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THE ELECTION FEVER ISSUE

School board member enters State Senate race

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

WESTSIDE This year's political races are heating up for Santa Monicans.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education member Ben Allen announced his candidacy for State Senate Monday.

Rep Henry Waxman's (D-Santa Monica) announcement last month that he would retire at the end of his 20th term tripped a political chain reaction that, among other things, drew current State Sen. Ted Lieu (D-Santa Monica) into a race to fill his seat.

Allen had initially told the Daily Press that Waxman's seat would be of interest to him but Monday he announced his intentions to fill Lieu's seat.

He enters the race with two significant endorsements: County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and State Sen. Fran Pavley.

Yaroslavsky, who is termed out this year, has known Allen for more than 20 years, he said in a statement.

"He has selflessly devoted himself to our community," Yaroslavsky said. "He has the vision, experi-



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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

MOVING: Led by Sweat Spot Dance Space instructor Noel Bajanda (center), locals take part in a flash mob during the Santa Monica Festival.

Furniture and Santa Monica Festival funding before council

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.

CITY HALL City Council will consider spending $1.47 million in this week's consent agenda, with several of the items lasting beyond this fiscal year.

Furniture, a flaming truck simulator, the Santa Monica Festival and a color copy machine are the big ticket items.

FURNITURE

City Hall is taking a trip to Ikea. Not really, but they do need new furniture and it's going to cost $620,000 over the next three years.

Thanks to office modernizations, moves, staffing changes, and wear-and-tear, city officials expect they'll need a bunch of new workstations, mostly in the Public Works, City Manager, Planning, and Finance offices. Western Office Interiors will likely get the bid, which will include three years of work.

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Chefs plead guilty to serving whale meat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Two chefs have pleaded guilty to serving whale meat at a Southern California restaurant that has since closed.

City News Service reports Kiyoshiro Yamamoto and Susumu Ueda entered pleas Monday to conspiracy and other charges involving meat from endangered sei whales. Each faces up to three years in federal prison, along with fines and community service.

Prosecutors say the chefs got the meat in 2009 from a fish importer in Gardena who wrote a false invoice describing it as fatty tuna.

The chefs served it as whale sushi to activists posing as customers at The Hump restaurant in Santa Monica.

The restaurant closed in 2010, but its parent company, Typhoon Restaurant Inc., still faces federal charges.

The importer pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge earlier.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014

Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
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.

Fat Tuesdays
Coast Restaurant
1 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Mardi Gras is parading to Santa Monica. Join Coast each Tuesday through March 4 for a special $29 three-course Fat Tuesday menu featuring oysters Rockefeller, andouille and chicken jambalaya and butterscotch pudding. For more information, call (310) 458-0030.

Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will consider a new bike route near Santa Monica High School. The council will also consider funding for the annual Santa Monica Festival. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Now playing
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m.
Join the library for a screening of "Kramer vs. Kramer," a film about a man who must abandon his neglectful ways when his wife leaves him and sues him for custody of their son. Starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep. Discussion with Elaina Archer, documentary film producer, to follow program. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Money for New Roads
M.i. Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m.
Some of L.A.'s top comics come out to raise money for New Roads School. New Roads School is a fully accredited independent K-12 school founded as a model for education in a culturally and economically diverse community. Tickets are $20 and net proceeds benefit the school.
For more information,
call (310) 451-0850.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014

Get your body right
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
Join the library to learn how to retrain both body and brain as we age. Local physical therapists, Mary McGregor and Rhea Deal, take you through the steps to increase balance and prevent falls. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Planning the future
City Hall
1685 Main St., 6 p.m.
The Planning Commission will discuss the Draft Zone Ordinance, which will guide development in the city for the future. The commission will also look into medical marijuana dispensaries in Santa Monica. For more information, visit smgov.net.

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.

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Storm brings snow, rain to California

SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. Sierra ski resorts and drought-stricken farmers are rejoicing after a weekend storm dumped up to 5 feet of snow on top of the mountains and brought near-record rainfall to Lake Tahoe.

A winter storm warning expired Monday morning at Tahoe, where Incline Village schools were delayed by two hours.

The level of Lake Tahoe had risen an estimated 4 inches by Sunday — a total of 13.7 billion gallons of water, or enough to cover 65 square miles a foot deep, the National Weather Service said. The 4.4 inches of rain at Tahoe City, Calif., was the ninth biggest 24-hour total on record.

Weather service meteorologist Dawn Johnson said elevations above 8,000 feet got 3 to 5 feet of snow, with 2 to 3 feet in areas between 7,000 and 8,000 feet.

It allowed area ski resorts to greatly expand the number of chairlifts and runs open in the days leading up to the President's Day holiday weekend, typically one of the region's busiest.

"It's phenomenal," said Rachel Woods, spokeswoman for Northstar California Resort near Truckee, Calif.

"We've been prepared because we have some of the West Coast's biggest snow-making systems, but it's wonderful timing to get this helping hand from Mother Nature," she told The Associated Press on Monday. "You can see the excitement in guests' eyes with the natural snowfall — skiers and boarders with ear-to-ear grins."

The snowfall was so heavy that avalanche concerns on Sunday forced the closure of some resorts, including Squaw Valley, where more than 5 feet fell on the upper mountain, and caused morning delays at others, including Heavenly and Kirkwood.

"It really was a combination of wind and avalanche safety and just digging out the chairlifts," said Liesl Kenney, a spokeswoman at Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

"We got so much snow and so much heavy snow, it takes a long time for staff to get to the right places," she said, "which is always a good problem to have."

Kip Johnson was among the skiers eager to get going Monday at the Mount Rose ski resort on the edge of Reno.

"You know we have been waiting for this for a long time," he told KRNV-TV. "The snow is a little bit heavier than we like just for our first day of skiing, but you know what? It is what we needed ... this heavy glob that just sticks."

The weekend blast was the first significant storm to hit Northern California in 14 months. It brought more than 2 inches of rain to Carson City and about a half-inch to Reno. But experts cautioned it would take

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TV comedian behind 'Dumb Starbucks'

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It was a caffeine-charged Hollywood whodunit: Just whose bright idea was the "Dumb Starbucks" coffee shop that popped up and started serving free drinks from the corner of an otherwise uncelebrated strip mall?

After several days of speculation, the big reveal came Monday: The buzz-generating shop was a comedian's publicity stunt.

Keeping a straight face, Canadian comic Nathan Fielder told a crowd he was pursuing the "American dream" — before acknowledging that he planned to use the bit on his Comedy Central show "Nathan For You."

Earlier in the day, and for much of the weekend, a line from the store wound alongside the parking lot and up the block. Some patrons snapped pictures in front of a green awning and mermaid logo that is familiar —

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GET THE BALL

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Jack Cain (right) collides with Mary Star's Steve Mendez on Monday. St. Monica went on to win, 5-2, improving to 8-0-1 in league and 11-5-1 overall.



