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THE FAMILY PAPER ISSUE

California lottery seeing a resurgence

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LOS ANGELES More people are playing California's lottery after years of decline because more money is being pumped back into the prize pool and that has increased the jackpots.

Changes made to the system in 2010 altered a formula that gave the lottery flexibility in determining its education contribution. By doing so, officials say, the lottery has larger payouts that fueled the recent resurgence, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The lottery was approved by voters in 1984 to supplement public school funding and had more than \$4 billion in ticket sales last year.

The contribution to public education was once set at a minimum of 34 percent of its revenue while the amount of money going to prizes was capped at 50 percent. However, some officials believed the prizes were too small to lure more players.

With revenues declining, a bill was passed several years ago that has resulted in players seeing their potential winnings jump 59 percent. But the new allocations don't explicitly state a percentage that must be given to schools, only that it's higher than the amount given in 2009 and rise slightly every year. If neither condition is met, the allocation formula reverts to pre-2010 percentages.

Although the long-term effect of the changes isn't clear, lottery officials said the boom has helped California which also has joined the multi-state Mega Millions and Powerball sweepstakes. A San Jose man recently split a \$648 Mega Millions jackpot, the second-largest lottery prize in U.S. history.

"Once we changed those (allocations), the frenzy begins," lottery spokesman Russ Lopez said.

About 1 percent of education funding comes from the lottery. In the 2011-12 fiscal year, the lottery gave \$1.3 billion to education, the 12th straight year that the lottery contributed more than \$1 billion.

The lottery also forwards to education any winnings unclaimed for 180 days. An extra \$20 million went to education last year from those proceeds.

Code Compliance cracking down on wasted water

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Be sure to patch your leaky fountains.

Following one of the driest years in

California history, Code Compliance officers at City Hall are cracking down on wasted water, according to a recent report to the City Council.

Some violations will skip the warning phase and head straight to citations.

Rainfall in Los Angeles for 2013 was 3.6

inches. The yearly average to date is 14.93, according to statistics from the National Weather Service.

Southern California is experiencing

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RACY PROTEST

Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

Animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals deployed a pair of 'sexy nurses' to tout the benefits of a vegan diet on Tuesday outside of UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. The nonprofit claims that a diet loaded with meat, eggs and dairy products lead to heart problems that can ultimately require heart surgery.

Study: PCH, tourism, water vulnerable to rising sea levels

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BAY Problems caused by sea-level rise are expected to impact key infrastructure like drinking water systems and roads in areas surrounding Santa Monica over the next century, according to a USC study.

The Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Study for the city of Los Angeles, presented at the Annenberg Community Beach House on Tuesday, highlighted potential dangers to neighborhoods adjacent to the city by the sea.

To the north, Pacific Coast Highway is threatened by the sea-level rise.

"The main problem for (Pacific Palisades) and for the infrastructure is how are we going to maintain Highway 1," said Dr. Reinhard Flick, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. "It's very difficult to see how you would move it, for example."

Waters are expected to rise by 1.4 meters over the next century according to the report. But mean sea-level rise on its own is not the primary issue.

"Mean sea-level doesn't actually run over anybody's doorstep," Flick said. "It doesn't actually erode the beach. That's not the process. The processes are the big waves, especially during high tides that cause the damage, the erosion, the flooding."

The report recommends issuing warnings for PCH drivers days in advance as the water rises and storms approach.

Along with roads, water systems are mentioned by the report as one of L.A.'s most vulnerable assets. This includes wastewater, stormwater, and potable water that could be impacted by sea-level rise and associated storm surges.

Down in Venice, and across the L.A.

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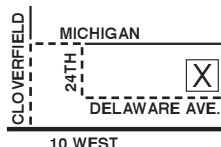


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Angel Guarjardo (95) beloved father, grandfather, and uncle will be remembered for his devotion to his family and his kindness to all. A veteran and longtime resident of Santa Monica, he is survived by his wife Carmen; two sons Tom and David; daughters Martha and Valen; grandsons Billy, Tony and Matthew; granddaughters Aimee, Sabrina and Alex; sister Connie; and his brothers Arthur, Manuel and Ben.



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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014

Eat well, Santa Monica
Citywide
Hours vary

To celebrate California Restaurant Month, good taste will meet healthy food this January during Santa Monica's second annual Eat Well Week. Some of the city's top restaurants will offer discounted prix fixe menus and new healthy menu options that satisfy both the wallet and waistline. For a list of restaurants, visit santamonica.com/where-to-eat/eat-well-week.

Mid-week music

First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 12:10 p.m.
Take a break from your day and enjoy free concerts on the second Wednesday of each month from January through May. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Free parking available across the street in an underground garage. This week features organist Ray Urwin. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Mystery lit

Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Discussion of Jesse Kellerman's novel, "Potboiler." When a has-been professor reconnects with a "friend's" widow, he's plunged into a shadow realm of double crosses and intrigue. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014

Get crafty

Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Join the library for a different craft each month. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Western flick

Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
Written and produced by Robert Knott, "Appaloosa" focuses on a lawman and his deputy hired to defend a lawless

town from a murderous rancher. Starring Jeremy Irons, Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen and Renée Zellweger. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Friday, Jan. 10, 2014

Hit the mat

Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m.
Yoga at the Beach House is a great place to focus your mind, lift your spirits and strengthen your body. Drop in or full five-week session registration available. Ages 12 and up. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Improv night

M.I. Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade
11:30 p.m.
Recently relocated from Chicago, Octavarius is like "Whose Line is it Anyway?," "Con Air" and Jackson Pollock had a baby, and you can be a part of his show. By weaving scenes, songs and games together in a high-octane, non-stop comedy set, Octavarius delivers an experience like no improv you've ever seen. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014

Frisbee on the beach

1550 PCH Beach Lot
9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Tournament on the sand where some of the best players in the world come to compete in Santa Monica. For more information, visit www.leiout.com.

