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THE ANY RESOLUTIONS? ISSUE

Ignorance of new laws is no excuse

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The new year means new rules.

Lots of state and local laws that made their way through different legislative processes in 2013 go into effect today. Here are those that impact Santa Monicans most or were authored by area lawmakers.

FITNESS TRAINERS

Thanks to ambitious New Year's resolutions, more people work out in January than any other month of year. But a new ordinance means that you'll likely see fewer fitness trainers in your local parks this week.

An ordinance that regulates and charges

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California marks 2013 as historically dry year

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES A swath of California closed out 2013 as the driest year on record, marked by above-normal temperatures and thirsty reservoirs.

While a drought has not been declared, some communities urged residents to conserve water.

Dozens of cities saw historically parched conditions this year, setting new marks in record-keeping that in some cases dates back

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LEASE ON LIFE? A peace vigil was held at the site of the controversial 'Chain Reaction' sculpture in August at the Civic Center.

'Chain Reaction' may be saved after all

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET After a year of nail-biting fundraising, advocates of "Chain Reaction" can breath a small sigh of relief.

City Hall will pay for the restoration of the sculpture, with more than $40,000 worth of help from advocates, if City Council approves a recommendation from city officials.

City officials have questioned the safety of the sculpture, designed and donated by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad. There are concerns that its interior structure may be compromised, suffering from wear and tear.

The estimated cost of repair has ranged from $85,000 to $550,000.

Last February, council gave advocates a year to raise the cash to cover the cost of repairs with a promise that they would match up to $50,000.

The decision to recommend that City Hall pick up the tab came in the past few weeks, said City Manager Rod Gould. The grassroots fundraising played a large part in the decision, he said.

"I think it's relatively easy to sign a petition," Gould said. "But the funding raised by the community will defray the cost of rebuilding the sculpture."

More than 3,600 people signed petitions to save "Chain Reaction" and more than $40,000 has been raised with additional fundraisers coming before the Feb. 25 council meeting.

If other community groups ask for capital funding to be put toward a project, Gould said, City Hall can point to the fact that "Chain Reaction" advocates raised a significant amount of money.

"Chain Reaction" gained landmark status in 2012 and so whatever council decides will be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission. The commission recently voted to pen a letter to council, recommending that they ask for clarification as to the specific cost of repairs. They were warned by a city attorney that if they made remarks that showed any kind of bias, they could be disqualified from decision-making meetings.

Jerry Rubin, an activist who has been leading the fundraising charge, is cautiously optimistic.

"We're not done yet," he said. "I'm confident that council will do the right thing. In fact, I'm hoping it is a unanimous vote."

Conrad, who gave "Chain Reaction" to City Hall in the early 1990s, would be turning 90 years old in June and Rubin wants to celebrate his birthday around the sculpture.

"It's pretty clear that the community in Santa Monica, and really all over the world, love this piece of art," he said. "It seems likely that we can all stand together in unity and honor Paul Conrad and his sculpture."

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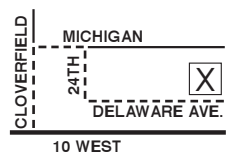
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Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

Say hello to 2014!

Strut your disheveled stuff
M Street Kitchen
2000 Main St., 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Join the staff at M Street Kitchen for a pajama party brunch. Roll out of bed and head on down for a bloody Mary or some Baileys and coffee. Guests who dine in their pajamas will receive a gift certificate to the restaurant equal to the price of the meal. Call (310) 396-9145 for more information.

Movie magic
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 5 p.m.
Enjoy a relaxing day at the movies with two screwball comedy classics: "A Night at the Opera," and "A Day at the Races," starring the Marx Brothers. For more information call (310) 260-1528 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014

Art for kids
Paint:Lab
1453 14th St., 9 a.m.
Kids 5-12 are invited to a special winter art camp. Cost: ranges from $55-$100. All art materials included in the price. For more information, call (310) 450-9200.

Little drummer boy
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 2:45 p.m.
Start the new year off with a bang and drum along with Rhythm Child. Ages 2 and up. Free tickets available at 1 p.m. the day of the program.

Sacrifice for laughs
M.i. Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade
8 p.m.
This night of comedy will culminate with the sacrifice of one standup virgin. For more information, visit westsidecomedy.com.

Friday, Jan. 3, 2014

Hit the ice
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Hit the rink at ICE at Santa Monica, a popular holiday attraction. For more information, call (310) 461-8333.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014

Market mania
Downtown & Virginia Avenue Park
Times and locations vary
Santa Monica's famous Farmers' Markets will be going full tilt this weekend. Visit either the Downtown market at Arizona Avenue and Second Street or the Pico market at Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Ave.). It's a fresh thing. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Take a walk
1436 Second St., 10 a.m.
Presented by the Santa Monica Conservancy, in approximately two hours and six blocks, the walk traverses more than 130 years of Santa Monica history, from its Wild West frontier beginnings to the sophisticated metropolis of today. RSVP the Thursday prior to the tour at (310) 496-3146.

Tour time
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m.
Learn about the rich history of the Beach House from a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free, last approximately 30 minutes, and no reservations are required. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

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Construction projects approved near faults

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOWNTOWN The cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica have approved more than a dozen construction projects over the past decade on or around two faults without seismic studies to find out whether the buildings could be destroyed in an earthquake.

The Los Angeles Times reports city officials could have done further work to determine whether a fault was under a development. Instead, they decided fault studies weren't required because they relied on developers' geology reports.

