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EVEN WORSE? Traffic stacks up on Tuesday afternoon at the corner of 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

SMRR board says can the Hines project

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERGAMOT AREA Santa Monica's most influential political party is asking City Council to reject a major development next week.

The Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) steering committee, who've backed all but one of the current council members, voted unanimously to oppose the Hines project citing traffic as their main concern.

On Tuesday, council will vote on the proposed 472 apartments, 374,434 square feet of creative office space, 15,500 square feet of restaurants, and 13,891 square feet of retail proposed for a 7-acre plot of land off of 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

Santa Monicans are currently struggling with increased development, citing concerns about traffic congestion and the loss of ocean breezes and views of the Pacific. They are trying to find a balance that preserves the low-rise character but also makes room for future need, whether that be housing or commercial space for the next generation of families and workers. There are more than 30 projects in the pipeline that could add nearly 3 million square feet of new residential, office and retail space.

The area around the proposed Hines development is one of the most traffic-heavy in the city, with drivers spending roughly an hour stuck in traffic as they make their way to Interstate 405 after work, SMRR committee members said in their release.

The large amount of office space will exacerbate the traffic problems, SMRR officials said. A housing development, they said, would generate less traffic.

"It is true that the Exposition Light Rail project will contribute to a reduction in current traffic and will mitigate some of the new traffic from this project," SMRR officials said in a release about the public transit project now under construction in Santa Monica. "But neither we nor our community have confidence that this relief will by itself be enough to make this project's burden tolerable."

They asked council to "commit itself to restraint on major developments that generate significant traffic" until the light rail is open and the impacts are clear.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook, whose term expires this year, is the only council member not endorsed by SMRR.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown, whose term also expires this year, agrees with SMRR's take.

"It is simply too big and generates too many impacts for our community to

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City Hall to FAA: SMO lawsuit is right on time

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO It's not too late and it's not too early, attorneys representing City Hall said of a lawsuit over the Santa Monica Airport.

City Hall filed a response Friday to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) motion to dismiss the dispute over the airport. City Hall is asking for that motion to be squashed.

In October, city officials filed a lawsuit

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JFK nephew Shriver seeking county seat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Bobby Shriver, the former Santa Monica mayor and the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, has entered the race for Los Angeles County supervisor.

Shriver says he wants to tackle tough problems in the county of 10 million people, which suffers from strangled traffic and a rising homeless rate.

In a statement to reporters Tuesday he says he comes from a family tradition "of making a difference in people's lives."

The 59-year-old Shriver is seeking to represent a district of 2 million residents stretching from the Pacific Ocean to Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

Other candidates include former state lawmaker Sheila Kuehl, West Hollywood Councilman John Duran and former Malibu Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich.

He is the eldest child of the late R. Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

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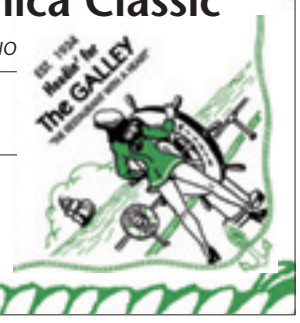
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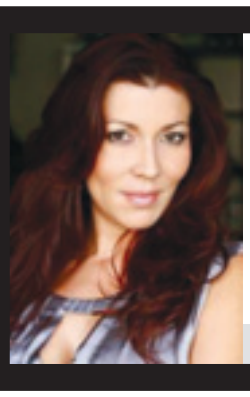
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014

Ewww, but cool
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m.
Learn how to create your own slime. Ages 6-10. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Planning Commission meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 6 p.m.
Santa Monica's Planning Commission will hold a special meeting to discuss the Draft Zoning Ordinance, which will help guide development in the city by the sea. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Strum away
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Artisan Guitar Ensemble will be performing works by John Dowland, J.S. Bach, Edvard Grieg, Isaac Albeniz, Paulo Bellinatti and Joaquin Turina. Cost: Free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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.

New take on Homer's classic
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 8 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.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014

Planning ahead
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Join the library for a panel presentation on legal and financial planning for those over 50. Three local professionals, financial planner and insurance specialist Yechiel S. Goldberg, elder law attorney Mitchell A. Karasov, and daily money manager Natalie Stanger, discuss various legal and financial considerations in planning for your next phase of life. Visit smpl.org for more information.

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.

Eat up
Citywide
Times vary
Some of Santa Monica's best eateries are taking part in this year's dineLA's Restaurant Week. There are special offerings and special prices for the occasion. dineLA runs through Jan. 31. For more information, visit santamonica.com/visitors/where-to-eat/dinela.

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Learning how to go veggie

While the rest of America may just be getting hip to healthy eating, Santa Monicans have been doing it for years.

But it can still be challenging navigating the latest fads and studies on the benefits of sticking to a strict plant-based diet. Where do you get your protein? How do you prepare vegan meals that are flavorful as well as healthy? Which vegetables pack the most punch?

Santa Monica-based natural foods chef Christine Oppenheim answers those questions and more with her new five-week course "Intro to Healthy Eating" at Santa Monica College Community Education, beginning Saturday, March 1.

The class focuses on healthy eating fundamentals through a whole-food, plant-based diet. A plant-based diet can help improve health and digestion, increase energy, encourage better sleep, reduce cravings, help with weight loss, and extend life expectancy, she said.

Course topics include: eating with the season; meeting protein needs with plant-based sources; making healthy choices when cooking and dining out; using healthy fats, superfoods, and probiotics; understanding gluten sensitivity and alternatives to common food allergies.

Oppenheim also teaches how to shop for the best food with the class culminating in a visit to a local natural foods store to see the foods that have been discussed.

Classes are Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 1 – March 29.

To register, call Santa Monica College at (310) 434-3400, or go online at commed.smc.edu.

Oppenheim is certified as a natural chef from Bauman College. She also trained as a holistic wellness coach through the Institute for Integrative Nutrition. For more information, visit www.veggiefixation.com

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Don't fall for it

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says people have received suspicious phone calls with a caller representing themselves as LASD personnel and asking for personal information to help clear up warrants.

In a news release issued Tuesday, sheriffs warn to not give out any personal information, such as an address, Social Security number, and bank account numbers. The LASD does not solicit warrant information by phone.

Those receiving e-mails asking for personal information and money are encouraged to contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov, a website jointly sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center, which offers Internet crime prevention tips and an opportunity to file a complaint if you feel you are a victim of Internet crime.

– KH

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SO FRESH: Shoppers buy fresh apples from Ha Farms at the Dowtown Santa Monica Farmers Market.

California health exchange enrollment tops 600K

TOM VERDIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Officials with California's health insurance exchange Tuesday said about 625,000 people have signed up for an individual or family policy under the federal health care reforms, but enrollments for Latinos and younger people continue to lag expectations.

Younger people are crucial for the private insurance market. Insurers need them to balance out the number of older customers, who are more likely to use health services.

About 25 percent of those choosing an insurance plan are in the 18- to 34-year-old group, below the roughly 36 percent that Covered California, as the exchange is called, eventually wants to see.

Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee said he is not concerned about the initial enrollment numbers among that demographic.

"We're optimistic, but we think we're in a very good place," he said during a news conference.

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Report: Phone calls unanswered at jobless agency

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Most callers needing help with unemployment benefits just get a recording at the California Employment Development Department, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

As many as 90 percent of callers seeking information about missed payments or unprocessed claims are directed to the department website or an automated self-service phone number instead of reaching a live worker, the Los Angeles Times said (http://lat.ms/1jkN17m), citing agency phone records.

In many cases, the callers are redirected to options they already tried without success, the Times said.

"I'm overdue on every bill I have due to the negligence or incompetence" of the department, said Robert Rowe, a laid-off aerospace worker whose $450-a-week payments stopped in December.

Rowe, 55, said he's behind on mortgage payments and car payments and is having trouble paying for insulin to treat his

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Breathe, Bill

Editor:

As a parent who drives her child to school (yes, we carpool), I feel I need to respond to Bill Bauer's comments about the "Safe Routes to School" program ("Teens take planning priority," My Write, Jan. 20). His comments are knee-jerk responses to the language of the plan, apparently without his actually walking the site.

Everyone agrees the traffic situation is dangerous for students. The Safe Routes plan is funded by a federal grant that was secured a few years ago by concerned Samohi parents. City traffic planners have spent over a year reviewing the very limited options and holding community meetings. This isn't social engineering, it's keeping kids out of ambulances.

Making Seventh Street one-way southbound may add some inconvenience to people driving to Samohi from neighborhoods south of Pico Boulevard, but that will be greatly offset by the traffic light at Seventh and Pico allowing them to now turn east or west. Kids will now be able to safely cross Pico, and will be protected after disembarking from buses.

Lincoln and Michigan is already a dangerous intersection. Extended left turns for northbound Lincoln, and time restrictions for right turns on red for southbound Lincoln will help. And frankly, if adding two minutes to my daily commute saves a life, that's OK. Take a breath, for goodness' sake.

Drivers are also encouraged to drop off students on Olympic at the guarded entrance, instead of Michigan and Seventh. As for Mr. Bauer's comment about "students don't like crossing Fourth Street at Pico and walking up the hill to classes," that kind of throw-away anecdote is useless in a debate about safety. The entrance to campus on Fourth Street near the Doubletree, by the way, is hardly steep, and adjacent to a traffic-light protected crosswalk.

The issue about student parking is indeed a mess, and should be addressed by a conversation between City Hall and the SMMUSD. Although it would be nice to be able to look at Samohi's traffic situation in its entirety, it has nothing to do with the Safe Routes grant.

No one thinks this is perfect. Anyone who has paid attention realizes there are very few options for protecting students from distracted, rushing drivers. This is the closest we're going to get. And if someone has a better plan, let's hear it now before another kid gets hit.

Paula Goldman
Santa Monica





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

In the land of milk, honey, but no H2O

"GOT MILK?" SOON IT WILL BE, "GOT water?" But it won't be funny.

With the West in a 13-year drought and 90 percent of California in severe drought, our governor has just decided our state is turning "Brown" after our driest year on record, ever. Better late than never, I suppose.

In L.A., 3.6 inches of rain fell in 2013, instead of the "normal" 15 inches. How does this impact us in Santa Monica? It's complex, but remember those architects I wrote about last week, the SM a.r.t. guys (Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow)? Their mission statement reminds us "rainfall is at record lows," and of our city's "goal of becoming water independent by 2020." The city's Office of Sustainability and the Environment web page adds, "and stop importing water to ensure a safe and reliable supply of water for generations to come."

Way too much of the development being proposed and approved right now flies in the face of that and other such stated goals, ignoring plans and regulations drawn up after extensive public input. Why do we even consider these proposals, if they don't conform?

Certainly other voices have been raised, but I'd like to point out that Bob Taylor, a member of that group of concerned local architects, has been a broken record on the issue for as long as I can remember. While various rooms I've been in have gotten heated debating all the various evils of the proposed developments here, every so often Bob pipes up and reminds us, what about water?

Maybe we don't need any other criteria. Let's just demand of every developer, instead of "show me the money" (I think that's been done), we scream, "show me the water!" If you can't — bye, bye.

MY NEW FAVORITE RADIO STATION

It's far left (of course) on the dial, 88.5, KCSN-FM, the radio station of Cal State Northridge. I spend three-fourths of my car radio time there now. (Sorry 100.3, The Sound. I still love you but there's someone new and exciting in my life. Hey, we'll still hang out! Today you seduced me with an awesome string of Stones. And you never know how these new loves will go.)

I hear a lot of things I like on KCSN, many I've never heard before. Their combination of known favorites (usually deep cuts, not just the usual hits) plus promising new discoveries is perfect in my book. They call their format "smart rock." Whatever. "The best independent records and progressive major releases" — better. Especially since they use the word "records."

I thought Nic Harcourt, music director for our own KCRW for 10 years (I did not enjoy those 10 years), was their music director, but he's not. It's Mr. Shovel! Mark Sovel was the music director for the late lamented Indie 103.1, and sidekick to the irrepressible ex-Sex Pistol Steve Jones, who had the most interesting radio show I've ever heard. I think Shovel's doing a fantastic job. I rarely hear two songs in a row there I don't like. And if I do, it's back to The Sound. KCRW — hardly ever, anymore. For news, maybe, but not for fun or musical enlightenment. And I must add that I now love the stuff Harcourt plays. Maybe he was pressured at KCRW to be hipper, rather than happier.

DO THE RIGHT THING, COPS AND COURTS

Also, last week the two ex-cops from Fullerton on trial for the beating death of Kelly Thomas, a mentally ill homeless man, were found not guilty. Just "doing their job," one's attorney said. The security video that showed Kelly being Tased, and clubbed to death, that shocked so many nationwide, was "not the entire case," he added.

Thomas' mother said after the verdict, "I'm just horrified. They got away with murdering my son." His father said that everyone now needs to be afraid. "This is carte blanche to police officers to do whatever they want."

That would be "hyperbolic nonsense," according to one reader, who wrote to the Daily Press about my column about disabled veteran Brian Beaird, shot to death by three out of 20 LAPD officers who surrounded his wrecked car, as he raised his hands in surrender. The reader asked if I was "a reckless driver who habitually speeds through city traffic, endangering the lives of others," when I wrote I would have "mortal fear if I'm ever again stopped by the police." No, I'm not, and still yup on the mortal fear. I read the news.

I have to disagree slightly with Thomas' father. I feel some bad police officers already feel they have carte blanche to do whatever they want. We see it over and over, every week, in every part of the country, and I have yet to read of any perpetrators jailed for their reprehensible or even murderous behavior.

On the other hand, sometimes a court decision gives me hope, as when an appellate court in Pennsylvania just overturned the voter suppression laws the GOP there bragged would assure victory for Mitt Romney in the last election. (Could have, but legal challenges put a hold on the new law.) I was despairing that we were turning the clock back to the 1950s for voting rights when so many GOP-controlled states passed voter suppression laws. How could this be Constitutional, let alone conscionable? Turns out they weren't, and we still seem to be a nation of laws.

