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ON STAGE: Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'connor speaks during the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's State of the City event on Monday.

State of the City focuses on Santa Monica's bright future

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH Mayor Pam O'Connor talked about the good changes and the things that never change in her 2014 State of the City address on Monday.

Hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and held under the Cirque du Soleil big top, the event was attended by leaders from local government and the business community who spoke highly of the city by the sea's prospects.

O'Connor started by taking the audience back in time with newspaper clips from 1984 when the L.A. Raiders won the

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Claim filed against L.A. over Venice boardwalk death

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The husband and parents of an Italian newlywed who was killed when a car struck people on the Venice boardwalk has filed a claim against the city of Los Angeles.

Monday's claim contends the city didn't provide adequate barriers to keep cars off of the beach boardwalk. Alice Gruppioni died and a dozen people were hurt in the Aug. 3 incident.

Prosecutors say the driver, Nathan Campbell, deliberately drove around barriers and mowed down people on the famous tourist spot. His attorney says it was an accident and Campbell has pleaded not guilty to murder.

The claim seeks funeral expenses and unspecified damages. If the city rejects the claim, the family can file a lawsuit.

City attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan says he hasn't seen the claim and can't immediately comment.

Using your mobile to be more mobile

City Hall purchasing traffic technology

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

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Fishermen complying with SoCal restrictions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Two years after sanctuaries were created to help preserve marine life populations off Southern California, officials say fishermen are largely complying with the restrictions.

The Los Angeles Times reported Monday that Fish and Wildlife wardens last year issued about 145 citations for violations of the Marine Protected Areas. That's a tiny percentage of the roughly 4,000 tickets issued for various violations across the eight-county district that includes the sanctuaries.

The Southern California Marine Protected Areas forbid or limit fishing in 50 zones spanning 15 percent of state waters from Santa Barbara County south to Mexico.

They are intended to help depleted species like rockfish and spiny lobster.

Since the sanctuaries took effect in 2012, recreational fishermen who fought their lost access have suffered a series of defeats in court.

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11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

City Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will vote on a development agreement for a major project proposed for Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Picture perfect
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Learn to edit digital images using free web-based applications. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, visit the reference desk or call telephone reference at (310) 434-2608.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014

Follow that chef
Downtown Farmers' Market
Third Street and Arizona Avenue,
9 a.m.
Have you ever wondered what all those chefs are going to make with all that fresh produce they buy at the Farmers' Market? Now is your chance to follow a chef back to the kitchen and learn how they put all of the ingredients together to create a special menu. Classes are free of charge and require RSVP. For more information, call (310) 656-8800.

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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.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014

Hangar full of art
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., 11 a.m.
Art Los Angeles Contemporary is back. The renowned fair presents 70 top international blue chip and emerging galleries from around the world, with a strong focus on Los Angeles galleries. Participants present some of the most dynamic recent works from their roster of represented artists, offering an informed cross section of what is happening now in contemporary art making. For more information, visit artlosangelesfair.com.

Chinese New Year crafts and treats
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate Chinese New Year by creating your own paper lanterns. There will also be sweet Chinese treats. For more information, call (310) 458-8683

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Mailboxes slated for removal

Four mailboxes in front of the old Fifth Street post office building are slated for removal late next month, but don't fret. Santa Monicans will still have plenty of places to mail a letter to grandma.

The city by the sea has 34 locations served by the blue collection boxes, far more than what is required, said United States Postal Service spokesman Richard Maher. Postal regulations call for a mail collection point within every square mile. Santa Monica is approximately 8.3 square miles.

"In addition to these blue collection boxes, most centralized-delivery mailboxes include outgoing mail collection drops, and letter carriers pick up out-going mail on their rounds from businesses and residential customers six days a week," Maher said. "There are many convenient ways and locations to safely and securely mail a letter these days."

The mailboxes on Fifth Street are being removed because the old post office was sold in December to SkyDance Productions for $25 million. Maher said since the building is no longer operating as a post office there isn't a need for six mailboxes. Two will remain in place.

The Postal Service is selling many of its post offices in an effort to close a billion-dollar budget gap.

Santa Monica's Downtown post office is now located at 1653 Seventh St., adjacent to Olympic Boulevard.

For more information, call the post office at (310) 255-0446.

The Fifth Street mailboxes will be removed Feb. 20.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SUNSET PARK

Posterize your art

Environmental education organization Sustainable Works, along with the city of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, are accepting submissions for the sixth annual Sustainable Santa Monica Student Art Contest, open to all K-12 students who attend school and/or live in Santa Monica.

This year's contest will raise awareness about Santa Monica's water self-sufficiency plan and educate the community about water conservation. Students will investigate water conservation in Santa Monica through art, answering the question, "What does it mean to use water 'Well?'"

Only original artwork will be accepted. Only one poster submission per student. Students may work in two-person teams but the prize will be shared. Posters must be hand drawn on white paper; bright colors are recommended but students may use anything to draw with except pastel chalk.

High school students may submit posters created in Adobe Illustrator, inDesign, Photoshop or any other comparable design software. Poster dimensions must be 11 inches by 17 inches (landscape/horizontal). Include a name, school, grade, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail on the back of your submission. All entries will become property of the city of Santa Monica, which will hold publication rights for the winning entries. Entries may not be returned.

The Selection Committee will determine a series of winning entries in four categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12, including a grand prize winner from each category. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity of idea and artistic expression as they demonstrate the themes of this year's contest.

Deadline for poster submission is Friday, March 28 by 5 p.m.

– DAILY PRESS



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

GOING BYE-BYE: The United States Postal Service is removing a group of mail boxes from outside of its shuttered post office on Fifth Street. The boxes will be gone come Feb. 20.

Negative view of health rollout eases

JENNIFER AGIESTA & RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Memo to the White House: The website may be fixed, but President Barack Obama's new health insurance markets have yet to win over most consumers.

Negative perceptions of the health care rollout have eased, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds. But overall, two-thirds of Americans say things still aren't going well.

Of those who've tried to sign up, or who live with someone who has, 71 percent have encountered problems. But the share reporting success jumped to 40 percent from a meager 24 percent in December.

"Everything is not perfect; it takes time to work out the glitches," said Carol Lyles, a homecare provider from Los Angeles who was able to get coverage as a result of the law. "If done right, I believe it will provide the services that are needed."

The poll comes with about 60 days left in open enrollment season. The administration is playing catch-up to meet its goal of signing up 7 million people in new insurance exchanges that offer subsidized private coverage to middle-class households. So far, the markets have attracted an older crowd that tends to be more costly to cover. Younger people in the coveted 18-34 age group are still mainly on the sidelines.

While the poll did not find a turnaround for "Obamacare," the trend offers some comfort for supporters of the health care law.

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Assembly OKs bill to allow beach bonfires

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The state Assembly approved legislation Monday that would preserve the Southern California tradition of bonfires on the beach, despite concerns that they can contribute to air pollution.

The legislation, AB1102, arose after Newport Beach proposed removing 60 fire pits from city beaches and the South Coast Air Quality Management District adopted new rules that would prohibit fire rings within 700 feet of homes. The legislation would require the air quality district to work with local governments and other oversight agencies before removing fire rings in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Santa Monica doesn't allow the practice.

It was jointly authored by Assemblyman Travis Allen, R-Huntington Beach, and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, D-Fullerton.

Allen said he wanted to protect an "affordable, iconic activity" for those who cannot afford multimillion-dollar beach homes. The new rules have sparked a feud between residents who wanted to retain the tradition and those who said it polluted the air around their homes.

Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, R-Twin Peaks, called the effort to remove the fire-pit rings "one of the most egregious examples of government interfering in our lives."

"The beaches, and all of our natural resources, belong to all Californians. And I think it's time that we take a stand," Donnelly said.