Los Angeles building records show that when projects were approved officials used outdated information that placed the Santa Monica and Hollywood faults much farther away from the construction.

State law prohibits construction atop faults and requires extensive studies. But the state has not created fault zones for the areas

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SAFETY FIRST: **The Pasadena Police Department is increasing security along the route of this year's Rose Parade.**

Security beefed up for Rose Parade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA, Calif. Police plan to beef up security measures for the 125th Rose Parade in the wake of bombings at the Boston Marathon.

Bomb-sniffing dogs and a wide range of video surveillance will be used to detect suspicious behavior during the New Year's Day parade, which is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of revelers.

Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez also estimates that more than 1,100 officers will patrol the parade route, according to the Pasadena Star-News. The department has been reviewing tragedies such as the Boston Marathon bombing to help formulate its plan.

"All eyes will be on Pasadena that day," Sanchez said.

Sanchez also asked spectators to be vigilant and to notify law enforcement immediately if they suspect something out of sorts.

"If one of the parade-goers sees something suspicious, and what I mean by that is they walk up and put a bag down and they walk away from that bag, have the courage and the insight and the willingness to engage and call that to the attention of local law enforcement officers," he said.

Several protests are planned, including Occupy Fights Foreclosures, which will follow the Rose Parade with three of its own floats.

Last-minute preparations were being made Tuesday for a host of colorful floats, while six F-16s from the Air Force's Thunderbirds rehearsed their parade flyover.

Many parade-goers camp out overnight to secure prime viewing spots along the 5 1/2 mile ride down Colorado Boulevard. The theme of the parade is "Dreams Come True" and the grand marshal is Los Angeles Dodgers longtime broadcaster Vin Scully.

Temperatures are expected to reach to the mid-70s Wednesday.



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Cite the bikers

Editor:

Bill Bauer is absolutely correct, and he isn't the only one who is and has been calling for the city of Santa Monica to enforce traffic laws relative to the dangerous, bicycle-riding scofflaws ("Ye olde holiday wish list," My Write, Dec. 23).

Bauer is also spot on about traffic congestion caused by reducing traffic lanes. There clearly are more cars than bikes on our roads, but we have a dim-witted City Council, an equally daft and overpaid cadre of city staff and their outside consultants, who continue to wreak havoc on our once proud city by supporting and approving such foolish building and traffic schemes.

The SMPD must just be lazy, and just don't want to make any effort to get out of their cars to write tickets, for there is no other sane reason for them not to cite all these bike-riding scofflaws. The City Council should direct the city manager to direct the police chief to have her officers do their jobs.

Maybe that will happen only when one of these clueless, bonehead bikers get splattered running a stop sign or red light, or when a pedestrian is injured by one of the many bike-riding scofflaws and the city is then sued and the biker rightly sitting in a jail cell facing criminal charges.

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Ending on some good notes

FIRST OF ALL, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO BE able to sincerely wish everyone today a very happy new year. It's a day to count your blessings, and for me, I think that may take all day.

This past year redeemed itself in my book at the very last moment, and I always say, it's the song with a big finish that you stand up and cheer for.

Now, let's go, 2014! It's about time we had a year filled with more joy than sorrow, more agreement and working together than fighting, more love and acceptance than hate and separation. (I hereby invoke the credo of that noted philosopher Rodney King.)

In particular, let's be thankful for the privilege of living where we do. I mean, step outside and look at this day! There are millions who would trade places with us in a flash.

FIRST, SEE IF THE TROOPS ARE THERE BEHIND YOU

Am I writing too much about development in Santa Monica? Maybe too much about "Chain Reaction?" Maybe even too often about police misconduct?

If so it's because I care passionately about these things. And in the case of the first two, the clock is ticking.

It's always a challenge to approach a subject in a fresh way, that informs people and makes them think, that adds to the dialogue instead of just rehashing it.

I have observed in just the last few weeks that a lot more people who are longtime residents are getting involved in the issues of development. They are becoming informed, and they are alarmed, that the very soul of this unique city by the sea will be lost forever to the many projects of immense size and height that are rushing headlong to final approval and construction.

There seems to be agreement that there has been too much discussion, too much wailing and gnashing of teeth, but not enough action. Some creative approaches are motivating people to act.

Citizens of Encinitas, a coastal city halfway between Legoland and Del Mar and very similar to us in many ways, drafted, got on the ballot, and passed Prop. A (Right to Vote Initiative), which requires any variation of the zoning laws that would allow a building over 30 feet tall be approved by the voters, taking that power away from their City Council. Encinitans involved in the creation of Prop. A have offered to come here to speak to interested groups.

A local law firm, helmed by 45-year Santa Monican Thomas A. Nitti, has offered its services pro bono for any endeavor to put the brakes on these large projects. They already came up with a one-page document which could serve as a template to challenge any project in its early stage.

The Los Angeles Times on Monday ran a front-page story on the recently identified Santa Monica and Hollywood earthquake faults and the new buildings that sit on or near them, and those in the process of being built there. That might be something to consider.

Even Forbes magazine (forbes.com) gave our issue national attention last week with a piece by David Hochman titled, "Why 'Starchitects' Should Leave Santa Monica's Skyline Alone."

All good ideas, in my book, but perhaps ignoring a central issue: do most residents of Santa Monica, who would have to support any of these approaches, give a fat rat's posterior about any of this?

I'm guessing no. I think people would care if they understood the issues, if they had any idea what trying to drive in this town is going to be like in three years (just give up and get a skateboard). But I doubt that many do. I was pretty clueless myself until fairly recently.

