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THE OPEN THE ROAD ISSUE

School suspensions down across the board

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS New state laws and a different approach to discipline have led to fewer student suspensions in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and across the state, according to a recent report from the California Department of Education.

The total number of suspensions at the high school level dropped to 369 in 2012-13 from 476 the school year prior. That's a 22.4 percent drop from one year to the next. The total number of suspensions, in-school or out, across all schools in the state dropped 14.1 percent in that time.

A recent state law prohibits administrators from suspending students on certain first offenses, said Mark Kelly, director of Student Services for the SMMUSD.

"But I think the big reason is that we've really started a conversation with our site administrators looking at suspensions," he said.

Kelly provides a monthly suspension

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Drivers mostly avoid 'Jamzilla' and I-405 work

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTSIDE "Jamzilla" didn't live up to its name — at least as of Monday night.

Drivers during the holiday weekend mostly avoided a stretch of Interstate 405 in Los Angeles County, where repaving is continuing as part of a project to add carpool lanes to the notoriously choked freeway.

"Thankfully, the public responded to our call to stay off the roadways," Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Dave Sotero said Monday.

Transportation planners practically begged drivers to avoid the area while the work was underway.

Workers were repaving nearly six miles of northbound lanes over the Sepulveda Pass connecting West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. The work was scheduled to end by Tuesday morning.

There was minimal impact on southbound lanes, officials said.

The fears about traffic snarls were reminiscent of several years ago, when gridlock from a closure dubbed "Carmageddon" did not materialize because drivers heeded pleas to stay off the roads.

Carmageddon and Jamzilla were spawned by $1.1 billion in improvements being made to Interstate 405 that include higher-capacity on- and off-ramps and bridges that meet seismic standards.

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DAY OFF
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The Third Street Promenade was a popular destination on Presidents Day. Crowds of people strolled up and down the busy shopping district.

Medical pot delivery thrives in dispensary-free Santa Monica

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE While city officials debate medical marijuana dispensaries, delivery drivers are taking pot to the doorsteps of Santa Monica residents.

In their recent recommendations against allowing pot shops in the city by the sea, both Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks and city planners cited the easy access to medicinal marijuana provided by the delivery services. Delivery services, they said, renders dispensaries unnecessary.

A report by city planners references a website, Weedmaps.com, which lists a dozen marijuana delivery companies that serve Santa Monicans.

The debate over the pot shops arose as

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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.

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.

Zumba time
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 6:30 p.m.
Instructor Diana Flores leads class members through a fun and challenging Zumba workout. Zumba is a Latin-inspired, calorie-burning, dance-fitness experience. In this fitness party, you will burn more calories than you thought you could. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014

Press send
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Learn how to use e-mail and create your own free e-mail account. Seating is first come, first served. Beginner level. For more information or questions, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

It's a mystery
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
In Hilary Mantel's award-winning, best-selling "Bring Up the Bodies," Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell scheme to get rid of Anne Boleyn, who will not go down without a ferocious struggle. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Grind out
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade
10 p.m.
The owners of M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater take their long running improv show and turn it into sketchy goodness. You like comedy? Music? Giant characters being hilarious? Guys playing girls? Good, then you'll like this show. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014

Homework help
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Drop-in homework help, focused on math and reading. Provided by trained volunteers. For grades 1-5. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Up all night
Hotel Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 5:30 p.m.
Join modern conjuror Derek Hughes in a private suite for the debut of his mind blowing new work: INSOMNIA. Loosely inspired by the short fiction of Jorge Luis Borges, the show is a unique experience combining humor, audience participation, and magic to explore the line between waking and dreaming. Ticket includes show admission, parking and one drink. Cost: $55. For more information, call (310) 581-5533.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK: Santa Monica fire fighters gather outside of the Gate of India restaurant on Monday afternoon inspecting the damage caused by an early morning fire.

OCEAN AVE

Putting out fires

The Santa Monica Fire Department on early Monday morning put out a fire in the rear alley of the Gate of India restaurant located at 115 Santa Monica Blvd.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation, fire officials said.

When fire fighters arrived at approximately 2:30 a.m. they found an active fire near the restaurant, which is located in a two-story building with 19 apartments on top of five restaurants.

Fire crews operating two hand lines quickly made entry into the restaurant and suppressed the fire, officials said.

Power to the surrounding area was disrupted briefly because of the involvement of several high voltage power boxes, but was restored quickly by Southern California Edison. However, Edison was still working Monday afternoon to restore power to the businesses and apartments at the location, officials said.

Displaced residents were initially sheltered at a vacant business across from the location. Once the building cleared of smoke, residents were allowed to return to their homes.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SEVENTH STREET

Parking changes near post office

On-street parking near the main post office on Seventh Street has been re-configured – again.

Concerned about collisions involving cars and pedestrians, city officials last week ripped out perpendicular parking spaces, re-striped the street and returned the spots to parallel parking with meters.

City officials reconfigured the parking spaces originally to create more spaces after the Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority removed dozens of metered parking spots along Colorado Avenue to make room for the train. Spaces were made perpendicular along several side streets, including Seventh.

Sam Morrissey, city traffic engineer, said the perpendicular spaces worked fine initially, but when the post office was moved to Seventh Street from its old home on Fifth Street, activity increased, creating a potentially dangerous situation as people had to back up too far into traffic when leaving their parking spots.

Postal officials sold the New Deal-era Downtown post office on Fifth Street for $25 million as part of a nationwide plan to sell off assets and cover a multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall caused by a drop in the number of packages mailed as well as increased retirement and healthcare costs.

Before the parking changes were made, there were a total of 39 spaces on Seventh Street, counting both sides, Morrissey said. By converting to perpendicular, six additional spaces were gained for a total of 45. Now it's back to 19 spots on the post office side of the street. The other side has no parking as city officials removed spots to make way for Big Blue Bus layover zones.

City officials are planning to make up for that loss by creating parking elsewhere in Downtown – on Second and Seventh streets, as well as other locations – where there are currently old layover zones.

Post office officials last month opened a parking lot for customers with 20 spots, including one for handicapped drivers.

– KEVIN HERRERA

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Get social with Samohi

The Santa Monica High School Alumni Association is hosting its second SAMO Social, a chance for Vikings to re-connect and network. The atmosphere is casual.

Tickets for the event, to be held this Thursday, Feb. 20, are $20. For that you get two drink tickets and appetizers. There will be door prizes.

The event will be held at the Albright Restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Visit www.samohialumni.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Founded in 1988, the Samohi Alumni Association is a nonprofit whose main goals are connecting alumni, inspiring students, honoring achievements and supporting Samohi.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Local schools qualify for CIF playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE This year's CIF-Southern Section boys' basketball playoffs feature a number of Santa Monica-based schools.

Santa Monica, last year's winner of the CIF-Southern Section Division 1A championship, open up at home against

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Computer whizzes brainstorm for cash at hackathons

MARTHA MENDOZA
AP National Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. It used to be that "hacking" was just a type of crime, a computer break-in. But today, the term is also part of a growing — and perfectly legal — mainstay of the tech sector.

Computer programming competitions known as "hackathons" have spread like viruses in recent years as ways for geeks, nerds and designers to get together to eat pizza, lose sleep and create something new.

The formal, marathon group brainstorming sessions are focused on everything from developing lucrative apps to using computer code to solve the world's problems. This year a record 1,500 hackathons are planned around the globe, up from just a handful in 2010.

