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SOFTBALL:

Samohi vying for repeat CIF title *Vikings' league win streak reaches 114*



Courtesy photo

TEAM PHOTO: The Santa Monica High softball team hopes to continue its championship ways.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHİ Ashley Rakuljic raced around the bases in the bottom of the second inning, clearly buoyed by the prospect of coming all the way home on a powerful hit at a venue with no outfield fence.

She apparently didn't hear coach Debbie Skaggs' order to slide, though, and the play at the plate was closer than the Santa Monica softball team would have liked.

"I said, 'You have to get down,'" Skaggs told the junior shortstop as she returned safely to the dugout after the two-run shot, a highlight of the Vikings' 16-1 drubbing of Beverly Hills on Thursday afternoon at Memorial Park.

Indeed, it seems not much can get Samohi down these days.

After struggling in preseason slate that featured games against elite teams from throughout the region, the Vikings blitzed their first four conference opponents as their quest to defend their CIF Southern Section title continues.

Skaggs, for one, wasn't worried about her team's 5-10 record heading into Ocean League action.

"We've had a super-tough schedule — we played some of the top teams in Southern California," she said. "We're playing for the playoffs. I told the kids, 'It's not a sprint. It's a marathon. It's where we're going to be at the end of the season.'"

Samohi knows exactly how good the end of the season can feel. Last year, it capped a 25-8 campaign with a 3-1 win over Ventura in the Division 4 championship game, which earned the program its second section crown in five seasons.

This year, the Vikings (10-11, 4-0 in the Ocean League) are trying to be even more prepared. Skaggs has shuffled lineups on defense, and several players are tweaking their swings.

"We have the potential if we put it all together," she said.

The team's recent postseason success has seemingly overshadowed its sustained domi-

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Wellbeing index shows the perks and warts of Santa Monica

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories about the results of the Wellbeing Project's index. The initial report is 142 pages long. Today's story is an overview of the findings deemed significant by City Hall. Over the next several days, the Daily Press will break down the stats within the document itself.

CITY HALL Traffic and mobility is the most-cited concern among Santa Monicans. Where's my million dollars?

City Hall unveiled the key findings from its Wellbeing Project, which is being paid for by a \$1 million grant from Bloomberg

Philanthropies and, among many other data points, traffic and mobility was found to be a top concern.

"The Index provides a higher resolution portrait of how well decisions and policies work, and to what extent they are creating positive progress," city officials said in a release. "Based upon wellbeing science and emerging research, the Index brings together data from wide-ranging sources, across multiple dimensions, to provide a comprehensive picture that will guide local action."

The index paints a picture of Santa Monica as a place with many

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Local filmmaker killed in Everest avalanche

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Tom Taplin loved Santa Monica. It's where he lived with his wife, spent time with friends and ran his filmmaking business.

The massive earthquake that rocked Nepal over the weekend kept him from returning home.

A 61-year-old Denver native who had lived in the beachside city since the 1980s, Taplin was among those killed in a Mt. Everest avalanche that was caused by Saturday's 7.8-magnitude temblor.



TAPLIN

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Police pepper spray man for refusing to leave Virginia Ave. Park

BY MATTHEW HALL

Editor-in-Chief

PICO BLVD. A Santa Monica man was arrested on April 21 while attempting to charge his electric vehicle, and the incident is sparking discussions of racial profiling and the use of force that mirror the current national debate.

All sides agree on a basic set of facts. Justin Leland Palmer, 36, an African-American, NYU grad and father of four with no criminal history, was at the Virginia Avenue Park electric car charging station on the evening of April 21. He was asked to leave the charging station

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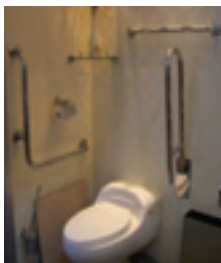
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College Applications: From Fear to Fulfillment

This fresh approach on how to plan for college will lead students from stress and anxiety to empowerment and excitement about life after high school. Presented by Hayden Lee and Nick Soper. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Red Hen Press Reading

Enter the wow zone with four poets whose cutting edge work electrifies! Gary Dop, Steve Langan, Ramon Garcia, Elena Karina Byrne, moderator Helene Cardona. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 p.m.

Handwork Hangout with Leslie Robinson

Bring your own sewing, beading, collage or accessorizing projects to get tips, or embark on something new. Some materials provided and others are available for purchase from Leslie, or bring your own. Even if you have no idea what to make, you can learn some great handwork tips. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=handwork

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City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting. Visit

www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx for more information. 5:30 p.m., 1685 Main St.

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Homework Help

Get help with your homework. This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29

Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting

The Santa Monica Democratic Club will host an Expo-Line Presentation. What to Expect? When? Where? How much? Benefits/Problems. What it will mean to you and to our City. Featured Presenters: Darrell Clarke, Denny Zane, Francie Stefan. Light refreshments, no charge, parking available, public invited, Q & A. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 9 p.m.