So that should be the first priority for any reasonable-growth crusaders. Education. Information. We have a population here not quite (yet) in six figures so it shouldn't be impossible for an organized effort to reach nearly everyone, by e-mail, snail mail or knocking on doors. Every part of town has its own neighborhood organization already.

Cartoons. Cartoons are the key. I'm being slightly facetious. But in Encinitas they had a flyer showing a towering five-story (we should be so lucky, only five) red building looming over its one-story residential neighborhood. Simple, dramatic illustrations like that can give people the story in an instant, in a way that will stick with them.

AN E-MAIL/COFFEE BOMBSHELL

Funny things are happening to our iconic "Chain Reaction" sculpture marching quickly toward its demise date in February.

Here's one: I received an e-mail from City Councilman Kevin McKeown, referring to a line I wrote about "Chain Reaction."

He wrote: "I think the original staff recommendation is turning around on this one." Then he copied an e-mail he had sent to the Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains.

"I earlier sent you an explanation, as originally written to Peter Scheer, of the city of Santa Monica's dilemma with 'Chain Reaction.'

"Since that time, I've continued to work with city staff on options, and it now seems possible the city will accept whatever money is raised by activists by February, match it as promised — AND CONTRIBUTE FURTHER FUNDING to fully restore 'Chain Reaction' to both structural and landmark standards."

He reminded that spending money requires a City Council vote. But the councilman formerly lukewarm about this issue wrote, "At this point, though, I will be supporting the plan to restore 'Chain Reaction,' and urging my colleagues (when I can, in public, in keeping with the Brown Act) to do the same."

It reminds me that all seven council members, and the city staff, no matter how I may feel on their stands about certain issues, are people just like you and me, with (hopefully) open minds and a desire to do the right thing.

Sent Dec. 25, I consider that e-mail a terrific Christmas gift, and another fine note to end 2013.

Late-breaking news: Jerry Rubin, an indefatigable activist to save "Chain Reaction," just e-mailed me that he had coffee with City Manager Rod Gould Tuesday morning, and that Gould expressed the same sentiments as McKeown, and said the item would be on the City Council agenda for Feb. 25.

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Who's looking out for the middle class?

THIRTY YEARS OF POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT in California politics has led me to the realization that the middle class is woefully underrepresented in this state. Not only that, but this injustice seems amplified with every passing year.

This column has covered the lack of meaningful representation for ordinary citizen taxpayers for more than a decade. Indeed, in October, we exposed the unfairness of Assembly Bill 8, a massive $2.3 billion car tax increase on everyone who relies on their cars for work, errands and everyday life.

Assembly Bill 8 was nothing less than a deal among very powerful interests who had no problem throwing taxpayers under the bus. Who were the winners? Environmental extremists (with support from Gov. Brown) who got funding for a dubious "Hydrogen Super Highway." Also, manufacturers of "green cars," like the hyper-expensive Tesla, got big tax breaks. Regrettably, some of our allies in the agriculture and trucking industry were in on the deal as well. In exchange for their imprimatur, they received much needed relief from some absurd regulations which seem to proliferate in California like amorous rabbits.

Standing alone against all these well-moneyed interests was the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. And while we are acknowledged as a powerful voice for California taxpayers for our unwavering defense of Proposition 13, the interests of homeowners and citizen taxpayers, there are times when our advocacy is steamrolled by those with more money, power and influence.

If there is any good news here, it is that the plight of the middle class is starting to attract much needed attention. In perhaps one of the best columns on the subject ever written, noted historian and classicist Victor Davis Hanson reveals how the political machinations at the state and federal levels treat middle class citizens more as second-class indentured servants.

Hanson starts with noting what Obamacare does to the middle class: "The problem with Obamacare is that its well-connected and influential supporters — pet businesses, unions and congressional insiders — have already won exemption from it. The rich will always have their concierge doctors and Cadillac health plans. The poor can usually find low-cost care through Medicaid, federal clinics and emergency rooms. In contrast, those who have lost their preferred individual plans, or will pay higher premiums and deductibles, are largely members of the self-employed middle class. They are too poor to have their own exclusive health care coverage, but too wealthy for most government subsidies. So far, Obamacare is falling hardest on the middle class."

Hanson then points out that policies of higher education — with expensive tuitions — protect the wealthy and the poor but hit the middle class hard, very hard: "Consider the trillion-dollar student-loan mess. Millions of young people do not qualify for grants predicated on income levels, ancestry or both. Nor are their parents wealthy enough to pay their tuition or room-and-board costs. The result is that the middle class — parents and students alike — has accrued a staggering level of student-loan debt."

POLICIES ON GUN CONTROL, ENERGY AND THE FED'S QUANTITATIVE EASING ARE REVEALED TO HAVE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE MIDDLE CLASS WHILE SPARING THE RICH AND POOR.

Next comes immigration. Open borders advocates and corporations have more in common than Americans concerned about finding and keeping their jobs. Hanson notes that "illegal immigration also largely comes at the expense of the middle class."

Davis doesn't stop with immigration. Policies on gun control, energy and the Fed's quantitative easing are revealed to have deleterious effects on the middle class while sparing the rich and poor.

So what can be done to afford the middle class the degree of representation they are due? First, the middle class should realize that they — by virtue of their sheer numbers — constitute the largest block of registered voters. If citizen taxpayers ever come to grasp this simple truth and realize that they have little in common with powerful special interests, they could assert themselves more effectively in the political arena.