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CORRECTION

A recent article on the testing of PCBs at Malibu High School published Jan. 4-5, contained an inaccurate headline. Consultant Dr. Paul Rosenfeld never said in an e-mail to parents that the levels were "safe."

L.A. contemporary art museum's endowment hits \$100M

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Museum of Contemporary Art, which struggled for years for financial survival, has quadrupled its endowment to more than \$100 million in the past nine months through a fundraising

campaign that museum officials say won support from dozens of deep-pocketed Los Angeles arts patrons.

MOCA, which planned to announce the accomplishment Tuesday, said it ensures the long-term survival and independence of one of the country's pre-eminent public repositories for contemporary art.

"What's special about MOCA is it is the only museum in LA that's dedicated solely to collecting and exhibiting contemporary art, and I think our board realized the deep value in having an institution like that," Maria Seferian, MOCA's interim director, told The Associated Press on Monday.

The museum, whose collection includes

numerous works by such celebrated artists as Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Mark Rothko and Robert Rauschenberg, has struggled for years for financial survival. It was in danger of going under almost six years ago when billionaire financier Eli

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OCEAN AVE Hotel makes donation to conservancy

The historic Georgian Hotel on Ocean Avenue has donated \$7,200 to the Santa Monica Conservancy, money raised from ticket sales to the hotel's 80th anniversary gala.

The hotel donated 100 percent of the ticket sales to the conservancy (www.smconservancy.org), which works to promote widespread understanding and appreciation of the many benefits of historic preservation.

"We wanted to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Georgian Hotel with more than just a party and we felt that the important work being done by the Santa Monica Conservancy needed to be celebrated as well," said Juan Viramontes, general manager of the Georgian.

In addition to the funds generated by the ticket sales, the hotel encouraged guests to contribute to the preservation of historic properties in Santa Monica by making matching donations through the end of 2013.

"We're just delighted," said conservancy President Carol Lemlein. "The Georgian is one of the historic buildings featured in our ongoing Downtown Walking Tour. Hotel leaders have been strong partners to the conservancy and we are deeply appreciative."

The Georgian was built in 1933 by Rosamond Borde, a businesswoman looking to make her mark on the Pacific coastline. The Art Deco structure is recognized as one of Santa Monica's first skyscrapers. It was a rendezvous spot for celebrities including Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Bugsy Siegel and Fatty Arbuckle.

Opened during prohibition, the Georgian was known to serve alcohol, becoming a popular speakeasy.

— KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN Tip-off time

This is the final week to register to play in the Santa Monica YMCA winter youth basketball league. Player evaluations are ongoing and finish with "makeups" for all ages this Friday, Jan. 10., from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., said Peter Arbogast, youth basketball coordinator.

Co-ed divisions are set up by skill, not age, to ensure a better experience for all players. Each player gets a uniform to keep, invitation to a pizza party with awards presented at the end of the season. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

For more information, contact Arbogast at (310) 393-2721 ext. 137, or visit www.ymcasm.org.

The YMCA is located at the corner of Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

— KH



Photo courtesy of WestsidePeopleMag.com

BIG MONEY: (Left to right) Georgian Hotel owner, Ted Broedlow; Carol Lemlein, Santa Monica Conservancy president; Kay Pattison, leader of the Santa Monica Conservancy's Downtown Walking Tours; Georgian Hotel General Manager Juan Viramontes.



L.A. County to restore cross to official seal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County is restoring a cross to its official seal, nearly a decade after one was removed from the original design.

County supervisors voted 3-2 on Tuesday to put a cross atop the seal's depiction of the his-

toric San Gabriel Mission.

The original seal had a cross over the Hollywood Bowl but it was removed when the seal was redesigned in 2004 after the ACLU of Southern California threatened legal action.

An image of the mission was added but the building didn't have a cross at the time

because it was undergoing earthquake retrofitting.

The cross was reattached in 2009, so two supervisors argued the seal should be adjusted for historical accuracy.

However, the ACLU says putting the religious symbol on the seal is divisive and probably unconstitutional.



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Baca says bye

Editor:

I have been proud and honored to serve the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the people of Los Angeles County for the past 48 years – which has made this decision the most difficult of my professional life.

I am not going to seek re-election to a fifth term as sheriff, and I will retire at the end of this month.

The reasons for doing so are many, and some are most personal and private, but the prevailing one is the negative perception this upcoming campaign has brought to the exemplary service provided by the men and women of the Sheriff’s Department. They have conducted themselves with the utmost integrity and professionalism, resulting in yet another year of historic crime reductions not seen in nearly half a century.

Your Sheriff’s Department is the greatest law enforcement agency in the nation, and I want to thank the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice exhibited daily.

To the people of Los Angeles County, I also extend a deep sense of gratitude for allowing me to serve for the past 48 years.

As your elected sheriff for the past 15 years, I have held fast to the core values of this great department.

And they are:

“As a leader of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, I commit myself to perform my duties with respect for the dignity of all people, integrity to do right and fight wrongs, wisdom to apply common sense and fairness in all I do, and courage to stand against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and bigotry in all its forms.”

Sheriff Lee Baca

An accident waiting to happen

Editor:

Safety on sidewalks! Please!

I must absolutely agree with Mr. Thomas M. Sipos (“Never on the sidewalk,” Letter to the Editor, Jan. 2).

The tired argument about bicycles on the sidewalk is not “tired.” It is a dead horse. Stop beating it. Bicycles do not belong on the sidewalk. Period!

Pedestrians should not have to dodge bicycles bearing down on them. This is an accident waiting to happen. Something needs to be done about this situation.

Raymonde Cenzano

Santa Monica

Stick to your guns

Editor:

I am very sorry to hear that the City Council may be reversing its position on the “Chain Reaction” eyesore and may be wasting valuable taxpayer money, which could be used for something beneficial (“City Hall open to paying ‘Chain Reaction’ repairs after all,” Dec. 31).

