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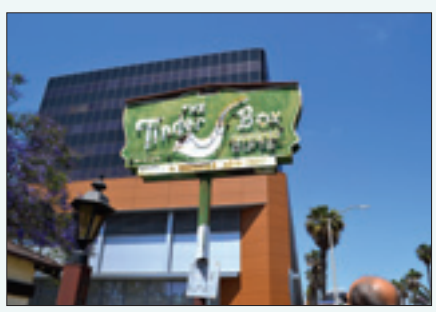
Santa Monica's oldest flame, The Tinder Box, dies out



Kate Cagle

UP IN SMOKE: The nearly 90-year-old shop closes for good Monday.





BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

When Santa Monica's oldest tobacconist, Edward Kolpin Sr., died in April 2007, he had a wish: that his little shop on Wilshire Boulevard would continue to sell handcrafted pipes, high-end cigars and custom blended tobacco for ten more years.

When Kolpin's daughter-in-law turns out the lights and locks the door one last time Monday, the nearly 90-year-old store will have fulfilled that promise.

"It will be hard," Jeanette Kolpin said as she held back tears and pulled out some pamphlets from the Museum of Neon Art. "But we will be immortalized."

On Friday, a construction crew used a crane to pull the old Tinder Box sign from its corner on Wilshire and Harvard St. It is now headed to Las Vegas where it will be repaired and restored and placed in the museum. The strip is perhaps a fitting resting place for what has been a symbol of Hollywood's smoke-filled glamour since Ed began selling cigars to the stars in the 1920's.

Over the years, loyal customers relished Ed's stories of famous actresses and actors and their exploits. He claimed to have once been flashed by Marilyn Monroe herself and to have skinny dipped in the Taj Mahal.

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As Trump seeks billions for wall, US still paying for fence

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

Before the wall, there was the fence. And the U.S. is still paying for it.

As President Donald Trump tries to persuade a skeptical Congress to fund his proposed multibillion-dollar wall on the Mexican border, government lawyers are still settling claims with Texas landowners over a border fence approved more than a decade ago. Two settlements were completed just this week.

The legal battles over a stop-and-start fence that covers just a portion of the border have outlasted two presidents. If the Trump administration presses ahead with plans to build some version of the towering, impenetrable wall the president has promised, the government may have to take hundreds more landowners to court, perhaps even some of the same ones.

The Secure Fence Act, which President George W. Bush signed into law in 2006 with the support of many Democratic lawmakers, set aside money for fencing to cover one-third of the roughly 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) border between the U.S. and Mexico.

About 650 miles of fence were eventually built, just 100 miles of them in Texas, which has the longest border of any state with Mexico. The uneven course of the Rio Grande, rough terrain and private land ownership created a host of engineering and legal obstacles and required hundreds of deals with individual property owners for some of their land.

In the Rio Grande Valley, the southernmost point of Texas where most migrants are arrested,

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Kiwanis Club offers scholarships

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is beginning a new scholarship program at this year's 2nd Annual Santa Monica – Malibu Unified School District Visual Art Show.

The Kiwanis Club has been granting scholarships for over 60 years and this year they have decided to grant nine SMMUSD students a Visual Arts Scholarship of $250.

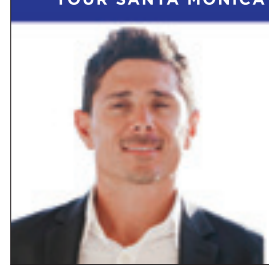
"Kiwanis scholarships are awarded to support a student's next step in using their talent," said Kiwanis Club Past Presidents, Jessica Handy.

Each year the club awards over $120,000 to the community in the forms of grants, scholarships and sponsorships. On May 17, they will be giving away $2,250 in total to juniors and seniors within the SMMUSD community.

The money awarded to students is funded by Kiwanis Club member's contributions, through the Kiwanis Charities foundation and their annual poker tournament

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 13

Mom & Me Spa Day

Enjoy some relaxation time with your mom, and make her a special spa gift! Space is limited; register starts May 1. Ages 5-10. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 – 2 p.m.

Mother's Day Tea Party

The owner of Hill Country Tea teaches how to make great tea, and the healthy effects of drinking tea. Enjoy tea samples and light refreshments with your mother or on your own. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lavender sachets in hand-woven fabric

Studio Resident Tracy Bromwich brings scraps from her gorgeous hand loomed fabric pieces and participants are invited to sew lavender sachet bags. Explore both machine- and hand-sewing. If you have a little hand sewing experience that will help - though it's not required. Cost: $5, 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Register at http://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/58532 or call (310) 458-2239.