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Safe routes now

Editor:

Santa Monica Spoke is excited to support the conceptual designs presented for the Samohi Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project. These improvements will improve all modes of circulation around Samohi and create a safer environment, encourage and prioritize healthy active transportation and help build on the leadership and momentum of the Solar Alliance Students and Bike it! Walk it! We were please to participate in the process with city planners and consultants who worked closely with stakeholders to envision this plan. We urge to approve the staff recommendations and proceed to complete construction drawings and release bids for construction for the Michigan Avenue/Seventh Street portion of the project.

In order to create safer conditions for kids to get to and from school we first identified the many conflicts and obstacles of the current conditions at Samohi in traffic circulation and personal safety of students. The plan proposes many improvements in multi-modal circulation and infrastructure to encourage and prioritize walking, biking and public transit while improving vehicle circulation. Currently, the majority of students at Samohi are dropped off and picked up from school by their parents. Statistics suggest these trips are generating 3,000-6,000 vehicles per day (VPD) around Samohi and creating huge health, safety and traffic burdens as well as contributing to the larger city-wide issues of gridlock. The residents on Michigan Avenue and Seventh Street endure heavy traffic burdens that spill over west of Lincoln onto Michigan Avenue that sees nearly 4,300 VPD through to 11th. This creates chaos and safety concerns for residents and kids with added safety issues for the kids actively transporting themselves walking and biking. Without the students who carpool, bus, walk or bike, the situation here would certainly be even more untenable. With this SRTS project we can improve vehicle circulation and help prioritize these active kids with improved safety and infrastructure. With this project we will help encourage more students to choose active, healthier, more sustainable transportation modes and help mitigate the health, safety and traffic problems.

Currently, the closest thing to "bike friendly" access to Samohi is along Michigan Avenue east of Lincoln. But Michigan Avenue carries many of the hundreds and thousands of parents driving kids to school as well as cut-through traffic accessing the freeway. The Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway (MANGo) supports SRTS at Samohi and can help improve the safety of students walking and biking through improved safety along Michigan Avenue west of Lincoln. By calming traffic on MANGo with ambitious traffic reduction goals we will help provide a safe link from Samohi to bike lanes on 11th, 14th and 17th streets and safer conditions for kids walking. The SRTS plan also identifies needs for improvements on Fourth Street, Olympic Boulevard and Seventh Court that can be supported by the MANGo project. Outlined in MANGo on this corridor are wider sidewalks and a cycle track that will improve both pedestrian and bike safety and connections to Expo Light Rail, the Civic Center, Downtown and the beach. We urge your support in prioritizing these sections of the MANGo project for early implementation. These and other aspects of the SRTS project also build on the synergy of the city's Bike Action Plan by connecting the bike network from south of Samohi and Pico via Sixth Street and Michigan Avenue and Seventh Street to MANGo. As we provide for SRTS to Samohi from the south we connect the bike network from Pico to the proposed MANGo and fill in a challenging hole in the current bike network with safe, easy access.

The concepts in this plan on Michigan Avenue, Seventh Street and Pico Boulevard will not only provide improved safety and encouragement for current and future generations of students walking, biking or taking the bus to school but help mitigate the traffic congestion, improve vehicle circulation, health and safety issues. These proposed improvements are better for kids, parents, Samohi teachers and staff, nearby residents and the community. We urge you to approve the staff recommendation and support the exemplary student leadership of the Solar Alliance and the Bike it! Walk it! momentum they have built by providing our kids with the needed improvements to support healthy, active transportation and the ability to envision a more sustainable future.

Cynthia Rose
Director, Santa Monica Spoke

Your column here

By Oscar de la Torre

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Respect resident input on MANGo project

YOUR ARTICLE TITLED "COUNCIL considers new major bike route," (Feb. 10, page 1) is partial and does not represent the full story on the proposed MANGo project. To be clear, the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA) voted to support MANGo when we were assured by the city staff that there would be no loss of parking and no barricades/diverters would be used. We want to see improvements to Michigan Avenue that will make it safe, clean, beautiful and green. We support street improvements on Michigan Avenue that will benefit bicyclists, pedestrians and will increase safety for Samohi students. The main issue that was left out of the article was the city staff's role in circumventing the input of residents that would be directly impacted by the barricade/diverter that would encapsulate residents living west of 11th Street. This is another example of City Hall pushing a contrary agenda while refusing to be inclusive of resident input.

According to the 2011 staff report, Michigan Avenue will be transformed from a residential street into a "superior connection for bicycles to get to the Bergamot Centers, Exposition Light Rail stations to Downtown Santa Monica." There is a clear connection between the Hines development and MANGo. In 2011, the city received a $154,000 Caltrans "Environmental Justice" grant. In the grant application, the city promised to engage low-income and minority residents in the planning of a vision to create a Michigan Avenue Bike Boulevard. However, the initial outreach process for the MANGo ignored Spanish speaking residents in the Pico Neighborhood contrary to the terms of the contract. During the outreach phase for the workshops and the pop up, none of the materials were done in Spanish. This excluded a large number of our diverse residents in the public process. City staff stated that they satisfied the promises made in the grant by having a person walking around during the MANGo pop up event with a button on their shirt that read "preguntame" — ask me. He also stated that the city of Santa Monica had no plans or resources to rectify this issue with additional workshops or outreach. This is not only ineffective; it also gives the community the sense that their demographic profile is being "used" to attain funds for a vision of their neighborhood that does not include them.

The pop up MANGo event, while entertaining and colorful, failed to objectively gather input on the proposed project from Pico Neighborhood residents. After the pop up event in September 2013, the PNA determined that community input gathered on post-its and little scraps of paper at these events and workshops was inadequate and did not legitimately survey or address the concerns of local residents. We asked the City Manager's Office to conduct a survey in order to assess the impact of major changes to street accessibility and the impact to the local residents. This request was denied and the PNA board voted to move forward with a bi-lingual survey in order to gather legitimate community input from residents, particularly in the areas most directly impacted by the proposed MANGo.

150 residents (90 English speaking; 60 Spanish speaking) were asked for their opinions on various aspects of the MANGo. Over 95 percent of those surveyed rejected traffic diverters and barricades on 11th Street at Michigan and Lincoln Court at Michigan. Following the completion of the survey, the PNA board endorsed the MANGo survey results and sent a letter to city staff endorsing the MANGo as a whole, with the exception of the traffic diverters. We were assured by city staff that traffic diverters, barricades and chicanes were "off the table," and thus we were quite shocked to see in the "Draft Improvements Map" presented on Jan. 7, 2014, a "Potential for Future Traffic Diverter" on 11th and Michigan and chicanes on several neighborhood streets.