Dance Sunset Groove with Deanne Dawson

Come enjoy the beautiful ocean views at sunset while dancing your heart out in TheGROOVE. This class brings the community together for a dance experience that calms the mind, nurtures the body, and feeds the soul. Whether

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Beverly Hills
Odyssey Ball raises more than \$1.4 Million to benefit cancer research

Actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise was honored with the “True Grit” Humanitarian Award and Maggie DiNome, MD, FACS, director, Cancer Prevention Program and chief of general surgery at Providence Saint John’s Health Center was presented with “The Duke” Special Service Award at the 30th annual Odyssey Ball. The yearly fundraising event benefits the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Providence Saint John’s Health Center and is organized by the John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary led by co-chairs Martha Harper, Colleen Pennell, Elizabeth Rawjee and Jessica Royer. Actor, motivational speaker, author and honored US Army veteran J.R. Martinez hosted the “We Can All Be Heroes” themed gala.

More than \$1.4 million was raised at the 30th Annual John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary Odyssey Ball thanks to the generous gifts from Providence Health & Services, the John Wayne Cancer Foundation, Dr. Miriam

and Sheldon Adelson and Martin Weil.

Patrick Wayne, chairman of the John Wayne Cancer Institute and son of the actor, described the family’s vow in forming the Institute, “To end cancer; we knew it wouldn’t happen overnight, but when you pin your ambitions on the name ‘John Wayne,’ you know that nothing but an absolute victory is acceptable.” He also took a moment to recognize two key additions to the Institute’s team, newly named chief executive, Marcel Loh and Dr. Timothy Wilson, a renowned specialist in the field of prostate cancer.

Since 1981, the family of John Wayne has been committed to pioneering cancer research in memory of their father, who died of cancer. For more than 30 years, the dedicated researchers at the John Wayne Cancer Institute have made groundbreaking discoveries that have changed the way cancer is detected, diagnosed and treated around the world. The Institute’s programs focus on melanoma, breast, neuro, prostate and gastrointestinal cancers, as well as innovative research in cancer genomics, molecular biomarkers, and

chemo- and immunotherapies.

- SUBMITTED BY PAM GIAN GREGORIO
Pacific Palisades

Peace activist hosting event for Boys and Girls club.

Youth advocate and peace activist Azim Khamisa, whose only son was murdered by a 14-year-old, will discuss youth violence and his journey of forgiveness at a breakfast event to benefit the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Clubs on April 30 at 7 a.m. at the Riviera Country Club, 1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades.

A renowned author and acclaimed speaker, Khamisa will speak about his son’s murder, a gang initiation, which happened in San Diego while the son was delivering pizza. The killer was the first 14-year-old to stand trial as an adult in the state of California and received a 25-year prison sentence.

“There were victims at both ends of the gun,” Khamisa notes. Through his grief, he founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, named for his son and dedicated to stopping youth violence through education, mentoring and restorative practice. Khamisa then

reached out to the killer’s family, offering the boy a job at the foundation when his prison sentence was completed.

The breakfast event launches the B&GCSM’s inaugural “Great Futures for Kids” campaign to raise much-needed funds to support programs that help children to graduate high school and achieve self-sufficiency, along with strong character and leadership.

“We never turn away a child due to ability to pay, so the Club relies on community support to help these children achieve their potential as caring, self-sufficient adults,” says Tim Blaylock, president & CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. There is no charge to attend the breakfast, but guests are asked to make a donation to sponsor a youth for a year of services at a cost of \$1,000, or whatever they can give. For reservations, contact the Club at (310) 381-8500 or email Adrienne@smbgc.org.

For more information, visit www.smbgc.org or follow them on Facebook ([facebook.com/smbgcfan](https://www.facebook.com/smbgcfan)) and Twitter (twitter.com/SMBGC)

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you are a trained dancer or never danced before, TheGroove allows you the freedom to explore your unique personal expression through a simple united rhythm or movement set to all styles of music. Drop-in participation available for \$15. 1450 Ocean, 7 - 8 p.m. visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/42927 to register.

Book Club at Bolivar
Join organizers for a book discussion at Cafe Bolivar (1741 Ocean Park Blvd.). This is a new program that will meet once a month at Cafe Bolivar. April Title: “The Book of the Unknown Americans” by Cristina Henriquez. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Class
Learn basic computer terms and practice using a mouse and keyboard to navigate Windows. This is a beginner level, hands-on class. Seating is limited and is

on a first arrival basis. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.

Downtown Farmers’ Market
Enjoy one of Santa Monica’s farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Ave & 2nd St, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30
Skirball Cultural Center: Keren Ann
Attend a mesmerizing performance by French singer-songwriter, composer and producer Keren Ann, described as “a Norah Jones for Velvet Underground fans” by the Guardian. The innovative singer and her band will play tracks from her highly anticipated upcoming solo album. 8 pm - 10 pm. Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. \$20 - \$35. <http://www.skirball.org>.

Movie: Whiplash

19-year-old jazz drummer Andrew Neiman is determined to rise to the top of the country’s most elite music conservatory, even if it means alienating his fellow students, his friends, and his family. (107 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Movie Screening & Discussion: 84 Charing Cross Road
When a struggling writer and passionate bibliophile (Anne Bancroft) answers an advertisement from a rare-volumes bookshop in London, she begins a very special correspondence and friendship with the bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). Screening and discussion led by Viviam Rosenberg. (Film runtime: 100 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 4 p.m.