Sunday, May 14

Santa Monica Main St. Farmers Market

The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market provides certified California Farmers' food, prepared packaged foods, entertainment, arts and crafts, and local retail. 2640 Main St. and Ocean Park 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Join watercolor and urban sketcher Timothy Kitz for his 5-week watercolor course. The class will feature in-depth water color instruction on scene painting and "en plein air" techniques. All basic materials will be provided, open to all levels. Drop-in participation $35, call to confirm space (310) 458-2239, 1450 Ocean Ave. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Spring Hats: Millinery Basics with Leslie Robinson

Join Leslie Robinson in learning a great foundation for Millinery Arts—the foundation of a hat! Using traditional and modern hat blocks, the class creates their own hat in a two-session class. $60+$30 cash material fee. Call to register, (310) 458-2239, 1450 Ocean Ave. 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15

Author talk: Live Your Happy

Maria Felipe comes to guide you toward a life released from fear and doubt and filled with joy and power. Her inspired and lively approach to living comes based on her book, "A Course in Miracles". Book signing and sale follows. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 6 – 7 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

Come get the up-to-date at the Architectural Review Board Meeting, held on the first and third Monday of each month. All are welcome. City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7 p.m.

Main Library Book Group

The Main Library Book Group is open to all ages, and features an eclectic selection of reading from literary fiction and non-fiction. The book for May is "Lila", by Marilynne Robinson. Main Library Branch, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 16

Musical Movie Matinee: 42nd Street

The ultimate show-biz musical, 42nd Street, tells the story of Peggy Sawyer, a starry-eyed, talented young performer who gets her big break on Broadway. Run time: 89 min. Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at Main Library Branch, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 – 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Airlines to relocate at Los Angeles International Airport

It's moving day at Los Angeles International Airport.

Numerous airlines will begin moving to different terminals or to new ticket counters in their current locations, beginning Friday night.

The moves over several days are part of a massive overhaul of the heavily used airport and have been planned for months.

Airlines and LAX have been using social media and websites to advise travelers of the moves, and guides in brightly colored vests will be on hand to help passengers find out where they need to go to catch their flights.

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LOS ANGELES

Elon Musk posts video of 'electric sled' for tunnel travel

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk on Friday posted video on social media of what he describes as an electric sled speeding through a tunnel, a test of a system he envisions for 3-D networks of underground passages for speeding traffic under Los Angeles' congested roads.

He posted on Twitter and Instagram that such sleds could transport cars at 125 mph (200 kmh), with automatic switching from one tunnel to the next.

The video shows the sled, apparently riding a monorail, zipping through alternately dark and lighted sections of the tunnel. Musk warned that watching it may cause motion sickness or seizures.

The founder of the SpaceX rocket and the Tesla electric car companies told a recent TED Talk his ideas for improving the speed and cost-effectiveness of tunnel boring.

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LONG BEACH

Coast Guard medevacs passenger from ship off California

A passenger suffering a medical emergency was flown from a cruise ship off Southern California to a hospital on shore.

The Coast Guard says it was notified late Thursday by the crew of the Carnival Imagination that a 65-year-old man was having symptoms of a stroke.

A helicopter hoisted the man from the ship about 6 miles south of Long Beach Harbor and flew him to a hospital in Torrance.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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community fundraiser.

"The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica has been the most active service organization in Santa Monica," Handy said. "We enjoy giving back to the community whether it be through planting trees in the city or giving scholarships to hard working students."

Handy explains the tough decision the organization goes through when reading about many applicants.

"Some students work two jobs to help support their family and still make time to volunteer within the community, and for us to award a scholarship really helps these kids out," Handy said.

This year there will be 350 different works of art that will be displayed throughout the studio. All of the artwork that is displayed is by secondary students attending John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, SMASH Middle School, Olympic High School, Malibu Middle and High School and Santa Monica High School.

Students will be displaying their visual arts projects such as pottery, photography, digital photography, painting and anything that falls under the realm of visual arts.

"It would be silly for us and SMMUSD staff to judge the artwork when we know very little about visual arts," said Handy.

SMMUSD along with the Kiwanis Club have hired professional judges for this event.

The artwork will be judged by visual art professional like Catherine Opie, UCLA Visual Art Department Chair. Karen Koblitz, USC Ceramics Department Chair and Inez Bush from Otis College of Design.

They will award the winners and grant the nine students a $250 scholarship.

"Our students truly exemplify talent and creativity and we are grateful to have this event highlight their achievements," said Santa Monica – Malibu Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley, in a recent statement released by SMMUSD.

A $10 donation is suggested, as the money raised will help continue to fund all visual arts programs throughout the district.

The event will take place May 17, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Santa Monica Art Studio, 3026 Airport Ave.