Much like the Hines and A-lot controversy we should all be concerned with the city staff's practice of pitting residents against each other to advance an already pre-determined plan, ignoring objective resident input and using deceit in dealing with resident leaders. The City Council must rein in what seems to be a city staff that is increasingly out of touch with residents and adamant in pushing their own agenda resorting to disingenuous tactics to suppress resident input. This is endemic of what is wrong with the relationship between residents and City Hall and why residents are going to extreme measures such as referendums to have their voices heard. The city staff should be working to facilitate the implementation of a vision derived from the residents who call Santa Monica home. Furthermore, the PNA welcomes the majority of the MANGo project as an opportunity for the city of Santa Monica to reverse the historic dumping of hurtful development in the Pico Neighborhood.

Will anyone at City Hall hear our plea?

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Broadcast yourself

WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF TREMENDOUS opportunity. Many of us on a regular basis are using the power of Facebook, the influence of Twitter and the pull of Instagram to share either the truth of our lives or a fictionalized version of it to make our high school friends jealous.

About once a week I post a picture on some social media of the Santa Monica Pier, or my dog lounging poolside at the Loews Hotel after he's been french fry hunting on the Boardwalk, partly because I love the picture, and partly to make my friends in Minnesota jealous.

But social media can be used for much more important and valuable purposes. It can be used to reach a wider population. A global population, almost.

I know this because I've begun to share my message of father's rights through the production of both a YouTube channel for the MensFamilyLaw.com website and a podcast called Men's Family Law. I've had men from Australia and South Africa contact me in response to my videos.

The two methods of media productions are similar in subject but different in content and form. In my YouTube.com/MensFamilyLaw videos I explain some point of the law as it relates to men in family court in two to three minutes. I've had a ton of fun learning to be on camera, shooting the video, editing it, and then uploading and prepping it for maximum SEO. The whole process is not an easy one, but it's been extremely satisfying and the results are starting to show. I've had over 300 views of my videos in the month of January alone.

The Men's Family Law podcast is similar to a long form radio show with segments that are devoted to topics more likely to be heard on talk radio. I explain some aspect of the law or a strategy that men need to be aware of but in a more freeform, radio disc jockey style.

Having my own podcast allows me to comment on recent cases in the news. For example, the one with actor Tyrese Gibson (from "Fast and Furious" fame) whose ex is accusing him of being a bad dad because he's traveling throughout the Middle East making money and partying with celebrities. Of course she still wants the child support he's paying her with the money he's earning from those tours. In my podcast I get to explain and explore the hypocrisy of her statements in more explicit language (and no, I don't represent him.)

My enjoyment with the video process has expanded into podcasting, which is really just 21st century citizen radio.

I use a lot of equipment to make the videos and the podcasts, and some of them are remarkably commonplace. My phone for example, I use it to record segments for my shows. It has the ability to do both video and audio and has an amazing built-in microphone. I was using an iPhone 4, which in technology terms is almost as bad as a hammer and chisel on stone tablets.

So I had to upgrade my iPhone at the AT&T store on Lincoln and Wilshire. We've all been through the painful process of trying to figure out which program is the "right" program for us based on our usage history, and then there's the way they hook you into a new contract with a tremendous discount on the newest phones.

AT&T has this new program where you pay monthly for your new phone, and after you've made 12 payments, you can upgrade to the newest version of the phone, if you renew the contract blah blah blah. The salesman was quite nice and low pressure in explaining it to me, his name was Zarar and when I said I was going to go away and think about it, he didn't do that used car salesman thing and try to pull me back. I really appreciated that.

So after a couple hours of spreadsheet games trying to figure out which program I wanted, and how much it was really going to cost me over the course of the next 20 or 32 months, I came to the realization that all AT&T has done is manage to create a way to have me sign a 32-month contract versus a 24-month contract. That's important I assume for their own marketing numbers and stock market valuations as the number and length of customer contracts would be an asset.

In any case the good news for those of us who want to make their own YouTube channel or podcast, is that production quality is going up, as production time is going down. It's the nature of the technological age we live in, information is getting easier and easier to access.

Plus, it's just plain fun to produce your own show.

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The Q Line

Vote it down?

The City Council last week approved the controversial Bergamot Transit Village despite considerable opposition from a number of local residents. There is now a movement afoot to create a referendum to give the public a chance to vote the project down.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you vote to nix the development and why?

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California expands health exchange call centers

SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. The executive director of California's health insurance exchange said Monday that he is hiring 400 call-center workers, many in Fresno, with the goal of alleviating telephone backlogs that have frustrated those applying for health care.

Peter Lee, executive director of Covered California, formally announced the staffing increase in a visit to a Fresno call center, where 250 new employees began training on their first day of work. He expects the extra help to bring down the average wait time of 51 minutes and better serve speakers of Spanish and other languages. In the coming weeks, Lee said the exchange will hire another 150 people and start training them.

This staffing boost — increasing workers by about 50 percent — comes in answer to barriers causing frustration and potentially preventing people from enrolling. Californians need to continue signing up to make the state's health exchange viable.

Lee acknowledged that there have been problems.

"We've heard their complaints. We've heard their concerns," Lee said. "We've stepped up to say we're going to make it right."

Covered California is the state's health insurance exchange under the federal Affordable Care Act. Since it was launched last fall, 625,000 Californians have signed up. Open enrollment ends March 31, which Lee expects to be a busy month as residents are reminded that if they fail to get covered, they will be fined.

The increased customer service from Covered California also means more call-center workers in Rancho Cordova and Contra Costa County. The exchange will add phone lines, make the website easier to use and create an option to get help through online chat. An automated phone system will answer commonly asked questions callers have without requiring them to wait, Lee said.

Lee couldn't immediately say how much the new employees will cost, but he said their salaries will come from $155 million in extra funding the federal government gave California. After the grant money is gone, Covered California by law is supposed to run on a premium added to customer costs, which Lee said currently equal 4 percent.

Lee said his aides weeks ago recognized that they needed more help for uninsured residents trying to enroll, and they started planning for the fixes that became apparent Monday.

"The fact people are starting (work) today doesn't mean we started today," he said.

Republican state Sen. Ted Gaines, who recently called for an investigation into spending by Covered California, said he's alarmed by a $78 million deficit anticipated in the next fiscal year at the government-operated exchange. Gaines said he prefers having millions of dollars directed to the thousands of private insurance agents rather than into creating a huge government bureaucracy.

"The challenge is: Where's the money going to come from?" he said in a phone interview.

Lee said an ebb and flow of money to the exchange is built into a multiyear plan. The state exchange is putting money collected from the 4 percent premium into the bank to cover future years, when the exchange is expected to spend more than it collects and doesn't have the federal backing. Through this careful budget planning, the exchange will remain solvent, he said.

