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THE TIME TO RUN ISSUE



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GATHERING: Assemblymember Richard Bloom introduces a bill Friday on the Santa Monica Pier that would end whale shows.

Bloom speaks up for the whales

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Former Santa Monica Mayor, Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) introduced a bill on Friday that would end whale shows in California.

The proposed bill, which Bloom unveiled at a press conference on the Santa Monica Pier, would end orca breeding and the import and export of orcas into and out of the state. The proposed bill comes in response to a recent public outcry about the impact that captivity and performance schedules have on the giant mammals.

"These beautiful creatures are much too large and far too intelligent to be confined to concrete pools for their entire lives," Bloom said. "It is time that we embrace that the long accepted practice of keeping orcas captive for human amusement must end."

Advocates say that intense schedules, small pools, and separation of family members is detrimental to the well-being of the creatures.

The bill was at least partially a result of the critically-acclaimed documentary "Blackfish," which scrutinizes the lives of orca whales in captivity focusing on one that played a role in the deaths of two SeaWorld trainers.

The film's director, Gabriela Coperthwaite, and two SeaWorld trainers were also on-hand at the conference.

"I think the movie unquestionably has galvanized public opinion," Bloom said. "Public opinion about killer whales is largely based on our experience at marine waterparks. That's where the average individual learns a little bit about killer whales."

The film alone was not enough for him, he said. When he was asked to carry the bill, he reached out to the scientific community.

Dr. Naomi Rose, one of the members of that scientific community, spoke at the conference explaining that the sagging dorsal fin of a captive whale is not, as some believe, a sign that it's sad.

"It is a symptom of captivity and the result of simple, inevitable, gravity," she said. "A force that has little power over wild orcas who spend most of their time below the sea."

Bloom is optimistic about the bill's chances.

"Only in the last 24 hours, my Twitter feed has been going crazy in a way that it's never done before," he said. "Probably 99 percent of the people who've contacted me are in support of this bill."

One of SeaWorld's three parks is located

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School board inks environmental consultant contract

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS A contract with the new firm set to oversee the Malibu High School clean-up was approved at the Board of Education meeting Thursday night.

The costs for the next steps in a process on which the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has already spent at least $400,000 are still unknown and the hourly rates for the firm, Environ, were left undisclosed even to the board members, who approved the contract unanimously.

Concerns about the Malibu campus arose last year when three teachers reported they had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and

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Campaigns present mixed prospects for state's Democrats

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Even in an election year that appears favorable for national Republicans, California Democrats are confident they will retain their iron grip on state leadership and possibly enrich their share of House seats in Washington.

But for all the political saber-rattling, a gathering of party delegates in Los Angeles this weekend could be significant for what goes unsaid.

The party has plenty to celebrate, with Democrats controlling every statewide office and both chambers of the Legislature, along with a commanding 2.6 million voter edge in registrations. Gov. Jerry Brown appears headed for an unprecedented fourth term, after taming California's seemingly perpetual budget deficits with the help of a tax increase and a gradually improving economy.

But Democrats in the state Senate count

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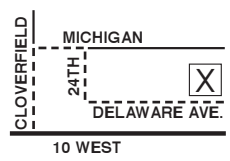


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Free compost
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 7 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Residents have the opportunity to cart away free compost at the city's compost giveaway — a quarterly thank you to residents for their efforts in recycling yard trimmings. Five burlap sacks will be provided per resident. Bring gloves and be prepared to scoop your own compost. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Walk with purpose
Crescent Bay Park
2000 Ocean Ave., 9 a.m.
Proceeds from this charity walk support the missions and programs of the National Eating Disorders Association including prevention and treatment research. For more information, call (212) 575-6200 or visit nedawalks.org.

