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In case of an emergency

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN If disaster ever strikes the Santa Monica Pier, there should be more than one way out.

That's because city officials are planning to build a gangway at the west end of the famous pier in case of an emergency.

The City Council is expected to approve a $473,000 contract with URS Corp. to provide design services for the gangway and pier structural upgrade projects, both of which are part of an estimated $1.7 million spending package on the table tonight.

"The emergency gangway would be stored at deck level when not in use and would be used to load evacuees onto waiting vessels in the event of an emergency," a city staff report said.

The pier will be structurally improved over the surf and tidal zone, which is bordered by the high tide line to the east and low tide to the west, replacing the wooden portion with concrete piles and pile caps, according to the staff report. The upgrade will allow enough capacity for a 20-ton truck, providing sufficient support for emergency vehicle access.

"The use of concrete in this area is recommended because this portion of the pier is over water and concrete will provide higher durability and lower maintenance in the surf zone," the city staff report said.

Currently the pier has an emergency shoot that looks like a large sock or stocking which people slide through to a waiting vessel.

TRANSPORTING PRISONERS

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is set to receive a new $120,061 contract to continue providing transportation

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

FORCED RELOCATION: **Irene Coray, co-owner of KULTURAs Books on Ocean Park Boulevard, organizes books in preparation for a move. The bookstore will be closing up shop on July 20 and moving back to Washington D.C. because of a significant dip in sales.**

Another one bites the dust

KULTURAs books faces hard times, forced to close doors

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Husband-and-wife team Andrew MacDonald and Irene Coray decided to take a risk — pack up their highly successful 17-year-old bookstore in the middle of bustling Dupont Circle and take their chances in Santa Monica where the people are well-read but the weather is more inviting.

They figured that even at a 50 percent loss in sales from the Washington D.C. store, the change in atmosphere would be well worth the move.

Three years later, the owners of KULTURAs Books on Ocean Park Boulevard are preparing to head back to where it all started, a result of a more than anticipated dramatic decline in revenue.

"We never thought it would be this bad," Coray said. "We expected less but it turned out to be a quarter, if (that much)."

Last week a sign was posted on the window of the bookstore, informing customers that it was moving back to Washington D.C., hoping to recapture the success it experienced in past years.

MacDonald was packing boxes on a recent Thursday afternoon in preparation for the closing next month. The store was void of any other activity or sound, except for the flamenco music of Camaron de la Isla playing in the background.

"Everyone got uprooted three years ago and we're all kind of settling our roots," he said. "On one level, we feel extremely at home here but I think we kind of worked our way into a perfect storm in that in 2007, the economy started to tank.

"We are now living in … L.A., which probably has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country outside of Detroit."

Then a manager for the famed Second Story Books in Washington D.C.,

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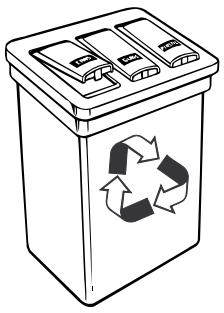
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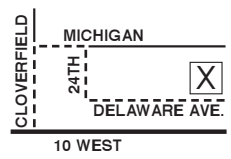


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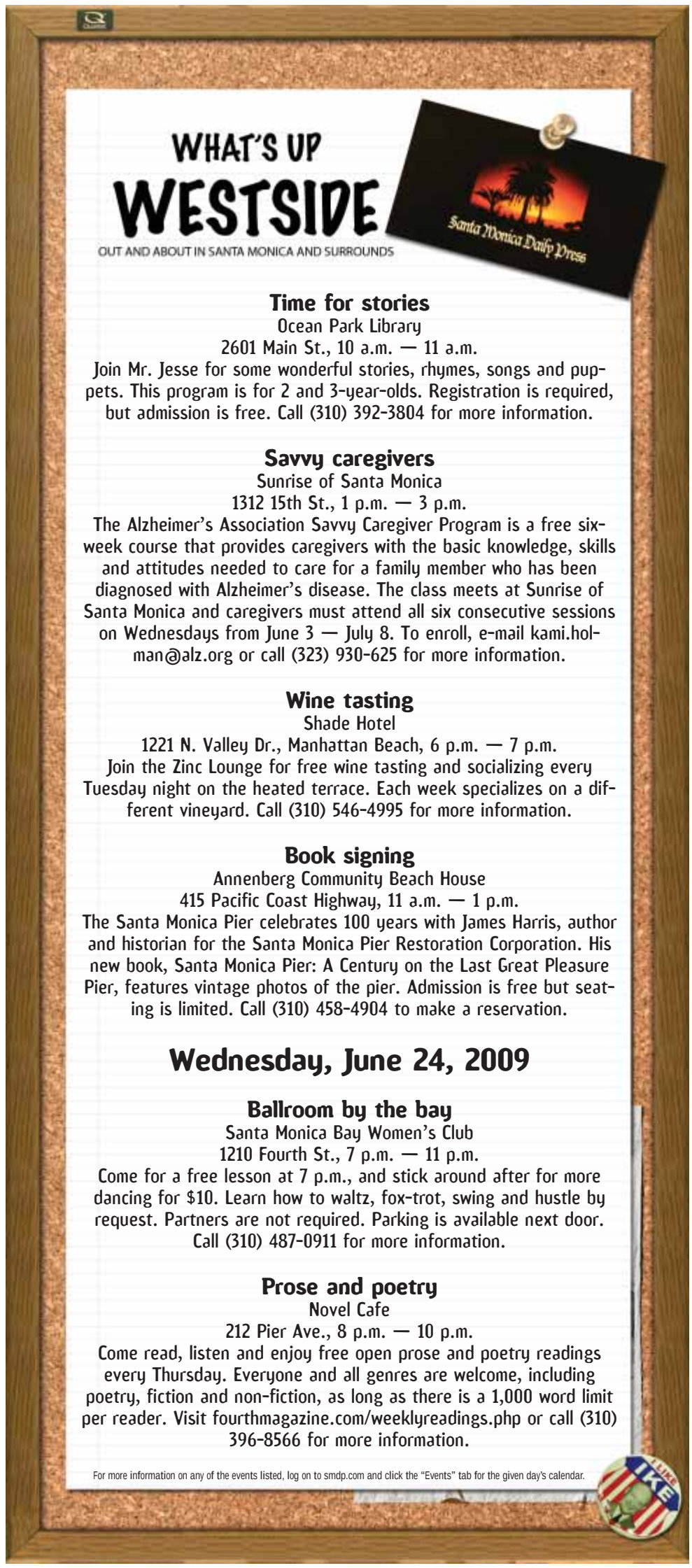
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Time for stories

Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for some wonderful stories, rhymes, songs and puppets. This program is for 2 and 3-year-olds. Registration is required, but admission is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Savvy caregivers

Sunrise of Santa Monica
1312 15th St., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The Alzheimer's Association Savvy Caregiver Program is a free six-week course that provides caregivers with the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to care for a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The class meets at Sunrise of Santa Monica and caregivers must attend all six consecutive sessions on Wednesdays from June 3 — July 8. To enroll, e-mail kami.holman@alz.org or call (323) 930-625 for more information.

Wine tasting

Shade Hotel
1221 N. Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach, 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Join the Zinc Lounge for free wine tasting and socializing every Tuesday night on the heated terrace. Each week specializes on a different vineyard. Call (310) 546-4995 for more information.

Book signing

Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Santa Monica Pier celebrates 100 years with James Harris, author and historian for the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation. His new book, Santa Monica Pier: A Century on the Last Great Pleasure Pier, features vintage photos of the pier. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call (310) 458-4904 to make a reservation.

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Ballroom by the bay

Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Prose and poetry

Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit fourthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

Two quakes shake SM Mountains

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM MOUNTAINS Two small earthquakes shook the Santa Monica Mountains near Malibu Saturday night, according to the Caltech Seismological Laboratory.

The first, a magnitude 2.8, hit about six miles northwest of Malibu at 8:39 p.m. Just 45 seconds later, a second quake of magnitude 2.6 hit about one mile west of the first.

The quakes hit close to the epicenter of a 4.4 magnitude earthquake that occurred May 1, said Kate Hutton, a staff seismologist at Caltech.

Both quakes happened south of Thousand Oaks in a lightly populated area of the mountain range.

Though they were small, Hutton said people should have been able to feel it.

"People would feel those but we wouldn't

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Whale heads north after weeks resting in marina

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MARINA DEL REY A stray gray whale has headed north after spending weeks lingering in the waters here.

Marine biologist Peter Wallerstein said Sunday that he and a county Baywatch crew watched the young California gray accompanied by about 50 bottlenose dolphins head northwest past Venice and Santa Monica.

Wallerstein says the group lost track of the whale as it swam into the deeper ocean Friday night at a quick, steady pace.

The 25-foot yearling appeared in the shallow manmade marina June 2 in a detour from its migration from Baja California to Alaska. Last week the National Marine Fisheries Service appointed a baby sitter to watch out for the whale to protect it from curious onlookers or see if it was growing weak enough to require human intervention.

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Photo courtesy Benjamin Kay

LIFESAVERS: **Santa Monica High School Students pose with their collection of recyclables, which they use to purchase LifeStraws for those in Africa living without clean drinking water. The straws filter out bacteria, making water safe to drink. At any given moment, about half of the world's poor are suffering from waterborne disease, of which over 6,000 — mainly children — die each day by consuming unsafe drinking water.**

One man's trash is another man's recyclables and another's life

BY CATHERINE CAIN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI When most seniors were leaving Grad Nite after a full night of fun, incoming seniors Megan Kilroy, Celina Stilphen and three other Samohi students came to school at 5 a.m. last Friday in search of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and other recyclable plastics.

"We basically just went through all the recycling bins and trash cans there," Stilphen said.

These students are not looking to make a few bucks for the summer. Instead, they collect recyclables to exchange for LifeStraws — small, foot-long tubes used to filter dirty water for drinking in areas where there is extreme poverty.

