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THE SOAKING WET ISSUE



Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

TRASHED: **While Santa Monica and the rest of California desperately need rain, one negative side effect of Friday's showers is urban runoff that flows from the storm drain at the end of Pico Boulevard, bringing with it garbage from inland communities.**

Quenched: How precipitation helps Santa Monica



Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

NOT LETTING UP: **Several waves of rain pounded Santa Monica Friday, bringing more than 1.5 inches of water. Here people use the beach bike path during a short break from the storm. The nearby Chess Park was closed because of flooding.**

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Some of you may have forgotten what those big drops of water draining from the sky are called.

It's not the world ending. Come out from your bunkers. It's called rain (R-A-I-N) and your grandparents can tell you all about it.

We needed a good drenching — all of Southern California did — but Santa Monica needed other places, like the Santa Monica Mountains, to get some too.

As of Friday evening, Downtown Los Angeles received 2.28 inches of rain from Thursday's and Friday's early morning storms with more to come, said National Weather Service meteorologist Kathy Hoxsie. The area hasn't seen a storm that brought in even an inch of rain since March of 2011, she said.

In Santa Monica the rain total as of Friday at 6 p.m. was 1.68 inches.

Last year was one of the driest in recorded history

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Opinion of City Hall divided along age, ethnic lines

Residents favor height limits Downtown

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Do you think Santa Monica is heading in the wrong direction? If so, odds are good that you're white and over the age of 44, according to a new survey from City Hall.

About 42 percent of residents think that the city is on the right path, while 34 percent think it's time to change course.

The 2014 Development Survey took opinions from 500 adult residents last month during phone calls lasting on average 22 minutes.

Godbe Research was paid $32,135 by the City Council to conduct the survey and the League of Women Voters-Santa Monica monitored the process to ensure objectivity, city officials said in a report available at smgov.net under the link "Information Items."

A majority of residents between the ages

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Extreme weather impacting economy

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON When the weather warms up, so, too, will the U.S. economy.

That, at least, is the prevailing view of economists, who shrugged off a government report Friday that the economy was weaker last quarter than first thought.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Big day for little league
Memorial Park
1401 Olympic Blvd., 9 a.m.
The Santa Monica Little League opens its season with a celebration. Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks will throw out the first pitch. For more information, visit smll.com.

A whole day of Seuss
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m.
Super Seuss-A-Bration! celebrates the legendary author Dr. Seuss' birthday. There will be a balloon show and crafts. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Heavy movie
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
In "Gravity," directed by Alfonso Cuaron, a medical engineer (Sandra Bullock) and an astronaut (George Clooney) work together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Cool quilts
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 6 p.m.
Artist in residence Luke Haynes will unveil his community quilt that he created during his time at 1450 Ocean. This will be his final appearance as part of his residency. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Old stuff
Santa Monica Airport
3100 Airport Ave., 8 a.m.
Antiques, collectibles and crafts market. All ages welcome. Admission: $5. For more information call (323) 933-2511 or visit www.santamonicaairportantiquemarket.com

Fresh food
Main Street Farmers' Market
2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Sunday Main Street Farmers' Market is a well-balanced blend of certified California farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. Attended by over 5,000 customers each weekend this "ultimate community gathering" has become an integral and cherished part of life for many local residents. For more information call (310) 458-8712.

Architect in focus
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m.
Architect Julia Morgan takes center stage as Santa Monica Conservancy docents highlight her contributions to the Beach House and beyond. Tours are free, and last approximately 30 minutes.

Blowing bubbles
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., Times vary
Back by popular demand, The Amazing Bubble Man uses many devices of his own invention to thrill audiences with art, magic, science and the fun of bubbles. Cost. $20. For more information call (310) 392-7237.

Don't sleep on this
Casa Del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 5:30 p.m.
Join modern conjurer Derek Hughes in a private suite at the illustrious Hotel Casa Del Mar for the debut of his mind blowing new work: Insomnia! Loosely inspired by the short fiction of Jorge Luis Borges, the performance is a unique experience combining humor, audience participation, and magic to explore the line between waking and dreaming. Cost: $55. Ticket includes drinks and parking.

Monday, March 3, 2014

Dance the day away
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
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Cat in the Hat
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Dr. Seuss's birthday with book trivia! Free giveaways. Grades K-5.

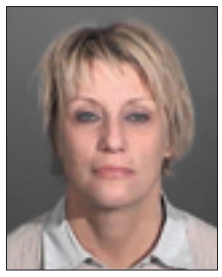
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Driver avoids jail time in fatal Malibu hit-and-run

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU The driver in the hit-and-run death of a tow-truck driver on Pacific Coast Highway in 2013 avoided jail time during sentencing last week after prosecutors failed to prove she was intoxicated or knowingly left the scene of a crime.

Jill Rose, 45, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter and misdemeanor hit-and-run in the death of 45-year-old Ronald Carver. Rose was sentenced in a Van Nuys court last Thursday to three years probation, one year in a supervised sober house and two months of volunteer work for Caltrans, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, Rose's driver's license was suspended for three years and she was ordered to pay restitution to the victim's family.


ROSE

Both the DA's office and an attorney for Rose told The Malibu Times there was no evidence presented in court showing that Rose had alcohol in her system at the time of the crash.

Toxicology reports did show "some narcotics" in her system, DA spokesperson Ricardo Santiago said. However, according to Santiago, felony charges were not justified in the case "because the evidence was insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was either intoxicated or acted with gross negligence, as required for a felony vehicular manslaughter charge."

Rose was also not charged with a felony because prosecutors could not prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that Rose left the scene knowing that her car struck the 45-year-old Carver, according to Santiago.

On the night of Feb. 11, 2013, Carver was hit on the eastbound side of Pacific Coast Highway near John Tyler Drive as he pre-

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Former Samohi star Skaggs comes home

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Tyler Skaggs' 2013 season was like an emotional roller costar.

Five times last season Skaggs, a star pitcher at Santa Monica High School, went from Triple-A Reno to the Arizona Diamondbacks, then back to Reno and then back to Arizona.

Back and forth, back and forth, like he was riding baseball's version of the Tower of Terror.

In fact, when examining Skaggs' entire professional baseball career from draft day to today, the whole thing has been a wild ride.

"It was a dream come true," Skaggs said. "The fact that I was drafted by my favorite team; I was head over heels. Then when they traded me, I was heartbroken. But now I'm back! And I'm excited for the opportunity."

During the 2013 Baseball Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., the Los Angeles Angels pulled off a three-team trade to reacquire Skaggs from the Arizona Diamondbacks, along with pitcher Hector Santiago from the Chicago White Sox while sending slugger Mark Trumbo to Arizona.

Nobody outside of the family was happier to see Skaggs return to the Halos than young superstar outfielder Mike Trout, who was his teammate and roommate in the low levels of the minor leagues.

"Trout called me five minutes after the trade and was really excited about playing together again because we used to live together," Skaggs said. "It was an exciting time."

When they were last teammates, Trout and Skaggs were just friends coming

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SKAGGS



AGONY OF DEFEAT

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi Vikings walk off the soccer field upset after losing 3-0 to Lancaster High Friday during the the Division 4 Southern Section girls playoffs. The team made it to the quarterfinals.

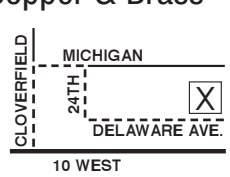


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fiscally correct, not politically correct

Editor:

Over the past decade, Santa Monica has had the good fortune of keeping its financial head well above water, unlike many other municipalities in California and throughout the United States. With healthy revenue streams from parking fees, (hotel taxes), real estate taxes, sales taxes, development fees and more, we have been in an envious position relative to our neighbors in Los Angeles and throughout the county.

We have not had any qualms about spending over $42 million on a new park, funding a fifth library and a new fire station, along with providing almost half a million dollars in additional funding for pier concerts, funding a potential lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration and, most recently, up to another $400,000 to save "Chain Reaction."

But it is time for our City Council to start living within their means and to start making financially prudent decisions rather than politically prudent ones.

Within the next three years, with the increased costs in funding our public employee salaries, healthcare and pensions, we will be running a deficit in the millions. Without increases in revenues, we will no longer have the luxury of new parks, fire stations and libraries, let alone keeping our existing services at their current levels.

I have faith that our city manager, Rod Gould, will make the necessary recommendations to our council with regard to city services that may need to be curtailed or eliminated and recommending new sources of revenues that can be generated. Using "Chain Reaction" as one example, I do not have the same faith in our council members that they will make the fiscally correct decisions rather than the politically correct ones.

Michael C. Dubin
Santa Monica

Had it with fluoride

Editor:

Wondering when Santa Monica will allow pure H2O to flow out of our faucets and cease adding the difficult to remove toxic substance called fluoride.

If fluoride works at all to prevent cavities, it does so when applied topically.

If fluoride is for children's teeth, why force it into adults as well?

Only Santa Monicans who are aware of these issues and can afford expensive water-filtration systems, can save themselves from a lot, but not all of the fluoride added to the water.

Please City Council members, do the research (unbiased) and stop pouring taxpayers' dollars down the drain.

Marta Fox
Santa Monica



Your column here

By Gleam Davis & Terry O'Day

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Defending the Hines vote

FRIENDS,

Last weekend many of you saw petitioners asking for a referendum on our City Council decision regarding the former Papermate factory, now owned by Hines. Like many decisions affecting our future, it has generated a broad community discussion. In fact, the discussion about this site took place over eight years. The council recently conferred the rights to redevelop the property, which is currently unoccupied. In this city, unoccupied buildings do not stay that way for long, so not developing the property is not the question before us.

