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THE COOKIE PUSS ISSUE

Residents give their two cents about meters

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Fearful of losing free parking in their neighborhoods, residents prompted City Council on Tuesday to postpone the purchase of additional meters and engage in a larger debate about creeping commercialism.

What began as a relatively minor request for the purchase of additional meters turned

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Gunman holes up inside veterans hall

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LOS ANGELES A distraught man possibly armed with a shotgun kept police at bay at a San Fernando Valley veterans hall for seven hours Friday before he was tear-gassed and surrendered, police said.

The 52-year-old man left the Disabled American Veterans Hall about 2:30 p.m., police said. His name wasn't immediately released.

Police answering a report of an assault with a deadly weapon went to the hall about 7:30 a.m. A caretaker said a man with a shotgun was inside and was despondent over a relationship, Sgt. Berry Montgomery said.

Police cordoned off the area and evacuated about a dozen nearby homes.

Negotiators also were brought in.

"It's my understanding he is loosely associated with veterans facility. But I was advised he was not a veteran," Montgomery said.

TV news helicopters spotted the man leaving and re-entering the building through a door, and he also appeared to break out a window with his hand.

At one point, the man threatened to kill himself, police said.

Police finally lobbed tear gas into the building, although the man tossed one smoking canister back outside.

He eventually surrendered, however.



LOOKS LIKE A SPLIT DECISION

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Gloomy skies couldn't keep this man down at the original Muscle Beach on Friday. The clouds are expected to hover through the weekend.

Council passes on state pot bill

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Daily Press

CITY HALL If City Council's recent debate over a state medical marijuana bill is any indication of the dispensary discourse to come, expect references to the Venice boardwalk and '60s cop shows.

Council declined a request from Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks to back a bill that would impose greater regulations on medicinal marijuana in the state.

City officials and Seabrooks recommended council throw its weight behind Senate Bill 1262, which would, among other things, reinforce local control of medical marijuana and impose tighter regulations on doctors who recommend its usage.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown requested that the item, which was posted on the consent calendar, be discussed further. It ultimately failed in a 4-to-2 vote.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook, the only member who has stated outright his plan to oppose medical marijuana dispensaries in the bay city, was absent from the meeting.

The Zoning Ordinance, which regulates land use throughout the city, is currently being rewritten. Currently at the Planning Commission level, it's expected to go before council in the fall. Medical marijuana dispensaries have not been allowed in the city in the past, but elected officials are considering it in the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission voted to support the allowance of the dispensaries, despite contrary recommendations from the police and city officials.

McKeown feared support of the bill would prejudice council's future decision on dispensaries and noted that the point may soon be moot.

"I think, in California, within two years, we're going to see the legalization of marijuana," he said. "I don't want to put ourselves on the wrong side of history here by focusing on the medical marijuana issue."

Seabrooks noted that the bill's passage would not impact council's ability to decide

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Let the Healing begin
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Fear and loving in Santa Monica
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How dry it is: Storm can't spell relief from drought

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO A late-season Pacific storm brought rain and snow on Friday to California, though it was not expected to make much of a dent in the drought.

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for the Sierra Nevada through 5 a.m. Saturday, with an additional 4 to 9 inches of snow expected.

Motorists were advised to carry chains and expect delays. Wind gusts of up to 60 mph were expected.

Forecasters were also warning of rain showers and snow by Friday evening in parts of Southern California, particularly across the northern slopes of the Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara county mountains.

Light accumulations were expected on heavily-traveled Interstate 5 near the Grapevine.

Meteorologists said a winter weather advisory would be in effect through Saturday morning, with 3 inches to 6 inches of snow expected and snow levels lowering to elevations of 4,000 feet.

Winds were forecast to add to the problems, with powerful gusts sweeping the high-desert Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles at speeds up to 65 mph.

Blowing dust and sand were expected to limit visibility at times, the National Weather Service said.

Light rain fell in the San Francisco Bay Area throughout the day on Friday. Clouds and a chance of rain will remain through Sunday, forecasters said. About a tenth of an inch was expected in San Francisco.

The precipitation, while good news for the state, was unlikely to offer much relief from the ongoing drought.

"I don't think the system is going to improve things a whole lot," National Weather Service forecaster Bob Benjamin told the San Francisco Chronicle.

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HUSKER DUDES

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Workers from West Coast Arborists prune the palm trees at Muscle Beach earlier this week. WCA is a tree maintenance firm that prunes, removes and restores tree inventories for public agencies. The first palm fossils on record date back 80 million years to the Cretaceous Period.

Zero Tolerance for sex traffickers

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES With tougher laws on the books to punish human traffickers and more awareness about those forced into sexual slavery, prosecutors, lawmakers and police met Friday to plot a plan to eradicate human sex trafficking in California and across the nation.

The symposium was hosted by the YWCA Greater Los Angeles at the Museum of Tolerance in the city and billed as a groundbreaking gathering to examine the challenges of combatting domestic human sex trafficking and discuss best practices statewide with officials from Los Angeles, San Diego and Alameda counties.

"When we think about what should be done, our response understandably is we want to protect that child, hug her," said California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, who as a prosecutor once specialized in child sexual assault cases. "But to really do justice, to make justice a reality, it's not just about hugging the victims. It's about prosecuting the offender."

According to a 2005 International Labour Organisation paper, human trafficking — or sexual servitude and forced labor — brings in about $32 billion annually, making it the second most profitable criminal enterprise after illegal arms trafficking. The majority of that money, or nearly $28 billion, comes from forced commercial sexual exploitation. The vast majority of those trafficked are women and children, from all milieus of society.

"It really is anybody's daughter," said Stephany Powell, a retired 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and executive director of the nonprofit Mary Magdalene Project, which helps victims of trafficking. "That middle class girl is even more vulnerable because she's not hip to the gangs. She really believes it when the guy comes up with a business card says 'I'm gonna make you a model, I'm gonna get you into a video' ... Next thing you know, she's in the game."

California is one of the nation's top four destinations for trafficking human beings, according to the state attorney general's office. In 2012, Harris convened a working group on human trafficking which issued a report finding that local and transnational gangs were increasingly trafficking humans because it's low risk and highly profitable.