"Covered California has no deficits we're facing," Lee said. "I want to be clear."





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Judges give California two years to cut prison crowding

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Federal judges on Monday gave California two more years to meet a court-ordered prison population cap, the latest step in a long-running lawsuit aimed at improving inmate medical care.

In doing so, the judges said they would appoint a compliance officer who will release inmates early if the state fails to meet interim benchmarks or the final goal.

The order from the three-judge panel delayed an April deadline to reduce the prison population to about 112,000 inmates. California remains more than 5,000 inmates over a limit set by the courts, even though the state has built more prison space and used some private cells.

"It is even more important now for defendants to take effective action that will provide a long-term solution to prison overcrowding, as, without further action, the prison population is projected to continue to increase and health conditions are likely to continue to worsen," the judges said in a five-page opinion scolding the state for more than four years of delay.

California has reduced its prison population by about 25,000 inmates during the past two years, primarily through a law that sends lower-level offenders to county jails instead of state prisons. It also has spent billions of dollars on new medical facilities and staff, including opening an $839 million prison medical facility in Stockton last fall.

Yet in its latest ruling, the special panel of judges tasked with considering the legal battle involving overcrowding said the state has continually failed to implement any of the other measures approved by the panel and the Supreme Court that would have safely reduced the prison population and alleviated unconstitutional conditions involving medical and mental health care.

The judges said the delays have cost taxpayers money while causing inmates to needlessly suffer.

However, immediately enforcing the population cap would simply prompt the state to move thousands more inmates to private prisons in other states without solving the long-term crowding problem, the judges said.

Given that choice, they adopted a proposal outlined by Gov. Jerry Brown's administration that it can reach the population cap by the end of February 2016 through steps that include expanding a Stockton medical facility to house about 1,100 mentally ill inmates and freeing more than 2,000 inmates who are elderly, medically incapacitated, or who become eligible for parole because of accelerated good-time credits.

The judges said the state also has agreed to consider more population-reduction reforms in the next two years, including the possible establishment of a commission to recommend reforms of penal and sentencing laws.

Brown said the ruling was encouraging.

"The state now has the time and resources necessary to help inmates become productive members of society and make our communities safer," he said in a statement.

Brown's administration said the alternative would have been to spend up to $20 million during the fiscal year that ends June 30 and up to $50 million next fiscal year to lease enough additional cells to meet the court order.

With the delay, Brown said the state can spend $81 million next fiscal year for rehabilitation programs that would otherwise be spent to house inmates.

Inmates' attorneys had wanted the judges to require the state to meet the population cap by May.

"We're very disappointed," said Don Specter, director of the nonprofit Prison Law Office that represented inmates in the crowding lawsuit. "We believe that there are substantial constitutional violations continuing right now, which result in prisoners suffering and dying because of prison overcrowding."

The inmates' attorneys could consider appealing the latest order, he said.

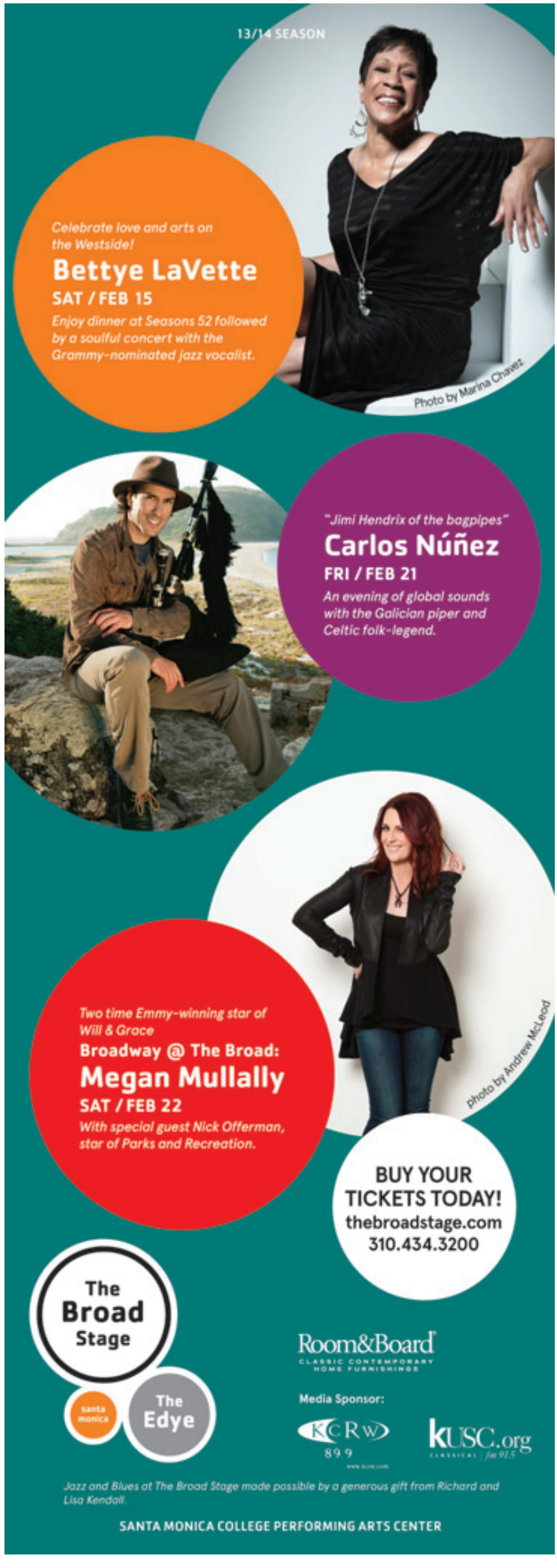
Specter and Michael Bien, a lawyer representing mentally ill inmates, said they are pleased the judges will appoint a compliance officer to police the population reduction targets. If the state fails to meet the interim or final caps, the officer will release inmates based on their risk to public safety and other factors.

"There's not going to be any more excuses or delays if in fact the state does not meet one of these new benchmarks," Bien said.

The rulings on prison crowding stem from a pair of lawsuits in which federal judges ruled that the state was providing substandard treatment to mentally and physically ill inmates.

The lower court's authority was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2011, and in October the high court declined to consider a new appeal by the governor.

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Council will likely approve the lease of a color copy machine for the next five years at a cost of $346,020. In 1996, council granted City Hall its first color printer. City Hall's print shop makes more than a million copies a years. Nearly 80 percent of those are color copies made on two machines. The lease on one of those machines is up and City Hall wants to replace it with a newer, more cost-efficient copier. Xerox will likely get the five-year bid, which includes maintenance.

SANTA MONICA FESTIVAL

In the 20th year since it moved to Clover Park, the Santa Monica Festival will likely get $100,000 for this year and another $100,000 for next year.

