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Motorcycle sting set

If you plan on taking your hog out for a ride up the coast this Sunday, you better make sure you know all the rules of the road.

That's because Santa Monica police will conduct a "Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation" this weekend in areas that are either regularly used by motorcyclists or where there have been previous motorcycle crashes, said Santa Monica police spokesman Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Officers, he said, will be strictly enforcing traffic violations committed by motorcyclists as well as drivers of autos, as their actions could lead to motorcycle collisions, fatalities or injuries.

Motorcycle fatalities, Trisler said, have been on the rise in California, increasing 175 percent in the past decade from 204 killed in 1998 to 560 killed in 2008.

Factors contributing to motorcycle collisions include speeding, alcohol and drug use and driver inexperience. Many people are riding bikes without the proper skills and training, Trisler said.

Riders can get safety training through the California Motorcycle Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at www.ca-msp.org or (877) 743-3411.

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Santa Monica Place welcomes Nordstrom

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA PLACE With the Third Street Promenade and the newly opened outdoor mall, Santa Monica is no stranger to high-end shopping.

However, with the grand opening of Nordstrom at Santa Monica Place on Friday, locals can now enjoy having the comforts of the fashion retailer chain in their very own neighborhood.

"The quality of the stuff [at Nordstrom] is a lot better, so it's going to last a lot longer. And it's much more convenient to have it here rather than like Culver City or the

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Measure Y divides business community

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With a school district activist and a Chamber of Commerce leader heading the effort to pass Measure Y, the ballot initiative that would increase the local sales tax by a half percent, backers are portraying the tax hike as a needed revenue booster that has broad based appeal.

For school supporters and those concerned about protecting City Hall's robust array of services as costs increase, the benefits of the measure are clear.

The tax hike would generate roughly an additional $12 million per year, $6 million of which could go to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District if voters approve an "advisory measure" that would urge City Hall leaders to commit half of the new funding to the district. The measure is not legally binding, but if approved the council is expected to dedicate half of the tax measure to schools..

The education angle figures prominently with both co-chairs of the measure's campaign committee, Shari Davis, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, and Tom Larmore, a chamber past president who has sited the benefit to schools as the primary reason for backing the tax.

"I think that it's just absolutely critical for our schools to be able to establish a reliable source of funding," he said in an interview.

It's still unclear, though, how the majority in the business community view the idea of raising the sales tax as stores continue to struggle amidst a pullback in consumer spending.

Hoping to educate its members and other voters, the chamber is hosting an "informational meeting" at which Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould will dis-

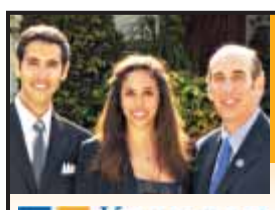
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A LITTLE ONE GIVES A LOT

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Erika Tontti, with her babysitter Anna Suutari (right), gives Santa Monica Fire Fighter Robert Erdmann a high five after donating money to the 'Fill The Boot' campaign on the Third Street Promenade on Friday. The campaign raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Muscular dystrophy is a group of disorders that involve muscle weakness and loss of muscle tissue that get worse over time.


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Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010

Become a part of the act
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

Join the Robin Cox Ensemble for a continuous one-hour event that invites the participation of all. Before the concert, dance improviser Stephanie Nugent will offer concepts for movement. Non-dancers welcome, come participate as a mover, listener or dancer. Dance tips at 7:30 p.m., music at 8 p.m. Reservations for this event only; (562) 243-0848 or at www.robincoxensemble.com. Tickets are $15.

Run down lung cancer!
Santa Monica Beach, Beach Park 1, 9 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Hosted by survivors Gabby Wilson and Desperate Housewives star Kathyrn Joosten, the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation 5K Walk hopes to raise funding for lung cancer research. Make your way down to the Oceanfront Walk for a day of exercise and fun. Day of registration starts at 7:30 a.m. for $30. The race begins at 9:00 a.m.

To be or not to be?
Santa Monica Playhouse
Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday 6 p.m.

Join the cast of "Elizabeth Shakespeare and the Astute Detective" on their opening night as they explore the question of who actually wrote the "Shakespeare" plays. Admission is $17.50 — $20. For more information or tickets, visit http://santamonicaplayhouse.com

Sky high
Santa Monica Pier, 7 p.m.

Ever wondered what it would be like to fly? Come down to the pier to watch the Trapeze School of New York conquer death defying heights and perform their aerial acrobatics. The best part is not that it's free, but that the show's theme is Pirates! Remember to dress to impress!

The cat's meow
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
Saturday 10 a.m. — 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Show off your cat's hot stuff or just admire someone else's beautiful feline for the weekend. Previous winners include a black Persian and Seal Lynx Point Spay.

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010

Discover your happy place
Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 a.m. — 10 a.m.

For only $15 a session, you can work on improving your posture and breathing. Take an hour off the crossword puzzle to work on inner peace. This week's focus is on the deep stretch. No experience necessary. For more information, visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/classes.aspx.

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Voters could decide new fees for clean water projects

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SACRAMENTO Los Angeles County residents may be asked whether to approve new fees that would support clean-water projects under a bill authored by Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) that passed the state Legislature on Friday.

If signed into law by Gov. Schwarzenegger, the bill, AB 2554, would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to ask voters if they want to pay a property-related user fee to help maintain water quality and availability throughout the region.

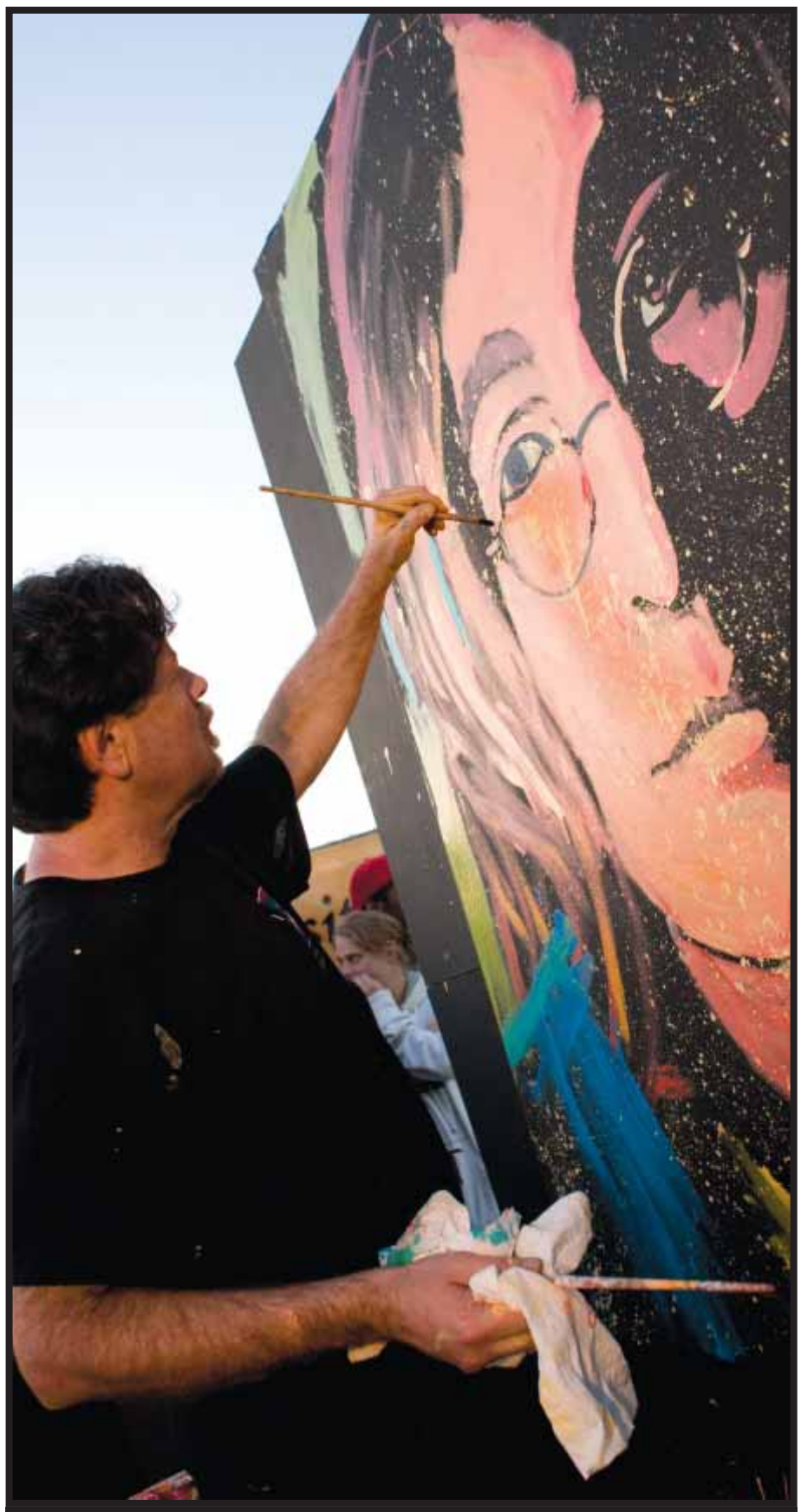
This bill is essential to the operation of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as it tries to eliminate significant pollution imperiling the health of 8 million residents and jeopardizing the economy in the greater Los Angeles area," Brownley said in a press release. "AB 2554 takes the best approach to mitigating storm water runoff pollution: through a funding structure that enhances comprehensive regional and municipal planning."