"A hackathon is the fastest way to actually do something about an idea," said Nima Adelkhani, organizer of the weekend-long Hack for Peace in the Middle East competition in San Francisco this month.

Law enforcement has not abandoned the term. Dozens of federally convicted "hackers" are serving prison sentences for computer fraud and other cybercrimes. And the Justice Department's cybercrime budget this year is $9 million to target offenses that include "hacking."

But the new uses have popped up with increasing fre-

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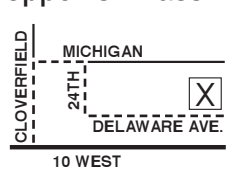
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Think before you sign

Editor:

Recently, supporters of a referendum on a development in Santa Monica have hit the streets to gather signatures to get their issue on the ballot.

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica has no position on this referendum. We are neutral regarding it.

However, the league has a long-standing concern about the political process, including the process by which signatures are gathered.

Often supporters will argue that you should sign their petition because you should "let the voters decide" – that in some way it is your duty as a citizen of a democratic society to support putting the measure on the ballot.

This is not true. It is the privilege and right of supporters to gather signatures, and, if they get enough, to put their referendum on the ballot.

But it is no one's duty or responsibility to support putting a measure on the ballot that they don't understand or don't agree with.

Some years ago, the League of Women Voters of California spelled out this argument in detail here: lwvsantamonica.org/files/ask-before-you-sign.pdf

Remember, we want all registered voters to exercise their franchise this June. Just be sure you get all the facts before you sign anything.

Ann K. Williams
President, League of Women Voters of Santa Monica

Needing relief from congestion

Editor:

Re: "L.A. residents moving east," Feb. 10, 2014

Fascinating article!

Santa Monica may not yet have the traffic congestion and potholes we have here in L.A., but it may not be far off. I think our "leaders" need to think this thing out – carefully.

My suggestion to minimize the traffic congestion (with its attendant damage to the environment and wasted productive hours as we sit/crawl in gridlock) and reduce potholes and fractures in our roads, while exacerbating the parking problem (too many cars), there are two resolutions that apply:

(1) Develop jobs (industry, factories, businesses, stores, etc.) in the Inland Empire and other under-populated areas outside of L.A. and Santa Monica so people don't have to live near or drive to jobs in our area. (Population/birth control would help also.)

(2) Consider population density before residential projects are approved. Every new unit adds two cars, more or less. Since the road areas are relatively fixed (cannot be increased), it makes no sense to build more residential units where we already have traffic gridlock, potholed roads (the more cars, the more potholes and fractures), and too few parking spaces available. Also, planners need to consider the impact on our already overburdened infrastructure. (We cannot even repair our broken sidewalks and underground leaking pipes; out of sight, out of mind.)

To our elected leaders: Think about it ...

George Epstein
Los Angeles



Your column here

BY Chad Storlie

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Business lessons from the Tuskegee Airmen

I RECENTLY WATCHED THE MOVIE "Red Tails" about the Tuskegee Airmen's triumph over racism, poor equipment, and initial underutilization during the air war over the European Theater of Operations (ETO) during World War II. I really came away impressed, not just of the character, performance, and professionalism of the Tuskegee Airmen, but also of the high number of transferable military-to-business skill sets the movie offers. Below are a few of the more relevant business lessons that the movie offers.

Business Lesson No.1 — Communicate With Your Team. The pilot cross talk during both fighter operations and the bomber protection missions was a great lesson in the importance of team communications. Before the battle, the pilots communicated to keep up morale and pass important lessons to ensure success in the air. Once the battle was joined, the pilots communicated their positions, plans, and if they needed or could offer help. This is a great lesson for customer facing organizations to communicate in the heat of operations and serving customers how they are doing, how the plan is progressing, or if they can offer to help.

Business Lesson No. 2 — The Trifecta: Pride + Professionalism + Performance. Direct and indirect racism against the Tuskegee Airmen was a constant companion. The Tuskegee Airmen took a direct step to not fight back physically. Instead, they let the combination of pride in their unit, the professionalism of their conduct as Army Air Corp soldiers, and their high performance as aviators be the judge. This is great advice to never stoop to the level of your detractors and critics, but to rise above the "flak" or negativity with a positive attitude, unparalleled professionalism, and produce great results for your customers.

Business Lesson No. 3 — Know How to Define & Measure Your Success. In my favorite scene from "Red Tails," Col. A.J. Bullard (Terrence Howard) responds to calls of disagreement from the pilots that they will remain with the heavy bomber groups and not pursue the attacking German fighter aircraft. Bullard: "We will measure our success by the husbands we return to their wives, the fathers we return to their children. For every bomber we save, we will save the lives of 10 crewmen." This directly told the entire unit how they would be successful from now on — not by shooting down planes, but by ensuring the heavy bombers returned to their bases in England. Organizations at the bottom level need to fully understand, know, and agree how they measure their success in the simplest terms possible.

Business Lesson No. 4 — Know What Your Customers Want. For the Tuskegee Airmen, their customers were the leadership of the European Bomber Command that was trapped in a seemingly ever-losing battle where they were losing more bombers and aircrew to German fighters. In a small, but moving scene, Col. Bullard sat with Lt. Gen. Luntz (played by Gerald McRaney) and reviewed gun camera film to determine precisely what Luntz wanted and how the Red Tails could help. This was a classic "sales meeting" set up to determine customer needs and requirements and how the service provider could help.

Business Lesson No. 5 — Celebrate Your Successes & Learn with the Entire Team. The Tuskegee Airmen used gun camera footage to help their entire unit celebrate their aerial victories and to educate new pilots and ground crew on the vital importance of everyone's mission. In Air Operations, it takes mechanics, planners, fuelers, weaponeers, weathermen, and more to make a successful combat flight. The Tuskegee Airmen used their gun camera footage to highlight victories and highlight the importance of what the support personnel did. Furthermore, the gun camera footage acted as both an After Action Review (AAR) that highlighted: (1) What happened, (2) What went well, (3) What did not go well, and (4) What can we do to fix it? Finally, the gun camera footage served as a final point of education to show new pilots enemy tactics and what works to win. The use of team celebrations and AARs convince the entire organization of what success is and how to improve.

The movie "Red Tails" produced lots of renewed discussion and interest about the Tuskegee Airmen. This movie was a great example of direct examples of combat aviation skills and how well they can and do work in business.

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The in-between of it all

THAT'S A HARD HEADLINE FOR ME TO write. I'm a big believer in sticking with something to the painful, bitter, "oh isn't there another way?" end of things. Which is kind of funny for a divorce lawyer, if you think about it. I mean, should I have a natural bent toward putting a stake in a relationship and moving on to the next one? Shouldn't I be the one who is head cheerleader for the randy playboy and the popular socialite?

But, in reality, I like consistency. I want to learn the way things work and not change them. Even if it's better afterwards. I think I know why, too.

It's the in-between that annoys me. It's that part of the changing where the old doesn't work anymore, and the new hasn't become comfortable yet. Sort of like when you switch from that old pair of gym shoes that are worn in at all the right places, and they're flexible and reliably supportive. You don't get the blisters on the back of your heel or the ingrown toenails of new shoes.

But then they stop being as supportive, yet you hold on because they've been there, and you know them.

