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YOU TRUST HIM WITH A RAZOR?

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Richie the Barber (and circus clown) gives Del Frisco's Grille Executive Chef Daniel Tiger a shave on Friday to kick off the restaurant's Movember campaign. During the month of November the restaurant will be donating proceeds from a special menu to the Movember Foundation, which challenges men to grow out their mustaches to help raise money and awareness in the fight against prostate cancer. For more information visit http://us.movember.com/

Gunman kills TSA agent at LAX, wounds 3 others

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD & TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A man carrying a note that said he wanted to "kill TSA" pulled a semi-automatic rifle from a bag and shot his way past a security checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, cutting down one Transportation Security Administration officer and wounding at least three others, authorities said.

The gunman was wounded in a shootout with airport police and taken into custody, authorities said. His condition was not immediately released.

The attack at the nation's third-busiest airport sent terrified travelers running for cover and, according to an airport official,

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St. Monica's to unveil $28M expansion

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CALIFORNIA AVE Is there a Patron Saint of Parking?

If so, he's heard the prayers of St. Monica Catholic Community, which will unveil its $28 million expansion project that includes a much-needed 175-space parking garage on Sunday.

The project, which was conjured up about 10 years ago when the church's membership increased rapidly, also includes three buildings, 100,000 square feet of space, a community center, pavilion, a new coffee shop, and a patio.

Dawna Houston, director of communications, said that the increased space will be noticed this month at the community's 34th annual Thanksgiving dinner, which serves 1,000 homeless people every year.

"This new facility is definitely going to help alleviate what has been quite an orches-

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Daylight Savings



Remember to turn BACK your clocks one hour Sunday at 2 a.m.

Pico, Ocean Park have most affordable units, but not all

Daily Press tours Community Corp. housing stock

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE City Hall recently opted to sell a million dollar single-family home located north of Wilshire Boulevard and set the revenue aside for affordable housing.

This didn't sit well with resident Mathew Millen, who claims that north of Wilshire-residing councilmembers concentrate affordable housing units in the poorest Santa Monica neighborhoods, resulting in adverse impacts. The single-family property, he said, could have yielded seven or eight affordable housing units (city officials said four would have fit).

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013

Walk to the beat
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 8:30 a.m.
Thousands of Angelenos will walk with families, friends or coworkers at the American Heart Association's 2013 Heart & Stroke Walk. Funds raised will help build lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. For more information, visit www.GLACountyHeartWalk.org or call (213) 291-7094

March on cancer
Beach Park 1
Barnard Way at
Ocean Park Boulevard, 9 a.m.
Join the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk and help raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. Admission: Free, but donations are welcome. For more information, visit makingstrides.acsevents.org/santamonica.

Clean up Lincoln
2627 Lincoln Blvd., 9:30 a.m. — noon
Join your neighbors and friends for "Harvest the Litter," a clean-up event of the portion of Lincoln Boulevard acquired by City Hall from the state. Participants should check in at the table under the canopy on the Lincoln side of the Albertsons' parking lot. In addition to picking up litter, clearing weeds, and other debris, the "Harvest" hopes to have a cadre of sidewalk chalk artists, an "odd sock" artist, and street corner musicians to further enhance the event. For more information call (310) 593-1572 or e-mail killeencpilon@gmail.com.

Health made easy
Santa Monica Place Mall
395 Santa Monica Place, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Join celebrity trainer Adam Rosante; Yogaworks' Patti Quintero; ABC7's Lori Corbin; world surfing-champion Shaun Tomson and more of your favorite trainers sharing great workouts, raw food classes and an exclusive look into the technologies that are putting the future of health into your hands. For more information visit www.health2con.com. Admission: $15 per person.

Day of the Dead
Woodlawn Cemetery
1847 14th St., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
City Hall celebrates Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), the Mexican holiday where family and friends gather to honor and celebrate loved ones that have passed. The event includes an opening procession with Ketzaliztli dancers, a workshop to create offerings of marigold coronitas (crowns) and papel picado (perforated paper) for loved ones who have passed and self-guided tours of the cemetery that explore the history of local famous people. Admission: Free. Parking and bike valet Info: www.smgov.net/dia

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013

Orchestra at SMC
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 2 p.m.
Emeritus College Concert Band will be performing. Mike Corrigan conducts. Admission: Free.

New buildings at the parish
St. Monica Parish
725 California Ave., 1:15 p.m.
St. Monica Catholic Community will officially open their new facilities with a building dedication and mass with Archbishop José Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as celebrant. Following the mass there will be a reception with tours of the facilities, live entertainment by the Phil Cordaro Jazz Trio, and a food festival with local restaurants. Admission: Free. For more information, call (310) 566-1500 or visit stmonica.net.

Scenic art exhibition and sale
Will Rogers State Historic Park
1501 Will Rogers Park Rd., 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy the panoramic views of the beautiful grounds, hike the trails and take a tour of the ranch. Artists donate 20 percent of sales. Admission: Free. For more information, call Annie at (310) 339-8396 or visit allied-artists.com.

Great park potluck
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 2 p.m.
The picnic will be a fun follow-up to Airport2Park's Oct. 3 event. Picnickers will participate in a community engagement project facilitated by urban planner James Rojas. Rojas will conduct a model-building workshop in which participants use interactive models and colorful and tactile objects such as wood blocks, tiles, plastic game pieces and jewelry to translate conceptual planning ideas into physical forms and free their imaginations. For more information, visit airport2park.org or contact airport2park@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

REED PARK

'Gorgeous' Gussy gets her court

City officials will pay tribute to world-famous tennis pioneer Gertrude "Gussy" Moran this Sunday by naming the Stadium Court at Reed Park the Gussy Moran Stadium Court.

In addition to adding the court signage, a permanent didactic sign with biographical information about Moran will be installed.

Daily Press columnist Jack Neworth led the charge to have the court named after Moran, who learned to play tennis at the age of 11 and played at Santa Monica High School. Moran was born in Santa Monica in 1923 in a Victorian house on Ocean Avenue.

She joined the amateur tennis circuit in 1947 and in her 20s was ranked as high as No. 4 in the world. In 1949, Moran played in the quarterfinals of Wimbledon and made a fashion splash by wearing a short skirt that revealed lace panties for which she was remembered throughout her life and led to her nickname "Gorgeous Gussy."

In 1950 she retired from amateur tennis and signed a one-year contract to play on a professional tour managed by Bobby Riggs. She went on to work as a sports director in radio and television as well as continued to compete in tournaments into her early 40s.

Moran passed away in January.

The court dedication will take place on Nov. 3 at Reed Park, 1133 Seventh St. The festivities start at 11 a.m.

The event is organized by the city of Santa Monica Community Recreation Division.

– KEVIN HERRERA



Photo courtesy Google Images

PUSHING BOUNDARIES: **Gertrude 'Gorgeous Gussy" Moran in her famous knickers.**

Feds proving Internet-adept and inept at same time

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON When it comes to computers, the Obama administration appears simultaneously to be a bungling amateur and a stealthy wizard. The same government that reportedly intercepted the communications of America's leading consumer technology firms, Google and Yahoo, without leaving a trace is scorned because it can't build a working federal website for health insurance.

In a single day in the nation's capital, extremes of the impressive successes and stunning failures of the Internet age were on full display.

Computer professionals said the government can be both adept and inept at the same time because the tasks are so different and for reasons involving who is doing it, for how much money, how long it takes and how publicly it is done.

Under a classified project called MUSCULAR, the National Security Agency has secretly broken into the main communications links that connect Google and Yahoo data centers around the world, The Washington Post reported Wednesday, citing documents obtained from former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden. In the past 30 days, the NSA swept up and processed more than 180 million new records, including metadata indicating who sent and received e-mails and when it happened, the Post reported.

Across town, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was apologizing to Congress over the bungled healthcare.gov website. New documents obtained by The Associated Press showed that officials had worried that a lack of website testing posed a potentially high security risk. In yet another conflict-riddled Capitol Hill hearing, a congressman told Sebelius that she had put Americans' personal financial information at risk.