Second, ordinary taxpaying homeowners should focus more on the actual policies coming out of Washington and Sacramento and less on party affiliation or political labels such as "liberal" or "conservative."

Third, the middle class should ignore the political messaging emanating from the political elites, including those in the anointed main stream media and do their homework to educate themselves on what is really going on. After all, veritas vos liberabit (the truth shall set you free).

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The Q Line

Welcome to the new year

With the new year comes new opportunities to go in a different direction.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think should be Santa Monica's resolutions for 2014 and why?

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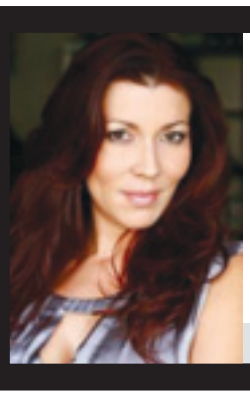

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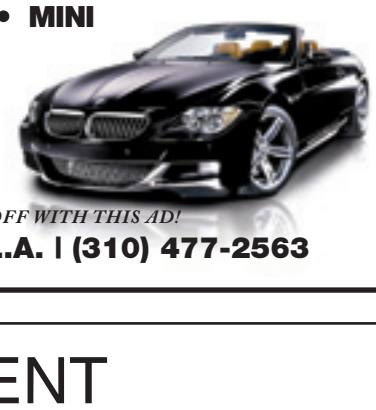
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LAWS
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fitness trainers for their use of public parks goes into effect today.

Annual permits for most parks range from $1,800 to $5,400 depending on how large the groups are. Palisades Park permits cost $2,700 to $8,100 to reflect the park's high demand.

Seven neighborhood groups and three council members favored an all-out ban of fitness trainers in Palisades Park. Outdoor fitness advocates say the fees are too high. At last check, only 10 trainers have applied for permits at any of the city parks.

Last year, city officials observed nearly 150 groups working out in one week in Palisades Park alone.

The ordinance will last one year and be reevaluated.

GETTING PAID

The minimum wage is being boosted to $9 an hour starting in July, the first of two dollar-an-hour boosts that will push the base minimum wage to $10 by 2016, making it one of the nation's highest minimums. Under another bill, domestic workers will have to be paid time and a half if they work more than nine hours in a day or more than 45 hours in a week; baby sitters are exempt.

SWATTING STOPPER

If you haven't already called a SWAT team to a phony emergency at a celebrity's house today is not a good day to start.

A bill penned by State Sen. Ted Lieu (D-Santa Monica) requires those convicted of falsely reporting 911 emergencies to reimburse taxpayers for the cost of the response.

The bill is a response to a recent trend of swatting incidents, when a violent emergency is falsely reported at the home of a celebrity, sometimes costing taxpayers as much as $10,000.

PAPARAZZI STOPPER

Photographers who harass celebrities and their children face tougher penalties under a law backed by actresses Halle Berry and Jennifer Garner, who testified in favor of it.

Garner and her daughters have been targeted by paparazzi while leaving a pre-school on Second Street in Santa Monica. At one point city officials looked into creating some kind of buffer for Garner and other celebs but backed off out of fear of violating protections granted by the First Amendment.

Those who take photos and video of a child without consent and in a harassing manner could face up to a year in county jail and a fine of up to $10,000. They also can be sued for damages and attorney's fees under the new law, which media organizations opposed.

BIKER BUBBLE

If you're passing a cyclist in your car you have to leave at least 3 feet of space. If 3 feet isn't possible you have to slow down before passing. If you don't, you can get a ticket, regardless of whether or not there's an accident.

That's big news for Santa Monica, where bicyclists are increasing in number. The Daily Press has received numerous letters, including one today, in which people have raised concerns about cyclists not adhearing to traffic laws like coming to a full stop at controlled intersections. Others have complained about aggressive drivers not yielding to cyclists.

HOV LANE STILL AN OPTION FOR GREEN VEHICLES

Drivers with up-to-date clean air vehicles can continue using carpool lanes without meeting occupancy requirements. The law, which was set to expire, was extended through 2018.

TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

California becomes the first state to give specific rights to transgender students starting in January unless opponents show they have gathered enough petition signatures to put a referendum before voters seeking to overturn the law. It lets transgender students choose which restroom to use and whether to play on boys' or girls' sports teams.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials have been working since the bill passed earlier this year to make sure that their policies are in compliance.

HOMELESS YOUTH

A bill penned by former Santa Monica mayor, Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), will make it easier for caregivers to access the pupil records of homeless youth.

Previously, they needed to get parental consent or a judicial order to gain access. Now, if the student is both homeless and unaccompanied, the student can sign an affidavit authorizing the release of the records.

INTERROGATION OF MINORS

Law enforcement interrogations of minors accused of homicides have to be videotaped, thanks to a recent Lieu law.

Lieu cites research showing that wrongful convictions often result from false confessions by kids under 18.

SEX OFFENDER MONITORING

Sex offenders who cut off their GPS-monitors in 2014 will have to serve maximum jail sentences. A senate bill from Lieu requires tougher penalties on paroled sex offenders who go AWOL.

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STUCK ON SHAKY GROUND? This Whole Foods Market was built on or near the Santa Monica Fault despite warnings from geologists, according to a Los Angeles Times report. State law prohibits construction atop faults and requires extensive studies.

FAULTS
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around the two faults.