"We see a decrease in gang crime across the region not because they're going straight," Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell said. They're getting into more identity fraud, sex trafficking and other crimes below the radar, he said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Make room in your heart (and your city)

Editor:

I grew up in inner-city Detroit, the city late night talk show hosts use for their stand-up bits. It's a city that a lot of people have written off, but I can remember when there was a house on every lot. Within walking distance of my childhood home, there was a food market, hair salon, hardware store, candy store and a Sears. There were a number of churches; and an elementary, middle and high school. One of my favorite walking destinations was the Richard Library. Almost all of these places are gone now. They are just a memory.

There are only about six houses left on the street where I grew up in Detroit. Here in Santa Monica, we have the opposite concern. No lot sits vacant for long. Everywhere I look, I see either homes in the midst of remodel or new development.

For a long time, I didn't really concern myself too much with the Hines development project. I felt like it wasn't in my neighborhood, so it wasn't my place to comment on what was happening. Until I read the numerous angry letters to the local newspapers. The ones that got my attention rejected any affordable housing. It was a familiar sentiment that I experienced as a member, and then as the Chair of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Special Education Advisory Committee. I witnessed and experienced the disparity in the delivery of special education services based on ethnicity, geography and socio-economic status. There seems to be no problem accepting the average daily attendance money from disabled, poor and students of color as long as their parents never ask for any services. Based on the numerous civil rights complaints that I have read involving the SMMUSD, it's just a matter of time before corrective action occurs.

The Director of Special Education Services made a public statement in a newspaper that "if you build it, they will come." Based on my 12 years of experience with the organization, the "they" are the people who qualify for affordable housing. That was the sentiment of some of the wealthy parents too. It's what I call the "us for and no more club". These are people who mistakenly believe that the best things in life are reserved for them, because there's some magic ingredient in their DNA that makes them better than poor people or people of color. That Republican-style thought process is not indicative of the vision of the city of Santa Monica. It's not progressive and it is not OK. It demonstrates a lack of humanity and selfishness.

I moved here from Burbank so my oldest daughter could receive the medical treatment she needed, not because of some invisible program at SMMUSD. That was over 12 years ago. Knowing everything that I've gone through to provide my children with a loving, stable, affordable home, there is no way that I can say no to affordable housing, even if it means more traffic. I know in my heart that there is a family out there in Los Angeles County somewhere that needs an opportunity for their children. It's so easy to say "no out-of-towners", but I am asking our community to open your hearts to what other people need over what you want. One thing that I have learned in the near half-century that I have had the opportunity to walk this earth is that if I want to be blessed, then I have to accept opportunities to be a blessing to others.

The child who receives affordable housing today may be the doctor that saves my life in the future. This is why I am in favor of affordable housing in the city of Santa Monica.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not commend the people who work so hard in the Housing Authority, the city attorney's office, Legal Aid and the various organizations that support affordable housing and provide a yearly workshop to teach landlords and tenants about their rights. These people truly demonstrate the spirit of Saint Monica, our city's patron saint.

Debra Shepherd
Santa Monica

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Life Matters

Dr. JoAnne Barge Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Runaway bride's cold feet aren't getting any warmer

DEAR LIFE MATTERS,

I am feeling depressed, but I am really more confused. At the end of June, I suddenly called off my wedding. I know why, at least I think I do. I feel kind of crazy to have gotten so far along only to call it off.

We are still together. He thinks that I just got cold feet and, even though it has caused him great embarrassment, which he constantly makes a point of, he forgives me because I have certain "weaknesses."

My friends and family think that I am nuts because he is so perfect in so many ways. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ivy League colleges. He is already successful and well on his way to great things. He is also quite handsome and from a wealthy family.

My family is also well off and my father has been very successful. I am quite close to my father, but the truth is that I have problems with my mother, who is always pointing out my flaws and trying to change me. Actually, this is one of the reasons that I stopped the wedding. My fiancé reminds me of my mother.

He "loves" me, but I am never quite as good as I should be or as good as he is. He is really great in all the ways that I have said. I do love him. He has a very sweet side, but he is hard on himself and hard on me. It's as if he is addicted to perfection.

But despite being hard on himself, he is also very vain. He is constantly bragging about himself and putting others down behind their backs. This is the side of him that I hate. It really scares me. Yet he seems like that guy that most any woman would want and I really feel crazy, as in confused.

Signed,
Help

DEAR HELP,

I am really feeling you and understand your confusion. It is far better to stop and wait, trust your intuition and examine your fears before proceeding into such a big commitment.

While it may not seem so anymore, marriage is (meant to be) for a lifetime. If you break up the first year, like many marriages do, you still will have spent lots of money unnecessarily and you will still experience the pain of a lost dream and feelings of embarrassment for having failed. Of course, you will also have to break up the household that you have set up, one of you will have to move and there will most likely be arguments over the wedding gifts.

If you continue in your marriage and then get pregnant, you will be together for the rest of your lives. And unless you get along well, your children will feel the effects of a bad marriage or divorce.

If you have big questions now you are right to step back and truly explore your concerns. Love is not enough! It can wear off quickly if you are not well-suited for each other or if either one of you have problems with the others' character.

Simplifying it, you should have "the three Cs": 1) Common values and goals, 2) Character and 3) Communication.

If you do not have all three, you are most likely headed for trouble.

I always recommend pre-marital counseling with a religious leader or therapist for anyone who has questions. This can give you the opportunity to clarify whether you have the same goals and values, and if you have the same, or at least similar expectations.

It can also help you have better communication. It is often said that communication is the secret to staying in love.

Finally, it is extremely important that you like and respect your partner's character. Character is not something you can change later. If you don't like it now, the flame that burns hot today will eventually flicker out.

In your case, you have already called the wedding off, so it should be no surprise that you want to do some counseling to be sure. If he won't go, that tells you a lot, and I strongly advise you to go on your own.

There is not enough room or time here to go into what might be going on with him. However, I will say that he sounds deeply insecure. I realize it does not look like it, but anyone who constantly brags about himself or herself and puts others down is, in my view, someone who is trying to convince himself, but probably doesn't know it. Underneath it all, there is serious insecurity.

But again, this is part of character and does not change on its own. If anything, it may get worse unless he is lucky enough to get some psychological help.

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The Q Line

Way to go! or not

The intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue is scheduled to be closed for a week to install tracks for the forthcoming Expo Light Rail Line.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What detours would you recommend to commuters stuck in traffic?