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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 MAY 1, AT ABOUT 4:40 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service regarding a fight in progress at Vons Supermarket – 710 Broadway. Officers arrived and met with the victim, a store security guard. The victim told officers he monitored the suspect as he entered the store. The suspect grabbed a paper bag and began putting merchandise into the bag. The store manager recognized the suspect as repeated theft violator. The suspect attempted to exit the store without paying for any of the items. The security guard/victim confronted the suspect, grabbed the bag and told the suspect he needed to pay for the merchandise. The suspect became upset and swung a closed fist missing the victim. A struggle ensued between the two, the bag along with all of the contents fell on the floor and the suspect fled the store. The suspect was detained in the 1500 block of 6th Street. Cayman Austin Roden, 26, from Los Angeles, was arrested for robbery. Bail was set at $ 50,000.

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Judge hammers ex-LA sheriff with 3-year term for corruption

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A federal judge repeatedly rebuked former Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca for bringing shame on his department as he sentenced him Friday to three years in prison for obstructing an FBI investigation into abuses at the jails he ran.

In exceeding the two-year sentence prosecutors recommended, U.S. District Court Judge Percy Anderson said Baca's fall was tragic, but it was his own doing and that his role atop a corrupt department where deputies brutalized inmates had ruined lives and done lasting damage.

"Your actions are an embarrassment to the thousands of men and women who put their lives on the line every day," Anderson told the longtime lawman. "Blind obedience to a corrupt culture has serious consequences."

Baca was the final and most prominent defendant in a case that blossomed from a civil rights investigation of beatings by guards in the nation's largest jail system into a broader corruption scandal that led to the top of the department. In addition to Baca and his top lieutenant, 19 others were convicted of crimes ranging from assaults to obstructing justice.

Anderson said he would have sentenced Baca to five years in prison except for his nearly half-century of public service and because he's in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. The judge, however, took exception to a defense contention that Alzheimer's is a sentence of its own.

"As awful as Alzheimer's disease is, it's not a criminal penalty," said Anderson, who said the suggestion was an insult to millions of others suffering from the condition who have not committed federal crimes. "Alzheimer's disease is not a get-out-of-jail card."

The sentence was a blow to the 74-year-old, who had been seeking probation and home confinement.

Baca, dressed in a light blue suit, delivered a scattered address from hand-written notes outside the courthouse after the sentencing in which he thanked the people of Los Angeles, his lawyers and his wife standing by his side, who he couldn't immediately locate.

He declined to comment on the sentence, but as he waited to cross a street, he said he was a man of faith who believed life was precious.

"I love life no matter where I am," Baca said.

He was ordered to surrender to federal prison authorities July 25. He was convicted in March of obstructing justice, conspiring to obstruct justice and lying to federal authorities.

Baca abruptly resigned in 2014 after underlings were charged with plotting to hide an inmate informant from his FBI handler. Deputies had discovered the inmate was a snitch after finding a contraband cellphone the informant was supposed to use to communicate with his handler.

The crimes tarnished Baca's reputation as a soft-spoken, rail-thin, Zen-like reformer who promoted education and rehabilitation behind bars and preached tolerance and understanding between people of different cultures and faiths.

Furious about the learning his department was under investigation, he told the local FBI head and top federal prosecutor he was ready to "gun up" for battle with them and stated: "I'm the goddamn sheriff, these are my goddamn jails."

"Rather than stop the abuses in the jails, he entered into a conspiracy with his subordinates to obstruct a federal civil rights investigation to protect his legacy," acting U.S. Attorney Sandra Brown said. "He made a decision to protect what he called his empire, his jails and then simply to protect himself."

Defense attorney Nathan Hochman said Baca's misdeeds over six weeks in 2011 and four false answers to 400 questions during a voluntary interview with authorities in 2013 must be weighed against an "extraordinary record of public service" over 48 years and along with his condition, which has progressed from mild cognitive impairment to mild dementia.

More than 200 friends and supporters wrote letters of support for Baca, including former Mexican President Vicente Fox, former Govs. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gray Davis, former Los Angeles Ram-turned-minister Rosey Grier, former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, Hollywood executives, clergy and former jail inmates.

"For 48 years, he served the people of Los Angeles with all his might, with all his heart," his attorney, Nathan Hochman, said.

Baca plans to appeal, challenging several of Anderson's rulings that Hochman said prevented a fair trial, including a decision not to allow medical experts to testify whether Baca's medical condition impaired his memory when he lied to federal authorities.

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FENCE

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sections of the 18-foot-tall metal fencing stop and start in neighborhoods and on farmland.

The U.S. government can use the power of eminent domain to seize private property for a public purpose as long as it pays the landowner what the Constitution calls "just compensation," but that process can take years if a landowner contests the seizure. The Justice Department eventually filed around 400 claims against landowners under the Secure Fence Act, though the government didn't build on all the land it claimed.