Eventually you have to chuck them in the bin and go get new shoes. And then it's that in-between period. The new is supportive, but not in the same places as the old. The new is firmer and yet more responsive, but now your muscles have to respond differently.

I have a friend who has many years of sobriety, and we were talking the other day, and he said it's kind of like the difference between getting sober, and being sober. He said "getting sober was miserable, but being sober is wonderful."

My clients have the same experience; getting divorced is a horrific experience in games playing, emotional terrorism, trauma and a financial nightmare for all concerned. Being divorced? Studies show most people are happier than ever a year after it's finalized.

The difference between process and results is something we're struggling with here in the Paradise by the Pacific. In the locker room at the Loews Hotel there are many long-time residents who are not happy about development, so it's a frequent topic of discussion.

Complaints about the traffic patterns that are changing, and the constant interruptions of what was once a smooth drive from Mid-City to the beach are the cause du jour. Personally I have my issues. I used to be able to cruise down Pico, hang a right, then a quick left into the parking garage of the Loews and I'd be on the beach in three minutes with the dachshund in tow.

Not anymore. The new mega-condo-retail-apartments-office-opoli that are going up on Ocean Avenue means new traffic patterns. No more easy left turns from the middle lane into the hotel parking. Now I'm forced to go past Ocean, down along Appian Way, up Pacific Terrace and back along Ocean. Tortuous is a great descriptor — for the moment.

Right now, there are cones up and tape and it's a freaking mess as landscapers are planting new palm trees and succulents. The new divider has been built, it's just not operational yet. Soon it will be, and then I'll figure out if there's a better way into the Loews.

But right now, in the middle of the process, it's difficult, and different and not what I'm used to. We're in the in-between that I despise.

Of course I've loads of experience of being in the in-between and most of the time, if not all the time, the change is an upgrade. Because change is good. We add in new abilities and time savers. We find new uses and new ways of communicating and at the end of the day, we get used to the new, and it becomes the old eventually.

And we'll hate it when that gets changed as well.

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The Q Line

Supporting the schools

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education recently voted to spend $800,000 to help make up for the Education Foundation's failure to raise $4 million as part of the districtwide fundraising campaign to support the new Vision for Student Success, which is supposed to give each student equal opportunity to learn. It's a controversial program, one that limits parents' ability to give directly to their child's school.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think it was wise for the board to give the money, and why?

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Ordinance Numbers 2454 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinance Numbe r2454, which was adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of February 11, 2014.

Ordinance Number 2454 approves a development agreement with Hnes 26th Street LLC to allow a mixed-use project at 1681 26th Street totaling approximately 765,000 square feet. The project will include 473 rental housing units, 25 artist work/live units, about 374,000 square feet of creative office apace, restaurant and retail space, as well as public areas and streets.

Ordinance Number 2454 will become effective 30 days after its adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

This is the seventh hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This hearing will address all chapters of Division III except discussion on Community Benefits and Parking, Loading and Circulation will occur on February 26, 2014. The February 19th hearing may also include discussion of all other divisions of the draft document and amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and Districting Map, particularly as these relate to Division III. The Commission may also have further discussion relating to divisions of the draft document that were the subject of prior Commission public hearings – Divisions I, II, IV and V. The Commission will hear public comments and provide comments to staff on all of these topics.

A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see www.smgov.net/pcd.

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about Zoning Ordinance update, please contact the Project Planner Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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

California Highway Patrol officers killed in crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGSBURG, Calif. The California Highway Patrol was mourning the loss of two officers Monday after their squad car flipped over while responding to a multi-vehicle crash.

Officers Brian Law, 34, of Clovis, and Juan Gonzalez, 33, of Fresno, were heading to the crash on state Route 99 near the Central Valley town of Kingsburg when they swerved to avoid a person in the road and lost control of the vehicle, the CHP said.

California Gov. Jerry Brown and first lady Anne Gust Brown sent their regards Monday to the fallen officers and their loved ones. Flags will be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

"Anne and I extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of Officers Law and Gonzalez as they mourn the tragic loss of these dedicated public servants," Brown said in a written statement. "We join all Californians in honoring these officers for their courage, commitment and service."

Law and Gonzales were traveling southbound to get to the crash, CHP Capt. Dave Paris said.

The original pre-dawn collision about 25 miles southeast of Fresno was initially reported on the northbound side of the divided highway, Paris said. The officers soon realized, however, that the crash scene was actually in the southbound lanes, and one the drivers involved was on the road, Paris said.

The officer who was driving swerved out of the way, and the squad car hit a guardrail and struck the pylon of a freeway exit sign, said Officer Axel Reyes, a CHP spokesman.

The original crash apparently occurred when a pickup truck driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into the center divider, the CHP said. It came to rest in the wrong direction with its lights off, setting off a chain-reaction collision.

"Prior to our arrival, it appears another vehicle may have hit the truck" and came to rest a short distance away, CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow told reporters in a briefing at the crash site.

"We're not sure if the officers ... thought the crash was further down the road," Farrow said. "(But) as they approached the scene, they lost control of their vehicle. They hit the guardrail and ultimately hit the sign."

It is standard procedure for the two officers to be in the same car because they were working the graveyard shift, said officer Axel Reyes, a CHP spokesman. Both Law and Gonzales were wearing their seat belts, said Paris, the CHP captain.

The two officers graduated from the CHP academy in 2008. They are the first officers from the Fresno CHP office to die in the line of duty since Jerry E. Turre was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver while laying flares at an accident scene in 1962, according to CHP records.

Farrow said Law and Gonzalez were good friends and partners who trained together. Now, their colleagues from across the state have to deal with their loss.

"It's draining — a lot of the officers are drained," Reyes said. "Officers are having a tough time — some more than others."

Law started his career in Oakland before transferring to Fresno about a year ago to be closer to his wife and three kids, said Officer Sean Wilkenfeld, a CHP spokesman who worked with Law in Oakland.

"He was just a really fun, easygoing guy," Wilkenfeld said. "He was sort of quiet, big into sports, and always willing to help out."

Before transferring to the Fresno area in 2010, Gonzalez worked for CHP in San Jose for two years. He is survived by his mother and a sister.

CHP Officer Ross Lee, who worked the graveyard shift with Gonzalez in San Jose, said Gonzalez, who had served as a field training officer, was a good mentor.

"He was a great guy with a very calm demeanor, a good officer who took the time to make sure he and others did their jobs correctly," Lee said. "A stand up guy."

Wilkenfeld said both officers will be missed by the entire CHP.

"I can't count how many lives they made better," Wilkenfeld said. "This is a huge loss for us and the communities they served."

The CHP's accident reconstruction teams remained at the site Monday afternoon to scour for evidence. One southbound lane was open and traffic was moving slowly, the CHP said.

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Venezuela leader expels U.S. officials amid protests

JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro's government on Monday gave three U.S. Embassy officials 48 hours to leave the country, accusing the Obama administration of siding with student protesters that Venezuela accuses of inciting violence.

The announcement by Foreign Minister Elias Jaua came amid fears that renewed clashes could erupt Tuesday when both pro- and anti-government activists hold demonstrations in the capital.

Jaua said the senior U.S. consular officers were trying to infiltrate Venezuelan universities, the hotbed of the recent unrest, under the cover of doing visa outreach. Repeating charges by Maduro, who has expelled American diplomats twice before, Jaua said the U.S. is conspiring with opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez and student activists in an attempt to oust the socialist president.