Here are your responses:

"SEARCH OUT A PERMANENT ROUTE, because whatever traffic problems we are experiencing this week will be compounded and become the norm when the Expo Line runs every five minutes on Colorado Boulevard next year. What were City Councilmembers and staff thinking when they opposed the Expo Authority's original plan to elevate the train, beginning at 11th Street, and terminate at an elevated station at 4th Street and Colorado Boulevard? The City Council and former city planning director authorized $300,000 to change the design to be at grade."

"RIDE A BIKE. TRAFFIC IS IRRELEVANT and you can park for free in front of your destination."

"I WOULD RECOMMEND TAKING THE Big Blue Bus, riding a bike or skateboard, or walking if at all possible. Obviously, the streets of Santa Monica have been calmed to within an inch of becoming catatonic and are no longer intended for automobiles."

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Video shows Bieber celebrating after egg attack

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Surveillance footage from Justin Bieber's home appears to show the pop star high-fiving friends and celebrating after throwing eggs at a neighbor's home in January, an investigator's affidavit released Friday shows.

The description of Bieber's reaction to the incident that authorities say caused thousands of dollars in damage to the neighbor's home is included in documents filed to support a search warrant obtained in March. A Los Angeles County sheriff's detective obtained the warrant for Bieber's account with the online photo-sharing site Instagram, searching for evidence to match his outfit with the surveillance footage.

Prosecutors have not yet decided whether to charge Bieber in the egg-throwing incident, which happened Jan. 9 at the singer's home in a gated community in Calabasas.

Detectives have said the amount of damage to the neighbor's home warrants a felony prosecution of Bieber, which if filed would be the most serious case the troubled pop star has faced. He has been charged with assault in Toronto, and he faces a trial in July on a charge of driving under the influence in Miami.

A man matching Bieber's description is seen on footage running toward the neighbor' house and returning to a group of friends and exchanging high-fives a short time later.

"Suspect Bieber and the other males appeared to be laughing and celebrating," the affidavit signed by Sheriff's detective Ginni Alvarez states.

Alvarez participated in a search of Bieber's home on Jan. 14 in which surveillance footage was retrieved. Two months later, the investigator obtained the search warrant for Bieber's Instagram account, looking for images of the singer in a white sweatshirt and baseball cap that would match surveillance video shot before and after the egg-throwing incident. The warrant does not state whether any footage of Bieber actually throwing eggs at his neighbor's home was retrieved.

Bieber's attorney Howard Weitzman declined comment.

The warrant was first reported by Los Angeles Fox affiliate KTTV on Thursday night.

Bieber, 20, was delayed at Los Angeles International Airport by authorities on Thursday after returning from an international trip. His publicist Melissa Victor confirmed the singer was subjected to "secondary questioning" by customs officials but was released without incident.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Jaime Ruiz said he could not comment on a specific passenger's interactions with agents when entering the country unless the person was charged with a crime.

Bieber frequently posts photos in Instagram, which is owned by Facebook and allows users to post images from their mobile phones. Law enforcement agencies now routinely search suspects' social networking accounts such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter searching for evidence of wrongdoing. If postings are going to be used as evidence in a case, a search warrant is frequently obtained to gather information directly from social networking companies.

Earlier this week, Bieber apologized for offending people after posting two images from the Yasukuni Shrine in Central Tokyo that commemorates 2.5 million war dead, including Japan's 14 convicted war criminals. The site is seen as a symbol of Japan's past militarism and has been criticized by the nation's neighbors, who were subjected to atrocities by Japan's military in the 1930s and 1940s.

Bieber removed photos he posted from the shrine.

Bieber gained stardom with his debut album at age 15, but he has had a string of recent legal troubles. He's scheduled to go on trial in Miami in July on charges of driving under the influence and resisting arrest and the Toronto assault case is also pending.





LA's Chihuahua crusher is heading for the clink

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles man who was caught on video running over his estranged wife's Chihuahua has pleaded no contest to animal cruelty.

Prosecutors say Michael Parker entered the plea Friday and faces 16 months in prison under the plea deal.

Authorities say Parker took the 5 Ω-year-old dog, named Cow Cow, to a Hawthorne alley last Dec. 28, ran it over and left the dog to die.

A nearby resident found the dog and put its body in a bag. Police says they tracked down the car from surveillance camera video and Parker was arrested a few days later.

MARIJUANA
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the dispensary matter. Neither would it impact the legalization of marijuana.

"This isn't to say that should decriminalization become a part of the conversation that circumstances shouldn't change," she said. "What it does is allow (City Hall) to implement a series of regulations that monitor such businesses as to time, place and manner, which is consistent with other businesses that open in the community."

McKeown characterized the bill's support of local control as "largely unnecessary."

"We don't need a state law to say that we have the ability to say no to medical marijuana dispensaries in our city," he said. "That's already been determined by a court."

McKeown made reference to the television show "The Untouchables," which followed the exploits of a police officer attempting to quash the notorious Chicago bootlegger Al Capone.

"It was only later in my life that I realized the whole problem," he said. "Al Capone was an incorrigible criminal, but bootlegging only became possible because of Prohibition."

Councilmember Gleam Davis opposed the measure, agreeing with many of McKeown's points. She also agreed with some parts of the bill, including the requirement that a doctor and patient be in the same room when the former writes a prescription for the latter.

Davis called it "somewhat disturbing" when medical pot hawkers pitch the sale of marijuana to bystanders on the Venice boardwalk.

Councilmember Ted Winterer opposed the measure, noting that he didn't want to send a signal either way before the dispensary debate.

Mayor Pam O'Connor favored the measure, claiming that the allowance of pot smoking could be considered a double-standard in a city that cracks down on cigarette smokers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Terry O'Day was the other supporter, stating that regulation could help make the coming dispensary debate more manageable.

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TRAFFICKERS
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McDonnell added: "The girls are used until they're no longer usable, and we'll see cases, if there's a market, where they'll try to ransom them back to the family."

The state report also found that 72 percent of human-trafficking victims are Americans and not foreigners as many in the public believe. Moreover, the problem is often under-reported, especially because victims can be difficult to identify or sometimes mistaken as perpetrators, the report concluded. Compounding the problem, the growth of information technology has made it easier for sex traffickers to reach victims and customers online.

Lynn Overmann, a senior adviser from the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, said the office is working on a tool to identify traffickers by pulling phone numbers, phrases and other details form trafficking ads. The open-source software is free and being tested by a few law enforcement agencies, including one in Texas that found 466 of 600 phone numbers pulled from ads pinged against databases for a variety of criminal activities.