Spring Green Expo
The 8th annual Spring Green Expo, hosted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, next to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles, is a unique one-day educational event offering the opportunity to learn what steps you can take to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle. 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

California Yacht Club Yachting Luncheon
Christian Williams will recount his odyssey of sailing solo from California Yacht Club to Hawaii and return, a journey of 6,000 miles and 48 days at sea. This cruise to Hawaii was his first long single-handed experience, alone against the elements, including two hurricanes - and on the 10th day outbound he celebrated his 71st birthday. Lunch at noon, presentation 12:40 p.m. \$18.50 includes luncheon, tax, service and parking. Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure. Reservations appreciated. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, (310) 823-4567, reservations@calyachtclub.net.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Michael Jackson still spinning inspiration

THE KING IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE KING, of Pop. When Michael Jackson died the world mourned the loss of one its greatest musical artists. An outright celebrity for almost his entire life, he was a controversial figure for many. To some he was creepy man-child who lived in a world that was unlike anyone else's, with a peculiar relationship to being childlike and relating to children.

To others, he was a visionary, both musically and philanthropically.

I never met the man, I never went to a single MJ concert, and I only know him through his music and the headlines. Neither of which are very accurate depictions would be my guess. To me he is the man who is the sound of a generation. His music was a major part of the soundtrack of my childhood.

So when my friend Lisa Brisse of State of the Heart Fitness told me she was writing a book about her family's crossed paths with Michael Jackson I was intrigued. I've known Lisa for about 15 years now. She's this impish woman of boundless energy who keeps people healthy with her personal training at the Loews Hotel Spa. Previously she was with the Pritikin Health and Longevity Center but when they moved from where the Casa Del Mar now sits, she came over to the Loews and started State of the Heart Fitness.

When Lisa first told me about her book, I was encouraging, but secretly thinking, what the heck does

this have to do with anything? But as she told me of her story and finding meaning in Michael's journey, and the many times her path crossed his, in unusual and unique ways, it began to become clearer to me.

Lisa wants to make the world a better place, she does it by her presence, and by her company. She likes to encourage, empower and educate people and send them back out into the world. If that sounds like something Michael Jackson would say, you're catching on.

But the connections are not just a fan's love affair with a celebrity, Lisa's mom Judy worked at Neverland. And the story of how she got the job is a tale in and of itself. Lisa's book, Michael Jackson - The Man In Our Mirror - A reflection of our collective soul, is a mini-biography, spiritual growth and philosophy book with a dash of celebrity to make it all very interesting.

This past Sunday Lisa led a spinning class at Revolution on Montana that was part TED talk, and part crazy spinmaster, with all the music from Michael Jackson. Afterwards there was a book signing where the crowd of people were all eagerly anticipating Lisa's book. The class itself had about 30 people who looked to be sweating and exercising their butts off as Michael Jackson's voice reverberated around the room. Lucky for me I was just videotaping it all, but frankly, the class seemed like so much fun if she offers it again, I'm tempted to take the class.

The staff at Revolution were truly helpful and if you're looking for a good spin class to try out this great way to stay in shape and lose those last few pounds before the Summer swimwear competitions heat up, I'd suggest you climb on one of the 60 bikes they have, and start spinning to some great music and meet some new people.

Lisa's book is available in book hard copy and ebook format from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Smashwords. It is on sale now at <http://www.amazon.com/Michael-Jackson-Mirror-Reflection-Collective/dp/0991492706>, or you can get hard copies from her directly by contacting her at State of Heart Fitness, 310.899.4046 or email info@stateoftheheartfitness.com. I have it on good authority that if you buy the book and want her to dedicate it to you, she'll happily accommodate you.

I'm very proud of her for completing this book and for being my friend. She's an amazing person, and this book is but one example of the light she carries with her. I hope it helps those who read it become happier and more spiritually engaged people.

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Your column here

Anita Chandra

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Innovative Wellbeing Project to weave science throughout government decisions

TODAY THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA IS releasing the initial findings of a robust research project that aims to measure the wellbeing of Santa Monica's residents. The findings will serve as a baseline for how the community is doing now so that wellbeing can be tracked on an ongoing basis. While important, the findings that are being released are only a small part of Santa Monica's Wellbeing Project. The project is working to fundamentally change how the government thinks about its citizens, by integrating the science of wellbeing into its very foundation.

But what is wellbeing? Are we saying that Santa Monica is measuring how happy people are? Certainly that is a factor, but wellbeing is much more than only happiness or wellness. Wellbeing is about individuals having the skills and opportunity to live a meaningful life. There are countless things that cities do that either contribute or detract from that sense of meaning. The Wellbeing Project is about collecting data on a range of factors, linking across findings, and then translating these findings into action.

Santa Monica is the first to more fully relate both the subjective and personal experiences of its residents to specific conditions that support or

detract from wellbeing. That is groundbreaking. In other words, Santa Monica and its partners have identified specific, measurable conditions that directly influence personal and subjective wellbeing. To do this, several dimensions of the wellbeing experience were identified including the social, physical and economic environment. Once these dimensions were defined, the city collected and examined a range of data across agencies and sectors at the city level, as well as through resident survey and social media, in order to create a baseline of wellbeing in the community.

Creating a baseline of wellbeing for Santa Monica required unprecedented examination of what data the city currently collects. This motivated a real examination of whether current city data systems support the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of wellbeing, and whether the volumes of data that cities often collect have the signal value to inform policies and programs that actually promote wellbeing. While cities collect data all the time, a full examination of how disparate sources of data connect and how it can be used to inform government decisions that support wellbeing is novel.