This “statue” was constructed to be temporary and the majority of residents did not want it installed in our city.

I thought the original position – requiring those who wanted to keep it to pay for it – was reasonable. Obviously enough residents do not want to pay for repairs, so I’m a bit dismayed we are once again being ruled by a small special-interest group.

What kind of lesson are we teaching the special interests when you set some guidelines and then, when they’re not met, give in to them? I hope this is not representative of your parenting.

Frank Greenberg

Santa Monica

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Curious City

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What goes ‘round

LATELY, EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE TALKING about cycling in Santa Monica. A good thing, I’d say. I love bikes. On someone else.

Here’s the holiday wish (not mine) that ignited it all a couple of weeks ago, courtesy of fellow Daily Press columnist Bill Bauer: “I wish we had more traffic enforcement such as motorcycle officers to cite bicyclists who ride on the sidewalks, run stops signs and signal lights, cut off pedestrians and ride at night wearing dark clothing on bikes without lights or reflectors.”

Yeah, those terrible, criminal cyclists, a threat to our safety. Let’s bust ‘em, get them off the streets — uh, I mean the sidewalks.

Some have lined up with a “hear, hear!” Many others took issue. I’m taking issue.

I’m not a cyclist, but my wife and both my grown kids are avid bikers. I’ve tried it and it’s not my cup of tea. Place me somewhere between “Interested but Cautious” and “No Way, No How.”

Quite honestly, I’m chicken. Because I’m neither a good nor experienced cyclist. Competing for road space with distracted drivers of hurtling 3,000-pound missiles on wheels is not my notion of recreating, nor the wisest choice, for me, for getting from A to B. I’ll take my serious exercise on the basketball courts, thank you.

But for those more ecologically minded, braver, and more proficient than I, I’m with you all the way. I’m in favor of anything a city can do to get more people out of their cars and onto bikes.

Our attitudes about bikes are positively American. You’ve seen shots of people of all ages and social standing riding through Paris or Oslo or the Dutch countryside. They have bike lanes and entire bike highways. Bikes have equal rights on the roads. Drivers know they have to look for cyclists and pedestrians as well as other cars when they make turns. So can’t we too make it easy and safe for those who ride? Let’s do everything we can to increase their ranks, because we all benefit.

But I’m not always in my car. I walk. I walk a lot. I was within three walks of completing my goal to walk every street in Santa Monica last October when a little open heart surgery messed with my timetable. I’ve since checked off one of them and will hit the last two soon.

But I’ll tell you this: in all that walking, all those miles and all those many hours, I can swear I never encountered a cyclist riding on the sidewalk. Never. Or cutting off pedestrians. Not once.

Ride at night wearing dark clothing on bikes without lights or reflectors? I’ve seen it. I would guess that some people start out earlier in the day and don’t pick out all whites because they didn’t know they’d still be riding past dark. No lights or reflectors? Not very often. But there’s no excuse for that. If you’re not lit or reflecting, don’t ride. Those people should be cited. But the rest of those accusations are non-issues.

Except running stop signs and signal lights. Yeah, I’ve seen that. But never witnessed that it caused a safety issue for either the cyclist or motorists. I can’t defend breaking a traffic law, but I understand it. Coming to a full stop (how many drivers actually do?) and accelerating again in a car is a matter of tapping your foot. On a bike, you’ve got to push to get your momentum started

all over, at every red light and stop sign. I understand the temptation.

Talk to anyone who regularly cycles on city streets and if they’re honest they’ll all, every one, admit to doing it. And will quickly add that they only do it when they can clearly see a good distance in all directions, and when there are no cars whose trajectories they will interfere with. Cyclists know who wins the fight between an SUV and their 12-ounce titanium baby.

I can’t recall ever seeing a near-miss because a cyclist ran a stop sign. I see a near-miss between cars almost every day. Well, not in Santa Monica itself, because our traffic is going too slowly for that.

To get a better idea about these issues, and biking in Santa Monica, I spoke with two devoted cyclists, Nicole and William, both students at Santa Monica College who ride their bikes to school every day, rain or shine, sick or healthy. One rides from north-east of campus and the other from the west.

Nicole started cycling just last spring, but quickly became hooked and now rides to Malibu, downtown L.A., even up to Angeles Crest (from Santa Monica!). William started pedaling his senior year in high school, and also rides everywhere. Neither have a driver’s license (both are 20), a common thing now.

Nicole’s ride to campus and back is shorter and without many options. There are several steep hills you just can’t get around, and she avoids the busiest streets. She does take Pico to 11th Street to reach the arts campus, a good route. William favors Idaho/Colorado avenues from West L.A. because “it’s downhill and fast and there aren’t so many stop signs and lights. It doesn’t have bike lanes but it has lots of space.”

Both agree that Broadway, and Santa Monica (better now with the bike lanes) and Ocean Park boulevards (they love the new wide bike lanes west of Lincoln Boulevard) are good, and Pearl Street is great. (But William noted more bad experiences on Broadway than anywhere else, particularly getting “doored.”) Colorado, and Pico, Olympic and Wilshire boulevards — not so good. Ocean Avenue — really bad. Terrifying. Downtown is a mess, they said, always crowded with pedestrians and cars. Tourists rubberneck and ignore signals. Fourth Street is really bad — very narrow, one lane, no bike lane south of Pico.

They praise bus drivers for being courteous. She is cautious of their right turns, but he appreciates the shelter they offer from cars, when they’re going slow. His greatest pet peeve is cars that pass too closely, and observed (emphatically) that people in luxury cars are more aggressive and more disdainful of cyclists. He also complains of cars that sit in the bike lane, to park. They said it’s a hassle when people stop where they shouldn’t in a misguided attempt to be helpful.