The festival started on the Santa Monica Pier in 1991 and moved to Clover Park in 1994. Community Arts Resources, producers of Chinatown Summer Nights and the Getty Museum Family Festival, will likely get the bid to organize the event.

The festival includes visual arts, workshops, food, and family activities. Pending future council approval, the company could get another $100,000 to put on the festival for each of the three following years.

HAZMAT TANKER TRAINING

The Santa Monica Fire Department needs a new mobile hazardous material tanker fire training system at a cost of $250,092. The quarter million dollars in funding will come from a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant. It's a replica of a HAZMAT tanker, which allows first responders to train as if a tanker is on fire. The purchase will make Santa Monica a satellite-training site. Fireblast Global will likely get the bid.

ZONING ORDINANCE

The Zoning Ordinance still isn't updated yet and City Hall needs another $20,000 for consulting. Thus far, consultant Dyett & Bhatia has been paid $1,733,470.

The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the updated ordinance and it's taking a little longer than expected. After the commission is done with it, council will take a crack at it later this year.

The additional cash would go toward tracking public comment, producing and revising maps, and revisions made before the matter goes before council. One senior member of the company would attend five planning commission or council meetings.

TRAFFIC STUDY

A traffic study of Berkeley Street is going to cost another $30,000. In 2012, council gave Stantec Consulting $60,000 to complete a study of the street between Stanford Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

The work is 90 percent complete and with the extra cash Stantec would design recommended improvements, including two median islands, a "traffic calming circle" at the intersection of Lipton Avenue, and the realignment of the intersections with Stanford Street.

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ALLEN
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ence, intelligence and temperament to represent us."

Pavley lauded Allen as a "pragmatic problem solver."

"His passion for education, demonstrated by his years of service on a school board and in his teaching at UCLA School of Law, will be a valuable asset for our legislature," she said.

Allen was elected as the top vote-getter in the 2008 and 2012 school board elections.

"Of course, remember, that half of the state's budget is in education," Allen told the Daily Press. "It's an enormously important part of the state's work so all of my education work, both on the school board and teaching, is very relevant to working at the state level."

Sandra Fluke, who made national news for her testimony in front of Congress pushing for employer-provided health insurance to include birth control, announced last week that she also plans to run for the seat.

Allen told the Daily Press that he, like Lieu, supports City Hall's lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration over the future of the Santa Monica Airport.

"I'm excited that they feel there's some good momentum," he said.

Allen was born and raised in Santa Monica and went to public schools in the area.

In expanding beyond education policy, Allen is interested in, among other things, the environment and job creation.

"I grew up swimming in the Santa Monica Bay and hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains, so preserving and protecting the bay and the mountains are very meaningful to me," he said.

As a law student at UC Berkeley, Allen was a student member of the UC Board of Regents where, he said, he pushed through a major sustainability measure.

Allen is an attorney with the law firm Richardson & Patel LLP and a lecturer at UCLA Law School.

"Certainly education has been at the heart of my work," he told the Daily Press. "And there's a lot of experiences that I've had that I can build off of as I'm working with various issues relating to the state."

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weeks of similar storms to end the region's immediate drought worries.

At the end of last month, snow water content was only 12 percent of normal in the central Sierra and 5 percent of normal in the northern Sierra, according to the California Department of Water Resources. The Lake Tahoe Basin's snowpack was measured at 19 percent of normal, while the Truckee River Basin's snowpack was 11 percent.

Precipitation is still lagging about half behind the normal at Reno-Tahoe International Airport, where .6 inches has been reported since Jan. 1 compared with the average 1.33. Only 1.56 inches has been recorded since Oct. 1, compared to the normal 3.69, the weather service said.

"While it certainly isn't going to take us out of the drought, we couldn't have asked for a better storm," NWS meteorologist Scott McGuire said.

DUMB
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except that the word "Dumb" is prominently featured.

They weren't coming for gourmet fare: Their descriptions of the coffee ranged from "horrible" to "bitter," and one parent said his daughter complained that the hot chocolate was like water.

Instead, they were just coming to say they came, and to score a white paper cup with a sticker bearing the curious logo.

"It was a pretty dumb idea to come out in the cold" and wait for nearly two hours to get a coffee, joked Anthony Solis, who lives in nearby Hollywood.

Dumb Starbucks opened Friday, and the interest it generated grew over the weekend with a boost from posts on Twitter and Facebook.

Before the rush of the past few days, production crews came to the location several times to film, according to permits taken out with Film LA, a private nonprofit that issues the licenses. The permits were billed to Abso Lutely Productions, which has produced Fielder's show.

Once opened, Dumb Starbucks caught the attention of the real Starbucks.

"While we appreciate the humor, they cannot use our name, which is a protected trademark," Laurel Harper, a spokeswoman for Seattle-based Starbucks Corp., said in an email.

She added that most trademark disputes are handled informally, suggesting the company might not need to take legal action.

At the front counter, a sheet of frequently asked questions said the store was shielded by "parody law."

"By adding the word 'dumb,' we are technically 'making fun' of Starbucks, which allows us to use their trademarks under a law known as 'fair use,'" the sheet said.

It continued: "In the eyes of the law, our 'coffee shop' is actually an art gallery and the 'coffee' you're buying is considered art. But that's for our lawyers to worry about."

One law professor suggested Dumb Starbucks needed to sharpen its legal theory.

"Fair use" can protect parodies of copyright material, but a trademark such as the logo has different protections that Dumb Starbucks may well be violating, said Mark McKenna, a trademark law expert at the University of Notre Dame.

Fielder, the comedian, said Monday that he didn't need Starbucks' permission and he was glad the company had not pursued a "case they know they can't win."

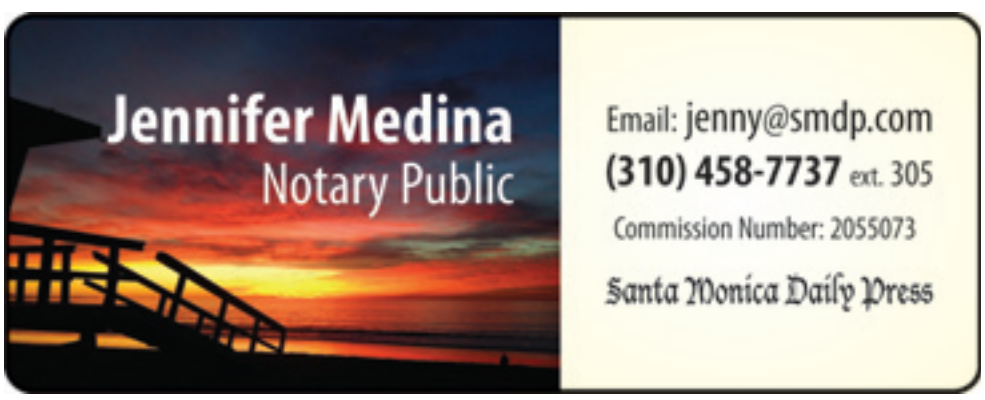
Soon thereafter, he said city health inspectors had arrived and told his staff that they had to stop serving drinks.