He wishes he was a real boy
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade
11 a.m.
Twinkle Theatre for babies and toddlers presents "Pinocchio." Learn about love, true friendship and the importance of being honest in this classic story of the boy built out of love. Only the fun parts with no scary adventures are in this version. Sing, clap and have fun with the boy made out of wood in this 30-minute song-driven show that is ideal for babies and toddlers and first-time theatre goers. For more information, call (310) 804-0223.

Designing New York, Los Angeles
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
Christopher Long, a professor of architectural and design history at the University of Texas at Austin, will lecture on the work of Paul T. Frankl and his impact on the modernism movement in both Los Angeles and New York. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

An extraordinary life
Santa Monica High, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
"Pippin" tells the story of a young prince on a death-defying journey to find meaning in his existence. Will he choose a happy but simple life? Or will he risk everything for a singular flash of glory? This is a Samohi Theatre production. For more information, visit samohitheatre.org.

Sunday, March 9, 2014

Running to the sea
Citywide
8 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Los Angeles Marathon returns to Santa Monica. Starting at Dodger Stadium, the course heads west through Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and ends at California and Ocean avenues. For more information about the race and street closures, visit smgov.net/lamarathon.

Alice is at it again
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.
Follow Alice in "Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party" as she accepts an invitation to visit the wonderful Wonderland characters of her youth and returns to find her old friends — the Queen of Hearts, the Cards, the Tweedles and some new ones, too, all as silly as ever. Will Alice prevail or are the cards stacked against her? For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

New threads
The Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., West L.A.
1 p.m.
Appropriate for all audiences age 3 and up, this production of Hans Christian Anderson's classic fairy tale "The Emperor's New Clothes" welcomes audience participation and is filled with physical humor, site gags, extravagant costumes and props, memorable characters played by professional actors, a lasting moral lesson, and free giveaways for all children. This production runs through April 7. For more information, call (310) 622-4482.

Art opening
Upper West
3321 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Santa Monica-based artist Vicki McClay will host an opening reception for her work at this hip Pico Boulevard eatery. McClay's abstractions suggest ethereal landscapes that juxtapose color fields in layered and nuanced compositions. For more information, visit theupperwest.com.

For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Time to spring forward

It's time to move clocks up one hour for daylight-saving time, which begins on Sunday at 2 a.m.

– DANIEL ARCHULETA

SM HISTORY MUSEUM

History event rescheduled

Due to road closures associated with Sunday's Los Angeles Marathon, the city's Commission on the Status of Women and the Santa Monica History Museum have rescheduled an installment of the Discover the History program.

The event will now take place March 16 at 2 p.m. at the Santa Monica History Museum.

The event, in honor of Women's History Month, celebrates Santa Monica women of World War II. Dubbed "Immeasurable Contributions," it will include a slide show of historical photographs, a corresponding short talk and focus exhibit.

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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Keeping trespassers out

The Santa Monica Police Department is asking business and property owners to give them permission to keep trespassers off private property.

This applies to doorways, storefronts, back entrances, parking lots, and anywhere else that is considered private property.

During the hours your business is open, continue to call SMPD dispatch at (310) 458-8491 to request assistance.

Enforcing the state laws of trespassing requires the cooperation of the owner or agent of record for the property. The department's goal is to partner with owners and agents to provide routine checks of the property to deter trespassing violations.

This partnership requires that business owners or managers complete a new online Trespass Arrest Authorization form, authorizing the police department to provide appropriate enforcement.

Enforcement may include advising individuals who do not have authority to be on the premises to leave, as well as making arrests for trespassing and participate in any subsequent court proceedings.

The Trespass Arrest Authorization form can be found online at santamonicapd.org/trespass.

If you have questions about trespassing or filling out the form, contact the SMPD Homeless Liaison Program (HLP Team) at (310) 458-8953.

– DAILY PRESS



BALL HAWK

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Crossroads' Lawrence Gilliam charges the ball against Brentwood on Friday on the road. Brentwood went on to win the game, 3-2. The loss sends Crossroads to 1-1 this season.