Nicole added, “cyclists can be jerks, too. I’ve made mistakes,” but “if everyone sharing the roads were more accepting, and forgiving” it could be a beautiful thing.

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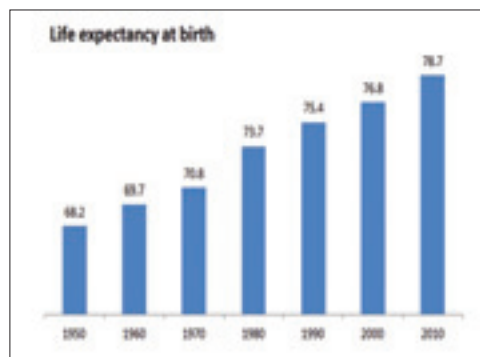
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It's a wonderful world

THE ECONOMISTS THAT I FOLLOW ARE predicting a wonderful 2014. Real GDP growth should be at least 3.4 percent. The unemployment rate should fall to under 6.5 percent. Inflation will remain low, with interest rates moving up only slightly.

But if you read the newspapers you would believe that people are underpaid, uninsured, and over-medicated. Yet everyone understands that things are better now than ever. We have cell phones, better cars and computers, crime is down, life is safer, and we're living longer and better. Medical technology is fantastic. And years ago who would have believed that something like Viagra would be available? Even sex is better than in the good old days.



Not only are we healthier, we're richer as well. Confidence was very high in 1995, before the economic downturn, but we're better off financially now than we were then.

One hundred years ago, a man in the U.S. could expect to die by age 51. Now the average age for that man to retire is 61. Poverty is down, more American adults are in the labor market, and our work week has declined to under 40 hours per week. Holiday and vacation time is up and more people graduate from high school than ever before.

In "The Rational Optimist," author Matt Ridley writes: "Today, of Americans officially designated as 'poor,' 99 percent have elec-



tricity, running water, flush toilets and a refrigerator; 95 percent have a television; 88 percent a telephone; 71 percent a car; and 70 percent air conditioning. Cornelius Vanderbilt had none of these."

So perhaps 2014 is time to become optimistic and invest in those wonderful areas of life that are continuing to improve. Want to feel better? Take vitamins, as so many people do. And invest in some of the companies that create or market them, like GNC. And just hope that Amazon doesn't go heavily into the same business.

Or buy some UnitedHealth Group (UNH) to take advantage of the burgeoning healthcare market.

Believe that the experts are right and the economy will continue to improve. Bank of America (BAC) seems like a good bet to benefit from that, if they can ever pay off their litigation liabilities. I'm selling the 15 puts naked to pick up some premium and acquire the stock at 15 if it dips. And I'm holding JPMorgan Chase (JPM) since it seems to be doing well.

Impressed with the technology advances? Consider General Electric (GE) and Intel (INTC). These are solid companies which one could expect to grow along with the economy.

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The Q-Line

Paying up

City officials have indicated that City Hall may be willing to pay for repairs for the controversial "Chain Reaction" sculpture, reversing their previous stance that private donors should fund the restoration. The City Council will decide the matter in the next few months.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think it's a good idea for City Hall to pay for the repairs that some estimate may cost as much as \$400,000? If not, why?

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Embattled L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca to retire

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. Embattled Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca announced his retirement Tuesday amid federal investigations that have targeted abuses in his jails and discrimination against minorities in one of the communities his deputies patrol.

Baca said he would step down at the end of the month and wouldn't seek re-election because he was concerned about the "negative perception" the upcoming campaign would have on his department.

"I didn't want to have to enter a campaign that would be full of negative, contentious politicking," said Baca, 71, in an emotional statement outside sheriff's headquarters. He has spent 48 years in the Sheriff's Department since becoming a deputy. "I don't see myself as the future, I see myself as part of the past."

Last month, 18 current and former sheriff's deputies were indicted for alleged crimes that included beating inmates and jail visitors, falsifying reports, and trying to obstruct an FBI probe of the nation's largest jail system.

Federal prosecutors said the charges showed that some sheriff's employees thought they were above the law and exhibited behavior that had become institutionalized.

Baca sidestepped questions about whether he was worried that he might be indicted as part of the federal probe, but acknowledged more of his employees may face charges.

"I'm not afraid of reality. I'm only afraid of people who don't tell the truth," he said.

Baca had weathered other controversies about his department but the indictments came as the strongest challenge to his legacy. The announcement came as a surprise less than a month after Baca defiantly said the criminal investigation wouldn't drive him from office. He said he began thinking about retirement over this past weekend.

"I don't think anyone expected this," Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said. "We're all caught a bit off guard."

Because Baca is not serving out his term the five-member Board of Supervisors will be tasked with choosing an interim sheriff. Baca recommended Assistant Sheriff Terri McDonald.

Assistant Sheriff Todd Rogers said that he plans to run for the office and said Baca's departure was premature but the department's leadership needs a change. Several others had said they would challenge Baca including two former underlings.

"There are reformers in this department and I believe I am one of them," Rogers said.

Baca has acknowledged mistakes while strongly defending his department and distancing himself personally from allegations of misconduct.

The sheriff said he made improvements including creating a database to track inmate complaints. He has also hired a new head of

custody and rearranged his command staff.

On Monday, Baca said he would accept the outcome of the FBI investigation but strongly denied criticisms that abuse was rampant.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the Sheriff's Department in 2012 saying Baca and his top commanders had condoned violence against inmates. The organization released a report documenting more than 70 cases of misconduct by deputies.

A federal jury in October found Baca personally liable for \$100,000 for failing to stop inmate abuse by deputies in Men's Central Jail in a case brought by a man who said he was severely beaten while awaiting trial.

Last year a Justice Department investigation found deputies made unconstitutional stops, searches, seizures and used excessive force against blacks and Latinos in the Antelope Valley in the outskirts of the county. Baca disputed the findings but said he had instituted reforms.