The flood control district serves more than 3,000 square miles and 85 cities. It includes 14 major dams, 2,800 miles of underground storm drains, and 77,900 catch basins.

Urban development has led to expanded paving of land surfaces, interfering with the natural filtration and cleansing of groundwater through soil and plants, according to Brownley. As storm waters and urban runoff collect, they become contaminated with nearly 100 different pollutants from trash, bacteria and chemicals and spill out into the area's rivers, putting human and marine life at risk, the assemblywoman said in a press release.

If voters choose to approve new user fees, the revenue would be allocated for water quality programs as follows: 10 percent would go to the district for administration of the programs, 40 percent would be returned to cities and unincorporated areas within the district, and 50 percent would be allocated to the nine watershed regions in the district.

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CREATIVE MINDS

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Performance artist Greg Adamson paints a portrait of John Lennon during the opening night of Beatles Fest at the Twilight Dance Series on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night. The festival celebrates everything Beatles and runs through Saturday.

Recession pushing birth rate to new low

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writer

Forget the Dow and the GDP. Here's the latest economic indicator: The U.S. birth rate has fallen to its lowest level in at least a century as many people apparently decided they couldn't afford more mouths to feed.

The birth rate dropped for the second year in a row since the recession began in 2007. Births fell 2.6 percent last year even as the population grew, numbers released Friday by the National Center for Health Statistics show.

"It's a good-sized decline for one year. Every month is showing a decline from the year before," said Stephanie Ventura, the demographer who oversaw the report.

The birth rate, which takes into account changes in the population, fell to 13.5 births for every 1,000 people last year. That's down from 14.3 in 2007 and way down from 30 in 1909, when it was common for people to have big families.

The situation is a striking turnabout from 2007, when more babies were born in the United States than any other year in the nation's history. The recession began that fall, dragging down stocks, jobs and births.

"When the economy is bad and people are uncomfortable about their financial future, they tend to postpone having children. We saw that in the Great Depression the 1930s and we're seeing that in the Great Recession today," said Andrew Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University.

"It could take a few years to turn this around," he added.

The birth rate dipped below 20 per 1,000 people in 1932 and did not rise above that level until the early 1940s. Recent recessions, in 1981-82, 1990-91 and 2001, all were followed by small dips in the birth rate, according to CDC figures.

The Great Recession "is definitely a deterrent" to people having more children, said Dr. Michael Cabbad, chief of maternal health at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, where births declined from about 2,800 in 2008 to about 2,500 last year.

Even Cabbad's son said he'd like to have more children "if his business plan works out."

Nearly half of low- and middle-income women surveyed a year ago by the Guttmacher Institute said they wanted to delay pregnancy or limit the number of children they have because of money concerns. Half of those women also

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Thieves or environmentalists

Editor:

In regards to the story of the two teenage "thieves," the fact that police would encourage reporting and putting a stop to and arresting the youth who are participating in sustaining the environment and turning waste into profit is ludicrous and hilarious ("Two teens arrested in cooking oil theft," Aug. 26).

Police only amplify their real interests in support of corporations like Carl's Jr. And the interests of politicians instead of the people. Sgt. [Jay] Trisler and former Councilmember [Kelly] Olsen only show their ignorance in calling young people with an entrepreneurial spirit "criminals." If anything, they lose the confidence of young people. As a Santa Monica resident who supports alternative fuels, I will see to it that I am in opposition to any efforts by Olsen and Trisler's support of big oil and big business and their crusade to stamp out the "oil pirates," let alone their interests in local politics. They will not have my vote.

If they had any sense beyond their simple-mindedness, they would lead an effort with young people, local businesses and the sanitation authority to begin a project which converts cooking oil into bio-diesel, which could be used to operate local buses, garbage trucks and generators. Is that asking too much?

Shame on Trisler and Olsen. I agree it is wrong for the youth to take the oil without permission, but to call them criminals because of the waste being more profitable than say cans and bottles, is a crime in itself. If we have advertisements all over Santa Monica boasting how much of a "green city" we are, let's not then arrest people for being independent and wanting to make it a part of their own lives.

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Offended reader

Editor:

I found it interesting – and offensive – that Kenny Mack led off two full columns about how angry Laura Schlessinger's racism made him by pointing out in the very first half-dozen lines that both Dr. Laura and Howard Stern are Jewish ("Farewell and good riddance," Aug. 25). While much of Kenny's audience, this writer included, will not mourn Laura Schlessinger in her retirement or beg for her return, the reference to her religion and to Howard Stern's can most charitably be described as gratuitous. Racism is a knife that cuts in many different directions, Kenny.

Joan Walston
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Waiting for 2015

Editor:

Unlike many of SMDP's readers, I'm delighted that the FAA has changed the departure path for many aircraft flying out of SMO. Why? Because I'd love to see the airport totally shut down as soon as the city is able to do so (July 2015, by the terms of the Faustian 1984 agreement).

But thus far, the city seems to have shown no inclination to declare its intent to do it. Where do the current members of our City Council stand with regard to what happens in 2015? I haven't a clue. But perhaps the silver lining in the FAA's decision to annoy a larger number of Santa Monica residents with aircraft noise and concerns about safety from planes departing SMO might be stronger motivation for many of the city's residents to vote for candidates who promise that a 2015 closure will be a high priority. My vote will certainly be cast for those with an unequivocal "close SMO in 2015" stand, an issue which (for me) trumps all the others, as important as they are (overdevelopment, traffic, homelessness, and countless others).

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Modern Times

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If they build it, people will complain

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE BIGGEST recall in American history. Obviously, I'm talking about eggs. Many of us have worried about this danger for years, but we were branded as "alarmists." These eggs have proven to be a huge danger to the health and vitality of our nation. Now, just to rub it in, I've heard rumors that the American Poultry And Egg Society is building a Cultural Center in Iowa. What makes it worse is that they plan on building this only a few hundred yards from Wright County Egg — where many of the tainted eggs came from. I don't mind the society having a building to educate the public about chicken and eggs. However, it is incredibly insensitive of them to have the center so close to the site of this disaster.