The difference? National priorities, including big differences in how much the government spends, plus the talent and expertise of the people the government hires.

The NSA's annual budget was just over $7 billion in fiscal 2013, according to budget documents leaked by Snowden. The budget for the entire Health and Human Services Department was less than $1 trillion, and it spent $118 million on the website plus about $56 million on other IT to support the website, Sebelius said Wednesday.

The NSA is famous for employing small focused teams of highly talented, highly recruited experts with special skills, said Chris Wysopal, a former hacker who is chief technology officer for Veracode in Burlington, Mass. But the Health and Human Services Department's website designers? "They are sort of your average developers," he said.

Ex-hacker Marc Maiffret, who once wore his hair green in spikes and is the chief technology officer at BeyondTrust of San Diego, said Beltway contractors who work on civilian technology projects usually are over-budget and under-performing. Teams putting together large IT systems are complex and must coordinate across different government agencies, insurance companies, states and contractors.

"They may have underestimated the complexity when they started on it, which is again not surprising," said Purdue University computer science professor Gene Spafford.

Motivation is important too. Patriotic hacking on behalf of the NSA is exciting, especially among the mostly young and mostly male demographic.

"Breaking in, it feels like special ops," Wysopal said. "Building something feels probably like you're in the Corps of Engineers. You're just moving a lot of dirt around."

It's also widely understood to be easier to break something down than to build it. Siphoning the Google and Yahoo data is simpler to do than building a secure website for millions of people to get health care, Wysopal and Maiffret said.

Besides, if the NSA had failed to collect all the data it wanted during a classified mission, few people would learn about it — unlike what happened almost immediately when the health care website was launched and immediately experienced problems, said Matt Green, a computer science professor at Johns Hopkins University.

"If the NSA doesn't do something, you and I don't hear about it," Green said.

The government generally spends more money researching how to attack, not defend, computers, said Spafford, director of the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security at Purdue.

The apparent contradiction between health care and the NSA, Spafford said, "is what makes computers magical."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Condo project disguised as hotel remodel

Editor:

The Fairmont Miramar has been in the news again recently. On Monday college students and others protested the way that Michael Dell arranged the purchase of the Miramar so as to minimize his property tax ("Education group blasts Dell, Fairmont Miramar over taxes," Oct. 29).

MSD lead negotiator Alan Epstein is surely right to respond that Mr. Dell, in doing so, stayed within the letter of the law. Any self-respecting businessman who doesn't exploit to the utmost existing tax loopholes is, after all, not worth his salt. The only lesson concerning the Miramar redevelopment project to draw from the matter is that we should expect Dell's people to approach the political and legal process of negotiating a development agreement with City Hall in approximately the same frame of mind. They are not a charitable organization and will offer the city nothing out of vague benevolence.

More interesting is the story about The Bungalow nightclub being temporarily suspended. What's interesting is not that the management neglected to get the proper license to serve alcohol there. It's this: The Bungalow is a wildly successful nightspot that offers a totally unique open-air experience. And its spatial existence literally depends on two things – a low brick wall on Ocean Avenue, and the bungalow itself, which the current Miramar proposal would destroy. If built as MSD wishes to, with the large swathe on the southwest part of the property cleared of improvements, this exciting nighttime destination would be impossible to put on.

The story gives us a chance to reflect on the beauty and value of the sheltered open areas around the large fig tree on the existing Miramar grounds, nestled by The Bungalow and circumscribed by the low wall. Unlike the ugly existing banquet rooms and loading dock on Second Street, this enclosed area has considerable ambiance and appeal as an area of reception and gathering. Whether the "opening up" of access to the tree by the tearing down of the wall and bungalow will provide the city with anything of more value can be earnestly questioned, especially since it would come at the attendant cost of having the new 21-story central tower looming above.

Santa Monica is actually home to quite a few high-rise buildings, but this new central tower, stretching full across the block from Ocean to Second up to the 15th floor, would be more enormous than any of these, by far.

Which brings me to a final thought. There has been considerable discussion about whether the Miramar project is a hotel revitalization or a condo development, and whether a condominium component is truly necessary for the project. The folks at the Miramar say that they need condos because they provide the quick return that's required to get financing. Whatever the truth is about this, one thing is plain: In the current proposal the condos architecturally dominate and define the whole project. They'd occupy the fifth to 21st floor of the central tower, and reap all of the project's most spectacular views, while the hotel's guest rooms and amenities would be confined to the lower and more humble six- and four-story buildings.

Architecturally, that is not some condos added on to a hotel project out of financial necessity, it's an enormous new condominium tower, with some hotel functions included in ancillary fashion about its base.

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Medical device tax giveaway would deny Americans healthcare

IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFUND THE Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives also demanded a $29-billion tax break for one of the country's more profitable industries, medical device-makers. When they couldn't get their way on Obamacare and the tax break, the GOP literally shut down the U.S. government. It was another dramatic example of how far the right wing will go to allow corporations to avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

It is also a proposal they are likely to champion during the ongoing budget debate.

When Congress passed the law establishing the Affordable Care Act in 2010, it included mechanisms to help pay for new benefits, like ending denial of services because of pre-existing conditions and extending healthcare to previously uninsured Americans. Among these mechanisms was a 2.3 percent excise tax on medical devices ranging from surgical gloves to MRI machines. The tax would raise $29 billion over 10 years.

But proponents in the House are more concerned with giving a tax break to an industry with about $130 billion in sales and robust profit margins than with helping provide healthcare to millions of Americans.

And how would Congress pay for this $29 billion corporate tax giveaway? A similar effort at repeal last year hinged on "clawing back" insurance subsidies from families whose income rose even marginally during a year of coverage. It was estimated that this threat of revoked subsidies would discourage 350,000 Americans from buying insurance.

Of course, congressional support for repealing the tax is no surprise, because the medical-device industry last year contributed $10.4 million to influence federal elections and has spent more than $150 million lobbying Washington since 2008. And it has become a bipartisan affair, with even liberal congressional Democrats from states rich with medical device companies joining in the repeal effort.

Complaints about the tax by the medical-device industry are highly misleading. One of their beefs — about how the tax is levied — can be traced back to their own pervasive tax-dodging. Bloomberg News and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities have exposed how the arguments against this modest, fair and efficient tax are trumped-up charges.

What the industry doesn't say is that it likely will benefit handsomely from Obamacare, which will help create millions of new customers and new profits for the industry. The law will not lead to offshoring of jobs, as the industry asserts, because the tax applies to both domestic production and imports. And it will not hurt America's export industry because devices intended for overseas sales are exempt from the tax.

Device-makers claim they have been singled out, but this is completely false. Every industry in the healthcare field, from hospitals to insurance companies to drug companies, was required to help fund Obamacare because they will all benefit from it.

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Leaders of the medical-device industry may have no one to blame but themselves for one feature of the tax they find objectionable: It is an excise tax on sales, rather than an income tax on profits. But maybe the law was written that way precisely because some of the biggest device-makers are also some of the most practiced at hiding their profits offshore.

The industry's sales leader, Johnson & Johnson, has $49 billion stashed overseas, including in 55 subsidiaries located in tax havens, according to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. This money is out of reach of U.S. taxation until the day (which often never comes) the money returns to our shores.

General Electric, which is No. 2 in sales, is No. 1 in offshoring profits, with $108 billion tucked away overseas. Using both foreign and domestic loopholes, GE also managed to not pay any federal income taxes on nearly $20 billion in profits between 2008-11, according to Citizens for Tax Justice. In fact, the company got $10.6 billion in refunds, for an effective tax rate of negative 18.9 percent.

With some of America's biggest medical device-makers hiding their profits in tax havens, it's not surprising that the law requires that this small tax be on sales, not on profits.

A prominent Senate Republican recently floated the idea of repealing the medical-device tax as a "face-saving" measure for House Republican leaders who shut down the government in order to deny Americans health insurance. In essence, he is proposing to make all of us pay for a tax break to a very profitable industry in order to spare politicians some embarrassment. This is yet another sign that Washington's priorities are seriously out of whack.

