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THE MORE FUN FRIDAY ISSUE

California Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer to retire

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON California Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, a tenacious liberal whose election to the Senate in 1992 heralded a new era for women at the upper reaches of political power, announced Thursday she will not seek re-election to a new term next year.

Boxer's retirement sets off a free-for-all among a new generation of California Democrats, who have been ascendant in the state for years with few offices to aspire to while Boxer and Sen. Dianne Feinstein have held a lock on the state's U.S. Senate seats.

A staunch supporter of abortion rights, gun control and environmental protections, Boxer has said she is most proud of the vote that she cast against the war in Iraq.

The 74-year-old Boxer made the announcement in an unusual video in which she answered questions posed by her grandson, Zach Rodham. "I am never going to retire. The work is too important. But I will not be running for the Senate in 2016," Boxer said.

In the video, Boxer's grandson is a surrogate reporter posing questions to her. Rodham is the son of Nicole Boxer and Tony Rodham, Hillary Rodham Clinton's youngest brother.

"I want to help our Democratic candidate for president make history," Boxer tells her grandson, a clear reference to a possible bid by Clinton.

She closed with a poem. "So although I won't be working in my Senate space and I won't be running in that next tough race, as long as there are issues and challenges and strife, I will never retire, because that's the meaning of my life."

Boxer was first elected to the House in 1982 and to the Senate one decade later. It was an election that marked a watershed year for women in politics, with four winning U.S. Senate seats. Boxer prominently displays in her office a photograph of her and six other female members of the House

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Council to consider stricter outdoor fitness trainer rules

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK After a year of restricting fitness training in the city's parks, City Council will consider making the permitting rules stricter.

Weekend start times would get later, trainers would have to keep away from the trees, and high-earners would pay more under the updated rules proposed to council for their consideration next week.

Last year, City Hall started a one-year pilot program that charged flat fees to trainers — who had previously used the parks for free — and placed special restrictions on the use of Palisades Park, which was seeing some wear and tear.

Trainers said the fees were too high and

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Eat Well Week plates tasty food with side of health



Kristen Beink editor@smdp.com

FOOD: Some local restaurants are featuring dishes made with ingredients from the local farmers markets.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Some see the turning of the calendar year as an opportunity to conquer dietary and health goals. Some hope to explore local restaurants they've never tried before.

As far as the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau is concerned, though, those two aims are not mutually exclusive.

For the third consecutive year, the tourism board has partnered with some of the city's most well-known

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

January 9

Friday Fun! Snow Animals
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 3:30 p.m.
Join organizers for some crafty fun. Make a snow animal craft.
Ages 5-8.

Word I (MS Office 2010)
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 - 4 p.m.
Introduction to using Microsoft Word 2010 to create and format basic documents. Intermediate level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Yoga at the Beach House
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway 9 - 10 a.m.
All levels welcome. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for the 5-week session for $62, w/parking included.

January 10

Punk Rock Print Making
1450 Ocean Ave. 6 - 8 p.m.
A workshop that takes us back to the day of the underground zine. Run printed text and imagery through the press to create gritty multiples with a real physical presence. No experience necessary, just a punk rock attitude or a willingness to learn. Cost: $5. Please register at ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239.

Literature Book Group
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 11 a.m.
'Persuasion' by Jane Austen. The romance between Captain Wentworth and Anne, the daughter of Sir Walter Eliot, seems doomed because of the young man's family connections and lack of wealth.

Intro to Meditation
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 11 a.m.
Learn how meditation can help you on the road to happiness. Sister Priya, meditation teacher at Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization in Los Angeles, will present an introductory class on Meditation.

Second Saturday Free Craft Lounge
1450 Ocean Ave. 11 a.m.
Open to all adults, reservations appreciated. Come to 1450 Ocean on the second Saturday of every month to work on your projects, take in a mini-workshop, and stretch your craft-legs. Please register at ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239.

Free Compost Giveaway
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Residents have the opportunity to cart away free compost at our Compost Giveaway - a quarterly thank you to residents for your efforts in recycling your yard trimmings! Five burlap sacks will be provided per resident. Please bring gloves and be prepared to scoop your own compost.

Hebrew Hillbilly
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St. 7:30 - 11 p.m.
Shelley Fisher and musical director/keyboard accompanist Kenny Hirsch look forward to sharing stories and 17 original songs. For bookings, discount group sales and information contact Shelley@HebrewHillbilly.com. Visit

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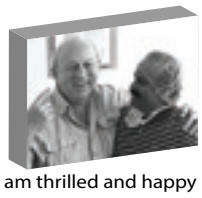
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CORRECTION

The Freddie Manseau retrospective exhibit lists the Peter & Susan Barrett Gallery as the location. It will actually be held at the Emeritus College Art Gallery, 1227 2nd St., Santa Monica, from Jan.15 - Feb. 25. The opening night reception is Thursday, Jan. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Bike-pedestrian safety enforcement action

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will step up Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations on Saturday, Jan. 9 and Jan 17, with focused enforcement on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past five years where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Locally, the Santa Monica Police Department has investigated 874 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three years. In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrian and 124 bicyclists killed that year while nationally; 4,743 pedestrians and 726 bicyclists were killed. The Governors Highway Safety Association's and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2012 Data reports reveal that California leads the nation in bicycle and pedestrian deaths.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

– SUBMITTED BY RUDY CAMARENA

LAX

Lanes closed on Century Boulevard Westbound near LAX

Westbound lanes on Century Boulevard, between Aviation Boulevard and Bellanca Avenue near Los Angeles International Airport, will be closed from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weeknights, Jan. 12-23, so that concrete can be safely poured for construction of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.

The work by Metro and Walsh/Shea Corridor Contractors will create several support columns for the aerial station at Aviation and Century boulevards, two of them at the Century Boulevard median. Eastbound lanes will remain open.

Travelers headed to LAX during the two-week period are advised to take an alternative route. Detours signs will be posted for the duration of the night-time closures.

Westbound detour: If you are traveling westbound on Century Boulevard, turn right at Aviation Boulevard, then turn left at Arbor Vitae Street and turn left again at Airport Boulevard.

Bus service: Metro buses will not stop at the bus stop on the north side of Century Boulevard between Aviation Boulevard and Bellanca Avenue. Instead they will proceed to the bus stop west of Airport Boulevard on Century Boulevard.

Pedestrian impact: There won't be pedestrian access on the north side of Century Boulevard. Emergency access will be maintained during working hours and noise levels from construction will be monitored.

The 8.5-mile Crenshaw/LAX Line is a $2 billion light-rail line that will connect the Green Line and the Expo Line. It will have eight new stations and is expected to open in 2019.

For more information on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project go to metro.net/Crenshaw or visit Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CrenshawRail and Twitter at https://twitter.com/crenshawrail or call the project hotline at (213) 922-2736.