Courts have recently struck down state laws barring same-sex marriage in two bastions of religious conservatism, Utah and Oklahoma, as well as other states. And on Monday, a North Carolina federal judge threw out the anti-choice law there that forced women considering abortion to have an ultrasound and to listen to the state's (the GOP's) religion-based philosophy to dissuade them. But with the radical conservative bent on the Supreme Court, I fear the outcome of any of them being resolved there. Still, there is a ray of hope in this new year.

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I've never robbed a bank, yet!

SOME PEOPLE HAVE WHAT THEY call their "bucket list." I am not too sure what this is all about but it seems to me it is a list of things people would like to do before they "kick the bucket." Me, I do not plan to kick any bucket as long as I am alive. I have other targets for my kicking.

I understand that the general concept is there are things people would like to do before they die and I suppose everyone has their own list. But I have too many things on my "to-do-list" from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I affectionately refer to this as the "kick my butt list."

As long as I have been married, and it has been longer than I can remember, you would think I would have come to grips with this dynamic in the marriage relationship. To a certain extent, I have. I do certain things without asking any questions or even complaining, at least out loud. What I say under my breath is between me and myself.

Sometimes we, me and myself, get into significant arguments. The problem is, I never know if me is winning or myself? In one case, there was a tie, but I cannot recall what it was about.

Lately, I have come up with a novel tactic in dealing with this scenario. It came to me quite by accident. You know how it is, you think of something to say, but usually the day after you needed to say it. I have great comebacks to everything I hear except the fact that the comebacks are usually a day late and a phrase too short.

I hate it when I am driving down and think of what I should have said. I have a whole list of what I should have said to certain people but it is too late and there is nothing I can do about it.

Recently I hit the target. (I just hope my identity has not been hacked!)

It was one day last week when my wife looked at me and said in one of those tones, "Have you taken out the garbage?" She is always surprising me with questions related to things she has asked me to do. My problem is my attention span is about as long as my memory. Personally, I think she takes advantage of me in this area.

I looked at her with one of my infamous dummified faces. She responded, "You did not take out the garbage, did you? You never do what I ask you to do."

Without thinking, and I mean it quite literally, I quipped, "Well, I've never robbed a bank... yet!"

Where that came from, I will never know. To my recollection, I have never even thought about robbing a bank. I do not know where I would start in the first place.

With an astonished look my wife responded, "What bank have you been thinking of robbing?"

It worked beautifully. I did not think it would work as well as it did because I did not put any forethought into this. However, it did get her off the topic at hand. For the next several moments, all she could talk about was me robbing a bank and the horrific trouble we would be in if caught.

Any individual successful in life needs to be able to put forth the proper words. For me, I found the right words.

Coming in the door the other day I was greeted with, "Did you get the quart of milk I asked you to get when you left this morning?"

Without thinking, which is the beauty of this strategy, I responded by saying, "No, and I haven't robbed a bank yet, either."

Only one problem with this kind of victory. Who can I brag to about it? I cannot tell my wife because then I could not use it anymore. It is awful to have something that you cannot share with your significant other. I am not sure how long I can keep this secret.

The only thing I can do at this point is to smile. And boy, have I been smiling lately.

No matter what she throws my way, I respond by smiling and saying, "And I haven't robbed a bank yet, either."

Is it possible to have too much fun? I mean, as a husband?

All my life I have tried to get the upper hand and all my life I have not succeeded only to shake hands with myself. Until now, that is. How long it will last is anybody's guess. I'm just not guessing at this point.

Sometimes people get depressed about all the things they have done in life. Some are pretty bad things. Occasionally, it is good to think about all the things you have not done. I may not be as good as I should be but then again, I am not as bad as I could be, either. Leastways, I have never robbed a bank.

Thinking about this I was reminded of what the apostle Paul said. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

Thankfully, my salvation is not built upon what I can do, but upon what He has already done for me.

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The Q Line

Looking back

The 20th anniversary of the Northridge earthquake brought back vivid memories for Santa Monicans who experienced it.

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Los Angeles' train network grows; airport still not on map

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Trains are busting out all over the city that long ago crowned the car king.

The expansion of Los Angeles' public rail network continued Tuesday with the ceremonial ground-breaking for a $2.1 billion project that will bring light rail to some of the sprawling region's poorest neighborhoods for the first time since streetcars were ripped out in the 1950s.

Speakers including U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx said that when the tracks open in 2019, historically black areas would see fresh vitality and economic opportunity.

"Folks who have been transferring buses three or four times a day to get to work may soon be able to find a job right down the street," Foxx told a crowd of several hundred.

Soon after a round of speeches, construction equipment began to demolish a nearby school that will be replaced by one of eight new stations on the 8.5-mile line.

An important part of the conversation was a missing mile — the mile between the closest new station and Los Angeles International Airport.

Many world cities have extended rail service directly to passenger terminals. In Los Angeles, the plan is to build the Crenshaw/LAX project while transportation planners sift through various proposals to connect the new line to the airport with a yet-to-be-designed — or funded — people mover.

"LAX, here we come," was the refrain from members of a local troupe, who entertained the crowd Tuesday while dancing in reflective vests and hard hats.

Not quite yet. That light rail-airport connection is projected for 2028. In the interim, passengers likely would transfer to shuttles to reach the terminals.

The Crenshaw/LAX line becomes the third active rail expansion funded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Most of the funding comes from local sources, principally a sales tax increase that Los Angeles County voters approved several years ago. The balance is a mix of federal and state grants or loans.

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Venezuela's president blames soap operas for crime wave

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro has a new villain as he campaigns to bring down Venezuela's spiraling crime: TV soap operas. He accuses them of spreading "anti-values" to young people by glamorizing violence, guns and drugs.

The criticism follows attacks last year by Maduro on violent video games and the Hollywood movie "Spider-Man."

On Monday night, his vice president, Jorge Arreaza, met with broadcast and pay TV operators to review the prime-time lineup, warning that they could be in violation of a 2004 law mandating "socially responsible" programming. The two sides will meet in a week with the aim of drafting an agreement on meeting those obligations.

It's unclear whether the government will take steps to restrict programming or impose harsher rules on the soap operas known as telenovelas, which are hugely popular across Latin America.

Analysts say arm-twisting is unlikely to reduce Venezuela's high homicide rate, which the United Nations ranks as the fifth worst globally, and they warn that Maduro's campaign could be used as an excuse to further gag media criticism of the government.

"It's a smoke screen to distract attention away from the real causes" of violence and crime, said Roberto Briceno Leon of the Venezuelan Observatory of Violence, which estimates the country's murder rate has quadrupled in 15 years of socialist rule.

Pressure on the government to crack down on crime heated up this month after former Miss Venezuela Monica Spear and her ex-husband were shot to death by robbers, with their 5-year-old daughter looking on.