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U.S. stocks end slightly higher in quiet trading

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK The stock market ended up more or less where it began Monday in a quiet day for investors who had little economic data or company earnings to react to.

Analysts said the market is likely to remain in a holding pattern until traders hear from Janet Yellen in her first testimony before Congress since becoming head of the Federal Reserve.

After spending most of the day lower, the Dow Jones Industrial average turned slightly higher in late trading and closed up 7.71 points, or 0.1 percent, at 15,801.79.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.82 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,799.84 and the Nasdaq composite rose 22.31 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,148.17.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq was pushed higher by Apple, which rose $9.31, or 2 percent, to $528.99. Apple rose after the activist investor Carl Icahn said he has dropped his shareholder proposal to force Apple to increase its stock buybacks. Apple recently disclosed it had bought $14 billion of its own stock.

Yellen, who started her term as head of the central bank this month, is scheduled to testify before Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday. Yellen's comments will be closely watched, especially after recent disappointing economic news and the Fed's decision to further reduce on its monthly bond purchases.

Despite recent volatility in the market, investors believe that Yellen will likely continue her predecessor's plan to continue winding down the Fed's economic stimulus program. Last week, the Fed cut its bond purchases to $65 billion a month.

"We should expect more volatility as the Fed transitions away from its (economic stimulus plan)," said Doug Cote, chief investment strategist at ING Investment Management.

Investors got a respite from a recent deluge of earnings and economic reports. Wall Street remains in the middle of earnings season, when the bulk of the nation's publicly traded companies report their quarterly results. Only two out of the 55 companies announcing this week reported their results Monday: the toy maker Hasbro and the industrial conglomerate Loews Corp.

Hasbro rose $2.27, or 5 percent, to $52.36. Hasbro's said its fourth-quarter profits fell from a year ago, due to a slow holiday season, but it also boosted its dividend and issued a bright outlook for 2014.

Loews, which owns a variety of businesses including insurance, oil drilling and hotels and resorts, fell $1.92, or 4 percent, to $43.26. The company reported a loss of 51 cents a share, due to some one-time charges tied to its ownership of insurance company CNA Financial.

So far this quarter, 344 members of the S&P 500 index have reported their results. While the earnings results have been solid — up 8.1 percent from a year ago, according to FactSet — many companies have been lowering their forecasts for 2014. Fifty-seven companies have cut their forecasts for 2014, while only 14 have raised them, according to Factset.

"The guidance for the upcoming quarters has not been good at all," said Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist with S&P Capital IQ.

Stocks are also coming off of a strong finish last week.

The Dow rose 188 points on Thursday and 166 points on Friday. The market rallied Friday despite a government report that U.S. employers added just 113,000 jobs in January, fewer than economists were anticipating.

The Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq are all still negative for 2014, although the Nasdaq is down less than 1 percent. The Dow is down almost 5 percent this year, the S&P 500 almost 3 percent.

Trading volume was lighter than normal due to the lack of economic data and company news. Roughly 3.3 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange, slightly below the recent average of 3.4 billion shares.

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WNW swell mix continues - a bit more size out west in the region;
deep morning high tide; offshore morning winds

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Slightly better, reinforcing WNW-NW swell; deep morning high tide; offshore morning winds

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
NW swell mix continues; deep morning high tide

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential NW swell mix; deep morning high tide

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- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / ns
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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 Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	B	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.	A	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.	D	ns
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+	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/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	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..	B	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.	B	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

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Dodgers' Beckett says he'll be ready for season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. Josh Beckett said he will be ready for the start of the Dodgers' season after having a rib removed last July in a surgery to alleviate a nerve condition that was affecting his right arm

"I don't have numbness and tingling, anymore," Beckett said Monday.

No doubts, either.

The right-hander is expected to battle newly acquired Paul Maholm for the fifth spot in the Dodgers' starting rotation this spring. Beckett, the fifth starter before last year's mid-season surgery, breezed through his first bullpen session Monday in Arizona. He threw 30 pitches with no sign of trouble.

"I'm not tentative," said Beckett, who reported to camp a day late so he could attend a wedding. "I'm going to throw as hard as I can and see what happens. Right now, I feel great. I'll throw the ball until I blow out and I'm hoping that's not for a few more years."

The Dodgers' signing of Maholm on Saturday is considered a hedge against the possibility of further injury to Beckett, a three-time All-Star whom the Dodgers acquired from Boston along with Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford and Nick Punto in a 2012 trade.

"Josh is doing really well, but he's coming off tough surgery and there's not a lot of history with that surgery, so we'll see where things go," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said.

Beckett underwent the same surgical procedure that former St. Louis Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter underwent in July 2012. Carpenter went on to pitch in six more games in 2012 — three in the regular season and three in the playoffs. But Carpenter did not pitch in 2013. He announced his retirement in November.

Beckett said he has spoken to Carpenter. He said he was told Carpenter's nerve condition was more severe than his own. Beckett also said the surgery was more complicated. Dr. Greg Pearl of Dallas performed both procedures. Carpenter's experience and advice helped, he said.

"It got me through the mental part," said Beckett, who was 0-5 with a 5.19 ERA when he landed on the disabled list on May 14.

Neck problems and numbness in his right hand had troubled Beckett for the last few years. It got to the point where he learned how to drive with only his left hand. There were times, he said, when he couldn't feel the steering wheel with his right.

"It's crazy how simple things become difficult to do," he said.

The surgery, which also includes removal of some connective tissue, alleviated pressure on a nerve in his neck, he said. He never felt any pain. But there were moments when he had no control of his pitches.

"I didn't know if I was going to throw it over the backstop," he said. "I had no idea where it was going to go."

Beckett arrived in camp with his confidence bolstered by three workouts during the last couple of weeks in Texas. He threw off a mound twice, on Jan. 31 and again on Feb 3. Cold weather forced him inside on Feb. 6 where he threw 38 pitches off a flat surface.

Beckett has no illusions about the competition he faces in camp.

"It's just if he's healthy," Mattingly said. "Josh throws the ball good. He's been a quality pitcher for a long time and he still has good stuff. How he bounces back, we'll see. We've had nothing but positive reports all winter. Josh has never been in the bullpen. Obviously, it's a competitive situation. We're not handing anything out for anybody. If he's healthy, we'll see."

Beckett expects to have more time to prepare than the Dodgers' calendar might indicate. They break camp in Arizona after a March 16 game and travel to Australia for a pair of regular-season games in Sydney against the Arizona Diamondbacks on March 22 and 23.