The Assembly approved the legislation on a 54-0 vote, sending it to the Senate. The new air-quality rules are set to take effect in March, and Air Quality Management District officials have noted that they would affect only about 100 of the more than 750 beach fire pits in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Meanwhile, the city of Newport Beach is testing cleaner-burning bonfire rings fueled by natural gas that would be placed near parking lots rather than by the wood-burning pits on the beach and could be used to replace some of the existing fire rings.

Last year, the Assembly approved a nonbinding resolution supporting the fire rings as a time-honored and "important beach attraction." Orange County supervisors delivered a similar resolution.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In ruins

Editor:

The proposed Bergamot development, coming before the City Council on Tuesday, puts me in mind of Shelley's poem of nearly 200 years ago about Ozymandias, another name for pharaoh Ramses II. Ruins of a statue of the self-styled "king of kings" had been found in the desert. On the pedestal was written: "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!" Around the ruins was nothing but sand.

Bergamot, as currently proposed, is hugely out of scale in every sense and will slow the already crawling traffic on our streets to near immobility. Emergency response times may drop. Look out onto Interstate 10 any weekday morning and watch the seemingly endless wait to enter all ready overdeveloped Santa Monica.

The crushing traffic and the oversized buildings, with apparently more to come, are monuments to certain council members, present and past, who believe more development is never enough. They are today's Ozymandias; look on their works, and despair.

Brian Bland
Santa Monica

Big Brother is watching

Editor:

Please understand your oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Mass spying on all citizens in the country is simply wrong and must be stopped. Please do your part. If you have any doubts just consult with constitutional scholars who are independent of any political party and are not connected to the United States government.

Robert Heron
Los Angeles

No smoking signals

Editor:

Not a single no-smoking sign is to be seen anywhere from Pico Boulevard south to the start of the Venice walkway ("Santa Monica tops smoke-free list," Jan. 23). Some years ago they were at least in Spanish on those stupid garbage cans, stupid from the waste of funds for those large labels.

I try to go for a jog at least four times a week just south of Pico on the beach walkway. Transients start their day with a cigarette as they sit and chat on the long concrete dividers.

In the summer months tourists are lighting up everywhere along the walkways. Not a sign in sight.

At low tide there always seems to be someone lighting up right next to the water. So please, remove the beach from your "non-smoking" story (there may be a non-smoking warning on those green "enjoy your beach" signs, you know, the ones that absolutely nobody reads).

No-smoking signs should be clearly visible from all of those very nice new restrooms, at least. Almost every beach guest probably uses or walks by the bathrooms.

Next story could be about all of the fools who block the bike lanes as they are obviously just walking along, with an almost empty pedestrian walkway right next to them.

Michael Delbuck
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Online or in person, dating can be a grind

I HAD DINNER THIS WEEKEND WITH A friend at Swingers, the cool coffee shop on Lincoln and Broadway. It was late-ish and the crowd was mostly hipsters who were post movie and pre-nightclub.

My buddy is a 30-year-old who's still searching for a mate. We got to chatting about how to find someone in this giant pool of humanity that is always swirling with something or someone just a bit better. Or so we think.

As we talked about the tragedies and joys of online dating, and the latest apps for the phone that make finding someone for the night or for a lifetime, we compared notes on the difference between Tinder and Grindr.

Tinder is an application that allows people to see pictures of others and they can "Swipe" to approve or disapprove a match based on the slightest of information. It's for straight men and women to scan through and pick a possible date. If both parties "OK" each other, Tinder will notify them both that a match was made and they can then take the next step in getting to meet each other.

Grindr, on the other hand, is the gay man's version (Brenda is a version for lesbians) and it operates on the headshot principle as well, but it allows people to communicate directly without the intermediate wall of "do you both like each other." I suppose that the wall is there for the women to feel safer.

The process of online dating is weird enough. Some people have great success, and others can't seem to crack the code. I think I understand why some are good at it and others not. I believe it has to do with the marketing of one's self in pictures and words. Bad pictures equal bad marketing. Bad write-ups are those that sound desperate or controlling.

I have clients who are post divorce and they come in to tell me of their great successes and how popular they are and all the great women they are meeting. I have other clients who, no matter what they do, can't seem to get a date.

I think online dating is an interesting mirror of our society and I understand the frustration that many people feel with the online dating experience and the desire to blame how hard it is on "the media" or how superficial everyone here is, but is it really all that different from "real life?"

When I walk into a gay bar in West Hollywood, I look around, and I make judgments about who I find attractive and I'm sure that everyone else is doing the same. Out of 200 men in the room, I may find 20 attractive at first glance. They may have the right combination of body type, hairstyle and sparkle in the eyes that gets my attention and the other 180 are just not doing it for me.

When my buddy goes into a nightclub like The Room or V Lounge, he's doing the same thing, just scanning the crowd for the ones that he thinks he likes. He's making snap assessments of who is an acceptable date, based solely on how they present themselves before they open their mouth. We all do.

The thing that gets me about this stuff is how we are conditioned by the marketing and ad agencies about what we are "supposed to like" versus what is the reality of life today.

For straight men there's the photoshopped, super-enhanced, starved within a cheeseburger of their life types that dominate TV and print as the standard to which their wives and girlfriends should be.

Most of the gay men represented on TV are super hot, super fit and super unattainable for a guy like me. So on the one hand they are great to look at, but on the other they're not anywhere near what I'm going to actually bring home.

When I skip through the photos on an app and make my ratings it's no different really than when I walk into a bar and decide who I want to meet. The thing that we all need to remember is that everyone else is doing the same thing. We are all making these snap determinations and need to remember that the online dating world is just a giant nightclub and we're not being rejected any more or any less than we would be in person.

We just lack the ability, when we're online, to overcome the rejection with a witty comment or an actual face-to-face that so often is the spark that leads to a greater relationship, which we can do in person.

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Uber sued for wrongful death of 6-year-old girl

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The family of a 6-year-old girl killed while in a San Francisco crosswalk on New Year's Eve has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit Monday against the Internet ride-sharing service company Uber.

The lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court on behalf of Sofia Liu claims that Uber and its driver at the time, Syed Muzaffar, are responsible for the girl's death, the girl's family attorney, Christopher Dolan, said Monday.

Dolan believes it is the first wrongful-death lawsuit of its kind against the company.

The girl was crossing the street along with her mother and younger brother in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood last month when they were struck by a Honda driven by Muzaffar, authorities said.

Police arrested Muzaffar, 57, of Union City, who they say was logged onto the Uber application at the time of the accident. He faces charges of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

Muzaffar is currently out on bail. The incident remains under investigation.

Uber, which matches riders to private cars via a smartphone app, declined comment Monday regarding the lawsuit. The company has said in a previous statement regarding the girl's death that Muzaffar "was not providing services on the Uber system during the time of the accident."

The company deactivated Muzaffar's account after the accident. Muzaffar's attorney, Graham Archer, disagreed, saying his client had dropped off at least one other fare he received through Uber earlier in the evening and was logged in and available to pick up other riders for the company.

"I'm concerned that Uber, from their statements, is hanging my client out to dry," Archer said. "What also concerns my client is that the family of Liu may also be hung out to dry if funds from insurance and whatever funds Uber could contribute are denied in proceedings."

Dolan said Monday that while Uber shares in the profits of its drivers, it must also share in the responsibility for the harms they cause. The lawsuit alleges that because drivers must consistently interact with the Uber app to locate and pick up riders, the app violates a California law seeking to reduce distracted driving.

"Whether or not a fee-paying passenger is in the car, if the driver is on the app and GPS, they are providing a benefit to Uber and their use of the app creates an unlawful risk of distraction that leads to the very type of injury and death we see here," Dolan said.

"The Liu's wish is to make sure others don't suffer the same tragedy that has befallen them," Dolan continued. "They want increased safety and they demand justice for Sofia."

In August, several drivers filed a class-action lawsuit against Uber, claiming the company was cheating them out of their tips. Uber has denied the claim.

