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Police warn women to be vigilant following 2 attempted kidnappings

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica Police officers are warning women to be vigilant, and, if possible, travel with a companion following reports of two attempted kidnappings in the city by the sea in the past three days.

No suspects were in custody as of Friday night as detectives reviewed surveillance video to determine if they have to track down one suspect or two.

Both victims described a black male with short, shaved hair, but that's where the similarities end. Police did not release the ages of the two women attacked.

One victim said her attacker was in his 30s, 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed around 200 to 230 pounds. He had a beard and was wearing blue jeans and a black hooded sweatshirt. The man emerged from a late model, black VW four-door hatch back with tinted windows.

The woman told police that she was walking along the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue at around 8 p.m. on Wednesday when the suspect drove past her and parked. He got out of his car and stood near it as if he was waiting for someone. As the woman passed, the

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OPENING NIGHT

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Above: All of the cast members perform a dance during the closing act at Cirque du Soleil's 'Totem' Thursday night at the Santa Monica Pier. 'Totem' runs from Jan. 17-March 16, 2014.

Left: Cirque performers show off their balancing skills by tossing bowls onto their heads as they ride unicycles. 'Totem' takes audiences on a fascinating journey through the evolution of mankind. The characters evolve on a stage evoking a giant turtle, the symbol of origin for many ancient civilizations.

Below: Shandien Larance (center) and Eric Hernandez perform the second part of their hoop dance.



City projects worst Expo Line-related traffic this week

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

FIFTH STREET Expo Light Rail is expected to relieve Santa Monica's traffic problems but not this week.

Several sections of Fifth Street around Colorado Avenue and the connecting Interstate 10 off-ramp are closed through Tuesday, Jan. 28, while crews work 24-hour shifts installing track.

It will likely be the "most impactive" Expo closure in terms of creating traffic, said Sam Morrissey, City Hall's principal transporta-

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School board selects new firm to handle Malibu PCB removal

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A new company is being brought in to help the school district with the contamination at Malibu High School.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education picked the environmental engineering firm Environ to oversee soil testing and more air testing.

Negotiations with Environ were approved but there is no estimated cost for the contract, said Boardmember Ben Allen.

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Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

Cleaning up
City Yards
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Secure shredding services free of charge for Santa Monica residents (up to 25 file boxes per vehicle) and all shredded materials will be recycled. Documents will be commercially shredded by trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists. Also, bring your old electronics for recycling. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Meet the masters
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9:30 a.m.
Master gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program, which provides intense training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting.

Barbie comes home
Santa Monica Place
Third Street and Broadway
Otis and Mattel partnered in a unique creative collaboration among students from five different creative disciplines to celebrate Malibu's most fashionable resident, Barbie, as she renovates her new home. The show entitled, Barbie's Housewarming Party, will feature work created by Otis students. For more information, visit otis.edu/barbie.

Aquarium grand opening
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium kicks off the New Year with a grand opening of the remodeled Dorothy Green Room. Admission is free throughout the grand opening afternoon, sponsored by Cirque du Soleil. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

New take on Homer's classic
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 1 p.m.
Homer's epic poem comes back to life in a contemporary new telling. Obie Award-winner Lisa Peterson directs Tony Award-winner Denis O'Hare in this show that captures the battle for Troy. "An Iliad" races through time and continues to be relevant to this day. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Sweet music
SGI Auditorium
525 Wilshire Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra will feature the George Gershwin classic "Rhapsody in Blue." Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 395-6330.

Under the big top
Santa Monica Pier
Times vary
Cirque du Soleil returns to Santa Monica. This time around, the world famous troupe presents "Totem," an artistic look at mankind's evolution. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014

Odd ladies
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of "The Odd Couple." Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the Costazuela brothers. But the hilarity remains the same. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Affordable care
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is the most expansive regulatory overhaul of the American healthcare system ever enacted. UCLA family medicine physician David Cutler examines the impact of this new act and how it will affect you in the months and years ahead. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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California governor proclaims state in a drought

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS & JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California is nearly as dry as it's ever been. High water marks rim half-full reservoirs. Cities are rationing water. Clerics are praying for rain. Ranchers are selling cattle, and farmers are fallowing fields.

Gov. Jerry Brown formally proclaimed a drought Friday, saying California is in the midst of perhaps its worst dry spell in a century. He made the announcement in San Francisco amid increasing pressure from lawmakers and as firefighters battled flare-ups in a Southern California wildfire that chased thousands of people from their homes.

Unless the state gets significant rainfall in the next two months, television sets glowing with wildfires could play like reruns throughout the year.

Reservoir levels in the north and central parts of the state were more depleted than in Southern California, but Brown still asked Los Angeles to do its part to conserve — and gave a nod to the politics of water in the vast state.

"The drought accentuates and further displays the conflicts between north and south and between urban and rural parts of the state. So, as governor, I'll be doing my part to bring people together and working through this."

Farmers and ranchers in the nation's No. 1 farm state already are making hard choices to conserve. Some cities are in danger of running out of water. And the first snow survey of the winter found more bare ground than fluffy white stuff — a key barometer of future supply.

"I am a fifth-generation cattle rancher, and it has never been this bad ever in my lifetime — and from my family's history, it's never been anywhere close to this bad ever," said Kevin Kester, 58. He said his family's

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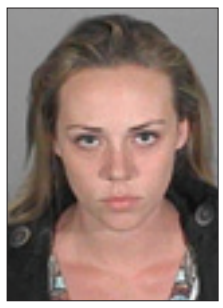
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Jail term in DUI death of ex-rugby player

A drunken driver who fatally struck former Australian rugby player Gary Mara in a Santa Monica crosswalk has been sentenced to four years in state prison.

Prosecutors say 28-year-old Cara Cameron was sentenced Friday in Los Angeles. She pleaded guilty last month to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and agreed to pay $100,000 in restitution to Mara's family.

Authorities say the 50-year-old Mara, his wife and 8-year-old daughter were vacationing in August 2012 when they entered a crosswalk in Downtown against a "don't walk" signal.



CAMERON

Cameron, who has a history of drunken driving, struck Mara and he died at a hospital.

Mara played for the Balmain Tigers and the Parramatta Eels in the 1980s. He retired in 1985.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEVENTH STREET

Parking now open at post office

The Downtown Santa Monica Post Office customer parking lot is now open, a spokesman for the United States Postal Service said Friday.

A temporary banner-sign has been installed until permanent signage is in place.

There are 20 customer parking spaces in the lot, including a handicap spot.

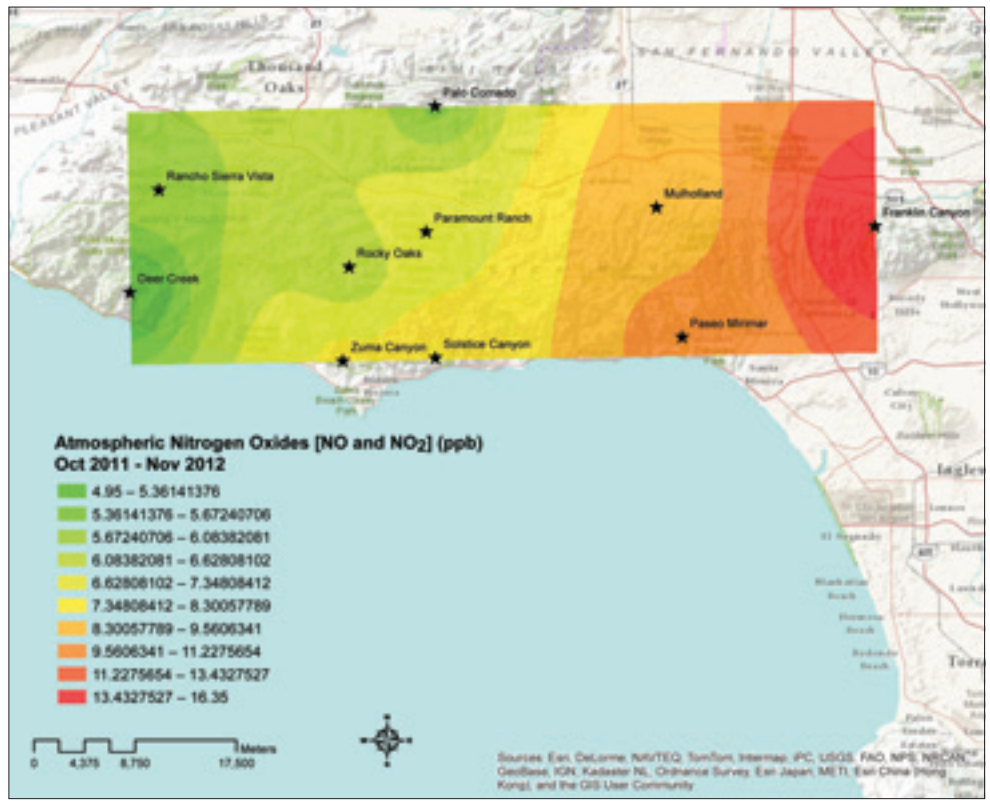
Residents and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) recently complained about the current configuration of street parking, which users said is dangerous.