"They are criminals in the deepest sense of the word," Overmann said. "They're not just exploiting women. They're creating all types of other crimes."

In Los Angeles, the district attorney's office has launched a program to identify and help children who have been sex trafficked rather than arresting them. Harris said the state needs to do more to create safe houses for victims around counties.

Multiple state bills have been proposed to toughen trafficking laws, including efforts to add human trafficking to a list of gang-related activities, allowing the use of wiretaps during investigation of such cases and giving longer prison time for those who buy sex.



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into an hour-long discussion about their usage at the City Council meeting.

Council pulled the item, which approved the spending of $323,000 on 350 parking meters, from the consent agenda after nearly a dozen residents requested to speak. The consent calendar often passes without any discussion.

The parking meter item included recommended installation in three city locations deemed in high-demand by parking officials: The Broad Stage, Woodlawn Cemetery and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Principal Transportation Engineer Sam Morrissey said that some parts of the streets in these areas are regulated and others are not, causing an imbalance with everyone parking in the unregulated areas.

"If we get the permission to purchase the meters, we'll follow the process in the past for installing new meters," he said. "We'll directly mail and notify businesses and residents on both sides of the streets for any of these locations where we plan to instal meters."

Morrissey noted that the meters would go in front of businesses, not residences, and that the lack of parking meters are hurting turnover. He suggested that residents may be confusing the meters with a proposed pilot program that would put meters in front of some homes. That pilot program requires council approval and is currently being aimed at the Ocean Park neighborhood, but is unrelated to these meters.

Even though the meters are not slated to go in front of homes, residents pointed out they are coming into residential neighborhoods. They asked city officials on Tuesday to reveal the planned location for all 350 meters.

"To Wilmont (the neighborhood located between Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue), it's also about creeping commercialism into residential neighborhoods," said resident Taffy Patton. "(Morrissey) said new meters would be located adjacent to commercial and institutional properties. Wilmont is loaded with institutional properties: schools, churches, senior centers ... often several on one block."

Several councilmembers noted that they historically have not approved the exact locations of parking meters.

Until relatively recently, Morrissey said, city officials would "install meters and see what happens" without reaching out to residents, which he said was "not a good practice."

City officials do adjust time limits and locations based on residential feedback, he said. They recently reprogrammed all of the meters on Main Street after speaking with business owners.

Parking meters help encourage turnover around businesses and are more effective than signs, which require city officials to check streets multiple times.

In this case, Morrissey said, parking meters may be the best option.

"Nobody really ever comes in and asks us to put in a parking meter," Morrissey said. "But they ask us to fix parking problems."

Council ultimately decided unanimously to approve the spending, but several councilmembers asked city officials to communicate with residents.

"I don't recall ever having eight leaders of neighborhood groups across the city come out on parking meters before," said Councilmember Kevin McKeown. "So we probably do have some communication work to do."

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Active duty military suicides drop; Reserves go up

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Suicides among Army National Guard and Reserve members increased last year, even as the number of active-duty troops across the military who took their own lives dropped by more than 15 percent, according to new data.

The overall totals provided by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps give some hope that prevention programs and increased efforts to identify troops at risk may be taking hold after several years of escalating suicide rates. But the increase among Army National Guard and Reserve members raises questions about whether those programs are getting to the citizen soldiers who may not have the same access to support networks and help that their active duty comrades receive.

Not only did suicides among Army National Guard and Reserve members increase from 140 in 2012 to 152 last year, but the 2013 total exceeded the number of active-duty soldiers who took their own lives, according to the Army. There were 151 active duty soldier suicides last year, compared with 185 in 2012, Army officials said.

The Pentagon released a report Friday that provided final data for 2012 suicides and some preliminary numbers for 2013. But the department data differs a bit from the totals provided by the services because of complicated accounting changes in how the department counts suicides by reservists. Some of the Pentagon numbers were finalized a year ago, while the services have more recently updated totals that reflect the results of some death investigations.

According to the four military services, there were 289 suicides among active duty troops in 2013, down from 343 in 2012. The vast majority were in the Army, the nation's largest military service. The Navy saw a 25 percent decline, from 59 in 2012 to 44 in 2013. The Marines went from 48 to 45, while the Air Force went from 51 to 49.

Due to the accounting changes and other updates, the Pentagon numbers are generally a bit lower and reflect a larger decline in overall active-duty suicides of about 18 percent from 2012 to 2013. In some cases, the services are counting Guard and Reserve members who have been called to active duty as part of the active duty total, while the Pentagon did not.

Both sets of numbers, however, show the same trends: fewer active duty suicides across all four services and slightly more deaths among the Army National Guard and Reserve.

The Pentagon also released detailed demographic data on the 2012 suicides, showing that more often they involve young, white men using a non-military issued gun. They also frequently had reported family or relationship stress.

Military leaders say it's too soon to declare success in the battle against suicides, but they say that some programs appear to be working.

"I think we've changed the cultural mindset — that it's OK for a sailor or a soldier or an airman or Marine to come forward and ask for help," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, the Navy's officer in charge of suicide prevention and resilience programs. "We're trying to reduce the stigma that used to exist."

Buck said the Navy has focused on doing more programs designed to reduce stress, including teaching sailors coping mechanisms and stress management tools.

For example, he said, Navy leaders noticed a spike in suicides by medical specialists, including doctors and nurses, reaching a total of 22 for 2011 and 2012 combined. The Navy surgeon general started a program that found that there seemed to be a lot of transitions during that time involving the sailors' jobs or base locations.

Buck said that due to the frequent moves, sailors could sometimes find themselves unconnected to their families or units or higher command. "In many instances, if you find yourself in time of need and you're not in a permanent command, you may not know who to turn to," he said.

In response, Navy leaders were told to reach out to communicate with their medical specialists on a daily basis, checking with them to see how they were doing and if there were any problems.

Last year, Buck said, there was a sharp decline in suicides among the medical community, with six in 2013.

Lack of consistent contact with leaders or units could also be a factor for reservists.

Scattered across the United States, often in small or remote rural communities, many members of the Army National Guard and Reserve report for training about one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. And they often don't have quick access to military medical or mental health services that may be on bases far from their homes. That means the outreach effort by the armed services to address the increase in suicides may not always get to reservists in need — particularly those who don't actively seek help.

According to the Army data, more than half of the reservists who committed suicide in 2012 and 2013 had served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Officials, however, have not been able to establish a strong link between military service on the warfront and suicide.

