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THE IN THE FLOW ISSUE

Bad events lead to regulation changes

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

BEACH LOTS It was 10:30 p.m. on Saturday in March and one neighbor, walking his dog, could hear two or three forklifts beeping as they backed up.

It was dark out so they were honking at one another to communicate, he said. Homes were only a couple dozen feet away.

This was the winding down of an all-day Nike event held at one of City Hall's Ocean Avenue parking lots. The event angered local residents and led to new guidelines that, among other things, will mean the Independent Spirit Awards will need to find a new home.

Set-up for the Nike Training Club started with jackhammering in the early morning and ended with the aforementioned forklift beeps. In the middle was noisy generators, traffic, temporary lights shining into the windows of homes, and loud bass-driven music directed at homes, according to city officials.

The parking lot might need to be resurfaced soon thanks to large holes jack-hammered into the asphalt by event organizers.

It was, according to some residents, the straw that broke the camel's back.

"City staff, as well as City Council members, received numerous complaints from south beach neighbors and merchants in the area who were impacted by the event set up and event day activities," city officials said in

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DAY TO PRAY

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

(Above) People bow their heads and pray at Tongva Park Thursday morning during National Day of Prayer.
(Right) A man stands up and starts preaching the ways of the lord while interrupting another sermon.
The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May when people are asked 'to turn to God in prayer and meditation.'

Neighborhood groups expand, dispute territories

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It's no Bloods and Crips but some neighborhood groups are expanding their boundaries and causing a few turf spats.

Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors was operating unofficially for years trying to get its paperwork straight. Many years ago Mid-City was an officially recognized group but it lost its title thanks to lack of participation.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) recently contacted City Hall on behalf of the group and Mid-City Neighbors reclaimed its official recognition in February. An officially recognized neighborhood group is eligible for City Hall-assistance in the form of an annual newsletter and $4,000 check.

After Mid-City's official recognition, one resident living between Santa Monica Boulevard and Colorado Avenue - an area that had previously been represented by the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA) - decided she'd rather be a Mid-City neighbor. She noted that she'd been represented by the previous iteration of the Mid-City and asked to be annexed.

Under Mid-City bylaws, a resident has to collect 40 signatures from residents in the annexation area, said the group's President Andrew Hoyer. She pulled it off and in March Mid-City voted to expand its boundaries to include the stretch between Santa Monica Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard.

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Bikes for days
1550 Beach Parking Lot
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
This event is being billed as Southern California's most extensive Bike Expo. At 36,000 square feet, it is the largest event of its kind in the area. All levels of cyclists, dozens of exhibitors and retailers will share their love of bikes. This event also takes place Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 210-5063 or visit bicycle-expo.com.

Just for kicks
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH
10 a.m.
Instructors focus on having fun while guiding children through imaginative games that teach basic soccer skills. Classes are 45 minutes in length. For more information, visit annenbergbeach-house.com.

Hat trick
1450 Ocean Ave.
6 p.m.
Corina Haywood leads students through a workshop dedicated to making straw hats. Haywood studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, where she learned the foundation of her millinery skills. For the past 10 years she has been exploring the relationship between art and fashion through her unique approaches to contemporary millinery construction and design. Her pieces have been collected by individuals, retailers and private label clients, and have been featured in Elle and Women's Wear Daily among other publications. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Make tracks
Will Rogers State Park
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd., Pacific Palisades
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
The NatureBridge Southern California Hike-A-Thon is more than a fundraising event; it is a fun-filled day for families with kids and those who like to hike. NatureBridge educators are on the trail, providing hands-on environmental educational experiences. The event features campfire-style music and kid-friendly activities. Teams as well as individual hikers raise funds while building awareness so that more Southern California school children and teens have access to hands-on science education in nature's classroom.

The Brit way
Third Street Promenade
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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On the sneak tip
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Do you know how to make something that can tell whether the $20 bill in your wallet is a fake? Or how to generate battery power with simple household items? Or how to create your own home security system? Science-savvy author Cy Tymony does. Tymony, author of "Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things," shows how to repurpose broken and unused items around your house. A book sale and signing follows the event. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

Attorney: Third party leaked recording of Sterling

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An attorney representing the woman Donald Sterling was talking to when he made racist remarks said Thursday that the hour-long conversation was taped by mutual agreement last September and provided to a friend for safekeeping, who then leaked it to TMZ.

V. Stiviano sent two snippets of the conversation, recorded in her Los Angeles duplex, to a friend who released them without her permission, lawyer Siamak Nehoray said. He would not identify the friend.

Nehoray said she sent snippets of the conversation recorded on her phone electronically to her friend for safekeeping in case anything happened, but only two went through, Nehoray said.

He wouldn't elaborate on what prompted her to send the recordings.

Nehoray said Stiviano, 31, only learned they would become public after TMZ contacted her. She was devastated, he said.

"She's a young girl thrown in the middle of this thing, unwillingly," Nehoray said. "She didn't release the tape. She gave it to somebody for safe keeping. It was unfortunate that it was released. It's a lot to deal with."

In the recording, the Los Angeles Clippers owner expresses his unhappiness with Stiviano for posting online photos of herself with black people, including basketball great Magic Johnson.

Attorney Robert Platt, who is general counsel for the Clippers, said he has no com-

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Snapchat adds chat as messaging space heats up

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Snapchat is adding a chat feature to its ephemeral messaging service.

Despite its name, the Snapchat app has never offered real-time conversation —until now. Previously, users were only able to send each other photos and videos that self-destruct a few seconds after they are viewed.

The Los Angeles startup said Thursday that Snapchat users will be able to chat by swiping right on a friend's name. When users leave the chat screen, messages will be automatically deleted. In keeping with Snapchat's tradition, users can take screenshots of the chat if they want to preserve it.

Users will also be able to video chat, as they would with Skype or FaceTime.