In September, the California Public Utilities Commission approved measures to ensure that drivers for Web-based ride-hailing companies undergo training and criminal background checks and have commercial liability insurance. The companies will also have to implement a zero-tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol and ensure vehicles undergo a thorough inspection.

But the San Francisco Cab Drivers Association maintained that even after the state PUC's ruling, these "transportation network companies" are not subject to the same level of scrutiny or oversight as taxi services, which are locally regulated.

The Q Line

Water wise

A recent Daily Press article revealed that water usage is up in Santa Monica despite an ongoing drought across the state.

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What are you willing to give up to save water in our drought-stricken region?

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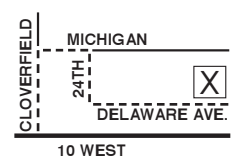

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AP Poll: Breaches not changing people's habits

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NEW YORK American shoppers say they are very concerned about the safety of their personal information following a massive security breach at Target, but many aren't taking steps to ensure their data is more secure, says a new Associated Press-GfK Poll.

The poll finds a striking contradiction: Americans say they fear becoming victims of theft after the breach that compromised 40 million credit and debit cards and personal information of up to 70 million customers. Yet they are apathetic to try to protect their data.

In the survey, nearly half of Americans say they are extremely concerned about their personal data when shopping in stores since the breach. Sixty-one percent say they have deep worries when spending online, while 62 percent are very concerned when they buy on their mobile phones.

But just 37 percent have tried to use cash for purchases rather than pay with plastic in response to data thefts like the one at Target, while only 41 percent have checked their credit reports. And even fewer have changed their online passwords at retailers' websites, requested new credit or debit card numbers from their bank or signed up for a credit monitoring service.

The poll offers insight into the effects big data breaches can have on consumer behavior. There have been worries that shoppers would dramatically change their habits since December, when Target announced the breach that could wind up being the largest in U.S. history. Weeks later, those concerns were elevated when luxury retailer Neiman Marcus disclosed that it too was the victim of a breach that may have compromised 1.1 million debit and credit cards.

But security experts say the results show that Americans have come to expect that security theft is a possibility when they use their credit or debit cards or provide retailers with phone numbers, emails and other personal information.

"They ... just chalk it up to ... 'It's part of life,'" says Cameron Camp, security researcher at global security firm ESET who believes people don't think they will be liable for fraudulent charges.

Experts also say the results show another expectation Americans have: While nearly 4 out of 10 say they have been victimized by personal data theft, most expect credit card companies, banks or retailers to take responsibility when that happens.

About 38 percent report that they think they have either had someone make unauthorized purchases using their credit or debit cards without it having been physically stolen or that someone had used their personal information to apply for a fraudulent line of credit, the poll says. And just over a third of Americans think their personal information was compromised in the breach at Target.

But the survey shows that just 37 percent say consumers bear most of the responsibility for keeping their data safe, while 88 percent place the burden on the retailers who are collecting it. Six in 10 say the banks that provide credit or debit cards or the credit bureaus should bear most of the responsibility.

Andrea Davis doesn't believe she was affected by the Target breach, but she recently found unauthorized charges on her American Express credit card. Still, she hasn't taken steps to make her data more secure because she says she feels protected when she uses her Amex card. In fact, American Express immediately took off the charges after she notified the company.

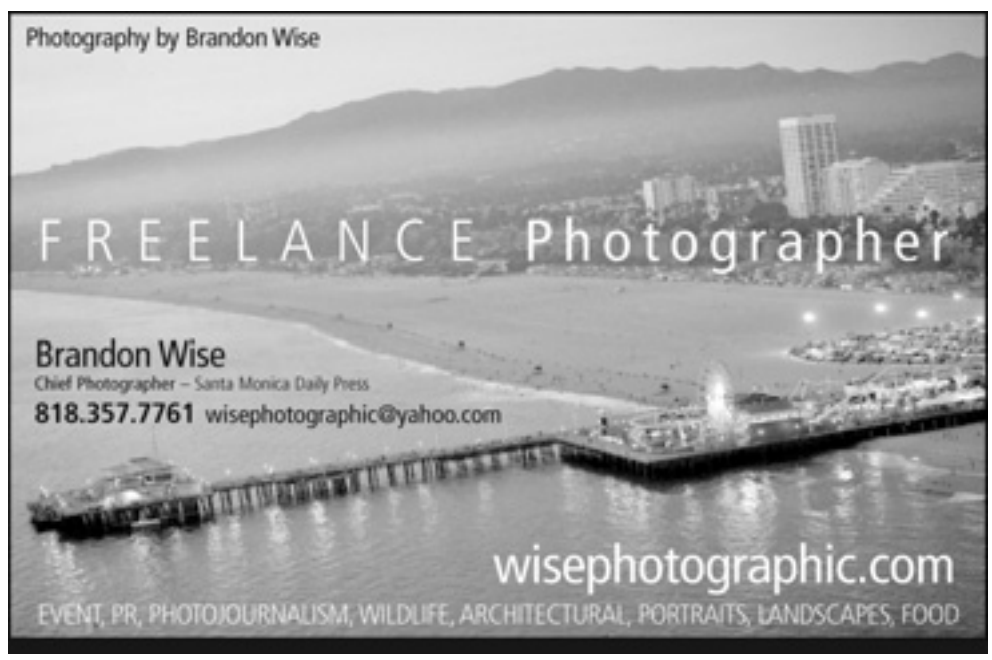
"You feel discouraged, but in the end, everyone gets their money," says Davis, who lives in Marina del Rey, Calif. "It is what it is."

The sentiment was different among Americans who've been victims of personal data theft. In that group, 52 percent have checked their credit report, while 41 percent have tried to use more cash. Twenty-eight percent have signed up for a credit monitoring service.

Eve Sims signed up for a credit card monitoring service for a monthly fee of $14 about five years ago after she found fraudulent charges from Nigeria on her credit card. "It's worth it," she says.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Jan. 17 through Tuesday and involved interviews with 1,060 adults. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

The poll used KnowledgePanel, GfK's probability-based online panel that is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail survey methods, and later, completed this survey online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't otherwise have Internet access were provided with access at no cost to them.



Peru gets more ocean, Chile keeps fishing grounds

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LIMA, Peru The United Nations' highest court set a maritime boundary between Chile and Peru on Monday that grants Peruvians a bigger piece of the Pacific Ocean while keeping rich coastal fishing grounds in the hands of Chilean industry.

Despite high emotions over the dispute, especially in Peru, the ruling is expected to have little effect on cordial ties between the two neighbors whose economic interdependence has grown greatly in recent years.

Chile's outgoing president, Sebastian Pinera, called the International Court of Justice's ruling "a lamentable loss" in a nationally televised address. But President-elect Michelle Bachelet, who takes office in March, said that "most of the fishing occurs inside the area that the court ratified as belonging to our country."

Peru's leader, Ollanta Humala, told his countrymen on national TV that he was satisfied with the outcome, saying the court had recognized Peru's argument that no maritime treaty previously existed between the South American neighbors.

Peruvian patriots might crow, but Chilean commercial fishing fleets appeared to be the biggest beneficiaries, analysts said.

In Chile's northern port of Arica, police dispersed a group of fewer than 100 small-time fishermen with water cannon after some, considering themselves losers, hurled stones at a military barracks.

"Only the rich are profiting from this," said Eduardo Ferreira, a street vendor who sells paintings on the main square of Chile's capital, Santiago, where police had to break up a few heated arguments between Chileans and Peruvians.

The ruling announced in a European courtroom ends a decades-old dispute centered on nearly 38,000 square kilometers (14,670 square miles) of the world's richest fishing grounds - the value of the area's annual catch has been estimated at $200 million.

Peruvian historian Nelson Manrique called the ruling an "intelligent verdict" that is "not going to please anyone but it's also not going to bring anyone to fits."

The case filed by Peru in 2008 was a matter of national pride for Peruvians, some of whom maintain rancor over the 1879-83 War of the Pacific in which Chile gained its three northernmost provinces by winning territory from Peru and Bolivia. Bolivia lost its coast in the conflict.