The property is a large part of our east side and Olympic corridor. Its 7 acres extend from Stewart to 26th streets along Olympic Boulevard. A 206,000-square-foot former factory occupies the land. Next time you have a chance, take a look at the size of this building and the way it bisects our neighborhoods and cuts off circulation. The property is what planning experts call a "superblock." Such blocks disrupt the normal grid of our streets, creating traffic as people circulate around them. This one in particular has no sidewalks or pedestrian cut-throughs, making it particularly dangerous for bikes, pedestrians and children who travel around it. It has been abandoned for years, so although it disrupts our traffic, it does not generate any traffic of its own today and has not for some time.

Hines Co. owns the property today, and without any approval from the City Council has the right to renovate the existing building, add to its size, and reoccupy with office space up to roughly 310,000 square feet. For context, the Water Garden and Colorado Center offices in the neighborhood have over 2 million square feet. They would be required to make only the smallest of pedestrian improvements and few traffic control measures. The environmental studies we conducted on the site found that thousands of trips per day would be generated by reoccupation.

Our City Council and Planning Commission considered this situation and with the input of thousands of residents over eight years developed alternative plans for the area, referred to as the LUCE (Land Use and Circulation Element) and Bergamot Area Plan. We negotiated for six years with the owners of the property to create something that would serve our community better and limit the traffic that would come from expanding and reoccupying the current building.

The result is still a large development. Any 7-acre site is bound to be. What would be added to the project is about 60,000 square feet of commercial space, almost 500 units of housing, including for seniors and disabled residents — roughly 20 percent affordable in total — and artist live-work lofts for this arts district. Our community has an imbalance of jobs and housing, which fuels the traffic problems in this area. Most everyone agrees that adding housing on this property is a wise decision.

In exchange for adding mostly housing, our negotiations produced important benefits in circulation and traffic control that we would not get in reoccupation. First, the superblock is broken and the grid is restored. The property owner grants the rights for three new streets and a pedestrian path through the site plus 2 acres of open space. Imagine granting a portion of your property to the city for the public to pass through; this is no small concession in itself. But there is more. Second, major additional traffic improvements are required for the site, totaling over $4.7 million, and connecting the property to our new light rail station, the Bergamot Arts Center, and office and housing to the north.

The City Council also negotiated the most stringent traffic caps in any project in the city's history through a unique mechanism that has not been used anywhere else in the region to our knowledge. The property must have a transportation demand management program that limits the trips in and out of the site. If it exceeds the projected trip volumes, it must pay a penalty to the city per excess trip. The result is 12 percent fewer peak-period outbound trips (the notorious afternoon weekdays on Olympic) from the whole project than the reoccupied site would produce.

The approved project is also 25 percent less square feet than allowed under our unanimously-approved general plan, and then there are more benefits. The City Council negotiated $11 million for child care programs throughout the city, $3 million in public art, $1.4 million for a bike sharing program, and $2 million for parks, including one that buffers the Expo Line maintenance yard, an important improvement for the neighborhood.

Our City Council approved the project because the question before us is not whether to develop the site or not. Rather it is whether we want to add housing, break up the superblock and create safe, walkable streets next to the new train station versus reoccupy a giant building. The question before our City Council was clear to us: we voted for less traffic, improved pedestrian safety, housing, parks and open space, and child care funding.

But the petition before our community today sets up a starker question. Overturning the City Council decision would send a clear message to Hines — reoccupy and expand the existing building. We fully support our community democratically weighing in on this significant change to our east side, as we have over eight years of community meetings, studies, and commission and council deliberation. A successful referendum, however, would unwind the negotiated benefits and bring us more traffic. That is now the question before us.

DAVIS and **O'DAY** are council members who voted in favor of the Bergamot Transit Village proposed by Hines. They can be reached at gleam.davis@smgov.net and terry.oday@smgov.net

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The Q Line

Tasting history

Tommy's burgers is the latest in a long line of local eateries that may not be long for Santa Monica. Word has it that a Starbucks coffee is going to take its place on Lincoln Boulevard.

This past week, Q-line asked:
How do you feel about Tommy's possible demise and why?

Here are your responses:

"THERE IS ONLY ONE TOMMY'S IN Santa Monica, whereas there are numerous Starbucks; do we really need another one? Tommy's, at the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Rampart Boulevard, has been a Los Angeles landmark since the 1940s. In fact, it was my high school hangout and the go-to place after football games and dances (even the prom!). After losing the Sizzler, The Shack, Honey Baked Ham, Wolfgang Puck, Coco's, and Norm's, it would be sad to be deprived of yet another casual and affordable place to get a bite to eat."

"WITH LAND VALUES SKYROCKETING landlords are looking to cash in. Since favorite shops and eateries I have frequented have left Santa Monica, I have found my car and my loyalty have not left me and have done more business outside of the city. You don't want my money anyway. I am not Silicon Beach nor a tourist. Residents don't count in this town anymore. Businesses that can afford the high rents will be the ever-changing face of Santa Monica. Do I want Tommy's to stay? You bet I do."

"IT IS RIDICULOUS TO THINK ANOTHER place is going to be thrown out of business because of money-hungry landlords. I don't eat junk food that much, so I don't go to Tommy's that often. But it's the principle. It's all these restaurants, maybe Norm's and then Denny's, it's wherever you go these small businesses are being thrown out because of these money-hungry landlords. It's a shame of society that somebody has a business and has to get out because of money. It's the demise of this country, it's the demise of Santa Monica because every place you go they want to build and build and get rid of the little guy. It's time for this community to make this stop. It's time for Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, who are supposed to be for the little guy, to get in there and complain about this too and not let the City Council allow this to happen."

"I THINK IT'S BLOODY AWFUL THAT Starbucks is moving in. Tommy's is a local institution and I believe in preserving local traditions and Tommy's has been there for a far longer time. We don't need another Starbucks. They are proliferating all over the state and there are too many of them, in my humble opinion."

"I AM NOT THAT CONCERNED ABOUT Tommy's per say, but rather a Tommy's than Starbucks. I am so tired of the Starbucks takeover. Way too many. Starbucks is good, but let's not overdue it, OK."

"THE LAST THING WE NEED IS STARBUCKS number 19. Tommy's, however, is the only one of its kind on the Westside. We don't really need a place for a caffeine fix right next to a high school. Let's save the unique and sought-after businesses and not let the fate of Tommy's be the same as Arby's."

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"I THINK THEY SHOULD KEEP TOMMY'S Burgers. There's no reason to change it. Why do they keep taking old, landmark-type businesses, close them down and put in Starbucks. We need another Starbucks like we need a hole in the head."

"ANOTHER STARBUCKS IS THE LAST THING we need, there are too many as it is. It will be like 'The Simpsons.' At a mall, Bart passes a Starbucks, a soon to be Starbucks. He goes in a store, the guy tells him to hurry as the place is going to be a Starbucks. As we see him leave, it is a Starbucks, along with every other store in the mall. Leave the burger place; no more Starbucks."

"I'M SORRY ABOUT TOMMY'S BURGERS being taken out. I remember going there when my kids were little and it was a wonderful family outing. I'm just sick to death with all these Starbucks. You can't walk a block without finding another Starbucks. They charge way too much for their coffee. I like to get a good cup of coffee at Denny's and I can use my senior discount."

"GETTING RID OF TOMMY'S IS JUST another bad decision ... . I work right in that area; this is a transient village because there are some social networks there. The transients and I happily go to Tommy's. I don't think any of us will go to Starbucks. So I think it's a bad idea."

"MY HUSBAND AND I DEPENDED ON Tommy's when we first came to L.A. years ago and had to exist on a tight budget. They weren't the best burgers, more like a sloppy Joe, but they got us through. I am absolutely sure there are folks who depend on Tommy's when they are going through tough times. With a little paint job and some community support/fundraising, we should save Tommy's from going under."

"WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IF IT'S NOT a Starbucks, the city will have a Community Corporation apartment building on the corner full of out-of-towners. City Hall has no loyalty to its locals – commercial or residential."

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Harley Askew

January 27, 1915 – February 23, 2014

Harley Askew born January 27, 1915 in Kansas City, Kansas passed away on February 23, 2014 in Smith River, CA. He was a 20 year resident of Del Norte County. Harley previously lived in Oroville for two years and later moved to Gridley in 1973. While in Gridley, he farmed walnuts and kiwi's.

Harley served with the Marine Corp as a Master Sargent for eight years during WWII. He served during the Battle of Peleliu. Prior to his retirement, he was a Captain with the Santa Monica Police Department for 29 years.

Harley was a member of the Brookings Elk's Lodge. He was an avid pheasant hunter and always took his two hunting dogs with him. Harley also enjoyed yard work and retailed orchids for seven years in Smith River.

He is survived by his wife, two stepsons, five step grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Harley was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

At Harley's request, no services will be held.

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The Better Option

Lori Salerno — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Next generation vending machines

Burrito Box makes debut in West L.A.

OTHER THAN PRICE, THE NUMBERS D3 and B7 are currently the only other numbers you see next to a bag of chips or a bottle of orange liquid in a vending machine.

But starting this year calorie counts will now be displayed on many vending machines in Santa Monica and throughout the country, a requirement under the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare.

The new vending machine law requires restaurants and similar retail food establishments with 20 or more locations to list calorie content information for standard menu items. Examples of these establishments include fast food restaurants, coffee shops and certain grocery and convenience stores. Other nutrient information must be available in writing upon request. The act also requires vending machine operators who own or operate 20 or more machines to disclose calorie content for certain items.

Industry data indicates there is approximately one vending machine for every 40 adults in the United States. Up to 5 percent of the money consumers spend on food away from home is spent on vending machine snacks. "Americans now consume about one-third of their total calories on foods prepared outside the home," said Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg.