"LifeStraws are a filter system," Kilroy said. "They're kind of like a giant tube and they have filters inside of them. They filter about 99.99 percent of bacteria."

Kilroy, next year's captain of Team Marine, the competitive marine science team, and Stilphen, co-president of the Heal the Bay Surfrider Club at Samohi, have partnered their organizations for the past two months in an effort to collect as many disposable bottles and cans at Samohi as possible. Benjamin Kay, coach of Team Marine and a marine biology teacher at Samohi, gave extra credit to every one of his students who brought in at least 25 bottles and cans. Altogether, they have collected over 12,000 recyclables, Kay said.

"It's a great way for the youth to become involved with saving lives and the environment," Stilphen said. "If you really just don't like to save the environment for whatever reason, you're saving a life."

Samohi's Team Marine learned of LifeStraws through Michael Winters, coach of a competing team at Gabrielino High School, Kilroy said. Samohi placed second right after Gabrielino in a competition called the Edison Challenge.

"We met Michael Winters who started working with LifeStraws for his program," Kilroy said. "We were really inspired by what he was doing so we thought, 'Hey, let's help you out.'"

Ever since, students have been diligently rooting through recycling bins and scouring the campus for bottles and cans. Kay

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Not satisfied with SMC

Editor:

Recently my family assisted our youngest daughter Jari in enrolling as a Santa Monica High School student into a summer class at Santa Monica College. Our older daughter has just completed her first year as a full time SMC student. This will be our youngest daughter's fourth class at SMC and the enrollment process has never been smooth. This year was the worst ever. Jari never received a letter in the mail with her enrollment clearance despite the fact that she turned in all her paperwork in April.

For two weeks Jari sent repeated e-mails and calls to Renay Garcia, who did not respond until June 1, which was the day before she was to enroll. Her response to Jari was, "you should have received the clearance in the mail." This response came after Jari had already informed her that she had not received the letter. Another person who Jari tried to get help from was Brenda McDonald who is supposed to be the "liaison" for the Samohi students and is on the high school premises weekly. Her response to Jari's e-mail was, "I am not Mrs. Garcia."

Such a glib and disrespectful comment to a student from a SMC professional assigned to counsel the Samohi students begs the question of whether or not Ms. McDonald's role at the high school is one that we should continue to support. We have saved all of these e-mail conversations.

Since this was not our first experience with the mishandling of enrollment at SMC, I suggested to Jari that she "cc" all her correspondence to [SMC Trustee] Louise Jaffe, and I am so glad and grateful to Ms. Jaffe for intervening. Ms. Jaffe forwarded Jari's correspondence to Mr. Shimizu who promptly responded and told her that she had been cleared so she needn't worry. Mr. Shimizu was a lifesaver as he answered a series of questions from Jari and was a wealth of information. It is a shame that it took a contact to a member of the SMC board to get very basic questions answered, and to me it speaks volumes of the low quality of service provided by those who deal with students' enrollment needs on a day to day basis.

My daughter's story does not have a happy ending. On June 2 at 6:00 p.m. we were poised at the computer to register. She was cleared for 11 sections of Psych I and four sections of Soc I by her counselor at Samohi as she was required to do before she could register. That is 15 possible classes and not one of them was available at her enrollment time! This just fueled our frustration with SMC. At many parent assemblies we have been told of the benefits of a Samohi partnership with SMC, but in reality our high school kids are given last priority and cannot even get into most classes.

My family just voted for the bond measure that would send more funds to support SMC. As property owners and long time Santa Monica residents, we have always been in favor of any propositions on the ballot that would benefit education. I will be honest with you when I say that next time my vote for SMC will not come so easily. I am very disheartened that my daughter, who has gone through all the public schools since kindergarten, is now shut out of the community college system. I understand that we are in tough economic times, but I also know that Santa Monica is a community that can afford to give all residents much wider access to the high quality of classes at SMC.

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What's the Point?

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The freedom of information

THIS PAST WEEKEND HUNDREDS OF people celebrated Juneteenth at Virginia Avenue Park, which is a commemoration of the June 19, 1865 arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation that became effective Jan. 1, 1863. It took two-and-a-half years for word to be disseminated that the slaves were now free. There are various reasons given for the delay, from the murder of messengers, to the continued greed of the plantation owners who wanted one last crop collected. The best technology of the time for information distribution was horse and rider.

In the present day, as Americans across the country celebrated with barbecues, strawberry soda and fancy dress, halfway around the world another group of people rallied. But they rallied to throw off the yoke of a theocracy. They rallied to state their dissatisfaction with the government. In Iran, thousands, possibly millions, took to the streets to declare their desire for more freedom.

The images coming from Iran are shocking, appalling, invigorating and devastating. I have been consumed with the events of a country that I have no connection with, other than my humanity.

In the past 10 days I have watched the will of the people of Iran meet the blunt force of a baton. I have seen the effects of terror tactics on crowds, and then watched as those same crowds came to the collective realization that they are more powerful as a group, than the militia facing them. As the video footage comes in, showing the consequences of that awareness, I cheered watching the people, literally with sticks and stones in hand, push into the oncoming militia, and make them turn tail and run.