Snapchat's expansion comes at a time when mobile messaging apps are soaring in popularity as people look beyond traditional texting to communicate and share photos and videos. Some apps also accommodate more than just texts and photos, making them all the more appealing. Tango, for instance, allows music to be shared through Spotify's streaming service. KakaoTalk lets people share voice memos and location, along with animated emoticons.

In one example of mobile messaging's increasing value, Facebook, which reportedly has tried to acquire Snapchat for $3 billion, agreed to buy WhatsApp for $19 billion in February. WhatsApp has half a billion users, up from 465 million in February. In comparison, Twitter had has 255 million users.

Other popular messaging apps include Facebook's own messenger, as well as Tango, which has some 200 million users and recently received a $215 million investment from China's Alibaba Group. Another one, Viber Media, sold for $900 million earlier this year to Japan's Rakuten Inc.



HERO OF THE DAY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

(Above) The Santa Monica High School baseball team mobs Matthew Tapia on Thursday after he got a hit during an intersquad game at Samohi. The Vikings were scheduled to play Morningside, but they couldn't find enough players to make the trip. So, instead, head coach Kurt Schwengel decided to let Tapia, who is a special needs student, get an at bat against the starting unit. Tapia is also a member of the football and basketball teams and both squads figured out a way to get him into games as well.

(Right) Matthew Tapia prepares to make contact during an intersquad game.



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Odd choice for an example

Editor:

It is curious, and instructive, that Urban Sense's May 1 column "The paradox of Whole Foods" chooses that particular 2000-era project to archly scold residents for wanting protection from unanticipated commercial impacts.

The Wilshire Whole Foods, at 28,000 square feet, barely slipped in under an old threshold of 30,000 square feet for "administrative approval," meaning there was no public hearing by the Planning Commission or City Council.

Even though a local architect (and colleague of the columnists) was engaged, the resultant structure disrespected the neighborhood the store hoped to serve. The parking garage design problems over which Urban Sense attempts to gloss created an immediate street-parking crisis for whole blocks of nearby residents. The store's loading dock was inexplicably placed right across a narrow alley from a family's home.

Whole Foods was such a disaster for its resident neighbors that I led the City Council to change the rules for "administrative approval," so that public hearings are required for projects a quarter the size.

What Urban Sense failed to mention is that they support returning to the "bad old days" when architects and their commercial clients could get administrative approvals on far larger projects. The zoning protections residents want to retain in our new code would not make larger projects unbuildable; they'd just keep the public's hand on the stamp of approval – as it should be.

Isn't this the crux of our current development conflicts: how to build new things in Santa Monica, while respecting the interests of existing Santa Monica neighbors who have invested our lives here?

Kevin McKeown
City Councilmember



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

As if life isn't tough enough

WHEN I FIRST STARTED THIS COLUMN I proposed the banner, "Laughing Matters," which seemed appropriate for a space in which I would get to share with what I think is funny about life, especially in Santa Monica. But in these past 400 weeks (good grief, can it be that long?) occasionally I've come across a story in which there is no humor and yet I think important enough to bring to your attention. This is one of those stories, and while there are no laughs, in the darkness one very strong woman has found something of a silver lining.

This past Sunday in Santa Monica featured a celebration marking the 82nd birthday of the legendary and much beloved radio personality and voice actor Casey Kasem. Known for hosting the nationally syndicated "Top 40"countdown show, Kasem had a staggering body of voice over work including for NBC, "Sesame Street" and playing Shaggy in the Saturday morning cartoon franchise "Scooby-Doo."

While Kasem also did a myriad of commercials, TV and even movies, it was music on the radio (and perhaps his vast charity work) for which Kasem will always be remembered. Anybody in America who grew up in the 1970's until 2009 when Kasem retired, will likely have been touched by him. Kasem's signature sign-off, known by generations, was, "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

Fittingly, Kasem received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1981 and was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 1992. But now, unfortunately, he is quite ill, battling Parkinson's disease as a patient at Berkley East Convalescent Hospital here in Santa Monica.

Even sadder, his birthday celebration had to take place outside Berkley East as, inexplicably, Kasem's adult children are barred from seeing their father by their stepmother and Kasem's wife of 33 years (and their stepmother) Jean Kasem. So are Kasem's brother and his many friends of 60 years or more. Why anyone would do that is mind-boggling. (As of press time, Mrs. Kasem hadn't returned my voice mails.)

Hearing this story some might mistakenly assume Kasem's fortune, estimated at $80,000,000, is part of the motivation for his children. But the three, Kerri, 41, Mike 40 and Julie, 38, are all successful in their own lives. "We don't want his money and we don't want his estate, " Kerri says plaintively, "All we want is to see our dad, to love him and take care of him before he dies."

Having an ailing parent in the final stage of his/her life is painful enough but for an adult child not to be allowed to know from day to day how the parent is doing seems unconscionable. You'd think there would be relief in our court system but you'd be wrong. (Although, thanks to Kerri, that may change.)

While divorced parents, and even grandparents, can avail the court system for visitation rights, for adult children there is no legal precedent. Thus Kerri, who used to talk to her father daily, hasn't been able to visit him in over six months.



Photo courtesy Julie White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAD: Kerri Kasem (second from right) held a vigil honoring her father, Casey Kasem, the legendary radio host.

The dire situation has prompted Kerri to go public with her plight. But, rather than being filled with anger or feeling a victim, Kerri has worked tirelessly in the hope that this might not happen to others.

Dedicated and determined (traits Kerri attributes to her father) remarkably she has persuaded her Assemblyman, Michael (Mike) Gatto of the 43rd District, to introduce a bill in the California state legislature to allow adult children to petition the court for visitation with their parents. Passage appears quite likely but there's little chance it will be in time to help Kerri and her siblings. She takes comfort, however, in the notion that the bill will help others in a similar plight.

Given the troubling circumstances, Casey's birthday celebration was surprisingly uplifting and not just because of cake and balloons. Kerri was determined that her father "Wouldn't be alone for this milestone."