In a proposal by the FDA it states that, although the relationship between obesity and poor dietary choices is multifaceted, there is a general agreement that reduction in excess calories is helpful in preventing or delaying the onset of excess weight gain. Vending machines are a likely source of high-calorie snacks or discretionary foods, as well as some high-calorie meal items. This suggests that providing calorie information for vending machine food to consumers may have a significant effect on calorie intake, the prevalence of obesity, and thus the cost of health care and lost productivity.

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, "Giving consumers clear nutritional information makes it easier for them to choose healthier options that can help fight obesity and make us all healthier."

The guidelines for vending machines state that calorie information will be displayed clearly and prominently; the term "Calories" or "Cal" will be posted next to the number of calories for the food, or calorie information will be posted on a sign in close proximity to the article of food.

The FDA is hoping that the increased attention to calorie information of current vending machine foods will motivate companies to make available lower calorie options, but what we may see is a new hybrid quick-service vending machine like the Burrito Box, currently in West Hollywood and Century City. Similar to Redbox, Burrito Box offers six fresh burrito varieties, claiming to be 100 percent natural and hormone and antibiotic free.

So the next time you straighten the corners of your dollar bill to feed a vending machine and you see the total calories for that grab bag of Flamin' Hot Cheetos and 20 ounce bottle of Gatorade is 728 calories, you may choose to step over to the new generation vending machine for a sustainable burrito with beans and range-free chicken. Although you might just want to stay away from the machines altogether. It's much better to prepare meals at home, where you have full control over what goes in your food.



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New food labels aim to make healthy shopping easier

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE & MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Ice cream lovers beware: The government knows you're unlikely to stop after half a cup.

New nutrition labels proposed Thursday for many popular foods, including ice cream, aim to more accurately reflect what people actually eat. And the proposal would make calorie counts on labels more prominent, too, reflecting that nutritionists now focus more on calories than fat.

For the first time, labels also would be required to list any sugars that are added by manufacturers.

In one example of the change, the estimated serving size for ice cream would jump from a half cup to a cup, so the calorie listing on the label would double as well.

The idea behind the change, the first overhaul of the labels in two decades, isn't that the government thinks people should be eating twice as much; it's that they should understand how many calories are in what they already are eating. The Food and Drug Administration says that, by law, serving sizes must be based on actual consumption, not some ideal.

"Our guiding principle here is very simple, that you as a parent and a consumer should be able to walk into your local grocery store, pick up an item off the shelf and be able to tell whether it's good for your family," said first lady Michelle Obama, who joined the FDA in announcing the proposed changes at the White House.

Mrs. Obama made the announcement as part of her Let's Move initiative to combat child obesity, which is marking its fourth anniversary. On Tuesday, she announced new Agriculture Department rules that would reduce marketing of less-healthful foods in schools.

The new labels would be less cluttered. FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg called them "a more user-friendly version."

But they are probably several years away. The FDA will take comments on the proposal for 90 days, and a final rule could take another year. Once it's final, the agency has proposed giving industry two years to comply.

The agency projects food companies will have to pay around $2 billion to revise labels. Companies have resisted some of the changes in the past, including listing added sugars, but the industry is so far withholding criticism.

Pamela Bailey of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the industry group that represents the nation's largest food companies, called the proposal a "thoughtful review."

It is still not yet clear what the final labels will look like. The FDA offered two labels in its proposal — one that looks similar to the current version but is shorter and clearer and another that groups the nutrients into a "quick facts" category for things like fat, carbohydrates, sugars and proteins.

There also would be an "avoid too much" category for saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, sodium and added sugar, and a "get enough" section with vitamin D, potassium, calcium, iron and fiber. Potassium and vitamin D are would be additions, based on current thinking that Americans aren't getting enough of those nutrients. Vitamin C and vitamin A listings are no longer required.

Both versions list calories above all of those nutrients in large, bold type.

Serving sizes have long been misleading, with many single-serving packages listing themselves as multiple servings, so the calorie count appears lower.

Under the proposed rules, both 12-ounce and 20-ounce sodas would be considered one serving, and many foods that are often eaten in one sitting — a bag of chips, a can of soup or a frozen entree, for example — would either be newly listed as a single serving or would list nutrient information both by serving and by container.

The inclusion of added sugars to the label was one of the biggest revisions. Nutrition advocates have long asked for that line on the label because it's impossible for consumers to know how much sugar in an item is naturally occurring, like that in fruit and dairy products, and how much is added by the manufacturer. Think an apple vs. apple sauce, which comes in sweetened and unsweetened varieties.

According to the Agriculture Department's 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, added sugars contribute an average of 16 percent of the total calories in U.S. diets. Though those naturally occurring sugars and the added sugars act the same in the body, the department says the added sugars are just empty calories while naturally occurring ones usually come along with other nutrients.

David Kessler, who was FDA commissioner when the first Nutrition Facts labels were unveiled in the early 1990s, said he thinks focusing on added sugars and calories will have a public health benefit. He said the added sweetness, like added salt, drives overeating. And companies will adjust their recipes to get those numbers down.

While some people ignore the panels, there's evidence that more are reading them in recent years as there has been a heightened interest in nutrition. An Agriculture Department study released earlier this year said 42 percent of working adults used the panel always or most of the time in 2009 and 2010, up from 34 percent two years earlier.

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THEY HAVE HIS BACK

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Former Mayor Bobby Shriver (center) secured the endorsements of four City Council members (L to R: Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day; Councilman Tony Vazquez; Councilman Robert Holbrook and Councilman Ted Winterer) in his bid to become Los Angeles County supervisor representing the Third District, which includes Santa Monica. The primary election is scheduled for June 3, 2014.

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pared to load a disabled van onto the bed of his truck. The right-side tires of Rose's gray Audi drove onto the ramp of the tow truck, striking Carver. Her car then went airborne, rolled 360 degrees and landed upright on the highway, according to prosecutors. Rose then continued driving and crashed into a parked car two miles east near the Malibu Pier.

Judy Carver, Ronald Carver's mother, confirmed that Carver's family reviewed the proposed sentence before a judge handed it down.

"[The DA] couldn't prove enough. This is what we had to go with. There's nothing we can do except for accept it," she said in a telephone interview.

When asked why Rose's sentence included a stay in a sober home, Santiago said it was because of the traces of narcotics found in her system.

Sara Azani, Rose's attorney, said her client had no prior history of drug or alcohol use before Carver's death.

"There's no evidence of anything in her system [at the time of the crash]," she added.

Carver, who was a resident of Newbury Park and worked for Platinum Tow and Transport of Camarillo, is survived by his wife and three young children, ages 8, 11 and 13. Recovering from the loss of Ronald Carver has been a struggle, Judy Carver said.

"It's tough. My daughter-in-law, she now has to raise three kids on her own, that's going to be a tough road to take care of that. The kids are going through some tough times," she said.

She described her son as a car enthusiast who was well known in Newbury Park.

"He liked off-roading, he had a jeep. He loved to work on cars," she said. Carver spent many years working in the tow-truck business, she said.

Azani said her client had apologized to Carver's family during court proceedings and was very remorseful.

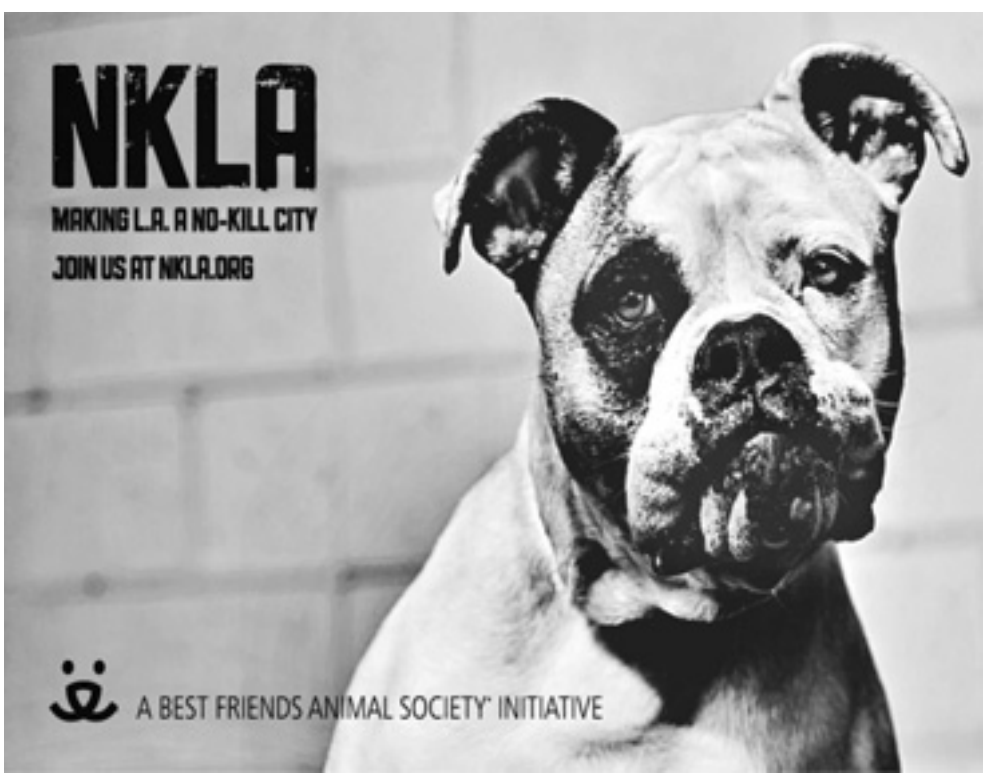
"There's no question that this is a tragedy, it's a tragedy for the victim's family but it's also a tragedy for [Rose]," Azani said.