– SUBMITTED BY JOSE UBALDO

Los Angeles

L.A. County Fire accepting applications Jan. 21-23

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has posted its firefighter trainee examination bulletin on its website and applications will be accepted from Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. until Friday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m.

To view the exam bulletin and find additional information, including frequently asked questions and the Firefighter Trainee Study Guide, visit the Department website's Recruitment information page at http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/be-a-firefighter.

"We are expecting a large number of applicants, which will ensure that we are able to fill our firefighter vacancies to sustain the necessary level of emergency staffing in the communities we serve," said Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby.

Last November, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to create a strike team to expedite and oversee the administration of the firefighter trainee exam. This team consists of representatives from the County Equity Oversight Panel, the Department of Human Resources, the Office of County Counsel, Local 1014, and members of the Fire Department, including its Human Resources team.

"The strike team has met to ensure that our firefighter trainee examination process meets with Board approval and secures testing validity and confidentiality," Osby said. "While we were already working to safeguard our examination process, we appreciate the collaborative efforts of the strike team."

– SUBMITTED BY TOM RICHARDS

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Residents get what they deserve

Editor:

It doesn't take a crystal ball to know what's wrong with this city. (Bill) Bauer says people are getting more and more angry and frustrated, so why are they still electing the same Santa Monica Renters Rights sycophants. I blame our voters for reelecting O'Connor and McKeown, and for electing Himmelrich instead of Phil Brock, the only true Residocracy candidate endorsed by Residocracy and not endorsed by SMRR. We don't just have a new City Council, but for the first time, it's an all SMRR council. The residents deserve what is going to happen in the next two years.

I predict the new City Manager will be just like the old boss; "won't get fooled again"?

HERE IS MY LIST OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SANTA MONICA:

Repeal L.U.C.E. and shut down the Palihouse.

No more construction without Residocracy approval.

Rehire Elizabeth Riel and terminate Rod Gould with no pension.

Hire a fiscally conservative City Manager.

Eliminate perks and reduce six figure administrative salaries.

Eliminate all positions that are overpaid or not productive.

Institute an employment policy for residents only.

No More Taxes; Santa Monica is already rich enough!

End the war over the streets with pragmatic solutions.

Get rid of planter medians that narrow streets.

Protect cyclists with solutions that work, rather than painting green stripes.

Beautify Lincoln in ways that don't encourage or obstruct traffic.

Much more than a mural needs to be done at the Olympic high school site.

Fight the FAA in court and make SMO a park.

Create Resident Review Boards to monitor and evaluate the budget online.

Turn the Civic Center into a giant homeless shelter with segregated dormitory areas for children, women and men, with a 24-hour security presence.

Stop fostering dependency among the homeless by the so-called "non-profits."

Provide those homeless who can work with real low-income housing and living wage jobs to recycle waste and clean up the city.

Take our city back from the city employees and SMRR.

Recall the Santa Monica City Council.

Implement A Virtual Town Hall on the city website Home Page.

Too bad none of this will happen.

Jon Mann
Santa Monica

Getting what you vote for

Editor:

I found the article on the 4th/5th street Arizona project most interesting where it stated that there would be 96 rental units, 225 hotel rooms, 1720,000 square feet of office space and 52,000 for retail on that site.

Where is the "affordable housing" that Mayor McKeown barked so profusely about during the election and why isn't he talking about this?

Then again, where does the permanent ice rink fit in that I vehemently sought for the families of Santa Monica as well as the city's visitors during my campaign?

Well, you get who you voted for.

Whitney Scott Bain
Santa Monica

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Mother and child reunion.

J.J. Joins the Party Early

THIS PAST HOLIDAY SEASON WAS exceptionally joyful for my family. On Dec. 27 my niece, Erin Winter Russak, who was born in Santa Monica as it happens, gave birth to her first child, Jeremiah Jacob. But at 39 Erin's pregnancy was far from smooth sailing.

First, it was an in vitro fertilization, which is amazing medical technology. And second, J.J. arrived seven weeks premature. At 4 pounds 4 ounces, he'll still in the hospital with various tubes, but the great news is mother and child are doing great. (One day J.J. will learn the advantages of arriving "fashionably late.")

J.J.'s the toast of the entire clan, including my sister, Brenda, and her husband, Dave, who are grandparents for the second time, while yours truly is now a two-time great-uncle. (My eldest niece Jennifer and her husband David have a terrific 19-year-old son, Brandon.) Naturally, the joy is also overflowing in Erin's husband Ben's family in New York.

Being an uncle occasionally includes babysitting. Unfortunately, my track record is somewhat spotty. During my hippy days Brenda and Dave asked me and my girlfriend, Liz, to baby-sit then 7-year-old Jenny in their Playa Del Rey house so they could take a trip to Europe. The caveat was that we hold a yard sale to help expedite Brenda and Dave's move to Santa Monica when they returned.

I should note that Jennifer was born deaf due to German measles contracted in the first month of my sister's pregnancy. But smart as a whip, Jenny read lips like a champ. I should also note that Liz and I had two Samoyed dogs, both of which Jenny adored. So what could go wrong, you ask?

Well, the yard sale went off spectacularly but the success was soon overshadowed. Even though the backyard was fenced, the dogs managed to dig a hole and, like Steve McQueen, make their "great escape." The problem was Jenny followed suit, the mention of which still gives me chills.

For seven long hours Liz and I scoured the neighborhood. We posted fliers, went door-to-door and finally called the police. Except they said only after 24 hours would they help search. Can you say nightmare?

What was I going to tell Brenda when she called from Europe? "At least the yard sale went great!" But just before sunset, and like out of a dream, one muddy dog crawled through the hole beneath the fence. A minute later the second arrived.

Liz and I held our collective breaths when an equally muddy Jenny appeared. Needless to say, for the rest of the house-sitting, when the dogs were outside they were chained and we never took our eyes off Jenny.

Fortunately, I was more careful when I babysat Erin. But I remember vividly how troubled she was by all the homeless in Santa Monica, some lying in doorways. "Where are their parents?" she asked, concerned beyond her years.



Photo courtesy Ben Russak

MOTHER AND SON: The family has a new addition.

Decades later now, Erin's a parent. And since Brenda and Dave live close by, once J.J. comes home let the doting begin.

So what will this precious newborn grow up to be? It's a ways off, but his first word might very well be UTLA (the teachers union). Erin has been a special ed teacher in L.A. Unified for 12 years, while Brenda and Dave were teachers, counselors and principals in the district before retiring. Jennifer and David also worked for LAUSD.

Both Erin and Ben have master's degrees, so education will likely be in J.J.'s genes. But so might music. Ben's late father, Jerry, performed in the original production of "Zorba the Greek" on Broadway and later became a renowned voice teacher in Manhattan. As for Ben, years ago he wrote and performed in a successful punk band but now he's a passionate urban planner.