The double slaying shocked even Venezuelans hardened by rampant bloodshed and put the government on the defensive on an issue that surveys say is the biggest concern among voters.

In his state of the union speech last week, Maduro took aim at a popular soap opera, "De todas maneras Rosa," produced by Venevision.

He accused the nation's biggest broadcaster of profiting from violence by celebrating the crimes of one of the melodrama's lead characters, Andreina Vallejo, a psychopathic former beauty queen who fatally poisons her own mother to hide the paternity of her son.

"Mama, everybody in the world knows that the relationship between parents and their children is completely accidental," a smiling Vallejo says as her mother gasps for breath in her daughter's arms.

Alberto Barrera Tyszka, the creator of several soap operas, said television only reflects the alarming levels of violence present in society and is already tightly regulated for content deemed unsuitable for minors. He said Maduro should turn his attention to the root causes of crime instead.

"It's ridiculous to blame the violence on what's seen for one or two hours a night on television" said Barrera Tyszka, who also wrote a biography of Maduro's predecessor and mentor, the late Hugo Chavez.

Briceno Leon, whose group tracks Venezuela's violence, blamed the country's bloodshed on the proliferation of illegal firearms, between 9 million and 15 million by the government's count, as well as the lack of punishment for those who commit crimes. He said the government has neglected security, viewing it until recently as a concern mainly for its political enemies among Venezuela's upper classes.

His group estimates more the 24,000 people were slain last year in Venezuela, pushing the homicide rate to 79 per 100,000 inhabitants.

The government disputes those findings, but has blocked access to official crime statistics in recent years. Officials say the rate last year was 39 per 100,000 people, a level that's still the highest in South America and eight times the U.S. rate.

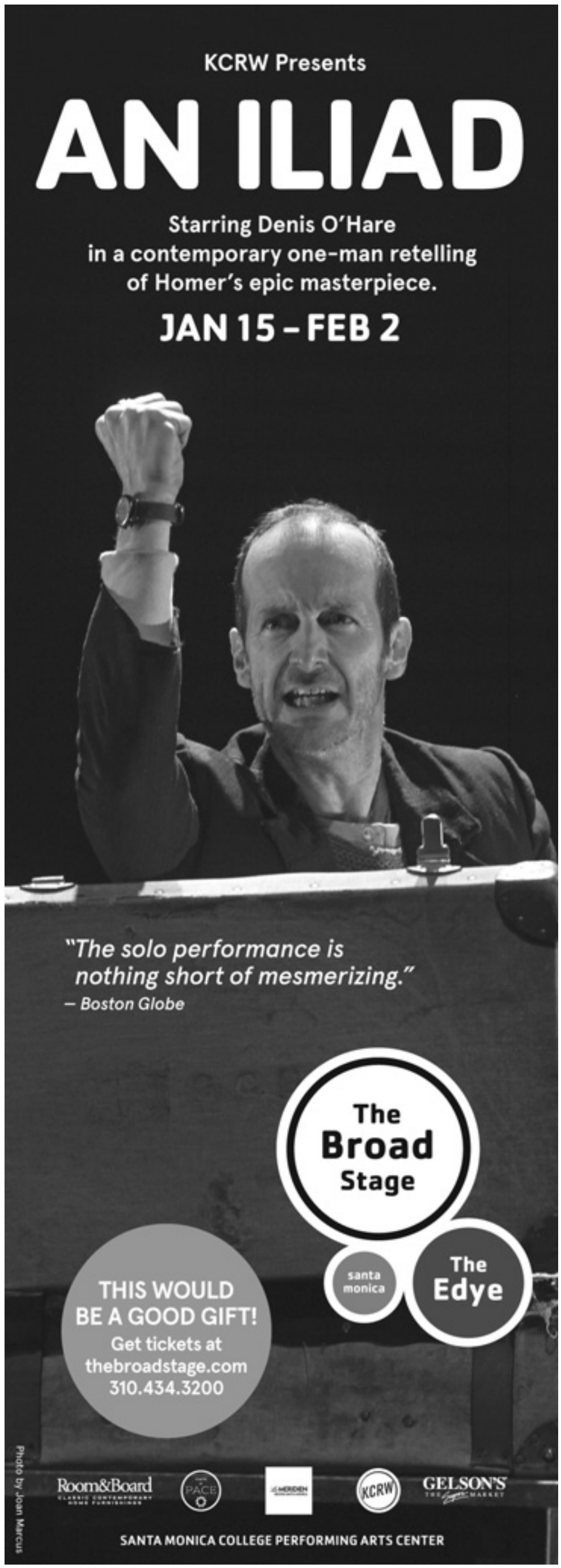
Reflecting high levels of impunity, Venezuela's criminal justice system was ranked the lowest in the world in a recently published study on the rule of law in 97 countries by the Washington-based World Justice Project.

Maduro may see putting the blame on television as an effective political strategy by focusing attention on the breakdown in societal and family values, a broader problem that can entangle all politicians, regardless of party affiliation, Briceno Leon said.

Barrera Tyszka, the soap opera creator, said the president's campaign also reinforces government control of the airwaves, providing it with another tool to bully channels whose news coverage it frequently attacks as part of a right-wing conspiracy to destabilize the nation. Media self-censorship is already high after several years of the government imposing multimillion-dollar fines and even taking channels off the air for allegedly slanted coverage.

"There are almost no guns in Venezuelan telenovelas," he said. "There are a number of things that aren't shown for fear of being fined."











SMO
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against the FAA to determine who would control of the future of the airport and its 227 acres.

Local residents have long complained about the noise and pollution caused by SMO. The runway is about 300 feet from some homes and residents say it's unsafe. Last year, a jet carrying four people veered off the runway and into a hangar killing everyone on board.

FAA officials filed a motion earlier this month asking a judge to toss the suit.

If City Hall had an issue with the terms of the agreement, FAA attorneys said, they should have made it clear long ago when they became aware that the federal government was interested in the land.

City Hall ceded some control of the airport to the federal government during World War II. City Hall had 12 years to dispute the arrangement, FAA attorneys said.

Attorneys representing City Hall responded saying that they don't dispute the initial arrangement, although they do challenge the constitutionality of some of the restrictions, but they do dispute a 2008 claim made by the FAA.

"The FAA asserted for the first time that Santa Monica was obligated to operate SMO as an airport forever or title to the land on which SMO sits would, inexplicably, revert to the United States even though the United States never owned the property," attorneys said in the response.

Until 2008, they said, the FAA had recognized City Hall's ability to reevaluate the future of the airport.

City Hall's goal, they said, is to dispute these recent claims.

City officials do not comment on ongoing litigation.

A response from the FAA is due on Monday. The federal government declined to comment on City Hall's response.

RIPENESS

A clause in a mid-20th century document says that if City Hall decides to stop operating the space as an airport, "the title, right of possession, and all other rights transferred" revert back to the landowner, attorneys for City Hall claimed in the original complaint.

Until city officials stop operating the land as an airport the issue is "unripe" or premature, the FAA's motion said.