In the aftermath of Carver's death, the Malibu community held a fundraiser to benefit his widow and children. Katherine Cimorelli, who helped organized the benefit and is a member of the singing sisters group Cimorelli, was the driver being assisted by Carver the night of his death.

A hearing to determine how much restitution Rose must pay for lost economic support to Carver's family is scheduled for May 14.

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This story first appeared in the Malibu Times.



ECONOMY
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Severe winter weather is probably slowing growth again this quarter. But as the chill and snow fade into memory, long-delayed spending by consumers and businesses could invigorate the economy starting in spring.

"Weather is having an impact on a lot of the data," said Doug Handler, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "We will likely see a boost from pent-up demand in coming weeks."

In the view of most analysts, the snowstorms and extreme cold have exerted a harmful but only temporary effect on the economy. That belief helps explain why Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen signaled this week that the Fed will likely continue reducing its stimulus for the economy throughout 2014.

The Commerce Department said Friday that the economy grew at a 2.4 percent annual rate last quarter, in part because consumers didn't spend as much as initially estimated. Initially, Commerce had estimated that the economy expanded at a 3.2 percent rate in the October- December quarter.

One reason the government initially overestimated growth for last quarter was that it didn't fully take account of how much bad weather would dampen spending on long-lasting goods such as autos.

Last quarter's increase in the gross domestic product — the economy's total output of goods and services — was the weakest showing since the first quarter of last year. And it was down sharply from a 4.1 percent growth rate in the third quarter.

Economists had long expected growth to slow in the final quarter of 2013 and the first quarter this year compared with the third quarter of last year. In part, that's because GDP growth during last year's third quarter was fueled by an unsustainable buildup in company stockpiles that would need to be worked down.

But analysts said the slowdown has been magnified by a succession of winter storms that have disrupted economic activity — from forcing temporary closings of Macy's and other department stores to depressing sales at McDonald's restaurants. Home Depot Inc. said it lost $100 million from bad weather in January.

The damage from consumer spending has been especially acute because it accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. Economists foresee further spending weakness in the first three months of this year largely because of the weather.

"Due to Mother Nature, quarter one is not going to be anything worth writing home about," Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note. "The rebound ... and all of that pent-up demand won't show up until the second quarter."

Lee predicted a tepid economic growth rate of around 1.7 percent this quarter.

A separate report Friday also provided hope for a stronger economy in coming months. The University of Michigan's monthly index of consumer sentiment showed that while bad weather kept consumers away from retail outlets, it hasn't shaken their confidence.

The index posted a reading of 81.6 in February, up slightly from January's 81.2. The survey found that the cold weather had the biggest effect among consumers over age 65, who tended to worry about higher utility bills. By contrast, consumers under age 35 felt better able to offset higher utility payments with income gains.

The Michigan survey found that while the weather had made trips to the store more difficult, many purchases had been postponed rather than canceled.

"Consumers have displayed remarkable resilience in the face of the polar vortex as well as higher utility bills," said University of Michigan director of surveys Richard Curtin.

In particular, analysts think auto purchases that were put off last year will recover as warmer weather draw buyers back to showrooms.

One area of encouragement in Friday's report was the government's estimate of business investment. It was revised up to an annual rate of 7.3 percent — the best quarterly showing in a year and sharply higher than the initial 3.8 percent estimated rate.

For all of 2013, the economy grew at a lackluster 1.9 percent. Analysts think growth will rebound in 2014 to as high as 3 percent.

Growth was held back last year by higher federal taxes and government spending cuts enacted to combat budget deficits. Economists estimate that the squeeze from the government subtracted about 1.5 percentage points from growth last year. If growth does reach 3 percent this year, it would be the strongest performance since the recession ended almost five years ago.

Handler said he looked for growth to improve to an annual rate above 3 percent in the second half of this year as the economy gains traction.

After enduring the deepest downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s, the economy has struggled to accelerate. The weak growth has made it difficult for people who lost jobs during the downturn to find work. Over the past four years, economic growth has averaged an anemic 2.2 percent.

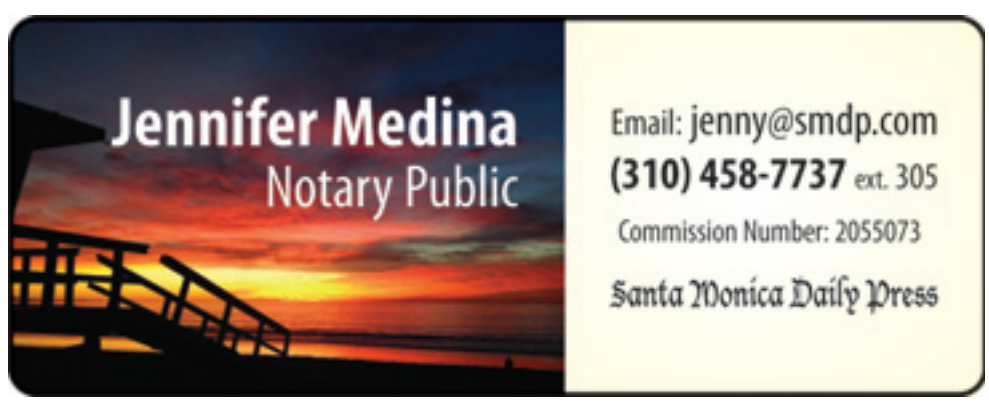
The revisions in fourth-quarter growth resulted from updated data that the Commerce Department didn't have when it made its first estimate a month ago. Commerce will make one final estimate of fourth-quarter GDP growth next month.

Though the biggest factor in the downgraded estimate of fourth-quarter growth was consumer spending, the number was also depressed by reductions in estimated growth in exports, business stockpiles and government spending.

Government activity was a big drag in the fourth quarter, subtracting 1.1 percentage points from growth. The federal government accounted for 1 percentage point of that reduction, reflecting lower defense spending.

Yellen said Thursday that the Fed still expects the economy to strengthen this year. But she told the Senate Banking Committee that the Fed will be studying the data to make sure the slowdown is just a temporary weather phenomenon.

The Fed is gradually reducing its monthly bond purchases, which have been intended to keep long-term loan rates low to encourage spending and growth. Many economists think that as long as the economy keeps improving, the Fed will keep cutting its bond purchases this year before ending them in December.





File photo

HOLD IT: A rainwater harvesting system under construction in November 2011 at Penmar Park in Venice.

RAINFALL
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for the L.A.-area. In response, Gov. Jerry Brown declared an official drought and asked, along with City Hall, for a 20 percent reduction in water usage. Code Compliance announced earlier this year that its officers would be cracking down on landscape-related water violations.

City officials are watching the rain in the city by the sea but they're also keeping an eye on the rainfall up in the Santa Monica Mountains. Most of our local water supply, from which City Hall draws 80 percent of its water, comes from mountain runoff. The rest is bought from the Metropolitan Water District, which draws its water from the Colorado River and Northern California.

As of Friday morning Topanga Canyon had already gotten 2.53 inches of rain — good news for City Hall, which depends on 13 to 14 inches annually in the mountains to meet our needs, said Water Resource Manager Gil Borboa. The mountains could get up to 4 inches by the time these storms pass, Hoxsie said.

Still, given the drought, City Hall is playing from behind.

"We've seen groundwater levels drop and certainly not replenish as much as they have in past years because we haven't had the rain," Borboa said. "We are still very vigilant about our groundwater and being very careful about how we manage it."

While most of our water comes from the mountains, the rain in the city is helpful too, he said.

"Whatever falls on the greenscapes throughout the city, to the extent that the sprinkler systems are turned off, that certainly helps with conservation," Borboa said. "People won't use as much water because they don't have their systems on to keep their yards green."

At single-family homes, he said, more than half of the water is used outdoors. Apartments and commercial properties use about 5 to 10 percent of their water outdoors.

City Hall blasted out automated phone calls to 6,000 single-family homes on Thursday and Friday reminding them to turn off sprinklers, said Watershed Section Supervisor Neal Shapiro. The move could save hundreds of thousands of gallons of water, he said.

After a soaking like this one, Borboa said, residents can leave the sprinklers off for a week, barring a heat wave.

When they do need to water again the rain will have stocked some residents' personal collections. Since 2010, City Hall has given out 385 rebates to residents for installing rain barrels and cisterns that collect 50 to 80 gallons of water, said Kim O'Cain a sustainability analyst with City Hall.

Because we are getting hammered with rain this week, rather than getting small doses over a couple months, those barrels will likely fill and overflow but, she said, this directs the water toward the gardens rather than the streets, cutting down on polluted runoff.

Residents aren't the only ones filling up. Since 1997, City Hall has required new development and substantial remodel projects to capture the first three-quarters inch of rain with cisterns.

Below the Main Library is a 200,000-gallon cistern that supplies the gardens with rainwater, O'Cain said.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the city's largest affordable housing provider, has a 13,000-gallon cistern at a multi-family building on 26th Street and Broadway, Shapiro said.

Water collected by the cistern at the new Pico Library, scheduled to open in April, will be used for toilet and urinal water, he said.

After a bad year for rainfall, Borboa said, this week's showers are welcome but far from enough.

"Just like the rest of the state, we'd like people to continue to conserve," he said. "You've seen all this rain, and it's very helpful and very beneficial, but don't forget about general water conservation practices."