With her mother, Linda Kasem Naylor, and friends by her side, and so many of Kasem's friends in attendance, the party was as spiritual as it was festive. A friend of Casey's for decades, Gonzalo Venecia, led the group in a beautiful Native American prayer which typified an inspiring day of positive energy.

As I close, and at the risk of sentimentality, I can't help but be reminded of Kasem's immortal sign-off. In my youth, I must have heard it a hundred times as I listened to Countdown. "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars." Don't worry, next week I'll go back to the jokes.

To learn more on this subject go to kasemcaresfoundation.org. **JACK** is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth or jnsmdp@aol.com.

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ment.

In March, Sterling's wife, Rochelle, sued Stiviano, seeking the return of more than $2.5 million in gifts Stiviano allegedly received from her husband, including luxury cars and a $1.8 million duplex. Stiviano's name is on the duplex's title, Nehoray said.

"We're saying when you give a gift, don't ask for it back. The law is clear you don't have to," Nehoray said. The lawsuit was a "cut and paste" of a "prior lawsuit against a previous girlfriend," he said.

Nehoray said a third person was present during the conversation, but she wants to remain anonymous. Nehoray said the conversation took place in September 2013 after Sterling and Stiviano spent the day together; they'd stopped at her place for Sterling to rest.

"It was by mutual agreement that it was going to be recorded," he said. "There was nothing going on back then. There was no lawsuit. There was no rift. In October he threw a birthday party for her even."

California law requires both parties to agree to recording a conversation that one would reasonably expect to be private.

Stiviano worked as Sterling's archivist, and Nehoray said she had been mischaracterized in the media. Sterling and Stiviano were friends, but the two never had an intimate relationship, Nehoray said.

Nehoray said Stiviano is "hanging in there" and that she was "very saddened" by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's decision to ban Sterling for life from any association with the league or his team, and to fine him $2.5 million.

"They've never been on bad terms," Nehoray said. "I don't know if they're in touch. She considers him a friend. I'm sure he feels the same way."

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a release.

As a response, City Hall revised a number of its guidelines for private events at the beach parking lots.

For one thing, event organizers are no longer allowed to drill into parking lot asphalt. Drilling was previously allowed for groups like the Independent Spirit Awards, who drilled holes to erect their tents but always sufficiently patched them up.

Set-up, clean up, and the event itself must occur between 8 a.m. and dusk. Previously, event organizers could show up with their trucks and jackhammers at 7 a.m. and clean up until 10 p.m.

Events will be held less frequently; once a month in the fall, spring, and winter. They won't be held in the summer.

The Independent Spirit Awards have been taking over the 2030 Ocean Ave. lot - where the Nike event was held - for 13 days every year for the past 15 years. Their event no longer conforms to City Hall's regulations. The movie award show had already gotten City Hall approval for their 2015 show, so they will be allowed to stay one more year. But after that they'll have to find a new location.

Sue Miller, whose home abuts the lot, can't specifically remember the Nike ordeal but is regularly bothered by private events.

"I am very impacted by all of that," she said. "They're making money on all of it and they don't care about the residents. I know people who have moved away because it is too loud down there. I can't even open my windows."

Miller said she's given up complaining because she doesn't even know who to reach out to.

"It is clear to staff that the negative impacts of large scale events in the south beach parking lots outweigh the benefits of having these types of events in these particular three beach parking lots," city officials said.

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The Q Line

Change of direction

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

This is the thirteenth hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This hearing will address Chapter 9.23 in Division III (Community Benefits). As part of this discussion, the Commercial (non-residential) Nexus Study and Linkage Fee Analysis as well as the Parking and Recreation Development Impact Fee Study will be reviewed. Discussion may also include all other divisions of the draft document and amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and Districting Map, particularly as these relate to Chapter 9.23. The Commission may also have further discussion relating to divisions of the draft document that were the subject of prior Commission public hearings – Divisions I, II, III, IV and V. The Commission will hear public comments and provide comments to staff on all of these topics.

A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see **www.smgov.net/pcd**.

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

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

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The Pico Neighborhood leaders initially had some concerns, particularly with Hoyer's characterization of the stretch as "historically" a part of Mid-City.

"It's been a part of Pico," said Pico Neighborhood board member Gloria Garvin. "When Mid-City decided to annex it they thought that Pico had taken it but is historically a part of the Pico neighborhood."

Both Garvin and the group's Co-Chair Oscar de la Torre ultimately expressed a desire for harmony with Mid-City. The section will become an overlay: An area represented by both neighborhood groups.

"We just want to make sure all of the voices are being recognized," de la Torre said. "We want to respect those groups and work with them. Anyone who lives in that area can choose to be a part of the PNA or Mid-City or both."

There's one other overlay in the city: North of Montana Association and Wilshire Montana Association Coalition share the north side of Montana Avenue.

Meanwhile, Pico Neighborhood did some expanding of its own. Traditionally, the neighborhood runs west to Lincoln but in March the membership voted to expand into Downtown, all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

"Residents in that area, not so much Downtown, but by Seventh Street and west of Lincoln said they were interested in PNA," Garvin said.

De la Torre said that the development in that area, which didn't previously have an officially recognized neighborhood group, greatly impacts the whole of the Pico Neighborhood.

What leadership didn't realize was that there were some unrecognized groups already in the area.

Ellen Brennan, who heads the unofficial South Beach Neighborhood Association, was not happy.

In Brennan's mind, her group covers a strip of Appian and Moomat Ahiko ways. South Beach used to hold regular meetings in Shutters on the Beach but they don't any longer, Brennan said.

She took the reigns of the group in the 1990s when happenings at the Santa Monica Pier were causing issues for residents.

"Back then the noise from the roller coaster was so loud it sounded like a helicopter was in my apartment," she said. "We got that problem solved in three days."

She felt like the Pico Neighborhood Association was stepping on her toes.

"It was the most ludicrous thing I've ever heard," she said. "They are, excuse my French, way to hell and gone to the other side of town. Their problems are way different than ours."

She went to the group leaders and had "quite a shouting match" over the move.