Attorneys representing the city by the sea disputed this claim in the most recent brief, noting that they are seeking "declaratory relief."

This asks the courts to clarify its "rights or obligations before an affirmative remedy is needed," they said. For this reason, they say, the suit is ripe.

LITIGATION IS NECESSARY

City Hall is skipping a procedure that allows them to ask for more control of the airport, FAA attorneys said in their motion to dismiss the suit. Several times throughout the past half-century, they said, City Hall asked for and received more control over parts of the airport property. Instead of a lawsuit, they said, City Hall should have done as they've done in the past, ask the FAA for permission.

The FAA has made it clear that no agreements will be made outside of litigation, attorneys for City Hall said in their response.

"City staff members met with FAA representatives several times to convey community concerns and the city's position about SMO's future," attorneys representing City Hall said. "The FAA was unwilling or unable to agree to, or even to negotiate on, any compromise as to SMO's future operation."

City officials have long claimed that its agreement with the FAA expires in 2015. FAA officials say its 2023.

A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 10 in a U.S. District Court.

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accept," he wrote in an e-mail. "Our neighborhood groups, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, and the Santa Monica Coalition for Livable City, among others, feel the same way."

McKeown was the only member of the council to vote against the project in its initial float-up stage in 2011.

Mayor Pam O'Connor, the other SMRR-backed candidate whose term expires this year, could not be reached for comment by presstime.

The project got the Planning Commission's approval last month, despite three commissioners' push to make the proposal more housing-focused.

The commission members — Sue Himmelrich, Richard McKinnon and Chair Jennifer Kennedy — pushed to make the project 20 percent smaller. When that vote failed they pushed to switch one of the five buildings from commercial to residential.

City consultants pointed out to the commission that there is a shortage of office space in Santa Monica. Major companies like Google and Riot Games have left the city by the sea for larger office spaces elsewhere.

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HEALTH
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The federal government and insurance companies knew enrollment among certain groups would not hit the targeted levels "out of the gate," he said, while estimating that it could take a couple of years to get younger people signed up in robust numbers.

More than half of those enrolling in California from Oct. 1 through the end of the year were ages 45 to 64.

Lee said it was too early to tell whether failing to hit the target for younger people will affect the policy premiums that insurance companies set for 2015 and beyond. Insurers already are looking at their risks and expectations for next year, he said.

"We're very optimistic ... that plans will go into 2015 with what we hope will be reasonable premiums," Lee said.

Insurers similarly say it is premature to draw conclusions about the mix of enrollees to date.

"Health plans are focused on the next two months, not the next two years, in terms of getting young and, for that matter, older enrollees into Covered California," said Patrick Johnston, chief executive officer of the California Association of Health Plans, which represents insurers.

He said insurance companies need a broad mix of policyholders to ensure financial stability and are betting that people in their 20s and 30s will see the value in having health insurance and participating in a pool that ultimately will benefit them.

In addition to focusing on younger people, Covered California is intensifying its marketing efforts to Latinos, who represent a large share of the uninsured.

Statistics released by the exchange Tuesday show that about 30 percent of those who have applied for coverage but have not yet selected a health plan self-identified as Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish origin. That compares to the estimate that about 46 percent of Californians who are eligible for a government subsidy on the health insurance exchange are Latino.

As of mid-January, Covered California was about halfway toward meeting its initial goal of signing up 1.3 million people for individual policies by the March 31 enrollment deadline. Lee said about three-quarters of consumers who had selected a plan have paid their first month's premium.

While remaining characteristically upbeat about the rollout of the Affordable Care Act in California, Lee acknowledged that many consumers continue to be frustrated because of paperwork confusion and wait times that can reach 45 minutes when calling the state health exchange.

He said the exchange had been slammed with people wanting to enroll.

"The volume surprised all of us," he said.

Other enrollment statistics released Tuesday by Covered California:

— About 85 percent of people signing up for coverage on the exchange are eligible for a government subsidy that lowers premium costs.

— About 60 percent are selecting a so-called silver plan, the mid-level insurance policy to which the subsidies are pegged. The next most popular policy is the lower-tiered bronze plan, which has lower premiums but higher out-of-pocket expenses.

— Four of the 11 companies selling insurance plans through the exchange account for 95 percent of all enrollments so far. They are: Anthem Blue Cross of California; Blue Shield of California; Health Net; and Kaiser Permanente.

— An additional 584,000 people who initially sought insurance through the exchange were determined to be likely eligible for Medi-Cal, California's version of Medicaid. The state-federal program provides health insurance for the poor.

CALLS
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diabetes.

"I haven't been able to get through to anyone," he said. "It's a chase-the-tail-in-a-circle thing."

The troubles with customer service follow the bungled debut of an upgraded computer system four months ago that delayed payments to about 150,000 people.

The department then began processing some claims by hand and reassigned employees from phone lines to speed up that effort. That placed further strain on a system that already limited workers to answering phone calls in the mornings so that they could perform other duties in the afternoon, the newspaper said.

From Oct. 6 to Jan. 4, the department received an average of 3.9 million calls a week, and 83 percent to 90 percent went unanswered by a live employee on any given day, according to agency phone records.

Some callers had to dial more than 40 times to reach an agent.

The federal government covers most of the state's cost to administer the unemployment insurance program, but deep cuts have reduced the department's staff from a high of 3,800 during the recession to 2,500 at the end of November, spokeswoman Loree Levy said.

Three hundred positions were lost in the past three months, Levy said.

"We are not happy about the limited phone service we offer our unemployment insurance customers," Levy said. "We are struggling to balance the demands of all workload items within the unemployment insurance program due to our significant federal underfunding issues."

