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THE ON THE WAY OUT ISSUE

Post office to close at end of June

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

FIFTH STREET The historic post office on Fifth Street will shutter its doors at noon on June 29 and a new location across town will open the following Monday, it was announced Thursday.

The release marks the end of a year-long battle to keep the Downtown location, which will be replaced by a new customer service office at the Santa Monica Carrier Annex on Seventh Street near Olympic Boulevard.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) planned to invest $400,000 in the office to prepare it for its new role, even as it works to sell the New Deal-era building as part of a national plan to pawn off properties to plug the multi-billion dollar hole in the semi-private organization's budget.

The new location will be open for busi-

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JUST FOR KICKS

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Fitness trainer Tadeo Arnold, left, leads a class of his Cuerpaso workout on Santa Monica State Beach on Wednesday evening. The workout incorporates soccer drills to improve overall conditioning. For more information on this ongoing class, visit cuerpaso.com.

PYFC's funding, role cut in proposal

Remainder of cash would support Cradle to Career effort

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD The Pico Youth & Family Center will stay open for another year on city funds as a drop-in and referral center under a proposal that will go before the City Council Tuesday night.

The center would get $225,000 to remain accessible to its clients through the 2013-14 year, almost $100,000 less than the funds for which it competed with a coalition of other

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Samohi awarded for strong season

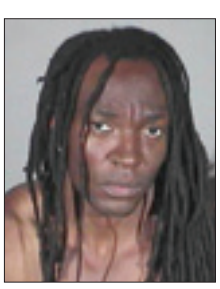
Garcia makes All-CIF, 8 are All-Ocean League

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI it was quite a year for Santa Monica softball.

The upstart Vikings captured their 90th straight Ocean League win, they bucked their seeding and beat the No. 1 and No. 4 seeds in the playoffs and even reached the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 championship game where they fell to Hemet.

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AMADI

Police arrest sex offender; looking for possible victims

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police are wondering if there are any more victims of a sexual predator arrested Wednesday for allegedly trying to rape a woman on a bus bench.

Kelechi Amadi, 34, is a registered sex offender and has been booked for sexual battery and assault to commit rape, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Amadi was arrested around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after officers saw him allegedly attacking a woman on a bus bench located on the 400 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. The

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, June 21, 2013

Tour the library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Docents will lead tours of the Main Library for visitors young and old. The tours will be adapted to each group. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Citywide music festival
Palisades Park
11:45 a.m. — 6:45 p.m.
Santa Monica and Make Music Los Angeles present an 11-hour citywide music festival with free performances on sidewalks, the beach and various parks, including a series of performances on a stage set up in Palisades Park. The day kicks off with a large public harmonica lesson called "The 100 Hohner Harmonica Project," led by Tom Nolan, leader of the Tom Nolan Band and dean of students at Crossroads School for the Arts and Sciences. For more information, call (310) 458-8350.

Musical charity performance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
The Lennon Sisters will celebrate over 50 years of their musical career with their third annual family charity event and fundraiser benefiting MyStuffBags.org, the Susan Love Research Foundation, B.R.A.I.N. and the historic Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. The performance also takes place on Saturday. General tickets are $60. For more information, call (310) 721-0773.

Herculian physical theatre
Miles Memorial Theatre
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
The Not Man Apart physical theatre ensemble of Los Angeles presents John Farmanesh-Bocca's adaptation of Seneca the Younger's tragedy "Hercules Furens," (The Madness of Hercules). Though set in mythical times, the play addresses Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among soldiers in battle. Tickets are $25. For tickets and information, e-mail admin@notmanapart.com or visit NotManApart.com.

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Stand up for paddleboarding
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
Try the fastest growing watersport in the world for $55 a class. Register by 5 p.m. the Friday before class. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

The write way
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Journey into the world of writing for the theatre. Learn how to submit your play to contests and competitions, and how plays get produced. No experience necessary. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Sidewalk shopping
Main Street
11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
The Endless Summer Sidewalk Sale features many of Main Street's merchants with some even offering refreshments and live entertainment in their stores. The sale takes place on Main Street between Pico Boulevard and the Venice border. For more information, visit www.mainstreetsm.com.

Bubbling up
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., times vary
The Amazing Bubble Man returns to delight young and old alike. Utilizing many devices of his own invention, Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences around the world for over 30 years with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles. For more information, call (310) 392-7327.

Willy abridged
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third St., 7 p.m.
In "Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" from Santa Monica Rep, three guys in tights set out to perform all 37 of the Bard's plays in less than 100 minutes, with hilarious results. Shakespeare's classics undergo some changes, of course. Originally created by the Reduced Shakespeare Company and first performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the show ran for almost a decade in London and has since traveled all over the world before landing here in Santa Monica. For more information, call (213) 268-1454.

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Homeless woman found insane in pushing death

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A jury decided Thursday that a homeless Los Angeles woman was legally insane when she pushed an 84-year-old woman from a train platform to her death.

A jury delivered its verdict Thursday after having earlier found Jackkqueline Pogue guilty of second-degree murder.

Experts testified during the sanity phase of the trial that the defendant has been severely mentally ill for most of her life, had delusions and was hearing voices.

Pogue's lawyer said the 46-year-old woman was diagnosed as schizophrenic as a teenager and has been in and out of treatment since then. She was released from a hospital three days before the incident in a commuter rail station. Attorney Laurice Cheung said Pogue had not been taking her medication at the time and had been in custody for causing a disturbance at a social security office.

Superior Court Judge Ronald Coen set a hearing for July 8 to hear recommendations on a treatment location. Pogue will likely be committed to a mental treatment hospital to be held until her sanity is restored.

Deputy District Attorney Louis Avila had argued that Pogue was mentally ill but not insane when she pushed Betty Sugyama off a train platform onto the tracks of a commuter rail line. He argued that she understood the nature and consequences of her act which was unprovoked.

He said jurors told him they believed Pogue did not understand the nature and quality of her actions when she pushed the woman.

He said that if Pogue is eventually returned to sanity she could be released from custody. But the law requires a number of procedures before that can happen including a trial to determine that she is not a danger to others if released.

If not ruled to be sane, the second degree murder conviction means that she could remain in an institution for the rest of her life, the maximum term for the underlying crime.

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PROGRESS

Photo courtesy Eric Cooper

A demolition crew tears down the old Wertz Brothers Antique Mart on Lincoln Boulevard Wednesday to make way for a housing development. Wertz closed in February after serving Santa Monica for more than 80 years. The project is part of a rush of developments in Downtown.