I don't feel I have to be politically correct when it comes to chickens. This is a democracy and the "Land Of The Free" and all that stuff, so we have always permitted all foods to be eaten here. However, traditionally, the United States has been a meat country. Beef was considered to be one of the healthiest foods. We ate red meat to get stronger. Then along came some "scientific" research that claimed that things like "cholesterol" and other invisible "dangerous" chemicals were in red meat, and that chicken was healthier for us. Oh, really? When was the last time a steer with salmonella laid an infected egg?

In American tradition, chicken and eggs are not on the same level as many other foods. For example, we eat turkey on Thanksgiving. A Christmas goose or ham is on many tables. Can you imagine there ever being a tradition in our country of having people over on Flag Day to eat an omelet?

The disease that these eggs carry, obviously, comes from hens. And how do these hens get it? They get it by eating feed that has been infiltrated by rat or mouse droppings. Even those on the political left must see this as disgusting.

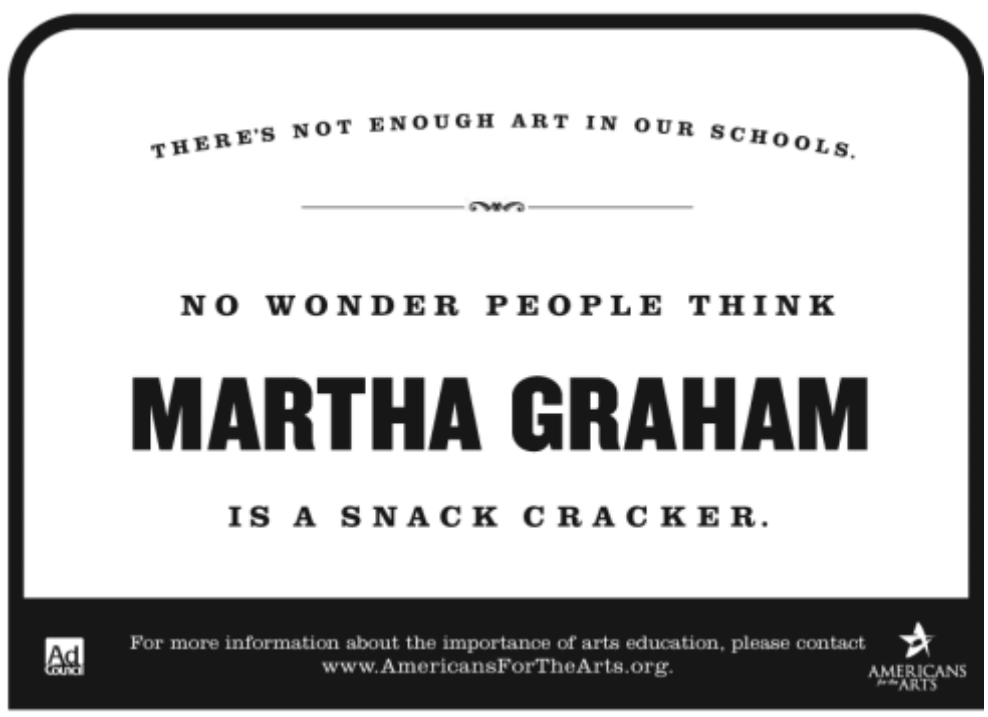
The touchy-feely, latte-drinking Santa Monica liberals will tell you that chickens should be treated the same way that we treat all other animals that we eat. That's a good idea in theory, but no other animal's disease has invaded our country on this scale. Half a billion — that's billion with a B — eggs have been recalled. To give you a visual, if you put a billion eggs end to end around the world, well, uh, it sure would make a mess.

"IT'S JUST POSSIBLE THAT WE FINALLY HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT OLD QUESTION: 'WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?' 'BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH BORDER GUARDS TO STOP HIM.'"

So while it's true that the majority of chickens (and their eggs) may pose no threat to America, the threat from a minority of them is so great, that we have to be wary of all chickens. I'm not chicken-phobic, but times have changed. We must be vigilant. Those who make their living from chickens should be sensitive to this fact and put their Poultry Cultural Center somewhere other than in the middle of America's farm country. A good place might be downtown Manhattan.

I also can't help wondering if some of these eggs were smuggled into the United States from other countries. Doesn't half a billion sound like a huge number of eggs to come just from Iowa? This is something that I hope the government will look into. We should take precautions just in case our enemies are using tainted eggs to weaken the greatest nation in the world. It's just possible that we finally have an answer to that old question: "Why did the chicken cross the road?" "Because there weren't enough border guards to stop him."

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Protecting seniors from fraud

Q: I'M CONCERNED THAT MY ELDERLY mother is too generous with her money and may be taken advantage of by others. Is there anything I can do to protect her?

A: Financial abuse of seniors is a rapidly growing crime. Many solicitors, whether over the phone or in person try to "con" the elderly for their money, belongings and even their property.

One of the most widespread abuses include prize and sweepstakes scams. Con artists, via mail or telephone, use the promise of a prize or award to entice the consumer to send money or buy overpriced merchandise. The catch is that in order of obtain the "prize," the victim is asked to pay a fee or purchase some merchandise. Usually there is no prize and the con artist pockets the money and the merchandise is either worth less than the fee or no prize is given at all. Unfortunately, many seniors think, "Maybe this time it is for real." The reality is, they never are and we need to remind them, "if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is."

Another scam that is often targeted at the elderly is home improvement scams. Each year many citizens are victims of poor, over-priced or never-completed home repairs. The con artists show up unannounced and talk very fast. They are very convincing and often can convince a senior they need work done on their home, whether needed or not. After the con artist convinces the homeowner work needs to be done, they ask for money up front (cash only) for supplies with the promise they will complete the work quickly and efficiently. Should this happen, always ask for a business license and a business card. If you are suspicious, call our dispatch and let them know of the circumstances and give a description of the alleged contractor and his vehicle so an officer can follow up and verify their intentions.

A variation of the home improvement scam is the distraction burglary. This occurs when a subject knocks on the front door of the residence and claims to be from the gas company or water company and need access to the rear yard for things like a gas leak, electrical line repair, tree trimming in a neighboring yard, or anything that would distract the homeowner. This allows an accomplice to enter the home, steal cash or jewelry and leave unnoticed. If any worker comes to your residence without an appointment, obtain his or her name from the work ID card and get the business phone number from information, so you can call and verify the validity of the work that needs to be done. Do not allow the worker to give you the phone number, as you could be calling the accomplice. If the person is legitimate, he will have no problem giving you this information. If he refuses, call the police at (310) 458-8491.

The best way to keep these individuals from victimizing you is to simply keep your home locked, even when you are working in the yard. Remember, anytime you are outside your home, you cannot possibly see every door that a would-be thief might enter.

For further information regarding these types of crimes affecting our senior citizens, please feel free to contact our community relations department located in the front lobby of the police station in person or by phone at (310)458-8474. In addition, if you or someone you know has become a victim of either financial or physical elder abuse, please contact our Elder Abuse Liaison Claudia Nava at (310)458-6971.

Q: I SEE MANY DIFFERENT PERFORMERS both on and around the Third Street Promenade. Are there any restrictions or rules they must follow?

A: Yes, according to Santa Monica Municipal Code 6.112.030, no performer may perform within 10 feet of any bus stop, street corner or marked pedestrian crosswalk. Nor can they be within 10 feet of the outer edge of any entrance of any business, including, but not limited to, doors; vestibules; driveways; outdoor dining area entries; and emergency exits, during the hours that any business on the premises is open to the public or to persons having or conducting lawful business within those premises.