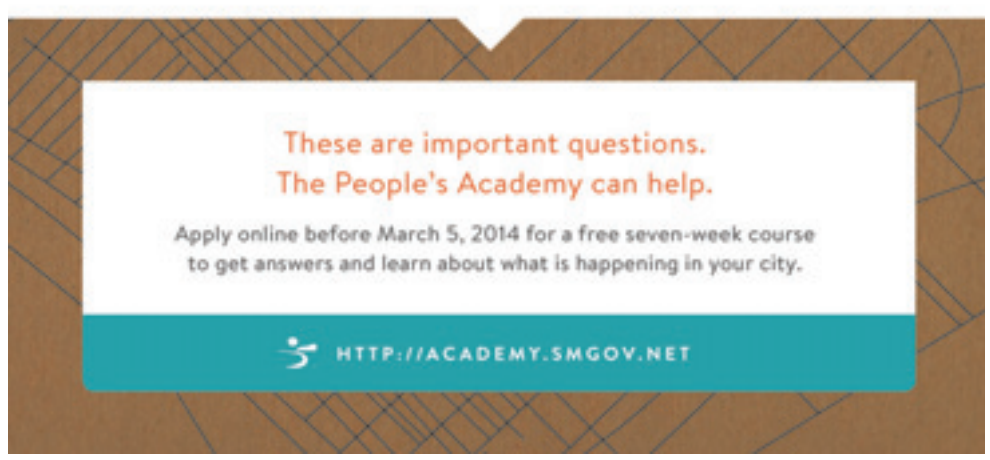
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of 18 and 44 think the city's future is bright. The numbers invert for those 45 and older, who tend to think the city is getting worse.

A majority of black, Asian-American, Latino, and Pacific Islander residents polled feel the city is improving. Three-quarters of the Latino residents were happy with the direction the city is going.

Among white residents, 40 percent opposed the direction the city is headed while 34.6 percent favored it. Of those residents who identify as being two or more races, a majority felt the city was staying the same.

Three landowners Downtown are proposing to build hotels taller than the Downtown Specific Plan Framework's 84-foot-tall cap.

Most residents (58 percent) had never heard of the Downtown plan — which guides regulation of uses, heights, and density in the area — but a near majority (49.9 percent) strongly favor the height limits in the plan. Another 21 percent somewhat support them, according to the report.

When asked specifically whether they would support the three hotel proposals in exchange for community benefits, the opposition to height was reduced somewhat. But more than 46 percent of those polled said they would still oppose the hotels. Another 39.5 percent said they would support the hotels, given the right community benefits.

Traffic improvement topped the list of community benefits that residents would want to see in exchange for taller heights.

Distaste for height, like distaste for the direction of the city, increased with age.

Restaurants, shopping, and entertainment were residents' favorite thing about Downtown while traffic congestion was their least favorite.

When asked what should be built in commercial areas, affordable housing topped the list, followed by rental housing, and retail. These were considered to be medium priority.

Several large companies, including Sony, RiotGames, and Google, have announced they are leaving Santa Monica in recent years because they couldn't find larger office spaces but residents said this was a low priority. Hotel development fell even lower on the list of priorities.

If developments could improve traffic circulation, Santa Monicans would more likely support them.

Most did not care if the developments brought in new property or sales taxes.

Residents largely favor projects that are meshed with the Bergamot Area Plan, which regulates land uses and development on the east side of town. A near majority (49.7 percent) strongly support the projects within the plan and another 24.5 percent somewhat support them.

While residents clearly support the plan, they may have differing views of what that means.

The Bergamot Area Plan, as defined by the survey, "fosters the creation of a walkable, urban art-and transit-oriented neighborhood that allows a mix of housing and creative uses, supported by restaurants and retail to serve people in the area."

The recently approved and controversial Hines project, labeled by City Hall as the Bergamot Transit Village, was not mentioned in the survey. City planners and supporters of the project, which includes 765,000 square feet of office space and housing at the site of an abandoned factory, say that it fits within the vision of the plan but many of those opposed to the project say that it does not.

One resident group, Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, is challenging the legality of the project, claiming that it does not comply with the development and affordable housing standards laid out in the plan.

The city's seven neighborhood groups, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and the coalition, have made the Hines project the subject of a referendum effort as they collect thousands of signatures from registered voters in hopes of getting it on the ballot. Ultimately they would like voters to overturn the council's decision approving it.

Those opposed to the Hines project say that it will create more traffic in an already congested area. Most of those polled by City Hall listed increased traffic as their primary concern regarding development in the area.

Improved economy and the creation of new jobs were the top two reasons that resident's said they would support development in the area.

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SKAGGS
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together in the same 2009 draft class that also brought in fellow Angels pitcher Garrett Richards and Diamondbacks ace Patrick Corbin. They played rookie ball in the Arizona League and single-A ball with the Cedar Rapids Kernels.

Since then, Trout became the biggest young baseball superstar this side of Yasiel Puig. Fortunately, the newfound superstardom and the ever-so-bright lights of Hollywood haven't changed their friendship one bit.

"He's still the same guy," Skaggs said about Trout. "Always humble, and just a great, great friend."

Even though Skaggs grew up in Santa Monica, he never liked the Los Angeles Dodgers. In fact, he followed the lead of his stepbrother and became a devout Angels fan. It helped that they were a constant contender. Skaggs was just 11 years old when his Angels won the World Series in 2002 thanks to his favorite player, Tim Salmon, who hit the go-ahead home run in Game 2.

What's interesting about Skaggs' career is that the one man who has seemingly been in control of it is Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto, who scouted Skaggs when he was a junior at Samohi and has kept an eye on him ever since.

"In … 2010 I was serving as the interim GM in Arizona when we acquired Tyler … in the July trade that sent Dan Haren to the Angels," Dipoto said. "I spent the remainder of 2010 with Tyler. … Following the 2011 season I left to join the Angels. Like most others in the scouting world I did follow Tyler's progress, in addition to many of the other young players I was connected to during my time with the Diamondbacks."

It wasn't a surprise that whoever the Angels were going to acquire from the Diamondbacks in the Trumbo trade was going to be a starting pitcher from Dipoto's previous tenure. The Diamondbacks were reluctant to give up Corbin and Wade Miley so Skaggs was the likely option.

Going into spring training, the Angels' fifth spot in the starting rotation is Skaggs' to lose. He finished last season with a 3-6 record and a 5.43 ERA in 13 starts with the Diamondbacks.

While he understands that "you can only pitch backwards so much" in the Major Leagues and that establishing the fastball is key to success, Skaggs has learned a lot of life lessons from last year and comes in to spring training ready to prove it.

"The ups and downs of last year made me a stronger pitcher and a stronger competitor," Skaggs said. "You learn a lot more from failing than winning."

It's that spirit that has the Angels' brass excited about his future.

"I've always believed in Tyler's ability and competitiveness," Dipoto said. "He is young, … possesses outstanding natural ability in addition to an exceptional minor league performance track record (as one of the youngest players in every league). He has successfully progressed through each of the minor league levels and stands on the doorstep of making a Major League impact."

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California health officials: Outbreaks not linked

BY GARANCE BURKE
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SAN FRANCISCO Small but unusual outbreaks of tuberculosis, measles and an extremely rare polio-like disease in several regions across California have set off concerns about the risks of exposure. All the infectious disease reports are actively being investigated, and California health officials say it is sheer coincidence that they arose at the same time.

California Department of Public Health's chief of the communicable disease control division, James Watt, assessed each of the diseases and offered his tips about how to stay healthy:

MEASLES:

Even as the number of flu-related fatalities is falling in the state, public health officials warn that measles cases are on the rise.

The virus, which is widespread outside the United States, spreads through the air and results in symptoms including a fever, cough and runny nose. Watt said the best way to prevent infection is to get vaccinated.

"People may not realize but measles is quite a common and serious disease that can cause serious complications, so I really encourage people to talk to their doctors about the benefits of vaccination," he said. "It's not just a personal decision, but a choice not to vaccinate also increases the risk of disease transmission to other people."

The California Department of Public Health had confirmed 15 measles cases statewide as of Feb. 21, four in the San Francisco Bay area.

Two people were reported infected with the virus in Contra Costa County, one in Alameda County and one in San Mateo County. An infected college student from the University of California, Berkeley, was one of the Contra Costa County cases, but officials did not say if the other victims were infected by that person.

POLIO-LIKE ILLNESS:

Stanford University researchers announced this week that a very rare, polio-like disease appeared in more than a dozen California children within the past year, and each of them suffered paralysis to one or more arms or legs. But public health officials haven't identified any common causes connecting the cases.

Stanford University researchers are studying the illness, and doctors warned this week that any child showing a sudden onset of weakness in the limbs or symptoms of paralysis should be immediately seen by a doctor.

Watt added his department routinely monitors for about 80 rare diseases, so such new strains often come their attention.

"At this point we don't see any cause for concern that this is of significant impact to the public at large," Watt said.

TUBERCULOSIS:

Sacramento County public health officials announced this week that a Northern California high school student was diagnosed with the lung disease tuberculosis. The Grant Union High School student was reportedly receiving medical care and letters were being sent to parents of students who may have been exposed.

Tuberculosis, also called TB, is passed through the air, usually when someone is coughing, laughing, singing or sneezing. It can also lie dormant for a period of time, so there may be no way to tell how the student was infected.

TB cases are not atypical in California, given that the state is home to many people who travel across the globe, as well as a large immigrant population, Watt said.

"California is really a global crossroads and what that means is we become exposed to health issues that are happening around the world," he said. "Folks who are concerned they may have been exposed should be asking their doctors about screening and preventative treatment."

As for how to stay healthy, Watt offered age-old advice: look after yourself.

"We have had a couple of things that happened to pop up around the same time, but what I really want folks to do is take the kinds of commonsense wellness steps that we all know well," he said.

Grand juries indict 6 current, former San Fran officers

BY PAUL ELIAS & SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Four San Francisco police officers pleaded not guilty Friday after being indicted by federal grand juries.

A total of six current and former officers were charged in two separate indictments, with three accused of taking money, drugs, electronics and gift cards seized during investigations.