Some landowners who have successfully resisted the fence for a decade received letters in recent months making them a new offer to settle, raising questions of whether the fence cases would pave the way for a wall. The Justice Department says it hasn't started any cases related to a new wall and remains committed to settling around 90 cases still pending.

Those cases have been bedeviled by complications and delays and have left many landowners wary of what's coming next.

One settlement completed this week was for $137,500 for about 1? acres (about 6,000 square meters) next to the Rio Grande west of Brownsville, near a golf resort. The U.S. didn't build fencing on the resort but did so on much of the land nearby. It then took nearly a decade to agree on compensation.

"It is exceedingly frustrating to the landowner to have to wait nine years to resolve a case and to have the government come in and take possession of it that long before he receives so much as a single dollar," said Ken McKay, a lawyer who represented the family partnership that owned the land.

Rudy Cavazos was paid $7,000 last month for the less than a half-acre (about 2,000 square meters) taken from his property in San Benito, Texas. The government had already built a fence along a Rio Grande levee with the permission of the local water district, which was believed to own the land, only to find out that the tract actually belonged to Cavazos and about 20 other property owners.

After several years of inaction on his case, Cavazos decided late last year to settle because he was tired of meeting government lawyers and going to court.

"They paid me my peanuts," he said. "It's the bureaucracy 10 times over. They got a guy that comes over here every so often and talks to me, and hell, you expend that in your labor coming to talk to me."

Three legal experts told The Associated Press that the Secure Fence Act already gives the Trump administration the authority to build something new and bigger on land it purchased for the fence. A barrier resembling the kind of wall Trump promised during his campaign might be seen as an evolved version of the existing fence, they said.

Ultimately, if the Trump administration wants to build something that's bigger or covers more of the border, it will probably have to acquire more land and open possibly hundreds of new court cases.

While it is unclear what form the wall may take, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said last month that it is unlikely to run "from sea to shining sea."

Trump himself employed eminent domain during his real estate career, including a 1990s case in which one of his Atlantic City casinos tried to force out a homeowner to make way for a parking lot.

But Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports tighter controls on immigration, said a border wall presents bigger challenges than a single casino or hotel, with hundreds of landowners and lawyers already preparing to fight it.

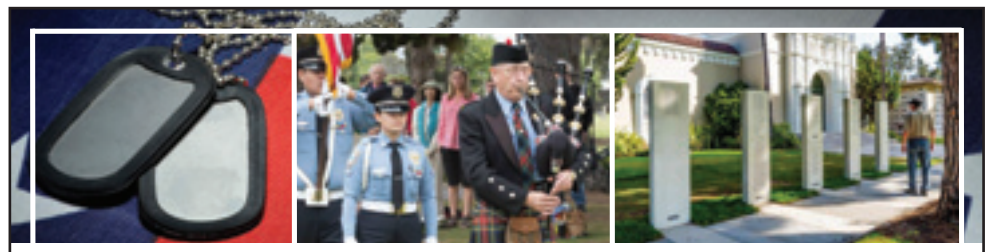
"It's going to take longer and end up being more difficult than the president originally thought," he said.

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The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 47 calls for service on May 11.

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EMS Ocean/Washington 12:32 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Montana 12:47 a.m.
EMS 900 block Pico 1:11 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Bicknell 2:16 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:49 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 14th 3:12 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Ocean Park 5:03 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3200 block Donald Douglas Loop 5:41 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 5:58 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Lincoln 6:01 a.m.
Flooded condition 900 block Berkeley 7:19 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Lincoln 7:22 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:27 a.m.
EMS 23rd/Navy 9:38 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 10:04 a.m.
EMS 700 block 17th 10:50 a.m.
EMS 2500 block 4th 11:03 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 11:25 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Lincoln 11:45 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Broadway 11:55 a.m.
EMS 300 block Civic Center 12:00 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 12:02 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica Pier 12:55 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Ocean Park 1:02 p.m.
EMS 200 block Arizona 1:29 p.m.
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 403 calls for service May 11.