Humala, a retired army officer when he was elected Peru's president, called Monday "one of the days that will mark my life, and I feel proud to have lived as a soldier and now as a politician. I feel prouder every day to be Peruvian." The national anthem then played.

Peru had sought a sea border perpendicular to the coast, heading roughly southwest. Chile insisted the border extend parallel to the equator.

The court, whose rulings cannot be appealed, compromised by saying a border already existed parallel to the equator extending 80 nautical miles from the coast. From there, it drew a line southwest to where the countries' 200-mile territorial waters end.

Patricia Majluf, a leading Peruvian fisheries scientist, said the area remaining in Chilean hands "is where the Chilean boats fish the most."

"All the anchoveta is fished in that zone," she said.

The species of anchovy is converted into fish meal for an insatiable global market that uses it in animal feed, fertilizer and fish oil pills. Peru is the world's No. 1 exporter of fish meal and Chile is second as they share the world's most productive fishing grounds, the cold Humboldt current,

Majluf said about 1 million tons of anchoveta are harvested annually off the northern Chile coast, about the same amount as off the southern Peruvian coast.

Peruvian economist Juan Carlos Sueiro said the verdict maintains the status quo in the anchovy industry, benefiting in particular Chile's Grupo Angelini, while Peruvian fishermen can catch shark, tuna, mackeral, cuttlefish and mahi-mahi farther offshore will also benefit.

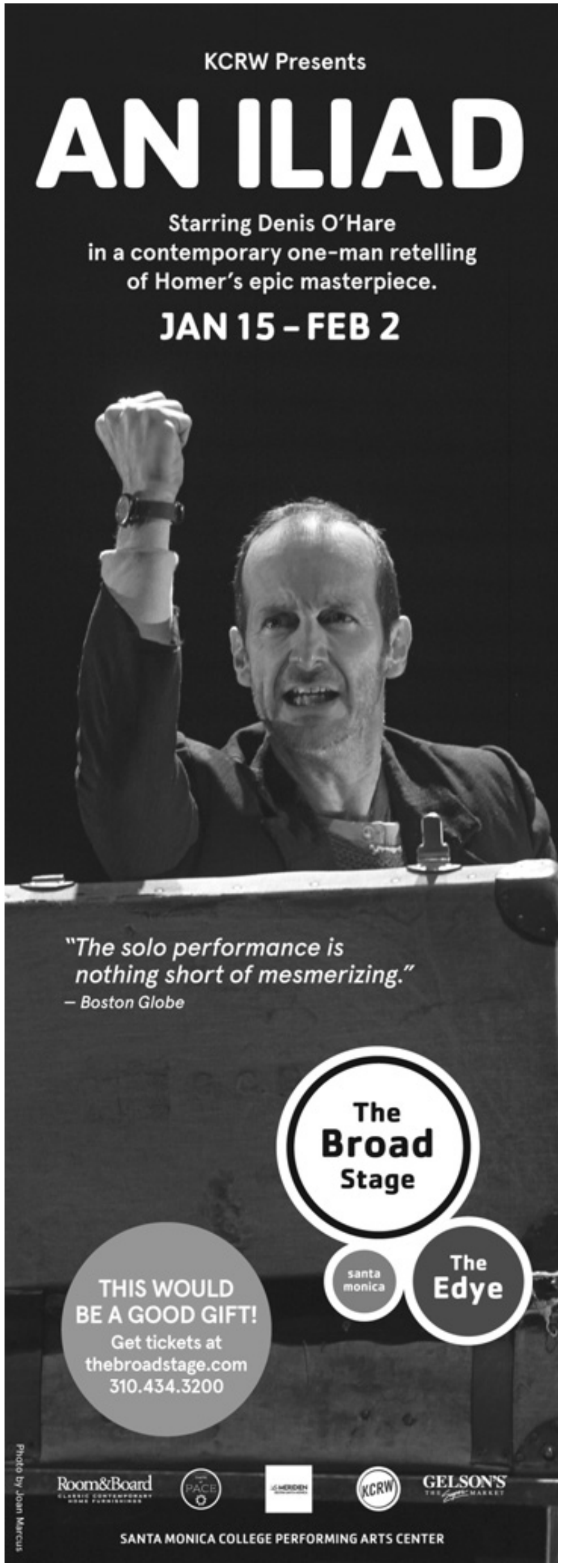
The director of Peru's largest producer of fish meal, Humberto Speziani of TASA, predicted "a positive impact" for big Peruvian fishing fleets like his although environmentalists expressed concern about overfishing by such fleets continuing to deplete stocks.

The leader of small-time Peruvian fishermen in the region, David Patino, was not happy, however. "We haven't won anything. We are in the same situation as the past," he said.

Despite differences over fishing, the border area has been a model of coexistence. Citizens of both countries travel across it freely, with Chileans crowding into hospitals and clinics in Tacna, Arica's sister city for cheaper health care. Peruvians work in construction and other day jobs on the Chilean side.

Peru and Chile have seen their annual trade grow from $500 million in 2006 to $4.3 billion today. Chilean government figures put Peruvian investment in Chile at $11 billion last year and Chilean investment in Peru at $13.5 billion.






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BUSY BLOCK: City Hall wants to develop an app that would help locals navigate traffic.

CONSENT
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CITY HALL In a light consent agenda, City Council will likely approve $424,096 in spending, with three quarters of that being covered by grants and money left over from other projects. Council will also accept a $400,000 water grant.

One item, which the Daily Press wrote about last week, reviewed all of the current development agreements and found that only one company, Agensys, was not in compliance. Too many of its employees are driving to work, city officials said.

TRAFFIC PLATFORM

City Hall is hoping a web platform can help cut down on the headache that is traffic in the city by the sea. Civic Resource Group LLC will likely get $402,500 to build that platform, which will manage existing and future transportation demand management programs.

The platform would help drivers and riders navigate the city in the most efficient ways using all the available modes of transit. It would encourage commuters to use green routes and it would identify the costs associated with each option.

City Hall will only pick up $100,000 of the tab with the rest coming from portions of two different grants from Metro.

The total cost of the project will be close to $2 million with more than $1.2 million coming from the Metro grants.

AIRPORT FIRE ALARMS

The Fire Department says there should be more fire alarms at the Santa Monica Airport.

In September, council agreed to pay Golden Phoenix $182,683 to add a fire alarm system.

The project started in November but the company hasn't used all the cash. The Fire Department found more locations that could use alarms so city officials are asking council to approve $21,596 for the engineering, design, and installation of horn strobes and pull stations in a hangar and several administration buildings. The initial project is $16,607 under budget, so only about $5,000 extra would be needed for the additions, which are expected to be completed next month.

Late last year, a jet veered off the runway and into a hangar. The hangar caught fire and the roof collapsed. All four people on board died in the crash.

RUNOFF WATER GRANT

City Hall is going to study using runoff water to bolster the local water supply.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment got a $400,000 grant from the Metropolitan Water District that will partially fund a local runoff harvesting and use demonstration project.

The Sustainable Water Master Plan, which will likely be finalized later this year, includes numerous strategies that would lead to water self-sufficiency by 2020. Some of those strategies include the use of groundwater, greywater, wastewater, and urban runoff to contribute to the supply.

The grant project will study the impacts of using dry weather runoff and stormwater at Los Amigos Park. The water would be used for irrigation and toilets.

California is in the midst of a drought and saw some of the lowest levels of precipitation in years. Santa Monica has enough water to last through 2014, but if the drought continues council can vote for water restrictions in coming months.

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MELTING AWAY

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A work crew was busy removing what was left of the ICE at Santa Monica ice rink on Monday afternoon. The popular Downtown rink closed on Jan. 20.

HEALTH

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In December, 76 percent of adults had said the opening of the new markets was not going well. Such negative perceptions have now fallen 10 points to 66 percent.

Still, rave reviews remain rare.