Baca was criticized in 2007 when he ordered Paris Hilton released from jail under house arrest after serving only few days of a multi-week sentence for driving-related offenses. The sheriff said the socialite developed psychological problems, but a judge put her back behind bars for another 2 1/2 weeks. The case also drew attention to an overcrowded jail system.

A year earlier, Baca had to defend his department's handling of Mel Gibson's drunken driving arrest in Malibu, rejecting claims that deputies tried to cover up anti-Semitic comments made by the actor, who had helped a charity organization for the Sheriff's Department.

The department also faced recent scrutiny over hiring and announced it was reforming hiring practices last month after it was disclosed that 80 deputies had criminal convictions, histories of misconduct or other problem backgrounds. It also gave preferential hiring treatment to friends and relatives of its employees under a special "Friends of the Sheriff" program that allowed top officials to lobby on behalf of applicants, the Los Angeles Times reported.

First elected in 1998 when his incumbent opponent Sherman Block died days before the vote, Baca was re-elected to a fourth term in 2010 and remained a popular figure for much of his time in office. Baca, an avid runner who estimates he's logged 70,000 miles, believes the only reason he kept getting re-elected was because that he "never got away from the people."

Less than a year ago he was picked as the nation's sheriff of the year by the National Sheriff's Association, which cited his providing educational opportunities for inmates and efforts to work with religious groups.

The group also noted the vast size of the Sheriff's Department and the relatively low crime rates in areas patrolled by deputies.

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WAITING: Houseplants' problems are compounded by windows, which cut sunlight by another 10 percent. No wonder these plants, if they are growing at all, stretch for light this time of year.

Plants wait out the darkest days

LEE REICH

Associated Press

Plants and people can't help but feel a bit wan this time of year, but things are brightening up already. Every day the sun is gradually moving higher in the sky, burning with increasing intensity and duration.

Light is measured in foot-candles — the amount of light cast on a square foot area by a candle at 1 foot distance — and the sun on a clear summer day can bathe us in 10,000 foot-candles. Contrast that with the paltry 500 foot-candles dribbling down on an overcast winter day.

Houseplants' problems are further compounded by windows, which cut sunlight by another 10 percent. No wonder these plants, if they are growing at all, stretch for light this time of year.

There are ways you can help them.

One is to clean your windows. Any dirt on the glass cuts down light. While you're at it, dust or spritz off your plants' leaves; dust has the same ill effect.

Fortunately, many houseplants hail from the shade of tropical jungles. Still, flowering and fruiting take energy, which comes ultimately from the sun, so if you want flowers or fruits from such plants as Jerusalem cherry, flowering maple, citrus and miniature roses, you have to arrange for abundant light. Otherwise these plants will just stay alive, might even grow, but will not flower and fruit.

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR WINDOW?

How much light is enough? Most flowering and fruiting plants need 1,000 or more foot-candles, although some, such as African violet, rex begonia, flowering maple, zebra plant and crown-of-thorns, will provide colorful displays even at about 500 foot-candles. Below that level, stick strictly to foliage plants such as cast iron plant, Swiss cheese plant, baby's-tears, parlor palm, pothos and ferns.

You can translate those needed foot-candles into light measured by a digital SLR camera. Set it on aperture priority with the

aperture at f/8 and the ISO at 100. Hold a white sheet of paper so that whatever light you're measuring falls directly on it, and measure the shutter speed reading that the camera gives you (without a flash) for a good picture from about a foot away. Multiply the shutter speed times 4 for the approximate foot-candles. (Shutter speed is usually expressed as a fraction of a second, so a speed of "500" is really 1/500th of a second; for foot-candles, you'd multiply 500 times 4 for 2,000 foot-candles. If light is very dim, the shutter speed might be more than a second; no need to measure, in that case, because in such light any plant will barely stay alive.)

Take measurements at various locations and times of day; you'll probably be surprised at how little light falls near even a bright window.

If such exactitude is not your style, just gauge light by window direction. A south-facing window is brightest, followed by east and west-facing windows, with north windows being the darkest. Any obstruction — even a leafless tree — will reduce light levels, as will moving a plant back from a window.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT CAN HELP, MAYBE

Natural light can be augmented with artificial light. Don't expect too much from artificial light, though, especially for large plants, the bulk of whose leaves cannot get close to the light source. A fluorescent light, for example, casts as much as 900 foot-candles of light, but that's only within 6 inches of the light bulb. Light levels drop dramatically as you retreat from the bulb — with the square of the distance, so double the distance and you have only one-fourth of the light, triple it and you have only one-ninth, etc.

In addition to intensity, the spectral distribution of the light can impact plant growth. Flowering requires more light at the red end of the spectrum; fluorescent light tends toward the blue end of the spectrum.