By use of their collective will, the people made the militia show its true colors. Yellow. It is the color of cowards who hide behind riot gear, guns and the anonymity provided by helmets with facemasks and the ever present cloud of fear.

I've never been to war. I've not had military training. I have no experience with civil uprisings. I can only imagine what it must be like to have militia marching in the streets and to feel the oppression of a regime so comprehensively in my life.

But today, I have a greater ability to imagine than I did last week. Today I can see, in almost real time, exactly what is happening, half a world away. It is being broadcast by cell phone video, by cell phone text messaging, by the Internet and satellites.

The power structure of Iran does not allow the citizenry to have guns. They have no Second Amendment or its equivalent in Iran. This is so the government can maintain the illusion of their power with riot gear, guns and tear gas.

But the awareness of rational people cannot be overcome with guns in the face of today's easy publication of video. Almost every video that I have watched has shown men and women with their phones held high, capturing images that will be shared with the world. The cellphone is the weapon of choice today.

Iranian authorities have slowed the flow of information within the country, and internationally. They have done so by restricting the telecommunications systems, the banning of foreign journalists and the shutting down of text messaging capabilities to a trickle. This will not last.

The flow of information right now is like a slow water leak, but eventually it will become a stream, then a river, and finally a torrent. The reservoir of images and information in Iran is growing. The immediate reality of the current events will be shared globally over the coming months.

IN UNDER TWO MINUTES OF CAPTURED VIDEO, WE SEE THE DEATH OF A YOUNG WOMAN, AND HEAR THE PLEADING OF HER FATHER. HER DEATH HAS BECOME A SYMBOLIC EVENT, HER KILLING PERSONIFIES THE OPPRESSION, THE PICTURE OF HER BLOOD COVERED FACE HAS BECOME THE FACE OF A MOVEMENT.

But a movement only needs one image. That image arrived this weekend in the shocking death of Neda Agha-Soltan. It was a death that was watched around the world with all of its graphic, painful, reality. In under two minutes of captured video, we see the death of a young woman, and hear the pleading of her father. Her death has become a symbolic event, her killing personifies the oppression, the picture of her blood covered face has become the face of a movement.

As more and more people both within and outside the Iranian borders are made aware of the brutality of the regime, its legitimacy weakens.

The consent of the governed is being taken back and with it comes the unalienable right to reform. Those in power always try to control and manipulate reality. That is what delayed the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, and that is what sparked the events in Iran. But whether it be slave owners in Texas who put off the inevitable, or the mullahs in Iran who want to keep their citizens disenfranchised, the voices, and images, of freedom keep making progress.

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Back to Nature

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Intrepid roadrunner symbolizes both magic and a bit of good luck

THE MERCURIAL GROUND-DWELLING roadrunner of the arid southwest U.S. is inquisitive, quarrelsome, funny, serious, playful, caring and — above all — fearless.

Because of its hunting antics, physical characteristics and general attitude toward life, the roadrunner, a member of the cuckoo family, has been given many different names including: chaparral cock, lizard-eater, snake-eater, paisano (Spanish for compatriot or fellow countryman) and corre camino (Spanish for runs the road).

Known to millions of children worldwide because of Warner Brothers cartoons, this diminutive critter is awesome. The roadrunner's entire length is about 20 inches, half of which is its tail feather usually carried at an upward angle. The long stout legs stride at about three-and-a-half inches when walking and the gait stretches to over 18 inches when it reaches a top end running speed of over 16 miles per hour.

Both sexes have a buff colored underside with a mixture of black, bronze and buff feathers on the breast. Backs and tails are black and white with blue-green and bronze iridescence. Both possess powerful beaks with a crest on the top of their head and an iridescent patch of skin behind each eye.

When the roadrunner's curiosity is aroused, the black and bronze-green crest feathers are raised and lowered constantly. The paisano is also known for its zygodactyl feet, which feature two toes pointing forward and two toes pointing backward. When viewing the tracks it is difficult to determine which direction the bird is going. Native Americans considered this bird to be very spiritual and placed its tracks around the house of a deceased person. This, as the folklore has it, confused the evil spirits as to which direction the spirit of the dead had taken. The other characteristic that Native Americans revered were the bird's strength, endurance and fearlessness in hunting rattlesnakes.

Roadrunners are mostly carnivorous resorting only to eating prickly pear apples and sumac berries during food shortages. Most of their diet consists of a large variety of insects ranging from locusts, grasshoppers, moths, centipedes, scorpions, millipedes, tarantulas, ant worms, spiders, and bumblebees. Though the alacrity with which the beak moves, this speedster is able to pick-off dragonflies and hummingbirds in midair.