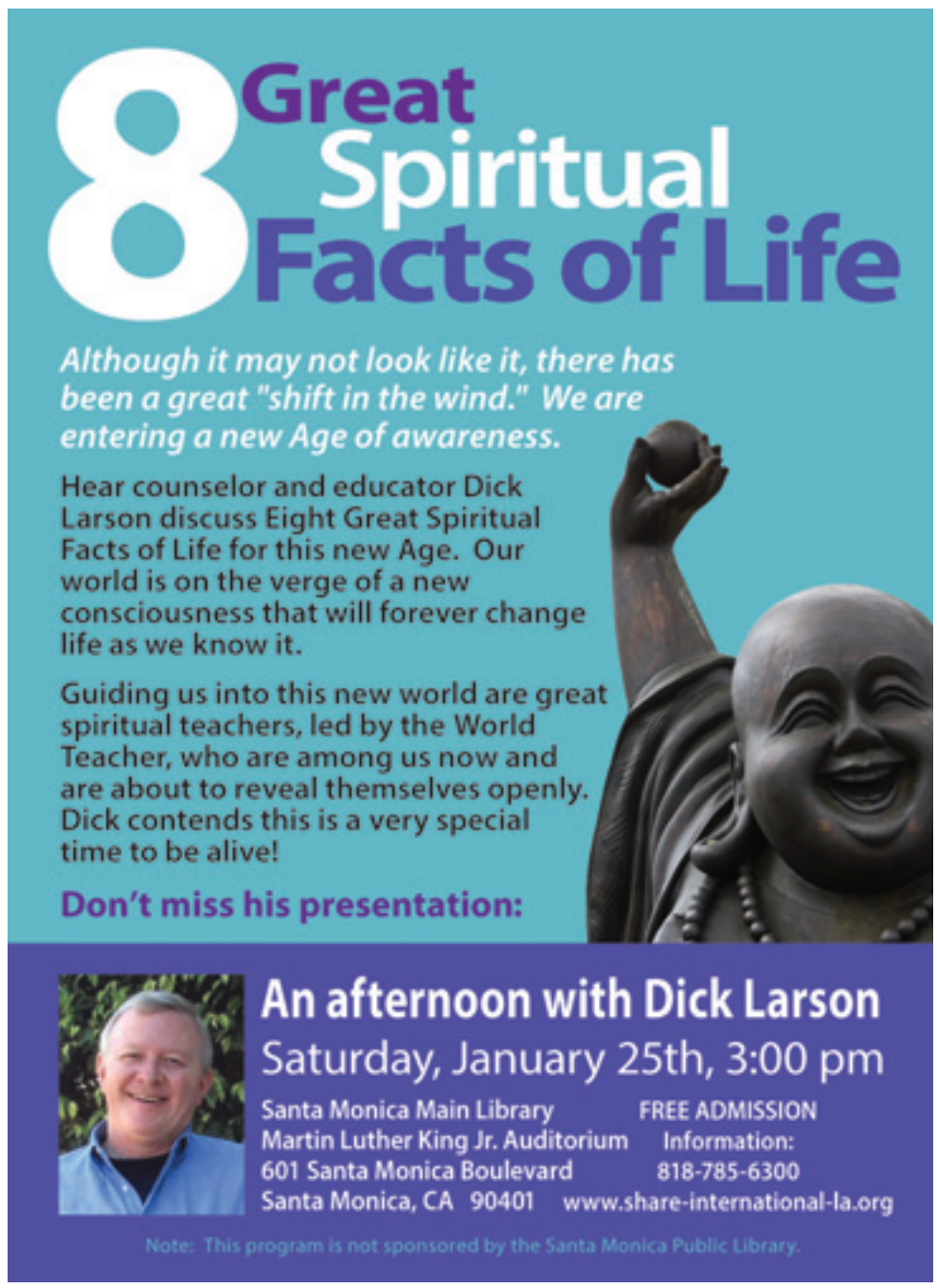
Department Chief Deputy Director Sharon Hilliard promised to devise a plan to improve service by the end of March but it can't happen without more funding, she said in a Jan. 7 letter to state Assemblyman Henry T. Perea, D-Fresno, who chairs the Assembly Insurance Committee.

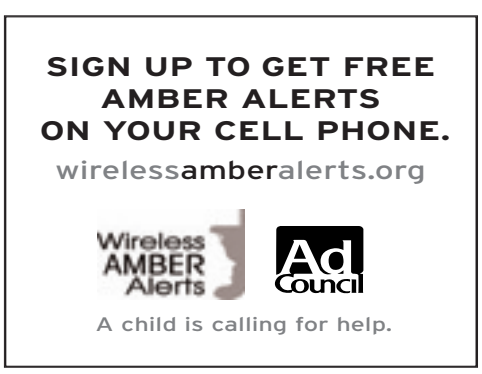
"We've got to get back to the place where we actually are dealing with calls in a timely manner," Perea said. "The only way we can do that is by hiring bodies."

Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget would provide $64 million to retain staff and pay overtime in an effort to restore service to its 2012 level.











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Mixed earnings hold back stocks in United States

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AP Markets Writers

NEW YORK The Standard & Poor's 500 index logged a small gain Tuesday on a mixed day for the stock market.

Health-care giant Johnson & Johnson slipped after it warned that pressure to keep prices low would likely mean slightly lower profits than forecast. Delta Air Lines gained after reporting a better-than-expected profit in the fourth quarter as fares and traffic rose.

Company earnings were the main focus for investors Tuesday as there were no major economic releases. So far, the stock market has failed to get a big lift from earnings reports and investors appear to be assessing the results more critically than they did a year ago.

"Earnings are coming in and, candidly, we're getting a mixture picture for the fourth quarter so far," said Jim Russell, an investment director at U.S. Bank.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 5.10 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,843.80. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 44.12 points, or 0.3 percent, to 16,414.44. The Nasdaq composite edged up 28.18 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,225.76.

J&J, one of the 30 members of the Dow, slipped $1.03, or 1.1 percent, to $94.03, helping pull the index lower. Another Dow component, Verizon Communications, fell after reporting its own earnings.

Among the day's winners were Dow Chemical and Alcoa.

Dow Chemical rose $2.86, or 6.6 percent, to $45.93 after hedge fund Third Point LLC said Tuesday that it has acquired a significant stake in the company and wants it to spin off its petrochemicals division.

Alcoa surged 77 cents, or 6.8 percent, to $12.13 after analysts at JPMorgan raised their price target for the stock, predicting Alcoa will benefit from tightening aluminum markets.

After surging almost 30 percent last year, stocks are starting the year in a more subdued fashion. The S&P 500 is down 0.3 percent for the year.

In bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.83 percent from 2.82 percent on Friday. U.S. markets were closed Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— Delta increased $1.01, or 3 percent, to $32.08 after reporting a better-than-expected profit in the fourth quarter as fares and traffic rose. The airline's president said demand was strong, and forecast that profit margins would increase in the current quarter.

— Expedia dropped $3.02, or 4.2 percent, to $67.67 after a blog Search Engine Land reported Expedia online visibility fell dramatically, and cited actions taken by Google to punish companies that it believes are trying to game its search algorithms. Officials from Expedia did not immediately respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Consumer spending likely to boost growth in 2014

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WASHINGTON Hopes are rising that consumers will drive stronger growth in 2014 after they stepped up spending at the end of last year in the United States and Europe.

The outlook for spending is brightening even though growth is weakening in some large emerging economies and slowing the sales of consumer product giants such as Unilever and Procter & Gamble.

Several trends are boosting consumer spending in developed countries: Inflation is low, enabling shoppers to stretch their dollars, euros and yen. The Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and other central banks are keeping interest rates super-low. Those low rates have made it easier for borrowers to afford higher-cost items such as cars and appliances.

Global retail sales growth jumped to a 5.4 percent annual pace in the three months through November, according to economists at JPMorgan Chase. And global auto sales reached an all-time high in December, the bank said.

"It was a year of big improvement in consumer spending after two years of very weak growth," said David Hensley, a global economist at JPMorgan Chase. "Businesses were pleasantly surprised by the increase in consumption."

Even in Europe, where growth remains slow after the region emerged from its longest-ever recession last year, consumers appear willing to spend more. Retail sales spiked 1.4 percent in November, the biggest increase in 12 years.