In Santa Monica city officials approved construction of a Whole Foods, which opened in 2003, despite warnings from geologists that the market site on Wilshire Boulevard might sit on top of a fault, according to the Times.

The geologists recommended digging across the site to determine whether it is there. City building records show no evidence city officials followed their advice or ordered more investigation.

Ron Takiguchi, Santa Monica's top building official, told the Times City Hall did not order fault investigations for any of the four projects identified by The Times. The city is diligent about examining earthquake risks and relies on experts in making its decisions, he said.

Marci Frumkin, a spokeswoman for Whole Foods Market, told the Times that the company rents the building and is aware of potential dangers.

"We know of the seismic risk and have done extensive retrofitting to the building," she said. She did not provide details.

Building owner Dave Larner told the Times he does not believe the market is on top of the fault, adding: "The building was built to exceed or meet all specifications."

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RAIN
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more than a century.

Downtown Los Angeles received a meager 3.60 inches of rain since Jan. 1, the driest calendar year since 1877. Normally, downtown would be soaked with about 15 inches of precipitation.

Similarly, San Francisco recorded just 5.59 inches of rain since the beginning of the year, 18 inches below normal. Sacramento is 14 inches below average after receiving 6.13 inches of rain this year.

"It's been pitiful," said Bob Benjamin, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Monterey, Calif. "It's a concern, but we do have several months to catch up."

December is typically one of the wettest months, but a stubborn dome of high pressure has steered storms away from California for the past month. While the country shivered during Christmas, Californians flocked to the beach and basked in summer-like temperatures.

The dry spell is not all good news.

The lack of rainfall does not bode well for the winter's first snow survey that will be released on Friday. Real-time readings of the water content in the snowpack — which supplies much of California's water — reveal it's only 20 percent of normal.

Many of the state's major reservoirs are below average for the month.

Shasta Lake, the state's largest reservoir, is currently at 37 percent of its total capacity. Folsom Lake recently dipped below 20 percent of its capacity, marking a historic low for the month. This triggered some communities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region to issue water conservation orders.

The Northern California city of Folsom recently mandated that residents cut water consumption by 20 percent. Sacramento County asked unincorporated areas to voluntarily reduce water use by the same amount.

State water managers are also discussing transferring water from places with relative abundance to communities facing critical shortages.

Even before the state was gripped by record dryness, several cities, including Santa Monica and Long Beach in Southern California, have planned to reduce their dependence on imported water in the coming years by maximizing groundwater supplies, harvesting stormwater and increasing recycled water distribution.

Despite an arid year, forecasters said the rainy season is not over yet. In past years, a dry December gave way to storms in January.

"Or we can get a miracle March that bails us out a little bit," said state climatologist Michael Anderson.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **59.5°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
DEEP AM HIGH TIDE; WNW swell holds; light to locally light+ offshore AM winds

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
DEEP AM HIGH TIDE; WNW swell drops out

FRIDAY – **FLAT** – Flat occ. 2ft
DEEP AM HIGH TIDE; WNW leftovers

SATURDAY – **FLAT** – Flat occ. 2ft
Extreme angled NW swell possibly builds, but bypasses most areas

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 **December 18, 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 -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 29
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 14

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+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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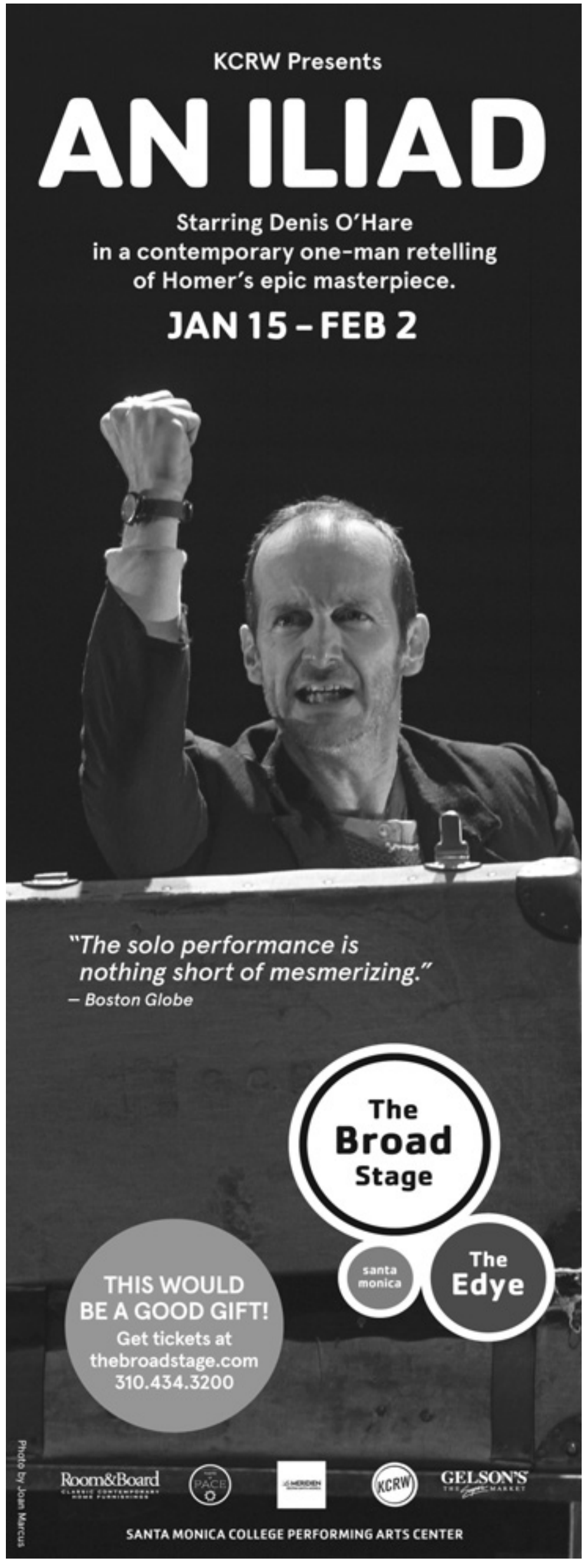
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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A Night At The Opera (NR) 1hr 30min
A Day At The Races (NR) 1hr 51min
5:00pm