The U.S. denied the charges, and is expressing concern about rising violence that led to three deaths last week during anti-government demonstrations and about the government's attempts to block peaceful protests.

Secretary of State John Kerry said Saturday that Lopez's arrest would have a "chilling effect" on Venezuelans' right to free expression.

More than 1,000 students, who have spent the past week on the streets alternating between peaceful protests by day and battles with police at night, marched on Monday to Venezuela's telecommunications regulator to demand it lift all restrictions on the news media's coverage of the unfolding political crisis. There were no reports of new disturbances.

Several journalists have been harassed and detained. Colombia's news channel NTN24 was taken off cable television while covering protests Wednesday that ended in a battle between student demonstrators and security forces backed by armed pro-government militias.

Three people were killed during those clashes last week — two students and a pro-government demonstrator. News videos and photographs taken at the time indicate at least one of the students was killed when pro-government militia members fired directly at protesters.

Maduro accuses Lopez of being behind the violence and of leading a "fascist" plot to overthrow him two months after his party's candidates won mayoral elections by a landslide. At a rally with thousands of supporters Saturday, Maduro dared Lopez, a Harvard-educated former mayor, to turn himself in after a court ordered his arrest on charges ranging from homicide to vandalism of public property.

Lopez said he doesn't fear going to jail to defend his beliefs. In a video message Sunday, he called on supporters to march with him in white shirts Tuesday to the Interior Ministry, where he'll deliver a petition demanding the government protect citizens' rights to peacefully protest.

"I haven't committed any crime," said Lopez, who hasn't been seen in public since a Wednesday night news conference after the bloodshed. "If there is a decision to legally throw me in jail I'll submit myself to this persecution."

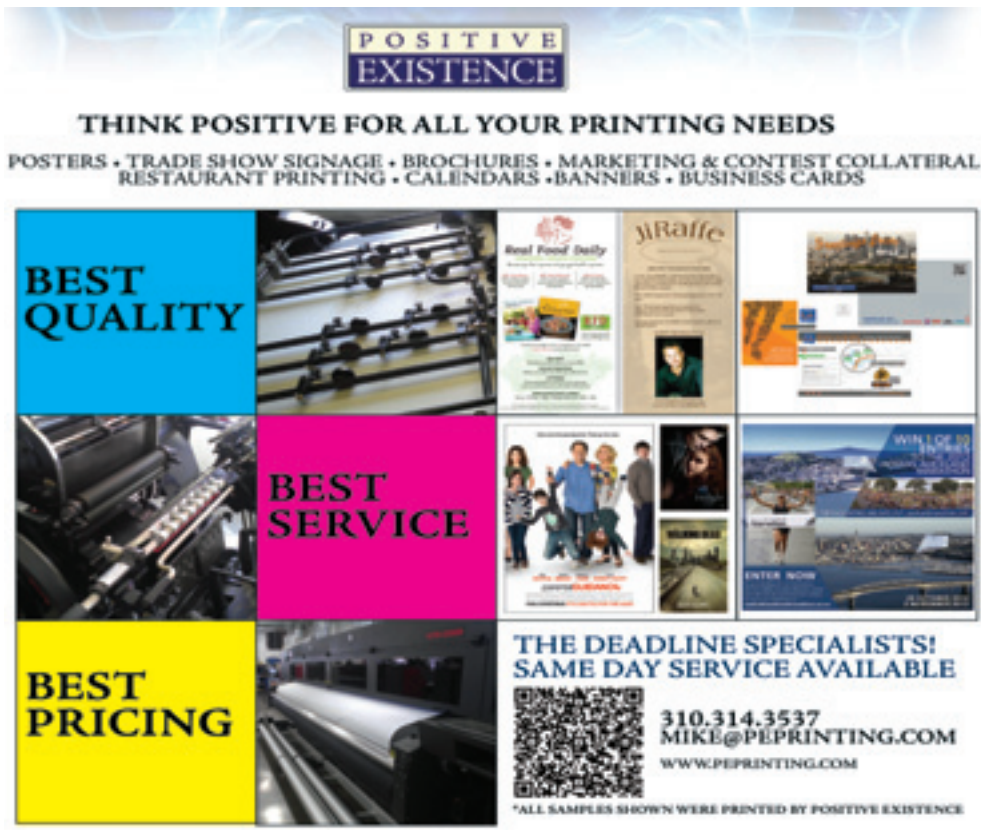
To avoid another violent clash, Lopez aides have rerouted their Tuesday protest away from the central plaza in Caracas where a competing march of pro-government oil workers will take place.

Maduro called for the Tuesday march by supporters in a televised address Sunday in which he accused the U.S. of trying to stir up unrest to regain dominance of South America's largest oil producer.

As evidence to support those claims, Jaua on Monday presented what he said was a series of emails from embassy officials from 2009-11 soliciting funding from Washington to support student groups in Venezuela. He said more recent communications also exist, but are under wraps during an investigation.

The three expelled officials — Breeann Marie McCusker, Jeffrey Gordon Elsen and Kristofer Lee Clark — all enjoyed the rank of second secretary, and two of them were vice consuls, Jaua said.

In Washington, the State Department said it hadn't received any formal notification of the expulsions. It said reports that the U.S. is helping organize protests are "baseless and false" and called on the Venezuelan government to engage the opposition in "meaningful dialogue."







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FAMILIAR FACE

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Former Santa Monica High star and current Santa Monica College player Trey Thompson soars toward the basket against Antelope Valley College on Saturday at SMC. SMC went on to lose the game, 78-66. The loss sends the Corsairs to 13-10 overall this season.

SCHOOLS

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report to all the administrators so they can monitor their progress.

"We've moved away from, 'if it's grounds for suspension, you should be suspended,'" he said. "I think school administrators are spending a lot of time really trying to figure out what happened."

Board of Education Member Laurie Lieberman said she remembers discussing the issue during her first year on the board four years ago.

"I think it's fair to say we've made considerable progress when it comes to lowering suspension rates and looking at alternative ways to deal with problems with students," she said. "It's understandable why suspensions occur. It appeared there was a kind of one-size-fits-all approach."

One of the keys, Kelly said, is finding ways to improve student behavior without taking students out of school and causing them to get behind on their work.

"It can be a challenge to find the balance between maintaining a safe learning environment and giving young people the tools and opportunities they need to succeed," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said in a statement. "But we're working with schools and districts throughout the state to do exactly that."

Suspensions resulting from drug offenses and violence that caused an injury were significantly down at the high school level in the district. Most suspensions occur at the high school level.

Kelly said that the new approach to suspensions has not altered the school environment significantly.

"No one is noticing that there is a negative impact," he said.

When a student acts out, Kelly said, administrators use it as an opportunity to figure out what the root of the issue is but, he said, that's nothing new

"They've always done that," Kelly said. "I think that administrators utilize that as an opportunity to figure out what's causing the behavior. People think they are just suspending people. They are not."

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POT
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City Hall updates the zoning ordinance, which regulates land uses across the city. The Planning Commission supported the inclusion of the shops, despite the recommendations from Seabrooks and planners. City Council will have the last word when they finalize the zoning ordinance later this year.