Only 4 percent said things were going extremely or very well, while another 17 percent said things were going somewhat well.

Compare that to 38 percent who said the rollout had gone not at all well. Another 28 percent said things were not going too well. Add those together and it makes up two-thirds of the public.

"People were locked out of the system," said Karyle Knowles, a restaurant server from San Antonio. "They weren't able to access what they should have, which only added to the mayhem."

The White House had hoped to bring the ease of online shopping to the daunting process of buying health insurance. Instead, the federal website serving 26 states froze up when it was launched Oct. 1. Some of the 14 states running their own sites also encountered problems. It took the better part of two months to straighten out the issues with the federal exchange.

The administration reported Friday that 3 million people have now signed up for private coverage through federal and state markets, and another 6.3 million have been deemed eligible for Medicaid coverage. It's not clear how many of those were previously uninsured.

According to the poll, many website users have had a frustrating experience. Among those who've tried to sign up, just 8 percent say it worked well, 29 percent somewhat well, 53 percent not well.

The public's take on the law itself is stable, with 27 percent saying they back it, 42 percent opposed and 30 percent neutral. Those figures are unchanged since December.

People who have tried to sign up are more positive than the overall public — 46 percent say they back the law, 31 percent oppose it.

But among the uninsured generally, there's a more even divide, with 30 percent saying they support the law while 33 percent oppose it.

The major elements of the health care law took effect with the new year. Virtually all Americans are now required to get covered or risk fines. Insurers can no longer turn away people with health problems. And the exchanges are open for business.

Enrollment in the Medicaid safety-net program is also rising. That's partly because of a program expansion accepted by about half the states and partly as a consequence of previously eligible but unenrolled people now forced to comply with the law's individual coverage mandate. Last week, Utah's Republican Gov. Gary Herbert said his state plans to become the 26th to accept the expansion.

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CITY
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Super Bowl and O.J. Simpson ran the Olympic torch up the California Incline.

"The coverage centered on airport noise, traffic conjunction, and parking woes," she said. "Sound familiar?"

Santa Monica has made "great strides," she said, but still deals with many of the same challenges.

O'Connor then ran down a list of all the things that City Hall is doing right.

Santa Monica's investment in transit, connection to the region, community-involved public process, pollution reduction, and affordable housing policies are all in-line with a national consultant's recommendations for creating thriving cities, she said.

"Given the good fortune of our location, community history of activism and progressivism, and our creative and tech rich local economy, Santa Monica is a leader," O'Connor.

The mayor got an ovation when she mentioned that this fiscal year the sales tax alone will bring in $90 million.

"Our local businesses generate needed revenues to support the vital services," she said. "They support arts, libraries, emergency services, and schools.

"Here, the city's long commitment to education stands boldly," she added. "From the $17 million in taxes shared with the school district annually to our groundbreaking 'Cradle to Career' initiative to ensure that every child in Santa Monica has the full opportunity to succeed in school and work, Santa Monica is deeply committed to opportunities for all."

She mentioned four Santa Monica sectors that are "poised for growth in this new century": entertainment, hospitality, technology, and healthcare.

She spoke of big City Council decisions to be made this year, referencing specifically the Hines housing and office development project, which will go before council tonight.

"The transit-oriented neighborhood at Bergamot next to an Expo Light Rail station … is the wave of the future according to the nation's top planners but it is being contested," she said.

She closed with her vision for the city's future.

"I believe it's based on access, inclusiveness, quality of life for people who work, live, create, play and long to be here in Santa Monica," she said.

L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who is termed-out at the end of the year, was honored by the chamber for his service to Santa Monica.

While the county is losing the battle against homelessness, he said, Santa Monica leads all 88 municipalities in the fight.

The Expo Light Rail, which will connect Santa Monica to Downtown Los Angeles, is ahead of schedule and under budget, he said. It could open earlier than projected in 2015, Yaroslavsky said. The train is currently projected to take in Santa Monica passengers in 2016.

The chamber also recognized Richard Chacker, who owns Perry's Beach Cafe and Rentals, and Adam Miller, founder and CEO of Cornerstone OnDemand, for their contributions to local business.

They honored Cirque du Soleil, which brought out its stilt-walkers to bow to the audience.

The event was well-attended and most seats were filled.

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Wealth gap: A guide to what it is, why it matters

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WASHINGTON From the White House to the Vatican to the business elite in Davos, Switzerland, one issue keeps seizing the agenda: the growing gap between the very wealthy and everyone else.

It's "the defining challenge of our time," says President Barack Obama, who will spotlight the issue in his State of the Union address. A Gallup poll finds two-thirds of Americans are unhappy with the nation's distribution of wealth. Experts say it may be slowing the economy.

Why has the issue suddenly galvanized attention? Here are questions and answers about the wealth gap — what it is and why it matters.

Q. Hasn't there always been a wide gulf between the richest people and the poorest?

A. Yes. What's new is the widening gap between the wealthiest and everyone else. Three decades ago, Americans' income tended to grow at roughly similar rates, no matter how much you made. But since roughly 1980, income has grown most for the top earners. For the poorest 20 percent of families, it's dropped. Incomes for the highest-earning 1 percent of Americans soared 31 percent from 2009 through 2012, after adjusting for inflation, according to data compiled by Emmanuel Saez, an economist at University of California, Berkeley. For the rest of us, it inched up an average of 0.4 percent. In 17 of 22 developed countries, income disparity widened in the past two decades, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Q. So who are the top 1 percent in income?

A. They're bankers, lawyers, hedge fund managers, founders of successful companies, entertainers, senior managers and others. One trend: Corporate executives, doctors, and farmers made up smaller shares of the top 1 percent in 2005 than in 1979. By contrast, the proportion of the wealthiest who work in the financial and real estate industries has doubled. The top 1 percent earned at least $394,000 in 2012. Through most of the post-World War II era, the top 1 percent earned about 10 percent of all income. By 2007, that figure had jumped to 23.5 percent, the most since 1928. As of 2012, it was 22.5 percent.

Q. How has the middle class fared?

A. Not well. Median household income peaked in 1999 at $56,080, adjusted for inflation. It fell to $51,017 by 2012. The percentage of American households with income within 50 percent of the median — one way of measuring the middle class — fell from 50 percent in 1970 to 42 percent in 2010.

Q. Does it matter if some people are much richer than others?

A. Most economists say some inequality is needed to reward hard work, talent and innovation. But a wealth gap that's too wide is usually unhealthy. It can slow economic growth, in part because richer Americans save more of their income than do others. Pay concentrated at the top is less likely to be spent.

It can also trigger reckless borrowing. Before the 2008 financial crisis, middle class households struggled to keep up their spending even as their pay stagnated. To do so, they piled up debt. Swelling debt helped inflate the housing bubble and ignite the financial crisis. Experts note that the Great Depression and the Great Recession were both preceded by surging income gaps and heedless borrowing by middle class Americans.

Q. Has it become harder for someone born poor to become rich?

A. The evidence is mixed. Countries that have more equal income distributions, such as Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, tend to enjoy more social mobility. But a study released last week found that the United States isn't any less mobile than it was in the 1970s. A child born in the poorest 20 percent of families in 1986 had a 9 percent chance of reaching the top 20 percent as an adult, the study found — roughly the same odds as in 1971.

Other research has shown that the United States isn't as socially mobile as once thought. In a study of 22 countries, economist Miles Corak of the University of Ottawa found that the United States ranked 15th in social mobility. Only Italy and the Britain among wealthy countries ranked lower. By some measures, children in the United States are as likely to inherit their parents' economic status as their height.

Q. So why has income inequality worsened?

A. There's no simple answer. Globalization has created "superstars" and concentrated pay among corporate executives, Wall Street traders, popular entertainers and other financial elite. At the same time, factory workers now compete with 3 billion people in China, India, eastern Europe and elsewhere who weren't working for multinational corporations 20 years ago. Many now make products for Apple, Intel, General Motors and others at low wages. This has depressed middle-class pay. And pay has risen much faster for college graduates than for high-school graduates. These trends have contributed to a "hollowed out" labor market, with more jobs at the higher and lower ends of the pay scale and fewer in the middle.