Among the items taken during a 2009 arrest was a $500 Apple gift card, an indictment states. Two days later, former officer Reynaldo Vargas, 45, of Palm Desert used the card to buy an iPhone and iPod Nano, prosecutors said Thursday

The other suspects in the thefts are Sgt. Ian Furminger, 47, of Pleasant Hill and Officer Edmond Robles, 46, of Danville.

Marijuana was taken in another 2009 incident, according to the indictment that accuses Vargas of delivering the pot to two informants and asking them to sell it and split the proceeds with him, Furminger and Robles.

All the indicted officers have been suspended without pay and had their guns taken away, Police Chief Greg Suhr said shortly after the indictments were announced.

"Our department is shaken. This is as serious as an issue as I can recall in my time in the department," said an emotional Suhr, who has been with the department since 1981.

Suhr said federal authorities assured him the arrests did not reflect a systemic problem in the department.

Furminger, Robles and Vargas each face counts of drug conspiracy and drug distribution that each carries a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison and a $1 million fine. They also face a charge of civil rights conspiracy that carries a sentence of up to 10 years and a $250,000 fine, and a federal program theft charge.

Vargas pleaded not guilty Thursday and was released on $50,000 bond. Furminger pleaded not guilty on Friday. Robles also appeared in court but needed an attorney and did not enter a plea.

In a separate indictment, three other defendants were charged with civil rights violations that prosecutors said involve illegally entering hotel rooms and intimidating occupants.

The charges were based on surveillance footage from a hotel in the Tenderloin neighborhood that was released by the city's public defender, Jeff Adachi, in 2011. Adachi claimed the videos of plainclothes officers contradicted police reports and sworn police testimony.

Officer Arshad Razzak, 41, and Officer Richard Yick, 37, both of San Francisco; and Officer Raul Eric Elias, 44, of San Mateo each face three civil rights charges that carry possible penalties of up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine. They pleaded not guilty on Friday.

The indictment did not provide additional details about the searches.

However, a civil lawsuit filed by three occupants of Hotel Henry in 2012 claimed Razzak, Elias, and three other officers got the hotel's master key and forced their way into rooms without a search warrant or the occupants' consent on two separate occasions. They searched the occupants and the room then made drug arrests, the lawsuit states.

A judge concluded that video evidence contradicted the officers' testimony, and criminal charges against the defendants were dismissed, the suit says.

The defendants sued the arresting officers and police department. The Board of Supervisors approved a $150,000 settlement in December.

In the current case, Razzak and Yick have also been charged with falsifying police reports.

None of the defendants in either indictment could be reached for comment.

Martin Halloran, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, said in a statement that the indictments were apparently based on the questionable testimony of unreliable informant witnesses.

"However, we do understand that these are nonetheless serious charges," Halloran said. "It is important to remember that the accused officers will have their day in court since federal grand juries only hear one side of the story."

Adachi said his clients had for years reported that their rights were being violated.

"I commend the U.S. attorney for taking seriously the reports from ordinary citizens who had been humiliated, stolen from and hurt by police officers sworn to protect them," he said in a statement.

One of the videos Adachi released in 2011 shows two officers walking into a residential hotel empty-handed and leaving with bags that Adachi said weren't booked into evidence.

Allegations stemming from the released videos led to the dismissal of dozens of criminal cases.

The charges came after San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon referred the investigation to federal authorities, citing a conflict of interest. Gascon was the police chief at the time the alleged conduct occurred.

Ex-NFL safety Sharper surrenders in L.A. on rape charge

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Former NFL All-Pro safety Darren Sharper surrendered to Los Angeles police after being named in a warrant involving a rape case in New Orleans.

Sharper, 38, also is under investigation in sexual assault cases in Florida, Nevada and Arizona and has pleaded not guilty to rape charges in Los Angeles.

Sharper's surrender Thursday night had been arranged in advance, LAPD Officer Bruce Borihan said. He was being held at the downtown Metropolitan Detention Center.

In a bail motion filed in the California case, Los Angeles County Investigator John Maccharella described a pattern in which the former football star met women at clubs or parties and lured them to a hotel room, where they were allegedly drugged and raped.

Lawyers for Sharper, who played in the NFL from 1997 to 2010 primarily with the Green Bay Packers, have said they would prove that any sexual contact Sharper engaged in was welcomed.

The motion says the incidents happened in the past five months, with two occurring within a day in Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Maccharella said he was told a woman went to a New Orleans bar with Sharper, consumed an alcoholic beverage provided by him and blacked out. She awoke the next morning while being sexually assaulted, the bail motion stated, noting that an exam later showed Sharper's DNA was present.

Another man facing rape charges in the New Orleans case turned himself in to police there on Friday.

Erik Nunez, 26, was booked on two counts of aggravated rape stemming from alleged assaults last September in New Orleans, police said.

Police issued warrants on Thursday for Sharper and Nunez. They face charges in the alleged rape of two women at the same location Sept. 23, police spokeswoman Remi Braden said.

Sharper's New Orleans-based attorney, Nandi Campbell, and attorney Leonard B. Levine, who represents Sharper in the California case, did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Braden said she did not know whether Nunez had an attorney.

The assault investigation in New Orleans is ongoing and additional arrests are possible, Braden said.

If convicted in the California case, Sharper could face more than 30 years in state prison. If convicted of aggravated rape in Louisiana, both Sharper and Nunez could face life imprisonment.

Sharper was selected All-Pro six times and chosen for the Pro Bowl five times. He played in two Super Bowls, one with the Green Bay Packers as a rookie and a second with the New Orleans Saints.

Sharper retired after the 2010 season. He is an analyst for the NFL Network, which has suspended him indefinitely without pay.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.0°**

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **6-8 ft** head high + to 3 ft overhead occ. 10ft
Bigger West-SW'erly storm swell peaks; Breezy southerly winds, along with scattered rain showers;

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 8ft
BIGGEST EARLY; Fading West-SW'erly storm swell; Possible improved conditions;

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
BIGGEST EARLY; Fading West-SW'erly storm swell; Improved conditions; Small SSW swell builds in

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
BIGGEST IN THE PM; Watching for a new WNW swell to move in; Good wind/weather likely; STAY POSTED, STILL PENDING DEVELOPMENT; Small SSW swell mixing in

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 -- 38 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 4

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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 Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	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

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	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.	C	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	C	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

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Primaries offer 1st major test of voter ID laws

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON In elections that begin next week, voters in 10 states will be required to present photo identification before casting ballots — the first major test of voter ID laws after years of legal challenges arguing that the measures are designed to suppress voting.

The first election is March 4 in Texas, followed by nine other primaries running through early September that will set the ballot for the midterm elections in November, when voters decide competitive races for governor and control of Congress.

The primaries will be closely watched by both sides of the voter ID debate, which intensified in 2011, the year after Republicans swept to power in dozens of statehouses.

For months, election workers have been preparing new voting procedures, while party activists and political groups seek ID cards for voters who do not have them.

The debut of the new laws in a few smaller-scale elections over the last year has already exposed some problems, such as mismatched names, confusion over absentee voting provisions and rules that require voters to travel great distances to obtain proper documentation. In one case, voters had no recourse if their credentials were challenged.

"Unless people are paying attention, and a lot of them aren't, they don't even know this law exists," said Brian Schoenman, secretary of the elections board in Fairfax County, Va., a Washington, D.C., suburb.

Supporters of the measures, mostly Republican conservatives, contend the ID checks protect against fraudulent voting and thus help build trust in government. Critics see them as a way of discouraging the kind of voters who lack picture IDs and might be more likely to support Democrats.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2008 that states can require voters to produce photo ID at the polls without violating their constitutional rights. And last year, the high court threw out a key part of the landmark Voting Rights Act, a decision that allowed voter ID laws to take effect in states where voting procedures had been under strict federal oversight for nearly 50 years.

Georgia and Indiana adopted some of the first voter ID laws. This year, in addition to the Texas law, new or stricter photo-identification voting laws take effect in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia.

Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have approved similar action, but those measures are on hold because of court challenges. In Mississippi, black lawmakers have asked Attorney General Eric Holder to block their state's law.

When Arkansas held a special legislative election in January, dozens of mail-in absentee votes were thrown out after voters failed to include a copy of their photo ID with their ballot. The Arkansas law, passed over Democratic Gov. Mike Beebe's veto, did not address absentee voting, and the GOP-controlled Legislature is not expected to take it up during the 2014 session.

The law allows voters without photo ID to cast a provisional ballot, but the ballot will not be counted unless they show identification by the Monday after the election.

"This is in no way an effort to suppress any valid vote," said GOP state Rep. Andy Mayberry, who supported the law. "It's a measure to help secure the credibility of our elections."

Arkansas voters will have two important races to decide this year. Sen. Mark Pryor, a Democrat, is expected to face an aggressive challenge from Republican Rep. Tom Cotton. A competitive contest for governor is also unfolding, with Republican former Rep. Asa Hutchinson likely to run against Democrat Mike Ross.

The higher-than-normal turnout expected for the midterm election will only compound the problems that emerged during the January election, according to Craighead County Election Commission Chairman Scott McDaniel, a Democrat.

"I foresee a great number, an unacceptable number of absentee voters to be disenfranchised because of this whole deal, and I don't like it," McDaniel said.

Virginia could be particularly confusing. Majority Republicans enacted a law requiring proof of identification, but no photo, in 2012. Last year, they amended the law to require photo ID to vote but set the effective date for the new law as July 1.

Virginia's primary is June 10, when voters will not be required to present a photo. But in November, they will.

"What I'm worried about is you've got a good number of communities of elderly, and foreign-born citizens who speak different languages," Schoenman said. "And we'll only have four months to get ready."

The state has about 330,000 more registered voters than licensed drivers, which is why minority Democrats last week unsuccessfully sought $250,000 to pay for the photo ID cards voters must have by November.