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The Q Line

Coming attractions

The owners of Santa Monica Place are proposing to build a new theater at the mall. City and business leaders have for years said that Downtown needs an upgrade to its cinemas. Some say more than one should be developed.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Would you like to see new theaters Downtown and why?

Here are your responses:

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW THEATER in Santa Monica Place. There are so many empty spaces in that building that could be used more effectively. A theater such as AMC with the deluxe recliners and the food service would be ideal for that location. I do not, however, want to see any more theaters on the [Third Street] Promenade."

"YES, PLEASE BRING A LANDMARK AND an ArcLight and one of those luxury-style google-plexes where the seats fold back into daybeds, only hold the reading lamps and waiter service please! Just some place we can walk or bike or bus to and enjoy an evening like we can only at the Laemmle's on Second Street and Aero on Montana. Let's stay classy Santa Monica."

"I AM 100 PERCENT FOR SANTA MONICA Place to put the theater. I think it is a wonderful idea. We need more theaters here. Plus, everybody is running to Century City so we're losing business and it will generate more money when people come to the theaters here."

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"SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN MACERICH, the owner and operator of Santa Monica Place, was conducting its public outreach regarding the redevelopment of a shopping center, I had a lengthy conversation with an executive there. I indicated that Santa Monica was in very bad need of state-of-the-art theaters and I suggested including a motion picture complex within Santa Monica Place. I was told that the only location where the city wanted theaters was in the parking structure on Fourth Street between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. This was a head scratcher to me because the city was in desperate need of new movie auditoriums and the stubbornness of the city and insisting upon use of that parking structure has had enormous consequences, including, at that particular time, the possibility of losing the American Film Market, which is an annual event in Santa Monica. We have had dollar theater-type auditoriums now for years, and we cannot get state-of-the-art auditoriums built because of the stubbornness of the city of Santa Monica. This is a media-centric town. We have a lot of film and entertainment companies based here. We have a lot of studio executives, production companies, directors, writers, producers, and actors living here and it has been a total sign of disrespect to the entertainment community that the city has been so stubborn in terms of allowing new motion picture auditoriums to be used here."

"I HAVE SOMEBODY LIVING AT MY house who is one of the first trained in emergency response in Santa Monica and he was an active paramedic. We think that putting a movie theater on top of Santa Monica Place is not safe. I also know from the fire department that they consider a place that is more than 55 feet in height a high-rise. They cannot effectively fight a fire when it is a high-rise. ... If the people who built Santa Monica Place wanted to put a movie theater in there, they should have done it before they remodeled the place. There was enough options to do that. I think if they want to build a movie theater with preferred seating and elevated seating, they should do that on a side on the Aero where there is a movie theater. They should underground parking so that the height does not get over 55 feet. It's just not safe, also considering that we can have earthquakes and tsunamis in Santa Monica."

"I STRONGLY SUPPORT A NEW MOVIE theatre. I'll be able to take the light rail to the Fourth Street stop and avoid the traffic. Before the movie I can have something to eat Downtown, and after the movie I can go shopping. Hopefully the City Council and Planning Commission will approve this wonderful proposal."

"MORE CINEMAS WOULD BE A PLUS; we're a movie town! The Academy Awards used to be at the Civic Auditorium. We have annual film festivals here and many people connected to the industry live in the area. [We've lost] several theaters over the years; the Wilshire, the Criterion, and the Twin. Let's get with it."

"HOW IS A NEW MULTIPLEX GOING TO be shoe-horned into that top floor and exactly how many theaters are we talking about? AMC abandoned the Criterion, but kept the former Odeon? Why? The Broadway theaters always seem kind of dumpy, as does the AMC 7. The Criterion had stadium seating, good sightlines and of the three, seemed to have the best overall facility. I say renovate them all. If new theaters must be built, and I don't quite buy that premise, here are some alternative suggestions: Turn the Sears building/location into a new multiplex. Instead of the Gehry hotel, put the multiplex on that property. Every movie theater does not have to be on the promenade. The Laemmle Theaters are the worst in town, even if sometimes they play the most interesting films. That place needs an extreme makeover for sure."

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Ordinance Numbers 2441-2444 (CCS)
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The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2441 through 2444.. which were adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of October 22, 2013.

Ordinance Number 2441 amends the Municipal Code to establish a permitting system for commercial physical fitness classes or camps in City parks and on the beach; and the ordinance authorizes the Director of Community and Cultural Services Department to promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance of such permits and the operation of such classes and camps.

Ordinance Number 2442 amends the Municipal Code to establish a revised in-lieu parking fee program within the Downtown Parking Assessment District. The revised program would tie fee amounts to required parking rather than to the square footage of development and would increase the fee amount to $20,000 per space with annual adjustments.

Ordinance Number 2443 amends the Development Agreement for 401 Broadway, which currently requires no on-site parking, to require subterranean parking accessed by elevator.

Ordinance Number 2444 amends the Municipal Code provision establishing parking meter payment exemptions for clean air vehicles. The amendment creates a permanent exemption for clean air vehicles bearing State-issued decals, including expired State decals, and thus rewards early adopters of clean air technology.

Ordinances 2441 through 2444 will become effective 30 days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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NEW: St. Monica Catholic Community is nearing completion of an ambitious redevelopment project that includes this building at the corner of California Avenue and Seventh Street.

CHURCH
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tration to make it happen on that day," she said, laughing. "People would just be tucked away in different places to cut turkeys and every possible space that was available."

Houston described a parish that was "bursting at the seams" as community members opened up their garages to store church items.

The previous campus did not have space to accommodate wedding or funeral receptions.

"Let me tell you, there are number of brides who have been waiting for the facility to be built so they can have their reception here," she said. "It's so much less expensive to go here rather than somewhere else. And it's very convenient. You come out of the church and you're right here. It is quite a beautiful facility."

The first part of the building project, a new gymnasium, was completed in December 2011. The final stage of the project, a new school yard and renovations to the basement of the gym, is expected to be done next summer.

One of the three buildings to open on Sunday will provide classrooms and an after-school space for St. Monica Catholic Elementary School.

Another building, a community center, features 17,600 square feet of assembly and meeting space, which is available for rent to the general public. Also in the community center is a chapel, the coffee shop called Holy Grounds, and a ministry for the local homeless community.

Below the community center is the parking garage, which will free up parking on the parish's Seventh Street lot for neighbors, Houston said.

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson said that the new parking was something he was looking most forward to.

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Dawna Houston
Director of communications at St. Monica's on their Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless.

He said the buildings are not about future growth, but for better serving the current community of more than 8,000 households.

"This is the day we have all been waiting for," he said. "God has graced our parish with the faithful whose numbers have increased, challenging our ability to welcome and serve them properly. These great facilities will allow us to answer the Gospel challenge in new and exciting ways as we form loving disciples who will transform the world."

A Mass and dedication of the new facilities at 725 California Ave. will take place at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday. Following the Mass, there will be tours, jazz and a food festival.

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"The city has a housing policy that perpetuates the city's historically segregated Pico Neighborhood," Millen said in a letter to the City Council last month. "[The sale] is another example of north of Wilshire councilmembers doing everything in their power to avoid developing low-income housing in their own neighborhoods."

A tour, given to the Daily Press by The Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the city's largest affordable housing provider, shined light on how units are placed in the city by the sea. A review of low-income housing placement by the Daily Press showed that while there are pockets of those units, overall housing for the financially strapped is present in all neighborhoods, aside from the northeast portion of the city. (North of Montana Avenue has one multi-family building.)

"Honestly, [it's] price and is it for sale," Sue Keintz, Community Corporation's director of housing development said, explaining how she picks locations. "We're real estate developers, really. I don't want a two-unit building because it's too small for us. No, I can't buy a high-rise with 300 luxury condos because we can't afford it. So the people who understand our sweet spot and bring us buildings, if there's money to borrow, we just run the numbers and do what we can do and make an offer."