The Daily Press reached out to a majority of the companies on Weedmaps, the website referenced by City Hall. Several did not respond. One claimed that they no longer deliver. A few were willing to speak anonymously. The director of one delivery service, The Secret Garden, spoke candidly but would only give his first name.

The legality of marijuana delivery, as with all marijuana-related issues, is tricky right now. Pot is prohibited at the federal level. At the state level, the delivery of medicinal marijuana is allowed under laws that are vague, said attorney Michael Chernis, who represents dispensary owners. Under state law, the services have to operate as nonprofits and deliver only to members of the collective, he said. They are also required to get business licenses.

At the local level, Proposition D, which Los Angeles voters passed last year, prohibits the delivery of marijuana, according to the L.A. City Clerk's website.

Many of the delivery services referenced by Weedmaps are likely operating illegally.

"Weedmaps is not exactly the authority on what is and what is not legal," Chernis said.

Still, he said, the delivery services that are properly run and operating as a nonprofit can be legal, "meaning exempt from criminal prosecution in the state of California."

Delivery services in many jurisdictions are neither specifically banned nor specifically allowed, Chernis said. Regulation, he said, would help the patients and the delivery services feel more secure.

Seabrooks noted the lack of clarity on the issue when she spoke at the Planning Commission last week.

"We checked in the general area and found as many as 15 of these services," she said. "I do understand that according to a Los Angeles-based report, many of these were not permitted. That's a concern, which speaks to the reason that the police department is taking a position on this matter relative to any decisions that may be made to the community."

According to City Hall's records, they have not received any sales taxes from or granted business licenses to delivery services.

That doesn't mean sales aren't being made.

Mik, the director of The Secret Garden, estimated that they make 20 to 30 deliveries to the city by the sea every day. Most of the business is from regulars, he said, of which there are 300 to 400 in Santa Monica.

"These are people in the Santa Monica area who are well-to-do," Mik said. "They are doctors. They are lawyers. They don't want to be seen near any dispensary and we are very discrete."

For this reason, he said, if Santa Monica opens dispensaries he doesn't believe it will hurt his business.

Mik, who is also the director of a brick and mortar dispensary in the Mid-City area of Los Angeles, says that delivery services are less profitable but safer.

"We've been approached by so many different gangs wanting to tax us, saying, 'this is our turf and you have to pay us,'" he said. "But we never have that happen with delivery."

Advocates for dispensaries in the city have stated the opposite. They say that allowing strangers into your home with unknown amounts of cash and marijuana can be dangerous for both parties.

"That's a little thin if you ask me, bro," said the operator of another dispensary that makes five to 10 deliveries in the city every day. "We all get delivery of all different kinds of things throughout the day; parcel delivery and such."

Delivery is strong in Santa Monica precisely because there are no dispensaries, he said.

"The further the dispensaries are away, the busier delivery services are going to be," he said. "We've got dispensaries on our east border and on our south border so people will hop down to Venice or hop over to Brentwood."

He, and other dispensary operators, described pre-screening clients using Google searches to make sure they aren't felons.

"But we serve Santa Monica," he said. "It's a nice neighborhood, man."

In Santa Monica, he said, drivers have been pulled over by the police and let go. He's heard of other drivers getting arrested but released on the first court hearing.

The Daily Press reached out the Santa Monica Police Department last week with questions about their policy on marijuana delivery services but did not hear back by press time.

"Obviously, for some of the patients it's recreational," Mik said. "For some of them they really need it. But this is not the age where they have to be in the dark corners getting it. That's why we're here."

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PLAYOFFS
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Montebello on Friday.

This season, Samohi is competing in the more competitive Division 1AA. Long Beach Poly is the No. 1 seed in the bracket. Samohi is No. 15 in the field of 32 teams.

Samohi finished the season tied for first place in the Ocean League.

Montebello finished the season second in the San Gabriel Valley-based Almont League.

The game begins at 7 p.m.

Across town, Crossroads, the first place finisher in the Delphic League, enters the playoffs as the No. 6 seed in Division 4A.

The Roadrunners will host Sage Hill on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Sage Hill finished the regular season as the fourth place team in the Academy League.

Across town, and also in Division 4A, St. Monica's boys' basketball team is the No. 10 seed and will host Crean Lutheran also on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

St. Monica is the third-place finisher in the Camino Real League. Crean finished third in the Academy League.

Village Christian is the No. 1 seed in the field.

In Division 5AA, Pacifica snuck into the playoffs as an at-large bid from the Liberty League. The Seawolves will travel to Nuview Bridge, a team that finished second in the Warrior League. The game begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Saddleback Valley Christian is the top seed in the division.

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HACK
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quency since a pair of tech events in 1999 where developers worked together to write programs. Yahoo gets recognition for the first official hackathon in 2005. And Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been largely credited with helping broaden the definitions by urging his staff to "hack" by "building something quickly or testing the boundaries of what can be done."

A new Facebook option that went live Thursday allowing users more than 50 ways to identify their gender beyond male and female was conceived during a company hackathon four months ago.

This month, the first global hackathon for Black Male Achievement was held in Oakland, Calif. Music Hack Day is coming in Tokyo and Hackomotive competitors will develop apps in Santa Monica, Calif., that make it easier to buy and sell cars.

During these sorts of tech-heavy, weekend competitions, teams of computer programmers, software engineers and developers huddle over monitors for hours, working up new apps for smartphones or other devices. A panel of judges selects winners, and prizes are usually awarded.

"Developers are a rare breed where they get paid a lot of money to do this job during the week, and they enjoy it so much they want to do it more on the weekend," said Jon Gotfriend, who's been going to hackathons for more than three years.

As such events have become more popular, a set of rules has coalesced. Teams are typically made up of a handful of people. Designs, ideas and even mock-ups can be worked on in advance, but everyone starts writing code at the same time. And teams own whatever they come up with.

The opening stages of a hackathon can be exciting as challenges, prizes, teams and judges are introduced. But within hours there's a quiet buzz and lots of keyboard clicking as programmers make their ideas a reality.

Participants arrive with sleeping bags, deodorant, toothbrushes, pillows and laptops. By morning's wee hours, pizza, energy drinks and bean bag chairs are in hot demand. Candy of all kinds is consumed, and by the time the buzzer goes off after 24 or 48 hours, most participants are disheveled and a little loopy.

Like the tech industry itself, hackathon participants are mostly men. But some organizers are trying to change that.

There was an unusually high number of women at a hackathon at the AT&T Developer Summit in Las Vegas last month after organizers promised $10,000 extra to any team with a majority of females. It worked; both winning teams were led by women. But in every other way, the event was typical.

"There are just four important things you need for a hackathon: food, wifi, power and people," said hackathon aficionado Mike Swift. "When you have those, people want to build together."

Swift went to his first hackathon in 2010. At an event a few months later, he and his friends created Hacker League, a program that helps organizers coordinate their events online. "Since then hackathons have totally exploded," he said. In December, Intel purchased Hacker League for an undisclosed amount.

Another well-known hackathon success story is GroupMe, a free online chat program inspired by a project conceived during a New York competition in 2010 and acquired by Skype in a reported $85 million deal.

But as these think sessions have grown from dorm room all-nighters to high-stakes events, problems have arisen.

In December, San Francisco-based Salesforce.com took heavy criticism from participants after it awarded a $1 million hackathon prize — the largest such reward to date — to a former employee who had used pre-existing code during the competition.