Roadrunners also regularly eat mice, baby rabbits, horned lizards (which spit venomous blood from their eyes!), spotted whiptail lizards, garter-snakes and rattlesnakes. Usually these snake-eaters will not successfully take on diamond backs larger than 26 inches. Sheer speed and hunting prowess enables the paisano to encircle, like a matador, and leap like a kangaroo over top the rattlesnake until finally catching the exhausted snake by its head and throwing it into the sky. This intrepid bird will continue to bash the rattlesnake on the ground, rocks, or sticks for at least 15 minutes until its prey is lifeless.

Another interesting hunting technique that roadrunners use is to drop their wings and take several steps before stopping. This is done with precision to flush insects or lizards from their hiding places.

Roadrunners are perfectly designed for the heat of the American southwest. Their nasal glands eliminate excess salt instead of using its urinary track like most birds. It reabsorbs water from its feces before excretion. During extreme summer heat adults spread their wings to allow air to flow between their open layers exposing the down of the feathers, in addition this bird will also pant to release heat.

Roadrunners are preyed upon by hawks, feral cats, raccoons, bobcats, skunks, coyotes, and during the winter they can freeze due to snap ice winter storms. And they often are found as road kill. Roadrunners have at least 16 different calls including cooing emitted during courtship, whines by females during nest building in mesquite trees, hmms when adults enter the nest area to feed fledglings, and its most common sound, a clattering made when they rapidly pop their upper and lower mandibles together.

Like orcas rubbing their bellies on the pebble shoreline of southwest British Columbia, roadrunners enjoy dust bathing or "anting" when they come across a location where soft dirt is just right for this frivolous behavior. This remarkable little critter has adapted and accepted human activity within its home range. It is no wonder the roadrunner was chosen to be the state bird of New Mexico.

Any creature willing to face the deadly stare of a rattlesnake, often killing the reptile only after dodging its repeated strikes, is worthy of admiration and praise.

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The Q Line

Growing support

A movement is afoot in Santa Monica to turn a vacant lot in the Pico Neighborhood into a community garden. Residents are calling on city officials to dig deep and purchase the parcel.

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After a five year study, the government stated: "The Gas Saver is an effective fuel saving device. Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than the 22% claimed by the developer."

In addition, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making the higher cost fuels unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joe Robinson, the developer, commented: "Since the government concluded its study, we have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life by cleaning out the carbon than buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane." For further information call:

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Students are recycling to save lives in Africa

FROM LIFESTRAW PAGE 3

holds sorting events every so often, and anywhere from eight to 20 students come in and help sort the recyclables.

Kay said each LifeStraw costs $5.50 including shipping. While exchange rates vary, most bottles are worth about five cents each in California, making each LifeStraw worth approximately 110 plastic bottles.

"We send massive quantities of these straws across the world," Kay said, naming Africa and Cambodia in particular. The first batch to Cambodia will be sent this summer.

Team Marine is careful about the way they collect plastics, however.

"I don't want to give a kid extra credit to bring in a whole bunch of cans — that might inspire a kid to go out to Costco and buy a whole bunch of water bottles," Kay said.

Kay emphasized reusable bottles are the way to go, but certain plastics for things such as juice cannot be helped.

"We don't want to promote the use of plastic," Kilroy said. "But at the same time, because we can't change the culture immediately, we're trying to make the best of what we have."

With the students' enthusiasm for the project, the effort will continue full steam ahead although the school year is now over.

"Let's try to get as many [bottles] as possible, let's save as many lives as we can," Stilphen said.

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Quakes too small for damage

FROM QUAKES PAGE 3

expect to see any damage. For any actual damage it would have to be above 5," she said.

Southern California experiences many small earthquakes but most are unnoticeable.

"We normally have a minimum of 150 earthquakes a week. Normally it's more like 200 to 250, but most of those are way too small for a person to feel," Hutton said.

A 2008 study released by the Southern California Earthquake Center revealed that California has a 99 percent chance of experiencing a large earthquake in the next 30 years, but Hutton said there is no way to predict where the earthquake will strike.

"We have no way of knowing which [fault line] is more likely except that we know that the San Andreas has more earthquakes than most of the other ones," she said. "It would be a good candidate but we can't be sure."

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Couple moves bookstore back east

FROM **BOOKS** PAGE 1

MacDonald and Coray, a Chilean native who was a translator and fact checker for the Brookings Institution, married in 1988, opening KULTURAs a year later. They have two children.

It was the perfect location for a used bookstore, enjoying the foot traffic off the subway stop and taking advantage of the specialized clientele that D.C. had to offer.

"D.C. is an information town," MacDonald said. "It's full of think tanks and there are seven or eight universities that are within a couple of miles."

In 2006, the couple toyed with the idea of moving the business to Santa Monica where they had visited numerous times on previous vacations, looking for something new. They eyed the city for its likeness in community demographics and scale.

There was also the attraction in being close to the ocean.

In early 2007, KULTURAs opened on the corner of 17th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard and within three months, Coray said she could sense the difference.

"If we made our bare minimum that we needed to survive by December, it would be a freaking miracle," she said.

The couple chalked the problems to the lack of pedestrian flow on the street and decided to open a second location on Fourth Street in Downtown that summer, choosing a place where the foot traffic would be plentiful.