In addition, a performer must not use any knife, sword, torch, flame, axe, saw, or other object that can cause serious bodily injury to any person, or engage in any activity, including, but not limited to, acrobatics, tumbling, or cycling, that can cause serious bodily injury to any person. Nor can a performer utilize or prevent the public from utilizing any public benches, waste receptacles, or other street furniture during the performance.

A performer and their equipment may not block or obstruct the free and safe movement of pedestrians. If a sufficient crowd gathers to observe a performer such that the passage of the public through a public area is blocked or obstructed, a police officer or fire official may disperse that portion of the crowd that is blocking or obstructing the passage of the public. If a performer cannot conduct a performance in a location without blocking or obstructing the passage of the public, a police officer or fire official may cause the performer to leave the location or require that the performer relocate his or her equipment, but shall not prevent the performer from occupying another location in compliance with this chapter.

These are just some of the rules governing performers. For further insight into this subject, please log on the City of Santa Monica Municipal code website at www.qcode.us/codes/santamonica. If you are unsure if the performer is adhering to the rules or think they are conducting their show in an unsafe or inappropriate manner, please call our dispatch at (310) 458-8491 and they will send an officer to inspect as soon as one is available.

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The Re-View

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After a rough start Xino is on a roll

FINALLY, A GOOD CHINESE RESTAURANT IN SANTA Monica. When I first moved here there were lots of Chinese restaurants, many Cantonese, but a few Szechuan. I don't know what happened to them, but I guess the pizza, taco and Italian restaurants took them over.

Now our luck has changed, and not only do we have good Chinese food in the city by the sea, but it's located in a great spot with indoor and outdoor dining and lots of good drinks to go with it.

I'm talking about Xino Restaurant & Lounge, whose parent restaurant is in San Jose. The restaurant recently opened in the new Santa Monica Place on the third floor dining deck. So far my friends tell me that Xino is the best of the bunch. I had lunch there with three worldly friends who have lived in lots of exotic places, and everyone loved it. The owner, Chris Yeo, was on-site, always a good sign, and Heather, from the San Jose branch, was there as well.

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Looking at reviews on the web was discouraging. They were almost uniformly bad, particularly about the service and the prices. I talked to Mr. Yeo about it, and he admitted that they had a rough start. He said they were not prepared for the rush of people during the first few days, and the kitchen couldn't handle it, let alone all new staff of servers. But after seeing how poorly things were going, he took steps to limit the number of people at any time, and added to the staff so that they can now deliver the quality and service as anticipated.

The space is quite nice. There's a quiet area between the inside bar and the outside patio. There's a lounge in front of the inside bar, just inside the front door. But the patio is where most people want to sit, and it's very comfortable, open, with good umbrella shade, tables and booths. The music is louder on the patio, and while I personally don't like gospel influenced singing while I eat, most people seem to.

We had a little of this and a little of that.

We started with the dim sum, which was what had attracted my attention in the first place. While not as light as those in Singapore, they were very good and the fillings were more flavorful than any others I've had in Los Angeles (including Chinatown). This is a restaurant not afraid of strong flavors. After a bit of a wait we were served with three dipping sauces of the usual varieties. Of course I prefer dim sum off the cart, where there is no waiting and they are always piping hot, but this is the next best thing. I found the wild mushroom dim sum unusual and delicious. There were bao and fried crab puffs, plus the usual seafood and pork delicacies.

The big surprise was how good the regular Chinese dishes were. The favorite dish seemed to be the Szechuan tangerine beef with hot peppers. The peppers were hot, but the beef was tangy and sweet, tender and full of flavor. The garlic shrimp with red peppers was equally flavorful, and I hope you like garlic if you order it. On the Cantonese side was shrimp and scallops on a noodle base that looked like a large bird's nest. The noodles were crispy around the edges, but soft in the middle, redolent of chicken broth. Every dish was prepared properly, but there is a lot on the menu that we did not taste.

The prices are surprisingly reasonable. On the appetizer and small plates and happy hour list only the kobe sliders at $14 are above the $10 level. Most of the plates are between $4 and $7. On the regular list most of the dishes run between $10 to $14 except for the Mongolian Cowboy Rib Eye for $38 — something I intend to try just to see why it cost three times as much as the other dishes.

I'm so happy Xino has moved into our little town.

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The Q Line

A message to Arizona

The City Council recently agreed to boycott Arizona over its controversial illegal immigration law, but that decision may end up costing them a couple million dollars on a contract to purchase mobile homes.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the council was right in boycotting Arizona, or do you think they missed the mark?
Here are your responses:

"I BELIEVE THE BOYCOTTING OF Arizona is stupidity beyond belief. It is a costly mistake and not what our City Council is paid to do. That the boycott is led by a non-elected individual should be a warning to our voters to remove him from our council before he becomes a permanent liability."

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED States is very specific regarding the rules of law its citizens must conform to and those wishing to become citizens. Once a person becomes a citizen they may travel the common area road and walkways of our nation, as long as they behave, and live where they want to live and can monetarily afford. Still it is my experience that the various races of people enjoy living in a cluster of their own race. This is good in the fact that it affords each group a chance for a solid voting block, enabling them to vote into office a candidate of their own race or choosing. Santa Monica would not accept Arizona having any say in politics, not that Arizona would want to have any say. It should be noted that Santa Monica politicians have their own share of problems to dwell on and should keep their noses out of Arizona's politics."

"I THINK THE CITY COUNCIL TOTALLY missed the mark when they boycotted the Arizona thing and I think that people should be able to keep their nose out of other people's business. It is not our business what Arizona is doing, especially when we need them for certain things. It just doesn't make sense."

"WHEN I CAME TO AMERICA AT THE AGE of 18 years old to join my mother, I had to carry the card of my registration until I became a citizen 10 years later. Shame on Santa Monica and President Obama and anybody that is even thinking of boycotting Arizona from protecting our border from illegals. Being in this country illegally is a crime. Don't do it. We can go to Mexico without a passport. What does that tell us?"

"I THINK THE COUNCIL'S BOYCOTTING of Arizona was outrageous. There are probably as many Santa Monica residents on Arizona's side as against them, and there may be as many Arizona residents against their law as there are for it. In fact, the owner of the trailer company might be against it himself. It is about time our council bother to find out what we the people want. Hurry everyone, get rid of this horrible council in the next election and let's hope we can do it before they cost us another $2 million!"

"THE COMMIE SCOUNDRELS FROM Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights keep whining for more and more taxes for their socialist programs, yet they squander taxpayers' money on their frivolous political agenda. Their Arizona stance could have been OK if it didn't cost us millions. Instead, SMRR and their council crooks should have given us back the millions from their rich coffers they have gotten through robbing us for 31 years, or at least allowed us to vote on the issue at the next election."

"WHAT PART OF ILLEGAL ALIENS DOES the Santa Monica City Council not understand? They are here illegally. They are illegal. At least Arizona is trying to do something about it. Instead of boycotting Arizona, we should boycott Mexico. They are the source of all these illegal aliens."

"I THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE not boycotted Arizona. But then again we have so much money for our schools, etc. so what the heck does it matter a loss of $2 million."

"BOYCOTTING ARIZONA, THAT IS THE epitome of politically correct as self destruction, and second it is none of their business."

"THE CITY COUNCIL GOT IT COMPLETELY **wrong. We are a municipal city, not the federal government. We should not have policies that cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. The city should stick to its business, which is providing basic services, such as police and fire, and it shouldn't really even be providing mobile homes to people. It's out of control. Stop this."**

"THE CITY COUNCIL HAS STUCK THEIR long, wart-covered Buttinski noses where they don't belong. With utter confidence, I think I can say the vast majority of Santa Monicans and America as a whole support Arizona. Were we consulted before the boycott was enacted? No. The City Council should be cheering on Arizona and call on California to crack down on the illegals that are destroying nearly every facet of our lives with rising cost of insurance, the jobs they are taking, and so on – if they need to get involved at all. Yet another item on the list of issues our city government has acted against the will of their constituents."

"THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE A bunch of hypocrites. Arizona has every right to enforce its borders and they also have the water that California needs. It's like cutting off our nose to spite our face."

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MEASURE Y
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cuss Measure Y on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. Its board of directors will consider whether to back the measure Sept. 23, said Laurel Rosen, the organization's executive director.

The chamber endorsed two recent ballot measures aimed at raising money for the schools, school bond Measure BB, which passed in 2006, and Measure A, a proposed parcel tax for the district that failed to win the needed two-thirds support in a special election earlier this year.

The proposed sales tax hike, though, has already stirred spirited discussion in the business community.

"We really recognize in this economic climate this is a challenge for businesses on one level," Rosen said. "We also understand that many people are hoping that there will be good that will come out of this for the schools."

While Larmore, an attorney, is backing the measure, other business people said employers are sharply divided on the tax hike.

Pat Barrett, president of Barrett Appliances and another past president of the chamber, said the tax increase would hurt retailers who deal in big ticket items the most because customers could easily choose to shop outside the city limits for major purchases to avoid the extra charge.

The tax increase, if approved, would not apply to those who make major purchases and have those items delivered to a home or business outside Santa Monica. The same goes for those who purchase cars and register them in another city.

"We have people comment every day, even now as it is, about how high sales taxes are in general," he said.

He said Larmore's support for the tax doesn't reflect retailers' attitudes. Attorneys and other professionals, he noted, wouldn't be forced to charge their clients more if the tax increase passes.

"If they think it's such a good idea, why don't they push for a 10 percent tax on their professional fees?" Barrett said.

For his part, Larmore said he doesn't expect the tax to be a drag on local retail businesses.

"I don't think it'll be bad for anybody's business. The amount of additional tax that anyone would have to pay is so small that I don't think anyone will even notice."

He said the higher tax rate — Santa Monica's sales tax would become 10.25 percent if Measure Y passes — could even help retailers.

"The schools have a tremendous amount of support and I think that's going to translate into people being more likely to spend money here than elsewhere," he said.

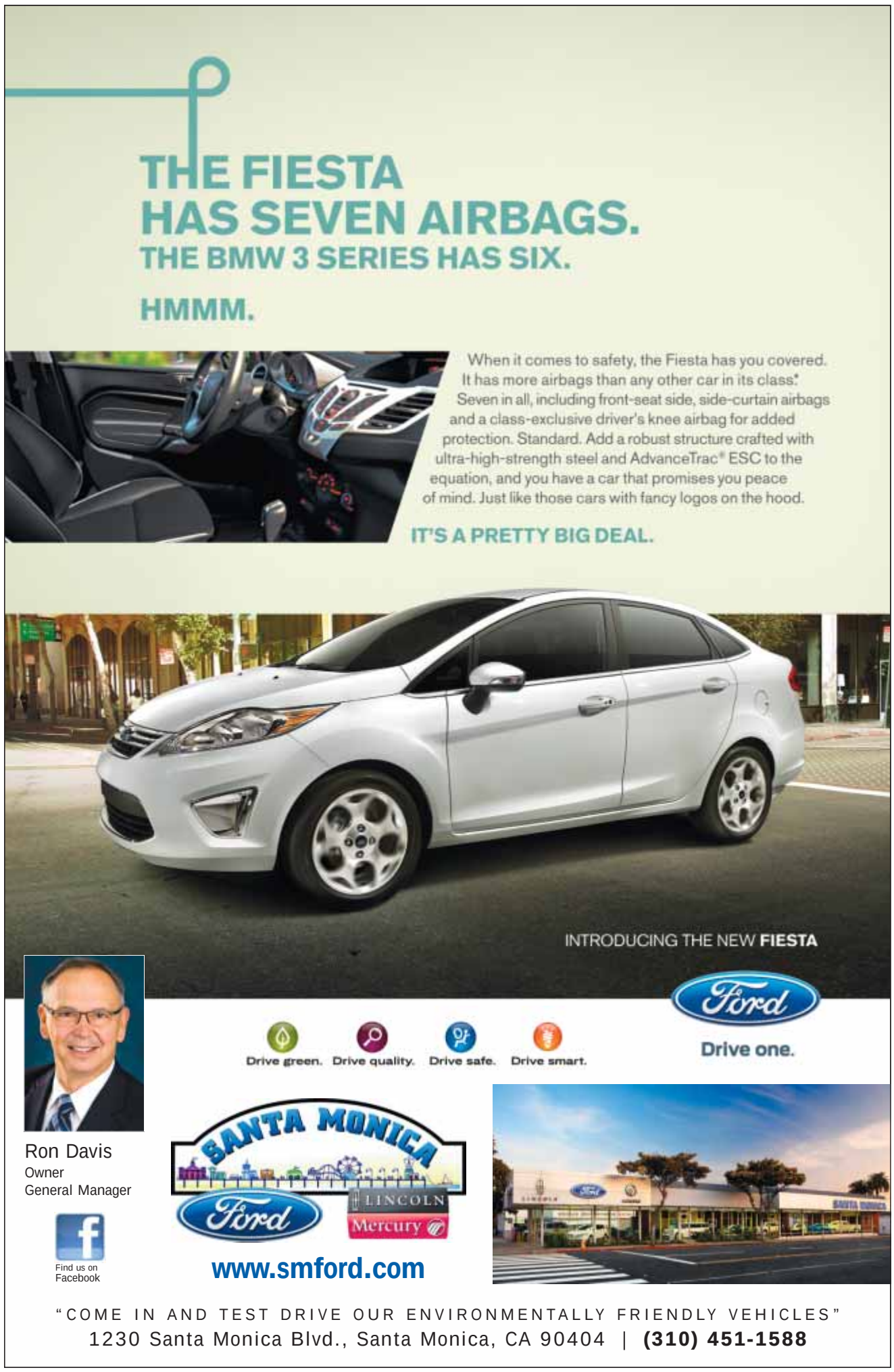
To Barrett, that's a stretch.

"To raise [the sales tax] and not think it's going to have an impact is an absolute pipe dream," he said.

While the chamber isn't guaranteed to take a position on Measure Y, the debate within the organization is likely to get heated.

"We'll have an interesting discussion I'm sure," Larmore said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Bathroom balloting

There are only a few days left for people to vote for the Santa Monica Pier in America's best public restroom contest.

Voting ends Aug. 31 for the ninth annual awards programs presented by Cintas, a Cincinnati-based company that provides entrance mats, restroom supplies and promotional products for businesses.

The pier's restroom has some stiff competition, including Bryant Park in New York City with its full-time attendant, fresh cut flowers and electronic seat covers, and the China Grill at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, which boasts individual pods, each with a television.

The pier restroom was chosen as one of 10 finalists for its sustainable features and an undulating roof that evokes thoughts of a vintage wooden roller coaster or ocean waves.

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Grove," said Jenna Ruth, a senior at Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

Unlike other locations, the Santa Monica branch offers a few tweaks, including Blue Stove restaurant on the third floor, which serves a variety of tapas-like plates, and a via C department, which showcases emerging fashion designers such as Alice + Olivia and Rag & Bone.

The store officially opened at 10 a.m., but doors opened early for a pre-opening "Beauty Bash" at 8 a.m. Employees in the beauty department demonstrating new cosmetics and fragrances for the fall season, as well as gave makeup lessons and skin care consultations.

"We just want to look at the smiles that the customers have when we are finished with them and see that we really changed their lives with the skin care and makeup," said Gary Walker, a retail trainer at the Clarins counter.