After reviewing the rules and judging process, the firm decided that though the prize winners didn't violate rules, they were going to choose a second team to also win the $1 million grand prize and declared the competition a tie.

"We heard feedback loud and clear," wrote Salesforce vice president Adam Seligman in a note to participants. "We didn't get this right. We should have been clearer."

Still, Seligman said the company intends hold more hackathons, using an outside firm to execute them. He said, "We want you to make awesome stuff and make money."

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Train accidents stir worries about crude transport

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BILLINGS, Mont. At least 10 times since 2008, freight trains hauling oil across North America have derailed and spilled significant quantities of crude, with most of the accidents touching off fires or catastrophic explosions.

The derailments released almost 3 million gallons of oil, nearly twice as much as the largest pipeline spill in the U.S. since at least 1986. And the deadliest wreck killed 47 people in the town of Lac-Megantic, Quebec.

Those findings, from an Associated Press review of U.S. and Canadian accident records, underscore a lesser-known danger of America's oil boom, which is changing the global energy balance and raising urgent safety questions closer to home.

Experts say recent efforts to improve the safety of oil shipments belie an unsettling fact: With increasing volumes of crude now moving by rail, it's become impossible to send oil-hauling trains to refineries without passing major population centers, where more lives and property are at risk.

Adding to the danger is the high volatility of the light, sweet crude from the fast-growing Bakken oil patch in Montana and North Dakota, where many of the trains originate. Because it contains more natural gas than heavier crude, Bakken oil can have a lower ignition point. Of the six oil trains that derailed and caught fire since 2008, four came from the Bakken and each caused at least one explosion. That includes the accident at Lac-Megantic, which spilled an estimated 1.6 million gallons and set off a blast that levelled a large section of the town.

After recent fiery derailments in Quebec, Alabama, North Dakota and New Brunswick, companies and regulators in the U.S. and Canada are pursuing an array of potential changes such as slowing or rerouting trains, upgrading rupture-prone tank cars and bolstering fire departments. Company executives were expected to offer a set of voluntary safety measures in the coming days at the request of U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

"I'm absolutely positive the railway industry will come up with techniques to define how to minimize risk," said Allan Zarembski who leads the rail-safety program at the University of Delaware. "The key word is 'minimize.' You can't eliminate risk."

Since 2008, the number of tanker cars hauling oil has increased 40-fold, and federal records show that's been accompanied by a dramatic spike in accidental crude releases from tank cars. Over the next decade, rail-based oil shipments are forecast to increase from 1 million barrels a day to more than 4.5 million barrels a day, according to transportation officials.

By rail, it's roughly 2,000 miles from the heart of the oil boom on the Northern Plains to some of the East Coast refineries that turn the crude into gasoline. Trains pulling several million gallons apiece must pass through metropolitan areas that include Minneapolis, Chicago, Cleveland and Buffalo.

Some cities such as Chicago have belt railroads that divert freight traffic from the metropolitan core. But elsewhere, railroad representatives said, the best-maintained and safest track often runs directly through communities that were built around the railroad.

Trains sometimes have no option but to roll deep into populated areas. That's the case in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Albany, N.Y., and Tacoma, Wash.

Experts say the explosive nature of Bakken oil derailments caught everyone off guard — from regulators to the railroads themselves.

"I don't think people understood the potential for a problem if there were a derailment," said Jason Kuehn, a former railroad executive and now vice president for the industry consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

A major accident was narrowly avoided last month in Philadelphia, where six tanker cars carrying oil derailed near the heart of the city on a bridge over the Schuylkill River. The CSX freight train had picked up North Dakota oil in Chicago and was headed for a refinery in South Philadelphia. Nothing was spilled, but the accident rattled nerves.

Sandy Folzer, a retired professor in Philadelphia, said she worries about oil cars travelling alongside commuter rails.

"During rush hour, I imagine there are a couple hundred people on each train," Folzer said. "That scares me, that there's explosive material so close to where commuters are."

Proposals to route trains away from population centers are modeled on rules adopted after the 2001 terrorist attacks to restrict cargoes even more hazardous than oil — explosives, radioactive material and poisonous gases.

When the rules were being written, California regulators pushed their federal counterparts to include oil. But Transportation Department officials said they were "not persuaded."

Federal safety officials say it's time to reverse that decision, given the huge growth in tank cars carrying crude and ethanol, another flammable liquid involved in recent derailments and explosions.

The rules gave railroads broad discretion, and routing decisions are not automatically reviewed by regulators. But the Federal Railroad Administration is authorized to reject any routes found to be too risky. That has never happened since the rules took effect, said FRA Associate Administrator Kevin Thompson.

Even where trains can be re-routed through less-populous areas, critics say that simply shifts the risk to smaller communities with fewer resources to handle a fiery accident. Rural and suburban municipalities in Maine, Illinois and Vermont already have pushed back against the proposal.

In Hartford, Vt., Town Manager Hunter Rieseberg said it was "a fantasy" to think that moving hazardous shipments through rural areas would resolve safety problems.

John Hanger is former Pennsylvania secretary of environmental protection and now a Democratic candidate for governor calling for safer crude transportation. He is critical of regulators for suggesting that "lives are more precious in urban areas because there are more people there. That's an ethical, moral calculation that has to be avoided at all costs."

The routing rules in place for other hazardous materials list 27 factors to consider, including shipment volumes, nearby population densities and proximity to "iconic targets" or environmentally sensitive areas.

Rail companies weigh whether routes are "practicable" and consider economic impacts such as rail network congestion. While that can involve trade-offs, transportation consultant Steven Ditmeyer said railroads have made huge strides since the industry was deregulated in 1980.

"You cannot avoid the economic issues," said Ditmeyer, an adjunct professor at Michigan State University. "Because the risk is so high, the railroads do have an incentive to run a safe railroad."

But pointing to Lac-Megantic, he said, "sometimes they screw up."





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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 -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 4

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 Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Troncas Creek mouth.	D	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 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	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+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
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
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	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
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	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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Sandy Koufax likes what he sees in Puig, Dodgers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. Sandy Koufax wasn't wearing a Dodgers uniform when he walked around the practice fields Monday at the team's spring training camp.

"That's not my job," he said.

Even without the famed No. 32 on his back, players and fans alike knew who he was. At 78, the Hall of Famer is the face of Dodger tradition and represents what Clayton Kershaw, Yasiel Puig and their current Los Angeles teammates hope to achieve.

In his second year as a special adviser to team chairman Mark Walter, Koufax arrived at camp Sunday to work with the pitchers. He will also serve as a consultant throughout the season.

Koufax also is an autograph magnet. He signed for plenty of crowds that lined up along the fences that surround the complex of fields at Camelback Ranch.

Koufax likes what he sees from a Dodgers club that reached the NL championship series last year before losing to the St. Louis Cardinals in six games.

"This is a great team if it stays healthy," he said.

Koufax is enthused by the Dodgers' good mix of experience and youth. He was as excited as anyone by what he saw last year in rookie outfielder Yasiel Puig.

"It was crazy," Koufax said. "It was just fun to watch. This was exciting because the team was struggling. He came up and kind of ignited what eventually happened. It looked like in May that they were going to be having a really dismal year. He and a couple of other things turned it around."

Puig's confidence and aggressiveness sometimes led to mistakes in the field and on the base paths.