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

Assault w/deadly weapon 900 block Ocean 12:22 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2nd/Washington 1:01 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 15th 3:05 a.m.
Lewd activity 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:51 a.m.
Person down Lincoln/Ocean Park 5:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block 7th 6:07 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 6:20 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Beverley 6:31 a.m.
Elder abuse 600 block 23rd 7:36 a.m.
Vandalism 900 block Ocean 8:20 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block the beach 9:32 a.m.
Traffic collision 23rd/Navy 9:41 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 16th 10:12 a.m.
Battery 800 block Wilson 10:16 a.m.
Identity theft 900 block 5th 10:36 a.m.
Vandalism 2000 block Lincoln 10:37 a.m.
Overdose 700 block 17th 10:50 a.m.
Overdose 2500 block 4th 11:03 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica Pier 11:08 a.m.
Domestic violence 1300 block Wilshire 11:30 a.m.
Person down 1900 block Lincoln 11:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block Cedar 11:52 a.m.
Person down 2500 block Broadway 11:57 a.m.
Injured person 300 block Civic Center 12:06 p.m.
Shots fired 14th 14th/Pico 12:31 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block Wilshire 12:35 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 2600 block Lincoln 12:38 p.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Lincoln 12:38 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/Ocean Park 1:02 p.m.
Fight 700 block Santa Monica 1:11 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2800 block 11th 1:25 p.m.
Death investigation 200 block Arizona 1:31 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 17th 1:45 p.m.
Attempt armed robbery 1400 block Broadway 1:58 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Broadway 2:02 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2000 block Wilshire 2:13 p.m.
Petty theft 1100 block Cedar 2:22 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 2300 block Santa Monica 2:22 p.m.
Person down Lincoln/Grant 2:26 p.m.
Grand theft 800 block Maple 2:33 p.m.
Bike theft 200 block Bicknell 2:37 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 2:43 p.m.
Rape 1300 block 20th 3:26 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1000 block 7th 3:32 p.m.
Traffic collision 200 block Arizona 3:33 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2100 block Lincoln 3:36 p.m.
Counterfeit money 200 block Broadway 3:53 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2100 block Lincoln 4:08 p.m.
Fraud 1400 block Ocean 5:01 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block 20th 5:16 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block Broadway 5:26 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 15th 5:30 p.m.
Drunk driving 17th/Santa Monica 5:46 p.m.
Vandalism 2200 block Lincoln 5:47 p.m.
Person down Ocean/Bicknell 6:45 p.m.
Identity theft 1400 block 18th 6:50 p.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 2400 block 6th 6:57 p.m.
Battery 2200 block Lincoln 6:59 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/Olympic 7:02 p.m.
Speeding 20th/Interstate 10 7:04 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Wilshire 7:13 p.m.
Speeding 30th/Pearl 7:21 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield/Virginia 7:37 p.m.
Hit and run 20th/Interstate 10 7:48 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 8:02 p.m.
Identity theft 1800 block 9th 8:11 p.m.
Person down 2000 block Lincoln 8:17 p.m.
Grand theft 2900 block 31st 8:41 p.m.
Battery 200 200 block Santa Monica Pier 9:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block 11th 10:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 10:22 p.m.
Auto burglary Neilson/Hollister 10:49 p.m.
Speeding Main/Marine 11:04 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 11:16 p.m.

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TINDER BOX

FROM PAGE 1

Icons from every generation have walked through the wooden doors and smelled the cedar inside the cigar room – from Clark Gable to Nicholas Cage to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The store opened in 1928. In 1973, the company began leasing its name and selling its product as a franchise, spreading the Tinder Box name all over the world. In 1977, Ed's son told the New York Times that business began thriving after the Surgeon General's warning that cigarette smoking was a health hazard. Suddenly, cigarette smokers turned to cigars and pipes to get their fix without inhaling and wean themselves off their daily pack.

"Our stores have never been affected by downturns in the economy," Karl Kolpin reportedly told The Times. "People may lose their jobs, but they continue to smoke expensive cigars. The worse the Dow Jones becomes, the better our business."

While there are still Tinder Box stores in about 18 states, the franchise has since been sold and five years ago Jeanette made the difficult decision to sell the property on Wilshire. She negotiated a special rate for the store for a five-year lease, which expired this month. The going rent in the neighborhood has since skyrocketed beyond what the store can afford.

"Things change and nothing lasts forever," Jeanette said.

The Tinder Box doesn't have a single employee who has worked there fewer than fifteen years. The shop's manager, Leo Reyes, has been teaching customers about cigars and pipes since 1986. Once he gets going, he can rhapsodize about the craftsmanship behind hand-carving a pipe and the aroma of different tobaccos.

"As a kid, years ago, I remember someone smoking and it smelled like gingerbread," Reyes said. "People have those kinds of memories of their uncle or their dad or grandfather smoking a pipe and they decide to give it a try. They get sentimental."

"Everything has history so it becomes part of the ambiance of doing it."

But while his customers have remained loyal, the base has not grown and trends in smoking have changed. The store never branched out to include new technology like e-cigarettes or vaporizers. Although they get a lot of calls requesting it, the store does not sell paraphernalia for smoking marijuana either.

"That wasn't us. We wanted to stay pure in that sense," Reyes said.