The parking spaces are perpendicular to the sidewalk and a bike lane prevents drivers from pulling all the way up to the curb, patrons said. The orientation of the spaces also requires drivers to pull out across a double yellow line into northbound traffic.

At the end of June 2013 the postal service shuttered the historic Fifth Street post office and sold it to a movie production house for $25 million in an effort to close a multi-billion-dollar budget gap.

The new facility has roughly 40 on-street metered parking space, which is more than at the old location, but patrons still complained about the configuration and requested on-site parking.

– KEVIN HERRERA



Map courtesy National Park Service

BAD AIR: The further east one goes in the Santa Monica Mountains the more pollution is found.

Study suggests air pollution in SM Mountains harming plants, increasing fire risk



Photo courtesy National Park Service

DOING WORK: Interns measure plots of California sagebrush that have been injected with various levels of nitrogen as part of a three-year study to learn how air pollution is impacting native plants and fire risk.

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM MOUNTAINS Initial results from experiments conducted in the Santa Monica Mountains indicate that high levels of nitrogen may adversely impact native plants and, by extension, increase the risk of wildfire, federal officials said this week.

"No one will be surprised to learn that our data shows increased air pollution on the eastern end of the mountains, closer to Los Angeles," said Dr. Irina Irvine, restoration ecologist for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. "What's more intriguing about this study is learning how high nitrogen levels affect native vegetation and what that might mean for fire risk in such a fire-prone region."

The preliminary results are from the first year of a three-year study undertaken by Irvine, UC Riverside's Dr. Edith B. Allen and the U.S. Forest Service's Dr. Andrzej Bytnerowicz and Dr. Mark Fenn.

Researchers measured atmospheric nitro-

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Sick of cyclists

Editor:

I am sick and tired of reading pie in the sky, utopian opinions and comments, like those of Charles Andrews ("Sticking up for cyclists," Curious City, Jan.13) and Adam Rakunas ("Making it better for bikes," Letter to the Editor, Jan. 7) and their ilk. They incessantly try to justify the breaking of the law by bicyclists. They say, "I understand why it's done," and "the reason we are forced onto the sidewalk is because of 100 years of 'car culture.'"

I've got news for you people, you don't have the authority or the right to pick and choose which laws you obey, whether it is understandable or not! If you don't like a law, get it changed. You also should not, while on family bike rides, be teaching your young children that it is all right to run stop signs and red lights, as I have seen on a regular basis. You are teaching them unjustifiable civil disobedience and are sending the wrong message to an entire new generation. It is only a matter of time before these children, if not killed first, will be choosing which other laws are all right to break. I have also seen numerous incidents of parents on bikes committing these violations with children less than 3 years old in shoulder-strap baby carriers, in handlebar and rack-mounted seats, as well as in kiddy bicycle trailers. These people should be charged with child endangerment! I hope you parents are proud of yourselves!

The one and only reason you, Mr. Rakunas, feel unsafe riding on the street and are made to breathe so much dirty air is that you keep voting pro-development government officials back into office because they keep promising more bike lanes, which amounts to catering to the few to the detriment of the many. You don't seem to have the brains to realize that the cars hurtling down your residential streets, and all those extra cars emitting all of that extra pollution, wouldn't be here if we hadn't allowed our city to be overdeveloped. If you sidewalk riders hit, injure or kill a pedestrian, you made a conscious choice to ride there and should be charged with assault with a deadly weapon and/or manslaughter! All of you should be required to have licenses and insurance to pay for the damage to life and property you may cause. Just because riding is environmental, doesn't mean you have a license to break the law.

You that believe everyone can ride a bike, just because you have temporarily been able to make it work for you, are nuts. Look at the number of handicapped placards in cars and the ever growing number of seniors, look at the uncertainty of the job and housing markets. No one knows how far away their job or home may be in the future. If you are permanently injured or are taken ill, or your life changes in a dramatic fashion, you will be driving a car too, and be glad to have it. Odds are the life you have now is not practical or sustainable and you are in for a very rude awakening when your perfect little life has unforeseen changes forced upon it. The facts are that the overwhelming majority of people cannot do what they need to do, on a daily basis, on a bicycle and no matter how hard you wish for it, cars are not going away for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Andrews says he has almost completed his goal of walking every street in Santa Monica, and has never once seen a bike being ridden on the sidewalk. Well he must be wearing a blindfold because I literally cannot leave my house without seeing multiple occurrences.

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The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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It's still our Internet, we can save it

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS Commission's (FCC) Open Internet Order establish "net neutrality" rules requiring that broadband providers disclose how they manage their networks while prohibiting them from blocking any lawful content, apps services or devices and from unreasonably discriminating against any Internet traffic. These are principles that date back to the Pacific Telegraph Act of 1860 and hardly match the rhetoric of "Internet takeover" voiced in opposition.

As Judge Tatel emphasized at the beginning of his opinion overturning the Open Internet Order earlier this week, his task was not to assess the wisdom of [net neutrality] but rather to determine whether … the regulations fall within the scope of its … authority. "

What was controversial and ultimately fatal to the order was the imposition of common carrier type of obligations on Internet access providers (since in 2002 the Bush FCC reclassified Internet access services as separate from telecommunication services which were subject to common carrier regulation) without reversing the 2002 decision. The FCC knew this was a huge risk since the same court had overturned the prior net neutrality policy in 2010 on similar grounds, but proceeded anyway, "once more with feeling" as one commentator noted, rather than take on the telecom companies and Republicans on Capitol Hill.

So now what? When the net neutrality debate first began it was quickly dismissed by opponents as a nebulous slogan designed to prevent merely hypothetical harms. Since that time, almost all of the harms warned of have occurred. Verizon, which challenged the Open Internet Order, has refused to activate a non-Verizon tablet; blocked pro-choice text messages; argued that it had a First Amendment right to censor traffic on its network and indicated to the court that it would implement two market pricing (i.e., charging both the Internet user and content providers) were it not for the Open Internet Order. Time-Warner and Comcast each have exempted their own streaming data services from their bandwidth caps, while AT&T and Comcast have blocked access to certain applications and websites.

New FCC Chairman Thomas Wheeler has hinted that he might take a wait-and-see approach to the decision and suggested that two-market pricing is inevitable, which on one level is understandable. Any new attempt at net neutrality regulations is sure to trigger vehement opposition from the industry and its allies on Capitol Hill in both parties — with the telecoms' chief lobbyist using the phrase "World War III." In addition, the administration and Democrats in Congress are certain to remember that all 95 House members who signed pro-net neutrality pledges in 2010 were defeated in the 2010 Republican landslide.

These unpleasant realities, however, do not change the fact that once we start going down the path towards a tiered Internet it will be irreversible and that would be a great tragedy. In this age of growing income equality, in which we have created separate courts, educational systems and even health care for the haves and have-nots, who wants to be able to say we once had a free and open Internet and let it slip away?

In addition, we must be mindful of the importance of the Internet to our sustained economic growth. A 2011 McKinsey study found that the Internet contributed to 21 percent of the GDP growth in mature economies over the prior five-year period. Are we to sit idly by while greedy ISPs attempt to stifle the creativity and innovation of the Internet?

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A lot has changed since 2010, most notably the amazing response of grassroots netizens in defeating SOPA and CISPSA in 2012 where 14 million citizens contacted Congress to voice their opposition causing one of the most remarkable overnight reversals in Congressional history. This is where grass-roots netizens need to step up once again and demonstrate to Chairman Wheeler that this is a fight that must be engaged and can be won. I encourage Chairman Wheeler to hold town halls across the nation and see the response he gets.

The administration would be wise to remember that this is the constituency that helped him win the nomination in 2008 and whose support has waned due to issues like the NSA scandal. This is a golden opportunity to not only re-engage this community, but also energize them through November.

Net neutrality lost this week not because of the strength of the FCC's arguments, but rather because of the weakness of their stomach. This is no time for the timid; too much is at stake. It is still our Internet and together we can save it if enough of us persuade President Obama and Chairman Wheeler to heed the words of Voltaire and "declare the truth thou hast, that all may share; Be bold, proclaim it everywhere: They only live who dare."

BENNET KELLEY is founder of the Internet Law Center in Santa Monica and a past co-chair of the California Bar Cyberspace Committee.

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The Q Line

Concert changes

There is a movement afoot that would make major changes to the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Concert Series, including reducing the amount of people watching from the beach.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think changes need to be made to the popular concerts or should they be left as is?

Here are your responses:

"BIG CHANGES NEED TO HAPPEN. GET the smokers and drinkers off the beach and the pier. The Santa Monica Police Department, with the blessing of the City Council, [has] been willfully not enforcing many of our laws and ordinances. Bike riders, pedestrians, and now smokers and drinkers at concerts are getting away with everything. In fact, you can call it special treatment."