"He's so physically talented," he said. "Everybody makes the comparison to Bo Jackson. The Cardinals had a guy who played football and baseball, Brian Jordan. These guys are so strong and so fast. Big, strong and fast. A combination you don't always see.

"If the showmanship doesn't involve a bad decision, it's fine. People love it. You have a great arm, you want to show it off. But I'd like to see him throw it to the right place all the time."

The 23-year-old Cuban hit .319 with 19 home runs and 42 RBIs in 104 games.

"He's young. The biggest thing is he's not played against competition as good as he is. So you're always able to have your physical ability make up for whatever else you do. He's learning. I'm sure it's going to happen. He has too much talent," Koufax said.

Dodger left-hander Clayton Kershaw, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, has been compared to Koufax. But Koufax, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, is uncomfortable with that link between the left-handed aces.

Koufax introduced Kershaw in January at a dinner in New York where the Dodgers' young star accepted the 2013 Cy Young, his second in three years.

"When I was introduced, they said I was going to introduce my protege," Koufax said. "So I wanted to start off by saying he's not my protege. He's his own man."

Koufax foresees Kershaw as an even better pitcher in the coming years. Kershaw turns 26 on March 19.

Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said he will monitor Kershaw's workload this season in an attempt to get him some rest whenever possible. In 2013, Kershaw threw a career-high 259 innings.

"At 25, you don't have to adjust," Koufax said. "Talk to me when he's 35. He just has to keep doing what he's done. Every year, he's gotten better. So if he keeps getting better, the sky is the limit. He's a great pitcher. He's special."

Koufax also is hopeful that Josh Beckett can come back from midseason surgery. Beckett, who is trying to regain the fifth spot in the starting rotation, had rib and muscle tissue removed last July to alleviate pressure on a nerve that was causing numbness in his right hand.

"I thought Josh was going to have a great year last year," he said. "I think he really wants to have great year this season. If he's healthy, I don't see a reason why he can't."

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for the traffic light, the blood bank, ice cream,
peanut butter, the doorknob, the microphone, the elevator,
clothes dryer, lawn mower, pacemaker, the typewriter, guided
missile, mailbox, the air conditioner, automatic transmission, curtain
rod, baby carriage, lawn sprinkler, fountain pen, dust pan, the hand
stamp, first open-heart surgery, cataract laser, fire extinguisher, doorstop,
home security camera, the golf tee, fire escape, potato chip, food preservation,
synthesized cortisone, the guitar, railroad telegraphy, envelope seal, printing press,
bicycle frame, rocket catapult, insect destroyer gun, ice cream scoop, window cleaner,
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About Last Night (NR)
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Vampire Academy (NR)
5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

That Awkward Moment (R)
2:15pm, 10:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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RoboCop (NR)
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
1:55pm, 6:55pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:30am, 1:45pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Monuments Men (NR)
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:25pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:15am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:50pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 10:25pm

Endless Love (NR)
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Lego Movie (PG)
11:05am, 4:25pm, 9:45pm

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Gloria (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Past (Le passe) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
4:10pm, 9:55pm

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

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

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

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DINNER FOR TWO TONIGHT, GEMINI

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your sixth sense will help you sort through a higher-up's attitude. Clearly, you do not have the whole story. Defer to someone else, and try not to worry so much about a temporary issue. Take a stand with someone who tends to be defiant. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pace yourself without pressuring someone who has not given a lot of thought to a problem. You could feel as though someone is trying too hard to impress others. How you handle this person could change the balance of power. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will be full of fun as you seek to make a change, but a partner might not feel the same way. This person will view this adjustment more seriously. Relate to a loved one directly. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take an overview of your finances. You know your limits with a domestic matter. If you are not as comfortable as you would like with an investment, say "no." Remember how intuitive you usually are, and then follow through on your gut feeling. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your efforts will pay off, given some endurance and follow-through. A person who has been quite distant might start to open up. You could be delighted by this reversal. A family member's serious attitude might unnerve you. Tonight: Try not to push so hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ In the next few weeks, you will get a read on how your year is going to go. Note what areas of your life might not be running smoothly right now. Communication could be off. If you believe someone has made an outrageous statement, speak up. Tonight: Go along with a request.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ How you get past an obstacle that seems to keep appearing will be the key to your success. You know what to do. Somehow, you'll manage to get your way and not upset anyone in the process. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ The unexpected will occur, and you might be backpedaling for a while. Your response to a surprise could be more significant than you realize. Take some time to consider all the potential options before declaring what you will do. Tonight: Take some much-needed private time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Rethink a recent decision you've made. The unexpected might occur with a child or loved one. Maintain a sense of humor, and don't lose sight of your long-term goals. Your responses could be very different from what you had anticipated. Tonight: Go for the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to understand what is happening with someone you respect, as this person could be acting out of sorts. Sometimes the best approach is to be subtle while indicating that you care and are there for him or her. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your sense of direction will help you sort out an issue. The more detached you are from a complication, the more likely you are to come up with a winning solution. Tonight: Opt for the most unique idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The Sun moves into your sign today and energizes you. In the next few weeks, you will note a positive change in your life. Test out what seems like an incredible offer with several trusted friends. You might not be as realistic as you need to be. Tonight: Call a friend.

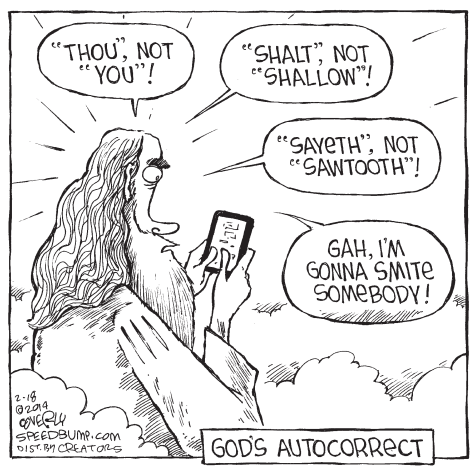
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

This year you often react in a childlike manner when it comes to your career and relationship matters. Try to think before you speak, and sit on automatic reactions. You frequently will find yourself in stressful situations where a decision must be made. If you are single, the person you meet after mid-July will be more significant than the person you meet prior to that time. If you are attached, working on a project together leaves both of you feeling satisfied. You enter a very special period come summer. Plan a long-desired vacation together. LIBRA loves batting around ideas as much as you do.