The important distinction of the city's efforts

is the difference between data, information and insight. Collecting immense amounts of data does not automatically lead to information. The data must be analyzed and distilled into something translatable and consumable. Additionally, information alone does little good unless the city can learn from the findings and take action upon them.

This initial findings release is only the beginning. Now the city is enhancing the conversation about how government, its partners, and the community work together to cultivate a community that thrives and flourishes. And the city is examining whether it has the data organizational culture, and concurrent governance structure it needs for wellbeing decision-making. We now have the framework in place to propel the city into action, so that Santa Monica can lead the charge in examining the roles and responsibilities of the city government in the 21st Century.

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Your column here

Leslie Lambert

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Office conversions are an expensive form of affordable housing

I READ WITH INTEREST THE APRIL 26

article "Making affordable housing...affordable. Adaptive reuse as housing is an excellent tool to preserve existing, vacant office space and well-received by the historic preservation community, city planners, and the urban pioneers who now call downtown LA home. The reuse of upper floors in the Historic Core of LA has resulted in the production of hundreds of new housing units, the preservation of many historic buildings the upper floors of which were vacant for decades, and the revitalization of an important downtown area. These "new" housing units are all market rate, i.e. not affordable to extremely low, very low and low income people.

However, SMart's proposal calls for the conversion of existing, presumably occupied, office space to affordable housing and suggests that the Zoning Code Update be revised to encourage this conversion. I must say that, in all my years of working in the fields of affordable housing and economic development, I have never heard a serious proposal to eliminate jobs as a way to bring the jobs/housing ratio into balance. I think that several issues should be discussed before measures are taken to encourage these conversions.

First, although our jobs/housing balance is out of whack, there are Santa Monica residents who work throughout the city in offices. Were this office space to be eliminated, these residents would lose their jobs and likely find themselves unable to pay rent. I guess the upside is that displacement from their homes would create vacant units that the out-of-town workers left in our city could occupy. But I seriously doubt that this would be acceptable as a moral or a political strategy.

The second issue is one of economic feasibility. The current average annual per square foot rent for office space is \$40, which is a conservative estimate. The current annual rent per square foot for an affordable rental unit is \$5.28 to \$10.56, depending on the income level of the tenant household. I

am basing this on a 1,000 sq.ft 2-bedroom unit, but the disparity between office rents and affordable housing rents is large no matter what the size of the apartment we are talking about. This is a rent gap of approximately \$29.44-\$34.72 per square foot, or \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year for the two bedroom apartment. Multiplied by the total square footage of the commercial building, the property owner would need to receive a huge subsidy to make the project feasible. And this is before we consider the costs of conversion, which will be high. Since the City is out of affordable housing funds and likely to remain so until a consistent source of funds is identified, this proposal is entirely unrealistic from an economic standpoint.

The third issue is related to property taxes. The prevailing model for affordable housing is one for which a non-profit housing entity serves as the general partner in the ownership structure, thereby making the property exempt from property taxes, which helps the project "pencil" and reduces the amount of public subsidy needed. Removal of commercial properties from the tax rolls through their conversion to affordable housing will have serious negative impacts on school funding and basic local services.

Finally, I question whether existing commercial buildings could provide the amenities that families in affordable housing should have, especially open space.

Although many of us understand the importance of increasing affordable housing opportunities in Santa Monica and welcome creative ideas such as that proposed by SMart, I do not believe that we can get away from the fact that new construction and the acquisition of existing housing are the most realistic courses of action. We must also remember that new "market rate" housing must include affordable units, at the developer's expense, and that type of housing must be encouraged as well.

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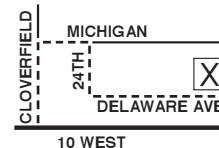
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ARREST

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by police, he refused, he was asked for his identification, he refused, he was then tackled to the ground, pepper-sprayed and arrested.

Details, including why some of those actions were taken, are heavily disputed.

According to Santa Monica Police Sgt. Rudy Camarena, officers were making a routine check of the park as part of their patrol. The park closes at 11 p.m., but the electric vehicle charging stations close at 8 p.m. Public records show officers registering at the park at about 10:54 p.m.

Camarena said prior to talking to Palmer, the officers contacted several individuals at the park, including others charging their vehicles, and informed them of the park's impending closure and the operating hours of the charging stations.

Camarena said when contacted, Palmer refused to leave the charging station and after making multiple requests for him to leave, officers decided to issue Palmer a citation. Palmer refused to provide his identification as part of the citation process, at which point officers decided to make an arrest for obstructing an officer and violating the posted hours of the park.

"During the arrest, the subject actively resisted," said a statement issued by SMPD. "Officers deployed pepper spray and physically restrained him. The subject was taken to Santa Monica Public Safety Facility where he was fingerprinted and booked. At the Santa Monica Jail the subject complained of pain. He was transported to the Santa Monica Hospital for treatment and was medically cleared. The subject was subsequently issued a citation and released."

The Palmers declined to comment and referred questions to their attorney, Justin H. Sanders, a Partner with Sanders, Roberts & Jewett.