"CAN THE CITY, LEGALLY, FORCE PEOPLE from sitting on a beach before it closes at 10 p.m.? No! And I say, don't you dare! I further say, if they try, lock arms and disobey! The only reason they want to change the Twilight Concert Series is that Tony Vazquez (who voted for him?) has complained that there aren't enough Hispanic artists there and that, somehow, there is a demand for that music from some silent group of residents. He will ruin these concerts for the great majority of people who have enjoyed them for many, many years. But guess what, Santa Monica, you voted for him."

"LET ME TRY TO UNDERSTAND THIS ONE: (1) you want less people attending the summer concert series, (2) more public money being spent, and (3) no advertising revenue. This is insane. We have a real community gem. Why do we want to attract inferior acts and spend more money? What is wrong with advertising? I would certainly prefer advertisers pick up the tab instead of the taxpayer. It has taken years to establish the summer concert series. It would be a shame to spend money destroying it. I do not believe there has ever been a serious problem. The people on the sand are well behaved and just the kind of audience we should encourage. Once again we are destroying one of the things which makes us a real community. What's next, eliminating the Fourth of July parade and/or charging for it? I think a better solution would be to: (1) get higher attendance, (2) don't spend any public money, (3) make a profit from advertising and (4) attract well-known acts."

"NO, I DON'T THINK CHANGES NEED TO be made at all. Leave it alone. Let's not lessen the number of people. It's the people's thing."

"I BELIEVE THAT THE POPULAR concert series should stay the same. Maybe they should actually get better bands. People should be able to watch the concerts from the pier or the sand."

"THERE ARE TWO SMART AND EFFECTIVE solutions to the logistics of crowd control on the pier. The first and most practical is to move the concert series across the street to Tongva Park. ... Santa Monica has a [$43] million park that is sparsely used at night with perimeters that are very easy to contain. Let's use it. However, if business interests insist upon continued use of the pier, there is a second solution. That is to distribute a pre-determined number of free tickets in advance based upon fire department estimates of pier capacity and allow only ticket holders on or near the pier. New York has done this for years with free summertime Shakespearean plays in Central Park. We can do it here. Right now, on free concert nights our Downtown and our pier are overrun with people and, as a result, fate is being badly tempted in terms of crowd control disaster. One of these two solutions will ensure the continued success of the pier concert series."

"GET 'WEIRD AL' YANKOVIC FOR A concert. They didn't have him do the Super Bowl half-time show, but the pier isn't freezing cold."

"WELL, HERE'S YOUR PROBLEM. ANYTHING that Judy Abdo is involved in, whether it's education, the council or the Pier Restoration Corp., you can count on the progressive crap that has destroyed Santa Monica. The pier is a huge money pit that benefits a few businesses that have donated heavily to politicos like Ms. Abdo. We are spending a lot of money so some hippies can get free entertainment. The pier is a very good example of costly support for something a few dope-smoking, socialist freeloaders get for free, while the rest of us get Ms. Abdo and overdevelopment."

"APPARENTLY SINCE THE QUESTION WAS posed by the Daily Press, the City Council has directed the concert promoters to book lesser-known performers to discourage attendance. Ironically, the cost of police and fire department presence will likely remain unchanged. Who is this really benefiting? The public? No, no, no and no. If this is the ridiculous solution the City Council has chosen to pursue, let's cancel the series and eliminate the expenses associated with it."

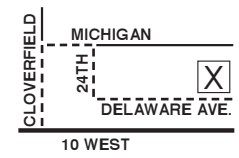
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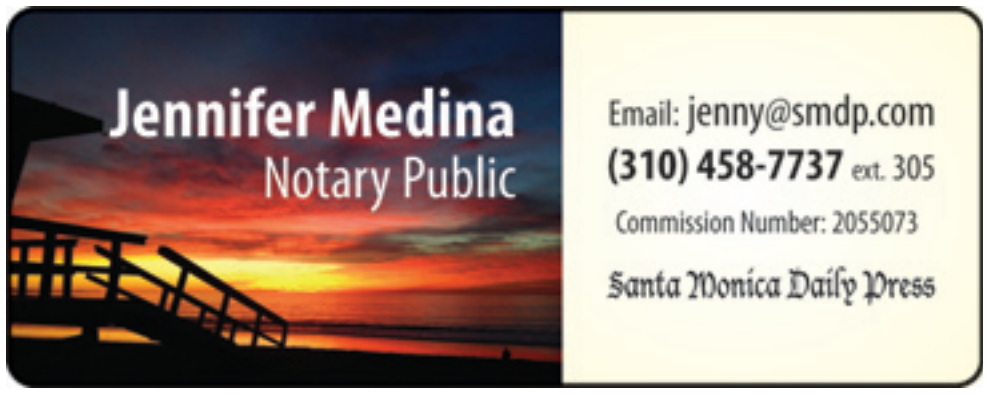
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Dry California spreads thirst from skiers to bears to clergy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Gov. Jerry Brown's announcement that California is having a drought comes as no surprise to skiers, fly-fishers and home gardeners. With a sparse snowpack and piddling amounts of rain, the signs are everywhere. A few examples:

IT NEVER RAINS IN CALIFORNIA

Last year was the driest in 119 years of records. The Department of Water Resources said that Gasquet Ranger Station in Del Norte County, which averages nearly 100 inches of rain a year, ended the year with only 43.46 inches. Sacramento got 5.74 inches instead of the typical 18 inches, and downtown Los Angeles, which averaged 14.74 inches of rain, ended the year with 3.4 inches — beating a record low of 4.08 inches set in 1953.

PALTRY SNOWPACK EVIDENT FROM SPACE

The first snow survey of the winter this month found "more bare ground than snow," the Department of Water Resources said. The statewide water content was about 20 percent of average for this time of year. The snow water equivalent on Thursday was just 17 percent of normal for the day. Satellite photos taken this week of the Sierra Nevada snowpack — an important source of water come spring — shows a skinny snake of white in a stark brown landscape. On the same day last year, the region was a fluffy, swirling blanket of white.

'JUNEUARY' IN YOSEMITE

Yosemite National Park, where people normally are snowshoeing this time of year, is offering summer-like hikes instead. Warm weather and little snow have opened the Four Mile Trail from Yosemite Valley to the stunning vista that looks across at Half Dome and offers views of much of the park. The hut at the end of Glacier Point Road usually is used by cross-country skiers in winter months, but it's being promoted to hikers now, too. "Our team is looking forward to offering skiing and other snow sports when conditions permit, but in the meantime, we are pleased to be able to offer some memorable experiences during 'Juneuary' in Yosemite," said Colin Baldock, guest recreation general manager for Delaware North Companies, which runs concessions in the park.

BAD NEWS FOR BEARS

Tom Loe of Sierra Drifters Guide Service, which offers fly fishing in Mammoth Lakes, said the dry weather is affecting all kinds of wildlife. "The local bears are coming out of hibernation three months early!" he wrote in his Thursday online report. "I have been forced for the first time in nearly 20 years

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'Octomom' pleads not guilty to fraud charges

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES "Octomom" Nadya Suleman pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of failing to report $30,000 that authorities say she was earning when she applied for public assistance benefits.

The 38-year-old single mother of 14 children was released on her own recognizance after arraignment in Los Angeles County Superior Court on three counts of welfare fraud.

She was ordered to report to the county's early disposition court on Feb. 3, where Deputy District Attorney Bill Clark said authorities will try to resolve the case without a trial.

"If she can pay the money back, that makes a big difference," he said.

Suleman, dressed in a dark blue pantsuit, her hair piled up in a bun, appeared before Judge Roberto Longoria for only a couple of minutes. She spoke just one word, a barely audible, "Yes," when the judge asked if she understood she was waiving her right to a preliminary hearing.

Immediately afterward Suleman, her attorney Arthur J. La Cilento and two other people quickly left the courtroom, escorted down a hallway by bailiffs who kept them from reporters.

Authorities say Suleman failed to disclose residuals from videos and money she was paid for personal appearances when she applied for welfare last year.

"She was running short on money. She went to the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services and asked for food stamps," Clark told reporters outside court. "And they gave them to her."

Soon after, he said, authorities got several calls from people reporting she was earning money during the time she was collecting the welfare.

While she might have qualified for some public assistance during that time, he said, authorities calculated that she collected $16,000 more than she should have and they want that back.

"That's taxpayer money," he said.

She is charged with one count of aid by misrepresentation and two counts of perjury by false application. If convicted, she could face five years and eight months in prison.

But Clark indicated it was unlikely she would face that much, if any, time behind bars.

"She's got 14 children. We'll try and work out a deal for her," he said.

Suleman, whose real name is Natalie Denise Suleman, shot to fame on Jan. 26, 2009, when she gave birth at a Southern California hospital to eight children, who quickly became the world's longest-surviving octuplets.

Like her six older children, they were all conceived by in-vitro fertilization. She has never disclosed the identity of the father.

After learning that her physician had actually implanted 12 embryos in her womb, the state Medical Board revoked his license.