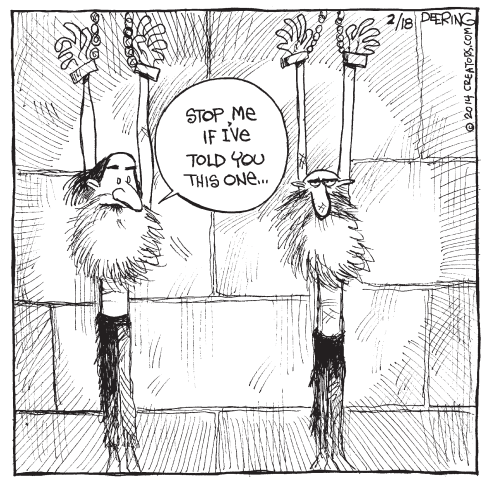
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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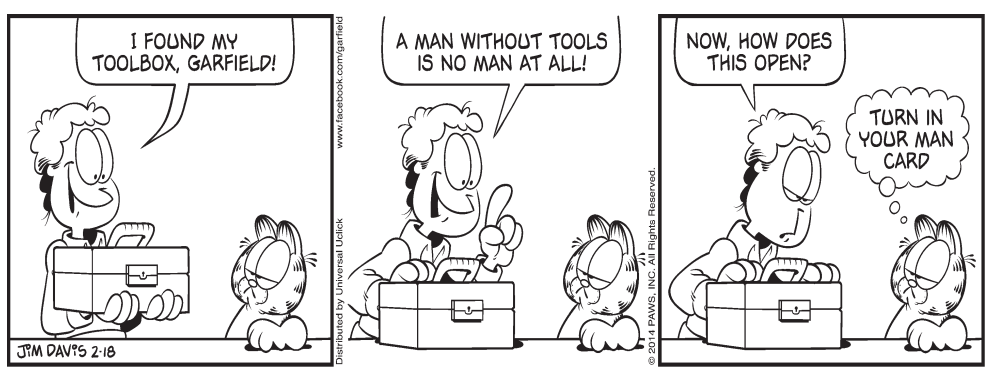
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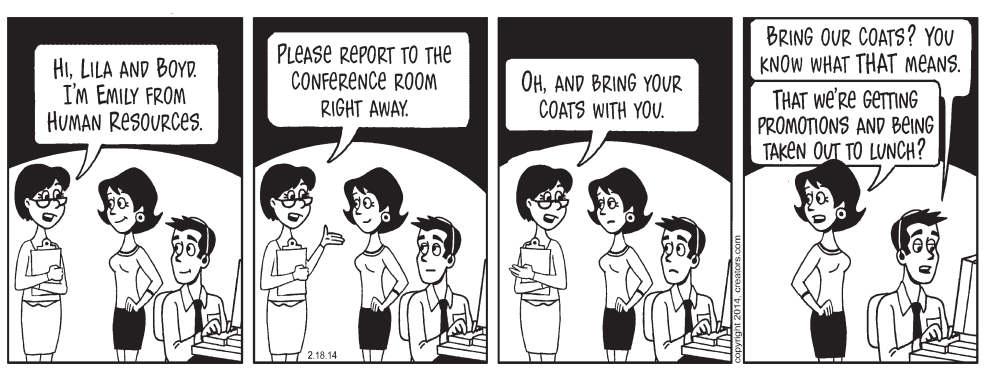
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 ★★

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

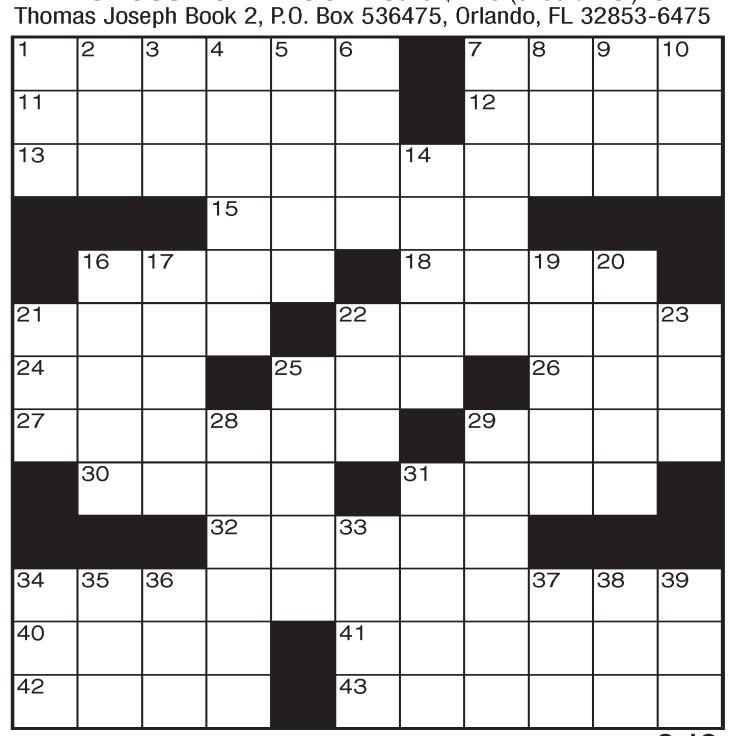
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24 Easter find
25 Golf goal
26 Count start
27 Veer off track
29 Artist's inspiration
30 Singing group
31 Postmark part
32 Yard machine
34 John Travolta film
40 Runner Zatopek
41 Hawaiian thanks
42 Airport area
43 Mercury, for one

DOWN
1 Letter after sigma
2 Mess up
3 Arrest
4 Lowers
5 Low cards in pinochle
6 Diplomatic skill
7 Off-campus local
8 Flow out
9 Dove call
10 "Yo!"
14 Crude carrier
16 Intolerant sort
17 Painter Degas
19 Openly disregard
20 High-strung
21 Relay section
22 Sunbeam
23 Scottish river
25 Geometry class challenge
28 Nun's headdress
29 George's wife
31 Model sticker
33 Timid fellow
34 Coat rack part
35 Thurman of film
36 Set ablaze
37 McKellen of "The Hobbit"
38 Flamenco call
39 Undoing word

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
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2 9 14 21 23
Power#: 3
Jackpot: $400M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/14
20 28 35 71 72
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $154M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 2/15
8 21 24 28 38
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: $20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/17
11 12 15 16 17

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/17
MIDDAY: 1 3 5
EVENING: 5 3 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/17
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:47.21

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ South Korea is a well-known hub for cosmetic beautification surgery, with a higher rate per capita than the U.S., but the procedures can be expensive, inspiring many young women recently to resort to do-it-yourself procedures for their professional and romantic upgrades. A December Global Post dispatch noted that some might try to force their eyes to stay open without blinking (using a novel $20 pair of glasses for hours on end) as a substitute for costly "double-eyelid" surgery. Also in use: a $6 jaw-squeezing roller device for the face to push the jaw line into a fashionable "oval" form. One teen told the reporter she applies an imaginative contraption to her face for hours a day to pressure her nose into more of a point, which is considered a desirable Western look.

■ Labor's Influence in France: The French social security agency URSSAF initiated an enforcement action in December against the Mamm-Kounifl music bar in the town of Locmiquelic for underpaying employee contributions -- in that the tavern encourages customers to bus their own tables and thus reduces its need to hire more servers. The owner denied he was trying to save money. "It's (just) our trademark. We want the customer to feel comfortable, a bit like he's at home."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1983 - Thirteen people die and one is seriously injured in the Wah Mee massacre in Seattle, Washington. It is said to be the largest robbery-motivated mass-murder in U.S. history.

1991 - The IRA explodes bombs in the early morning at Paddington station and Victoria station in London.

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Employment Wanted

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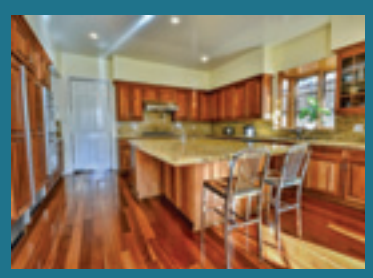
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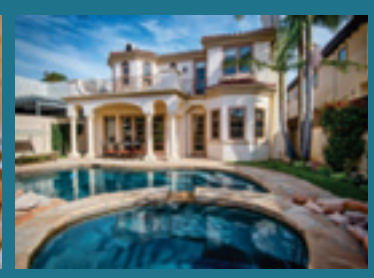
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