The Pico and Ocean Park neighborhoods, the densest in the city, contain the most CCSM units. Next in line are the Mid-City and north of Wilshire neighborhoods, where Keintz said CCSM has become more active recently.

"That was prohibitive for a while but in the late '90s through the past decade it became more affordable and (City Hall) got their lending arm figured out," she said.

Keintz is constantly juggling funding sources to make an acquisition work.

"It has a little to do with architecture and construction trade and a lot to do with patience and bureaucracy," she said.

The most she's ever spent on a property was around $5 million, she said. Since 1982, CCSM has developed more than 1,700 units.

New CCSM buildings are constructed to add to the multi-family housing stock, so even if eight units could have been placed on the aforementioned north of Wilshire property, it wouldn't have been in their wheel house.

North of Montana, which is zoned for single-family homes, has the fewest number of affordable housing units. CCSM has one property there. It's on San Vicente Boulevard, a couple blocks from the beach, with 36 units and a pool.

DOES AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHANGE A NEIGHBORHOOD?

Mary Marlow, of the Ocean Park Association, said the affordable housing in the neighborhood is generally unnoticeable.

Noting that neighbors only get a say when an incoming building has 50 or more units, which is rare among affordable housing projects, Marlow imagined how neighbors would react to a new low-income building if they had a chance to approve or deny it.

"It's kind of a moot point," she said. "What we're looking for is, does it fit in the neighborhood? We wouldn't scrutinize them any differently than any other neighborhood development."

A majority of CCSM properties are acquired and rehabilitated and therefore the average person can't recognize it as affordable housing from the outside looking in.

"I've driven critics around Santa Monica and said, 'OK, when you see a CCSM building, just let me know.' Even if I tell them there's a CCSM building on this block they can't pick it out," said Board Chairperson Patricia Hoffman. "(You can) pick out the CCSM buildings, especially in the older neighborhoods, because they're the best kept building on the block."

UCLA professor of urban planning, Michael Lens, said that in general there's little data to suggest that affordable housing actually causes crime in the neighborhood where it is located.

"In most circumstances, small numbers of affordable housing have never really been shown to increase crime in neighborhoods," he said. "There's some pretty recent research that shows that over a certain threshold,

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when affordable housing takes up a larger chunk of the stock in the neighborhood, that can help a crime increase."

Lens said that in those cases, it's unclear if the housing is the cause of the crime or whether it's because affordable housing tends to end up in higher-crime neighborhoods.

"Why we think that there's a crime and affordable housing connection has much more to do with the fact that the only places that we put affordable housing most of the time are places that already have high crime rates," he said. "But that correlation exists."

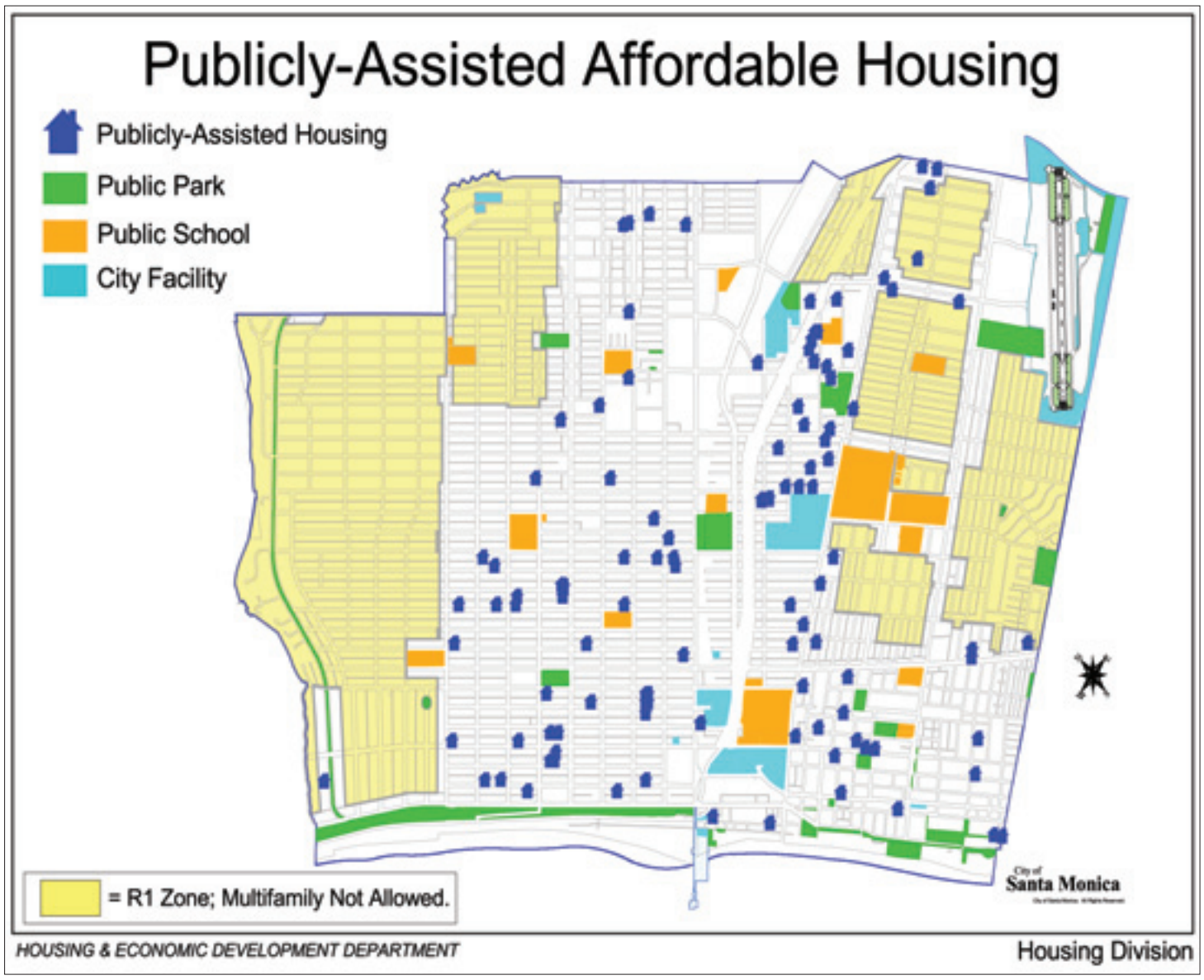
In affluent cities like Santa Monica, Lens said, there's not large sample size when it comes to measuring the impacts of affordable housing.

"There's just not a lot of circumstances in which we have built a meaningful number of affordable units in places like 2013 Santa Monica," he said.

It's unclear how affordable housing affects Santa Monica's crime rates. Santa Monica police did not respond to requests for comment by press time. After reviewing recent crimes on the Santa Monica Police Department's online mapping database, crime does not appear to occur at a high rate near affordable units. Public safety officials have long said that crime occurs with the highest frequency in Downtown, where most of the people, or targets, are.

Affordable housing does not impact surrounding real estate values, according to both Lens and the National Association of Realtors citing several scholarly articles.

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Courtesy Santa Monica Housing Division

WHERE THEY ARE: **This map from City Hall shows where the affordable housing is located in the city by the sea.**





The Re-View

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Pardon my French

A rundown of the best French restaurants on the Westside

THIS WILL BE A SHORT ARTICLE BECAUSE there aren't many French restaurants left. In the 1950s and '60s if you wanted to take out a business client to a fancy and impressive restaurant, you took him or her to a French restaurant, like La Rue on Hollywood Boulevard. Now you take a client to a Japanese restaurant instead, and pay $150 or so per person for one-forth as much food — and without the sauce!

Oh for the good old days of butter, cream, truffles and rich sauces, potato Lyonnaise, and white asparagus in season.

Few French restaurants remain. But we're lucky that the best of them are on the Westside where we can easily get to them. The star, of course, is Melisse. The chef-owner is not French, and he doesn't have a wife running the front of the house, but everything else could be in France, and the food is superb. If you have to ask about the prices, it's not for you. But here you can still luxuriate with caviar and truffle dishes. I love the game bird dishes.