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47 Ronin (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
10:45am, 4:05pm, 11:00pm

Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 20min
4:40pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
10:10pm

Grudge Match (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:50pm, 9:45pm

47 Ronin 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
1:30pm, 7:15pm

Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) 1hr 20min
10:30am, 1:45pm, 7:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
9:45am, 12:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
10:55pm

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (NR) 1hr 59min
10:45am, 1:50pm, 4:50pm, 8:30pm, 11:35pm

Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) 2hrs 05min
10:10am, 1:05pm, 4:05pm, 8:45pm, 11:40pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
9:30am, 4:45pm, 11:00pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
1:00pm, 7:10pm

Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:00am, 1:05pm, 5:00pm, 8:15pm, 11:30pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
9:30am, 1:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:50pm, 11:00pm

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Nebraska (R) 1hr 50min
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Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
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12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
4:10pm, 9:55pm

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GET SOME SLEEP, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The New Moon christens the New Year. This specific New Moon carries responsibilities and a serious tone with it. This event is merely a passage. Make time for what you enjoy, whether you watch a football game or visit with friends. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not appreciate the insight you gain, yet you still know how to look at the big picture. Do not make more of a situation than is necessary. Catch up on your friends' and family's news. Tonight: Don't back away from an important question.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make it your pleasure to share your resolutions with a loved one. You might find that a child or a new heartthrob could aggravate you and be a source of irritation. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The New Moon affects you more than it affects any other sign. Partners, friends and loved ones could feel a bit out of sync. They could be acting out or making strange requests. You understand moodiness. Let this roll off your back like water. Tonight: You are the party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be playing it unusually low-key, perhaps because your mind is on taking care of another person. Someone actually might try to engage you in a fight, just to see some of your spark come out. Deal with this person directly. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Today's New Moon might affect your mood toward a loved one, or if you're single, it could ignite a new romance. Children could be very touchy or serious. Tonight: Let the romantic within come out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be more irritable than you have been in a while. Whatever symbolism this particular day holds for you might need evaluation. Tonight: Don't be surprised at others' distancing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Speak your mind with a little diplomacy, and you will get positive results. Others could be unusually sensitive and reactive. If you find that you are getting angry, try to detach rather than judge the situation. Tonight: Make a call to a friend. Listen to his or her resolution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A loved one might need to kick up his or her heels. Avoid a discussion, at least for today. Don't make any financial commitments at present; otherwise, there could be a problem. Tonight: Try not to let someone pick your brain on a certain topic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to revise your New Year's resolutions after some thought. Do it today, while the symbolism of the New Year still exists. Some of you could be overserious and decide not to follow through on a resolution. Tonight: Let the party begin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You will sense that a partner or loved one is off or depressed. You might choose to express your sensitive side when interacting with this person. Hold off on making any judgments. Tonight: Take some personal time for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The New Moon could give power to an important resolution or decision on your part. This notion might stem from an extended period of deep thought and evaluation. Let go of seriousness for now, and head over to a get-together of loved ones. Tonight: Let the party begin.

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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

This year you eye a new beginning. You will tend to be overserious, and you sometimes might take a joke or a fun comment the wrong way. Be aware of this tendency to make more of a statement than the other party intended. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone you feel is your soul mate. You naturally will take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, understand that you might be a little too me-oriented. Do your best to make time for your partner and his or her desires. A fellow CAPRICORN might be more challenging than you think.

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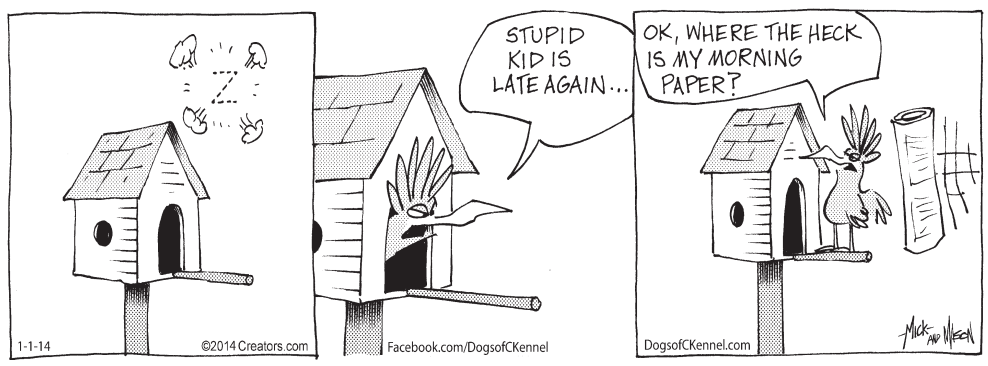
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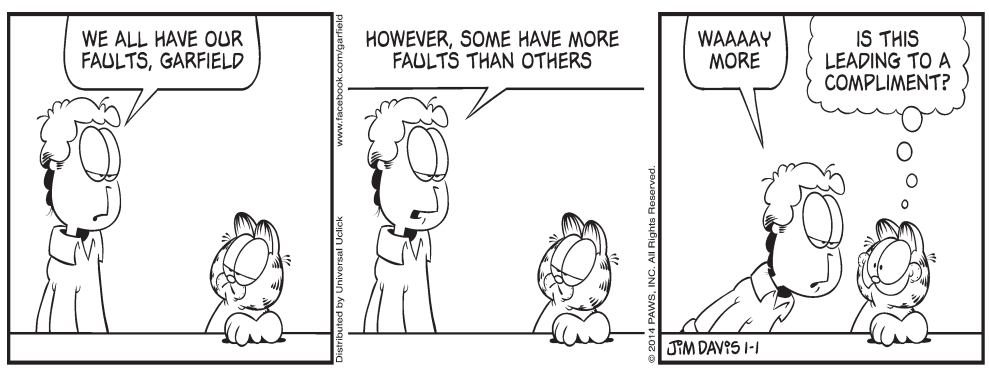
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