After they finish clearing out the store and complete the pile of paperwork that comes with ending a nearly century-old business, Reyes says he and Jeanette are looking into ways to continue the repair shop that fixes broken lighters, pipes and humidors.

"You know, the things that we do that other places don't do anymore," Reyes said.

Over the past few weeks, word spread that the shop was finally closing and customers began coming by to pick up mementos and say their farewells. Although their stock is already dwindling, Jeanette anticipates a busy day on Saturday when cigar and pipe smokers typically spend the afternoon inside the shop catching up with friends and enjoying their shared vice.

The store's late founder, Ed, smoked a pipe up until he turned 96 years old.

On Monday, the shop goes out like a light.

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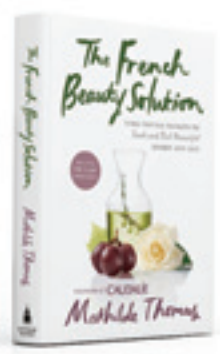


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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/10
29 31 46 56 62
Power#: 8
Jackpot: 184M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/9
6 29 45 69 73
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 30M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/10
7 16 17 36 38
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 37M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/11
2 4 5 33 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/11
MIDDAY: 7 9 5
Draw Date: 5/11
EVENING: 3 7 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/11
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:49.40

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ The cartilage between our bones gets compressed by standing, sitting and other daily activities as the day goes on, making us typically about 1 centimeter (about one-third of an inch) shorter at the end of the day than at the beginning.

Med School

■ Q: What is the total daily output of hormones from the pituitary gland?

■ A: The pituitary gland is tiny, just half a gram, and 85 percent of that is water. Its hormonal output is puny too: 1/1,000,000 of a gram. But powerful. The hormones secreted by the pituitary gland govern things like when a woman releases her single mature egg each month or how big a person will grow.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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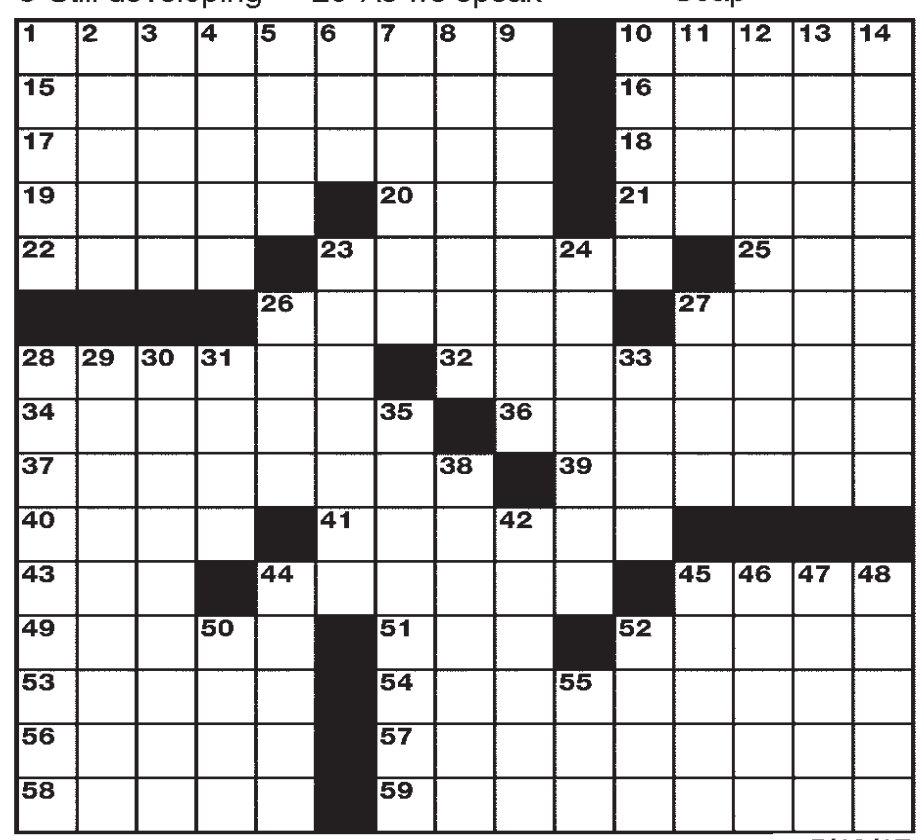
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
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ACROSS
1 Sample offering
10 Rubber implements
15 Convenient and effective
16 Baseball broadcaster reminder
17 Building inventory
18 Bang-up
19 Cinematographer's aid
20 Resident's add-on
21 Begin to play a part
22 Metaphorical restlessness
23 Fair or fairly
25 Bedevil
26 Attention-getting street merchant
27 StubHub selection
28 What covers some fish
32 Revolutionary
34 Incredulous thought
36 "Stop right there"
37 Certain cyclist
39 With caffeine, so to speak
40 Times-table entries
41 Sponsor of *Spamalot*
43 One row or press
44 Add cash to a card
45 *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* diarist
49 "Surgery is __ act": *Grey's Anatomy*
51 Group kept at many banks
52 Former source of two *Jeopardy!* daily prizes
53 Western Union introduction of 1958
54 22nd Amendment topic
56 Name atop the Chinese Premiers' list
57 Court setting
58 Encourage, with "up"
59 Focus of a final analysis