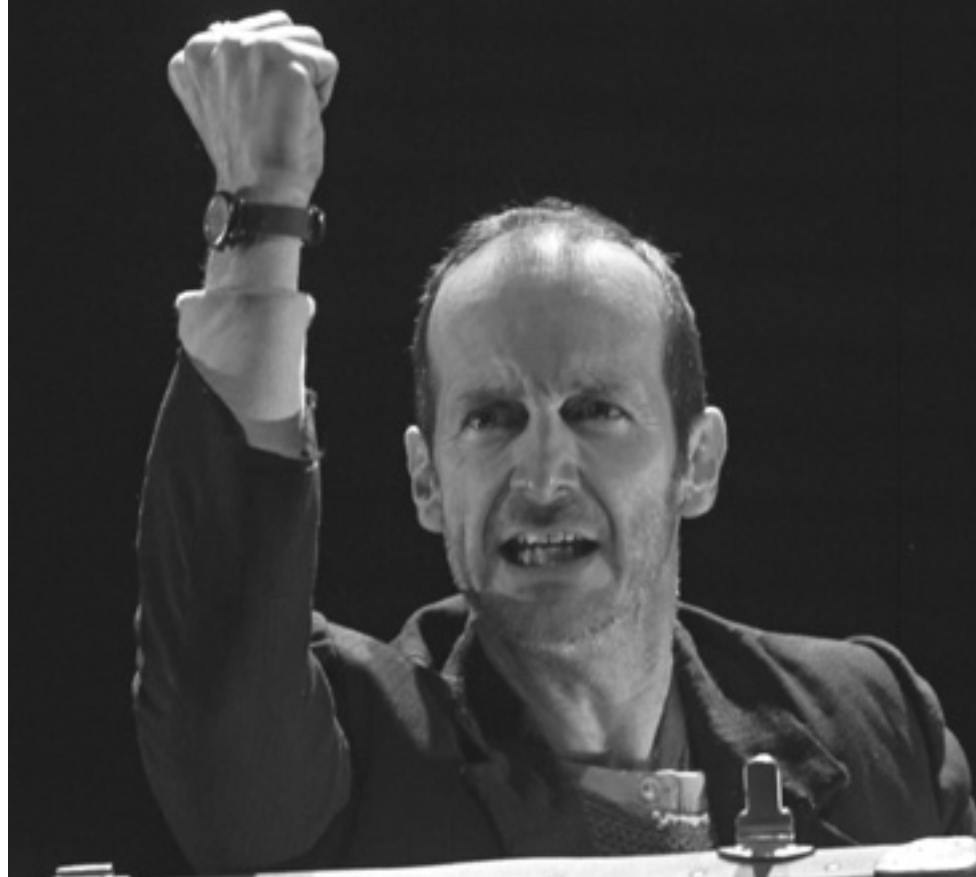
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WATCH THAT WATER: A gardner uses a hose to water plants on 15th Street.

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“extreme drought” according to the Drought Severity Index, created by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Because it’s difficult to measure, City Hall doesn’t know exactly how much water is wasted every year. But visually the waste is obvious, said Neal Shapiro, watershed section supervisor at the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

“Given that the city uses nearly 13 million gallons a day, the amount of wasted water is negligible in the short-run,” he said. “If not corrected and efficiencies put in place, the amounts would add up. Visually, one gets a sense of the volume of waste when driving around the city on a sunny [day] and sees runoff in gutters flowing from blocks, commonly seen north of Wilshire.”

Water citations were up last year after Code Compliance took over the job from the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. OSE had overseen the ordinance that bans wasteful water use since it was adopted in 1988. Code Compliance also took over enforcement of the leaf blower ban last year.

In 2007, water citations spiked at 128. Citations tapered off over the years as the OSE reduced enforcement and focused on other means of reducing waste, according to the report. There were only three water citations issued in 2011 and 2012 combined.

Warnings, however, are up in the past few years. Despite the lowest and the second lowest annual citation totals in the last 10 years, there were more than 3,600 water warnings issued in 2011 and 2012. Comparatively, there were less than 600 warnings issued in 2005 and 2006. Totals were only released for the first half of 2013,

but warnings were on pace to break 1,500, while citations were on pace to reach 16.

Water wasting violations have continued at a relatively high rate despite warnings, officials said.

To help combat this type of waste, Code Compliance will be able to issue citations quicker.

Violations related to hosing of hard-scapes, irrigation system leaks, and draining of pools, tubs, fish ponds and fountains will no longer be subject to warnings. Citations will be issued immediately. Infractions or misdemeanors are punishable by fines starting at \$250, according to the report.

Sprinkler overspray violations will result in a seven-day compliance order. If the problem isn’t fixed, a citation will be issued.

Previously, all violations were subject to a warning and a two-week period allowing residents time to correct the problem.

An appeals process is still available to anyone who thinks they were fined in error.

The changes to the enforcement are similar to changes made to leaf blower enforcement in late 2012, officials said. Those changes resulted in more compliance with the leaf blower ban.

“The main impetus for the enforcement change is (City Hall’s) goal of becoming water self-sufficient by 2020,” Shapiro said. “In order to do that we need to greatly reduce or even eliminate all forms of water wasting and inefficiency. One of the strategies of the coming Sustainable Water Master Plan, which is still in draft but is expected to be approved this summer, is to reduce water demand. Increased enforcement would help meet this goal.”

Through March, OSE officials plan to reach out to the community about the changes. They also plan to reach out to the major gardening and landscaping companies in the city.

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PROBLEMS COULD BE IN STORE FOR COAST: Pacific Coast Highway could be impacted by rising sea levels according to a University of Southern California report on the Los Angeles area.

RISE
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coastal region, the iconic beaches will likely be chipped away, causing problems by the mid-century. L.A.'s beaches, like Santa Monica's, are human-made and sand is not being replenished at the rate that it was 50 years ago, the report said.

Santa Monica, known for its beach, generates more than \$1.5 billion in tourism annually, according to the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

And the beaches throughout the county represent more than just a vacation spot.

"Our first defense are these beaches," said Phyllis Grifman associate director of the USC Sea Grant Program. "But beach nourishment is expensive and everything that you do on a beach affects the beaches down the coast."

For this reason, and a host of others, all of the municipalities in the county need to look at sea-level rise together, she said.

Santa Monica was not included in the report, which looked at coastal L.A. neighborhoods, but a similar study using some upgraded measures will look at all of the coastline in L.A. County later this year. The Local Coastal Planning Grant, which was accepted by Santa Monica last year, will pay for that study.

Shannon Parry, deputy sustainability officer for the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at City Hall was at Tuesday's event and although it didn't directly address Santa Monica she called it "exciting."

The countywide study will answer many of the same questions, and more, for Santa Monica, she said. The high level analyses will contribute directly to City Hall's policy decisions.

"What happens with the PCH? What happens with (the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility)? What happens with the beaches?" she said. "We're going to get answers to a lot of that."

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MUSEUM

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Broad bailed it out with \$30 million.