Almost from the beginning, she struggled to support the additional children. She defaulted on payments on a house she bought in 2010, and the lender foreclosed.

She has found ways to make money: doing a porn video, posing topless for various publications, dancing in a Florida strip club and taking part in so-called celebrity boxing matches. One of her boxing opponents was Amy Fisher, the former "Long Island Lolita" who was 17 when she shot her much older lover's wife in the face in 1992.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals paid Suleman $5,000 and gave her a month's supply of vegetarian hot dogs and hamburgers in 2010 for endorsing birth control for dogs and cats.

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here to water my deciduous trees, in a T-shirt — they are budding!" He adds: "Hope you get a chance to enjoy spring time in January. Beg, plead, do rain dances, use a last wish, pray, whatever it takes we desperately need snow and rain!"

PRAY FOR RAIN

The California Conference of Catholic Bishops asked people of all faiths to join in prayers for rain. Sacramento Bishop Jaime Soto, president of the bishops' conference, suggested a prayer for God to "open the heavens and let His mercy rain down upon our fields and mountains." He suggested prayers for relief and for the well-being of those most at risk from a water shortage. Mosques in the Central Valley also prayed for rain earlier this month.

SHORTER SHOWERS, LESS FREQUENT FLUSHING

Several communities already have imposed mandatory water reductions. On Jan. 7, Mendocino County became the first county to request state drought assistance. The Board of Supervisors declared a drought emergency, citing an "imminent threat of disaster." Willits, a town of 5,000 in the county, recently adopted tough water rationing that limits a family of four to 150 gallons of water a day and bans outdoor watering, car washing and hosing down pavement. Businesses have been ordered to cut water use by 35 percent.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Union Station eases homeless ban

Thirty percent of terminal seating at Los Angeles' Union Station will soon open again to the general public, as officials ease up on a new policy designed to keep homeless people from loitering and sleeping in the downtown transportation hub.

Station director of property management Ken Pratt tells the Los Angeles Times the seating should be partially reopened by February.

Officials said they want to be more sensitive to the problems of homeless people.

The Homeless Services Authority conducted weeks of intensive outreach to link the squatters to shelters.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority began the crackdown Dec. 9 as it embarked on a major renovation of the historic structure.

Residents had protested that the restrictions excluded architecture buffs and tourists, and people waiting to pick up passengers.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA, Calif.

Drug charges dropped for Calif. treasurer's wife

An Orange County judge has dismissed drug charges against the wife of state Treasurer Bill Lockyer.

Superior Court spokeswoman Gwen Vieau says charges against Nadia Lockyer were dropped Friday at the request of prosecutors. They included possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, being under the influence and child endangerment.

Nadia Lockyer, a former Bay Area supervisor, was arrested in 2012. Authorities say she appeared to be high on methamphetamines and drugs were found in an Orange County home she was sharing with her 9-year-old son.

Her husband filed divorce papers last year but later withdrew them, saying Lockyer had made progress in a treatment program.

The Los Angeles Times says Lockyer has agreed to attend a drug diversion program.

A message for her attorney, Allan Stokke, wasn't immediately returned.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Vernon battery recycler sued for $40M

Air district officials have filed a $40 million lawsuit against a Southern California battery recycler accused of exposing tens of thousands of people to cancer-causing chemicals.

The Los Angeles Times reports the South Coast Air Quality Management District filed the lawsuit Thursday against Exide Technologies in Vernon.

The suit accuses Exide of failing to take timely action to address problems with its systems designed to control the emission of lead and arsenic.

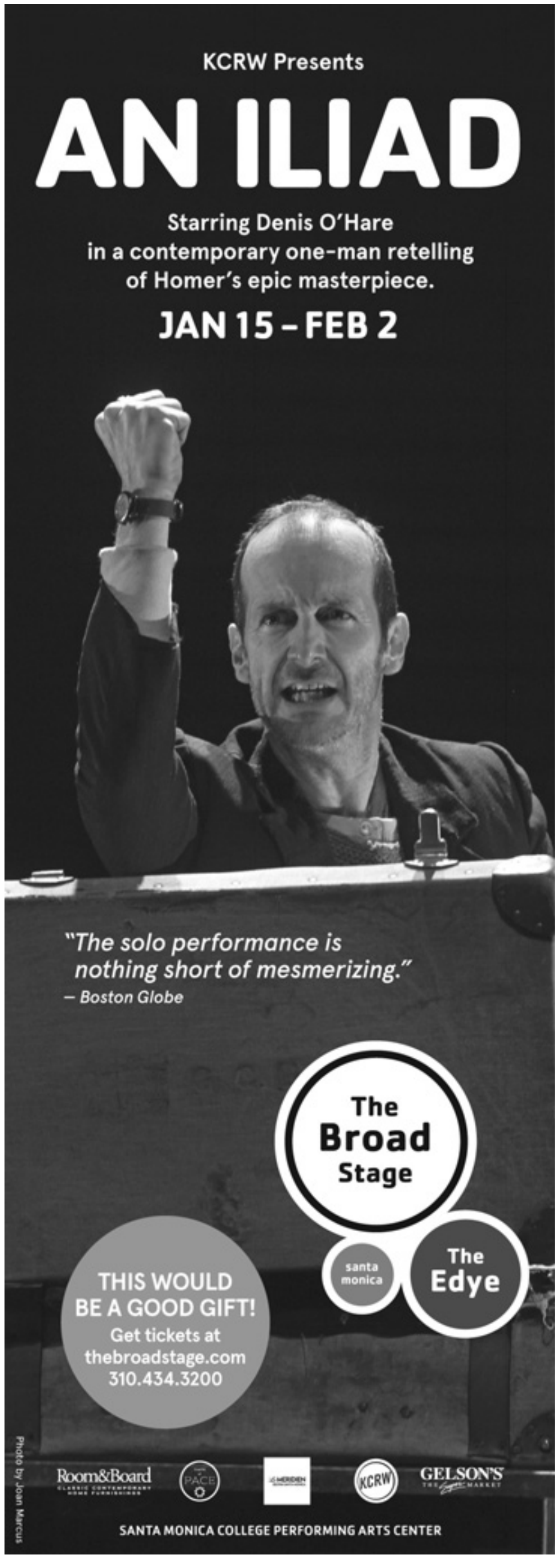
Exide officials could not be reached for comment.

Last week, the air district's governing board adopted the nation's toughest regulation limiting arsenic emissions from lead-acid battery plants.

Exide operates one of two lead-acid battery plants west of the Rockies. The newspaper says the plant, opened in the 1920s, smelts about 25,000 batteries a day.

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New age food from the old country

SINCE I HAD NOT TAKEN A FOREIGN language in high school, I was put on probation until I passed a foreign language class while at UCLA. I chose Italian since it was rumored to be the easiest. But it was not easy for me.

To improve my Italian I started eating dinner every evening at Mario's Italian Restaurant in Westwood Village. At the time it was one of the few Italian restaurants in the area, and one of the best. All of the waiters were native Italians and were glad to help me with my foreign language skills.

Mario, the owner, was well known in the restaurant community and helped many of his staff to branch out into other restaurants and businesses.

One of these lucky waiters is Oscar Morel, who, with his partner, recently bought out the Ritrovo restaurant in Brentwood and renamed it Il Piccolo Verde. When Oscar and I made our connection with Mario it was as if we had each met a long lost relative.

As some will recall, I've written about the Ritrovo restaurant in Pacific Palisades, one of my favorite Italian restaurants. The menu at Piccolo Verde is the same (and even has the Ritrovo name on the cover) and the recipes are the same. The pizza is the same, and they have the same kind of pizza oven.

And so the pasta is excellent, the pizza is as good as anywhere on the Westside (I prefer the New York style) and my wife's favorite salad, the Mateo, is always as she likes it. This is one of the few restaurants that serves a really authentic spaghetti carbonara, the regional dish of Rome.

But Oscar, who spent most of the past 25 years running Spumoni in Santa Monica, has added another feature: heath conscious Italian food. As they advertise it, they have a separate section on the menu "dedicated to healthful, low calorie, great tasting Italian dishes … [with] gluten free grains, organic and fresh vegetables and organic unrefined cold pressed oils."

There's a Verde vegetable salad and a faro salad, buckwheat risotto, and pollo cacciatore — free range chicken with red, yellow and green bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, garlic, sweet basil, light tomato and white wine sauce, along with millet Verde. This is a really delicious dish.

The menu is extensive, and the prices are reasonable. Grilled rib eye with onions, arugula and Swiss cheese at lunch is $14. Soup and any salad combination at lunch is only $16.

"We really want guests to feel at home," Morel said. "The area is comprised of so many great neighborhoods and businesses and we are very much looking forward to serving our guests."



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CHEERS: Oscar Morel, owner/chef of Il Piccolo Verde in Brentwood, salutes with a nice house Chianti and two signature dishes, Neapolitan pizza margarita and a world-class Cioppino.