"I made it clear it was not discussible," she said. "You started it. You end it."

Garvin said it was honest mistake. She's proposed that the PNA recede its boundaries to Ocean Avenue, a move that Brennan said she'd be happy with.

Garvin will bring it up at the group's meeting next week but it's unclear - given that boundary changes require a vote from the entire membership, which only gather once a year - if the change will be immediately possible.

Melissa Lindley does community outreach and works with the neighborhood groups for City Hall. She said there is nothing that would stop a neighborhood group from, for example, expanding to encompass the entire city.

City Hall leaves most of the decisions to the groups themselves.

"They are self-governed and they have to adhere to their own by-laws," she said. "We support them in a few ways with city programs and when they want to participate in those they have to meet our requirements."

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CRIME WATCH
BY MATTHEW HALL

Don't mess with traffic officers

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MONDAY, APRIL 28

Santa Monica officers responded to the 2200 block of Arizona Avenue at about 3 p.m. when a traffic service officer (TSO) activated his emergency help button after being assaulted by a violator as he attempted to issue a parking ticket. The TSO asked the driver, who was parked in a preferential parking space, to move his vehicle due to not having the appropriate placard. The driver stated he was waiting for his friend who was at Saint John's Hospital and he would move when his friend arrived. The driver then exited his vehicle and stood behind the rear license plate to block it from the TSO's view. After asking the driver several more times to move the vehicle, the TSO exited his scooter and began to issue a parking ticket. The driver then forced himself between the TSO and the vehicle by pushing the TSO out of the way. He pushed the TSO several more times with his shoulder and arm until the TSO retreated back to his scooter and activated his emergency button. After the initial investigation was completed, officers arrested the driver for battery on a code enforcement officer during the performance of his duties. The suspect was identified as Attila Korosi, 27, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Officers responded to the 800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard at approximately 5 p.m. regarding a truck which collided into a pole and the driver had left the scene. While officers were investigating the traffic collision, a subject approached them and said he was the driver. He said while he was driving, he became distracted by playing with his pet bird which was in a cage on the passenger seat. He lost control of his vehicle and collided into the city pole. A search of the driver's vehicle revealed two small plastic baggies of methamphetamine, a glass pipe to ingest methamphetamine and possible stolen construction and electronic equipment in the bed of the truck. The driver was arrested for the narcotics, paraphernalia and possible stolen merchandise. The bird was uninjured and transported to the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. The suspect was identified at as Yuri Hovhannisyan, 27, of Van Nuys. Bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Officers responded to the area of 10th Street and Wilshire Boulevard at approximately 2:30 a.m. regarding a man with a gun. Further comments of the call stated the man was wearing no shirt, no shoes, and had a gun tucked in his pants. Officers responded and coordinated their approach. The man ducked behind a trash bin, threw the loaded semi-automatic firearm onto the ground and complied with the officers' orders. The subject was detained without further incident. The subject stated he lives in the area and always carries his firearm with him wherever he goes. The subject's gun was confiscated and he was arrested for unlawfully carrying a loaded and unregistered firearm. The suspect was identified as Nicholas Hahn, 35, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $500,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Officers responded to the TJ Maxx at 1251 Fourth St. at approximately 12:30 p.m. regarding a shoplifter being detained by loss prevention employees. Employees stated they saw the subject select several articles of clothing and place them in a bag. The subject then exited the store without paying for the items. Once outside, employees identified themselves and escorted the subject back to their office. A search of the subject's belongings revealed wire cutters (which he used to cut off the security sensors) and multiple articles of clothing belonging to TJ Maxx. Employees requested a private person's arrest of the subject. The subject was placed under arrest for burglary and possession of burglary tools. All items were recovered, valued at $360. The suspect was identified as Cristian Rodriguez, 18, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Officers spoke to a subject in the 400 block of Broadway at approximately 4 p.m. During their conversation, the officers asked if they could search the subject. The subject said, "Yes. All I have is my medicine." The officers conducted their search and found a clear plastic baggie containing methamphetamine. The subject told the officers his doctor prescribed him the methamphetamine as his medicine. The subject was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. The suspect was identified as Antoine Trezona, 61, of Brentwood. Bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Officers saw a subject cross the street in the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard outside of a marked crosswalk (jaywalking) at approximately 9 p.m. Officers detained the subject and began speaking to him about the traffic violation. During their questioning the officers discovered the subject was on active parole for residential burglary. A parole search of the subject was conducted and a butterfly knife was located in his pocket. He was arrested for a parole violation, possession of a switchblade knife and jaywalking. The suspect was identified as Kevin Stutzriem, 20, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Officers responded to the Rite Aid at 1331 Wilshire Blvd. at approximately 2:45 p.m. regarding a shoplifter being detained by loss prevention employees. Employees told the officers they saw the subject acting suspicious and eventually saw her placing multiple items (soap and shampoo) into her personal bag. The subject then exited the store without making an attempt to pay for the items. Once outside, employees identified themselves and asked her for the stolen merchandise. She accompanied them back to their office and returned the items (recovered approximately $55 worth of merchandise). Employees asked for prosecution for petty theft. She was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where she was eventually issued a citation and released. The suspect was identified as Stephanie Haley, 48, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $1,000.

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(Above left) Culver City High School's Casey Feibnurg takes a swipe at Santa Monica's Lucas Montanari on Wednesday at Samohi. Culver City went on to win the game, 12-5. Samohi's record falls to 3-6 in defeat. (Above right) Samohi's Kyle Kennedy leaps into the air as he shoots the ball against Culver City.

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Encouraging news on economy fails to lift stocks

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Encouraging news on the U.S. economy wasn't enough to give the stock market its fourth straight day of gains.

Manufacturing grew faster in April than in March as exports picked up and factories accelerated hiring. U.S. shoppers ramped up their spending in March at the fastest pace in 4 years and construction spending also ticked higher. The reports, coming a day after the Commerce Department said U.S. growth stalled in the January-March quarter, suggest that the economy is gaining momentum after the unusually harsh winter.