According to Sanders, Palmer routinely uses the charging stations at the park. On April 21, he said, Palmer entered the park at about 9:30 p.m. and found all the charging bays in use. He waited in his car until about 10:30 p.m. when a charger became available. Palmer drove from one side of the parking lot to the now-open charging station, where

officers contacted him.

Sanders described the officers' behavior as "aggressive" from the start and said his client was singled out for police contact despite the presence of other people using the park and charging vehicles. He said when Palmer asked officers to explain why he was being prohibited from using the stations, the officers demanded to see identification. Palmer questioned why his identification was needed, as he felt he had done nothing wrong, and it was at that point he was arrested. According to Sanders, the arresting officer cuffed Palmer's hands behind his back, swept his legs from under him and took him to the ground. While on the ground, Sanders said, a second officer used pepper spray on Palmer. According to Sanders, his client did not physically resist.

Several residents saw parts of the interaction and at least one partial account, a video by Wendy Zaw, was posted to Facebook. Zaw said she saw the end of the arrest while walking her dogs at about 11:10 p.m.

"This is not something I would like to see happening in our neighborhood. I'm truly disturbed and I'm still shaking today," she said.

Camarena said officers tried to resolve the situation peacefully but were left with without options due to what they characterize as Palmer's refusal to cooperate.

"Officers tried to de-escalate the situation," he said. "They explained the park hours, explained the charging hours."

It's a dispute both sides hope to solve through the use of additional witnesses.

Camarena said the department conducts administrative reviews associated with the use of force and that the department has reached out to explain its process. Police issued a press release last week asking anyone with additional information about the incident to contact Capt. Wendell Shirley from the Operations Division at (310) 458-8952.

"The preservation of public trust is paramount to us, so we want to make sure we are transparent," he said.

Sanders said he believed witness accounts and the record of the events will exonerate his client of any wrongdoing.

Palmer has a court hearing set for May 22. No official complaint has been filed with SMPD over the incident at this time.

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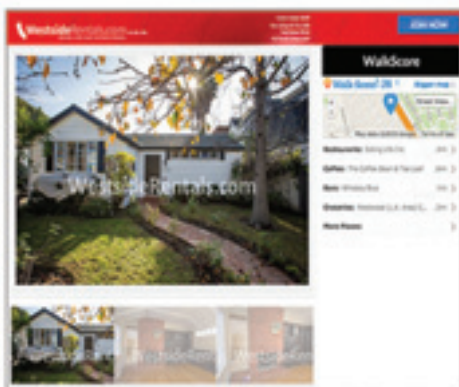
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COUNCIL PREVIEW:

BBB fare hike, expanding services Downtown

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Big Blue Bus expanded service and an associated fare hike will be a top item at City Council's meeting tomorrow night.

It is a relatively calm agenda, prior to the likely storm coming during next week's (possibly final) debate of the updated Zoning Ordinance.

Aside from the BBB changes, and an ordinance regulating short term rentals that the Daily Press wrote about on Monday, council will consider next steps in a process that would result in property owners on parts of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue to pay for upgraded services in their area.

An appeal, which the Daily Press wrote about last week, involving the landmarking of a set of courtyard apartments has been delayed at the request of the appellant.

BBB EXPANDED SERVICE AND FARE HIKE

Big Blue Bus plans to boost its services hours but 11 percent in order to better integrate with the incoming Expo Light Rail and, as a result, they are proposing a fare hike, starting in January, from \$1 to \$1.25 per ride (a 25 percent increase).

Fares for seniors and people with disabilities wouldn't change.

Last year, BBB did away with the discount provided to riders who make transfers. Transfers previously cost 50 cents.

BBB's grand plan will create more north-south service to complement the east-west light rail. They're eliminating redundant routes and stops covered by other transit systems. First- and last-mile connectivity will become a focus.

Additionally, BBB promised to keep local passengers in mind — a concern that some council members shared at a meeting about BBB changes in December.

Many of the plans are similar to those proposed in December. Initially, the fare increase was proposed for July 2016, but that has moved up to January in the recent report because the jump in annual revenue service hours was proposed at 9 percent and is now proposed at 11 percent.

If all goes according to plan, service could changes would start in August of this year and be completed a year later. BBB would study the impacts of the changes and report back to council in 2017.

LINCOLN AND COLORADO UPGRADES

More than half of the property owners on the portions of Lincoln and portions Colorado slated for a Property Based Assessment District (PBAD) and overly district respectively, have signed petitions allowing plans to move forward.

Only 40 percent of owners were required to sign the petitions in order to get the changes on a ballot but 53 percent of the Lincoln property owners and nearly 63 percent of the Colorado property owners gave their John Hancocks.

Council will be asked to set a public hearing, setting the stage for the property owners to vote on the issue at a later date.

If approved, the property owners in the two areas will be required to pool their money for improvements and extra services in the area.

Lincoln Boulevard is not currently a part of the Downtown PBAD. Property owners will decide whether to create a PBAD on Lincoln from the Interstate 10 freeway to Wilshire Boulevard.

On Colorado, where the incoming Expo Light Rail will run, the overlay would add ambassadors and enhanced maintenance between Seventh Court and Ocean Avenue.

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TAKE OFF: Young Eagles Day uses flight to help teach math and science.