In the United States, Morgan Stanley economists forecast that consumer spending rose in the final three months of the year at its fastest pace in three years.

Consumer spending in Japan could jump by as much as 7 percent in the first quarter of 2014, JPMorgan calculates. Much of that gain might reflect greater spending ahead of an April increase in a national sales tax, from 5 percent to 8 percent. Sales will likely fall back after that, making it harder to determine broader trends.

With more consumers willing to open their wallets, businesses will also likely start spending more on machinery, computers and other equipment, Hensley said, providing an additional spark to growth.

The International Monetary Fund said Tuesday that it expects world growth to reach 3.7 percent this year, up from 3 percent last year. That's little changed from its October forecast.

The good news in developed countries is partially offset by slower growth in many large emerging economies. Brazil, India and Turkey have been raising interest rates to battle high inflation. Both high rates and rising prices are weighing on consumer spending in those countries.

For big global consumer product companies such as Unilever, growth in the U.S. and Europe hasn't been improving strongly enough to offset slowdowns elsewhere. The company, which makes Ben & Jerry's ice cream, Dove soap, and Lipton tea, said sales fell 3 percent last year to 49.8 billion euros ($67.5 billion). Profit rose 9 percent.

"The growth that you see in the United States and some people get excited about is not enough to make a difference" to Unilever, Chief Executive Paul Polman told analysts.

Ali Dibadj, an analyst at Bernstein Global Wealth Management, said Unilever's results reflect a broader slowdown in growth for consumer products that will likely continue in 2014.

Consumer-product companies have invested heavily in emerging markets as growth in developed markets slowed. But this year, growth will likely pick up in developed markets and slow in emerging countries. The sales slowdown will likely force more cost cuts, Dibadj said.

Procter & Gamble has been implementing a $10 billion cost-cutting program and trying to adjust its prices to stay competitive. In its most recent quarter, it held or expanded its market share in two-thirds of its product categories globally and two-thirds to 70 percent of categories in North America.

Cincinnati-based P&G will report its fiscal second-quarter results on Friday. Analysts expect net income of $1.20 per share, slightly below last year's $1.22. Revenue is forecast to come in at $22.36 billion, up slightly from $22.18 billion a year ago.





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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	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 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach 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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Goodell suggests ditching the PAT kick

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Roger Goodell doesn't want to stand pat with the PAT. He's suggesting potential changes in the extra point that, well, might have some legs.

The NFL commissioner says the extra point kick after touchdowns, which had a success rate of nearly 100 percent, is too automatic. Sure is.

And with few teams attempting 2-point conversion plays until desperation hits late in games, the old 1-pointer from 20 yards is the way coaches go. All that does is draw yawns.

So Goodell wonders if the league can add excitement by making some major adjustments to the extra point, suggesting perhaps making a touchdown worth seven points instead of six, with teams having the option to run a play for another point.

But failing on that play would cost them a point.

Gimmicky, for sure. But if Goodell likes the idea ...

A LOOK AT HOW CHANGES TO THE EXTRA POINT WOULD AFFECT FOOTBALL:

HOW AND WHO?

Passing any changes to the playing rules in the NFL is, unlike the extra point kick, no snap.

The competition committee meets with the players' union at the NFL combine in February, where any new proposals or ideas are discussed. It's not unusual for the players to have input in potential adjustments, as they did recently on defenseless player penalties.

The powerful committee, chaired by Atlanta Falcons President Rich McKay, meets for about a week in early March and comes up with any proposals, whether from the teams or union or, yes, the big boss.

At the league meetings later in March, the committee presents potential changes for discussion by all 32 owners, who can either vote on them or table them.

McKay said Tuesday: "We do anticipate the topic being discussed."

KICKING AROUND?

The idea of toying with the extra point is not entirely new. John Mara, owner of the New York Giants and among the most influential members of the competition committee, says "it came up for brief discussion in past meetings, but no action was taken."

It took the NFL years to come around on the 2-point conversion, which can be a pass or run play from the 2-yard line — and under Goodell's apparent preference, could be worth one point if the kick is eliminated. The 2-pointer existed in the old AFL from 1960-69, and college football has had it since 1958.

But it was defeated several times in NFL owners' votes before it passed in 1994 as part of a package of changes to help the offenses.

YEA AND NAY

Coaches will hate any changes, particularly ones that would mean more decisions for them to make. They so rarely go for the 2-pointers until the fourth quarter, and are reluctant to do so then because, well, there's nothing automatic about those attempts. Indeed, less than half (33 of 69) worked in 2013.

"I will say this: Since 2000, I believe, over 99 percent of the extra points are made," Falcons coach Mike Smith said. "It's almost a given that it is going to be made. I'm sure that the competition committee will address it. As a coach you have to play how the rules are."

Short-yardage backs such as All-Pro fullback Mike Tolbert of Carolina shouldn't mind the elimination of PAT kicks. Nor should running quarterbacks such as Russell Wilson, Colin Kaepernick and Cam Newton, whose improvisational skills would be a huge advantage.

Kickers? They probably will shrug and practice their field goals — which is what they normally do regarding extra points anyway.

WHO STAYS, AND WHY

Rosters would get slight revamping, with teams likely keeping at least one power back active every week and having two on the roster. Often, those guys also play on special teams, so their presence wouldn't throw a lineup out of whack.

PRACTICE WON'T MAKE PERFECT

Teams would work even more on their short-yardage packages, beginning in training camp. They would use their PAT offenses in other situations on the field in games, too.

While going for a fourth-and-2 near midfield is less rare than it once was, it might become all the more common when coaches know the more times they attempt such plays, the more seasoned their players will be when trying for the extra points.

WILL IT HAPPEN?

It's impossible to gauge the owners' thinking, and a three-quarters majority is needed to pass any rules changes.

"I know a lot of times when we're at owner meetings, those things are brought up, and it's great when you're in those meetings because you hear all the different opinions that are brought up with that," Jaguars coach Gus Bradley said. "I'm sure there will be discussions about that. I'm excited about hearing all those."

Goodell doesn't get a vote.

Then again, it sounds like he already has cast his.