"I'm probably not going to start opening day in Australia," Beckett said. "They're paying a guy a lot of money to do that. Not all of us are getting ready for those days. Some of us have a little more time than it appears we do."

NOTES: Outfielder Yasiel Puig is already in camp. Mattingly might open the season with the versatile Puig at the top of the Dodgers batting order. .The rest of the team is scheduled to report on Thursday.

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Aero Theatre
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Three Kings (R) 1hr 54min
and
Flirting with Disaster (R) 1hr 32min
7:30pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (NR) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Vampire Academy (NR)
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Nut Job (PG)
2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:35pm

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

Labor Day (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
2:05pm, 6:45pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:45pm

Monuments Men (NR)
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:00am, 2:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

Lego Movie (PG)
11:30am, 4:45pm, 9:20pm

That Awkward Moment (R)
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Best Friends Forever (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00am

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
3:50pm, 9:40pm

Past (Le passe) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) (NR) 2hrs 30min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

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

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

Make it early tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Opportunities will pop up from out of the blue, but conflict might surround whatever path you choose. Someone could push to have his or her way. Initially, you will try to be caring, but later you could become sarcastic. Maintain your boundaries. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your ability to communicate emerges, which allows greater give-and-take between you and others. Focus on a get-together, where you will see potential supporters and friends. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be far more in tune with the potential of a money and/or business offer than the person presenting the idea. Realize the ramifications of heading in that direction with others who are not as aware as you would like them to be. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You will be in a situation that allows you to look past the obvious. Touch base with someone at a distance. A higher-up could be unpredictable and create additional tension in a meeting. You might feel far more upbeat than you have in a while. Tonight: Feeling great.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to do something very differently once you gain an understanding of what is happening around you. You will gain more insight into what makes someone tick. Be willing to distance yourself from a difficult person in your life. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to take action regarding a loved one. When push comes to shove, this person will head in the direction that you have chosen for him or her. As a result, the two of you will see eye to eye far more than you might have thought. Tonight: Only where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might not want to know what is ailing a higher-up. You'll see a situation with far more openness and ingenuity than others, which will make you the natural leader. Others follow your lead. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might want to head in a new direction. Get feedback from those who embrace more progressive thinking. Your ability to see someone more clearly than many other people do will help guide you in the right direction. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel as if you can't get enough done. You tend to be very sympathetic to an emotional family member who often wants to share his or her feelings. You might not realize how much this person needs you. Tonight: Why not go for some fun?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to be more direct with someone, but on some level you fear this person's reaction. You intuitively know what to say, and you'll follow though accordingly. Understand what your goals are and how the two of you might need to work together. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your nurturing side emerges. Listen to others, and you will know how to handle a problem. Honor a change, and be more forthright. A person you deal with daily might make a big difference in your life. Let this person know that he or she is appreciated. Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination will lead to some fun as you start to share your thoughts. Someone close to you could find you humorous. Even if you both are tense, the laughter will take the edge off. Follow your gut with someone you really care about. Tonight: Let your hair down.

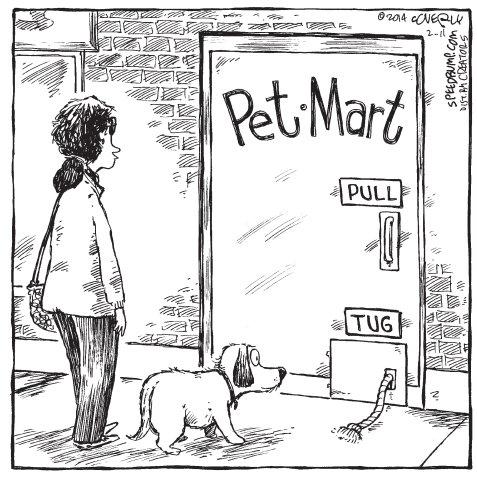
Tuesday, February 11, 2014

This year you seem more in tune with various elements of your day-to-day life. You make more time for those you care about, and you show your appreciation to the people who make your life better. If you are single, you suddenly might notice someone who has been around you for years. This bond could evolve rather quickly, as long as you don't put the brakes on. If you are attached, the two of you feel more connected than you have in the past. You also participate in each other's lives more. CANCER can be so emotional at times.

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

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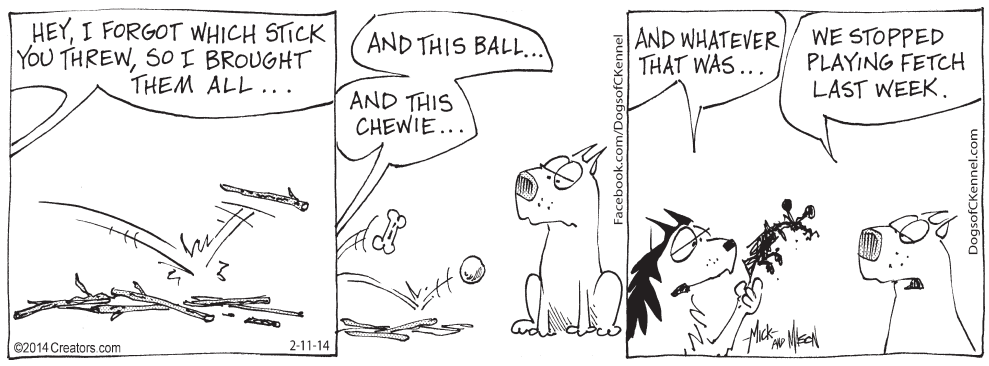
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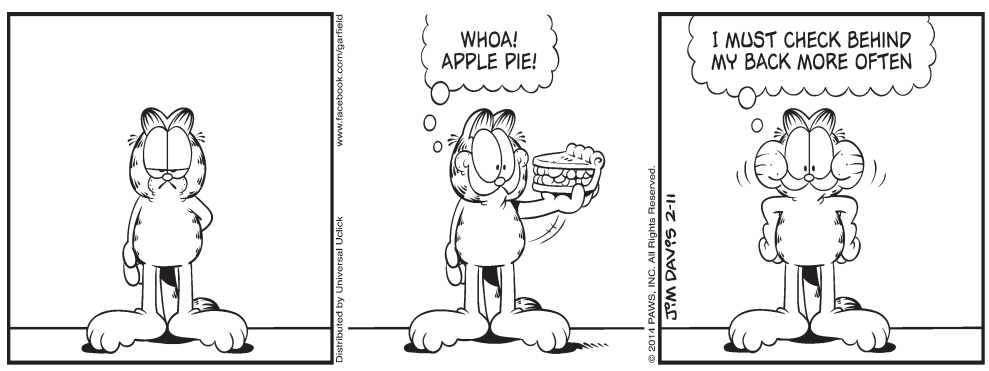
Strange Brew
By John Deering