Bulger trial: The hit man of Country Club Lane

BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

MILFORD, Mass. He parks his silver Mercedes-Benz sedan behind his condo, below a deck decorated with white and pink flowers, where a couple of small dogs bark at the few passers-by.

It's inside this wooded golf course community where neighbors of John Martorano learned this week that the 72-year-old they know only as a cordial fellow resident of a block called Country Club Lane is a former mob hit man.

"Well, it means I won't get into any arguments with him," one Milford resident said. "Whatever he says, he's right."

That resident and his wife, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they fear for their safety if they are identified, were shocked to recognize their neighbor Monday while watching television coverage of the racketeering trial of James "Whitey" Bulger in Boston.

They said they'd had no clues that the pleasant, quiet man they know only as John, whose companion brings them cookies at Christmastime, had a past as a prolific killer.

"There has been nothing to indicate anything like that," the woman said Monday. "I hope no one is looking for him and comes here."

Martorano has admitted to 20 killings but served only 12 years in prison as part of a deal he made with authorities to testify against former cohorts.

The resident of Milford, about 30 miles southwest of Boston, got out of prison in 2007 and testified this week for the prosecution as the government tries Bulger, the reputed former Winter Hill Gang ringleader, for crimes that include his alleged participation in 19 slayings. Bulger, 83, fled Boston in 1994 and was a fugitive until his capture in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

In the past, Martorano's cooperation with authorities bolstered a corruption case against a former FBI agent and helped them locate the bodies of six mob victims.

Before his 2004 sentencing, he apologized to the families of the people he killed,

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Calling for more background checks

Editor:

As a new Santa Monica resident, for me, it was a surreal day as helicopters hovered over the Pico/Cloverfield vicinity. I had no idea what was transpiring until people started talking. I followed the Daily Press stories, even posted my feelings on this latest dehumanizing tragedy that fell right in our own backyard.

People on Facebook do not want to hear any arguments for tougher gun control laws, nor stricter sanctions that prevent mentally ill, psycho/sociopathic persons from obtaining easy access to assault rifles and huge quantities of military-issue ammunition; rifles that are easily convertible to fully automatic fire by altering the receiver, spring and firing pin mechanisms. Information easily found on the Internet. Pro-gun freaks want to avoid the issue and the argument I'm staunchly in favor of: Psychiatric/mental health and deeper criminal background checks of persons buying these weapons of destruction, and a nationwide database created to identify these predators before they go off and kill more Carlos and Marcela Francos.

I am friends with a homeless man, whose area of dwelling was right in the direct line of fire of the gunman's bullets near the park up on Cloverfield and Pico. He told me he hit the ground instinctively in reaction to the blasts all around him. I am sick and tired of this scenario being played out all across America, with an alarming precedent of frequency, and of public numbness and apathy to this social cancer spreading. All of America has become crassly de-sensitized to this cowardly act of genocide, much in part, thanks to gun violence in Hollywood movies.

Troy Alexander Ness
Santa Monica

It isn't fair

Editor:

I have just a few comments in regards to Mr. Schneir's response ("Rethink the logic," Letters to the Editor, June 11) to my letter:

1) School taxes: There is nothing stopping parents from voting for a tax; look at Propositions Y and YY in Santa Monica. They have nothing to do with property taxes.

2) Smokers: I wasn't aware that we voted on taxes on cigarettes or the tax was tied to home ownership. However, smokers do get a vote every time they go to purchase a package of cigarettes. They either pay the tax and buy it or they don't (and yes, Mr. Schneir, I realize homeowners have a choice to buy their homes, but it is one thing to know what your taxes are when you buy it and another for them to continue going up).

The real problem with Prop. 13, or any other legislation, is when we create an unfair playing field with different groups having different incentives. If everyone in our city had similar financial costs from these new taxes, then we would have a truly democratic process. I really don't think some would pass when the costs were passed on to everyone.

Let me give my own analogy. Mr. Schneir, if the city of Los Angeles residents voted for a tax on Santa Monica residents, would you think that was fair?

Linda Fineman
Santa Monica

Act now or risk losing more lives

Editor:

Gun violence in America is out of control. One in three people in the U.S. knows someone who has been shot, and nearly one in four American teens have witnessed a shooting. Please act now before someone else loses their life.

Darren Revell
Los Angeles

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Ocean Park's walking Wikipedia

IN THE 350 COLUMNS I'VE WRITTEN OVER the past seven years, I've interviewed many colorful locals. But none is more of a natural story teller than Ron Accosta, who was born here 78 years ago. To me, his tales of Ocean Park of the 1930s and '40s are reminiscent of Twain's stories of life on the Mississippi.

Ron is very versed with perhaps the area's most publicized event ever, which occurred May 18, 1926. Arriving for a vacation, beautiful and charismatic radio evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson and her female secretary checked into the Ocean View Hotel at Rose Avenue and Ocean Front Walk.

After a waffle breakfast, followed by some writing, Aimee went for a leisurely swim in the ocean. An hour later her secretary grew alarmed that she hadn't returned. By day's end Aimee was presumed drowned. (As her distraught mother put it, "Sister is with Jesus.") Being as famous as Charles Lindbergh or Babe Ruth, Aimee's disappearance made national headlines.

Fueled by William Randolph Hearst's L.A. Examiner, huge crowds of mourners camped out on the beach for a day-and-night vigil that lasted weeks. (It was a boon to vendors hawking items ranging from Aimee's photo to bottled water.) In the frantic search one parishioner drowned and a diver died of exposure.

In truth, Aimee had staged her own disappearance to facilitate a Carmel, Calif. rendezvous with her lover, Kenneth Ormiston. And yet her remarkable radio popularity remained. Ron remembers, as a young boy, walking down the streets of Ocean Park hearing Aimee's broadcast coming from every house.

Decades later, Ron would cross paths with a con man who had been a paid shill at Aimee's revivals. On stage, when he tossed his crutches aside as though miraculously healed, the crowds burst into tears and cheers. (To be fair, Aimee's Foursquare Church did feed more people during the Great Depression than any government program and she sold more war bonds during WW II than any movie star.)

Ron's endearing story telling nature might have had its roots in the unusual back story surrounding his birth. On Oct. 10 1934, Miriam Ellin, was a spirited, pregnant 23-year-old who in her youth had rejected Judaism because her temple didn't allow bat mitzvahs. She was also due with her first and only child, Ron.

Ron's father, Dan Accosta, was a 32-year-old Mexican-American and neighborhood bookmaker. He was a nervous expectant father but not for the usual reasons.