DOWN
1 Supercharger network builder
2 Songwriter who introduced Presley to Colonel Parker
3 Sippy cup feature
4 MD squad
5 Nickname that sounds like its first two letters
6 Oscar, mostly
7 Word from the Arabic for "departure"
8 Still developing
9 Jewel of Renaissance architecture
10 NFL nickname derived from FDR
11 In the near future, a while back
12 Roped off, perhaps
13 *Casino Royale* battleground
14 Went finswimming, maybe
23 Volkswagen Beetle creator
24 Made more valuable, as in *Family Feud*
26 #3 in Senate Majority Leader longevity
27 Coin depicting Vittorio Emanuele II
28 Floors installed by the Fed
29 As we speak
30 Where Fitzgerald and Hendrix got their start
31 Stands while driving
33 Fine __ (Irish political party)
35 Dairy Queen beverage
38 Detectives, in headlines
42 Traditional tiki carvers
44 Wannabe inspired by an "All That Jazz" performance
45 Furniture mover
46 Hot-air balloon fleet operator
47 "Stand back, Buenos Aires" singer
48 Order to attack
50 Allow to escape
52 Form a support group
55 La-__ Goat Milk Soap



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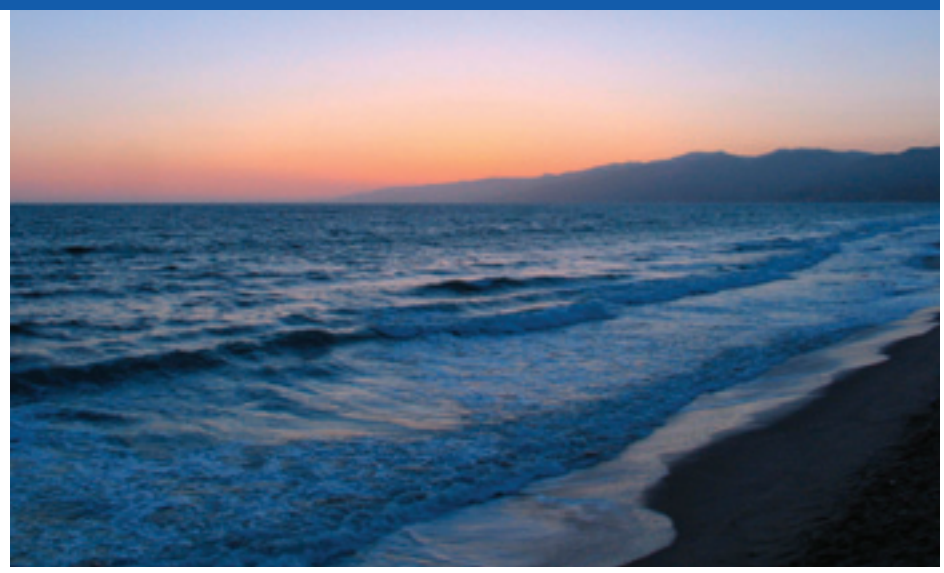
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13)

Your optimism has excellent grounding, and you'll get hard proof of this over the next seven weeks. Friendships, even those not related to your work, will cause you to be hugely productive and richer, too. There's an unspoken contract that begins this month and completes one full circle by October. Sagittarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 4, 44 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
For now, you don't have to worry about coming up with brilliantly creative or innovative solutions. In fact, you don't have to worry about doing so much as not doing. You'll be defined by what you say no to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Find what you lost track of. It could be a person, an item or a dream you let go of. You can get it back. Setting an intention to do so (and making it known) will be the first step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Bottom line, things don't have to be pleasant to have a positive impact. If it helps you grow in your capacity to understand complexity, keeps you up-to-date with trends, or expands your worldview, it's good for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You'll look ahead and begin work on problems before your need to do so becomes urgent. Your next breakthrough idea will be inspired by something that is outside what you'd normally be exposed to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The issue only exists when your mind's eye zooms into the close view. Zoom out to the panorama and you'll see that that help is on the way, opportunities are nearing, and success is on the horizon!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't try; do! Trying is for regrettable obligations. If you can't get totally behind it, drop it. Your resistance to free yourself is based in fear. What you should really be afraid of is wasting everyone's time. Be bold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The demonstrative elation upon arriving at a goal almost always happens in movies. In real life the dramatic payoff will be replaced by quiet but profound satisfaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Diversify. New environments and people will be lucky for you. The wider your array of influences, the deeper your work will be. As a byproduct you may find that your work appeals to a greater number of people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Acting out the motions of a self-directed, confident person will produce similar results to actually being a self-directed, confident person. Put on the brave smile and move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll be drawn to what can be measured, assured by the tangibly quantifiable, excited by the solidity of facts. With this approach, you'll help someone make sense of the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It's nice to feel comfortable, but it's not necessary or even particularly common, especially among people of merit. You and the others of strong character consider comfort to be a luxury if not a warning signal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Recognize what drains your self-control, and patch up the area to prevent future leaks. Unhappy relationships are a main drain, since you tend to take on the emotions of the people you are around.