If you go

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The nine desserts on the menu include just about every dessert associated with Italian restaurants. The wine list has all the usual suspects, but at prices a bit more reasonable than in many restaurants.

There's no reason not to go to Piccolo Verde when you want Italian food in the Brentwood area (or you can take advantage of their delivery service). My only concern is whether or not there is enough of a reason to go there. The fact is the area is overwhelmed with Italian restaurants, and unless there is something really special it's hard to compete.

But Piccolo Verde has two things going for it. First of all, it's a really friendly atmosphere and the waiters are pleasant. Secondly, it has the healthy food menu. Maybe that will be enough for it to succeed.

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Deliciously combining two classic Super Bowl dishes

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Super Bowl party food is supposed to be indulgently heavy and satisfying. It should be rich and savory and totally over the top.

So to satisfying all of those criteria, I created a mega mashup that draws on two classic party foods — Buffalo chicken wings and nachos. The resulting buffalo chicken nachos are easy to assemble, but pack tons of big, bold flavor to get you through the big game. And because they are nachos, it's easy to make enough to feed a crowd.

To keep things as easy as possible, I start with the meat from a rotisserie chicken. But if you'd prefer to grill or roast your own, have at it. The meat from the chicken then

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File photo

HANDS ON: **Those seeking fine dining and delicately constructed entrees in Santa Monica might look to Melisse during dineLA's Restaurant Week. Here a chef puts finishing touches on sweet white corn ravioli in a summer truffle sauce.**

It's the time to dine

Restaurant Week gives foodies chance to taste Santa Monica

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE If you've ever wanted to sample some of the finest food Santa Monica's award-winning restaurants have to offer but have been a little light in the wallet, now's your chance.

Starting Monday a number of local eateries will be offering specially priced menus for both lunch and dinner, starting at $15 and $25 respectively.

It's all part of dineLA's Restaurant Week, a twice-a-year program put on by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board to expose both visitors and natives to the globally influenced culinary offerings throughout the greater L.A. area.

For the first time in the program's six-year history, some restaurants, including Santa Monica's Melisse, recipient of two Michelin stars, will be offering $85 experiential tasting menus for those looking to elevate their dining experience.

"As the dining scene in Los Angeles evolves, so does dineLA's Restaurant Week," said dineLA Director Stacey Sun. "We wanted to add an experiential layer to the program, offering intrepid diners a curated experience that celebrates what makes dining in Los Angeles so unique. We are thrilled to have such high caliber restaurants on board to offer a new way to dineLA."

For a chance to savor Los Angeles' cuisine all year long, diners can enter "dineLA for a Year." Food lovers who sign up for the dineLA newsletter are automatically entered to win the ultimate prize — a restaurant gift certificate every week for one year. The 52-week prize is valued at $2,600.

For a list of Santa Monica restaurants participating, visit the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.santamonica.com/where-to-eat/dinela/

To book a reservation for dineLA's Restaurant Week visit www.discoverlosangeles.com/dineLA and choose from over 300 restaurants.

dineLA Restaurant Week runs Jan. 20-31.

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gets tossed with a killer Buffalo sauce, then spread over a thick bed of tortilla chips. Add cheese and the rest of the toppings, then pop them in the oven until melted.

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Buffalo chicken nachos

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 8

1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Sauce (original)
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1/4 cup butter
2-pound rotisserie chicken
7 1/2 ounces tortilla chips
8 ounces grated cheddar cheese
8 ounces Mexican-style shredded cheese
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
3.8-ounce can sliced black olives
1 bunch scallions, sliced
Salsa, to serve
Sour cream, to serve

Heat the oven to 400. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and coat with cooking spray.

To make the buffalo sauce, in a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the RedHot sauce, barbecue sauce and butter. Heat, stirring, until the butter is melted and thoroughly blended. Set aside.

Remove all of the meat from the chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour the buffalo sauce over the chicken, then toss well to coat. Set aside.

Spread the tortilla chips in an even layer over the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese evenly over the chips. Using tongs or a fork, spread the chicken evenly over the cheese and chips.

In a small bowl, toss together the Mexican-style cheese and the blue cheese, then sprinkle evenly over the chicken. Top with the olives and scallions. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and just starting to brown. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Nutrition information per serving: 710 calories; 400 calories from fat (56 percent of total calories); 45 g fat (21 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 190 mg cholesterol; 27 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 51 g protein; 1560 mg sodium.



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tion engineer.

City Hall will restripe the lanes of the westbound off-ramp, allowing two lanes of traffic to make a right on Fourth Street, he said. Six police officers will be out at various impacted intersections helping to direct traffic. City Hall is modifying the timing of the traffic signals at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue to ease some of the gridlock.

"We have signs on the freeway as far back as Cloverfield [Boulevard] trying to encourage people to get off at Lincoln or Cloverfield," he said. "Honestly, we see a lot of traffic coming at Fourth and Fifth Street just because people like to get off as close as they can to their destinations."

While this week may be the commuter's first introduction to Expo's traffic impacts, some local businesses have been feeling it for weeks.

It's lunchtime at Fritto Misto, a restaurant on the corner of Colorado and Sixth, and all but one of the tables are empty.

"Just look," said Melinda Amaya, director of operations, pointing to the tables. "It's been bad."

Fritto Misto, which has been in business for 23 years, has lost about one-third of its lunch crowd since the start of major construction on Colorado several weeks ago.

"We had to try to shield our customers from the sound of the jack-hammers going outside," she said. "Our regulars don't know how to get to us with all the construction."

Parking meters on Colorado were ripped out a few weeks ago. Employees circle the block looking for spaces every two hours. Diners struggle to park, and even reliable take-out customers have stopped coming by, she said.

City Hall has responded by adjusting the on-street parking meters in the areas near the construction, said Jason Harris, economic development manager.

They reach out to local businesses, he said, to address concerns about access and signage.

On Feb. 18, City Hall will host its next mixer for businesses along the rail corridor, Harris said, providing information about the construction.

The restaurant gets notices that the water is going to be shut off but the times and dates are too vague, Amaya said.

When new apartment buildings were going in across the street the owners would check in with little gifts every once in a while, Amaya said. The Expo construction folks haven't been as kind, she said, pointing to the dusty exterior.

"They need to clean our building," she said.

Still, Amaya is supportive of the incoming train.

"I know it's going to be great," she said.

The next major construction impact is in April when Lincoln Boulevard at Colorado Avenue will be closed for seven days, Morrissey said.

"That will be less impactive because it's not directly tied to a freeway ramp and there are more options for getting around the area," he said.

Fifth Street will be closed in both directions at Colorado Avenue. Right turns from northbound Fifth will allow for local traffic only. Westbound Colorado will be closed at Fifth. The Fifth Street westbound freeway off-ramp will be closed but the Fourth Street off-ramp will remain open.

Expo will update residents about the progress of the construction at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Crossroads School.

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RIPPING IT UP: Work crews have been busy in recent weeks preparing the corner of Colorado Avenue and Fifth Street for tracks for the forthcoming Expo Light Rail Line.

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suspect grabbed her in a bear hug and moved her a few feet toward the car, ordering her to get in.

As he did that, a person appeared in a nearby stairwell of an apartment building, causing the suspect to let go of the woman. She walked away and immediately called police.

The second incident took place Friday morning at 10:30 as the woman was walking south on 14th Street near Olympic Boulevard. Police said the woman saw her attacker walking south, ahead of her on the same side of the street. She didn't pay much attention to him and eventually passed him a few blocks later.

Moments later she said she heard footsteps behind her and felt the suspect grab her waist with one hand and covered her mouth with his other hand.

He then ordered her to get into a car. She screamed and the suspect ran away while she ran south toward Pico Boulevard.

She did not see the vehicle involved but was able to identify the suspect as a black male in his 20s, 5 feet 10 inches tall with a thin build. He was wearing dark colored shorts with an orange or red stripe on them and a matching short-sleeve shirt.

Detectives believe the suspects in both incidents is the same guy, but have yet to confirm that.

The fact that the suspect or suspects chose to commit one crime in daylight and both on well-traveled streets indicates that "they are bold and they are dangerous," said SMPD Sgt. Jay Moroso.

Police want the public to remain alert and report any suspicious activity. In both cases the women were walking alone. Police want women to always be on the lookout and aware of their surroundings. If possible, travel with someone.

Anyone with any information is urged to contact the SMPD at (310) 458-8491 or 911 if the situation is an emergency. Those who wish to remain anonymous can also contact Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or www.lacrimestoppers.org. If the information leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible to receive a reward of up to $1, 000.

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gen deposit levels at 10 sites throughout the Santa Monica Mountains and found significantly higher pollution levels in the eastern end. At the two sites with the best air quality, they added various levels of nitrogen into experimental plots of coastal sage scrub to simulate pollution levels found throughout the mountains.

Higher levels of nitrogen led to a decline in native shrub seedlings and an increase in nonnative grasses. Other studies in Australia and California have demonstrated a link between nonnative grasses, also known as "flashy fuels," and larger and more frequent wildfires, the researchers said.