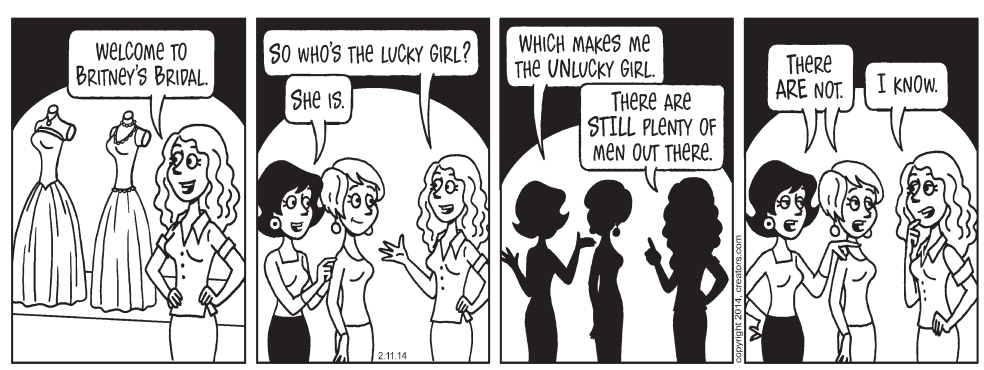
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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

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MYSTERY REVEALED!

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Lauren Tomlinson correctly guessed that the Mystery Photo is of one of the binoculars on the Santa Monica Pier. Check out Wednesday's edition for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

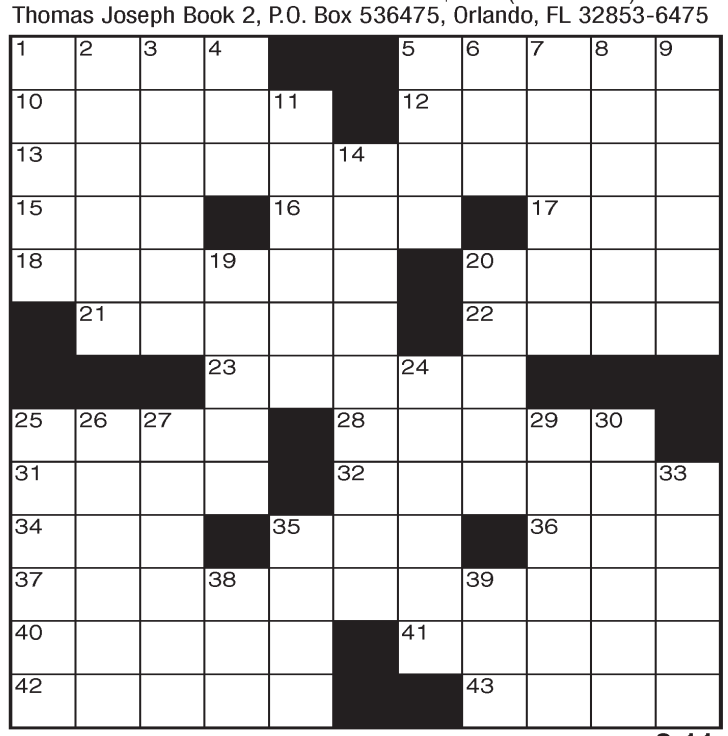
ACROSS
1 Hiking route
5 Packed in boxes
10 Figure of speech
12 Houston player
13 Fail to meet expectations
15 "Dragnet" alert
16 Used a chair
17 Gangster's gun
18 Emphasize
20 Freshener scent
21 Sides in an eternal battle
22 Funny Foxx
23 Suspect's story
25 Unwanted email
28 Identifies
31 Golf goals
32 Test checker
34 Notre Dame's Parseghian
35 New reporter
36 Skating surface
37 Turn out very well
40 Inventor Howe
41 Battery end
42 Takes a breather
43 Without — (risky way to work)

DOWN
1 Print measures
2 Makes one's own
3 Voice quality
4 Garden tool
5 Play group
6 Fire remnant
7 Cheap cigar
8 Gofer's job
9 Like some lines
11 Edible mollusk
14 Forgoing
19 Tests
20 — ballerina
24 Singer Streisand
25 Keyboard bar
26 Prisoner's hope
27 Friend of Porthos
29 Menlo Park name
30 Break away
33 Stopwatch button
35 Swear
38 Put away
39 — roll

T	A	M	P	■	S	H	A	G	S	■
O	M	A	R	■	P	A	R	R	O	T
Y	O	Y	O	■	I	N	T	I	M	E
E	R	O	D	I	N	G	■	S	E	E
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Yesterday's answer

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/8
24 25 34 37 54
Power#: 29
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/7
11 21 23 35 64
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $122M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 2/8
12 14 39 43 45
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: $18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/9
4 14 26 29 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/9
MIDDAY: 7 0 1
EVENING: 5 4 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/9
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:41.99

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The convenience beverage market got jumbled recently when, first, Oregon-based Union Wine Co. announced in November that it would soon sell its Underwood pinot gris and pinot noir in 12-ounce cans and, second, the London department store Selfridges unveiled a champagne vending machine for New Year's celebrations. (The French bottler Moet & Chandon offered bottles of bubbly behind glass doors for the equivalent of $29.)

■ Marketing Challenges: (1) "Does Germany really need a gourmet restaurant for dogs?" asked Berlin's Bild newspaper. Regardless, the Pets Deli in the Grunewald neighborhood of Berlin offers servings for the equivalent of about $4 to $6, either take-out or arranged in metal bowls on Pets Deli's floor. Said owner David Spanier, lauding his upscale, healthful treats, "Junk food is bad for animals." (2) Around Tokyo, "idle boredom is an impossible option," wrote Vice.com in December, as a reporter described a resort just out of town where one could swim in a pool of green tea, coffee, sake or (the most popular treat) wine. "A giant bottle of merlot" spilled into a pond the size of a minivan, he wrote (while braving the Yunessun resort's warnings not to drink from the pool). Though both-sex nudity is tolerated in Japan's hot springs spas, Yunessun discourages it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1873 – King Amadeo I of Spain abdicates.

1889 – Meiji Constitution of Japan is adopted; the first National Diet convenes in 1890.

1903 – Anton Bruckner's 9th Symphony receives its first performance in Vienna, Austria.

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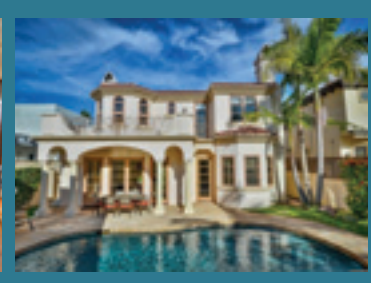
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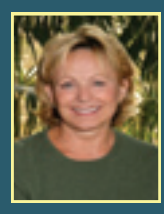



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