Last year, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art offered MOCA \$100 million if it would merge its two downtown campuses with LACMA's much larger facilities west of downtown.

MOCA, wanting to remain independent, quickly rejected the idea and instead announced plans in the spring to increase its endowment to \$100 million within a year. It reached its goal in a little more than nine months.

"This is an incredible amount of money to be raised in such a short time and it really was broad-based," Seferian said Monday. "It was not one donor who swepted in and decided to save the museum. About 30 donors all came together and decided the museum should continue."

Among the more than two dozen donors that MOCA listed on a statement to be released Tuesday were Broad and his wife, Edythe, and former MOCA Director Jeffrey Deitch.

Broad is building his own museum across the street from MOCA's main campus. Scheduled to open in November, it will house the billionaire's personal collection of 2,000 works, including pieces by Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, Ed Ruscha and

others. He told the AP last year he believes his museum, which will offer free admission, will inspire visitors to walk across the street and visit MOCA as well.

Deitch, who resigned last year to return to his New York art gallery, was sometimes a lightning rod for criticism during his three years as MOCA's director. A gallery owner, art dealer and former art critic with deep ties to artists, he had never run a museum.

A graffiti art exhibition he staged in 2011 featuring the works of Banksy, Shepard Fairey and others attracted record attendance and praise from critics. But some other exhibitions, including one curated by actor James Franco of works inspired by the James Dean film "Rebel Without a Cause," were scorned as focusing on Hollywood glitz rather than serious art.

After Deitch ousted the museum's popular curator Paul Schimmel in 2012, Ruscha and fellow artists John Baldessari, Catherine Opie and Barbara Kruger resigned from MOCA's board.

Seferian said Monday the four are again actively involved with the museum, helping it search for a permanent director. She and the board's co-chairman, David Johnson, said an announcement should be made soon.

Meanwhile, the museum has exhibitions scheduled for this year featuring Jacob Hashimoto, Mike Kelley and Magdalena Fernandez, among others.

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U.S. stocks rally, breaking a three-day slow period

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Stocks rallied Tuesday, ending a slump that had ushered in the New Year.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index climbed the most in three weeks, led by gains for health care stocks. UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurer, and Johnson & Johnson both climbed on recommendations for brokerage firms.

After three straight declines, the S&P 500 would have matched its worst opening of a year since 1978 had it closed lower for a fourth day. The stock market's slow start to 2014 contrasts with last year's exceptional performance, when the S&P 500 climbed to record levels after surging almost 30 percent.

"To me the trend still looks up, even though we've been chopping around," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management Group. The economy "seems to be in the mode that you would expect corporate earnings to continue to grow."

The S&P 500 rose 11.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,837.88, the biggest gain since Dec. 18. Nine of the 10 sectors that make up the index rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 105.84 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,530.94. The Nasdaq composite gained 39.50 points, or 1 percent, to 4,153.18.

UnitedHealth group gained \$2.27, or 3.1 percent, to \$76.51 after analysts at Deutsche Bank said they expected the nation's largest health insurance company to charge customers more in premiums this year.

Johnson & Johnson climbed \$1.96, or 2.1 percent, to \$94.29 after analysts at RBC Capital raised their outlook on the stock to "outperform," in part due to optimism on sales of the diabetes drug Invokana.

Investors were also encouraged by the easy passage in a Senate vote late Monday of Janet Yellen's nomination to take the helm at the Federal Reserve. The vote puts an economist in the post who has backed the Fed's recent efforts to stimulate the economy with low interest rates and huge bond purchases.

The confirmation is a reminder that the Fed's policies of stimulating the economy will likely continue, said Kristina Hooper, U.S. Investment Strategist at Allianz Global

Investors.

"It's just a nice little halo effect," said Hooper.

Investors will get more insight into the Fed's thinking when minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee are released on Wednesday. The Fed announced after its last meeting that it would begin winding down its monthly \$85 billion bond-buying program. That stimulus was a major support for last year's rally in stocks.

Despite Tuesday's gains, stocks have started the year off on uncertain footing. Materials companies have declined 1.6 percent so far this year, led by Cliffs Natural Resources. The mining company, which was the second-biggest loser in the S&P 500 last year, is extending its slump. It's down 7 percent this year.

Manufacturers and vendors of consumer staples, such as grocers, tobacco companies and brewers, have also struggled in the first few days of this year. They're down 1.2 percent.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.94 percent from 2.96 percent Monday.

The most important piece of economic news to be released this week will come on Friday when the Labor Department releases its jobs report for December. The report will influence the Fed's decision on how quickly it will reduce its bond purchases in the coming months.

Among the biggest losers on Tuesday was Netflix.

The online video streaming company, the biggest gainer in the S&P 500 last year, fell \$20.07, or 7.8 percent, to \$339.50, after analysts at Morgan Stanley cut their outlook on the stock to "underweight." The brokerage says the online video service will face increasing competition from services such as Hulu Plus, Amazon Prime and HBO GO.

Mattel also dropped. The toy maker fell 58 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$46.04, after analysts at Goldman Sachs advised their clients to sell the stock. Goldman is predicting that the company's earnings will struggle to match expectations as sales stagnate.

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose 24 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$93.67 a barrel. Gold fell \$8.40, or 0.7 percent, to \$1,229.60 an ounce.

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Former player says N. Korea game dwarfed by politics

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea Former NBA star Charles D. Smith says he feels remorse for coming to Pyongyang with Dennis Rodman for a game on the North Korean leader's birthday because the event has been dwarfed by politics and tainted by Rodman's own comments.

Smith and other former NBA players are scheduled to play with Rodman against a team of North Koreans on Wednesday that organizers say leader Kim Jong Un is expected to attend. Many of the players on Tuesday privately expressed second thoughts about going ahead because of an outpouring of criticism back home in the United States.