Social factors contribute, too. Single-parent families are more likely to be poor than other families and less likely to ascend the income ladder. Finally, men and women with college degrees and high pay are more likely to marry each other and amplify income gaps.

Q. Does wealth distribution follow a similar pattern?

A. It's even more pronounced. A Pew Research Center study found that the wealthiest 7 percent of households grew 28 percent richer from 2009 through 2011. For the bottom 93 percent, collective wealth fell 4 percent. That's largely because wealthy households own far more stocks and other financial assets than others. By contrast, whatever wealth middle-class Americans have is mainly in their home equity.

Since the Great Recession ended, stock-market averages have soared, setting records in 2013. Home values, though, remain far below their peaks reached in 2006. That divergence has benefited the richest and left others struggling.

Q. Where do the 1 percent live?

A. Investor Warren Buffett famously lives in Omaha, Neb. Les Wexner, whose fashion empire includes Victoria's Secret, is an Ohioan. But the wealthy mainly cluster around the largest cities. Of the 515 U.S. billionaires, 96 live around New York City, according to the intelligence firm Wealth-X. Los Angeles is home to 22, Chicago 21, San Francisco 20, Houston 14. Millionaires are more widely dispersed. Maryland has the highest concentration. Of all its households, 7.7 percent have $1 million or more in financial assets. New Jersey, Connecticut, Hawaii and Alaska have the next-highest concentrations, according to a report from Phoenix Marketing International.

Q. Is anything being done to narrow the wealth gap?

A. President Barack Obama has made the issue a priority and wants the government to act to reduce the disparities. The president managed to restore higher tax rates on incomes above $398,350 last year. And he's pushed other steps that might narrow the gap slightly, such as a higher minimum wage. But congressional Republicans say those steps could hurt economic growth and have resisted most such measures.

Q. Is everyone concerned about the wealth gap?

A. Some conservative economists question much of the data. They note, for example, that Saez's figures don't include government benefits, such as Social Security or food stamps, or employer payments for health insurance, that benefit the less-than-rich. Yet the Congressional Budget Office did include government benefits and the effect of taxes in its own study and still found a sizable gap: For the top 1 percent, income jumped 275 percent, adjusted for inflation, from 1979 to 2007. For the middle 60 percent of Americans, it grew less than 40 percent.

Q. So what do experts say is the best way to shrink the wealth gap?

A. Most ideas break down along political lines. Liberal economists tend to support a higher minimum wage, greater access to preschool and college education and more spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure to help generate good-paying jobs. Most favor higher taxes on the wealthy to pay for such programs.

Conservatives tend to back tax cuts, government deregulation and other steps they say will accelerate hiring and growth and raise living standards for everyone. They tend to focus on the need to advance income mobility.

In a speech this month, Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio acknowledged the enormous pay disparity between a fast food company's cashier and its CEO.

"The problem we face is not simply the gap in pay between them, but rather that too many of those cashiers are stuck in the same job for years on end," Rubio said.

Overseas worries hamper American stock markets

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NEW YORK U.S. investors are being hit with new worries from overseas just as the economy at home appears to be strengthening.

Investors are anxious about slower economic growth in China, the world's second-biggest economy, as well as the impact of political problems in countries like Argentina and Turkey. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell moderately on Monday after a big drop last week caused by China and emerging-market concerns.

These worries are coming to the forefront at a time when the Federal Reserve is pulling back on its economic stimulus and amid signs that U.S. company earnings may be close to peaking. That is further exacerbating a sense among investors that an almost 30 percent gain for the S&P 500 index last year may have been too much, too soon.

Topping the list of investor worries are:

CHINESE GROWTH: A report last Thursday showed that Chinese manufacturing is set to contract in January for the first time in six months, adding to evidence of a slowdown in that nation's economy. China's growth, at 7.7 percent in the fourth quarter, is still far stronger than that of the United States or Europe, but it has slowed from the double-digit rates of the previous decade. As the Chinese economy has grown, so has its importance to the world. In 1990, China was the biggest export market for only two countries. By 2012 that number had swelled to 32, according to data collated by strategists at U.S. Trust.

TURKEY: The Turkish lira has fallen six percent this year and touched multiple record lows as investors worried that a corruption scandal might destabilize the government. Political stability has been key to the country's economic boom over the past decade. The lira fell to another record low against the dollar on Monday, and the slide only stopped when the nation's central bank said it would hold an emergency meeting this week.

"Turkey has a geopolitical role in bridging the east and the west," said Jorge Mariscal, chief investment officer for Emerging Markets at UBS Wealth Management. "So, you don't want instability added to region that is already fairly unstable."

ARGENTINA: The nation's economy is beset by problems, including one of the world's highest inflation rates, low rates of foreign investment and an inability to tap global credit markets after a massive debt default during its 2001-2002 economic crisis. Argentina's government was forced to relax restrictions on the purchase of U.S. dollars on Friday as its foreign reserves dwindled. That move sent the currency even lower, and it now trades at eight pesos per dollar, a slump of 22 percent this year.

SOUTH AFRICA: In South Africa, a strike by tens of thousands of platinum miners for higher wages is raising the specter of violence in the streets and has pushed platinum prices lower. South Africa is the world's top producer of the metal, which is used in medical, electronic and other industries. The South African rand has dropped 5 percent against the dollar this year.

AT HOME: The Federal Reserve is this meeting week and analysts expect that policy makers will further reduce their economic stimulus by cutting the central bank's bond purchases by another $10 billion to $65 billion a month. Fed stimulus has helped underpin a rally in U.S. and global stock markets by keeping long-term interest rates extremely low. Now, as policy makers start to pull back on that stimulus, interest rates are expected to climb.

Investors are also tracking U.S. company earnings for the fourth quarter. Earnings have been "respectable, but hardly inspiring," according to Russ Koesterich, BlackRock's global chief investment strategist.

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.6°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
Old WNW swell fades; SW swell fades; New shot of WNW swell rebuilding late

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Potential modest W-WNW swell; Larger sets for standouts in the far western part of the county

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
W-WNW swell holds early then eases; Larger sets for top spots in the far western part of the county

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
WNW swell dropping out; Steep NW swell bypasses region; larger sets for standouts; keeping an eye on conditions

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 22, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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.	B	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
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+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
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.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los 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+	ns

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/Kanter 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 DBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	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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Football betting grows in Las Vegas

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS With the Super Bowl approaching, fans are talking trash, buying snacks, and, more than ever, placing bets.

Fans bet an unprecedented $99 million on the Super Bowl last year, and the Nevada gambling industry expects to break the record again Sunday, barring a snowstorm. Nevada sports books collected record amounts of football wagers during the tail end of 2013.

All of this is changing the role of the humble sports book, which casinos used to see as a low-profit perk that kept customers from going next door.

"It's not just an amenity anymore; it's not just icing on the cake, it's part of the meal," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the LVH sports book. "We've seen crowds like we've never seen before."

Professional gamblers and odds makers alike attribute the rise in wagering to the increase in televised games, and the increasing ubiquity of sports analysis.

Amateur gamblers are more likely to bet on a game they can watch, because the emotional journey is part of the fun.

The proliferation of sports podcasts, blogs and websites, as well as the debates that rage on social media, have all made fans feel more educated and confident in their opinions, according to Kornegay, who spent last week furiously working with four staffers to figure out hyper-specific data points like the number of receptions Denver running back Knowshon Moreno is likely to have.

Proposition wagers, in which gamblers bet on elements of the game aside from the final score, account for as much as 60 percent of Super Bowl bets in Nevada.

Johnny Avello, who runs the luxurious sports book at Wynn, where the chairs are made of fine leather and the carpet is thick enough to pass out on, believes the stigma is also falling away from the pastime.