Army spokeswoman Lt. Col. Sunset Belinsky said the Army set up several programs to deal with the problem, including a 24-hour suicide prevention phone line. The Army Reserve set up six Army Strong Community Centers in New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Connecticut and Michigan.

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Possible GOP candidates gauge interest from NRA

SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Several potential Republican presidential candidates courted gun-rights supporters Friday at the National Rifle Association's annual convention, talking up their pro-gun credentials while imploring the crowd to fight not just for their Second Amendment rights but for other freedoms they say are being threatened.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal addressed the NRA's annual leadership forum, a kind of political pep rally the organization considers one of its premier events. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire also recorded brief videos that were played for the crowd of more than 2,000 inside Lucas Oil Stadium, home to the Indianapolis Colts.

One after another, the possible 2016 contenders thanked the NRA and its members for flexing their considerable political muscle to help push back recent gun-control efforts, including legislation following the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut that would have required background checks for gun purchases. They said that same activism will be critical heading into elections this fall, in 2016 and beyond.

Jindal charged that Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, both possible Democratic presidential candidates, think the Second Amendment is little more than "a phrase from a speech writer."

"If they had their way they'd simply cut and paste the Constitution and just get rid of the Second Amendment entirely," said Jindal, who approved several gun rights bills last year, including one that creates stiff penalties for those who knowingly publish the names of gun permit holders.

Rubio opposed limiting gun rights after Sandy Hook, but he also saw his NRA grade drop from an A to a B+ amid criticism of his stance on some gun-rights legislation.

He said Friday that being able to provide a safe home for one's family is fundamental to achieving the American dream. And he said that while gun-rights supporters were outraged and saddened by violence such as Sandy Hook, public policy "must be guided by common sense."

"Making it harder for law-abiding Americans to defend themselves has not, does not and will not prevent future tragedies such as these," Rubio said.

Both Santorum and Pence noted their wives share their love of guns. Pence, who approved a measure this year to allow guns in locked vehicles on school property, said when he met his wife, she had a gun and a motorcycle and "it was love at first sight."

Santorum said it's not just gun rights that are under assault. He called on the NRA's millions of members to also fight for religious freedom and First Amendment rights.

"Just protecting the Second Amendment while all other freedoms falter isn't a winning strategy," Santorum said. "We need you to engage."

Among the more than 70,000 people expected to attend the three-day convention was Estel Rhoton of Lebanon, Ind., who made the trip with his wife and daughter. The 64-year-old union electrician said he thinks Jindal "could be presidential timber." But he liked them all.

"Any of these guys would be so far above what we've got now," Rhoton said. "It's not even close."

Gun-control supporters also were making their voices heard, holding rallies outside the event throughout the weekend. An Associated Press-GfK poll in December found that 52 percent of Americans favored stricter gun laws, 31 percent wanted them left as they were, and 15 percent said they should be loosened.

Two other Republicans considered possible presidential candidates, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, didn't attend.

Bush has attended the NRA's past conferences and has signed legislation supported by the group. In 2005, he signed the measure which allows a person to use deadly force when threatened in public places. The law received attention in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida in 2012. Bush also supports instant background checks for gun-show gun purchases, an unpopular position with the NRA.

However, Bush has kept his distance this year from such events and been selective making public political statements ahead of any announcement about his plans for 2016.

Christie has not been as popular with the NRA as Bush. In 2009, as a candidate for governor, he staunchly opposed a measure in Congress that would have superseded the state's strict laws forbidding carrying concealed weapons. That bill would have required New Jersey to recognize concealed-carry permits from out-of-state visitors to the state.

However, Christie has kept a lower political profile outside his chairmanship of the Republican Governors Association. Supporters say raising money for that group, and the GOP governors and candidates running this year, is consuming most of his political time.

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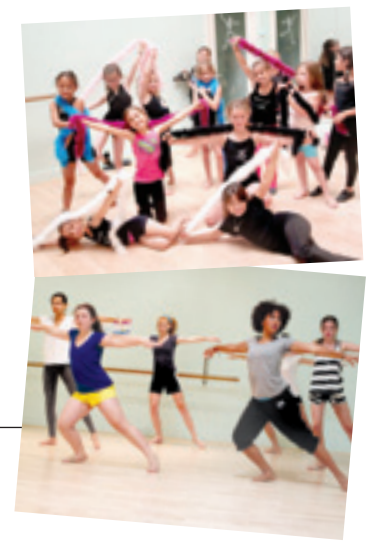

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Griffin, Jordan carrying Clippers past Warriors

BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND Blake Griffin buried bank shots, turnaround jumpers and spinning layups. DeAndre Jordan gobbled up rebounds and opposing shots, often flexing his muscles and letting out a roar.

The high-flying finishers who spawned the nickname "Lob City" are doing far more than dunking in the playoffs. The frontcourt tandem has carried the Clippers to a 2-1 lead in their first-round series against the Golden State Warriors, who have found no answer for either with center Andrew Bogut out with a fractured right rib.

"Just two animals out there just beastin' right now," Clippers guard Darren Collison said.

And both are finally performing in places they haven't always flourished — on defense, in the playoffs and at the most pivotal points of games.

Since losing Game 1 in Los Angeles, Griffin has dominated David Lee and every other defender the Warriors have thrown his way. And Jordan — who tied a franchise playoff record with 22 rebounds and five blocks in the Clippers' 98-96 win in Game 3 on Thursday night — has been the kind of rim protector coach Doc Rivers had long believed he could become.

The two big men, both just 25 years old, have caused so much disruption that Warriors coach Mark Jackson said Friday he's considering changing his starting lineup for Game 4 on Sunday. The most likely swap would insert Draymond Green at power forward and push Lee to center for Jermaine O'Neal in a smaller, quicker lineup.

"We've got to figure out a way to present some resistance. I think things are going a little too smoothly for Blake," Jackson said during a light shootaround at Golden State's downtown Oakland headquarters.

Griffin has scored 32 and 35 points the past two games, respectively. He's shooting 64 percent from the floor in the series and has been at his best in the biggest spots.

The All-Star power forward made five straight baskets — three bank shots, a mid-range jumper and a short turnaround — against Lee to open the third quarter in Game 3, part of a run that put the Clippers ahead by 18 points.

"Just continuing to believe," Griffin said, speaking to reporters at the team's downtown San Francisco hotel Friday. "My teammates give me the confidence to go out there and shoot every time I'm open."