Having saved $325 ($250 for the hospital and $75 for Dr. Craig), Miriam had Dan hurriedly get the car so they could get to the hospital early. It was then he sheepishly confessed that he had bet the money on the 1934 World Series. He couldn't resist, he pleaded, as he had found a sucker. The man had let him bet even money on the heavily favored Detroit Tigers against the lowly "Gashouse Gang" St. Louis Cardinals.

Naturally, on Oct. 9, his "sure thing" backfired when the Tigers lost the seventh game to the Cards, 11-0 no less. (A story Ron would hear endlessly from Miriam, especially around World Series time.)

But Dan had a plan to get the birth for free. There was a Catholic hospital on Pacific Avenue so he drove around until Miriam was about to go into labor. As Ron puts it, "Being it was now an 'emergency' the nuns at St. Catherine had to take Mom. And Dr. Craig was a gambling customer of Dad's so he put his bill on the cuff." (For years, Dr. Craig would joke with Ron, "Hey kid, you still owe me $75.")

Ron's tales depict a rough and tumble Ocean Park as opposed to the more proper Santa Monica. My favorites are about "Dan's Cleaners and Laundry" on Main Street where the Ale House sits now. The front was a cleaners while the back was the Accosta residence. Except for the living room, which housed Dan's thriving bookmaking business.

Customers would sit and listen attentively to "the wire" from a big speaker on the wall announcing the horse races. When there was "heat" (police in the area) the wire would occasionally move into Ron's room. He would continue playing with his toys while rabid bettors eagerly listened to race results. Unfortunately, when there was a raid, a photo ran in the Evening Outlook with the caption, "Den of Iniquity." (Actually it was the living room.)

Ron has three adult children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There's also Rose, his girlfriend from Michigan whom he met online and charmed into a July 4 visit. The couple has happily lived together for the past year.

Ron also is close with friends he's had for over 70 years. This July there will be a reunion of classmates from Washington Elementary to be held in Ocean Park at Tom Chatham's house, which was built by his great-grandfather in 1902!

At 78, ever energetic, Ron is on to his latest adventure, giving bus tours of Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice. And customers better bring their curiosity. As I can attest, when it comes to this area, Ron knows more than Wikipedia.

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DAILY PRESS EDITORIALS

Aren't they listening at City Hall?

At a time when city officials are fretting over looming budget deficits, the City Council has decided to waste another $30,000 on a survey to see how residents feel about development in Downtown. Say what?

Has the council not been paying attention? What about all of those years of community meetings to develop the Land Use & Circulation Element, a planning document that is intended to dictate how land is used in the city by the sea for the next 20 years or more? What about meetings that have been held to develop a specific land use plan for Downtown? Are those not sufficient to gauge public opinion?

Apparently the powers that be aren't reading the Daily Press regularly. If they did they would know how residents feel about development. Many are in favor of slow-growth that keeps Santa Monica economically viable and liveable. They want to preserve views and ocean breezes. They do not want massive, dense development that brings in more traffic and sucks up more resources. They don't want project after project being approved without first giving thought to how they will impact a resident's ability to drive to the market or pick up their kids from school. They want construction to be better managed and they feel City Hall has let them down.

To call for a survey seems to be a slap in the face to all those residents who take time away from their families and their careers to participate in community and council meetings to express their views. It's as if the council is saying that the opinions of those who actually give a damn don't matter, while those who sit back and bury their heads in the sand are somehow more informed and educated and therefore should be given ample opportunities to express themselves. We can't got for that!

We agree that many of the same voices are heard at community meetings, but that's because these are the people who actually care and have taken the time to research and develop informed opinions. They understand the repercussions of poor planning and are mad as hell that City Hall has failed to properly move forward with the implementation of their own land use document. That failure has let LUCE linger, so long in fact that now the council feels as if it needs to go back out to the community to learn what it already knows. Why? Aren't the opinions given during the LUCE process just as valid as they were three years ago? What's changed, aside from the increased pressure from developers to capitalize on their properties?

Skeptics who have lost faith in City Hall and members of the council will undoubtedly view this as an attempt to change the narrative, to produce manipulated results that favor larger, denser buildings. While the Daily Press isn't jumping to that conclusion — yet — we are watching closely. Surveys aren't always reliable and there are plenty of variables at play that can skew results in one way or another.

It would have been better if the council voted last week to instead support a freeze on processing development applications until proper area plans are fully developed and approved (Councilmembers Kevin McKeown, Ted Winterer and Tony Vazquez supported the freeze but couldn't gain support from their colleagues). Even if the move would have been mostly symbolic, it at least would have sent a message to residents that their concerns are being heard, that the council can sympathize with beliefs that Santa Monica is losing its character. Instead, those on the dais said to all those who have sacrificed their time by attending community meetings that their opinions have fallen on deaf ears.

What a waste.

The Q Line

Rating the response

Violence continued to plague Santa Monica last week with yet another multiple shooting.

This time two men were shot in broad daylight in the Pico Neighborhood, with one succumbing to his injuries. Police have already made arrests in that shooting and have discovered more facts about the shooting that left five dead near Santa Monica College on June 7.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
How do you rate the police response to the recent rash of shootings that have left six dead and a community reeling?

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a sentiment that some didn't receive well. Martorano has said he decided to cooperate with authorities after learning Bulger and his other former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, were FBI informants.

On the witness stand, Martorano talked Monday and Tuesday about a series of killings he carried out while a gang member in the 1970s. His cross-examination by Bulger's defense team continued Wednesday.

In Milford, Martorano's neighbor John Ferreira said he was surprised Monday to find out about his neighbor's past, but said it didn't bother him. The 60-year-old said he sometimes sees Martorano taking the trash out, and that he's always been nice.

"We just wave hi to each other. We don't talk to each other," he said.

At a shopping center near Martorano's condo, a convenience store clerk recognized a picture of him. She called him a nice gentleman she knew nothing about except that he bought $15 to $20 in lottery tickets about once a month.

Asked at the trial how he makes a living, Martorano answered, "Social Security." Later, he testified that he has made about $70,000 from Howie Carr's book "Hitman" and another $250,000 from a film company. He said he'll get another $250,000 if the movie is made.

Milford Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin said Monday that Martorano isn't on parole and can live wherever he wants, including in this town of 27,000 people. He said the former hit man's only brush with the law in Milford was a minor fender bender in April 2012 that ended with police writing him a warning for failure to use caution in slowing.

"He's been here a couple years," O'Loughlin said. "I've seen him about the town like anybody else. We've had no difficulties with him."

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Cheung said Pogue is likely to go to a state mental hospital and would not be a candidate for early release.

"With her degree of severe mental illness she needs to be medicated 24 hours a day," she said.