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Volunteers provide free flights for local youth

Three times a year, the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter #11) invites local organizations to participate in Young Eagles Day by registering interested youth ages 8 - 17 years old for a first flight in a small airplane. Kids are taken on a 20-minute flight to allow them to see their local area from a different perspective. Organizers said that over the last 25 years, one of the group's missions as a non-profit organization has been to encourage local youth to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) by introducing them to flight on Young Eagles Day. Local pilots gave flights to 58 local kids on April 18 at the Santa Monica Airport and over the past 25 years, EAA chapters around the world have given more than 1.9 million rides to kids on Young Eagles Days.

Participants come from local scout troops, schools and other youth organizations. Many teachers and youth leaders use the exciting promise of a first flight to introduce educational material about aviation and how it requires the practical application of engineering, math and science skills. The combination of ground based lessons and a first flight often ignites the imaginations of the young participants. Many have gone on to careers in science and aviation.

The Santa Monica chapter of the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) was founded in 1990 and is part of a worldwide community of passionate aviation enthusiasts that promotes and supports recreational flying. Our vision: a vibrant and growing aviation community. Our mission: to grow participation in aviation by promoting the Spirit of Aviation.

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Santa Monica Playhouse The Main Stage is located at 1211 4th Street (between Wilshire and Arizona)

- SUBMITTED BY SANDRA ZEITZEW

Downtown
Chipotle commits to non-GMO ingredients

Chipotle Mexican Grill has achieved its goal of moving to only non-GMO ingredients to make all of the food in its U.S. restaurants – including all of the food at its Asian restaurant concept, ShopHouse Southeast Asian Kitchen. The company is now actively developing new recipes for its tortillas, which are the only food items on its menu that include any artificial additives.

GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, are crops that have had specific changes introduced to their DNA that don't occur naturally, using the science of genetic engineering. GMOs are common in the American food system. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 94% of corn and 93% of soybeans grown in this country came from GMO strains in 2014. As a result, more than 80% of foods consumed in the U.S. contain genetically modified ingredients, by some estimates, making it very difficult for consumers to avoid GMO ingredients in restaurants or in food purchased in grocery stores.

"There is a lot of debate about genetically modified foods," said Steve Ells, founder, chairman and co-CEO of Chipotle. "Though many countries have already restricted or banned the use of GMO crops, it's clear that a lot of research is still needed before we can truly understand all of the implications of widespread GMO cultivation and consumption. While that debate continues, we decided to move to non-GMO ingredients."

Chipotle became the first national restaurant company to voluntarily disclose GMO ingredients in its food in March 2013, and pledged at that time to move to non-GMO ingredients for all of its food. Most of the company's use of genetically modified ingredients was tied to soybean oil, which it used to cook chips and taco shells, and in a number of recipes (such as the adobo rub it uses for grilled chicken and steak) and for cooking (both on its grills and for use in sauté pans). Corn and flour tortillas also included some GMO ingredients.

Chipotle suppliers planted non-GMO corn varieties to meet Chipotle's needs for corn tortillas, and the company replaced soybean oil with sunflower oil to cook its chips and taco shells, and with rice bran oil for other recipes and uses. Both oils are extracted from crops for which there are no commercially available genetically modified varieties. Other GMO ingredients in tortillas were replaced with non-GMO alternatives.

While GMO advocates point to higher costs associated with producing non-GMO foods, Chipotle's move to non-GMO ingredients did not result in significantly higher ingredient costs for the company, and it did not raise prices resulting from its move to non-GMO ingredients.

Tortillas are the only food item on Chipotle's menu that contains any additives, which include a minimal number of preservatives and dough conditioners. While the company has made significant strides in reducing the number of additives in its tortillas, it is now embarking on a quest to eliminate all of the remaining additives. The goal is to achieve a simple recipe with only a few ingredients, much like tortillas made in more traditional ways that include only wheat flour, oil, water, salt and a starter for flour tortillas, for example.

For more information about Chipotle's ingredients and its move to non-GMO foods, visit www.chipotle.com/gmo.

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WINNING TRADITION: Samohi has outscored opponents 53-2 in league games this year.

SOFTBALL
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nance in conference play. Entering its anticipated April 28 game against El Segundo at Memorial Park, Santa Monica had won 114 league games in a row — a streak that dates back to 2004.

This season, the Vikings outscored their first four league foes by a combined margin of 53-2.

In their blowout of Beverly Hills, they racked up 16 hits and made offense look easy. They scored four runs in each of the first two innings, pushed across five more in the third inning — including a home run by freshman Marisa Munoz — and added three in the fourth.

Sophomore pitcher Kenedee Jamerson allowed just two hits and one run in five innings.

SENIORS HEADED TO COLLEGIATE RANKS

All four graduating players on Samohi's roster will continue their softball careers at the next level.

Star pitcher Whitney Jones is heading to the Division I ranks at Rutgers, where she'll join coach Jay Nelson's program on a roster

that currently features three California products.

The Scarlet Knights, who compete in the Big Ten, had an overall record of 26-14 as of April 23.

Last year, Jones was named player of the year in CIF Southern Section Division 4 after giving up only one earned run in 35 innings pitched in the playoffs. Her performance in the circle powered the Vikings' recent 16-0 mercy-rule shutout of Culver City.

Standout catcher Annie Quine, meanwhile, will play for Babson College in Massachusetts in the Division III ranks under longtime coach Dave Canan.