It was, but the new location didn't provide any solutions.

"On a Saturday morning, we would count 100 people that would walk by in an hour, but a few people walked inside," she said.

The Downtown store closed within a few months and the couple decided to focus their attention on Ocean Park Boulevard.

There are several reasons the couple point to when asked about why the book store didn't enjoy the success of its East Coast counterpart, including the writer's strike, the recession and what they believe is an emphasis on the outdoor lifestyle of Southern California.

"In the East Coast cities, the weather is such that there is a natural instinct for gathering nuts for the winter and hiding away in the summer heat," MacDonald said. "If you go to New York subway, everyone is reading, well they're either sleeping or reading.

"Here everyone is in the cars and there's no time to read."

They also spoke of the media's emphasis on the closing of independent bookstores in the Los Angeles area, adding that there wasn't enough focus on promoting those that currently exist. KULTURAs is one of the few remaining in the area.

On Thursday afternoon, frequent customer Leesa Woods stopped by to trade in some old books for store credit. Up until a year ago she frequently came to the book store to meet her daughter, a student at John Adams Middle School, after school. The visits decreased after her daughter graduated.

Her favorite find at the book store is one written by Sir Isaac Newton.

Woods said she was disappointed to see the closing notice on the door.

"I like the bookstore being here," she said. "I like that I can stroll here after getting a coffee across the street."

As they pack up their 25,000-book collection, the owners reflect on their stay in the city, saying that while times might have been tough with the business, they liked their customers and enjoyed living nearby in the Pacific Palisades.

They have yet to find a new location in Washington D.C. but hope to reopen somewhere in the Dupont circle neighborhood.

"It's a beautiful place but it's been the best of times and worst of times," Coray said. "Everything is not about money, but you do need to eat and pay off insurance and things like that."

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Water and sewer mains to be upgraded

FROM **CONSENT** PAGE 1

for Santa Monica Police Department prisoners to the Airport Courthouse near LAX.

The sheriff's department has been transporting prisoners for the SMPD since 2004 and its current agreement will expire at the end of this month. Almost all criminal cases involving suspects arrested by the SMPD are heard at the Airport Courthouse.

City Hall evaluated several different options when the Los Angeles County Superior Court decided to move all criminal cases from the local branch, including transporting prisoners using in-house staff and video-conferencing hearings out of the Public Safety Facility, ultimately seeing the sheriff's department as the most cost effective option.

WATER AND SEWER MAIN UPGRADES

The council is expected to hire CSD Engineering to provide design services for a series of water main replacement and upgrade projects.

The $418,000 contract covers water mains at six different locations in the city, all of which are north of the I-10 Freeway. The projects are part of City Hall's Water Main Replacement Program, which involves changing or upgrading mains based on their age, condition and capacity demands, the city staff report said. The mains covered in this year's project have been identified as needing the most attention in the water distribution system.

A similar contract to provide design services for the wastewater main replacement and upgrade project will go to Psomas for $594,000. The contract covers roughly 48 different locations or 19,500 linear feet of wastewater mains.

NEWSPAPER LEGAL NOTICE CONTRACTS

The Santa Monica Daily Press will continue printing legal notices for City Hall next fiscal year. City Hall evaluated bids based on several criteria, including delivery methods, circulation and reputation. Officials anticipate spending between $57,375 to $63,750 next year on legal notices.

MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR HISTORIC ANALYSIS

A slew of some complex matters regarding landmark-designated properties will mean more money for consultant services.

The council will be asked to authorize an additional $24,672 to a contract with PCR Services Corp., which provides independent historic resources analysis. The extra money will be necessary to cover the costs of some extra work that the consultant has taken on, including reviewing tenant improvements to City Hall to be sure it's in line with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

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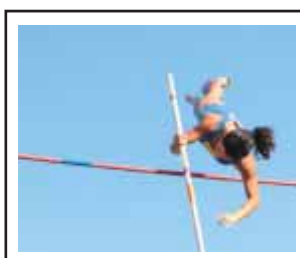

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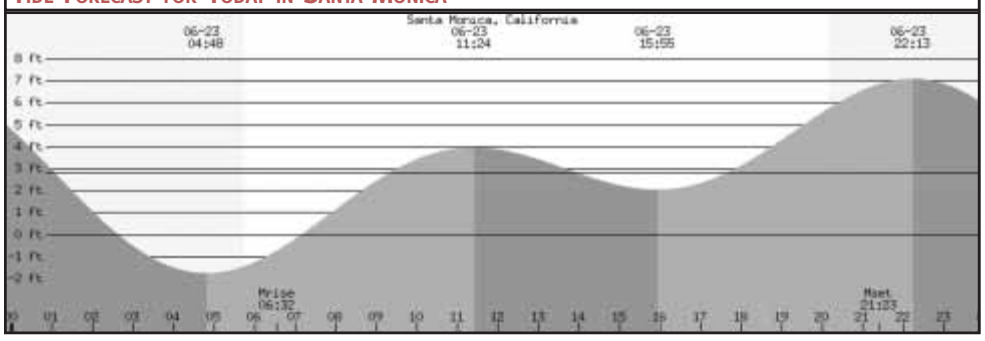
Swell Forecast (2-4 FT)