She said Pogue was relieved to hear the verdict.

"She never wanted to go to trial and we had been trying to resolve this from day one."

Avila confirmed that but said that prosecutors had to pursue their case to trial in the interest of public safety. It took two trials to resolve the case. The first jury deadlocked on her guilt, uncertain if Pogue acted deliberately and understood the consequences of her actions.

The judge had assured jurors that if they found Pogue insane she would be placed in a mental health facility and she could be kept there for the duration of her sentence on the murder conviction.

Witnesses said Sugiyama was walking with her elderly sister when Pogue lunged at her and pushed her off the commuter rail platform onto the tracks. She struck her head and never regained consciousness.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Man tells police meth made him do it

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, AT 9:33 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers were called to the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a man possibly walking down the street carrying a shotgun. When officers arrived they set up a perimeter and began searching for the suspect, who witnesses identified as a male wearing a beige rain jacket, white shirt, no pants and red underwear. The suspect was located on the 1900 block of Alley 18. He was sifting through trash cans and using a long pole, not a shotgun, police said. He was identified by the witness and during the investigation officers determined the suspect was under the influence of meth. The suspect also allegedly told officers that when he is high the drug makes him dress up and walk around. The suspect was placed under arrest for being under the influence. He was identified as Derek Clement, 56, a transient. His bail was set at $2,500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, AT 11:35 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 3100 block of Sixth Street regarding a report of a theft that just occurred. While en route, officers were advised that the alleged victim was struggling with a woman over a bicycle. When officers arrived they made contact with three people in an alley to the rear of an apartment complex. The person who called police said she returned home and after parking her car one street over she walked down the alley to her apartment. In doing so she saw a woman sitting on the ground near some bolt cutters. She also noticed the bike sitting next to the woman was her roommate's and is usually locked in the carport. She also saw a man lying on the ground who appeared to be sleeping. When she questioned the female suspect, the woman suddenly stood up and tried to use the bike as a weapon, police said. The alleged victim grabbed the bicycle and took the suspect to the ground, where she held her until police arrived. Both suspects were arrested and transported to a local hospital to be treated for being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. After being cleared, both were booked. Police said during a search they found methamphetamine in the suspects' possession. The suspects were identified as Candice Harris, 26, a transient, and Hunter Merkel, 27, a transient. Both were booked for burglary, receiving stolen property, transportation of a controlled substance, being under the influence, possession of burglary tools and drug paraphernalia. Bail was set at $50,000 each.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, AT 5:32 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of 10th Street regarding a report of a theft that just occurred. While en route, officers were told by dispatchers that the two suspects were walking on 10th Street at Arizona Avenue. The suspects were detained and the alleged victim contacted. They told officers that the two suspects were seen walking inside a parking garage with flashlights. He went on to say that he went to the parking garage and found his bicycle was missing. As he looked around for it he said he found the bike at the apartment building next door. When he looked into his vehicle he said he also saw that his iPod was missing. He identified the suspects as the ones in custody. Officers searched them and found the victim's iPod. Furthermore, one was in possession of a glass pipe commonly used to smoke meth. Both were arrested. Bryan Bybee, 39, of Malibu, was booked for two outstanding warrants and burglary. No bail was set. William Fausto, 38, a transient, was booked for burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia and one warrant. His bail was set at $50,250.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, AT 10:38 P.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Fourth Street and Ashland Avenue regarding a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area. When officers arrived they made contact with a man standing outside a white BMW with the emergency flashers on. He told officers that he was waiting for a friend, but did not know where he was coming from. When asked for identification, the man was allegedly not able to produce any. He gave officers permission to search the car. Officers said they found a glass pipe used to smoke meth under the driver's floor mat. Meth was also located inside the car, police said. The suspect was arrested and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and meth, plus an outstanding warrant. He was identified as Benjamin Trejo, 46, a transient. His bail was set at $40,000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, AT 8:52 A.M.,

Officers responded to the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue – McDonald's – regarding a report of someone being beaten. When officers arrived they made contact with a security guard at the fast-food restaurant who said he was slapped by a woman who was denied entrance because she was screaming and causing a disturbance as she walked up to the restaurant. The security guard held the woman down until police arrived. He said she threatened to kill him several times before the police showed up. Officers placed the woman under arrest for battery and two warrants. She was identified as Crystal Servillo, 35, a transient. Her bail was set at $31,000.

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COMING: A new U.S. Postal Service office will open at its facility on Seventh Street on July 1.

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ness on July 1, earlier than originally expected, said Richard Maher, spokesperson for the USPS.

Those who need service after noon on Saturday can go to the Country Mart Contract Postal Unit on 26th Street or the Mar Vista Station on Grand View Boulevard, according to the USPS.

The company will put a notice in each of its post office boxes, make a stack of notices available at the Fifth Street counter and post a large sign on the building to let people know about the change, Maher said.

Santa Monica residents reacted negatively to the proposed closure last year, packing a meeting at the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street and organizing grassroots campaigns to save the site.

They said that the Downtown office was convenient, easily accessible and safer than the annex, which faces Interstate 10, is near a homeless shelter and has little pedestrian traffic and few businesses nearby.

Joel MaHarry, a Santa Monica resident who used the Downtown post office on Thursday, lamented the loss of the building in favor of a location that was out of the way and in an unattractive neighborhood.

"This is a much more pleasant place to be ignored by post office employees," MaHarry said.

Despite campaigns by residents, City Hall and even Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica), the USPS stood firm in its decision to move operations to the Seventh Street center, citing lower costs and greater efficiency.

The old building will go up for sale "very soon," although the starting price has not yet been determined, Maher said.

"It's a beautiful building right Downtown there, and it has a lot of uses," Maher said. "Offices, bank, legal offices, restaurant, small shops — a lot of our historic buildings have been used for those purposes."

The building comes with strings.

The post office has been serving the public since 1937, and has been identified as a historic location. The Postal Service committed to sell the building and other historic edifices in its portfolio to buyers willing to protect the property's key elements.

Officials are working with a state historic preservation officer and will identify aspects of the buildings that need to be preserved and establish "covenants" around them that are attached to the property deed.

The organization will then have to find a covenant holder to enforce those agreements.

The Landmarks Commission is expected to use its next meeting to identify some of those features before the matter goes to the City Council. The council must vote on the matter if City Hall is to take on the responsibility of enforcing the covenant, said Carol Lemlein, head of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

"There appears to be some amount of momentum to make that happen, but we haven't had a conversation with people in the council yet," she said.