Funded by the National Park Service's Air Resources Division, the $100,000 study will help scientists better determine the "critical load" when vegetation shifts, causing alterations to the structure and functionality of ecosystems. Coastal sage scrub once covered much of coastal California and is now an endangered habitat type, primarily due to development.

Generally attributed to vehicle emissions in the Santa Monica Mountains, nitrogen deposition is the air pollution from industry, agriculture and transportation that settles out of the atmosphere and onto the earth's surface.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is the largest urban national park in the country, encompassing more than 150,000 acres of mountains and coastline in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. It comprises a seamless network of local, state and federal parks interwoven with private lands and communities. As one of only five Mediterranean ecosystems in the world, the area preserves the rich biological diversity of more than 450 animal species and 26 distinct plant communities, federal officials said.

For more information about the study, visit www.nps.gov/samo.

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The district's consultant, Mark Katchen, is being phased out, Allen said. Katchen's company, the Phylmar Group, has been paid $261,000 for about three months of work, according to the board's consent calendar.

NRC Environmental, which cleaned classrooms over winter break, was paid $82,000.

Pillsbury, the district's legal counsel for the environmental issues in Malibu, is being paid a blended rate that ranges from $270 to $695 an hour.

Allen, who voted to select the firm and stressed that safety is his top priority, said he was concerned about what Environ may charge.

Concerns about contamination on campus arose in October when a group of Malibu High School teachers, including three that were diagnosed with thyroid cancer, sent a letter to the district questioning the safety of the campus.

Tests revealed that caulk and dust in several of the rooms contained high levels of PCBs, a cancer causing contaminant. The levels were high enough to trigger oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Tests showed that the air was safe for students, according to EPA officials.

Right before students went on winter break, the district announced that it would test the rooms, then clean them and test again.

Results from the pre-cleaning tests were within EPA's standards, Superintendent Sandra Lyon said in a release last week.

Some parents questioned those results because some of the rooms were tested with the windows open. Because teachers sometimes teach with the windows open, Lyon told the Daily Press earlier this month it was prudent to test some rooms with windows up.

Cleaning went smoothly, Lyon said, and some teachers returned to classrooms that had been shuttered.

There's been no word on results from the second round of testing that were supposed to be returned on Tuesday.

Allen said that from what he's heard, there's nothing new in the data.

Phone calls and e-mails to Lyon went unreturned.

Earlier this week, the advocacy group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) claimed that some teachers refused to return to classrooms citing a hurried clean-up effort at the school. PEER did not say who those teachers are.

PEER called for testing for contaminants other than PCBs. They also called for soil testing.

Environ will help oversee more air and soil testing, school officials said in board meeting documents.

"The engineering firm will develop investigation plans under the oversight of, and in collaboration with, the EPA and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control," officials said.

The EPA has been silent on the contamination issue this month. An EPA official tested some of the rooms tested by the district to ensure quality control. Last week, the EPA told the Daily Press that they needed more time to review the results.

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records show the area's worst drought previously was in the 1890s.

Kester's Central California ranch normally gets 20 inches of rain between October and April. It's gotten about a half-inch of precipitation since late fall. His cattle usually graze on lush green hillsides in winter. Now, they're eating hay instead — a proposition that is too expensive to continue for long.

"I hope it's something we can tell our great-grandkids about, but right now we're just trying to figure out how we're going to survive," he said.

The drought doesn't bode well for California's notorious wildfire season, either.

Previous super-dry years led to catastrophic wildfire seasons in California in 2003 and 2007, said Tom Scott, a natural resources specialist with the University of California system. Fire crews beat back a wildfire northeast of Los Angeles earlier this week, but it was a stark reminder of the dry and dangerous conditions.

"People say that the fire season is starting early, but I guess you could say it never ended," Scott said. "If you live in the backcountry, come July you probably should be thinking about putting your valuables in storage."

Droughts also are persisting or intensifying elsewhere in the U.S.

On Wednesday, federal officials said they were designating portions of Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma and California as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain facing farmers in those regions.

Even in the moist Pacific Northwest, things were a little bit drier.

In Seattle, rainfall dropped by nearly 70 percent in December, with just 1.66 inches falling. Ski resorts are opening several weeks late, and a Bavarian-themed town in the Cascade Mountains had to modify its annual "ice fest" because there isn't enough snow on the ground for activities. A plan to truck in snow was scrapped with high temperatures forecast this weekend.

And despite heavy flooding in Colorado in September, large portions of Colorado and Wyoming are abnormally dry, while ranchers on the plains of southeastern Colorado have severe drought conditions.

In California, the governor's drought declaration will help battle unemployment in the agriculture industry as fields are left fallow.

Nearly 10,000 people lost their jobs during the last drought in 2009, said Karen Ross, California's agriculture secretary. The drought also increases the burden on food banks in rural and agricultural communities.

The lack of rain also could have long-standing implications for the demand for crops that are almost entirely exclusive to California.

Eighty percent of the world's almonds, for example, are grown in California, and the Almond Board of California receives 3 cents for every pound sold to build future demand for the nut. With many almond growers having to irrigate their crops three months early, a smaller crop might put a dent in the board's ability to market almonds as broadly as it has been, said David Phippen, an almond grower who serves on the board.

"There's huge implications everywhere you look," he said. "What about five years down the road?"

Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay issued a news release Friday shortly after the governor's declaration offering tips to help conserve water.

HERE THEY ARE:

1) Reduce leaks. As a homeowner or renter, the best way to determine if you have a leak is to turn off all taps and see if the dials still turn on your water meter. If they do, you have a leak. You are usually responsible for leaks from the meter to your property. Some municipalities and water agencies will adjust bills when leaks have been repaired.

The average California city leaks 8 percent to 10 percent of its water because of old pipes underground, wasting not only water but the embedded energy used in pumping and treating the water.

2) Upgrade your landscape and irrigation. Still living in the 1950s with a large front grass lawn? During dry conditions many are letting their lawns die, but sprinkler systems eventually creep back on. There are more appropriate landscape choices. Some water agencies are actually paying people to remove grass and replace it with plants that thrive in dry conditions and don't require constant watering and mowing. It's also an opportunity to reset your front yard so it isn't just flat and shedding water onto the street and into our oceans. Try capturing water with swales while putting it back into the ground. The use of mulch with drip irrigation or micro-sprinklers further eliminates water usage and runoff onto the street.

3) Install stormwater and rainwater catchments. Droughts are often followed by flooding. Even within droughts there are wet periods, like three years ago when heavy rains allowed storage to refill and this last November when the San Francisco Bay area flooded. We should be prepared to capture and use what comes when it rains. We need to be prepared with systems in place and not miss opportunities. Many cities offer rain barrels or cisterns at a discount, including Santa Monica.

4) Check the toilet. A little-known law takes effect this year requiring the replacement of all water-wasting toilets with 1.6-gallon versions. Millions of old toilets were replaced with incentives in the '90s, but many of those are now outdated and leak through worn flapper valves. Check your tank by putting vegetable dye into the tank and wait to see if it shows up in the bowl. These silent leaks add up and can be easily fixed with replacing flapper valves or new high efficiency 1.2-gallon toilets.

5) Go greywater. Greywater systems capture everything but your toilet and kitchen water. The systems can now be legally used in California within certain guidelines. This water can be reused for irrigation and shouldn't just be dumped into the stormdrain. Some cities are offering landscape meters, acknowledging the larger amount of water wasted outdoors.

"If we look at this dry time across the West it can be seen as a window into the future," officials with Heal the Bay said. "And our future may look a lot like Australia's. Faced with long-term drought, the nation reduced demand to 30-50 gallons per day per person. Investments were made, some good and some bad, and prices rose. Policy changes were made and water catchment systems, tanks and cisterns were put into place. When the drought turned to flood, water was captured in a decentralized manner."