I don't know any restaurant that gets reviews as stunning as this one. Every dish is perfection, the service is professional, and the wine list exhaustive — it doesn't get any better than this. Currently there is no a la carte menu, only a multi-course seasonal tasting menu featuring Farmers' Market vegetables and fruit and locally sourced items, all for $125. Call ahead for the evening's offerings.

For a real French bistro experience, go to Culver City to Meet in Paris, which is run by a young French couple with a family background in the Paris restaurant scene. This is the best place in town for mussels, there's a great steak frites, the service is friendly (OK, that's perhaps the only non-French aspect of the place), the prices are reasonable and the ambiance is casual, with an outside patio covered with awnings.

For the best French food outside of Melisse, and in a casual setting, go to Pacific Palisades, where two of the most experienced French chefs in the United States have opened up iconic restaurants in their own images.

Mimi, from French Canada, ran Chez Mimi in Brentwood for years. And people loved this restaurant. They loved the food, and they loved the staff. When Mimi lost her lease she moved to the base of the Highlands in Pacific Palisades and opened up with pretty much the same menu and pretty much the same staff — much to everyone's surprise. And the same customers came back. Who else could have such a loyal staff and loyal following?

The new Palisades incarnation of Chez Mimi has a large patio, but a bit of a small, noisy inside room. So when the weather is good this is a great destination. The bouillabaisse is the best I've had in Los Angeles. I've heard people swoon over the lemon tart. I had a great hamburger there recently, although I had to send it back once to get it cooked to my order. I was not impressed with the chicken nor the mushroom salad, which was one of my favorites at the old restaurant, but when I ordered them the place was only a couple of weeks old, so it was just getting settled into the kitchen. Best of all, Mimi herself is there directing traffic, so you can bet the food and the service will be up to high standards.



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At last we come to Maison Giraud, which I helped open. (Yes, you can say I'm biased.) In my opinion, shared by many, there's no better chef in the Western U.S. than Alain Giraud. And with the new sound paneling and outside heaters, the restaurant is comfortable and appealing. Unlike many Westside restaurants, you can actually carry on a conversation here.

The croissants and bakery products are perhaps the best in the United States! Some reviewers have said the croissants are better than most places in France!

Personally, I love the California tuna niçoise salad, with fresh rare tuna slices; the hamburger with onion confit on top; and each week I look forward to the "cocotte" of the week, sometimes coq au vin, sometimes fish stew, sometimes scallops Provençal. The last time my wife and I shared the short ribs of beef in cocotte and it was perfect. I love the sliced lamb and the chicken Catherine with their light sauces.

One nice feature is the price. Chef Giraud has kept prices down to where you hardly know you are in a French restaurant.

Those are the only places we go to for French food on the Westside Like everyone else, we end up more often at some Japanese restaurant where we pay twice as much for a lot less food.

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Study: Changes needed in prison realignment law

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A study of Gov. Jerry Brown's 2-year-old prison realignment law released Friday recommends major changes that would relieve some of the burden from California's counties.

Under the law, lower-level offenders are sent to county jails instead of state prisons, sometimes for lengthy sentences. When they're released, they're supervised by local probation officers instead of state parole agents.

The study by the Stanford Criminal Justice Center recommends capping county jail sentences at three years and having ex-offenders with serious or violent records supervised by state parole agents, not county probation.

The study also says parolees who repeatedly violate terms of their release should go to state prisons and not county jails, where they often are released within days because of overcrowding.

Researchers interviewed 125 local police officials, sheriffs, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and probation officers for the $200,000 study, which was funded partly by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The consensus was "this happened too fast, the infrastructure was not ready, and we went too far. We need to pull back a little bit," said Stanford Law School professor Joan Petersilia, the center's co-director.

The Brown administration referred requests for comment to the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Department spokeswoman Deborah Hoffman said in an e-mailed statement that the study shows California has made "remarkable changes" in its criminal justice system since the law took effect. But she also acknowledged that "additional time and collaboration is needed at all levels of government to ensure ongoing success."

"The state is working with its partners in local government and law enforcement to ensure that Californians are protected while we continue to improve the criminal justice system," she said.

Covina Police Chief Kim Raney, president of the California Police Chiefs Association, said his organization will work with other local law enforcement officials next year to change state law so the report's recommendations can be implemented.

Raney and Petersilia acknowledged that most of the recommendations run counter to the demands of federal judges to reduce overcrowding in the state's major prisons. Brown sought the law to comply with federal court orders requiring the state to reduce crowding at state prisons to improve inmates' medical care.

Still, Raney said, "there are some obvious gaps that need to be adjusted or corrected."

Some criminals are being sentenced to decades-long terms in county jails that were designed to house inmates for less than a year. The long-term sentences are causing some of the same problems with medical and mental health care in county jails that led to the ongoing lawsuits against the state prison system.

"That's not sustainable," Raney said.

Moreover, some paroled sex offenders have repeatedly cut off their tracking bracelets, although a law that takes effect in January will keep in them in jail longer when they are caught. The report recommends that such offenders should be sent to state prison.

The realignment law has helped reduce the state's inmate population by more than 25,000 over the last two years. The Brown administration is in talks with a court-appointed mediator over a February deadline to further reduce prison crowding.

Federal judges gave the state until the end of the year to reduce its prison population by an additional 9,600 inmates. The state already has made plans to shift about 5,200 of them, sending them to private prisons in California, a new prison medical facility in Stockton and fire camps.

The governor is asking the federal court for a three-year delay regarding the remaining 4,400 inmates.

"I think you've got to look at all the options," Raney said. "Is it time to make an investment in prison capacity? I also think there's a movement toward sentencing reform, and using private bed space."

Boy who killed neo-Nazi father hears judge's decree

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

RIVERSIDE, Calif. The boy, dressed up for court with his unruly blond hair slicked down, whispered with his lawyer but showed no reaction when a judge decreed that he be confined to a juvenile lockdown facility for murdering his neo-Nazi father when he was 10.

He is 13 now, but the case is still a source of anguish for those involved.

"It's hard not to get attached to him," said Deputy District Attorney Michael Soccio, the veteran prosecutor who argued that a secure facility was preferable to a residential treatment center. "He's so peculiar and yet charming and a lost soul."

Following Thursday's decision, Soccio said he plans to visit the boy and try to help him to be "as undamaged as possible" when he gets out and faces life as an adult.

The teen, neatly dressed in a vest and white shirt, peered at the judge's seven-page written ruling through thick eye glasses but his lawyer said he did not really comprehend it.

"He's going to get a significant amount of therapy. I hope he will face up to what he did and come out as undamaged as possible," prosecutor Soccio said outside court.

He said the boy had anger issues well before his father become involved in white supremacist causes. At age 5 he stabbed a teacher with a pencil during his first day in kindergarten. He also tried to strangle a teacher with a phone cord.

"He was born with a very troubled spirit, a lot of anger," said Soccio. "He was unable to control his anger from the time he was tiny."

The judge who found him guilty of second-degree murder in January said she thought long and hard about the appropriate placement for him .

"This is an individual with exceptional needs," Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jean R. Leonard said.

The boy shot his father, Jeffrey Hall, 32, at point-blank range as he slept off a night of drinking on a sofa in their home on May 1, 2011.

The youth told police he was afraid he would have to choose between living with his father or stepmother if the couple divorced.

The boy would have been sentenced to 40 years to life in prison had he been convicted as an adult, the judge said.

The longest he can be held as a juvenile is until age 23, and he will become eligible for parole in seven years or less depending on good behavior.

Defense attorney Punam Grewal, who fought for a less harsh confinement, said afterward: "This is a complete miscarriage of justice." She planned to appeal.

She said the boy, whose name is not being used by The Associated Press because of his age, will be the youngest prisoner In the juvenile system and will have no opportunity for education because there is no middle school tutoring available.

The boy has been held in state and county juvenile lockups since his arrest but he has felt unsafe there because of his age, his attorneys have said.