The Beavers were 20-15 this season as of April 23, including 9-9 in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

Outfielder/first baseman Cayman Hunter is set to play for coach Alison Haehnel at Los Angeles-based Occidental College, which competes in Division III as a member of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Outfielder Carly Condon will also compete in the SCIAC when she joins the team at University of La Verne, about 35 miles east of Los Angeles.

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QUAKE VICTIM: Tom Taplin (right) died in an avalanche on Mt. Everest on Saturday.

TAPLIN

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Taplin was at the world's tallest peak to work on a documentary about its base camp, said his wife, Cory Freyer.

"I was devastated," Freyer said Monday in a phone interview from the couple's Santa Monica home. "At first you go, 'It can't possibly be.' It's just devastating."

"We have loved living in Santa Monica for many years. It's why we keep our house here and enjoy what is wonderful about Santa Monica. I can't imagine not having that be part of my life, and I know Tom would feel the same."

Freyer, also a Colorado native, said she met Taplin in Santa Monica and that the two had been together since 1987. Their mothers are friends in Denver.

Taplin, who was involved in numerous media production projects, owned TET Films & Photography and had an editing studio downstairs in his local home.

Taplin was also an avid mountaineer. He once wrote a book about his journey on Aconcagua in Argentina, the tallest mountain outside Asia.

Freyer said she found out about the Nepalese earthquake soon after it happened but went to bed before receiving any news about the Everest region. At

about 6 a.m. the next morning she got a call from the guide who had taken Taplin and two photographers to the Everest base camp.

"The guide called me by satellite phone - he was stuck on the mountain with his climber group - to tell me that Tom was dead," Freyer said. "He said, 'I am so sorry.' He just bluntly said, 'Tom is dead.'"

"It's overwhelming."
Taplin has many friends in the area, Freyer said. He studied English and film at Lake Forest College in Illinois before pursuing film and video at Valencia-based California Institute of the Arts.

Asked what she'll remember about Taplin, Freyer said: "His playful, loving, larger-than-life spirit."

LOCAL COUPLE: 'WE ARE FINE'

A Santa Monica couple who were reported missing in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake confirmed they are safe.

Loved ones were initially concerned because A. Michelle Page and Daniel Adams had traveled to the region in support of their fair-trade arts company.

"Hello from Kathmandu. We are fine," Page wrote on her Facebook page. "Communication is impossible here. ... You never want to be in a 7.9 earthquake."

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missing rent or mortgage payments.

Nearly a quarter of respondents mentioned traffic of mobility as areas for wellbeing improvement in open-ended sections of the survey.

"Residents were also concerned about affordability for future generations," city officials said, "with more than half feeling that it is unlikely that their children will be able to stay in Santa Monica."

As previously reported in the Daily Press, biking is way up in the Bay City in recent years.

Seniors showed the highest levels of wellbeing and adults aged 45 to 54 and the lowest levels, according to the report.

The project is being conducted by the Santa Monica-based RAND Corporation and the U.K.-based New Economics Foundation.

The index has more than 100 distinct data points.

Preliminary data can be viewed on City Hall's website: www.smgov.net/wellbeing.

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residents who have a high quality of life and others who feel alone, overworked, and unheard by local government.

According to the index, 79 percent of the population votes (this contradicts voter turnout numbers from last year's election, when 48 percent of registered voters cast ballots) but 41 percent of residents said they feel "their civic influence is limited" and another 36 percent say they feel disengaged from the city.

Another stat deemed notable by City Hall is the fact that two-thirds of residents live within a five-minute walk of goods and services.

On the flip side, while 80 percent of Americans say that they feel they can count on their neighbors, only 66 percent of Santa Monicans felt the same way.

And one out of every five young adults, ages 18 to 24, reported feeling lonely most or all of the time. A third felt concerned about



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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.3°

TUESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small SSW swell. Minor NW energy.

WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small SSW swell. Minor NW swell-mix may rebound slightly through the PM.

THURSDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Small SSW swell. Possible modest NW swell-mix. Couple larger peaks for standouts.

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Small SSW swell. Possible modest NW swell-mix. Couple larger peaks for standouts.

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 **January 12, 2015**

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

QUICK STATS
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 14
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by:

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Wil Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Wil Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alas creeks.			Wil Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Wil Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chetanaes).	B	B
Broad Beach at Trancoso Creek mouth.	B	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfife Rd. (private).	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain.	A	D
Escandale Creek, just east of Escandale State Beach.	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	A+
Latiga Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Adlon/Adm. drain.	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at San Buckner County Beach.	A+	D	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	F	Venice Beach--projection of Topsoil St.	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Vanguard tower.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Pena Creek at Las Tonas County Beach.	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWW jetty).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F			
Wil Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our swimmers are happy.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is 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.

ON APRIL 16 AT APPROXIMATELY 11 P.M.