Avello, who speaks with a Goodfellas-type Brooklyn accent even though he grew up in upstate New York, says this is the biggest change he's seen in the past decades.

"Even Al Michaels on (Sunday) Night Football will say, 'Wow, they covered the spread,'" he said, grinning in disbelief.

When casinos figure out how to attract fantasy sports players to the Strip, profits may soar even farther.

Some of this growth was hidden by the recession. People scale back on gambling before other discretionary spending, and the handle— the total amount of money wagered — plummeted in 2009. It was the only fiscal year of the past ten that saw a decline in sports betting.

Oddsmakers believe the previous Super Bowl record, set in 2006, would have been upended years before 2013 if not for the hard times.

Last fall, gamblers set records in September, October and November. In November, the last month for which statistics have been released, sports books handled $490 million in wagers.

On Sunday, the Super Bowl will be played outdoors at a site with cold weather for the first time, and the industry is worried that snow could throw off the handle when the Seahawks meet the Broncos, favored to win by 2.5 points, in New Jersey. Casual gamblers might be spooked, unable to predict how the weather would affect their favored team.

The surge in betting means that sports books are now expected to contribute to the bottom line.

So while casinos are throwing elaborate parties for Super Bowl weekend, selling table service and luxurious suites, don't expect to get so much as a free bottle of water at the sports book. At Wynn, a customer has to bet $150 before the book will think about giving out a drink ticket.

Books remain less profitable per square foot than table games, where the house always wins. An oddsmaker's goal is to neither win nor lose on the games, but to get equal money coming in on both sides — and clean up in commissions.

This commission, also known as the vigorish or juice, amounts to about 4.5 percent of the handle at most Strip sports books.

Don't start wringing your hands for the sports books, though. They've only lost twice on the Super Bowl in the past 20 years.

And they have another advantage. While betting is becoming more popular, the physical books are becoming smaller. That's in large part because of the demise of one sport in particular: horse racing.

In days past, racing aficionados would hang around the books and watch contests from morning till night, with new ones starting every four minutes.

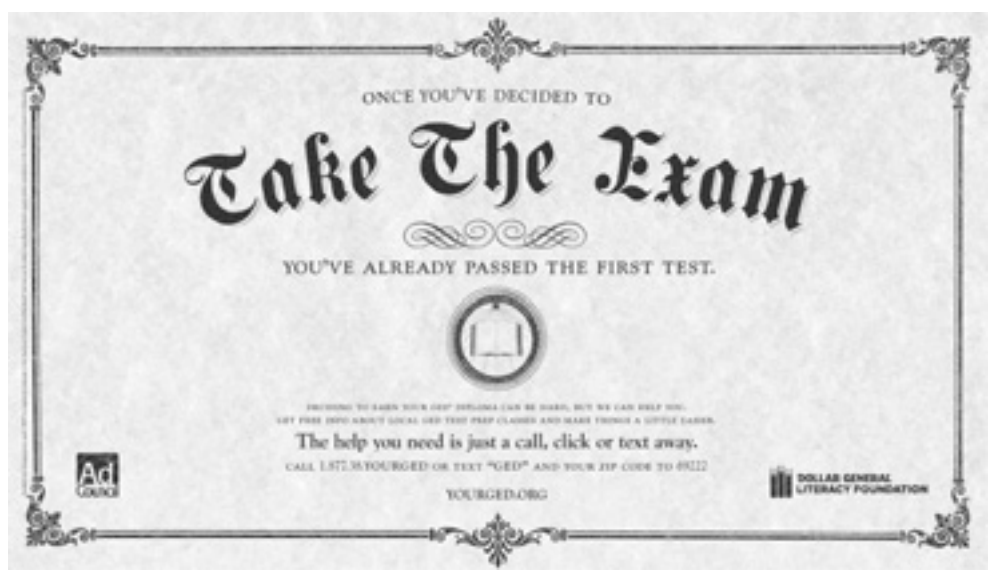
For the past decade, football has represented nearly half of the sports book handle, with most gamblers buying their tickets well ahead of the games.

"If you walk in to any sports book, 99 percent of the time the place is mostly empty," said RJ Bell of Las Vegas-based Pregame.com.

Anjelko Markobis, 22, is one of the rare young men who still like to hang out in that smoky, mahogany environment. He spent a recent afternoon at the Wynn sports book. He switched between watching a soccer game he had $100 riding on and monitoring the shifting Super Bowl line on a huge LED screen, bantering with his friends about whether he should have placed his bet when it was still at 1.5.

Markobis used to spend his free time with Blackjack, but now focuses on sports betting, placing three major bets a week.

"It's more entertaining," he said, "to watch a game than sit at a table."



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

August: Osage County (R) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Nut Job (PG)
1:45pm, 6:45pm

Nut Job in 3D ()
4:15pm, 9:30pm

Devil's Due (NR)
2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Gimme Shelter (PG-13)
1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

I, Frankenstein (PG-13)
11:10am, 4:30pm, 10:30pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (NR) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:35pm, 10:25pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

I, Frankenstein 3D (PG-13)
1:45pm, 7:10pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:00am, 2:50pm, 6:40pm, 9:40pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
12:15pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Lone Survivor (R) 2hrs 01min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Inside Llewyn Davis (R) 1hr 45min
4:30pm

Nebraska (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

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

Bolshoi Ballet: Jewels (NR) 2hrs 30min
7:30pm

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

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

Early night, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ When you realize what is going on, you might abruptly head in a different direction. You could be going through a change in your image, perhaps in the community or at your place of employment. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You will be on top of your game if you can incorporate a broader view with a better understanding of others. You could gain a new insight in the strangest, most unexpected way. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation that sounds too good to be true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner will play a strong role in today's happenings. You could be startled by what happens in a meeting and/or with this person. Know that he or she is undergoing a tremendous change and might not be as responsive as you would like. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. You will have little choice, as you clearly want to do something else. View others' demanding ways as a gift of sorts. Be more upbeat and direct in your dealings, even if an associate or family member is unpredictable. Tonight: Sort through your many offers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected pops in and out of your life. You could be in the midst of some significant alterations. You might see others' reactions toward you change as a result. You'll want to make an adjustment professionally and/or in your dietary habits. Tonight: Live it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity will allow greater give-and-take in a volatile situation. The end results will be satisfying, especially as you seem to have gained understanding. Your perspective could change radically, which might affect your decision making. Tonight: Be more childlike.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Tension could build to an unprecedented level. A personal matter needs to be a higher priority. You might like to pursue an opportunity that offers you more acknowledgment. Your sensitivity will help calm someone down. Tonight: Surprises head your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll head in the right direction regarding a decision you've made. A loved one might react in an unexpected way that could stop you in your tracks. Be more open about how you see the whole situation when you are not triggered. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Understand what is happening financially. Listen to others' feedback, but avoid taking any risks for now. Understand that you already might be taking risks and not even be aware of it. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ In face of a changing situation, your attitude remains steady. Being steadfast allows others to open up and share where they are coming from. You might have much more information than you know what to do with. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might not be ready for a big shock, but in some way, you could be responsible for that reaction. You will understand more by detaching. Make it a point to say little until you have a more complete picture. Tonight: Early to bed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want and why you want it. Be more sensitive to someone else's needs as well. A question could provoke an overreaction. Use as much care as possible when dealing with your finances. No risk-taking, please. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

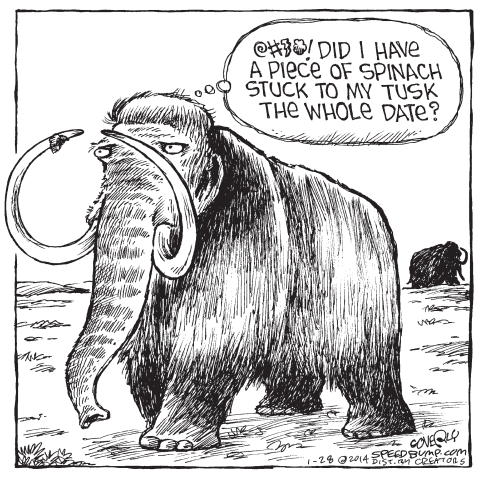
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you spend more time alone than you ever would have anticipated. You might get bored or dislike being by yourself, but these periods will be essential to your growth. Some of you will pursue a more spiritual path and get involved in New Age studies. Others will choose to participate in volunteer work of some kind. If you are single, you will meet more than one person in your daily travels whom you would like to get to know better. Don't commit, unless you are 100 percent sure. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from time away together. You will value these special times. CAPRICORN can be a burden at times.