Democrats will be seeking to safeguard every potential vote. Last year's attorney general race was decided by 11 votes. This fall, the Senate seat held by Democrat Mark Warner is on the ballot, and the GOP needs to gain only six seats to claim the majority.

In Texas, as many as 600,000 voters could be prevented from having their ballots counted because of the state's newly enacted photo ID law, according to officials with Battleground Texas, a Democratic-leaning group aimed at helping register new voters.

One third of Texas' 254 counties do not have Department of Public Safety stations that can provide the cards. That means voters without proper identification have to drive more than 200 miles to get a card, provided they have the proper documentation, such as a birth certificate.

Still, state GOP Chairman Steve Munisteri said few problems popped up with the law during last year's election, a low-turnout affair that included constitutional changes but only drew about 10 percent of the electorate.

"The law has already been tested and performed quite well. I see no reason for concern," Munisteri said.

The 10 percent were devout voters, well aware of the new requirements, said Dana DeBeauvoir, election commissioner in Travis County, which includes Austin.

"This was not a population that needs extra support," she said. "Where we're going to see the problem is in November."

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University is suing Texas and states with similar laws, but it's not clear whether the lawsuits will be decided by November.

"We have shown already that these laws correlate with places that had demographic changes that currently favor Democrats," said Wendy Weiser, director of the Brennan Institute's Democracy program. "When you look at these things together, what's going on is discrimination."

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, March 1
Contempt (NR) 1hr 43min
King Lear (PG) 1hr 30min
7:30pm

Sunday, March 2
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 9min
1:00pm, 7:30pm

About Last Night (R)
11:00am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Pompeii (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 4:30pm, 10:15pm

Pompeii 3D (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:40pm, 7:15pm

Son of God (PG-13) 2hr 18min
11:15am, 1:25pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

RoboCop (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
2:15pm, 7:00pm

Monuments Men (PG-13)
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:15am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

Wind Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
10:40am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:25pm, 10:15pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Three Days to Kill (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Lego Movie (PG)
11:30am, 5:00pm, 9:45pm

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

20 Feet from Stardom (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:10am

Child's Pose (Pozitia Copilului) (NR) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Like Father, Like Son (Soshite Chichi Ni Naru) (NR) 2hrs 00min
11:00am

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

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:20pm

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

Tim's Vermeer (NR) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

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ADJUST YOUR PLANS, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be out of sorts. Your ruling planet, Mars, goes retrograde today for several months. At the moment, you could feel as though you're experiencing a bad hair day. Tonight: Close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on making a situation better. This even might result in a new beginning for a key relationship or friendship. You'll need to revise your opinions, which sometimes border on rigidity. Tonight: Defer to someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you'll need to deal with a loved one. Your ability to get past a problem will be emphasized. Take your time in making a decision. A friend could become difficult at best. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ News from a distance heralds a new beginning or possibility. You will see what is happening from a different point of view. You might decide to schedule a trip in the near future, and a close friend might want to join you. Tonight: Music sets the tone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could decide to head in a new direction because of a partner's feelings. Do not push if you have difficulty grasping the totality of a certain situation. Asking questions at this time could result in a disagreement. Tonight: Go along with a family member's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll get a different perspective and a sense of commitment from a key person in your life. You could have an opportunity for a new beginning, but not as quickly as you might think. A conversation has a serious undertone that needs to be honored. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could have a project in mind that you feel you must follow through on. Recognize someone's frustration, as this person might have hoped to get together for a fun happening. Do a better job of listening. Tonight: If you want to keep the peace, adjust your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You can't stop your innate creativity from flowing, nor will you want to. A loved one enjoys it when you express this quality. Make a point of getting some exercise to help you relax, so that you will be able to enjoy your loved ones. Tonight: Add some spice to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A new beginning will become possible. You might want to head in a new direction and do something totally different. You could be taken aback by how irritated a friend becomes as a result. Tonight: Entertain at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could make a big difference with a friend who often resents you, yet also admires you. A new beginning in how you communicate might become possible. A friend, parent or older relative will challenge your limits. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be aware of how you are spending your money and why. For some of you, a long-term goal might be in mind, whereas others' reasons might not be so grounded. Greet a new beginning financially. You will have some tough choices to make. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ A new beginning could create a lot of happiness and excitement. You might wonder what would be best for a friend. Make decisions only for you, and try not to get caught up in the moment. Avoid an argument with a loved one. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

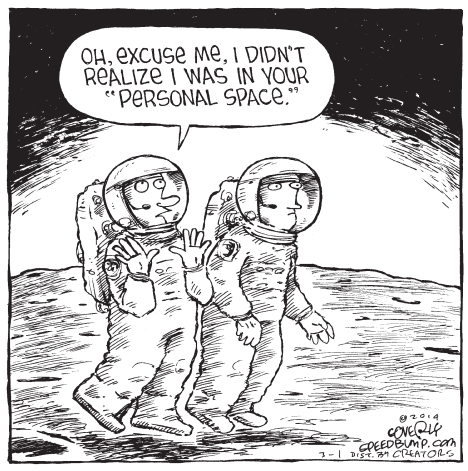
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

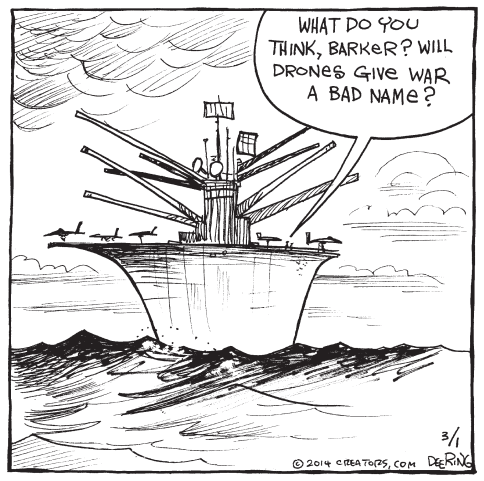
This year you have a New Moon on your birthday, which points to an exciting, dynamic year, where new beginnings become possible. Creativity marks your actions. Remember to be sensitive to those around you. If you are single, your magnetism attracts many people. You might choose to date a lot, or perhaps you will focus your attention on one person. If you are attached, remember that a relationship is about two people. As excited as you might be about your life this year, remember to make time for your significant other. A fellow PISCES is as emotional as you are, but he or she expresses it differently.

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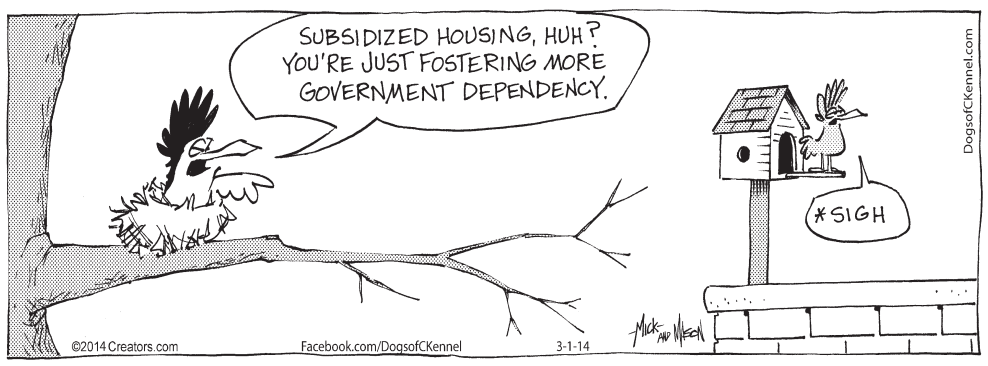
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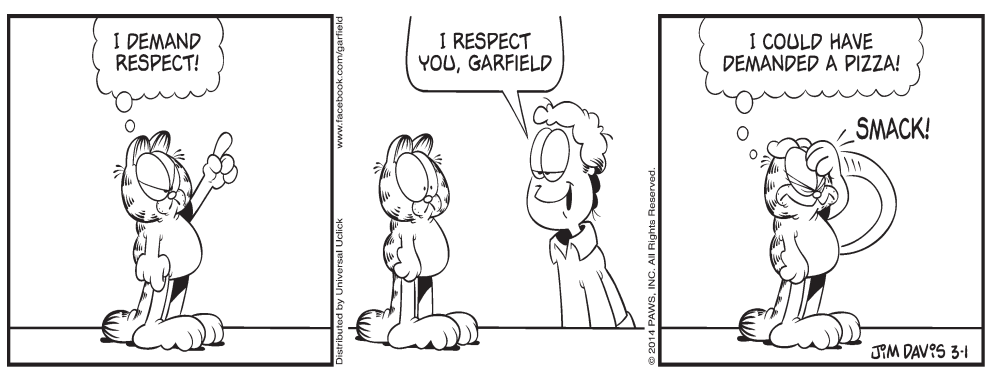
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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

7	2	8	4	1	3	5	6	9
5	9	3	7	2	6	1	8	4
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6	4	7	2	8	9	3	1	5
8	3	2	5	7	1	9	4	6
2	7	1	8	4	5	6	9	3
3	5	6	1	9	2	4	7	8
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Scots' toppers
5 Game fish
9 Polite
10 Assists illegally
12 Sports spot
13 Baseball's Yogi
14 Xylophone relative
16 Ran into
17 Summer in NYC
18 "Edward II" playwright
20 Reduce
22 Taverns
23 Ice cream parlor choice
25 Track shape
28 High jinks
32 Bond's drink
34 Opening
35 Play part
36 Radio pioneer
38 Emperor Selassie
40 "Loot" playwright
41 Puzzled
42 Staff symbols
43 Harrow rival
44 Relaxing resorts