The market remains close to its all-time highs, but for now investors, uncertain about which way the economy is headed, appear reluctant to push stocks higher.

"The data was good, but not robust enough to completely eliminate doubts over whether the first quarter was entirely weather-related," said Anthony Valeri, an investment strategist for LPL Financial.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.27 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,883.68. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.97 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,558.87. The Dow closed at an all-time high on Wednesday. The Nasdaq composite rose 12.90 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,127.45.

Investors' reaction to the economic reports was also likely muted ahead of the April jobs report, Valeri said. Economists are predicting U.S. employers added 210,000 jobs last month and that the unemployment rate dipped to 6.6 percent from 6.7 percent.

On Thursday, stocks moved between small gains and losses for most of the day as investors also assessed the latest round of company earnings and reports of a potential deal.

Dish Network climbed $3.35, or 5.9 percent, to $60.21 after The Wall Street Journal reported that AT&T had approached the satellite TV provider about a possible acquisition. A deal would likely be worth about $40 billion, the Journal reported. The report came after news Wednesday that power company Exelon agreed to buy Pepco Holdings for $6.8 billion.

"That corporate balance sheet, which was very conservative for a while, is starting to unlock," said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust.

In earnings news, Avon Products slumped $1.56, or 10.2 percent, to $13.72 after the beauty products company said its first-quarter loss widened, stung by volatile currency moves in Venezuela and weak revenue across all regions. Profit and revenue fell short of Wall Street expectations.

MasterCard and Yelp were among the companies that gained after reporting their latest quarterly earnings.

MasterCard rose 67 cents, or 0.9 percent, to $74.22 after the company reported that its net income climbed 14 percent in the first quarter as more spending by cardholders worldwide lifted the company's results.

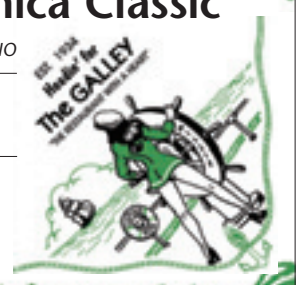
Yelp rose $5.70, or 9.8 percent, to $64.02 after the company said late Wednesday that its first-quarter loss narrowed as more local businesses signed up for the online review site's services. The results were better than the market expected, and the company raised its revenue guidance for the year.

Overall, the trend in U.S. company earnings has been steady, if not spectacular, improvement.

More than 60 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 have reported earnings for the first quarter. Analysts expect earnings for the period to rise by 1.7 percent, compared with growth of almost 8 percent in the fourth quarter and 5.2 percent in the same period a year ago, according to data from S&P Capital IQ.

"There's a lot of noise around the trend, but the trend is positive ... Earnings are coming in OK, and that makes me happy," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist at Voya Investment Management. "Investors need to get into this market."

Treasury prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.61 percent from 2.65 percent, and is close to its lowest level of the year.

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- **Mandatory job walk DAY 2 will be held on May 15, 2014 at 8:00AM. Vendors are to meet at Santa Monica Pier – PD Sub-Station, Santa Monica, CA**
- **Submission Deadline is May 29, 2014 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

The bid packets can be downloaded at:

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Moomat Ahiko Way, Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation Project
SP2290

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 10:30 a.m. on May 14, 2014, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 11:00 a.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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PROJECT ESTIMATE: $450,000
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

401 25th Street, 14LM-003, Zoning: R1 – Single Family Residential. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 14LM-003, at 401 25th Street to determine whether the existing single-family residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: David A. Perren TR, Four Quartet Trust.

3001-3015 Main Street, 14LM-004, Zoning: CM4 (Main Street Commercial – 4). The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 14LM-004, at 3001-3015 Main Street to determine whether the existing multi-story, mixed use commercial and residential building (Elks Building), in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Ruth Flinkman TR, Flinkman Family Trust.

123 Ocean Park Boulevard, 09SM-005, Zoning: R2R (Low Density Duplex). The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Structure of Merit Application 09SM-005, at 123 Ocean Park Boulevard to determine whether the existing residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a Structure of Merit. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Structure of Merit designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Tony Wang.

330 Santa Monica Pier, 14CA-010, Zoning: RVC – Residential-Visitor-Commercial District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of sign plans and a sign adjustment for Pier Burger, located at 330 Santa Monica Pier. Applicant: King's Seafood Company. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

When: **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

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

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

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Espanol
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FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Continued S swell; trace NW swell fades; light offshore morning winds

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
S swell continues; modest new WNW/NW swell-mix moves in... stay tuned

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Easing S swell; potential for some modest NW/WNW swell mix;
few larger peaks out west in the region

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading S swell; potential small NW swell mix eases

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **April 23, 2014**

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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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42/14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3/8

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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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	C	A+
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+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Topanga Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
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+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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

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Being mayor, player aided Johnson in Sterling push

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson is on a winning streak.

The former NBA star led the city's successful effort to keep the Kings from moving to Seattle and was recently sworn in as leader of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

But he scored what might have been his biggest victory when he represented NBA players in demanding one of the harshest penalties in the history of U.S. sports against Donald Sterling, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, over racist remarks.

After intense lobbying by Johnson and numerous others, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Sterling from the league for life, fined him $2.5 million, and said he would urge the NBA's board of governors to make Sterling sell the Clippers.

"I hope that every bigot in this country sees what happened to Mr. Sterling and recognizes that if he can fall, so can you," said Johnson, 48, who became Sacramento's first African-American mayor in 2008, the same year the nation sent its first black president to the White House.

In targeting Sterling, Johnson used his unique experience as a former player and elected official to drive the discussions with NBA executives on behalf of the National Basketball Players Association.

NBA players were willing to take the unprecedented step of boycotting playoff games if the commissioner didn't include the mandate for Sterling to sell the Clippers.

"For politicians, these moments happen and you either show you have it or you don't," said Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist who has worked with Johnson throughout the fight to keep the Kings in Sacramento. "It was a slam dunk when it came to demonstrating he has what it takes."