In the meantime, the USPS has tried to find other ways out of its budgetary predicament, but with little success.

The service is the only organization in the United States required by Congress to prepay health benefits for future retirees for the next 75 years, and a 25 percent drop in the volume of mail seen over the last several years did not help, either.

Proposals to cut home letter delivery on Saturday met stiff resistance from congressional representatives, despite the fact that home package delivery and post office box delivery would be maintained, Maher said.

"We're going to continue trying to implement the plan because it responds to the way people use the Postal Service," Maher said. "Package service is up 14 percent over the last two years. That's where our growth is."

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SOFTBALL
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For those efforts, Samohi dominated the All-Ocean League team with eight selections.

Junior shortstop/pitcher Sara Garcia, who was also named to the All-CIF-Southern Section Division 4 team last week, was the Co-Most Valuable Player. Hawthorne outfielder Diana Montenegro was the other MVP.

Sophomore pitcher Whitney Jones was named the Most Outstanding Player.

The first team included catcher Annie Quine, outfielder Jamie Hom, first baseman Marissa Padilla and second baseman Ashley Rakujlic.

The second team selections included outfielder Rachel Paris and infielder Jennifer Eyler.

The honors come following a season that even head coach Debbie Skaggs was surprised by.

Skaggs knew she had a good team led by a number of underclassmen, but thought that a deep run into the playoffs was a year away.

"We really over achieved," Skaggs said. "They surprised me with how they came together at the end of the year."

Skaggs may be right about next year being the year after all.

Garcia and Jones return with a crop of underclassmen who proved their worth during a season that saw Samohi return to the Division 4 championship game for the first time since 2010 when they won the whole deal.

"It opened up people's eyes that not all Westside softball is bad," Garcia said. "This was a big confidence booster.



Photo courtesy Wendy Perl

COMING HOME: **Samohi's softball team awaits Sara Garcia at home plate after she hit a home run in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 final.**

"I think that a lot of the girls will work hard because they saw that we could make it that far."

The coming season will be a bit of a last hurrah for Skaggs.

After 20-plus seasons, minus one two years back, she is most likely not returning the following season.

She plans on staying a teacher at Samohi and is working on further certifications in the meantime.

Garcia looks at Skaggs' last season as a motivation builder.

"I think we can do it," Garcia said of a possible championship run next year. "We want her to go out with a bang."

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service providers this spring.

The remainder of the money will support the Youth Resource Team, a group focused on young people between 16 and 24 under the umbrella of the city's own Cradle to Career initiative, which aims to support kids from infancy through employment.

Officials from the Community & Cultural Services Department made the decision to put money behind the center in reaction to a series of shootings that rocked the Santa Monica community in early June. City officials twice recommended that the City Council cut funds to PYFC because of what they called "bad management practices."

The center was working on a transition plan to find money independent of City Hall, but it was still struggling to do so and officials decided that it was not time to close any doors, said Julie Rusk, assistant director of the Community & Cultural Services Department.

"They needed time to raise the money and the community needed the time," Rusk said.

Rusk would not say whether or not the center would have received funds had June remained peaceful, although some with knowledge of the process said there was no intention to give the center money.

Oscar de la Torre, founder of PYFC and former executive director, thought it was clear.

"No, this was politics," de la Torre said.

Officials came to the City Council a year ago asking council members to consider taking grant funds from PYFC, pointing to an inability to show documented results despite over $3 million in public funds that had gone to support the center.

Council members agreed to a six-month "Last Chance Agreement" to carry the organization through the end of the year, but at the end of that period officials still recommended against giving the organization money, pointing to the flight of half of its board.

Rather than take the money away, the City Council funded PYFC for another six months while de la Torre stepped down as executive director and officials prepared a competitive bidding process for over $300,000 that would have flowed to the center.

Three teams competed for the cash promised by an initiative that asked service providers to provide a comprehensive suite of services to help older youth, including mental health services, job training and education.

PYFC was included in a coalition with Homeboy Industries, well-known in Los Angeles for its work with previously incarcerated adults. The two called the coalition Santa Monica Youth Alliance.

They competed against the First African Methodist Episcopal Church and Jewish Vocational Services, but a review panel composed of city officials and community members decided that none of the three covered all of the ground requested in the initial call for proposals.

Each was a little different, but none offered the full array of services like outreach, case management, community-based mental health, family support, educational re-engagement and follow up services requested by the RFP, according to a report.

"If it doesn't all come together, it doesn't work for people," Rusk said. "It's not effective."

The call for proposals went out just as the Cradle to Career group began digging into data gathered at the end of 2012 called the Youth Wellbeing Report Card, an accumulation of publicly available information that gave a view of how well Santa Monica's young people were doing.

The 2010 Healthy Kids Survey, which was used for the report, showed that almost one third of high school juniors reported periods of "extreme sadness and hopelessness" in the past year, and that 52 percent had used alcohol or street drugs in the previous month.

As City Hall asked another coalition of groups to solve the problems highlighted in the report, members of the Cradle to Career initiative realized that the group of partners that had been assembled had the capacity to address the same issues, Rusk said.

"The (request for proposals) came out on a parallel track, and now we're in a moment where it's all coming together," she said.

In the meantime, PYFC can continue to serve the community as a safe place for youth to spend time and get access to other services rather than a provider of those services, a role it was supposed to fill in the past, but failed to provide documentation of success.

That model will never solve the problems in the community, de la Torre believes.

"At-risk youth do not work well with referrals," he said, pointing to John Zawahri, the 23-year-old man behind shootings in early June that left six dead, including himself.

"There were referrals made to him and his mother. That's the whole point — you need a relationship," de la Torre said.

The City Council will take up the issue on Tuesday night as part of a wide-ranging budget discussion that will target municipal money for the next two years.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook said he would keep an open mind when it came to plans to help Santa Monica's youth.

"If the city has a plan that will make it more inclusive, that will be a welcomed plan," Holbrook said. "I don't think change has to be change for the purpose of change alone, and not without the goal of improving services."

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alleged victim told officers that Amadi touched her underneath her clothing and stated that he was going to rape her.

Amadi is on parole for sexual battery and failure to register as a sex offender.

The SMPD is seeking the public's assistance in locating and identifying any additional victims. Amadi is homeless and known to travel extensively throughout the Los Angeles area, utilizing public transportation.

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Stocks extend slide as China adds to worries

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NEW YORK There was no let-up in the flight from stocks and bonds Thursday as the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 353 points and wiped out almost two months of gains.

A day after the Federal Reserve roiled U.S financial markets when it said it could step back from its aggressive economic stimulus program later this year, financial markets continued to slide. A slowdown in Chinese manufacturing added to Wall Street's worries.