Lee promised he'd be better against Griffin in Game 4. He has mostly been tasked with guarding Griffin by himself, though Jackson hinted more double-teams might be on the horizon.

"He's playing at a high level right now," Jackson said. "We forced him to be a jump shooter, and he's making jump shots. On the block, he's aggressive. He's having an outstanding series capping off an outstanding year."

While Griffin's star has shined brightest, Jordan has been the insult-to-injury figure.

The Warriors tried to lure Jordan away from Los Angeles in the summer of 2011, signing him to a four-year, $43 million offer sheet as a restricted free agent. Instead, the Clippers matched the deal.

Now the Warriors — who waived Jeremy Lin and amnestied Charlie Bell to make room for the offer — can only watch Jordan make a major difference on defense while Bogut — acquired in a trade with Milwaukee in March 2012 to be Golden State's franchise center — sits out with another injury.

Three years ago, though, Jordan's game was not nearly what it is now.

Jordan fell out of favor at times under former coach Vinny Del Negro, who was let go after the Clippers lost to the Memphis Grizzlies in the first round of last year's playoffs. Jordan's rising game speaks to the Clippers' commitment on defense under Rivers, who challenged the young center to focus on rebounding and protecting the rim this season.

Jordan finished third in voting for the NBA's defensive player of the year award behind winner Joakim Noah of Chicago and runner-up Roy Hibbert of Indiana.

"These guys really rely on me a lot defensively, and when I'm out there, they have all the confidence in the world in me," Jordan said. "So it's more motivation for me."

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SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
SSW swell tops out - Larger 6'++ sets for standout SSW focal points; NW swell fills in further; improving weather/winds...stay tuned

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6ft
SSW/S swell continues; easing NW swell; improving conditions

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
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Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
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- **Submission Deadline Is May 12, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

The bid packets can be downloaded at:

- ***http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm***

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained by e-mailing your request to Kellee.MacDonald@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

MOVIE TIMES

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

To Catch a Thief
and
Torn Curtain
7:30pm

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

Bears (NR - Family friendly)
11:20am, 1:30pm, 3:40pm, 6:00pm, 8:15pm, 10:20pm

Haunted House 2
4:20pm, 10:00pm

Railway Man (NR) 1hr 56min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Draft Day (NR)
11:00am, 1:40pm, 7:00pm

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

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (NR)
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

Rio 2 (NR)
10:30am, 4:45pm, 9:45pm

Transcendence (NR)
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:30pm

Rio 2 in 3D (NR)
2:00pm, 8:15pm

Quiet Ones (PG-13)
10:35am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:40pm

Heaven Is for Real (PG)
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Other Woman (NR)
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

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

Ilo Ilo (NR) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Tasting Menu (PG-13) 1hr 25min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Dom Hemingway (R) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Joe (NR) 1hr 57min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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

INVITE FRIENDS OVER FOR PIZZA, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Appreciate the weekend, and make it an enjoyable time for you as well as others. Somewhere in the recesses of your mind, you have a desire to do something rather offbeat. Be willing to share the adventure. Tonight: Surround yourself with good music and friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ The best intentions can fall to the wayside when you decide to change your plans. Indulge yourself and a need to be quieter than you originally thought. Your instincts point to inviting a special person over. Tonight: Play it easy, but enjoy the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to question some basic tenets presented by a boss or higher-up. You could feel as if a long-term dream isn't grounded. Choose to be flexible with the moment. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep seeking out answers until you are satisfied with a situation surrounding an older loved one. Reach out to a friend or loved one at a distance. You might make plans very soon to meet, perhaps somewhere halfway between your homes. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A loved one will want to take charge and handle the plans. You could be surprised at how a personal matter resolves itself. Now you can make time for a friend or older relative, even if it is just a lengthy chat on the phone. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could discover how important a close friend is to you. Not only does the caring flow, but this person also makes your life easier. Don't share your special time together with anyone else right now. You'll want to relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: A close encounter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others could be so domineering that you might want to run away. You have not been in the best of moods, and perhaps you'd prefer to spend some quiet, relaxing time with someone you enjoy. Be direct in how you handle a difficult person. Tonight: Choose for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Start working on a project that you have been putting off for some time. You might not be sure what the best way to handle a problem is. Try to avoid conflict, and don't escalate irritation over the existing issue. Tonight: Relax -- you can choose to stay home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay centered, and remain sure about what you want from a domestic matter. You have a vision of what should be happening, but it might not conform to reality. Tonight: Flex with someone's wild idea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You'll want to stay centered when having an important discussion. You have a vision of what you want, but you need to communicate it. Don't be surprised if someone asks you whether you are serious. Tonight: Invite friends over for a pizza.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your idea of what might be possible could change as you attempt to carry out a long-desired plan. Discussions will be animated, and they'll attract others' attention. Listen to someone you consider conservative yet full of good ideas. Tonight: Share a new interest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You'll start with the best intentions, as you might want to add a couple of new items to your home or wardrobe. What starts out as a good plan could evolve into a major shopping spree. An idea you have might inspire you to want more. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

Weekend Edition, April 26-27, 2014

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

This year you have a very active dream life, and your imagination often takes off on wild flights of fancy. You will need to demonstrate self-discipline in order to stay present at work and/or in other important situations. If you are single, you often meet people, but quickly lose interest. Don't be concerned -- you will know when you meet the right person. A love of music might draw you to that person. If you are attached, the two of you might opt for a major change involving your digs. You could remodel or decide to move to a long-desired place. ARIES might say little, but he or she understands you well.