Johnson, a playmaking point guard and scorer who played for the Cleveland Cavaliers and Phoenix Suns from 1988 to 1999, called the Sterling scandal a defining moment for the NBA and said he was personally offended by the remarks.

"We may not have the power to force Mr. Sterling to sell his team, but make no mistake, we believe that Mr. Sterling should no longer have the privilege of being an owner of an NBA team," Johnson wrote in a Facebook post before Silver handed down his punishment.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers said he didn't know the mayor could speak so eloquently.

"My goodness," Rivers said. "Just the rallying cry that this is not just about the Clippers or the Lakers or L.A. This is something bigger. It was great."

Johnson's political trajectory has been rising since he returned to his hometown of Sacramento.

During his first mayoral campaign in 2008, he fought allegations of misusing federal grants while running a charter school. Despite the claims, he ousted the incumbent with a pledge to raise the profile of the city. He compared himself to then-candidate Barack Obama and also campaigned on the promise of change.

His personal profile has also been on the rise. In 2011, he wed former Washington, D.C., schools chancellor Michelle Rhee in a private ceremony in Tennessee after plans for a much larger wedding drew intense public scrutiny. Rhee was featured in the school reform documentary "Waiting for Superman" and founded the advocacy group StudentsFirst.

The couple attended Obama's first inauguration and they were among 350 guests at a White House state dinner honoring French President Francois Hollande in February.

While the Clippers made recent headlines, it's been the Kings that have dominated much of Johnson's time.

Sacramento had a topsy-turvy relationship with former Kings owners George, Joe and Gavin Maloof as the franchise struggled and proposals for a new arena came in fits and starts.

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RFP: #2 CITY YARDS PARKING STRUCTURE
- **Submission Deadline Is May 28, 2014 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

The RFP documents can be downloaded at:
- ***http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm***

Request for RFP documents may also be obtained by e-mailing your request to nia.tang@smgov.net

RFP responses must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Call theater for information.

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

Amazing Spider-Man 2
8:00pm, 9:45pm

Bears
1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm

Haunted House 2
4:20pm

Railway Man 1hr 56min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Grand Budapest Hotel
2:00pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Draft Day
1:40pm, 7:00pm

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

Amazing Spider-Man 2 in 3D
7:00pm

Amazing Spider-Man 2
10:30pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier
1:30pm, 7:20pm

Rio 2
11:00am, 4:45pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D (NR)
11:05am, 4:50pm, 10:10pm

Transcendence
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

Rio 2 in 3D
2:10pm

Quiet Ones
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Heaven Is for Real
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Other Woman
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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

Blue Ruin 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Bright Days Ahead (Les Beaux Jours) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Fading Gigolo 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Finding Vivian Maier 1hr 23min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

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

GET THE GANG TOGETHER, GEM!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel overwhelmed by what you think you have to get done. You could work yourself into a tizzy if you are not careful. Do not sit on negativity for too long. Reach out to a friend who offers a different perspective. Tonight: Enjoy some time with your pals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A loved one or dear friend could push you too far. This person has a history of giving you the cold shoulder and developing an attitude when you least can handle it. You could be overwhelmed, and your vulnerability might be high. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are a force to be dealt with, especially when facing a problem. You could feel overworked. You might want to push someone away who is negative. A friend who really cares about you will let you know that he or she supports you. Tonight: TGIF! Get the gang together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let go, and understand what is happening around you. You could be disappointed by a loved one's response. Do not make a fuss over this issue. Know that an older friend or relative really admires the way you handle situations. Tonight: Hook up with a special person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others like to be with you, but you might not have enough time to accomplish what you want. Retreat in order to get done what you must, and leave some free time for your friends. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand that is long overdue. You might want to look at a personal matter in a new way. Others might see you as cold or remote. Make an effort later in the day toward a friend or loved one. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take an overview of what is going on in front of you. You can't underestimate the importance of a financial matter. You need to have a conversation with a key person who can give you some important information. Tonight: Make a call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Others see you as closed-off. Ask yourself why this impression of you exists. You might be in the habit of being overserious and not even realize it. A friend will try to help you loosen up, but first you need to clear the air. Tonight: Enjoy a close conversation with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Allow others to run the show for now. You might want to take some time off to enjoy yourself. You could see the caring emerge once more in an old relationship. Sometimes you are too tired and withdrawn for your own good. Tonight: Out on the town.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You tend to pick up where others have slacked off. You might not be as sure of yourself as you normally are. Indulge a roommate or loved one later in the day, when you have more time. Make it OK to postpone plans for now. Tonight: Do what is best for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Holding you back on a Friday might seem close to impossible, yet a statement by a superior could stop you in your tracks. You understand your priorities and decisions. Make calls, and follow through on what is important to you. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Consider your priorities and what works for you. Family and your home life continue to be instrumental to your well-being. Do not minimize a needed expenditure. It is important to indulge yourself a little more than you have in the recent past. Tonight: At home.

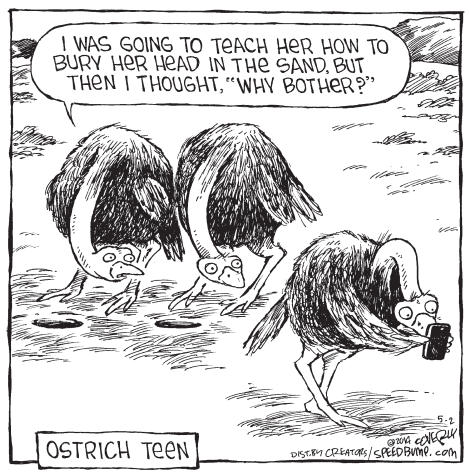
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This year you draw in a lot of opportunities. Your normal circle of friends and advisers seem to give you less positive feedback than they have in the past. At least you will know that your choices will be yours and no one else's. Take some time for yourself, and incorporate some kind of centering activity into your life. If you are single, be careful, as you could attract someone who is emotionally unavailable. Get to know a potential sweetie very well before committing. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from frequent weekends away as a couple. By summertime, you will act as if Cupid's arrow has hit you once more. CANCER is a good friend, and he or she often picks up on what you don't.