Although the Santa Monica branch did not surprise most shoppers, loyal customer Cheryl Jacobson seemed content with her new "second home."

"We dropped our son off at college, so of course we had to check out the opening here at Santa Monica," said Cheryl Jacobson, a pediatrician in Seattle.

"When I moved [to Seattle] I was so homesick and the first thing that I did was 'where's the nearest mall?' and walked into Nordstrom, and I felt much better. That's the thing about Nordstrom, it makes you feel really familiar," Jacobson said.

The 122,000 square foot store is three floors and houses a variety of clothing, accessories, shoes and cosmetics for women, men and children. Nordstrom will include major fashion labels such as Alexander Wang, 3.1 Phillip Lim, Marc Jacobs and Dolce & Gabanna.

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BIRTHS
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said the recession made them more focused on contraceptive use. Guttmacher researches reproductive health issues.

Besides finances, experts said a decline in immigration to the United States also may be pushing births down.

The downward trend invites worrisome comparisons to Japan and its "lost decade" of economic stagnation in the 1990s, which was accompanied by very low birth rates. Births in Japan fell 2 percent in 2009 after a slight rise in 2008.

Not so in Britain, where the population took its biggest jump in almost half a century last year and the fertility rate is at its highest level since 1973. France's birth rate also has been rising; Germany's birth rate is lower but rising as well.

Cherlin said the U.S. birth rate "is still higher than the birth rate in many wealthy countries and we also have many immigrants entering the country. So we do not need to be worried yet about a birth dearth" that would crimp the nation's ability to take care of its growing elderly population.

The new U.S. report is a rough count of births from states. It estimates there were 4,136,000 births in 2009, down from a year ago's estimate of 4,247,000 in 2008 and more than 4.3 million in 2007.

The report does not give details on trends in different age groups. That will come next spring and will give a clearer picture who is and is not having children, Ventura said.

Last spring's report, on births in 2008, showed an overall drop but a surprising rise in births to women over 40, who may have felt they were running out of time to have children and didn't want to delay despite the bad economy.





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Guard troops to deploy to Arizona border on Monday

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PHOENIX The first of 532 National Guard troops are set to begin their mission in the southern Arizona desert on Monday under President Barack Obama's plan to beef up U.S.-Mexico border security, although they won't have any law enforcement authority.

Authorities would not say how many troops would start Monday, but said waves of them will be deploying every Monday until all 532 are on the Arizona border, likely by the end of September. In May, Obama ordered 1,200 National Guard troops to boost security along the border.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has said the first of 224 National Guard troops allocated for his state have finished their training and are expected to be deployed to the state's border on Wednesday. Troops will also be stationed in New Mexico and Texas.

The troops will be "extra eyes and ears" for U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents, and though they will have guns for self-defense, they will not have the authority to arrest anyone, said Arizona National Guard spokesman Lt. Valentine Castillo.

He said if troops spot illegal immigrants, they must report them to the Border Patrol, whose agents would make the arrest.

The troops will be stationed in the desert at "strategic locations" along the border, he said, but did not provide specifics.

Mario Escalante, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson sector, said the troops will use binoculars, night-vision equipment, remote cameras and computers to conduct surveillance on the border, and will have radios to communicate with Border Patrol agents.

They'll be set up at high points in various locations in the desert, he said.

"Having those resources and deploying them adequately makes us more effective," he said.

Obama was all but compelled to act on illegal immigration after the passage of a tough new Arizona law thrust the border problem into the public spotlight.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer cited government inaction when she signed the law, which reignited that national illegal immigration debate, caused the governor's popularity to soar in the state and turned her into a national figure.

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The law went into effect July 29 after a judge ruled to block its most controversial sections, including a part that required officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws. Brewer is appealing the decision and says she'll take it all the way to the Supreme Court.

Brewer has been a sharp critic of the National Guard deployment, saying the troops aren't enough and that Obama should have sent 6,000 along the border, half of them to Arizona.

But in March 2009, Brewer wrote Defense Secretary Robert Gates asking for 250 National Guard troops, less than half the amount now being sent.

Brewer spokesman Paul Senseman did not immediately return a call for comment Friday afternoon.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada, whose territory is along the Mexico border and includes Nogales, said any additional manpower on the border is welcome and will help.

"It's definitely a start," he said. "Any more boots on the ground, they'll make things safer and it'll make the border more secure, especially for the Border Patrol — they have a humongous task out there, not only with illegal immigration but drugs."

But he said there'd have to be "thousands and thousands" of troops on the border to come close to having any major impact on illegal immigration.

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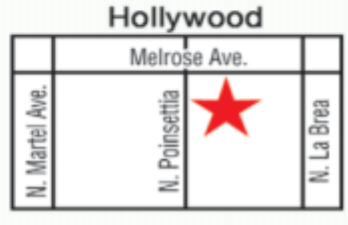
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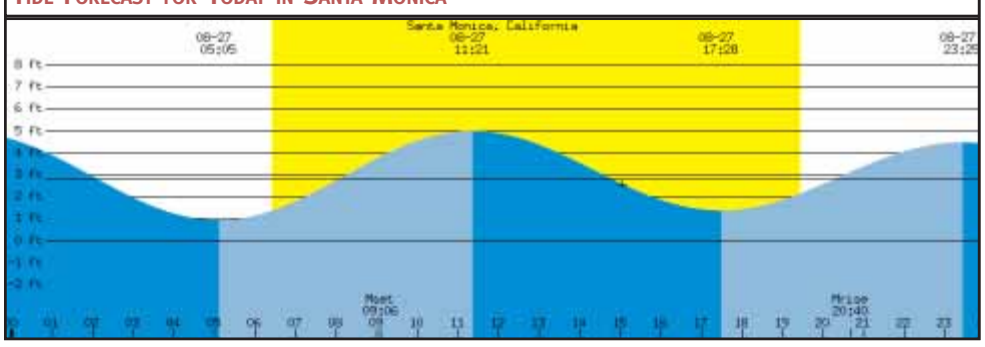
Swell Forecast

Weekend looks smaller, around chest max for south facing breaks. Looks like we should see some wind swell on Saturday as well, perhaps waist to chest at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Next week we may see more swell from Frank, but at this point, based on models, south facing breaks will have the best size once again, topping out at chest max.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



MLB

White Sox awarded waiver claim on Dodgers' Ramirez

JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO Manny Ramirez could soon find himself in another AL pennant race.

The Chicago White Sox have been awarded a waiver claim that gives them exclusive bargaining rights to the Los Angeles Dodgers slugger, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Friday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement has been made.

The White Sox and Dodgers have until 1:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday to complete a trade. The Dodgers could also let Ramirez go and the White Sox would assume his salary, or they could keep Ramirez if they believe they're still in contention for a playoff spot.

The Dodgers are coming off a three-game sweep of Milwaukee and were five games behind in the NL wild-card race entering Friday night's matchup against the Colorado Rockies. The White Sox were 3 1/2 games behind the Minnesota Twins in the AL Central before playing the New York Yankees on Friday night.

The 38-year-old Ramirez would likely become the designated hitter in Chicago, especially considering his recent fragile history. Ramirez returned Aug. 21 from his third stint on the disabled list and has missed 59 games to injuries since last season, when he came back from a 50-game suspension following a failed drug test.