Sports could also be in J.J.'s DNA. As a teen, Erin was a pre-Olympic gymnast while her father, Dave, and his five brothers growing up in Iowa were all jocks.

Part Jewish, part Catholic, with lineage from Iowa farmland to Manhattan's Upper West Side, with all J.J.'s diversity, the important thing is that he grow up to be a healthy and happy. One thing, he has a smart father who in all the chaos didn't forget Erin's birthday only days after J.J.'s birth. Erin smiled, "I already got the best present of all." This great-uncle says, "Amen to that."

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January 11

Happy Birthday Marion
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Santa Monica Conservancy docents turn the spotlight on Marion Davies: actress, philanthropist, famed party hostess and mistress of media tycoon William Randolph Hearst. The event takes place at Davies' Guest House at the Annenberg Community Beach House. Guests are welcome to come in their favorite Gold Coast era attire or in costume as if attending one of Davies' famed costume parties. Free, reservations are recommended, call (310) 458-4904 for more information.

The Racial Disparity of Economics: Where is the Hope?
Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Ave. Park
2200 Virginia Ave. 6 - 8:30 p.m.
At the Jan. 11 meeting of the Committee For Racial Justice, members of CLUE (Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice), Rev. Lewis Logan from the Clergy black/Brown Coalition, and staff from the Hospitality Training Academy will discuss economic justice issues and provide information about available jobs that can provide a living wage. There will also be updates on the Black Lives Matter protest in LA. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m.

January 12

Ocean Park Association meeting
Joslyn Park
633 Kensington Rd. 7 - 9 p.m.
Topics will all be relevant to Ocean Park. Join organizers to meet your neighbors, and take part in the community.

Landmarks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular meeting. Visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission for more information.

Graeme Simsion in conversation with Annabelle Gurwitch
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Graeme Simsion celebrates the release of his newest novel, "The Rosie Effect", the sequel to his 2012 runaway romantic comedy best seller "The Rosie Project". Graeme will discuss the book with actress & author Annabelle Gurwitch. Free program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. A book sale and signing follows.

Classical Ballet for Beginners
1450 Ocean
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Students will learn across the floor, barre, and center floor technique. All levels are welcome. Recommended attire: leotard, tights and ballet shoes for women; plain t-shirt, jazz pants, and ballet shoes for men. Cost: $89, Non-resident: $102. Please register at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call 310-458-2239.

Civic Working Group Special Meeting
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
East Wing
1855 Main St. 6:30 p.m.
This is a special meeting of the Civic Working Group. The regular meeting for this month was cancelled. Visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/ccs/civicauditorium/CivicWorkingGroup.aspx for more information.

Bookworms
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
A read-together book group for kids and adults. Didn't finish? Come talk about your favorite part so far. This month's selection is - "The Cricket in Times Square" by George Selden a story about an unlikely friendship.

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Draft Zoning Ordinance Public Review Draft:
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WHEN: **Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, by writing a letter or e-mail, or by filling out an electronic comment form at http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Zoning/Zoning-Update/. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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MORE RULES: **City Council is considering additional restrictions on trainers in public parks.**

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that they effectively banned training at Palisades Park. Some residents said the rules were too lenient and should have banned training in Palisades Park.

A year later, trainers are still using Palisades Park and city officials say the program is a success.

There was an overall reduction in athletic instruction at the parks and complaints about the instructors have "drastically decreased," they said in a report to council.

"The permit program has been effective in requiring commercial instructors to carry insurance, obtain a Santa Monica business license, reduce impacts on neighbors and park users, protect park and beach amenities, and compensate the City for commercial use of public land," city officials said in the report.

As the pilot program expires, city officials are proposing a slew of new rules — mostly making the ordinance more restrictive.

Virginia Avenue Park would be off limits for large group trainers and off limits for medium groups on the weekends.

Weekend hours, which were previously 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., would push back to a 7 a.m. start time on Saturdays.

City Hall-issued signs would have to be displayed by all trainers in the park. Trainers won't be allowed to hold spaces for one another.

Groups and their belongings will have to be at least 10 feet from any tree trunk to reduce environmental impacts.

Flat fees will remain in effect ($1,800 for small groups, $3,600 for medium groups, and $5,400 for large groups in most parks). If trainers make more than a designated amount ($18,000 small, $36,000 medium, and $54,000 large) they'll have to pay 10 percent of their earnings to City Hall.

"This payment structure modification will likely impact only highly active permittees with multiple instructors or numerous classes and camps with large participation levels and extended hours operating year-round or during school breaks," city officials said in their report.

It should be noted that the flat fees are 50 percent higher at Palisades Park and 50 percent lower at Reed Park, which has been a consistent hangout for the homeless.

The new rules, if approved, would go into effect April 1. City officials note that the changes could generate about $15,000 in additional revenue this year.

City Hall collected nearly $100,000 from the permits this year.

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marching up the steps leading to the Senate, where they demanded that senators hold hearings on Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas before holding his confirmation vote.

Boxer's departure is a generational change as well. Boxer's fellow California senator, Feinstein, is 81, and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is 74.

"I always knew I had a partner in Barbara," Feinstein said. "She is never one to shy away from any challenge, and I can't thank her enough for being such a resilient collaborator."

The news surprised Pelosi, who said at a Capitol Hill news conference she was unaware of Boxer's decision. Pelosi said the senator called earlier but that she missed the call.

"I thought she wanted to have dinner," Pelosi said. She described Boxer, who stands 4 feet, 11 inches tall, as "small in size but a giant in terms of contributions to her country."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama called Boxer to congratulate her on her retirement and her service.

Boxer had a way of riling conservatives. She can be abrupt with those who question or disagree with her, and she cemented her reputation as a firebrand with testy exchanges with witnesses at committee hearings over the years.

In 2009, she requested that a brigadier general in the Army Corps of Engineers call her senator instead of ma'am. The confrontation served as fundraising fodder for her election opponents the following year, but she still won handily.

And during the height of the war in Iraq, she challenged Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's integrity by telling her that she believed her "loyalty to the mission you were given, to sell this war, overwhelmed your respect for the truth."

In her campaign ads, Boxer would constantly hammer home her feistiness and play on her last name by describing herself as a fighter.

Boxer would have been a prohibitive favorite to win if she had sought re-election in strongly Democratic California. Republicans have found it exceedingly difficult to find a candidate who can compete statewide.

Even before she announced her retirement, there was a great deal of speculation about possible Democratic candidates to succeed her. Among them: Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a former San Francisco mayor; state Attorney General Kamala Harris; former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; and Tom Steyer, a retired San Francisco hedge fund billionaire who sought to make climate change an issue in the midterm elections. While lauding Boxer in prepared statements, none of the potential candidates indicated he or she would attempt to succeed her.