An officer responded to a report of domestic violence that had just occurred at the 1550 lot on PCH. When the officer arrived, the victim stated that she came to Santa Monica with her girlfriend, later identified as Kiara Martinez-Sanchez, 24 of Calimesa, to meet up with a group of friends. The group had been drinking when the victim and Martinez-Sanchez got into an argument because the suspect believed that the victim had taken her keys and phone from her. Martinez-Sanchez then proceeded to punch the victim in the face and dragged her out of the car where a fight ensued. Friends of the victim and suspect separated the two. The suspect admitted to striking the victim and also stated that the victim struck her back. Martinez-Sanchez was placed under arrest for domestic violence with corporal injury. Bail was set at \$50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 373 calls for service on April 26.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Party complaint 1300 block of Harvard 1:03 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 block of Ocean 2:50 a.m.
Fight 1500 block of Euclid 3:32 a.m.
Drunk driving Cloverfield /Interstate 10 3:33 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block of Wilshire 6:10 a.m.
Silent robbery 2600 block of Main 6:33 a.m.
Panhandling 700 block of California 8:30 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Main 8:58 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1800 block of 7th 8:58 a.m.
Hit and 1500 block of PCH 9:01 a.m.
Burglary report 3000 block of Wilshire 9:48 a.m.
Trespassing 700 block of California 9:52 a.m.
Petty theft intersection of Lincoln/Navy 9:56 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block of Yale 10 a.m.
Audible burglar 1600 block of 16th 10:01 a.m.
Missing person 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 10:16 a.m.
Burglary report 900 block of 7th 10:35 a.m.
Assault report 600 block of Strand 10:45 a.m.
Traffic accident 3rd /Bay 11:10 a.m.
Loud music 1400 block of Ocean 11:50 a.m.
Missing person 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:05 p.m.
Theft suspect 1200 block of Promenade 12:06 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block of Lincoln 1:14 p.m.
Hit and 25th/Wilshire 1:27 p.m.

Traffic hazard 2200 block of 6th 2:05 p.m.
Traffic accident 300 block of Pico 2:08 p.m.
Exhibition of 1100 block of Ashland 2:31 p.m.
Traffic accident 16th/Ocean Park 3:03 p.m.
Death investigation 800 block of Woodacres 3:07 p.m.
Burglary report 2200 block of Colorado 3:30 p.m.
Failure to 1500 block of PCH 3:33 p.m.
Exhibition speed of 2000 block of the beach
Hit and 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:49 p.m.
Traffic accident 2nd/Broadway 4:04 p.m.
Suspicious person 200 block of Bay 4:35 p.m.
Loud music 500 block of Palisades Park 4:42 p.m.
Traffic accident 1600 block of Interstate 10 4:44 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Broadway 5:12 p.m.
Battery just 100 block of Wilshire 5:20 p.m.
Hit and 1500 block of PCH 6:21 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 2800 block of Main 7:40 p.m.
Silent robbery 800 block of 2nd 7:41 p.m.
Violation of 1200 block of 12th 7:43 p.m.
Person with 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 7:45 p.m.
Vandalism 1100 block of Franklin 8:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of PCH 8:38 p.m.
Hit and investigation 1500 block of 4th 8:53 p.m.
Audible burglar 1100 block of Wilshire 9:17 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd street prom 9:20 p.m.
Runaway 1000 block of Euclid 9:44 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block of Ocean 10:36 p.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Arizona 11:15 p.m.
Traffic accident 800 block of Olympic 11:34 p.m.
Vandalism 2600 block of the beach 11:41 p.m.
Traffic accident 1900 block of 20th 11:55 p.m.

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Yesterday’s answer

- 14** Coral isles
19 Leg bend
22 Make tea
23 Great joy
24 Steve Martin film
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GETTING STARTED

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S PUZZLE

8	9	7	6	3	1	4	5	2
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1950 - Bhumibol Adulyadej marries Queen Sirikit after their quiet engagement in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 19, 1949.
1952 - Dwight D. Eisenhower resigns as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO.
1952 - Occupied Japan: The United States occupation of Japan ends as the Treaty of San Francisco, ratified September 8, 1951, comes into force.

- 1952** - The Sino-Japanese Peace Treaty (Treaty of Taipei) is signed in Taipei, Taiwan between Japan and the Republic of China to officially end the Second Sino-Japanese War.
1965 - United States occupation of the Dominican Republic: American troops land in the Dominican Republic to “forestall establishment of a Communist dictatorship” and to evacuate U.S. Army troops.
1970 - Vietnam War: U.S. President Richard M. Nixon formally authorizes American combat troops to fight communist sanctuaries in Cambodia.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

- Elizabeth Quinn Gallagher, 23, received free around-the-world plane travel in December just for having the correct name. Jordan Axani used to have a girlfriend of that name, and bought the couple world-travel tickets, but they broke up, and the tickets were not refundable. Axani decided in December to find a compatible “Elizabeth Gallagher” to use the ticket with him, and the 23-year-old Cole Harbor, Nova Scotia, student won out over 18 other “Elizabeth Gallaghers.” The trip was “strictly platonic,” he said, though he acknowledged that Gallagher’s boyfriend did not seem pleased.
■ (1) Wayne Clark, 52, collapsed

and died in January of an apparent heart attack seconds after walking into the Aldi grocery store in Edgewood, Maryland, and announcing a robbery. At his home, police discovered evidence linking Clark to two earlier robberies. (2) Anthony Stokes, 17, died in March from car-crash injuries as he was fleeing Roswell, Georgia, police following a home invasion. Stokes drew national attention in 2013 when, in order to receive a heart transplant, he promised to turn around his until-then-criminal life. Soon after the surgery, though, he was posting thug selfies on Facebook, and in January 2015 had been jailed for possessing stolen property.

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