Countdown to Mother's Day

Among the things we humans have in common is the fact that every one of us comes from a mother. The moon is in Sagittarius, the sign of good fortune and worldly influences – an ideal moon for buying gifts and writing cards! Later the lunar tide shifts to Capricorn, the sign of fathers, offering an empowering balance to the feminine overtones of the holiday.

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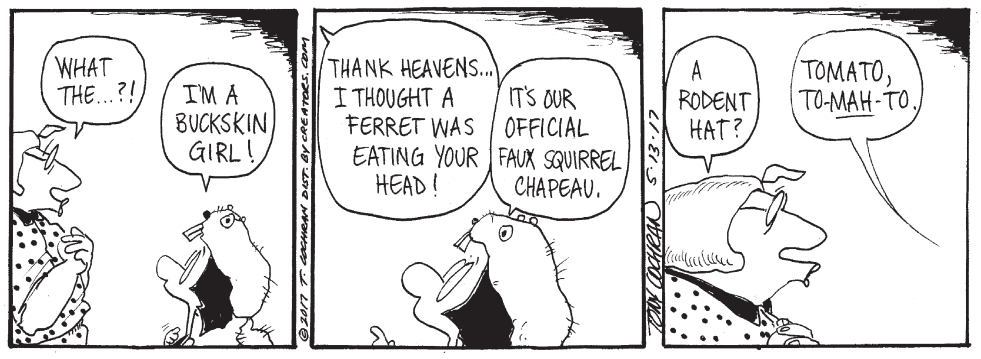
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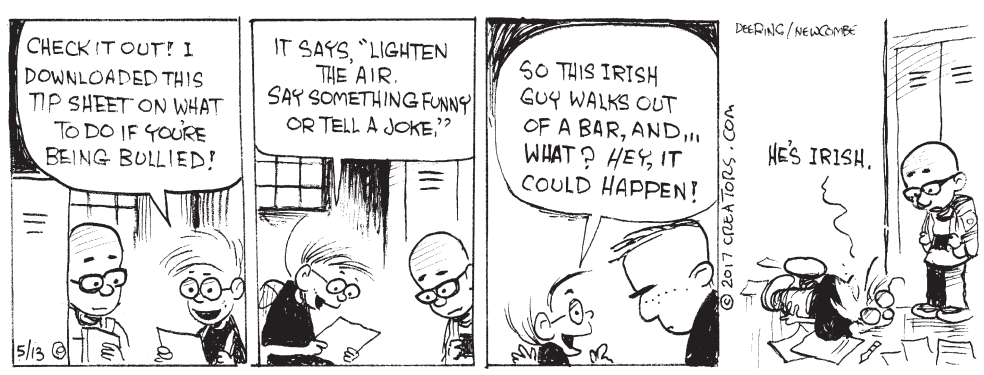
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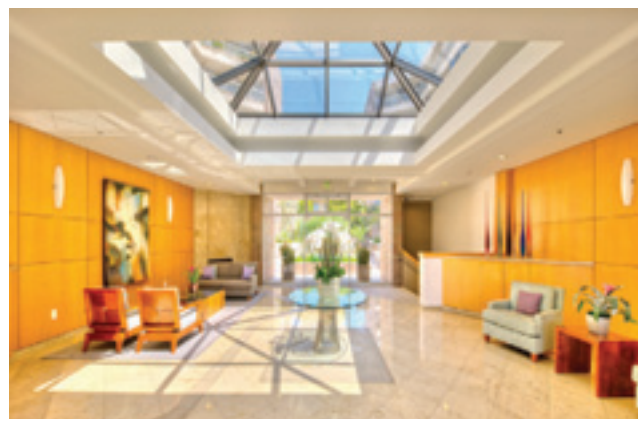
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