Statewide elections in California are hugely expensive and could require Republicans to side with a candidate who would significantly fund his or her own campaign, such as Rep. Darrell Issa or business executive Carly Fiorina, who lost to Boxer in her last race and is weighing a run for president. Another possible candidate is Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin, who waged a competitive race for state controller last year.

Republicans view the retirement as positive for the 2016 elections in part because it could mean that Democrats will have to spend money to retain the seat, which they probably would not have done if Boxer were in the race.

Still, the latest voter registration numbers in California show that Republicans will have an extremely difficult time, particularly during a presidential election when there's larger Democratic turnout. The latest voter registration statistics show that only about 28 percent of the state's voters are registered as Republicans.

"A California Republican starts every statewide race 15 points behind and is competing against arguably the most effective state political party in the country," said Republican strategist Aaron McLear, who also described the state as "nearly impossible for Republicans to win statewide."

Boxer narrowly won her first Senate race after a late revelation that her Republican opponent had attended a strip club. She won her three subsequent Senate races by double-digit margins.

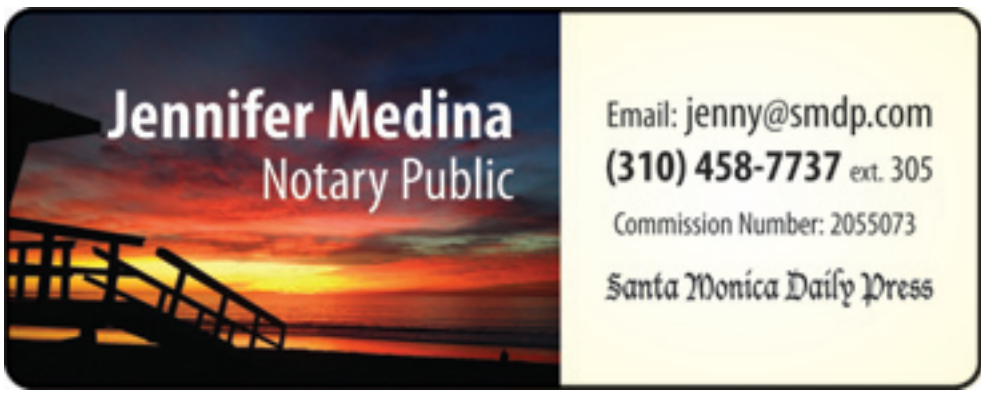
Her job performance ratings over the years have consistently been more positive than negative, though they tend to lag behind ratings for Feinstein, who is viewed as more of a centrist and someone relied on by business groups in the state to get something through Congress.

Political observers say Boxer's work to protect the environment is probably her most significant legacy. Boxer authored legislation that has designated more than 1 million acres of land in California as wilderness, a classification that is the highest level of protection and generally does not allow for motor vehicles, new roads and mining. She also led efforts to prevent oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

However, she has failed to help pass meaningful legislation to curb global warming, a longtime goal that became even more distant when Republicans won control of the Senate and Boxer lost her prized role as chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"I think she would say she's been a soldier in an ongoing fight that has yet to conclude," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in California.

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The Santa Monica High School girls varsity team hosted Marymount on Jan. 6. Samohi won 2-1 when Chloe Kleinman scored the winning goal with under five minutes remaining in the game. With the win, Samohi improves their record to two wins, three losses and three ties. Pictured is Maggie Lena as she tries to gain control of the soccer ball.



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DINING OUT: **Eat Well Week capitalizes on the urge to eat a healthy diet in the New Year.**

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culinary establishments for Eat Well Week, which continues through Jan. 11 and invites diners to try health-minded dishes that local chefs have created or highlighted specifically for the promotion.

Held during California Restaurant Month, the local effort features a record-high 18 participating eateries this year.

"Santa Monica's innovative chefs, the accessibility to the world's finest produce and an unwavering focus on sustainable, organic ingredients has allowed the city to emerge as an international culinary destination while maintaining an emphasis on fresh and healthy dishes," CVB President Misti Kerns said in a news release. "We are thrilled to have more restaurants than ever before joining in our efforts to celebrate Santa Monica's distinctive culinary and wellness offerings."

The Lobster, which is located near the Santa Monica Pier entrance, is participating for the third year in a row. The seafood restaurant's offering this time around is a carrot soup made with Tamai heirloom produce from the local farmers market as well as coconut milk, pumpkin seeds and Aleppo pepper - and without heavy cream.

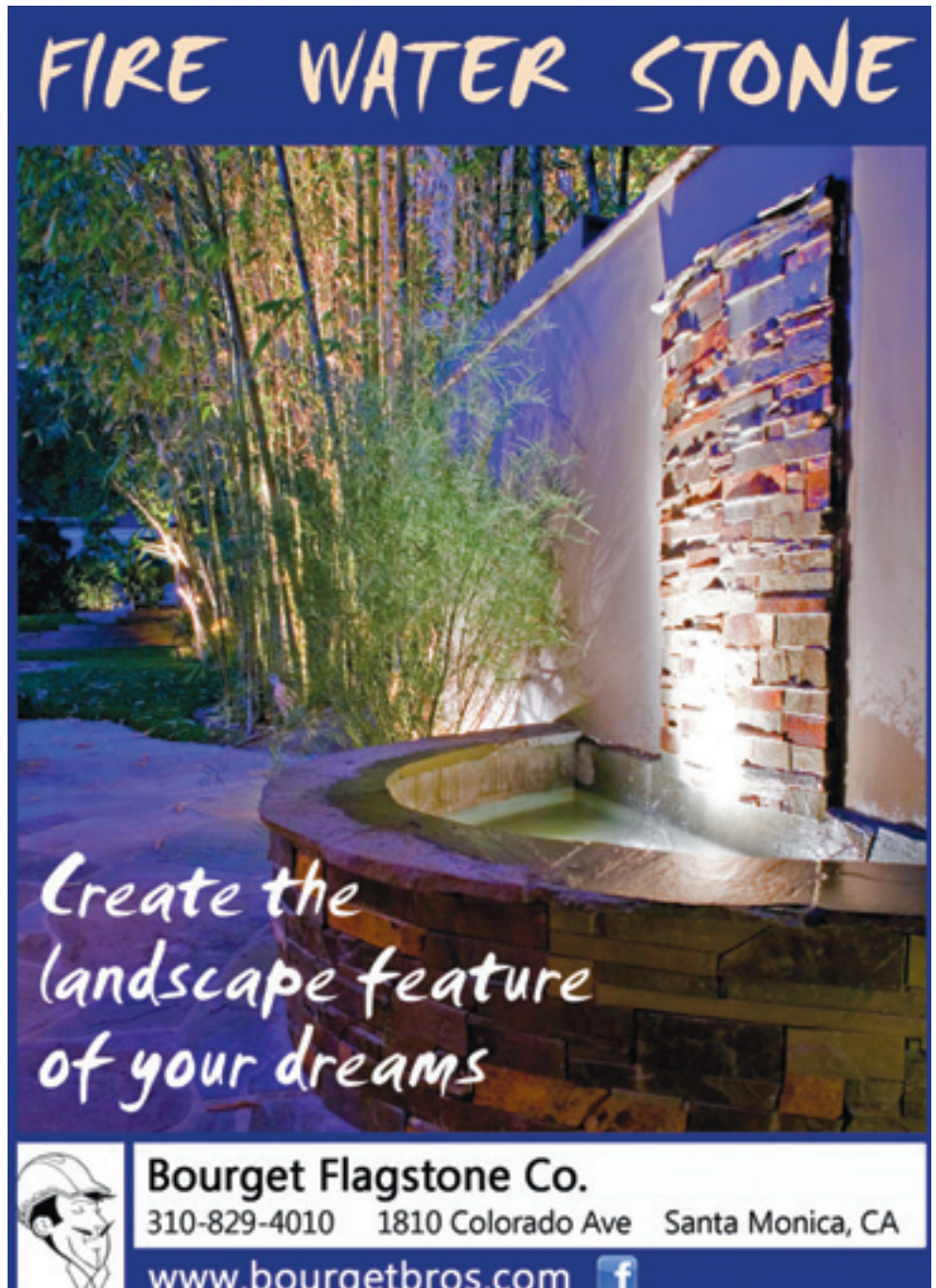
"(Eat Well Week) benefits us because it highlights that although we're a restaurant with rich and tasty items, right after the New Year it lets people know they can have something healthy, too," said Lynne Thomas, The Lobster's director of sales and marketing. "It brings in people who wouldn't necessarily know they're able to dine here and not feel guilty."