	4	3				6	5	
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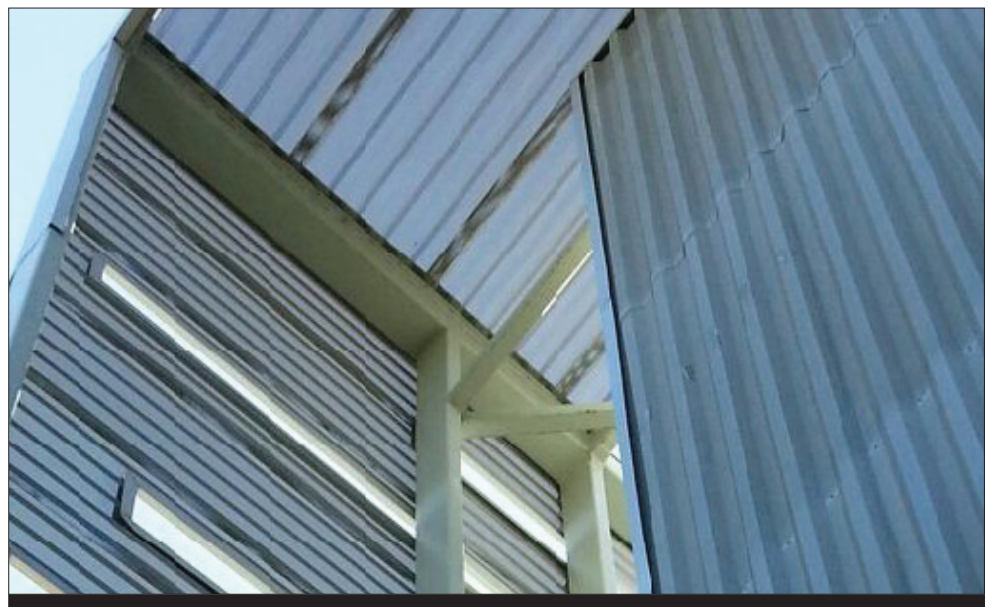
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	2	7	8	6	5	9	4	3
6	5	9	2	4	3	1	8	7
8	4	3	9	1	7	6	5	2
2	6	1	3	7	4	8	9	5
7	8	4	5	2	9	3	6	1
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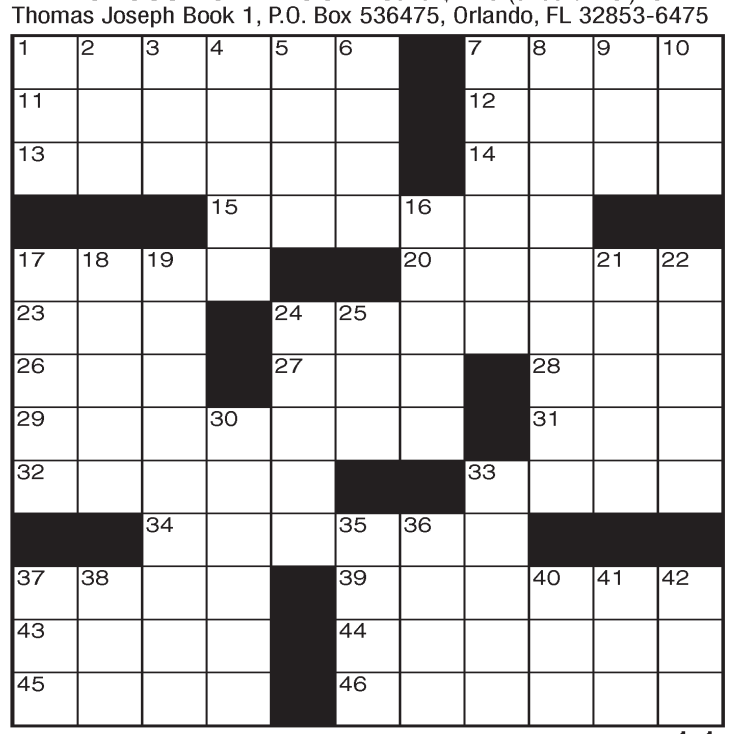
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4 College heads
5 Jason's ship
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■ The evangelical educational organization Answers in Genesis, which has established a series of children's books and a creationist museum, announced recently that it would enter the bond market to fund its most ambitious project -- a creationist amusement park centered around a "life-size" reconstruction of Noah's Ark, for which it estimates it will need at least $73 million from investors. Issuing bonds might be seen as desperate since AiG has raised only $13.6 million privately since proposing the Ark-park, but a Georgetown University finance professor, contacted by Slate.com, suggested that the bonds' terms place them in the high-risk "junk bond" category (perhaps better described as "faith-based," having virtually no resale value and without an independent bond rating).