The breadth of the sell-off was seen across global financial markets, from sharply lower stock markets in Asia to falling government bond prices in Europe and the U.S. Gold also plunged.

The Dow's drop — which knocked the average down 2.3 percent to 14,758.32 — was its biggest since November 2011. It comes just three weeks after the blue-chip index reached an all-time high of 15,409.

The Standard & Poor's 500 lost 40.74 points, or 2.5 percent, to 1,588.19. It also reached a record high last month, peaking at 1,669.

Small-company stocks fell more than the rest of the market, a sign that investors are aggressively reducing risk.

In U.S. government debt, the yield on the benchmark 10-year note rose to its highest level since August 2011.

A Fed policy statement and comments from Chairman Ben Bernanke started the selling in stocks and bonds Wednesday. Bernanke said the Fed expects to scale back its massive bond-buying program later this year and end it entirely by mid-2014 if the economy continues to improve.

The bank has been buying $85 billion a month in Treasury and mortgage bonds, a program that has kept borrowing costs near historic lows for consumers and business. It has also helped boost the stock market.

Alec Young, a global equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ, said investors weren't expecting Bernanke to say the program could end so quickly, and are adjusting their portfolios in anticipation of higher U.S. interest rates.

"What we're seeing is a pretty significant sea-change in investor strategy," Young said.

As financial markets dropped, investors likely put the proceeds of their sales in cash as they waited for the dust to settle, said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial.

Investors "are raising cash right now, for fear the deterioration will continue," said Krosby.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.41 percent, from 2.35 percent Wednesday. It's up sharply since May 3, when it hit a year low of 1.63 percent.

Government bonds are used as benchmarks for mortgage rates. The sharp increase in yields prompted investors to sell the stocks of homebuilders, whose business could be hurt if the pace of home buying slows down. Even an encouraging report on home sales Thursday failed to arrest the slide.

PulteGroup plunged $1.89, or 9.1 percent, to $18.87. D.R. Horton fell $2.13, also 9.1 percent, to $21.31.

Markets were also unnerved after manufacturing in China slowed at a faster pace this month as demand weakened. That added to concerns about growth in the world's second-largest economy. A monthly purchasing managers index from HSBC fell to a nine-month low of 48.3 in June. Numbers below 50 indicate a contraction.

Earlier in other global markets, Japan's Nikkei index lost 1.7 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares fell 3 percent while Germany's DAX dropped 3.3 percent.

In currency trading, the dollar rose against the euro and the Japanese yen.

In commodities trading, gold plunged to its lowest point since September 2010, falling $87.80, or 6.4 percent, to $1,286.20 an ounce.

Traders sold the precious metal as its appeal as insurance against inflation and a weak dollar faded. Both became less of an issue after the Fed said it was contemplating an end to its bond-buying program.

The rising dollar pushed oil prices lower. A stronger dollar makes oil more expensive for holders of other currencies. The price of crude oil fell $2.84, or 2.9 percent, to finish at $95.40 a barrel in New York, its biggest drop since November

Some investors said the sell-off in stocks may be overdone. The Fed is considering easing back on its stimulus because the economy is improving. The central bank has upgraded its outlook for unemployment and economic growth.

The S&P 500 is still up 11.3 percent, for the year, not far from its full-year increase of 13.4 percent last year.

"People are overreacting a little bit," said Gene Goldman, head of research at Cetera Financial Group. "It goes back to the fundamentals, the economy is improving."

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite fell 78.57 points, or 2.3 percent, to 3,364.63.

Among other stocks making big moves:

• GameStop, a video game store chain that sells new and used games, rose $2.41, or 6.3 percent, to $40.94 after Microsoft backpedaled and said that there will be no limitations on sharing games on its upcoming Xbox One gaming console.

• Rite Aid fell 23 cents, or 7.4 percent, to $2.88 after the nation's third-largest drugstore chain lowered its forecast for 2014 earnings.

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SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
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Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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

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Facebook introduces video on popular Instagram app

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Facebook is adding video to its popular photo-sharing app Instagram, following in the heels of Twitter's growing video-sharing app, Vine.

Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom said Thursday that users will be able to record and share 15-second clips by tapping a video icon in the app. They can also apply filters to videos to add contrast, make them black and white or different hues.

"This is the same Instagram we all know and love but it moves," he said at an event held at Facebook's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters.

Vine, which launched in January, has 13 million users and lets people create and share 6-second video clips. Instagram has 100 million users, up from 20 million when Facebook bought the company more than a year ago. If users like it, Facebook's move could propel mobile video sharing into the mainstream. Systrom said

To use the video feature, Instagram users who've downloaded the latest version can tap on the same camera icon they use to snap photos. A new video camera icon will appear on the right side. Tap it and a screen with a red video button will let you record clips of sunsets, kids running in parks or coworkers staring at their computer screens.

The app will record as long as your finger is on the red button or for 15 seconds, whichever comes first. Not unlike Vine, taking your finger off the button will stop the recording, allowing you to shoot the scene from a different angle or record something else altogether. Once you have 15 seconds of footage, you can play it from the beginning and post it on Instagram to share with others.

A feature called "cinema" adds stabilization to the videos so they don't look like shaky amateur shots. Systrom called it "completely mind-blowing." Right now, only owners of the iPhone 4S or iPhone 5 can shoot video using this feature.

Given Vine's popularity, "it is perhaps more surprising that Facebook has not introduced video for Instagram sooner. There is no doubt Twitter will move quickly to up the ante on Vine and this could undercut Facebook's efforts with video on Instagram," said Eden Zoller, principal consumer analyst at Ovum, a technology research firm, in an email.

Forrester Research analyst Nate Elliott thinks taking features from smaller rivals and offering them to a much larger set of users "has worked well for Facebook" so far.

"It also keeps Facebook's services fresh, and is one of the reasons more than a billion people still use the site every month," he wrote in an email.

When Facebook Inc. agreed to buy Instagram in April 2012, it offered $1 billion in cash and stock. But the value of the deal fell to $715 million by the time the deal closed last August.

Instagram was the first — and only — company Facebook has bought and kept running as a separate application. Until its Instagram purchase, Facebook was known for smaller "acqui-hires," a type of popular Silicon Valley deal in which a company purchases a startup as a way to hire its talented workers and then shuts the acquired company down.