Perry's Cafe, meanwhile, is partaking in Eat Well Week for the first time this year. Its menu, which currently includes egg-white omelettes and grilled salmon with asparagus, arugula and heirloom tomatoes, has evolved to satisfy consumers' desires for healthier options.

"We get people from all over the world, and our goal is to feed the world and represent Santa Monica in such a way where they feel the difference and that their spirits are being fed as well as their bodies," said Robin Hathaway, executive chef for the four beachfront eateries. "With the vibration of people running, walking, skating and biking by, we'd like to make sure we're part of that healthy lifestyle and be an example for that - not just for one week but 365 days a year."

Other featured meals during Eat Well Week include citrus soy hamachi fish and crispy rice at Cast at Viceroy Santa Monica; coffee-rubbed skirt steak salad at Fig at Fairmont Miramar; mint mocha hot chocolate at Rawvolution; spinach and kale pizza at Stella Barra; and roasted Asian pesto salmon at Tiato Kitchen. For a complete list of participating restaurants, visit www.santamonica.com/eatwell.

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Sony hack may be fodder for Globes hosts, but not the show

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS The folks behind Sunday night's Golden Globes show say they won't address the Sony hack during the big show, but the subject is fair game for hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler.

"I think that especially in the last couple of months, the girls have been provided with quite some interesting fodder," Hollywood Foreign Press Association President Theo Kingma said coyly outside the Golden Globes' ballroom at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Inside the venue - filled with scissor-lifts, boxes of cables and builders getting the place camera-ready - 20-time Globes producer Barry Adelman said he's leaving discussion of the Hollywood hacking scandal to the stars in the spotlight.

"I'm sure there'll be some comments this year about (the Sony scandal and the film "The Interview" at the center of it), but we'll let that happen from the people who are on stage," he said. "Our focus is to provide the same prism that we always do, which is saluting excellence for the past year in both movies and TV, and whatever comes with that will come out naturally in the show."

Adelman won't see what Fey and Poehler have prepared until the weekend, and he expects the three-time hosting duo to make tweaks right up until show time.

"They want the material to be as fresh as it can possibly be," he said.

This will be the third year in a row Fey and Poehler have hosted the show, and they've said it will also be their final time. Last year, they helped boost the Globes' TV ratings to the best they've been in a decade.

"Birdman" leads film nominees at this year's Golden Globe Awards with seven bids, including best picture (musical or comedy), best actor for star Michael Keaton and supporting actor nods for Emma Stone and Edward Norton. Other film front-runners include the coming-of-age story "Boyhood" and World War II code-cracking drama "The Imitation Game," which have five nominations each, including best picture (drama).

On the television side, the FX crime drama "Fargo" has a leading five nominations, followed by HBO's "True Detective" with four.

George Clooney, who called for an alliance to release "The Interview" in the name of artistic freedom after it was shelved by Sony, will receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the ceremony.

He'll be in starry company. Apart from the acting nominees - which include Julianne Moore, Ricky Gervais, Helen Mirren, Steve Carell and Jake Gyllenhaal - a spate of A-listers are set to serve as presenters. Bryan Cranston and supporting actress nominee Meryl Streep were announced Thursday. Other presenters include Robert Downey Jr., Kate Hudson, Channing Tatum, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kevin Hart, Lily Tomlin, Salma Hayek and Chris Pratt.

With a mix of TV and film stars and a flowing open bar, Adelman is hoping for a festive launch to the industry's awards season.

"We've always tried very hard to live up to the label Hollywood's party of the year," the producer said. "And the way we do that is to let the party happen."

Sunday's 72nd annual Golden Globe Awards will air live on NBC from 8-11 p.m. EST.









‘Zelda,’ ‘Batman’ among anticipated games due in 2015

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Link, Master Chief, Batman and Nathan Drake will be back in action.

The leading men are among the protagonists starring in totally new video game installments in 2015, joined by newcomers like a team of intergalactic monster hunters and their prey (“Evolve”), a band of high-tech criminals and their tails (“Battlefield Hardline”) and a battalion of explorers and their procedurally generated universe (“No Man’s Sky”).

The gaming line-up for 2015 also includes a pair of original Victorian-inspired tales (“Bloodborne,” ‘’The Order: 1886”), the return of two long-gone, out-of-this-world gaming franchises (“Star Wars: Battlefront,” ‘’Star Fox”) and an expedition into the open-world genre for a long-running stealth series (“Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain”).

Here’s a glimpse of some of 2015’s most anticipated games:

- “Batman: Arkham Knight” (for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PC; June 2): After three editions of stomping, gliding and grappling through a virtual Gotham, Batman has keys to the Batmobile in Rocksteady Studios’ Dark Knight finale. This time, besides old-school baddies like Penguin and Scarecrow, Batman is facing off against a new menace called Arkham Knight.

- “Battlefield Hardline” (for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC; March 17): Visceral Games is dodging the military in favor of an interactive game of cops and robbers in the latest entry of the first-person “Battlefield” shooter series. The war-on-crime action will include bank heists, police chases and hostage rescue missions.