Grewal said the boy called her two days earlier and asked: "Are things going to get better?"

"They will, but not right now," she replied.

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disrupted 746 flights nationwide, either because they were held on the ground at LAX or not allowed to depart to other airports.

The slain employee was the first TSA officer killed in the line of duty in the 12-year history of the agency, which was founded in the aftermath of 9/11.

The FBI and Los Angeles Airport Police identified the suspected gunman as Paul Ciancia, 23, of Pennsville, N.J. He had apparently been living in Los Angeles.

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly, said Ciancia was wearing fatigues and carrying a bag containing a handwritten note that said he wanted to kill TSA employees and "pigs."

Ciancia had at least five full 30-round magazines on him, said the official, who was briefed at LAX on the investigation. The official said Ciancia was shot in the mouth and leg by two airport police officers.

Early Friday afternoon, Ciancia's father in New Jersey had called authorities for help in finding his son after the young man sent one of his siblings a text message about committing suicide, Pennsville Police Chief Allen Cummings said.

The chief said he called Los Angeles police, which sent a patrol car to Ciancia's apartment. There, two roommates said that they had seen him Thursday and that he was fine, according to Cummings.

Cummings said that the Ciancias — owners of an auto body shop — are a "good family" and that his department had had no dealings with the son.

The attack began around 9:20 a.m. when the gunman pulled an assault-style rifle from a bag and began firing inside Terminal 3, Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said. The terminal serves such airlines as Virgin America, AirTran, Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air and JetBlue.

The gunman then went to the security screening area, where he fired more shots and went into the secure area of the terminal, Gannon said. Officers exchanged fire with him and seized him, Gannon said.

As gunfire rang out, panicked travelers dropped to the ground. Those who had made it past security ran out of the terminal and onto the tarmac or sought cover inside restaurants and lounges.

"We just hit the deck. Everybody in the line hit the floor and shots just continued," said Xavier Savant, who was waiting in the security line where the shooting took place. He described it as a "Bam! Bam! Bam!" burst of gunfire.

Savant said people bolted through the metal detectors and ran into the terminal.

"My whole thing was to get away from him," said Savant, an advertising creative director who was heading to New York with his family for a weekend trip.

As police searched for other possible shooters, they escorted travelers out of the airport, which continued operating but stopped some flights from taking off or landing.

Just a few weeks ago, airport police and the Los Angeles Police Department had jointly trained for a similar shooting scenario, according to Gannon, who said officers told him the drill was critical in preparing them for the real thing.

Across the U.S., aviation officials stopped LAX-bound flights from taking off from other airports, causing delays around the country. Some Los Angeles-bound flights that were already in the air were diverted to other airports.

At least three other TSA officers were wounded, said J. David Cox Sr., national president of the American Federation of Government Employees. Their conditions were not disclosed.

The officer who was killed was a behavioral detection officer, Cox said. Such officers are stationed throughout the airport, looking for suspicious behavior, he said.

Ben Rosen was sitting at the Starbucks eating oatmeal when he heard gunfire erupt and saw people running in all directions or crouching. He grabbed his phone and tried to lie as flat on the ground as he could.

Police showed up with guns drawn, shouting, "This is not a drill! Hands up!"

People put their hands up and then were led out of the terminal to the adjacent international terminal, Rosen said. As they were led out they saw broken glass from a window that looked as if it had been shot out. Rosen left his bag behind.

It was not the first shooting at LAX. On July 4, 2002, a limousine driver opened fire at the airport's El Al ticket counter, killing an airline employee and a person who was dropping off a friend at the terminal. Police killed the man.

Obama signs executive order in response to climate change

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A year after Superstorm Sandy devastated the East Coast, President Barack Obama signed an executive order Friday to make it easier for states and local governments to respond to weather disasters.

The executive order establishes a task force of state and local officials to advise the administration on how to respond to severe storms, wildfires, droughts and other potential impacts of climate change. The task force includes governors of seven states — all Democrats — and the Republican governor of Guam, a U.S. territory. Fourteen mayors and two other local leaders also will serve on the task force. All but three are Democrats.

The task force will look at federal money spent on roads, bridges, flood control and other projects. It ultimately will recommend how structures can be made more resilient to the effects of climate change, such as rising sea levels and warming temperatures.

The White House said the order recognizes that even as the United States acts to curb carbon pollution, officials also need to improve how states and communities respond to extreme weather events such as Sandy. Building codes must be updated to address climate impacts and infrastructure needs to be made more resilient, the White House said in a statement.

The task force includes Govs. Jerry Brown of California, Jay Inslee of Washington and Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii, as well as Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn.

The panel also includes several big-city mayors, including Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and Houston Mayor Annise Parker. All three are Democrats.

An administration official who asked not to be identified said the White House asked several organizations, including the National Governors Association, to recommend task force members. Members were chosen based on those who were recommended or who nominated themselves, the official said. The official asked to not be identified because he was not authorized to discuss the task force makeup.

The task force builds on efforts Obama announced in June to combat global warming, including the first-ever limits on climate pollution from new and existing power plants. Obama's plan is intended to reduce domestic carbon dioxide emissions by 17 percent between 2005 and 2020. The plan also would boost renewable energy production on federal lands, increase efficiency standards and prepare communities to deal with higher temperatures. The 12 hottest years on record all have occurred in the past 15 years.

Obama's plan would be put in place through executive order, bypassing Congress, which has stalemated over climate legislation in recent years.

The task force on resiliency is expected to hold its first meeting this winter.

Stop-frisk depends on new mayor

BY COLLEEN LONG & JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Front-running mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio faces political and legal dilemmas now that a judge's ruling critical of the police department's stop-and-frisk tactic has been blocked.

The federal judge's summertime rebuke of the department's stop-and-frisk policy as discriminatory to blacks and Hispanics was a ringing affirmation of one of de Blasio's major campaign themes, helping propel him from also-ran to Democratic nominee nearly 40 points ahead in the polls days before the election.

But on Thursday a federal appeals court temporarily blocked the ruling and took the extraordinary step of booting the judge off the case for "running afoul" of the judicial code of conduct.

The decision arms Republican nominee Joe Lhota with a new line of attack as he insists that a de Blasio victory would handcuff law enforcement and return the city to its crime-filled past. Lhota, a deputy in former Mayor Rudy Giuliani's administration, has been a staunch defender of stop-and-frisk, and on Friday he released an online video saying "the entire premise of the de Blasio campaign collapsed" with the appeals court decision.

It's unclear how the federal case will proceed if de Blasio, the city's public advocate, wins Tuesday's election.

Previously, de Blasio said he would drop the city's appeal of U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruling, which ordered a broad set of reforms to the police department's use of the tactic for stopping, questioning and sometimes frisking people. But he could choose to settle with those urging the reforms, eliminating federal oversight and allowing him to manage the police department as he sees fit.

He reiterated Friday that he wasn't going to pursue the appeal but added: "We don't know what the next steps are in the legal process."

During the past decade, there have been nearly 5 million stops, mostly of minority men. Only about 10 percent of the stops result in arrests or summonses, and weapons were found about 2 percent of the time.

Scheindlin presided over a lengthy bench trial in which black and Hispanic men testified that they had been improperly stopped because of their races, and she appointed a federal monitor to oversee changes to training and supervision.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Friday that the department would continue to look into one suggestion ordered by Scheindlin: the possibility of officers using body-worn cameras. But he said the department already does sophisticated stop-and-frisk training that's unparalleled in the country and many of the reforms were unnecessary.

"In my judgment, the quantum of evidence certainly was just not there to make this sweeping indictment of the entire police department on something called indirect racial profiling," Kelly said. "We don't racially profile. It's against our regulations. It's against the law."

