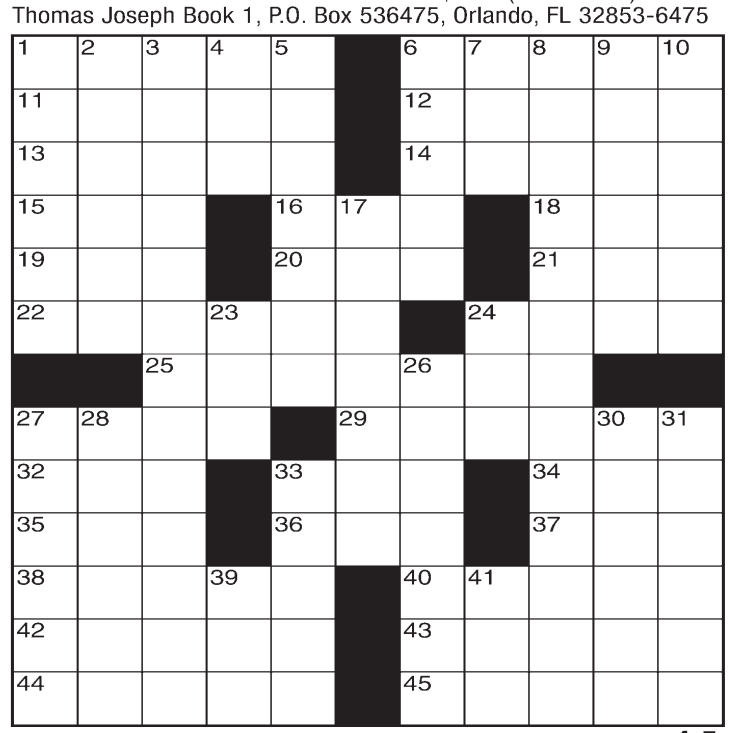

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Backward Incentives: Society continues to suffer from questionable company policies that encourage precisely the wrong behaviors. Bartender Twyla DeVito said she knew that one of her regulars at the American Legion Post in Shelby, Ohio, was too inebriated to drive home and thus telephoned police, alerting them to a potential drunk driver. An officer responded, observed the driver, and arrested him when his blood-alcohol read twice the limit for presumed impairment. Two days later DeVito was fired because, as her boss allegedly said to her, "(I)t's bad for business to have a bartender that will call the cops."

■ Loretta Lacy, 49, perhaps set some kind of record in January as she sped from Sioux Falls, S.D., to Racine, Wis. (about 500 miles away) just to make her granddaughter's school dance. Although her daughter told a Minneapolis Star Tribune reporter that her mother "can make it from A to B faster than maybe the average person," Lacy collected four speeding tickets during one 2 1/2-hour stretch, including for speeds of 88, 99 and 112. Of course, she arrived late.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1971 – In Sri Lanka, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna launches insurrection against the United Front government of Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

1976 – In the People's Republic of China, the April Fifth Movement leads to the Tiananmen incident.

1986 – Three people are killed in the bombing of the La Belle Discothèque in West Berlin, Germany.

1991 – An ASA EMB 120 crashes in Brunswick, Georgia, killing all 23 aboard.

1992 – Alberto Fujimori, president of Peru, dissolves the Peruvian congress by military force.

WORD UP!

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\ in-GREY-shee-eyt \ , verb;
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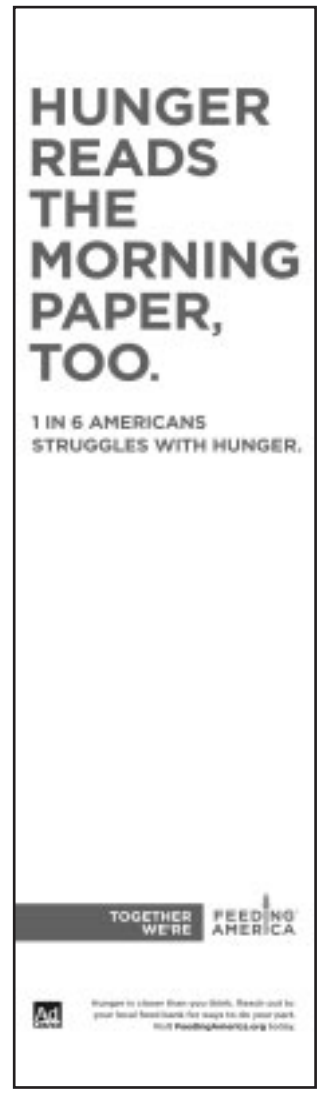

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