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

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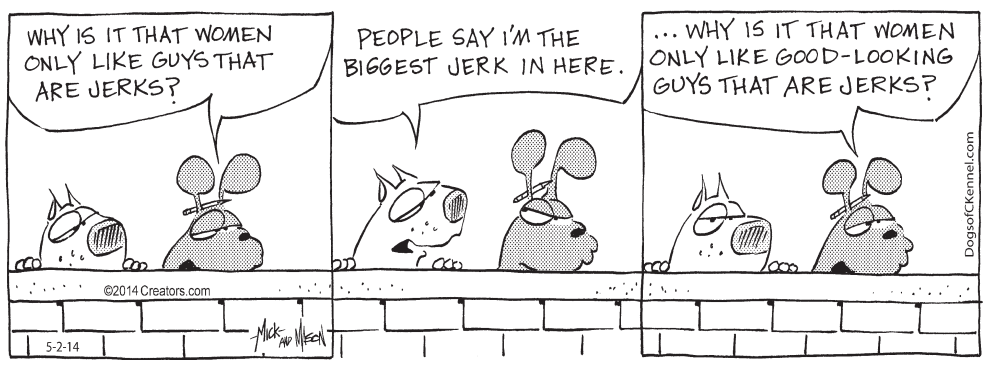
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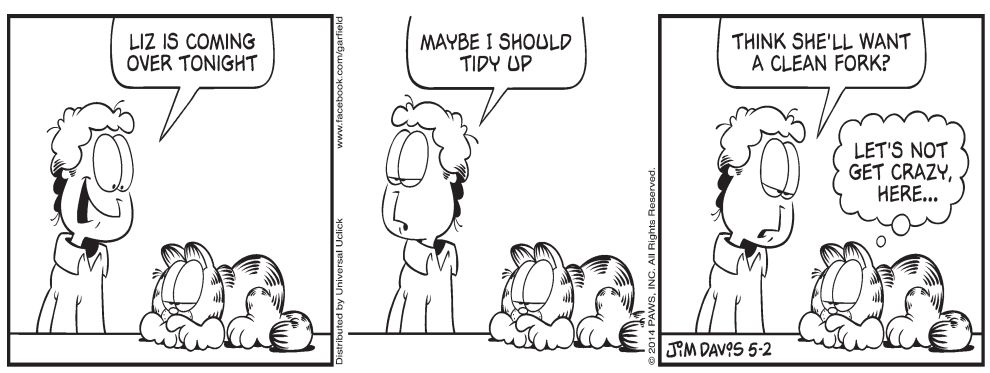
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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 ★★★★

		3			2		4	6
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1					9		8	
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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

6	4	2	1	7	9	8	5	3
5	7	3	8	4	2	1	6	9
9	8	1	3	6	5	7	2	4
4	9	7	5	3	6	2	8	1
1	6	8	2	9	7	3	4	5
2	3	5	4	1	8	9	7	6
3	5	4	7	8	1	6	9	2
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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Reader Diana Kamibayashi correctly guessed that the Mystery Photo is of the Seventh Street Post Office. Check out the weekend edition of the Daily Press for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Two-masted boats
6 Stares stupidly
11 Lucy's friend
12 Allergy sound
13 Parasol offering
14 Get smart
15 Filming site
16 Merino mom
18 Brewed beverage
19 Powerful bunch
20 Big truck
21 Took a load off
22 Prefer to
24 Sicilian volcano
25 Cannabis extract
27 Garden starter
29 Comes onstage
32 Golf goal
33 U.K. fliers
34 Chop up
35 Hubbub
36 Ceremony words
37 Acting legend Hagen
38 Agitates
40 Showed over
42 Comic Kovacs
43 Madame Curie
44 Calendar items
45 Flair

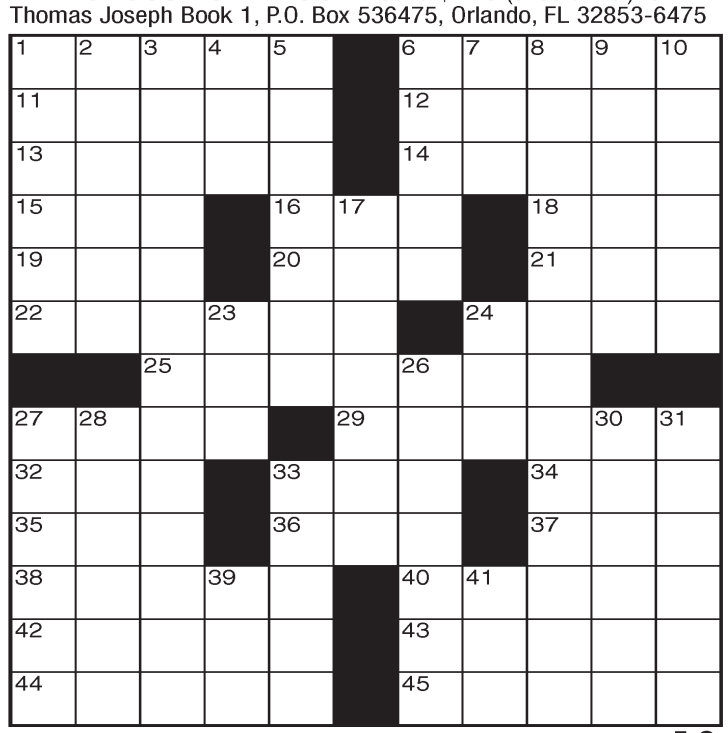
DOWN

1 Polite answer
2 Wise goddess
3 "Why bother?"
4 Was in front
5 Tank top's lack
6 Greek physician
7 One in a hand
8 Question to a speeder
9 Seoul man
10 Bach work
17 ICBM part
23 Owned
24 Id —
26 Tells
27 In a panic
28 Writer Welty
30 Store business
31 Al Jolson song
33 Hills
39 Tell tales
41 Tie on the feedbag