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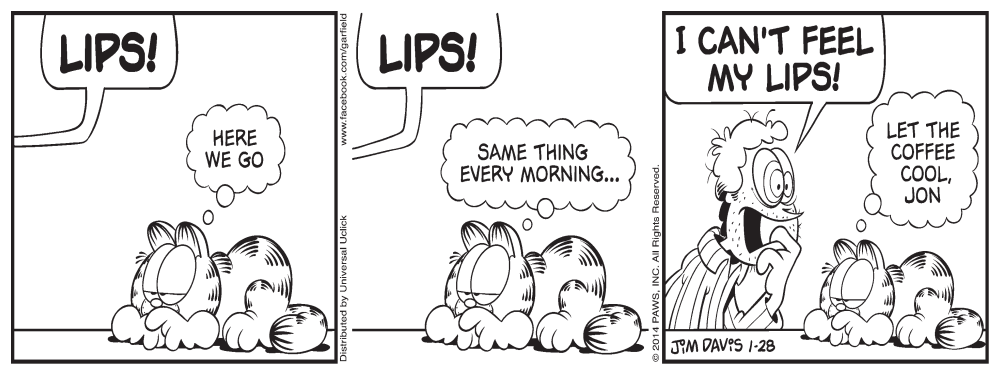
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

2					6	1		
1				9	2		8	
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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

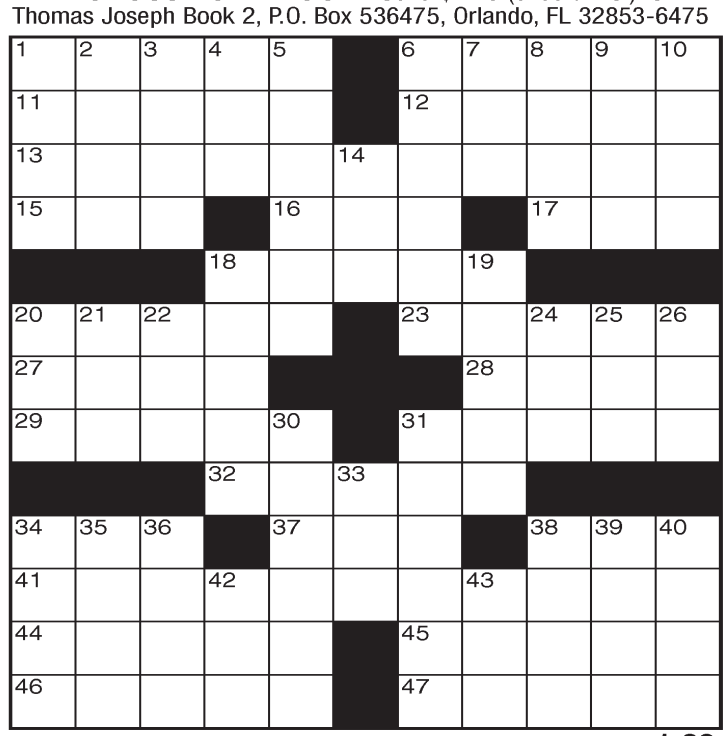
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1 Strong winds
6 Explain away
11 Left, at sea
12 Make blank
13 2003-04 NBA Rookie of the Year
15 Chopping tool
16 "The Raven" writer
17 Gallery fill
18 Colorful songbird
20 Let in
23 Return to base
27 Cajole
28 Fibula or femur
29 Concluded
31 Climber's spike
32 Number part
34 That lady
37 Junior, to senior
38 Owns
41 2007-08 NBA Rookie of the Year
44 Dancer Castle
45 Winter coat
46 Cartoon pig
47 Malign

DOWN
1 Fancy do
2 Pinnacle
3 Earring site
4 Mess up
5 "Cut that out!"
6 Turn down
7 Memorable period
8 Crimson Tide, for short
9 Manual reader
10 Final, for one
14 Sine qua —
18 Repaired
19 Custom
20 Tennis feat
21 Oxford VIP
22 Fuming
24 Understood
25 One, for Juan
26 Signing need
30 Noted name in animation
31 Locker art
33 Mercury or Mars
34 Pass over
35 Valiant one
36 Continually
38 Long-eared runner
39 "Diana" singer
40 Walk of Fame symbol
42 Squid's squirt
43 Lamb's dad

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/25
8 12 18 55 57
Power#: 2
Jackpot: $171M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/24
24 45 46 47 65
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $71M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/25
5 7 13 38 43
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: $14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/26
28 30 31 32 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/26
MIDDAY: 1 2 2
EVENING: 7 7 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/26
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:40.21

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The mother and other relatives of William Medina, 24, said they felt hurt by the public's comments suggesting that Medina and his partner in the November Reading, Pa., armed robbery were "thugs." William was a "family man" -- "no big hard criminal," his mother said. The two robbers, armed and wearing masks, were gunned down by a Krick's Korner customer who said he feared the worst when he saw the robbers leading a store employee at gunpoint into a back room. A Medina cousin said he deplored people's taking the law into their own hands.

■ Celebrity Ironies: (1) In December, a California appeals court endorsed actor Tippi Hedren's victory suing the lawyer who had earlier failed to win compensation for her from a 2006 studio accident. In Hedren's most famous movie role, she was attacked by birds in Alfred Hitchcock's iconic film, and in 2006 had been clobbered by falling scenery caused by birds nesting in an attic over a stage. (2) A man who won a Hollywood raffle to watch the finale of "Breaking Bad" with cast members was arrested in Fort Myers, Fla., in January and faces his own intent-to-sell drug charges. Two weeks earlier, unrelated to the show or the raffle, a man with the same name as the show's protagonist (Walter White) was sentenced in Billings, Mont., to 12 years in prison on drug charges.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1909 - United States troops leave Cuba with the exception of Guantanamo Bay Naval Base after being there since the Spanish-American War.

1915 - An act of the U.S. Congress creates the United States Coast Guard as a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

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Condo - Santa Monica
Minimum 2 + 1.75 - Dead On Ocean Views
$1,000,000 - $4,250,000

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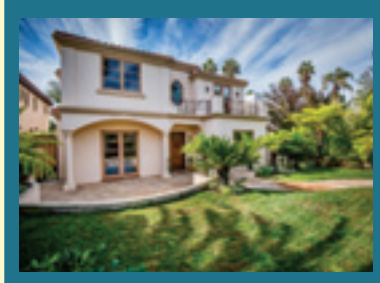
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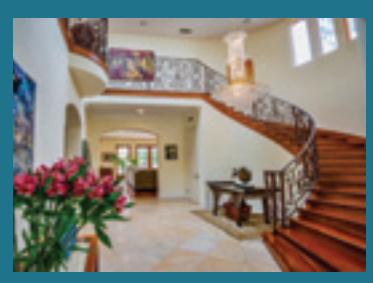
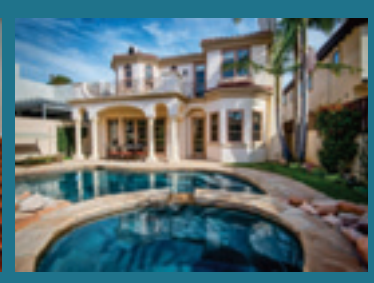
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