- “Bloodborne” (for PlayStation 4; March 24): “Dark Souls” mastermind Hidetaka Miyazaki takes a stab at the PlayStation 4 with this relentless role-playing title set in a gothic enclave that’s been overrun by infected monsters. “Bloodborne,” much like predecessors “Dark Souls” and “Demon’s Souls,” is expected to be quite the nightmare.

- “Evolve” (for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PC; Feb. 10): After tackling team-based zombie slaying with “Left 4 Dead,” Turtle Rock Studios takes on monster hunting in this multiplayer shooter with a twist. Instead of equal squads aiming for each other online, “Evolve” pits a team of four against one player portraying an oversized, overpowered behemoth.

- “Halo 5: Guardians” (for Xbox One, fall 2015): For his latest interstellar adventure, hardened “Halo” hero Master Chief is joined by a new companion, fellow supersoldier Locke. Developer 343 Industries has injected a slew of fresh abilities into the game’s multiplayer mode, including thruster-boosted dodging and ground pounding.

- “The Legend of Zelda” (for Wii U, 2015): Link and his trusty steed Epona are set free in an expansive open realm in the first original “Legend of Zelda” adventure crafted for Nintendo’s high-definition, touchscreen-centric Wii U console. “Legend of Zelda” producer Eiji Aonuma has promised that Link’s actions will have the ability to reshape his fantasy world.

- “Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain” (for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC; 2015): “Metal Gear” one-man army Snake is dispatched to Afghanistan during the Cold War to take down Soviet forces. “Phantom Pain” seeks to be the most liberating “Metal Gear” yet with sandstorms and daylight affecting the mercenary’s stealthy tasks.

- “No Man’s Sky” (for PlayStation 4, PC, 2015): While most game makers precisely position every polygon within their creations, the developers at Hello Games are dispatching players to virtual worlds with randomly generated landscapes, meaning plants, animals and atmospheres will look different for each person who picks up this ambitious exploration title.

- “The Order: 1886” (for PlayStation 4, Feb. 20): In this third-person alternate history romp, the Knights of the Round Table battle supernatural forces with steampunk gear across London. “The Order” creators Ready at Dawn are harnessing the PS4’s souped-up processing power to transport gamers to an intricate and moody rendition of the foggy city.

- “Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End” (for PlayStation 4; 2015): After surviving a trek through a sprawling desert and a jaunt through an ancient crumbling city, “Uncharted” champion Nathan Drake returns for his first quest on the PS4. This time, the smart-alecky treasure hunter will be joined by his brother, portrayed by omnipresent video game actor Troy Baker.

Other anticipated titles include: role-playing sequel “The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt”; online-only shooter “Tom Clancy’s The Division”; time-bending action title “Quantum Break”; a next-gen rendition of “Star Wars: Battlefront”; Lara Croft follow-up “Rise of the Tomb Raider”; and “Star

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SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
Holding/primary WNW swell; Small/easing SSW swell; Incoming tide in AM will help most spots; Strongest overall in far west/north part of county with possible inconsistent 5' sets at select magnets

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
BIGGEST EARLY; Easing WNW swell; Minimal SSW swell; Incoming tide in AM will help most spots; Strongest overall in far west/north part of county early

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Mix of old/fading WNW energy and new/building WNW swell; Traces of SSW swell

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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	F
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	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	D	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	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.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

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Dodgers announce returning coaches and new staff

The Los Angeles Dodgers have announced that their entire Major League coaching staff will return in 2015:

Don Mattingly - Manager (fifth season)
Lorenzo Bundy - Third Base coach (second season)
Chuck Crim - Bullpen Coach (third season)
Rick Honeycutt - Pitching Coach (10th season)
Davey Lopes - First Base Coach (fifth season)
Mark McGwire - Hitting Coach (third season)
Tim Wallach - Bench Coach (second season, fifth on staff)
Ken Howell - Assistant Pitching Coach (third season, eighth on staff)
John Valentin - Assistant Hitting Coach (third season)
Steve Yeager - Catching Instructor (fourth season)
Rob Flippo - Bullpen Catcher (14th season)
Steve Cilladi - Bullpen Catcher (second season)

Mattingly enters his fifth season as the Dodgers' manager after leading the club to a second consecutive NL West title and a 94-68 record in 2014. Los Angeles' record has improved in each of Mattingly's four seasons and his .547 winning percentage (354-293) as the Dodger skipper ranks fourth in franchise history among managers with at least 500 games managed.

Last year, under the tutelage of hitting coaches Mark McGwire and John Valentin, the Dodgers led the Majors with a .333 team on-base percentage and ranked among the NL leaders in batting average (.265, 2nd), slugging percentage (.406, 2nd), extra-base hits (474, 3rd) and runs scored (718, 2nd). Los Angeles also led the Majors with a .286 batting average with runners in scoring position (420-for-1469).

Dodger pitchers ranked fourth in the NL in 2014 with a 3.40 combined ERA, including a 3.20 mark by the club's starters, the second-best mark in the Majors. Los Angeles also established a franchise record with a National League-best 1,373 strikeouts. Since Rick Honeycutt took the reigns as pitching coach in 2006, the Dodgers have led the Majors with a 3.67 team ERA, a .247 opponents' batting average and 11,209 strikeouts.

DODGERS HIRE NAOMI RODRIGUEZ

The Los Angeles Dodgers have named Naomi Rodriguez senior director, external affairs and community relations.

Rodriguez brings to the Dodgers a strong background in governmental, corporate and nonprofit sectors. Her experience includes communications strategy, with special emphasis on business development and community outreach. She has excelled at building strategic partnerships that advance company missions.

Prior to joining the Dodgers, Rodriguez served as senior director of public affairs, marketing and communications for nonprofit Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP). Other positions Rodriguez has held include senior manager of marketing (Hispanic and International) for DIRECTV, Inc.; assistant deputy mayor for former Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn; and director of Community Affairs for the Los Angeles Consulate General of Israel. She is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach.

"We want to take this opportunity to welcome Naomi to the Dodgers' front office team," said Dodgers' Executive Vice President Bob Wolfe. "Her vast experience in a wide variety of business arenas will enable the team to continue to enhance our already strong relationships with the city, the corporate world and the community."