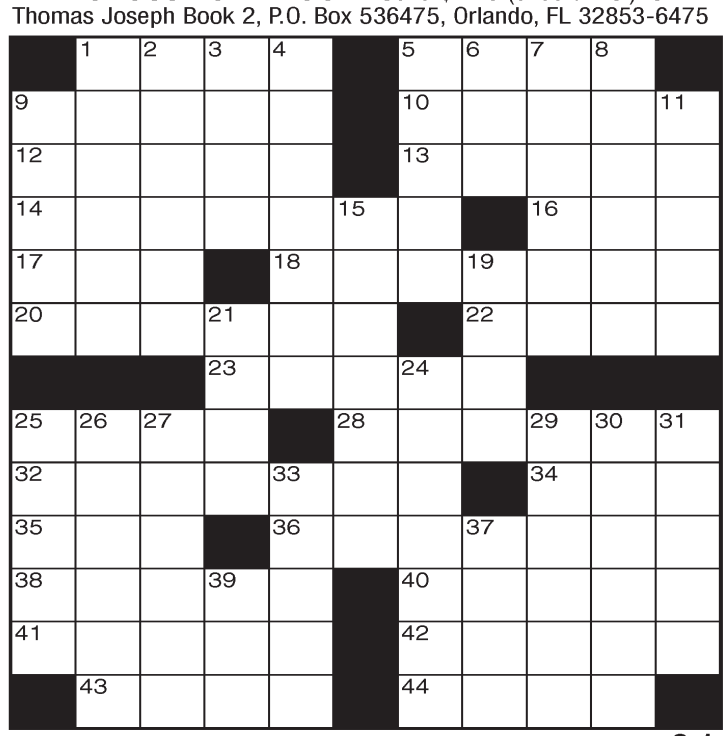
DOWN

1 Diatribe
2 Deflects
3 Skirt type
4 Viciously insulted
5 Storybook elephant
6 Japanese prime minister
7 Sunday speech
8 Scattered
9 Caravan creature
11 Appeases
15 Kerchief
19 Dryer fuzz
21 Pretzel topping
24 Shackled
25 Plains tribe
26 Leave empty
27 Monet or Manet
29 "This — see!"
30 Indian crafts
31 Roulette rounds
33 Clarifying phrase
37 Riding whip
39 Summer sign

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Christopher Pagano, 41, was finally arrested in January as police identified him as the man who had apparently been roaming the Mayfair neighborhood of Philadelphia for several weeks exposing his genitals while lovingly fondling a hunk of Swiss cheese ("cheese-accessorized" genitals, wrote a Philadelphia Daily News reporter). The case was broken when a 2012 victim recalled a "Swiss cheese pervert" in the Philadelphia area and searched for him on the Internet, locating a man who rhapsodized as much about cheese as about having sex. "I started to compare girls to cheese due to their milky (complexions)," the man (Pagano) wrote. "(G)irls are soft, smooth-feeling, and tend to like dairy products more."

■ Perps Who Need to Be in a Different Line of Work: "Victim" Joseph Torrez, 27, was at home in Las Cruces, N.M., on New Year's Day with his fiancee and young son when four men barged in (after threatening Torrez on the telephone with "I'm big Eastside," "I'll kill you and your family," "I will go to your house"). Torrez is a mixed-martial arts fighter, and by the time it was over, he and his family were safe, but one home invader was dead, another was in the hospital, and the other two (including the telephoner) under arrest.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2005 - U.S. Supreme Court rules that the execution of juveniles found guilty of murder is unconstitutional marking a change in "national standards,".

2006 - English-language Wikipedia reaches its one millionth article, Jordanhill railway station.

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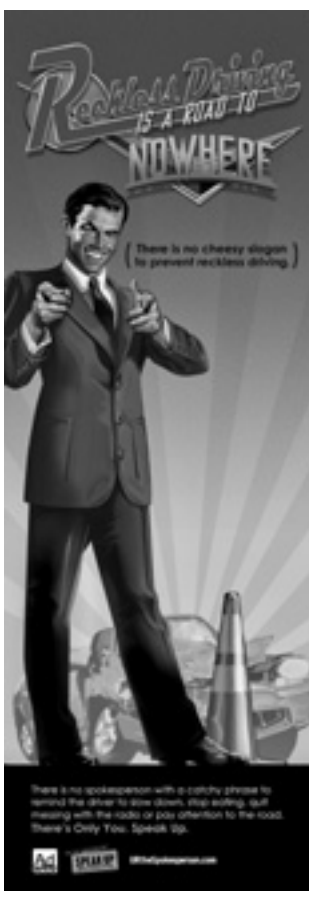
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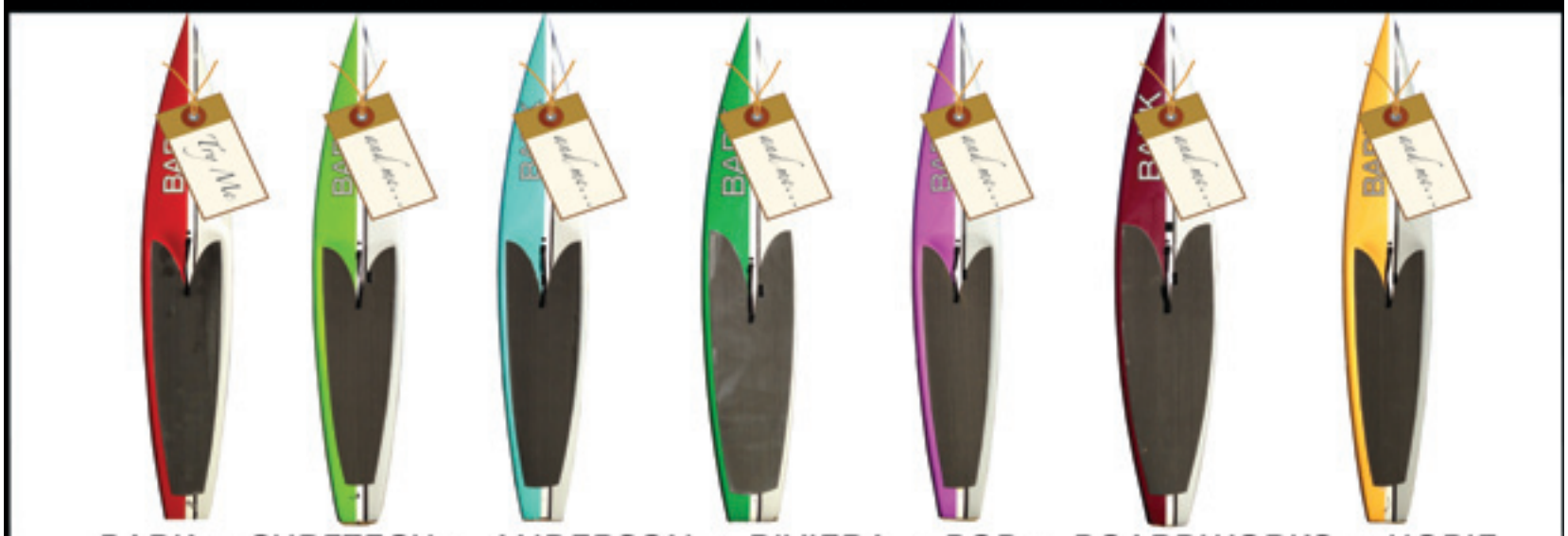
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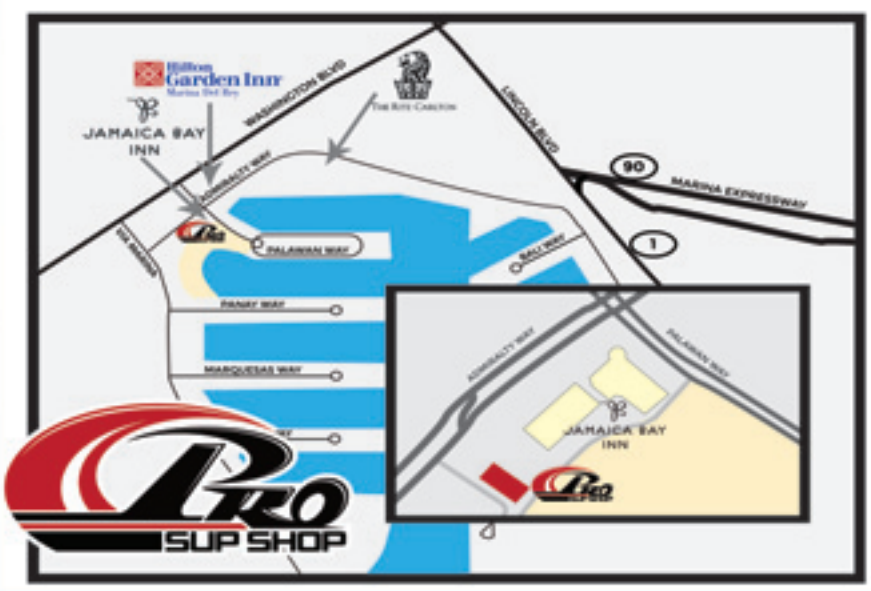
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11:30 am - 2 pm	Unurban Café	3301 Pico Blvd
9 am - 3 pm	Solomon Residence	1217 23rd St
Noon - 3 pm	Milanese Residence	1108 Stanford St
3 pm - 5 pm	Persky Residence	859 Princeton St
1 pm - 3 pm	Residence	810 California Ave #2

Sunday, March 2nd

1 pm - 5 pm	Kate	1608 Montana Avenue
10 am – 4 pm	Multiple Residences	Along 26th St between Pico & Pearl
2 pm - 4 pm	Rose Garden in Palisades Park *In case of rain*	Ocean Ave @ Palisades Ave 202 San Vicente Blvd
2pm - 4pm	Residence	328 21st St

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