City officials say the case should be given a full hearing before a new judge regardless of who wins Tuesday's election. The three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has said it would hear oral arguments on the appeal after March 24.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.2°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small new WNW swell; SW swell continues; deep AM high tide

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small WNW and SW swells; keeping an eye on conditions; deep AM high tide

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
Small SW swells; potential WNW-NW swell-mix;
keeping an eye on conditions; deep AM high tide

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
WNW-NW swell-mix eases; SW swell drops to leftovers; potential improving conditions

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 **October 30, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / xx
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	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.	C	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	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.	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.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	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.	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	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 DWW 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.	B	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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NFL

Judge approves $50 million settlement in NFL retiree case

BY AMY FORLITI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS A federal judge in Minnesota gave final approval Friday to a $50 million settlement in the complicated court fight over publicity rights for retired NFL players, calling it a "one-of-a-kind, and a remarkable victory for the class as a whole."

The NFL and the retired players reached the agreement in March, and U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson gave preliminary approval in April. But 19 players had filed objections, with some saying direct payments won't be made to the former players and that varying benefits will be unfairly distributed.

In his order Friday, Magnuson said those who objected because they were lured by the prospect of a lucrative personal payout have strayed from the initial goal of the lawsuit — to help those players with dire physical, mental and financial needs. He said the majority of the class — more than 25,000 players — recognized the settlement would help thousands of former players because a large financial payout would go to a fund organized for their benefit.

"Nearly all of the objections boil down to what is, in the court's view, the objectors' very mistaken belief that they could reap significant financial benefits from continuing this case," Magnuson said. He said those who believe a settlement that doesn't directly benefit players is impermissible "are wrong."

More than 2,000 players opted out of the settlement, and will have the opportunity to pursue their own claims against the NFL. Those cases will be allowed to immediately go forward.

Bob Stein, an attorney for some of the plaintiffs who opposed the settlement, said he will appeal. He said there was no discovery that revealed the value of NFL Films, so there's no way to know if the settlement is fair. He also said the settlement doesn't provide direct payments to those who have given up publicity rights.

Dan Gustafson, an attorney representing those who agreed to the settlement, said he's pleased with the judge's ruling and hopes those opposed will "put this behind them now and join us in trying to implement the settlement for the benefit of the players."

Under the agreement, some $42 million will be distributed to a "common good" trust over eight years to help retired players with issues like medical expenses, housing and career transition. The settlement will also establish a licensing agency for retirees to ensure compensation for the use of their identities. The league will pay another $8 million in associated costs, including startup money for the licensing agency.

The trust will be administered by a group of retired players approved by the court. The licensing agency will for the first time market retiree publicity rights in conjunction with the NFL, thereby making it easier for retired players to work with potential sponsors and advertisers.

The settlement only covers those players who are currently retired, but players who retire in the future will have the chance to utilize the newly formed licensing agency.

Magnuson wrote that while the objections were "especially vociferous," only one-tenth of 1 percent of the class objected and less than 10 percent requested to opt out. He said the objections were without merit.

"This fund will provide substantial benefits to the class as a whole," the judge wrote.

The lawsuit was filed in 2009, with NFL Hall of Famer Elvin Bethea, Fred Dryer, Dan Pastorini, Joe Senser, Ed White and Jim Marshall accusing the NFL of exploiting retired players' identities in films, highlight reels and memorabilia to market the league's "glory days" without compensating the players. That same year, a group of more than 2,000 retirees won a $26.25 million settlement with the NFL Players Association over the use of their likenesses in video games, trading cards and other sports products.

Pastorini, Marshall, and Senser ended up objecting to the settlement and will be part of an appeal. The other three original plaintiffs opted out and will be included in other litigation, Stein said.

Gordon Rudd, another attorney for the plaintiffs in favor of the settlement, said the settlement gives retired players a chance to monetize the value of their images through the licensing agency.

"It is a historic settlement," he said. "It's very creative and it's very exciting to see this opportunity being provided to retired players for the first time."

The lawsuit against the league was similar to a still-pending lawsuit filed against the NCAA by Ed O'Bannon and other former college athletes seeking damages for the use of former players' likenesses in video games and other material.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Saturday, Nov. 2

The Thirst (NR) 1hr 42min
The Role (NR) 2hrs 1min
6:30pm
Discussion following The Thirst with producer Yuriy Sapronov.
Discussion following The Role with producer Leonid Shoub.

Sunday, Nov. 3

¡Released! The Human Rights Concerts (NR) 1hr 35min
3:00pm
Discussion follows with The Police band members Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland and ¡Released! producer Martin Lewis.

Soulless (NR) 1hr 46min
The Game of Truth (NR) 1hr 30min
7:30pm
Discussion following Soulless with director Roman Prigounov.
Discussion following The Game of Truth with producer Andrey Novikov.

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

Ender's Game (PG-13) 1hr 54min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) 1hr 35min
11:05am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

About Time (R) 2hrs 04min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:50pm, 10:50pm

Diana (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:55pm

Ender's Game (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
12:15pm, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

Last Vegas (R) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Free Birds (PG) 1hr 30min
10:45am, 4:00pm, 9:30pm

Counselor (R) 1hr 51min
10:35am, 1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Free Birds in 3D () 1hr 30min
1:20pm, 6:45pm

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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All Is Lost (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Wadjda (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am

Human Scale (NR) 1hr 23min
11:10am

Let the Fire Burn (NR) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Square (NR) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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PAY SOME BILLS FIRST, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ People don't often express their fantasies, but on this occasion, a loved one does. Seize the moment, as this type of revelation is not that frequent. Go off and create one of his or her fantasies! Tonight: The fun goes on and on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Whether you're hanging out with a friend or making plans with a loved one, you are bound to be taken aback by how much you enjoy yourself. You finally will be able to escape your normally tension-laden life. You have a lot to smile about. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have a lot on your plate involving responsibilities and an older friend. You'll feel good about yourself when you execute what must be done. You can't imagine how grateful a loved one is to have you in his or her life. Tonight: You feel good, even if you're not out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Home is where the heart is. You will have a unique opportunity to draw someone into your immediate environment. Make a point to share some of your most cherished memories. This person falls into your type of lifestyle with ease. Tonight: Time to throw a party!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might not reveal everything that is on your mind, even in the presence of a loved one. Your mind drifts far away in reverie. Share your thoughts, and take the first step in making one of your fantasies a reality. Tonight: Happily work on your long-term dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A loved one might declare that it would be fun to take off to a favorite place. Ask yourself what is stopping you. Gather what you need, and be spontaneous. There are times when everyone benefits by giving in to their impulses more. Tonight: Be where the people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ What you thought you wanted might no longer appeal to you. Note a possessive streak that comes over you. You want what you want, and nothing can stop you from getting it. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Recognize that you feel like being spontaneous. Give in to the moment. Romance could emerge from out of nowhere, as long as you are willing to share more of your desires. Tonight: Others will notice how wild you have become.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have a lot on your mind, and you might want to play it low-key. Spend time with a dear friend with whom you can be open. Use care with someone you meet today, as this person might not be who he or she seems to project. Tonight: Do whatever feels right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Plans could be tossed to the wayside, as a group of friends invite you on a fun adventure. You rarely don't follow through. Make it OK to do just that. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Reach out to a friend at a distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pressure builds as you deal with a work-related issue. You might need to postpone your plans, but you will feel more centered once you follow through on your responsibilities. Use caution when dealing with cash. Money seems to flow too easily. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Try out a different place to go for a meal. You will enjoy the change in environment, and you'll have more time with the person accompanying you. Being present with a loved one in an environment where no one knows you feels freeing. Tonight: Make sure music is involved.