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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 ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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11 Heep of fiction
12 Ticket category
13 "The Hobbit" hero
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15 Haddock's cousin
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18 Peculiarity
19 Clay, later
20 Writer Follett
21 Annoy
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24 Picnic pests
25 Most pucker-inducing
27 Co-star of Haley and Bolger
29 Greek vowels
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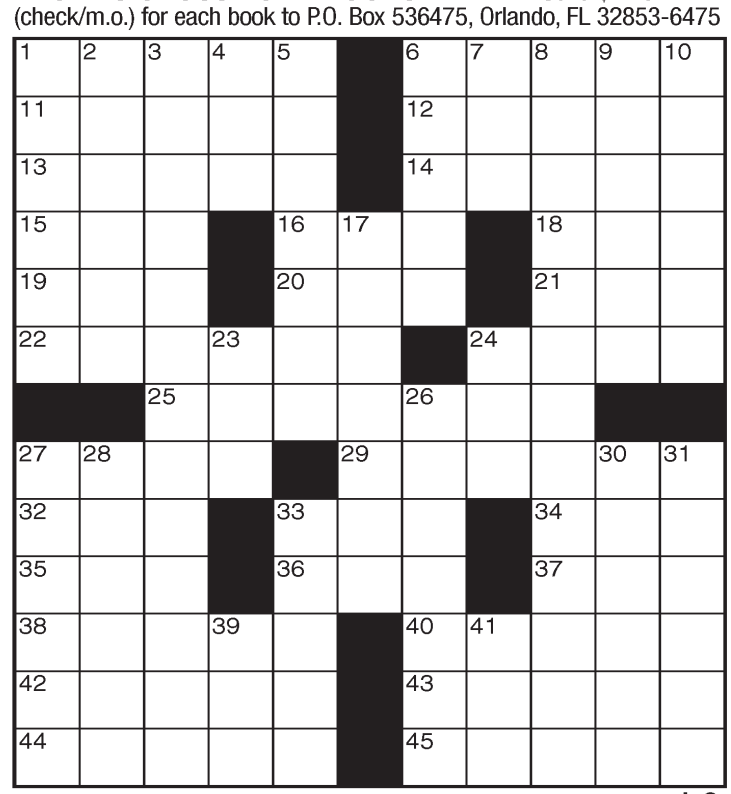
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24 African viper
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27 Jacket parts
28 Maine park
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31 Folk's Pete
33 Bubble-headed
39 Cartoon frame
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/6
12 20 27 38 75
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 221

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/7
11 19 30 36 38
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 7

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/7
3 8 16 19 22

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/8
MIDDAY: 5 1 5
Draw Date: 1/7
EVENING: 6 6 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/7
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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WORD UP!

fritter 1. to squander or disperse piecemeal; waste little by little (usually followed by away): to fritter away one's money; to fritter away an afternoon.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1894 – New England Telephone and Telegraph installs the first battery-operated telephone switchboard in Lexington, Massachusetts.

1903 – Hallam Tennyson, 2nd Baron Tennyson, son of the poet Alfred Tennyson, becomes the second Governor-General of Australia.

1909 – Ernest Shackleton, leading the Nimrod Expedition to the South Pole, plants the British flag 97 nautical miles (180 km; 112 mi) from the South Pole, the farthest anyone had ever reached at that time.

1914 – Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., the first historically black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity to be officially recognized at Howard University, is founded.

1916 – World War I: The Battle of Gallipoli concludes with an Ottoman Empire victory when the last Allied forces are evacuated from the peninsula.

1917 – World War I: the Battle of Rafa is fought near the Egyptian border with Palestine.

1918 – Battle of Bear Valley: The last battle of the American Indian Wars.

1921 – Greco-Turkish War: The First Battle of ‹nönü, the first battle of the war, begins near Eskiflehir in Anatolia.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Two high-ranking Hollywood, Florida, police officers were absolved of criminal wrongdoing recently even though they had intentionally deleted their colleagues' names from Internal Affairs investigative records. Assistant Chief Ken Haberland and Maj. Norris Redding somehow convinced prosecutors that they were unaware the files were "public records" that should not be altered. The two are still subject to fines and restitution, but have been returned to administrative duty.

■ (1) In October, Reynolds American Inc., whose iconic product is Camel cigarettes, announced it would ban employees at its North Carolina headquarters from smoking in the offices, relegating them to special smokers' rooms. (Critics of the company noted that Reynolds has for years staunchly denied that "secondary smoke" is dangerous.) (2) In September, Guinter Kahn, the South Florida dermatologist who developed minoxidil (the hair-restoring ingredient in Rogaine), passed away at age 80. Dr. Kahn himself had noticeable hair loss, but was allergic to minoxidil.

Hang out at home tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You seem to be "all work and no play," even if you are not at your job. This very serious approach allows you to be focused and driven. Follow your instincts if you are facing some confusion. A partner or associate could be extremely controlling. Tonight: Relax to good music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your circle of friends could have different concerns from your loved ones. Today, they might pull you in different directions, and you'll feel the resulting tension. Detach, and see if there is a way you can find a solution that works for everyone. Tonight: Have some fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Tension continues to build on the homefront. The only person you can control is yourself. Therefore, it would be wise to take up a stress-busting activity or pastime. When you relax, others will, too. Be careful with a loved one who is very controlling. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a close relative or neighbor who understands where you are coming from. You cannot deny the bond that exists between you. Be sure to listen to your inner voice. Romance, music and a foreigner could intertwine. Tonight: TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might be deluding yourself about the ramifications of a recent major purchase. Relax with others, and know that you can make a different choice. A conversation could lead to a power play. Don't lose sight of your long-term objectives. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be confused by a friend who doesn't always hear you well. Be patient; otherwise, you could lose your temper. Go along with the moment, and know full well that you could be dealing with a manipulative person. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your ability to get past an issue will depend on whether you can let go of your need to control others. You might express a tentative interest in opening up a discussion. Think carefully about this before making a decision. Tonight: Vanish before your popularity overwhelms you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Friends pave the way to your success. You also will receive a lot of support from these same people. Perhaps it is time for a thank-you card. When all of you are together, there tends to be an air of camaraderie among you. Communicate with care. Tonight: Hang out at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take charge of an important project with which you have been involved. Your ability to move past obstacles will emerge. Others seem delighted to have you at the helm of the ship because of your leadership capability. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance once more. If you can take off for a day trip, by all means, do. Be sure that you and this person are on the same page. A misunderstanding could result in a rift between the two of you. Tonight: Let your feelings lead the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You will see a personal matter differently after you have a chat with a key person. Pressure could force you to look for an unusual answer. Refuse to get uptight about a problem you tend to focus on too much, which could make a situation even more difficult. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

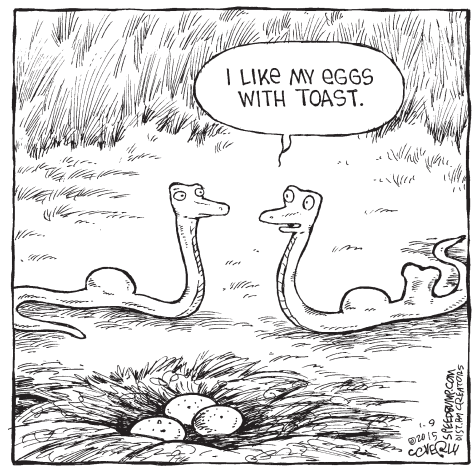
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could wake up feeling as if you have not a care in the world. You certainly seem to be wearing a pair of rose-colored glasses. See where your optimism takes you. For many of you, it will help you manifest more positive interactions. Tonight: Let the party begin!