Smith, who played for the New York Knicks, said the North Korea trip has been dwarfed by politics and Rodman's frequent boasts about his close friendship with Kim.

"What we are doing is positive, but it is getting dwarfed by the other circumstances around it," Smith told The Associated Press. "Apparently our message is not being conveyed properly due to the circumstances that are much bigger than us, and I think that has to do with politics and government."

Rodman arrived in Pyongyang on Monday with seven former NBA players and four streetballers for the game on Kim's birthday, believed to be his 31st. Along with Smith, the squad features ex-All Stars Kenny Anderson, Cliff Robinson and Vin Baker.

The game would be another milestone in Rodman's surprising relationship with basketball fan Kim, who rarely meets with outsiders and is possibly the world's most mysterious leader. Rodman has called the game a "birthday present" for Kim but says he has received death threats for his repeated visits to this country and for calling Kim a "friend for life."

"The way some of the statements and things that Dennis has said has tainted our efforts," Smith said. "Dennis is a great guy, but how he articulates what goes on — he gets emotional and he says things that he'll apologize for later."

The White House said Tuesday it would not have approved Rodman's latest trip to North Korea if it had any say in the matter. Spokesman Jay Carney said the visit was considered private travel and not subject to government review.

NBA Commissioner David Stern has distanced his organization from Rodman's squad.

"The NBA is not involved with Mr.

Rodman's North Korea trip and would not participate or support such a venture without the approval of the U.S. State Department," he said in a statement. "Although sports in many instances can be helpful in bridging cultural divides, this is not one of them."

Rodman is the highest-profile American to meet Kim since the leader inherited power after his father, Kim Jong Il, died in late 2011. He traveled to the North for the first time last February and came back just before Christmas to hold tryouts for the North Korean basketball team, though he did not meet with Kim then.

The plan to hold the game has been criticized because of the North's human rights record, its development of nuclear weapons and its threats to use them if a conflict breaks out with Washington or Seoul. Rodman, in particular, has been slammed for not trying to use his influence with Kim to secure the release of Kenneth Bae, an American missionary with health problems who is being held in North Korea on charges of "anti-state" crimes.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. remains gravely concerned about Bae's health and is ready to send U.S. envoy on North Korean human rights issues, Robert King, to seek his release if Pyongyang reinstates an invitation that was withdrawn in August. Psaki declined to say whether Rodman's visit was complicating those diplomatic efforts.

Asked in a CNN satellite interview Tuesday whether he would raise the issue of Bae, Rodman yelled in response, "I don't give a rat's ass what the hell you think. ... One day this door is going to open because these 10 guys here."

Smith placed his arm around Rodman's shoulder and a hand on his arm in an attempt to calm Rodman down.

"I feel bad for Dennis, I feel bad for the players," Smith said afterward, adding that when he played for the United States in the 1988 Olympics he felt elation.

"I felt huge, I felt on top of the world. But I feel the reverse now," he said. "I feel a lot of remorse for the guys because we are doing something positive, but it's a lot bigger than us. We are not naive, we understand why things are being portrayed the way they are. We can't do anything about that, if we could we would."

"We're not skilled in those particular areas," he added. "Dennis is definitely not skilled in those particular areas."

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Texas landmark
6 March time
10 Ran easily
11 Court event
12 Like Superman
13 Kitchen cooker
14 Med. sch. subject
15 Hang loosely
16 For each
17 Peas' place
18 Harden
19 Introduced, in a way
22 Mailbox feature
23 Wallet bills
26 Having a stupid expression
29 Pussy foot
32 North Pole worker
33 Director Spike
34 "It's my belief ..."
36 Sylvester's trademark
37 Grain to grind
38 Join the big leagues
- DOWN**
39 Some babies
40 Detail map
41 New Haven school
42 Must have
1 Abner's creator
2 Cars from repair shops
3 Clothes
4 Come together
5 Eccentric
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7 Little dents
8 Patriotic bird
9 Winter weather
11 Compromise
15 Clinic nickname
17 Clinic customers
20 Dandy
21 Genetic stuff
24 Astronomical event
25 Fumes

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Yesterday's answer

- 9** Winter weather
11 Compromise
15 Clinic nickname
17 Clinic customers
20 Dandy
21 Genetic stuff
24 Astronomical event
25 Fumes
- 27** Caribou's cousin
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29 Oinker, to tots
30 Skylit lobbies
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36 Solitary
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9 12 13 32 35



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Tension over digital security is such that an alarming disclosure made in 2004 (and largely ignored) can resurface on a website in 2013 and appear even more astonishing. At the height of the Cold War in the 1960s (and largely because of Pentagon-White House contentiousness), "safeguards" were installed to prevent rogue generals from launching nuclear war on their own. What today would be a "PIN" number was assigned to each missile, but Strategic Air Command generals mocked the PINs by setting each one to "00000000" -- a code that today would be ridiculed as naive. (Furthermore, "00000000" was then written out on each missile's instructions, according to the former launch control officer who disclosed it in 2004.)

■ David Friehling, who was identified as Bernard Madoff's accountant soon after Madoff's 2008 confession to running his notorious Ponzi scheme, provided evidence in November that a certain Madoff associate knew all along that Madoff was running bogus numbers on his books -- testifying that he dutifully certified all such falsified documents that the associate showed him. Friehling, who pleaded guilty in 2009 for his personal role in the scam, also revealed that somehow he had actually blown \$4.3 million of his own money in the swindle (on behalf of his children and other family members).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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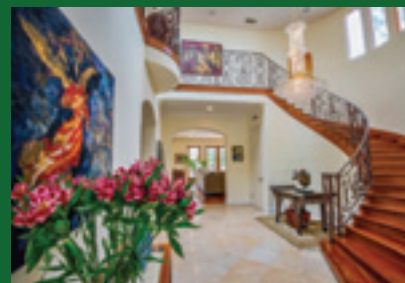
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