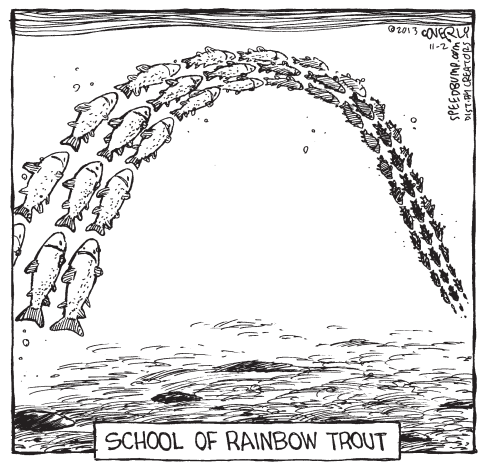
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This year you express more satisfaction with life in general. You often pull ideas and solutions from your dreams. In some sense, you do live your dreams, even if you are not conscious of it yet. If you follow your intuition, you can't go wrong. If you are single, quite a few dashing potential suitors enter your life. Commit to one of them or date and enjoy all the different personalities. If you are attached, the two of you could create much more of what you want together. Your significant other enjoys your wild imagination. A fellow SCORPIO might not be much like you, but he or she will have the same temper.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
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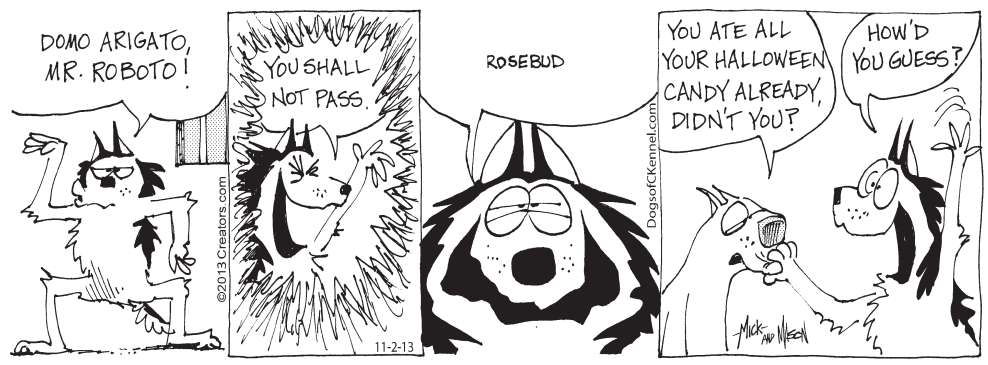
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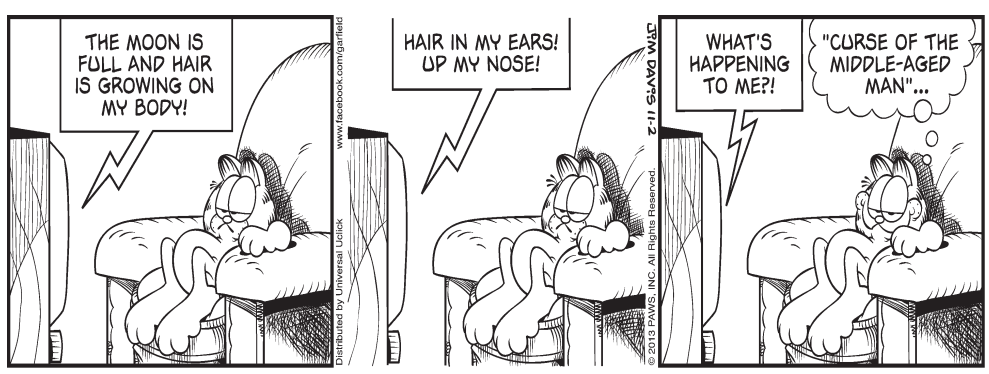
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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

2	8	6	1	7	3	9	5	4
7	5	1	8	9	4	6	3	2
3	4	9	2	5	6	1	8	7
1	2	3	4	6	7	5	9	8
4	9	7	5	1	8	2	6	3
5	6	8	3	2	9	7	4	1
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Gusted
5 Some college students
10 Debussy work
12 Put a cap on
13 Rust, for one
14 Vibrant
15 Musician's job
16 Rotter
18 Wee bite
19 Try hard
21 Addition column
22 Imminent
24 Enticed
25 All set
29 Burger joint supply
30 Staircase posts
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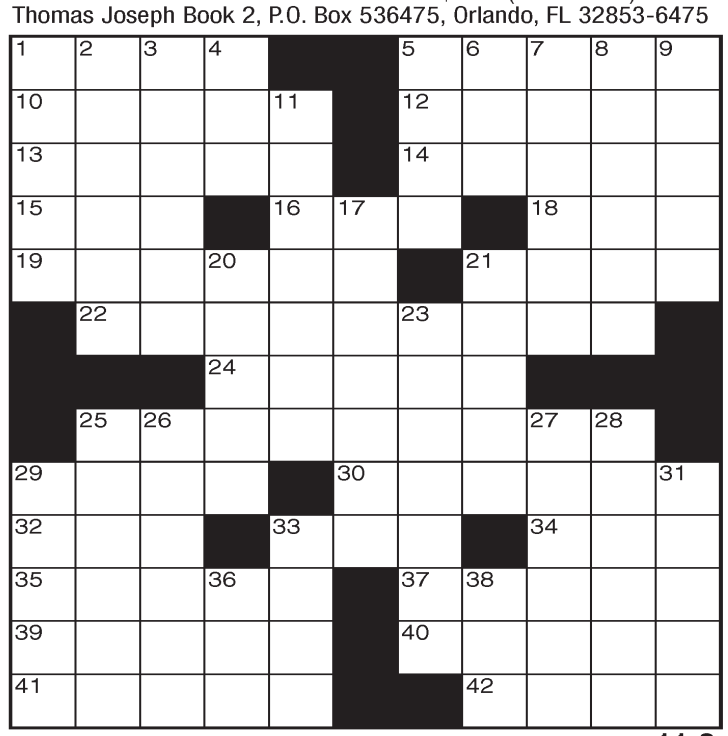
DOWN

1 Online journals
2 Looseness
3 Asylum seeker
4 Tie the knot
5 Not naked
6 Motor need
7 "Lose Yourself" rapper
8 Heavenly
9 Flight units
11 Spoke from memory
17 Pain reliever
20 Travel aid
21 Thus far
23 Clique
25 Near depletion
26 Complete
27 Frozen dessert
28 Twist of fiction
29 Soaks up the sun
31 Wasn't thrifty
33 Natural fuel
36 Scottish river
38 Opening

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Yesterday's answer

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AD COUNCIL

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In September, landlord Elwyn Gene Miller, 64, went on trial in Iowa City, Iowa, for spying on tenants in the small apartment building he owns -- after apparently having constructed peepholes allowing him views into bathrooms and other areas, and having been spotted climbing from a crawl space after accessing one peephole. Nonetheless, as Miller's lawyer pointed out, the law applies only to peeping for "sexual gratification," and there is no "first-hand knowledge or observation" that Miller was "aroused" at the time he was spotted. (At press time, the judge was mulling a decision.)

■ (1) A Tucson, Ariz., man apparently escaped a traffic stop in August, but not unscathed. After fleeing to a dead-end street, he climbed out the passenger window, but his foot got caught, and his still-moving car's back tire ran over his sprawled torso. The motorcycle officer was not able to catch the injured man, who staggered off into the neighborhood. (2) Lucas Burke, 21, and Ethan Keeler, 20, attempting to break into a safe at New Yard Landscaping in Hopkinton, N.H., in October, possibly seeking drug money, unwisely chose to use an acetylene torch. Included in the safe's contents was a supply of consumer fireworks, and, according to the police report, the resultant explosion "blew their bodies apart."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 - The Levelland UFO Case in Levelland, Texas, generates national publicity.

1959 - Quiz show scandals: Twenty One game show contestant Charles Van Doren admits to a Congressional committee that he had been given questions and answers in advance.

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Interior:

- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Check sump system several times during the rainy season (if applicable).
- Vacuum refrigerator condensing coils.
- Inspect shower, tub & sink caulking for deterioration.
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and supply lines for leaks.
- Survey all vent openings for compromised screening or other deterioration.
- Upgrade washing machine hoses to stainless steel jacketed hoses to help prevent failure.
- Lubricate and service the garage door hardware and openers.
- Inspect your fire sprinkler system periodically (if applicable).
- Have termite inspections performed (every 3 years).

Exterior:

- Remove all dead trees & keep healthy trees & shrubs trimmed & away from utility wires.
- Remove dead leaves and all debris from your gutters and downspouts.
- Repair driveway & walkways that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level surface.

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