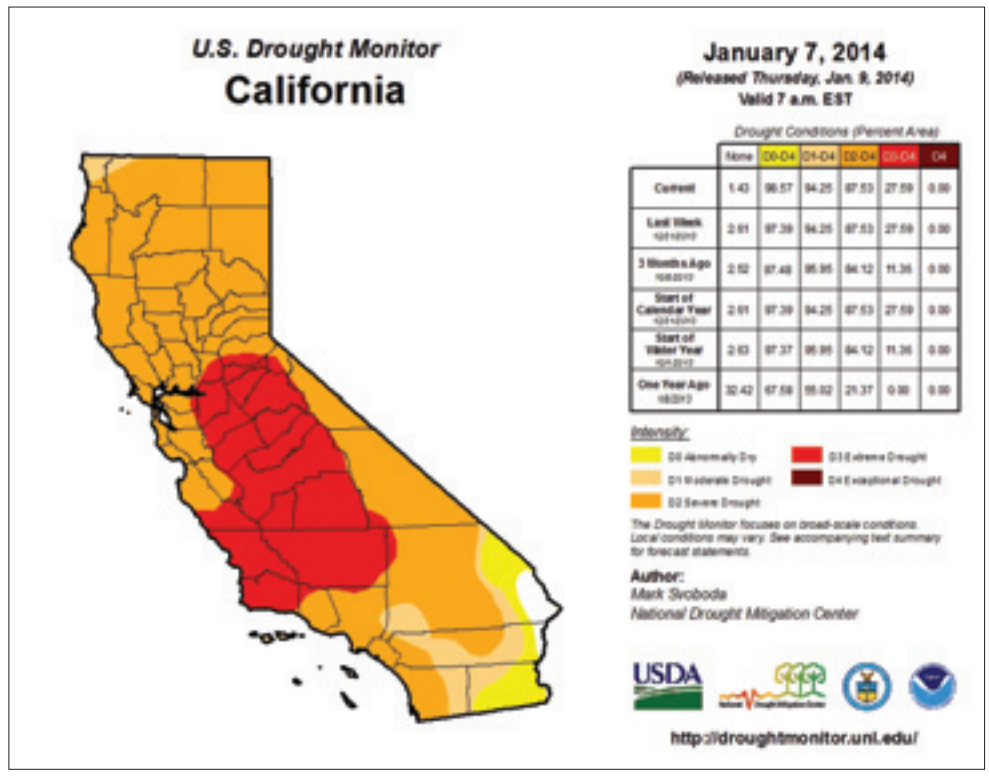


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DRY: For California's 38 million people and $45 billion agriculture industry, continued drought could spell disaster.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.1°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small SSW swell; new WNW swell starts creeping in late;
slightly better sets in the PM; favorable AM winds

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high occ. 4ft
BIGGEST LATE - new WNW swell fills in further through the day; small SSW swell; favorable AM winds

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
WNW swell due to continue - larger surf possible for top winter
exposures to the west in the region; favorable AM winds

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
More WNW swell possible; Stay tuned still pending development

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 15, 2014**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 0

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	D	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

LEGEND

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

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Obama tightens reins on surveillance programs

BY JULIE PACE
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON Tightening the reins on the nation's sweeping surveillance operations, President Barack Obama on Friday ordered new limits on the way intelligence officials access phone records from hundreds of millions of Americans — and moved toward eventually stripping the massive data collection from the government's hands.

But Obama's highly anticipated intelligence recommendations left many key details unresolved, most notably who might take over as keeper of the vast trove of U.S. phone records. Final decisions on that and other major questions were left to the Justice Department and to intelligence agencies that oppose changing surveillance operations, and to a Congress that is divided about the future of the programs.

If fully implemented, Obama's proposals would mark the most significant changes to the surveillance laws that were passed in reaction to the Sept. 11, 2011, terror attacks. While Obama has said he has welcomed the recent spying debate, it's unlikely to have happened without the national and international backlash following a wave of leaks from former National Security Agency analyst Edward Snowden.

For now, the phone records will continue to reside with the government. But the NSA will need to get approval from the secretive Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Court each time it wants to access the data, a more cumbersome process than currently required. Exceptions will be made in the event of a national security emergency, officials said.

Responding to outrage overseas, Obama pledged on Friday to curb spying on friendly allied leaders and to extend some privacy protections to foreign citizens. The proposals appeared to ease some anger in Germany, which had been particularly incensed by revelations that the NSA had monitored the communications of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Despite the firestorm at home and abroad, Obama robustly defended the intelligence community's role in keeping the nation safe. But he said the U.S. had a "special obligation" to ensure that its muscular spying apparatus was not trampling on civil liberties.

"The reforms I'm proposing today should give the American people greater confidence that their rights are being protected, even as our intelligence and law enforcement agencies maintain the tools they need to keep us safe," he said during a speech at the Justice Department.

Privacy advocates, who have pushed for ending the phone record collections altogether, criticized the president's restrictions as insufficient. The intelligence community appeared publicly content with his plans.

On Capitol Hill, the response was decidedly mixed. A rare cross-section of lawmakers from both parties, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., called for greater reforms. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, blamed the president for failing in the past to properly explain the importance of certain intelligence gathering practices.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., who head their chambers' intelligence committees, called on the president to send them specific legislation with his proposed changes.

Obama's announcement capped a six-month White House review triggered by Snowden's flood of disclosures about the scope of U.S. spying. But by ordering further review of key issues, Obama ensured that his speech would hardly be the final word in the resurgent debate over balancing privacy and security.

The most glaring omission in Obama's announcement was any recommendation on where Americans' phone records should be kept if they are no longer housed by the government. A presidential review board recommended moving the data to the phone providers or a third party, but both options present obstacles. The phone companies strongly oppose the expense and potential liability of holding the data, and no credible third party option has emerged. Administration officials also raised the possibility of replacing the bulk phone collection program with new surveillance methods that would negate the need to store the data long-term.

Obama ordered the Justice Department and intelligence community to report back to him with options within 60 days. If they propose housing the data with the phone companies or a third party, congressional legislation would almost certainly be needed, raising questions about how quickly lawmakers could reach an agreement, if at all.

"I think the odds are long that we can get it done in a timely way," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., though he was largely supportive of the president's proposals.

Under Obama's plan, the government will no longer be able to gain access to phone records beyond two "hops" from the person they are targeting. That means the government can't examine records for someone who called someone who called someone who called the suspect.

Privacy advocates said they were troubled that Obama's proposals did not go further.

"He seems to endorse amending bulk data collection but not ending it," said Anthony Romero, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The president cast the changes as a preemptive attempt to curb possible government abuse as new technologies give intelligence agencies the ability to round up more information more quickly. But he said there was nothing in the White House review that "indicated that our intelligence community has sought to violate the law or is cavalier about the civil liberties of their fellow citizens."

Obama mentioned Snowden and his disclosures in negative but measured language.

"The sensational way in which these disclosures have come out has often shed more heat than light, while revealing methods to our adversaries that could impact our operations in ways that we may not fully understand for years to come," he said.

Anger with the U.S. after Snowden's revelations has been particularly strong abroad, especially when it was revealed that the Americans were monitoring the communications of friendly foreign leaders such as Merkel and Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff. Obama said new guidelines will cut back on such monitoring, except when there is a compelling national security interest.

"The leaders of our close friends and allies deserve to know that if I want to learn what they think about an issue, I will pick up the phone and call them rather than turning to surveillance," said Obama, who also called on the Justice Department to look for ways to extend privacy protections to foreign citizens.

The president's assurances were welcomed by officials in Europe, though they cautioned that details of the plans still needed to be analyzed.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Jan. 18
The Lodger (NR) 1hr 30min
Strangers on a Train (PG) 1hr 41min
7:30pm

Sunday, Jan. 19
Spellbound (NR) 1hr 51min
Notorious (NR) 1hr 41min
7:30pm

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

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) 1hr 59min
4:50pm, 10:45pm

Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:50am, 1:50pm, 7:45pm

August: Osage County (R) 2hrs 10min
11:10am, 1:20pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Nut Job (PG)
11:00am, 4:40pm, 9:50pm

Nut Job in 3D (PG)
2:15pm, 7:15pm

Devil's Due (R)
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
10:25am, 1:20pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13) 1hr 40min
10:40am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:35pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:45am, 2:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:05pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:20am, 1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Lone Survivor (R) 2hrs 01min
10:35am, 1:45pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Legend of Hercules (PG-13)
10:30am, 4:45pm, 11:00pm

Legend of Hercules 3D (PG-13)
1:55pm, 7:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Inside Llewyn Davis (R) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Nebraska (R) 1hr 50min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm

Her (R)
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

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PLAN ON GOING OUT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You'll have to juggle various situations in order to make others happy. Your good intentions could fall to the wayside, as an older friend or relative might make a request that forces a schedule adjustment. Make this a priority. Tonight: Have some fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ If you opt to hang out at home, you will not be disappointed. In fact, you might enjoy some time where you are unaccountable. Listen to news with a touch of skepticism. You can be sure there is some exaggeration going on. Ask questions if need be. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be surprised by a phone call that comes in from out of left field. This person might be in an unusually serious mood. Listen to his or her concerns, yet be aware of your limits. You can do only so much. You might need some downtime. Tonight: It is your call!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might decide that you need a new look. For some, this "sprucing up" could look like a gym membership; for others, it could be a hair appointment. Try to keep tags on new items. You could change your mind before you know it! Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Consider the fact that a change is needed. Only you can judge what would be best for you, despite a handful of advisers who seem to think they know more. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Chill out, and let go of recent stress. Whether you're all curled up in front of the fireplace or indulging in a favorite winter sport, you will feel rejuvenated. A message from a younger person or loved one might intrigue you. Tonight: Plan on going out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Join some friends who might be off at a game or a movie. You will enjoy being around people -- the more, the merrier. Don't get too uptight about the cost of a get-together. Tonight: Make it early, if possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed by someone who demands your respect. You rarely feel like your power is draining, but you might feel that way now. You are used to being in control, but accept that you won't be on center stage this time. Tonight: Join your friends. Let a party happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take the time to understand where a friend is coming from. You might feel as if someone is pressuring you beyond what is acceptable. Try to ignore all the pressure, and remember that you only need to answer for yourself. Tonight: Wherever you are, it will be a late night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will deal in a direct and firm manner with a loved one. This person might be demanding, so you might want to move up plans with a friend. Both of you will feel more relaxed because of how you worked out this problem. Tonight: Let the party go on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to cancel plans, as someone you care about comes forward and finally opens up. Even if you do not talk about this change, you will enjoy being with this person. Tonight: Out on the town.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Whether you are cleaning closets or still finishing up thank-you notes from the holidays, you will be focused on wrapping up a project. You could be more than ready to join friends later on, once you feel unburdened. Tonight: Accept an invitation from friends.