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1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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DINNER FOR TWO TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you wake up feeling tired, don't be surprised -- your dreams probably have been unusually vivid. You might want to back away from a situation, especially if your intuition points that way. Tonight: Avoid an argument.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Juggling several different interests likely will succeed, but try not to allow details to fall by the wayside. Others admire your ability to put the final touches on a project. Tonight: Pace yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you care a lot about. Listen to your inner voice before you cause yourself a problem with a loved one. Communication soars, and perhaps too much will be shared. Tonight: Romance blooms.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's efforts to change direction. How you feel in the company of a loved one could be very different from how you might have thought you'd feel. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are likely to say what you mean, which could startle several people. News heads your way that might put a different slant on a personal matter. Don't hesitate to take action. Make a call, and seek out more information. Tonight: In the swing of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have been. A child or new friend will let you know what he or she wants in no uncertain terms. You might be able to bypass a power play and need to do nothing. Tonight: Use caution with your funds and a potential expenditure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Claim your power by knowing what you want. Until you are sure of your direction, you need not do anything. A loved one could act in a most unexpected way. Step back and let the chips fall where they may. Tonight: Make a call, and treat a friend to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might want to withdraw, as volatile news heads your way. Until you have a complete grasp of the situation, this disengagement will feel right. Tonight: Don't swallow your anger; instead, express it in a way that can be heard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Focus on what you want and expect from a situation. You have many options that could work well for you, but you must know your goal in order to make the right choice. A partner or loved one might throw a lot of possibilities at you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might have no choice except to assume the helm of the ship. The results could be excellent because of your experience and drive. A partner will add to the commotion in your life without even realizing it. Instead of getting irritated, enjoy the moment. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ The key to making a situation work will be gaining a broader perspective. Detach, as difficult as it might be and despite someone's attempt to pull you into the action. Tonight: Go where you can relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be in a situation that typically would push you and cause a temper tantrum or an argument. The smart move is to detach. An unexpected financial matter might force you to rethink a commitment. Share your feelings with a trusted friend. Tonight: Dinner for two.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

This year you have many more possibilities available to you than in the past. This change reflects your evolution and ability to see beyond the obvious. You often detach in order to see the big picture. As a result, you are able to make excellent choices. If you are single, a friendship could be instrumental in your meeting someone. Be careful, as one person who might seem to want to be more involved is emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you often benefit from spending time alone together as a couple. Schedule at least one fun weekend away from your daily routine. LIBRA often presents a different view.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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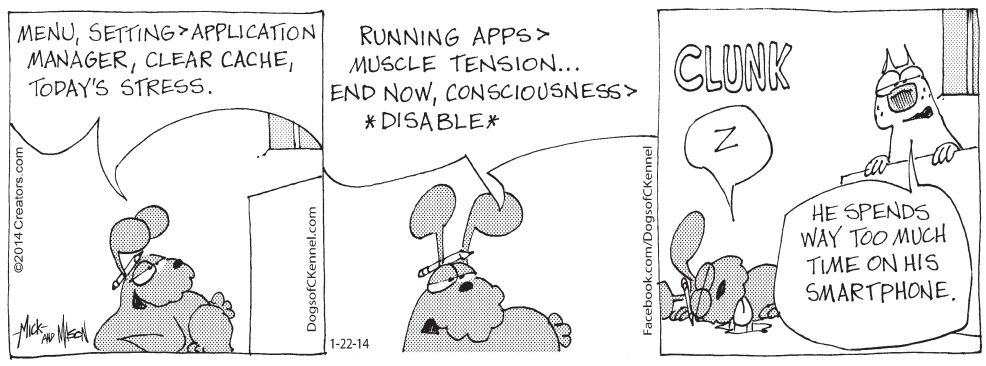
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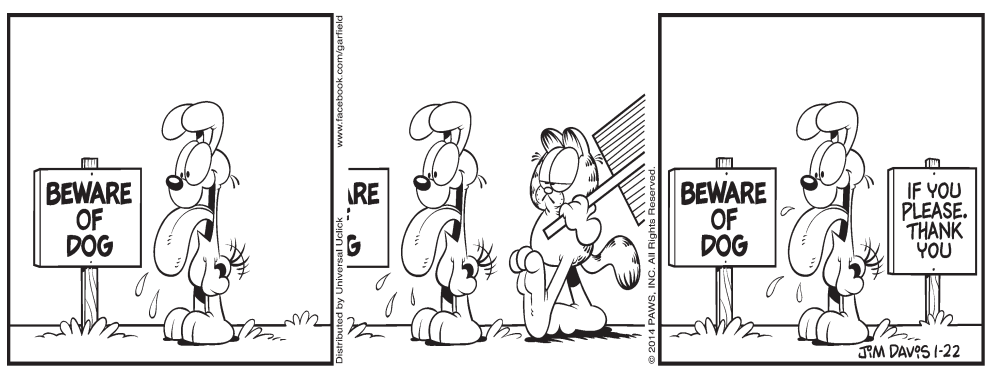
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Valiant one
5 Bottle topper
9 Outdo
11 Oscar winner Sophia
12 Anger
13 Make blank
14 Young fellow
15 Sandal feature
17 Reception feature
19 Building wing
20 Prepare for a game
21 Peculiar
22 Swift
24 Gift from Santa
26 Figure of speech
29 Silent
30 Mine, of a sort
32 Pirate's place
34 I, in Berlin
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36 Vicuña's cousin
38 San Antonio landmark
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40 Misplace
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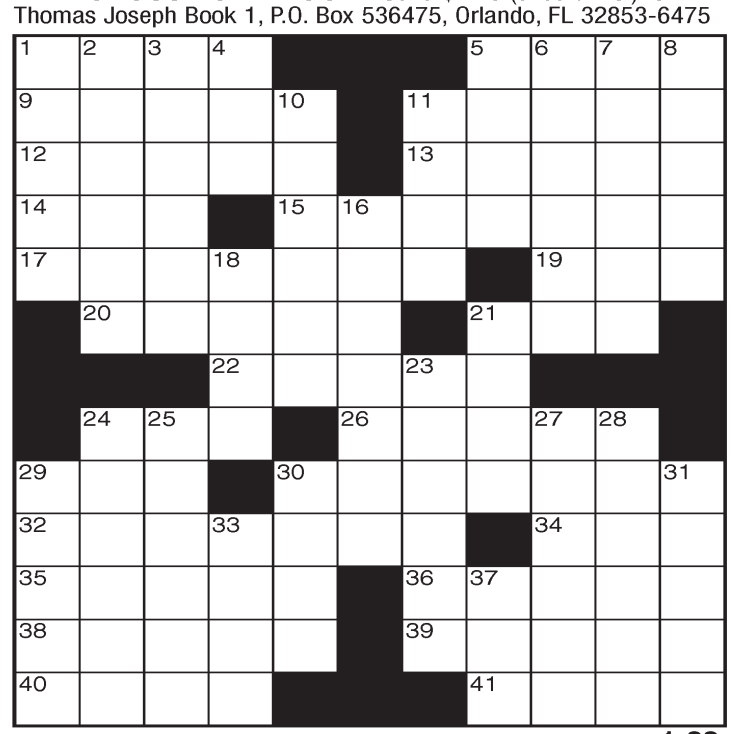
DOWN

1 Instructional
2 Spellbound
3 Library patron
4 Unconscious
5 Succotash half
6 Made speeches
7 Found a new owner for
8 Prepare to propose
10 Fear
11 Wolfish look
16 Syrinx
18 — a one (none)
21 Norse god
23 Worthy aims
24 Elvis' birthplace
25 Last letters
27 Morphine, for one
28 New Brunswick tribe
29 Fable finish
30 Capital on a fjord
31 Express gratitude to
33 Handle
37 Young fellow

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16 23 25 35 47
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/20
11 12 24 28 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/20
MIDDAY: 2 4 5
EVENING: 6 7 5

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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