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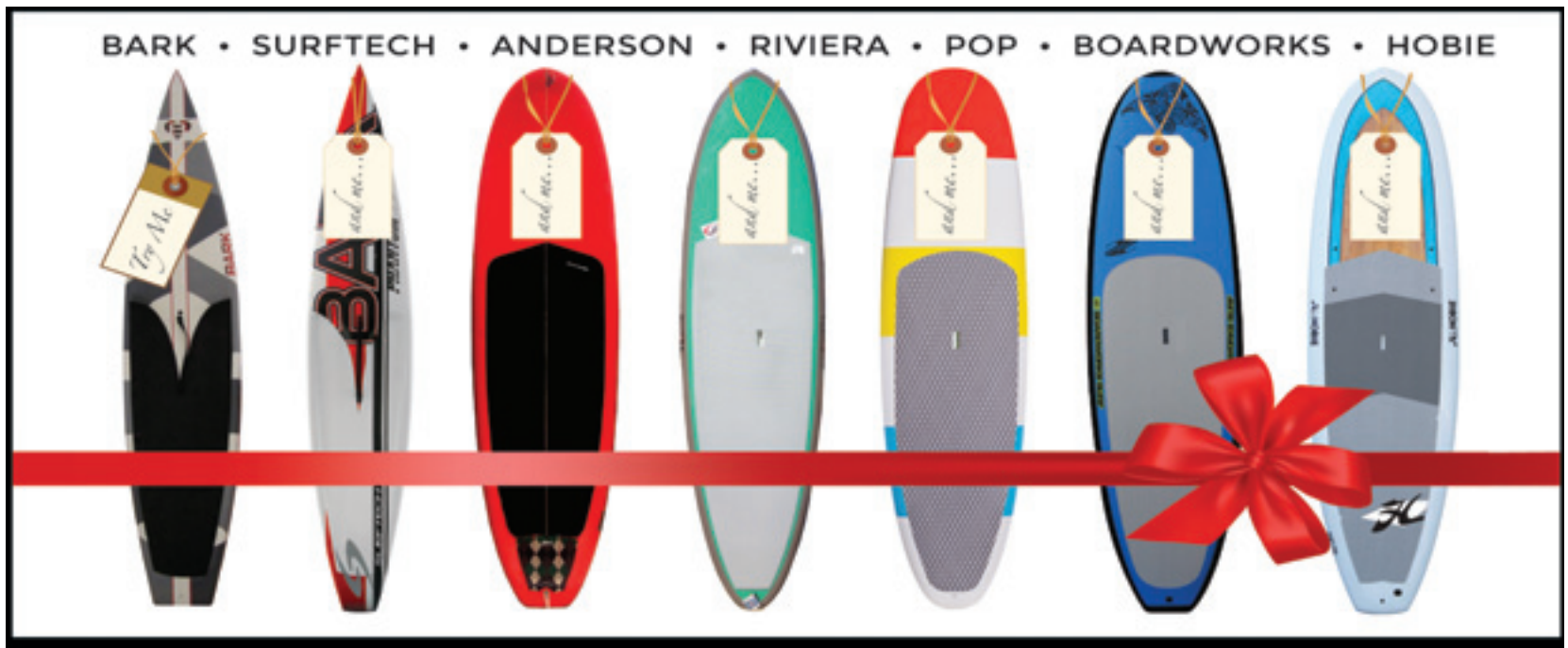
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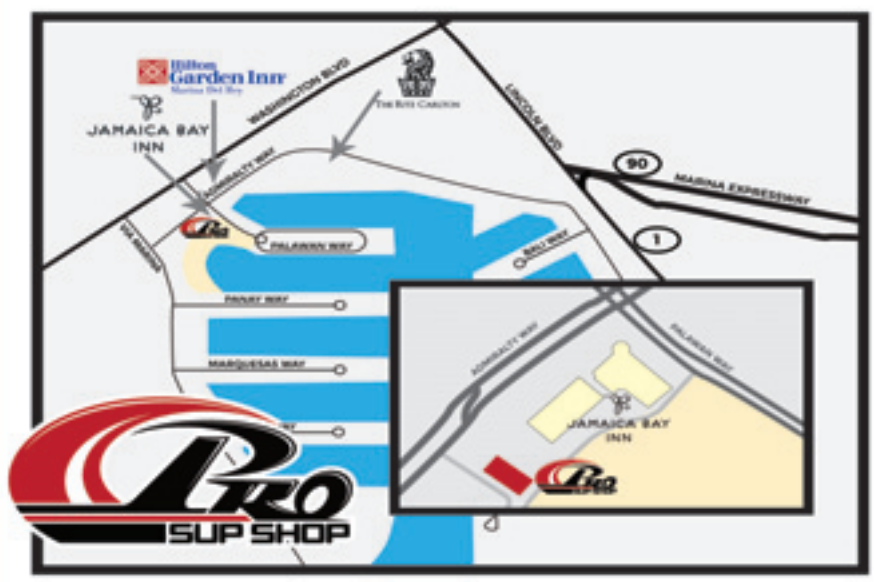


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