Tuesday the 23rd looks a little weaker as wind swell fades and light southern hemi remains. Most all breaks are looking at waist high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 24th the wind swell should back off to nil. Light southern hemi should once again start out the day at south facing breaks with waist to possibly chest high waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **June 16, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
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	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	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	A+	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	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	B	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	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	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	C	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 D&W 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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Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 1:45, 4:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:10am, 1:40, 4:15, 6:45

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:05

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min
1:25, 6:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:40am, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 9:15, 10:15

Land of the Lost (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:00am, 4:20, 9:45

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) 2hrs 01min
11:05am, 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
12:01am

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Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 57min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Taylor Camp 1hr 40min
5:00, 7:30

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Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:00, 6:15

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:50 a.m., 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:10

Imagine That (PG)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

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Share your thoughts, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Say what you need to say early on. Later, you could feel confused and tired. Realize that not everyone is like you or has the same point of view. A situation could be most disconcerting, and it feels as if what you do is irrelevant. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Assess your finances with an open eye. You could be tired before you even begin. Your creativity still bubbles forth, but your energy to carry an idea through could lessen. In the face of opposition, you could back off — for now. Tonight: Chitchat the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You move through the day with deliberation. You could find it difficult to tolerate any confusion or challenges. Your finances might not always be easy to handle. You know far more than you are willing to reveal. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Most of the later day, you know that you are A-OK. However, in the morning, your mind could be working overtime, considering the pros and cons of a situation. A new beginning you have wanted can become possible with determination. Tonight: Is someone's attitude the result of fear?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your strength in personal relations comes out in the a.m. Many people toss a lot on your plate. You might be worried about what comes next. In the afternoon you could be unavailable. Tonight: Take some much needed private time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others look to you and want to understand how you get through all your work. Your attention to detail is excellent. Your creativity remains high and direct. Take your time with a decision. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Make a point of detaching before you encounter any new issues. If you can, try a different approach to work or your daily life. Be willing to experiment some, and you'll detach. Make a long-needed resolution in the p.m. Tonight: Could be late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner demands a lot and wants a lot back. You could wonder exactly what you are doing in a present situation. Listen to someone's suggestions, then walk away mentally. You might want to do needed research. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Don't be criticized for not doing something the way someone else might deem to be the right way. Rather, let your imagination reveal itself. Schedule a one-on-one meeting in the afternoon. Tonight: Someone's challenge might come from fear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice, which keeps telling you to do this or that. You'll clear out a lion's share by the afternoon. Others prove to be demanding. But understand that this neediness comes from respect. Tonight: Listen rather than oppose. Where is the midpoint?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others might be very serious and give you a compliment. Your mind trips with delight as your imagination spins out from that simple statement. Not everyone appreciates this quality. Use discretion. Tonight: Squeeze in a walk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Often, you wish you worked at home, or, if home, you wish you could change the circumstances around your work. Give this idea serious consideration. Your creativity explodes in the afternoon. Tonight: Share some ideas with another creative person!

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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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

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

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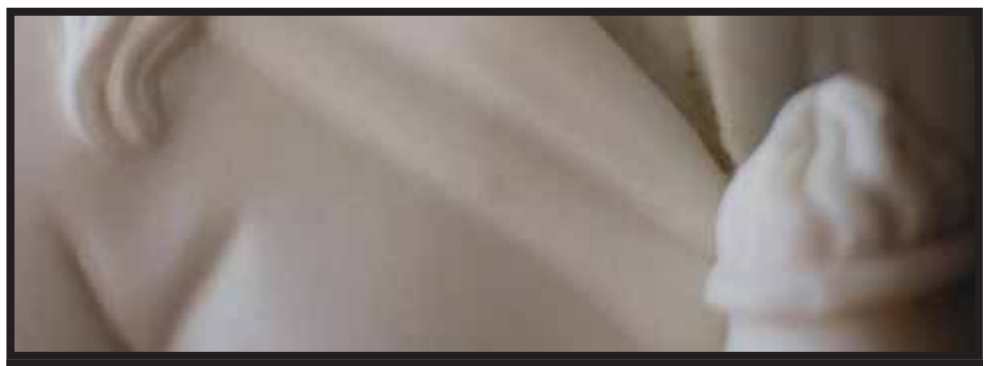
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Dennis Tommasino of Venice correctly identified this photo of a statue at the left of the fireplace in the Guest House at the old Marion Davies Estate, now the Annenberg Community Beach House. He will receive a prize from the Daily Press.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Private's denial
6 Bowling challenge
11 "... like I need — in the head"
12 UN goal
13 42nd president
15 Lawn makeup
16 Kids' game
17 Terminus
18 Metal man
20 Air traffic aid
23 Pester
27 Had debts
28 Inside picture
29 Leary of "Rescue Me"
31 "Alfie" star
32 Burger add-on
34 Cry of insight
37 Greedy desire
38 "Alfie" star (2004)
41 44th president
44 Mouse activity
45 Black bird
46 Louver parts
47 Get to one's feet