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By Dave Coverly



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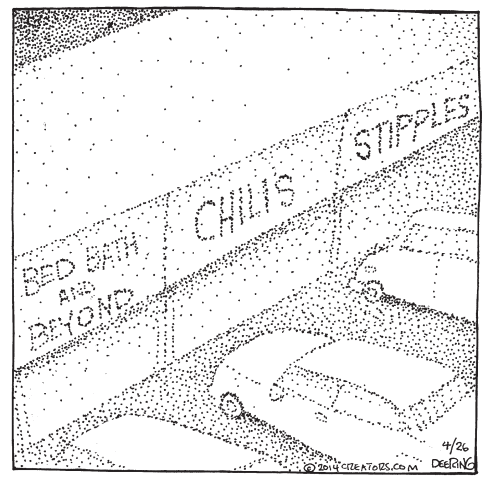
By John Deering



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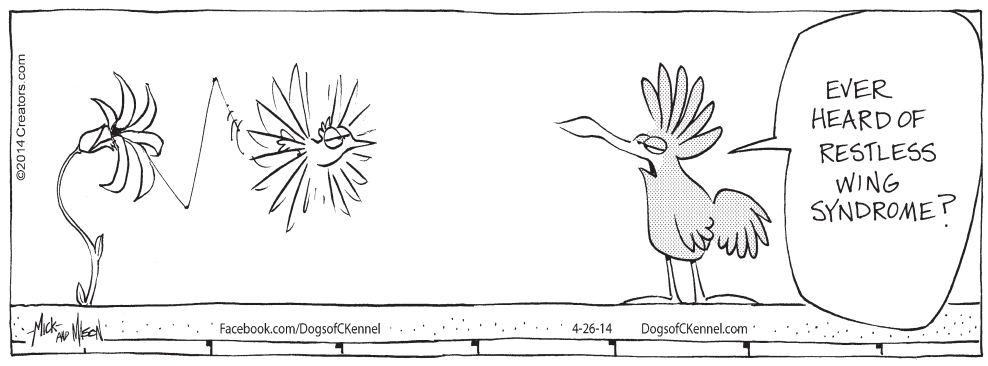

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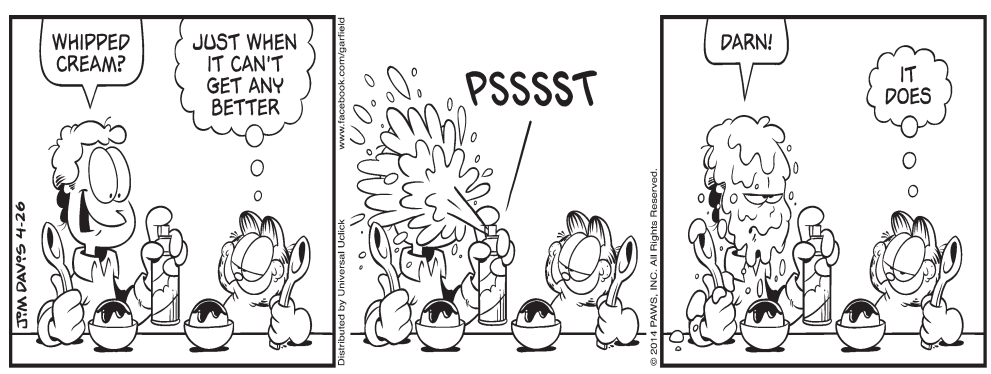

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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		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

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

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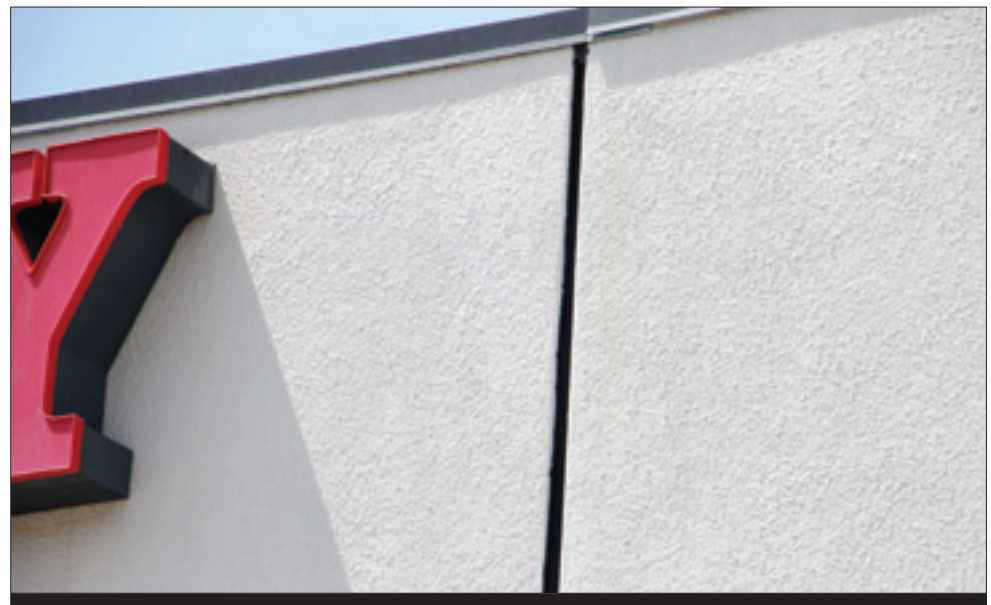

MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Headliner
5 José's home
9 Director Sergio
10 Ticket category
12 Cutting severely
13 Ultra-serious
14 Odometer reading
16 Parched
17 Jargon suffix
18 Auditions
20 Layers
22 Sunset setting
23 Fleet-related
25 Fluffy
28 Confidential
32 Throb
34 Gun grp.
35 Dined
36 Illness indicator
38 Winter weather
40 Popeye's love
41 Computer shortcut
42 Identifies
43 Calendar span
44 Peepers

DOWN
1 Like "the little woman"
2 Drudge
3 One of the Brontës
4 Sailing contest
5 Batter of verse
6 Brouhaha
7 Bring under control
8 Tips off
9 Disables
11 Secret meeting
15 Seriousness
19 Hogwarts messengers
21 Picnic pests
24 Showy flower
25 Twitch
26 Expenditure
27 Rip off
29 Eventually
30 Large crowds
31 Chair designer Charles
33 Silents star Mary
37 Join the game
39 Pitching stat