Facebook still hasn't said how it will be able to make money from Instagram, as it has not introduced ads on the service. But online video ads are growing, and it's likely only a matter of time before they arrive on Facebook — and at some point, Instagram. Research firm eMarketer estimates that the U.S. digital video advertising market will grow 41 percent this year, to $4.1 billion from 2.9 billion in 2012. The mobile video ad market is much smaller, though eMarketer expects it to more than double this year to $518 million.



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4:05pm, 10:30pm

Now You See Me (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Bling Ring (R) 1hr 30min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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Man of Steel (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
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Monsters University (G) 1hr 47min
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World War Z (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:10am, 5:15pm, 11:20pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm

Internship (PG-13) 1hr 59min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:35pm

Monsters University 3D (G) 1hr 47min
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Man of Steel 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
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2:15pm, 8:20pm

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1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Frances Ha (R) 1hr 26min
3:20pm, 8:00pm

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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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1:00pm, 5:40pm, 10:15pm

Dirty Wars (NR) 1hr 30min
4:40pm, 9:55pm

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TGIF tonight, Pisces!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be ready for a mini-vacation. Be spontaneous when making plans. You simply might want to take off for a visit to a friend who might have a beach house or a home in the mountains. Tonight: People surround you.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. Your voice tends to encourage others to lighten up. Tap into your creativity with a suggestion that emerges in a meeting. Tonight: Go with a partner's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll become more aware of a financial situation. Advice from a respected friend could be more confusing than helpful. A meeting could set the tone for the rest of the day. Others naturally take on your role of cheerleader, which will give you some space. Tonight: Join friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care deeply about. Something serious could occur when you least expect it. There will be a sense of confusion around what happens. Give yourself some time to feel out the situation. Tonight: Be where you can relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to consider implementing some new, creative ideas. Understand that your perspective of a problem could offend a loved one. The less said at the present moment the better. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to stay focused on your family and home. Concentrate on your immediate circle, and create more of what you want. Take news with a grain of salt. A partner could surprise you with his or her recent actions. Be prepared for anything. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out, and you'll be flooded with calls, requests and invitations. Pressure builds when dealing with a superior or an older friend. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be aware of the fact that you might not feel the way others do about an investment or a risk. Your sense of direction emerges when dealing with a rather thrifty person in your life. Knowledge is power. Recognize what is needed. Tonight: Treat some friends to happy hour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You feel better than you have in a while. Loosen up and enjoy the company of a favorite person. One-on-one relating, whether you're at work or home, brings unique rewards. Someone might share a dream that strikes you as preposterous. Tonight: Friendliness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seem to know what they want, and they won't hesitate to ask you to help. You might want to prevent a contest of wills, so just allow this person to have more of what he or she desires. A family member or roommate might surprise you. Tonight: Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Try to focus on your friends, especially as one might seem off-the-wall at the moment. Realize that others could be deceiving themselves. You do not want to confront anyone at this point. Know how supportive they have been of you. Tonight: Be where the gang hangs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination could go haywire right now. Take the lead, if need be. Make a point to take off your rose-colored shades so that you don't set yourself up for disappointment. A parent or older relative could be very important -- perhaps more than you realize. Tonight: TGIF!

Friday, June 21, 2013

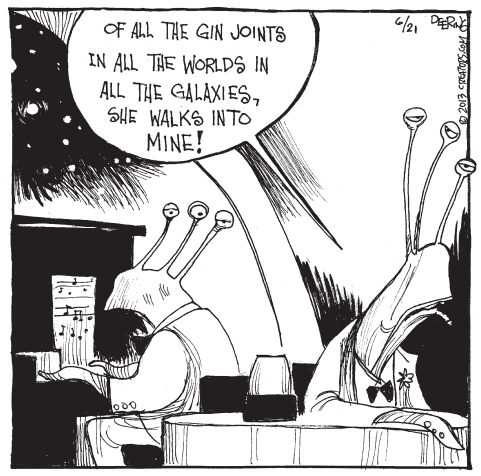
This year will be spectacular, as long as you keep your feet grounded in reality. A long-term dream could come to the forefront and become a reality. Stay realistic. In the next few weeks, you'll be entering a brand-new life cycle. The first year will be the luckiest. If you are single, you could meet someone who will help you write your life history. If you are attached, as a couple you greet a new beginning. SAGITTARIUS does not understand what nurturing means to you.

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

Speed Bump
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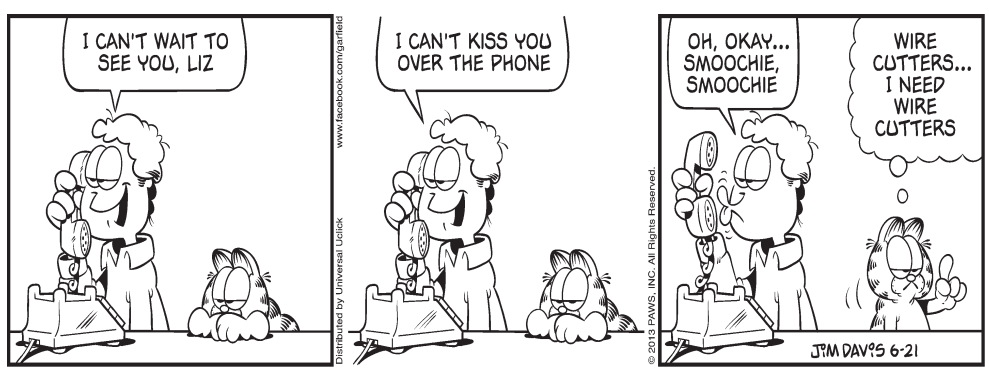
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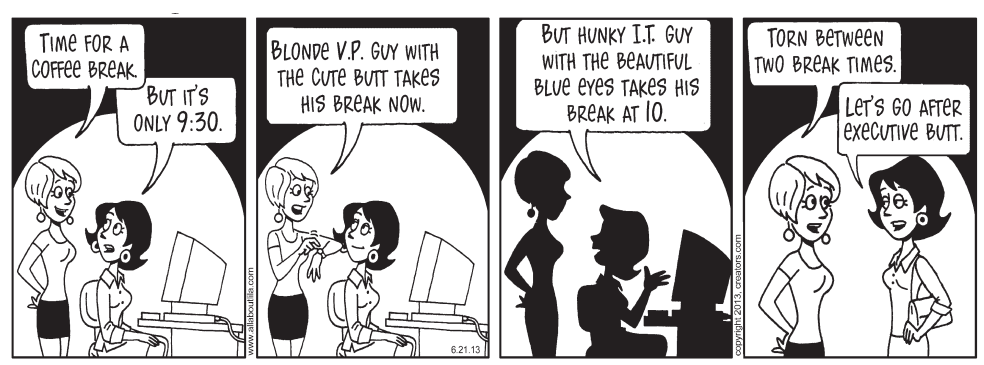
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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6		7	2			3		
	5			3			4	
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	8							
	7			6			2	
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	3			4				

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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.