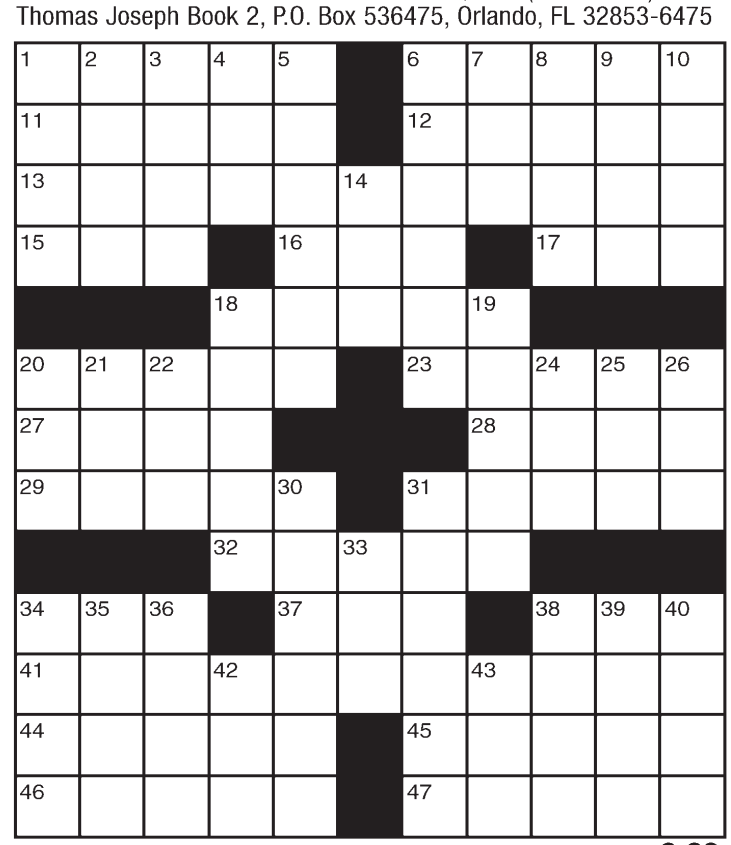
DOWN

1 Arrests
2 River from Pittsburgh
3 Auction cry
4 Under the weather
5 Parish head
6 Faucet
7 Signing need
8 Behind schedule
9 File stand-in
10 Watch over
14 Chemist's place
18 CBer's need
19 Lone Star State native
20 Scepter
21 Reverent wonder
22 Bear's lair
24 "Entourage" agent
25 — Andreas
26 Pupil's place
30 Chips and pretzels
31 Hues
33 Kind
34 Basics
35 Foyer
36 Opera highlight
38 Kilauea output
39 Church reply
40 Prop for Potter
42 Play division
43 Slugger's need

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R	E	C	A	P		I	D	O	L	S
O	N	C	U	E		G	E	N	O	A
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Competitive Facial Hair:** At the biennial World Beard and Moustache Championships in May in Anchorage, Alaska, four local heroes "defeated" the usually dominant German contingent in the 18-category pageant, including overall champ David Traver of Girdwood, Alaska, whose woven chin hair suggests a long potholder. Said Traver, of the Germans, "They were humble, and you have to respect that." One defending champ, Jack Passion of Los Angeles, fell short with his navel-length red hair, despite having authored "The Facial Hair Handbook" after his 2007 victory. Traver acknowledged that no money was at stake (only trophies and "bragging rights"), but added that there are "a lot of ladies" who fawn over men's facial hair. "Seriously, they exist."

■ **Men Who Get Around:** (1) Thomas Frazier, 42, was jailed in Flint, Mich., in April after his unpaid child-support tab reached $530,000 (14 children with 13 women). He told the judge that he was only trying "to find someone who would love me for me." (2) The total tab of Desmond Hatchell, 29, of Knoxville, Tenn., was not reported at his May court appearance, but the judge questioned him sharply about payments from his minimum-wage job. Hatchell has 21 kids by 11 women, but told WLVT-TV, "I didn't intend to have this many."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1972 President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

1985 all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, after a bomb widely believed to have been planted by Sikh separatists exploded.

1989 the Supreme Court refused to shut down the "dial-a-porn" industry, ruling Congress had gone too far in passing a law banning all sexually oriented phone message services.

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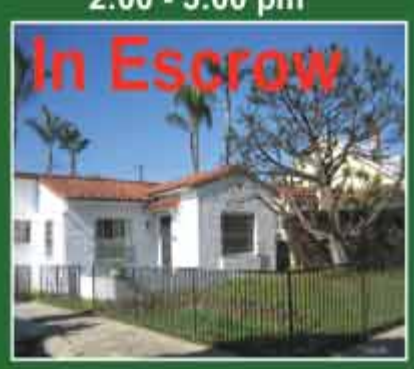
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