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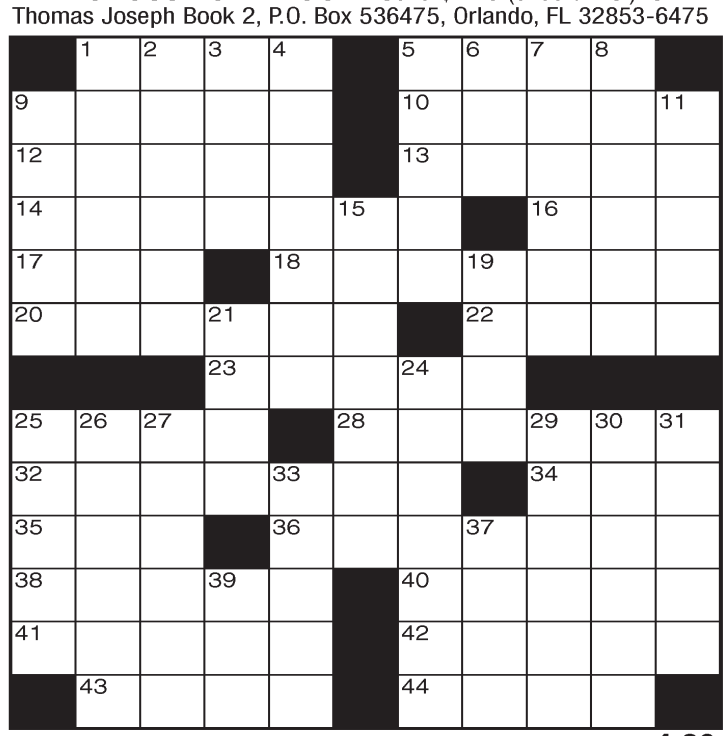

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/23
19 25 29 36 48
Power#: 12
Jackpot: $40M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/25
Mega#:
Jackpot: $59M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/23
2 18 19 25 36
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $55M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/25
6 8 17 30 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/25
MIDDAY: 9 6 3
EVENING: 8 7 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/25
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:43.75

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The news site MedPageToday.com is keeping tabs on the eventual unveiling of new, obscure, minutely detailed billing codes for doctors to report diagnoses and treatments to insurance companies, and among the latest finds ready to be part of the medical landscape are separate codes for injuries occurring from a "balloon collision" or during "knitting and crocheting" or for injuries during "gardening and landscaping" (though not merely caused by "digging, shoveling and raking," which seems to require a different code). Distinct codes are necessary if an injury occurred at an opera house or if the patient is injured by walking into a lamppost (with separate codes for the first such lamppost collision and for repeat collisions).

■ "Jane Doe," the second of two victims of reckless, anal-oriented medical and law-enforcement drug searches reported in News of the Weird in January, has now filed her lawsuit to be compensated for the repeated, nonconsensual probes and tests ordered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers who had selected her for a random search and refused to believe, despite one negative test after another, that she was not carrying drugs. (None were ever found.) The lawsuit includes University Medical Center of El Paso, Texas, whose personnel seemed super-willing to cooperate with CBP and audaciously even sent the victim a $5,000 bill for the procedures (subsequently withdrawn). (The other victim, David Eckert, treated similarly by New Mexico law enforcement and doctors, who also never found drugs, has settled his lawsuit with county and city police for $1.6 million, with the portion against medical authorities still pending.)

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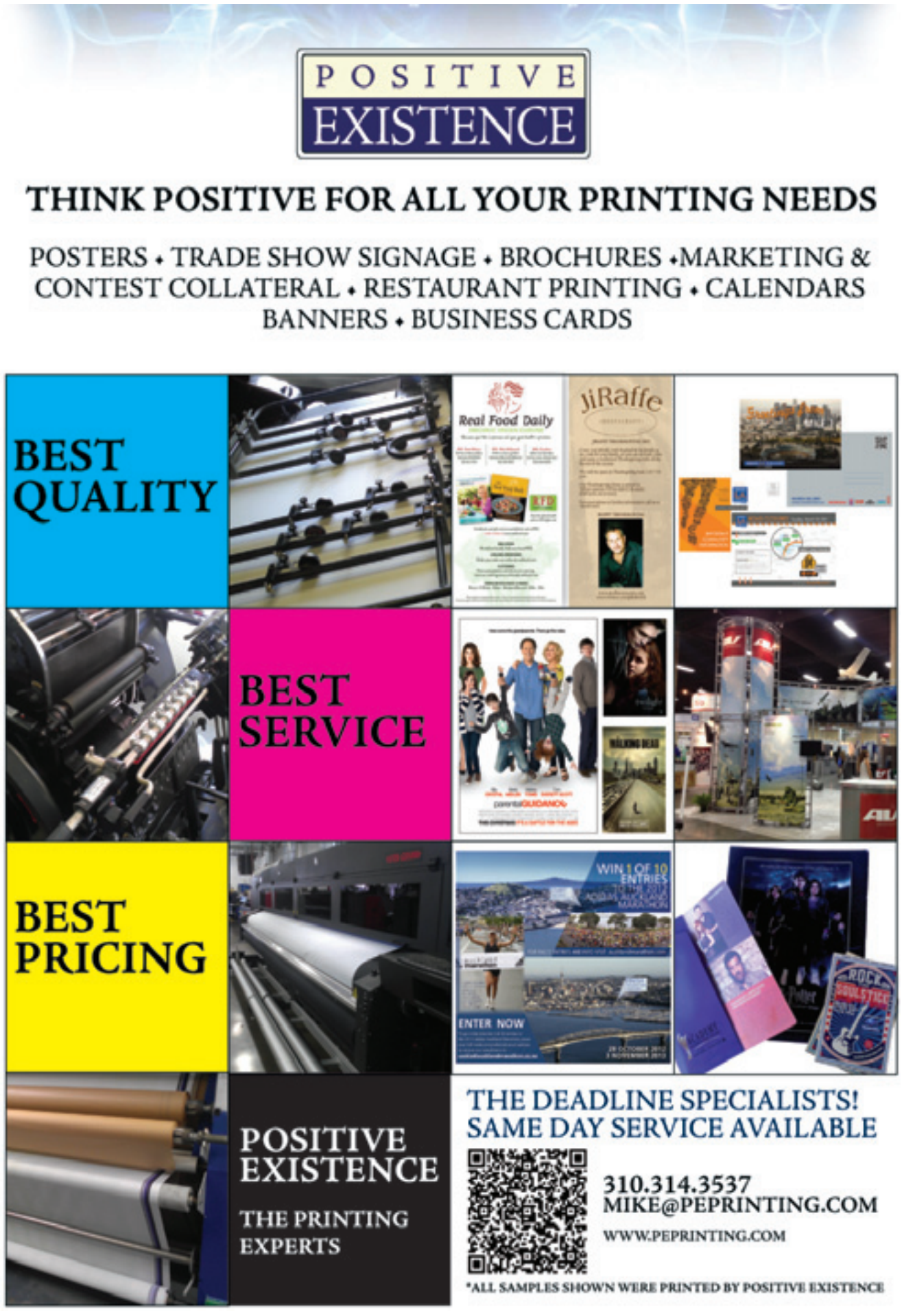

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