Weekend Edition, January 18-19, 2014

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

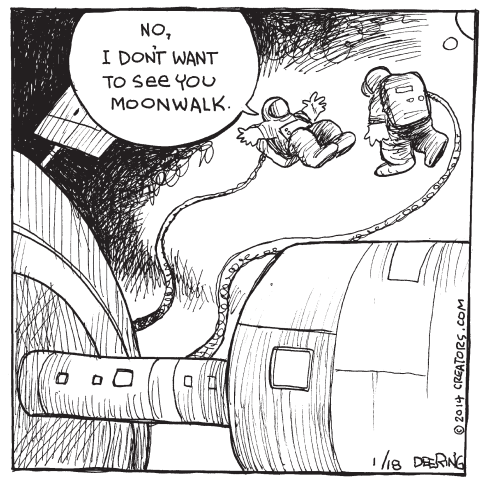
This year you create drama and energy wherever you go. Others can't help but be drawn to you. Your magnetism soars. If you are single, you will have to work on maintaining that status. If you are serious about relating and having a significant relationship, a special person could walk into your life at any given moment. Stay open until you meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you might become very serious about a goal. You will be happiest alone together. Make it happen, and take long weekends away together. VIRGO helps you detach and see the big picture.

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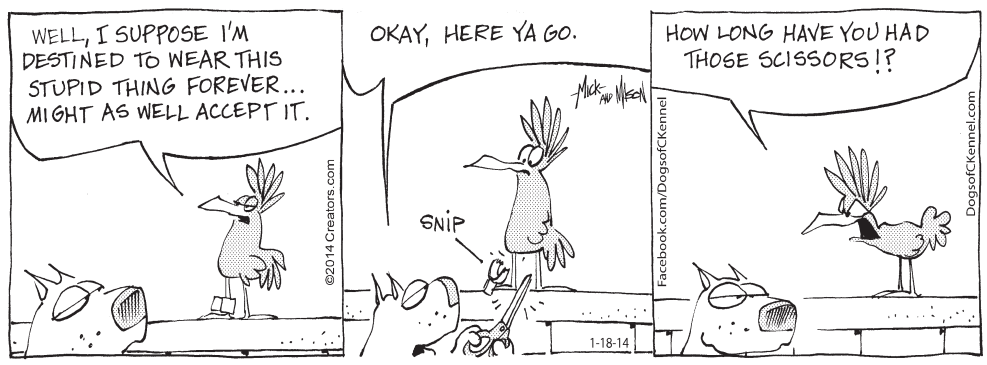
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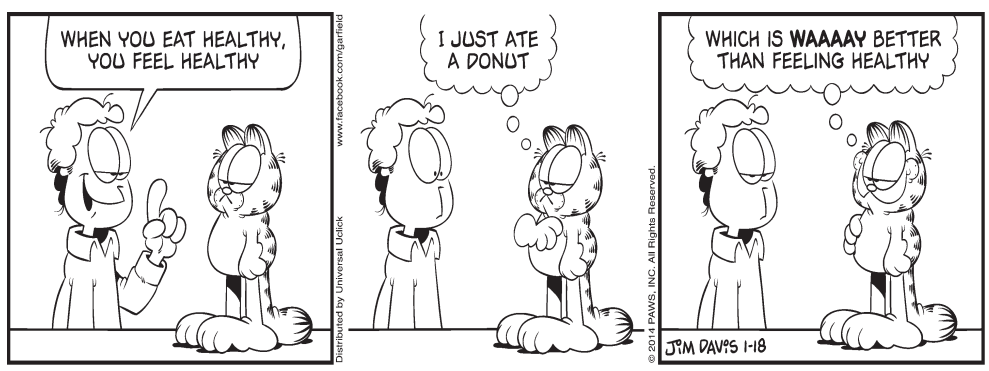
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Skylit foyers
6 Half of a 1960s rock group
11 Bulls and Bears
12 Be real
13 Field covers
14 "Beau —"
15 Van Gogh subjects
17 Kickoff aid
18 Director's cry
19 Cardinal
22 Bond, for one
23 Immune system components
24 Dianne of "The Birdcage"
25 Vacuum tube
27 High deg.
30 Painter's need
31 King, in France
32 Workout unit
33 Laundry problems
35 First letter
38 "Ghosts" playwright
39 Running mate of 2008
40 Past plump
41 Cleaned, in a way
42 Unpleasant

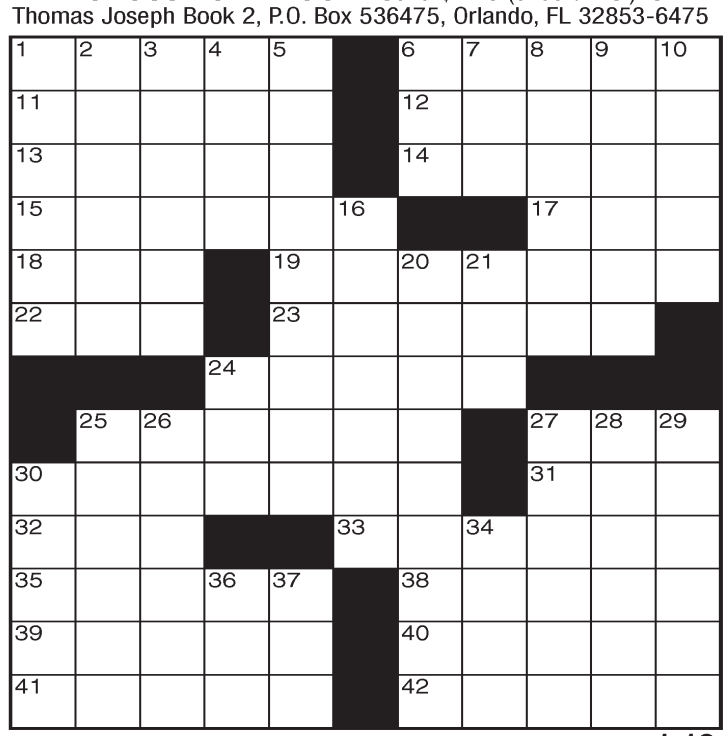
DOWN

1 Top stories
2 Shred
3 Uncommon item
4 Little devils
5 Avowal
6 Cribbage need
7 Tin Man's prop
8 Flower part
9 Fall flowers
10 Mount
16 Breaks away
20 Cause for a court martial
21 Diner order
24 Finish first
25 It may be laid down
26 Wee wave
27 Uses a lever on
28 Truthful
29 Mickey's creator
30 Catches
34 "Waterloo" group
36 Roof part
37 Busy worker

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ During the September Guantanamo Bay trial of five people charged in connection in the 9/11 attacks, defense lawyers continued to complain that their "confidential" client information was being leaked from the poorly secured "classified" Pentagon computer network. Said the lead defense counsel (Air Force Col. Karen Mayberry), the normal Department of Defense "classified" network is so porous that she has been forced to use the Wi-Fi at the local Guantanamo Starbucks, which she regards as more secure.

■ Americans who accidentally shot themselves recently: A 31-year-old man, showing off his high-powered rifle to friends, shot off part of his face, Waterville, Maine (November). A 22-year-old woman, handing her brand-new assault rifle to her husband, shot herself (fatally) in the head, Federal Heights, Colo. (May). Two police chiefs shot themselves (Medina, Ohio, in April and Washington, N.H., in June). A 66-year-old firearms instructor, Winona, Minn., shot his finger while explaining to his wife that it was impossible to pull the trigger while the gun is holstered (April). Awkward Wounds: A Columbia, Mo., man shot in the "posterior" while removing his gun from his back pocket (May); a 23-year-old man, Charleston, W.Va., shot in the groin while holstering his weapon (August); a 43-year-old man, Norfolk, Va., shot in the groin while waving his gun at a speeding driver (August). Waterville:

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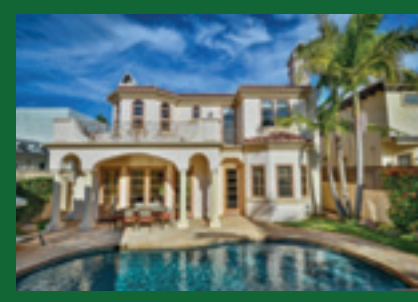
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