Friday, January 9, 2015

This year you open up to a new way of living. Simplicity and authenticity will be the key elements to focus on for improving your life. If you are single, someone you choose to be your sweetie today might not be of any interest to you by your next birthday. Take your time getting to know any potential suitors! If you are attached, the two of you enjoy sharing your personal dream world together. You will help each other manifest what you both desire. CAPRICORN needs to be less involved.

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

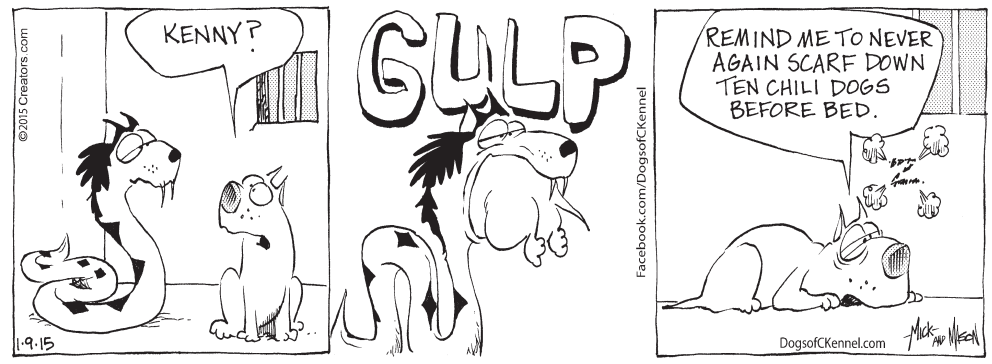
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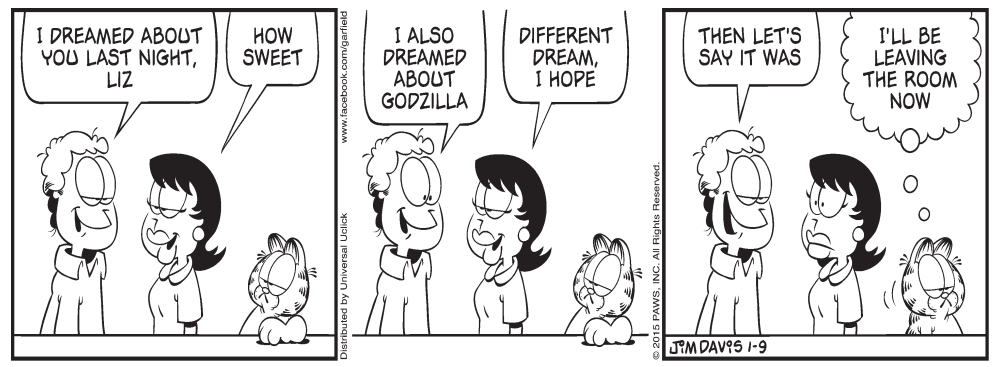
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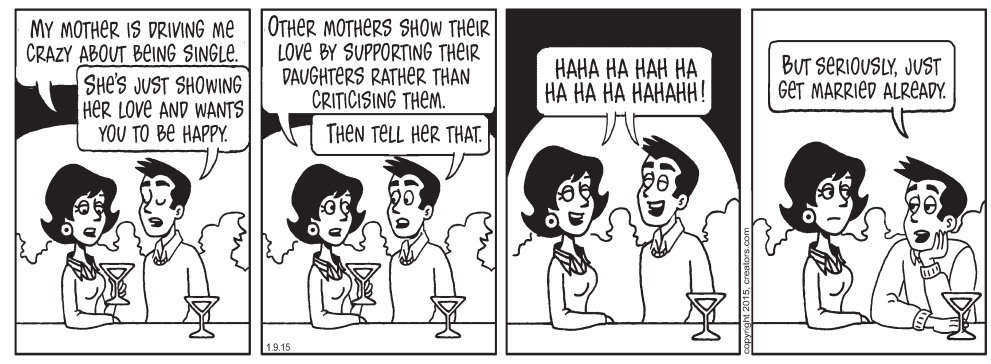
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON DECEMBER 28, 2014, AT 9:26 P.M.
Night watch officers responded to a call of a male masturbating in public in the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade. The subject, who was wearing a red shirt, black pants, and a sombrero, was detained by officers who observed him walking southbound with his fully erect penis exposed. The suspect, identified as Jesse Lee Curtin, was still masturbating at the time the officers stopped him. Dispatchers advised the officers that Curtin is a registered sex offender and not in compliance with his registration requirements (Megan's Law). Curtin was arrested for two registration violations and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Jesse Lee Curtin, 35, homeless, had bail set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 349 calls for service on Jan. 7.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery on the 1600 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 12:13 a.m.
Burglary at 31st and Ocean Park at 3:32 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1300 block of 15th St. at 5:26 a.m.
Burglary on the 3000 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 5:44 a.m.
Trespassing at 15th and Santa Monica at 6:22 a.m.
Burglary on the 2700 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 6:52 a.m.
Burglary on the 1200 block of Montana Ave. at 7:33 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2900 block of Pico Blvd. at 8:23 a.m.
Grand theft on the 1500 block of Berkeley St. at 8:31 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1300 block of 14th St. at 9:10 a.m.
Petty theft at 24th and Wilshire at 9:24 a.m.
Hit and run at 23rd and Wilshire at 9:56 a.m.
Burglary on the 2900 block of Main St. at 10:03 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 1500 block of 26th St. at 10:20 a.m.
Fraud on the 1300 block of 20th St. at 10:38 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 1400 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 10:40 a.m.
Grand theft on the 3100 block of 5th St. at 11:02 a.m.
Battery on the 1000 block of Pico Blvd. at 12:16 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1100 block of Pico Blvd. at 12:16 p.m.
Trespassing on the 3300 block of Pico Blvd. at 12:31 p.m.
Grand theft on the 2000 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 1:24 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2600 block of Highland Ave. at 1:38 p.m.
Battery on the 1300 block of 15th St. at 2:17 p.m.
Indecent exposure on the 1500 block of PCH at 2:55 p.m.
Bike theft on the 1400 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 3:52 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1200 block of 2nd St. at 4:15 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Bay St. at 4:15 p.m.
Battery on the 2900 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 4:45 p.m.
Attempted burglary on the 1800 block of Stewart St. at 4:50 p.m.
Grand theft on the 200 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 5:43 p.m.
Traffic accident at Lincoln and Ocean Park at 5:45 p.m.

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