O	S	C	A	R	■	L	A	T	E	R				
P	L	A	N	O	■	A	R	E	N	A				
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Yesterday's answer

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/30
2 9 11 19 50
Power#: 32
Jackpot: $60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/29
7 43 59 61 66
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $81M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/30
7 14 16 22 28
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $58M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/1
9 12 15 19 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/1
MIDDAY: 4 5 6
EVENING: 5 0 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/1
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:40.74

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ British artist Millie Brown, 27, profiled in January in London's Daily Mail, creates Jackson Pollock-style canvases by vomiting on them after ingesting colored soy milk. Brown (whose work hangs in London's Ripley's Believe It or Not! showcase) said she fasts for two days prior to public performances and, as the show starts, times her ingestions so that the proper hues don't prematurely mix in her stomach. Her appearance, at work, in a Lady Gaga music video brought her a somewhat larger audience. Said the understated Brown, "I am able to challenge people's perceptions of beauty."

■ Paris' Hunting and Wildlife Museum hosted, from April 1 to April 13, artist Abraham Poincheval's real-time demonstration of "birth and rebirth" -- his living completely inside a hollowed-out bear carcass the entire time, eating, drinking, reading, sleeping and relieving himself (down the bear's legs) before a live camera, with a viewing window for spectators. Poincheval, who in a previous installation lived for a while in a hole, likened the experience merely to the cramped quarters of astronauts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1982 - Falklands War: The British nuclear submarine HMS Conqueror sinks the Argentine cruiser ARA General Belgrano.

1986 - The Chernobyl Disaster: The City of Chernobyl is evacuated six days after the disaster

1989 - Hungary begins dismantling its border fence with Austria, which allows a number of East Germans to defect.

1994 - A bus crashes in Gdafsk, Poland killing 32 people.

WORD UP!

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\ ef-luh-RES \ , verb;

1. to burst into bloom; blossom.

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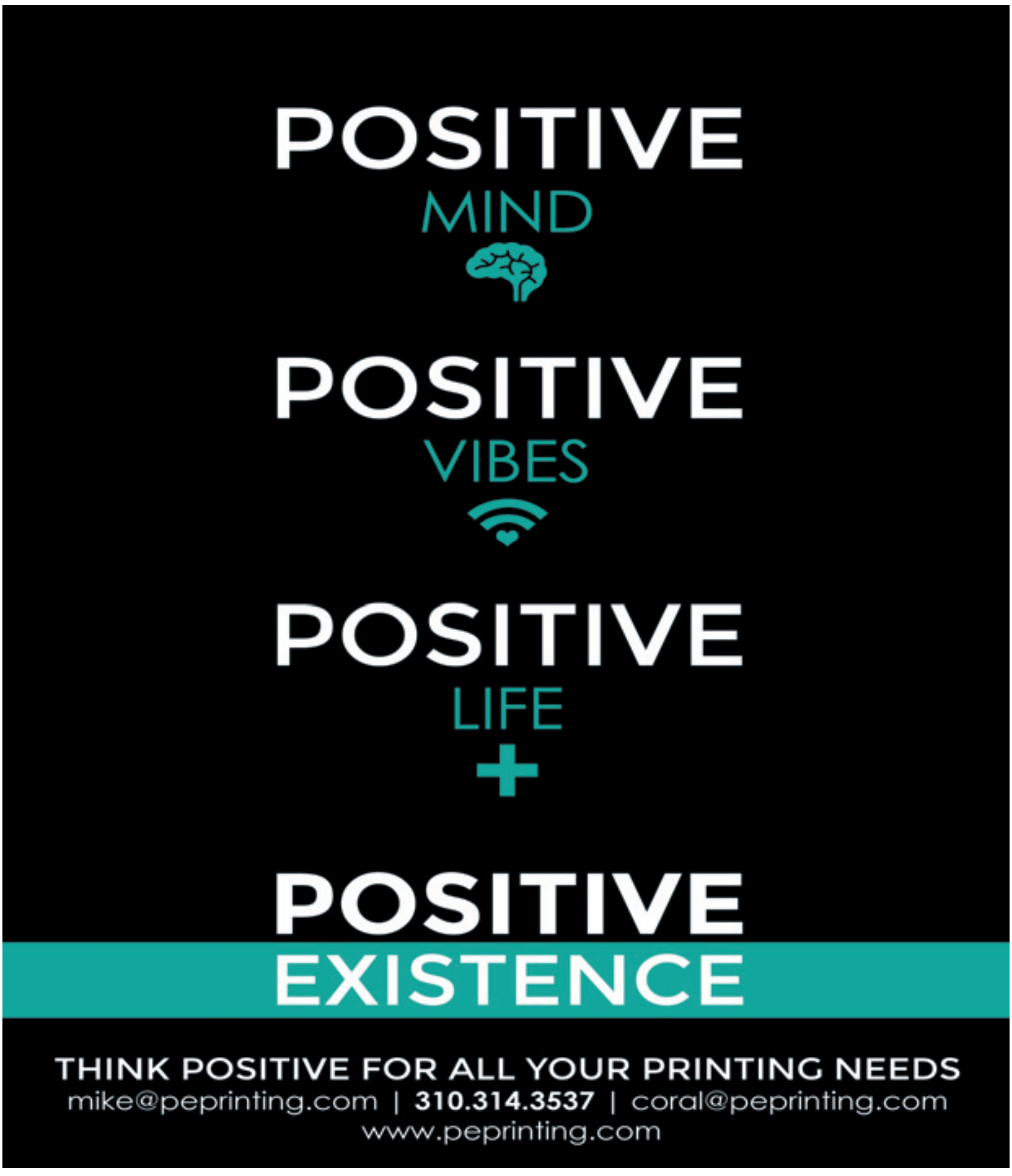
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