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 25, 2010**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso 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.	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 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	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.	D	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.	A+	ns
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.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	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.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	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 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

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Saturday, Aug. 28
The Beat That My Heart Skipped (NR) 1hr 48min
In Paris (NR) 1hr 32min
7:30pm

Sunday, Aug. 29
Leonard Cohen: Live at the Isle of Wight 1970 (NR) 1hr 5min
Bob Dylan: The Other Side of the Mirror (NR) 1hr 23min
Festival (NR) 1 hr 38min
7:30pm

Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:05pm, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 1hr 39min
2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Nancy McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 49min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

The Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Piranha 3D (R) 1hr 29min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

The Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Avatar in Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hr 30 min
11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Cairo Time (NR) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

The Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
1:40pm, 4:20pmm 7:10pm, 9:50pm

The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The Last Exorcism (PG-13) 2hr 8min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

The Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Vampires Suck (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:00pm, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Surround yourself with favorites, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Everyone has a gawky moment or two. Once you get past yours this morning, you are on cruise control. Someone might try to consume your attention, causing a schism of sorts. In the end, you will think "all's well that ends well." Tonight: Be spontaneous. Be happy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know that what seems like a rejection is someone else's bad mood. Your ability to sort reality from fiction often saves you -- like today. Run errands, go to the gym, or how about go out and enjoy a summer sport? Tonight: Could find you so tired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might have difficulty getting out of the house, but once you do, the good times find you. Friends, loved ones and perhaps a child greet you. "Do you want to play?" they ask. Let go and relax with the moment. Tonight: Don't worry about anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Let go of a slight grouchiness and greet the last few weeks of the summer. An elder person appreciates your time and attention. You have your hands full. At this point, why not throw a get-together? Tonight: Know that you have no constraints.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ If you are still in the mood to take off and explore, what is holding you back? Invite a friend or two to join you on this adventure. Wherever you opt to go, a good time is had by all. Listen to news that is forthcoming. An opportunity lies within. Tonight: Continue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to what is shared. You might not be thrilled, but when you put the news into context, it isn't the worst turn in your life. Go off and enjoy yourself with a partner or friend. One-on-one relating brings pleasure. Tonight: Treat a loved one as king or queen for the day -- oops, night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have a misgiving about a situation. You discuss an issue, perhaps finally showing your vulnerability. Others find you strangely magnetic, and respond accordingly. Tonight: Surround yourself with favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Knowing what you feel could be instrumental to creating more of what you want. Listen to the drumbeats. Understand what is going on in your immediate circle. Plan a leisurely afternoon on the beach or enjoying another summer pastime. Tonight: Vanish if you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Friends seem to feel free to tell you more than you want to know. A work-related matter or responsibility takes up some time. Once you are free and clear, let go and make the most of summer opportunities. Tonight: And the party goes on and on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Knowing your limits is important. Understanding an older relative could be more important than you realize. If you think about a situation too much, you could be immobilized. Bring family together today or tomorrow. Tonight: How about a barbecue?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Return calls before making plans. You might be quite enticed by an invitation that takes you out of your normal routine. As a sign, you greet adventure positively. A partner or close loved one might feel uncomfortable sometimes with your ability to head in a new direction. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to go in a new direction, but a loved one or friend wants to maintain the status quo. Once you go along with this person, he or she will express his or her gratefulness. Tonight: Go for the moment.

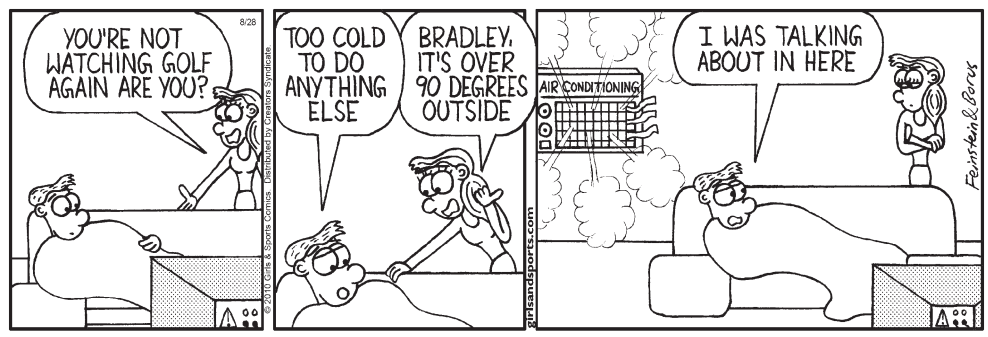
Happy birthday

This year, you have an opportunity to stretch and open up to different types of ideas. Sometimes you might feel a bit taken aback by what others offer. Go with the flow and worry less about your options. If you are single, many want to be close -- just choose the right person for you. You should not underestimate what you have to offer. If you are attached, a partner often challenges you to open up and do something differently.

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

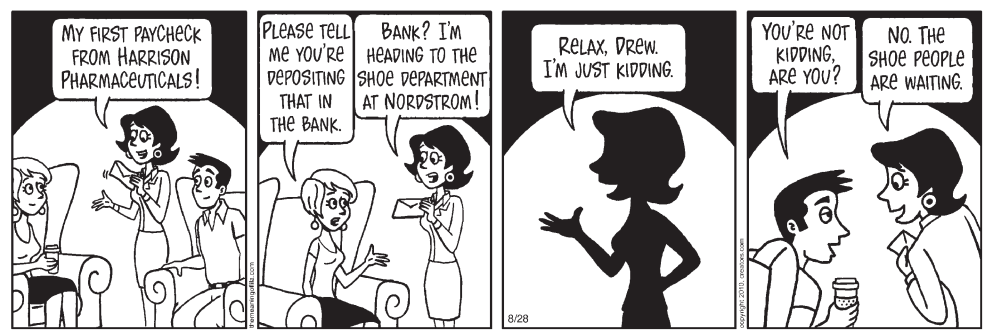
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



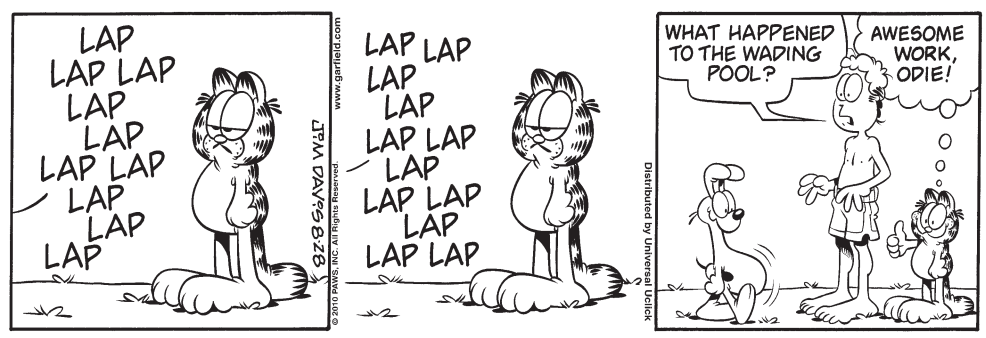
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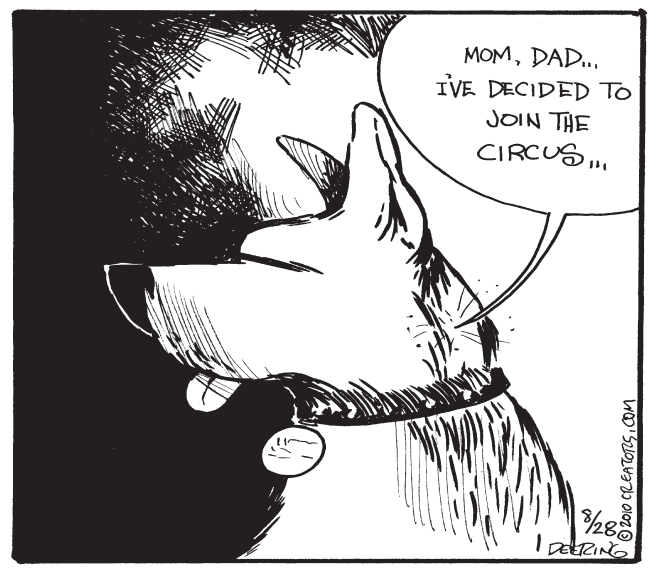
Garfield