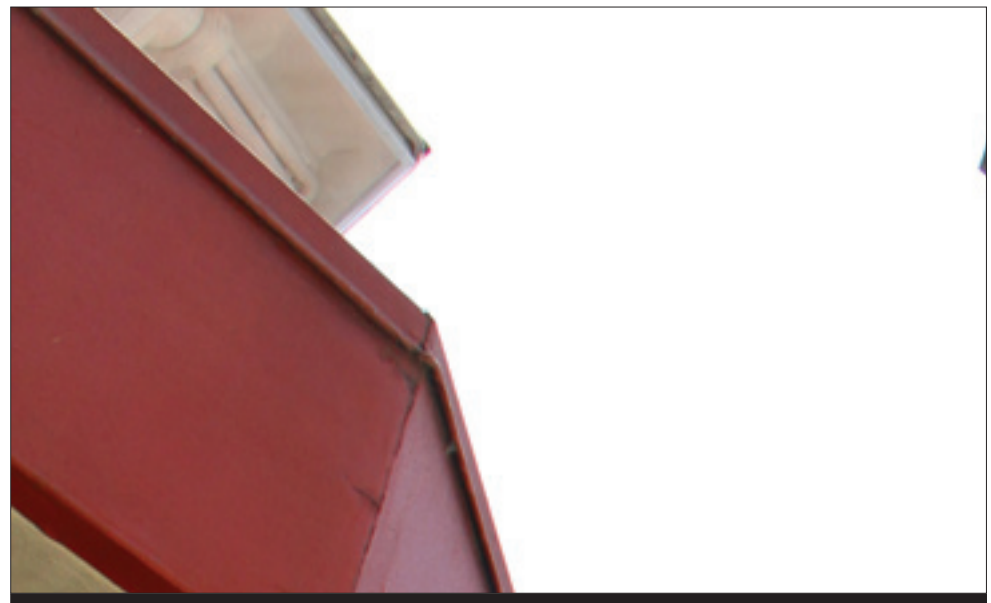
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sunset setting
5 Forgo bidding
9 Poor sport's cry
11 Standard
13 Like an uncomfortable mattress
14 Vague state
15 Block
16 Letter experts
18 Like surgical tools
20 Work unit
21 Make blank
22 Words of approximation
23 Young fox
24 Lynx or lion
25 Puzzle diagram
27 Maze choices
29 Informer
30 Seals of approval
32 Charm
34 Museum fill
35 Massage targets
36 Loosen, as laces
38 On that spot
39 Colander's cousin
40 Addition column
41 Make ready

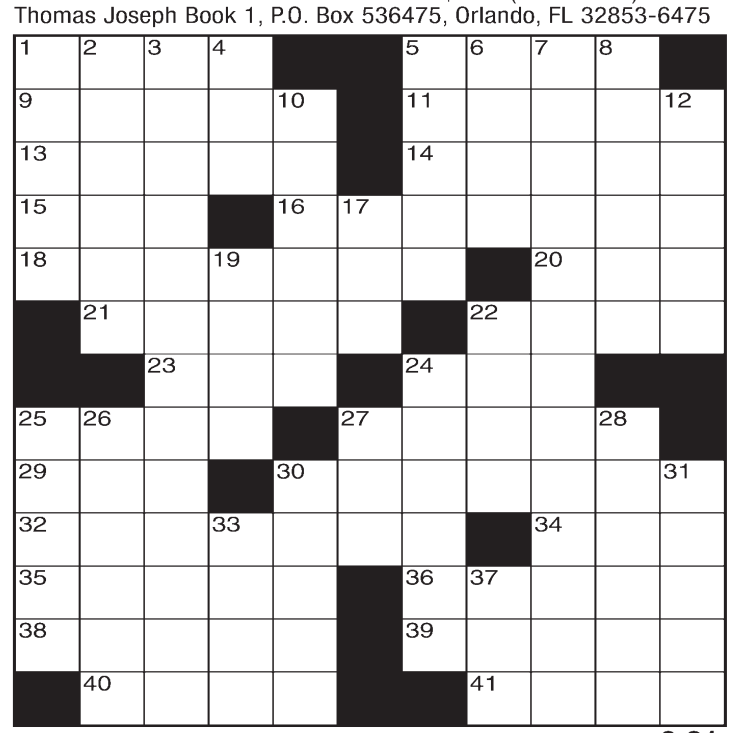
DOWN

1 Desolate areas
2 Compare
3 Detached facility for cooking
4 Service reward
5 Nurse's reading
6 "Be that — may ..."
7 Regional shows
8 Cavalry weapons
10 Keyboard pro
12 "Eau," phonetically
17 Flamenco call
19 Foray
22 Solemn promise
24 Desert sight
25 Massive
26 Western spread
27 Mythical piper
28 Try hard
30 Wine buys
31 Exorbitant
33 On this spot
37 Wee drink

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Power#: 17
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/18
6 17 34 40 48
Mega#: 30
Jackpot: $44M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 6/19
3 5 32 34 36
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $21M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/20
17 17 26 30 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/20
MIDDAY: 4 8 3
EVENING: 5 6 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 6/20
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:47.16

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Archeologists discovered in May that a construction company had bulldozed 2,300-year-old Mayan ruins in northern Belize -- simply to mine the rocks for road fill to build a highway. A researcher said it could hardly have been an accident, for the ruins were 100 feet high in an otherwise flat landscape, and a Tulane University anthropologist estimated that Mayan ruins are being mined for road fill an average of once a day in their ancient habitats. Said another, "(T)o realize" that Mayans created these structures using only stone tools and then "carried these materials on their heads" to build them -- and then that bulldozers can almost instantly destroy them -- is "mind-boggling."

■ A woman in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood reported to a local news blog in May that she had seen (and her husband briefly conversed with) a man who was operating a "drone" from a sidewalk, guiding the noisy device to a point just outside a third-floor window in a private home. The pilot said he was "doing research" and, perhaps protected by a 1946 U.S. Supreme Court decision, asserted that he was not violating anyone's privacy because he, himself, was on a public sidewalk while the drone was in public airspace. The couple called for a police officer, but by the time one arrived, the pilot and his drone had departed, according to a report on the Capitol Hill Seattle blog.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2001 - A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Virginia, indicts 13 Saudis and a Lebanese in the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 American servicemen.

WORD UP!

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