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By Dave Coverly





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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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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





MYSTERY SOLVED!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Reader Dale Nogiec correctly identified this photo of the Louis Vuitton store at Santa Monica Place. He will receive a free pass to Circus Vargas. Check out Monday's paper for another chance to win.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

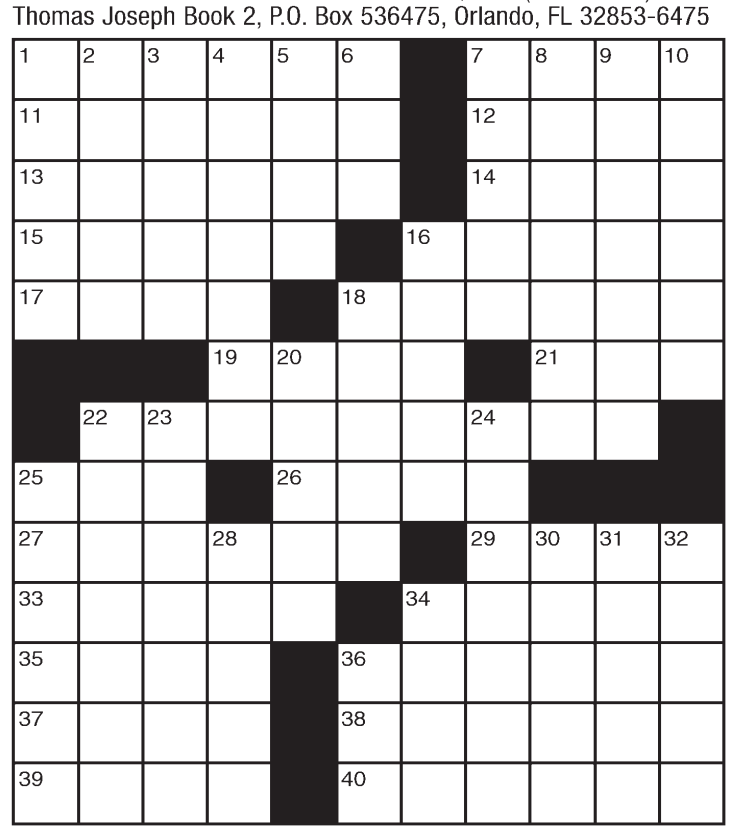
ACROSS

1 Copper coating
7 Ship pole
11 Gotten up
12 Yarn
13 Sounded content
14 Nay voter
15 Draw — on (aim at)
16 Nevada tree
17 Store cargo
18 Deep red
19 Lion player
21 Corn unit
22 His real name was Leonard
25 Bill word
26 Rainbow maker
27 Classroom need
29 Some cats
33 Goalie's stat
34 Roofed patio
35 Like some tea
36 Mutinies
37 Hood's group
38 Beautiful boy
39 Plane part
40 Busy time at the bank

DOWN

1 Like some bulls
2 Island off Venezuela
3 Worn out
4 Begin, for one
5 Demand
6 Linking word
7 Flight part
8 Bike basket
9 Charlie Parker's instrument
10 "Stand by Me" director
16 Salon jobs
18 Hymn singers
20 High points
22 Island off Venezuela
23 "Goodness!"
24 "Way to go!"
25 Motif
28 Marsh grass
30 Without stop
31 Sasha's sister
32 Spacek of "Carrie"
34 Mother of Castor and Pollux
36 Grammys category

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Yesterday's answer

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MEGA MILLIONS: 4 23 24 28 32
Meganumber: 31
Jackpot: $133M

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Meganumber: 26
Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5: 2 19 32 37 38

DAILY 3
MIDDAY: 1 3 9
EVENING: 9 2 6

DAILY DERBY
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:47.25

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) After surveying 374 waitresses, professor Michael Lynn, who teaches marketing and tourism at Cornell University, concluded that customers left larger tips to those with certain physical characteristics such as being slender, being blond or having big breasts. Lynn told the Cornell Daily Sun in May that his study was important in helping potential waitresses gauge their "prospects in the industry." (2) Perhaps more usefully, University of Central Lancashire (England) researchers writing in a recent Archives of Sexual Behavior reported that women achieve orgasm more often during foreplay than intercourse but that they more frequently emit orgasm-signaling "vocalizations" just before, or simultaneously with, male ejaculation.

■ In May (1996), Minneapolis artist Judy Olausen's hardcover photographic essay "Mother" went on sale, featuring her 70-year-old mom as a series of passive, subordinate characters. Included were her mother kneeling on all fours with a pane of glass on her back ("Mother as Coffee Table"), lying alongside a highway ("Mother as Road Kill"), and sprawled at an entrance ("Mother as Doormat"). Said Olausen, "My brothers think I'm torturing my mother," but actually, "I'm immortalizing her."

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1913 Queen Wilhelmina opens the Peace Palace in The Hague.

1914 World War I: the Royal Navy defeats the German fleet in the Battle of Heligoland Bight.

1914 World War I: German troops conquer Namur.

1916 World War I: Germany declares war on Romania.

1916 World War I: Italy declares war on Germany.

1917 Ten Suffragettes are arrested while picketing the White House.

1924 The Georgian opposition stages the August Uprising against the Soviet Union.

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2. To carry; lug.

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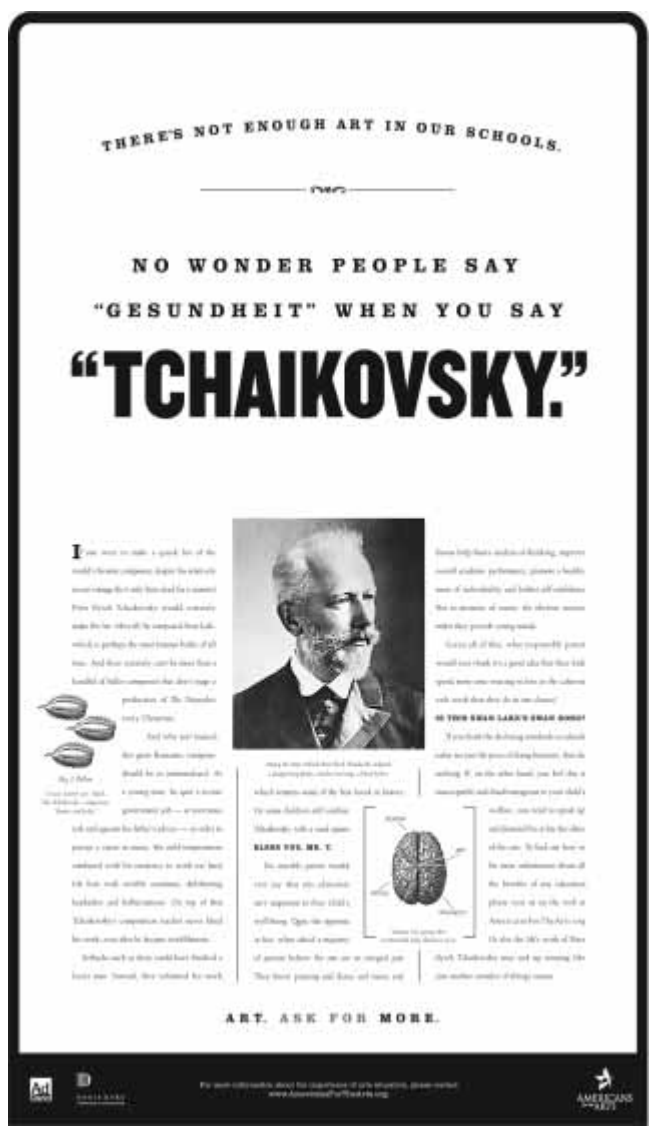
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