Rob Reiner group proposes initiative to curb chain stores in Malibu

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Reviving the battle over commercial development in Malibu, a group headed by film director and activist Rob Reiner and his wife Michele submitted a draft ballot initiative to the city proposing stringent citywide regulations on chain stores.

They are also seeking a law requiring voter approval of new shopping centers more than 20,000 square feet in size.

The Reiners and their group, Save Malibu, want the initiative put on the November ballot this year. Malibu residents Carol Moss and Dru Ann Jacobson also attached their names to the proposal.

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Sports medicine pioneer Frank Jobe dies in Santa Monica

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Dr. Frank Jobe, a pioneering orthopedic surgeon who was the first to perform an elbow procedure that became known as Tommy John surgery and saved the careers of countless major league pitchers, died Thursday. He was 88.

Jobe died in Santa Monica after being hospitalized recently with an undisclosed illness, according to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jobe performed groundbreaking elbow surgery on John, a Dodgers pitcher who had a ruptured medial collateral ligament in his left elbow. The injury previously had no solution until Jobe removed a tendon from John's forearm and repaired his elbow. John went on to pitch 14 years after the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dereliction of duty

Editor:

What a peculiar animal is this Santa Monica Airport Commission. There is no one on the commission who has even an elementary grasp of general aviation. The commission chair Mr. Goddard has stated that expertise is not required because "we only ask questions and collect data." How can anyone ask intelligent questions or know what data to collect if they don't understand the subject?

The Airport Commission represents a fulgent anomaly amongst all of the other city boards and commissions in its lacking of any commissioners with appropriate expertise. The Architectural Review Board has architects on it, the Disabilities Commission is about 50 percent self-described disabled persons, the Commission on the Status of Women has women on it, and so on, yet the oldest commission in the city, the Airport Commission, lacks anyone at all who understands aviation in the 21st century.

This band of bloviators has missed one opportunity after another to promote safety by eschewing readily available federal funding to mitigate the concerns of airport neighbors. Leaving citizens they believe to be at risk unprotected when solutions are known and available is contumelious and perhaps even criminally negligent. By meeting every concern with the same "close the airport" mantra and neglecting any kind of remedy, the commission seems hell-bent on throwing the baby out with the bath water. Shame on them.

All of the other city commissions and boards are composed of serious people who are dedicated to making the particular area of their concern perform to the highest standards they can. The singular exception is the Airport Commission, whose members are proposing to "strangle" the very thing it is their duty to protect. How can this be a responsible attitude for government? This kind of malfeasance cannot be condoned in a city commission. It needs remediation tout suite. This attitude is more expected and more appropriate to the various and sundry self-interested neighborhood groups who have no duty to promote the greater good.

Several of the commissioners have conflicts due to their other public activities as founders or spokespersons for groups whose stated mission is to close the airport by any means and as soon as possible. They are compromised and cannot be expected to make decent, unbiased decisions. Two of them own homes close by the airport whose values may well depend on their actions as commissioners. This blatant bias, flaunted in public, cannot be conducive to credibility with the majority of citizens. The appearance of impropriety is the salient feature of our present commission.

Too be able to govern effectively, the City Council must first get the facts, or face the prospect of being sent on one fool's errand after another by these buffoons. It is time for a new Airport Commission composed of knowledgeable people, with a broader sense of responsibility to the entire community. Santa Monica Airport can again be a beautiful, vibrant and productive part of the local economy. All that is lacking is the will to make it so.

Bill Worden
Venice



Your column here

By Lee H. Hamilton

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Where Congress falls short ... and where it gets the job done

AT A PUBLIC GATHERING THE OTHER DAY, someone asked me how I'd sum up my views on Congress. It was a good question, because it forced me to step back from worrying about the current politics of Capitol Hill and take a longer view.

Congress, I said, does some things fairly well. Its members for the most part want to serve their constituents and the country. They may be ambitious — it's hard to be a successful politician if you're not — but they're not motivated primarily by personal interest. Most are people of integrity who have chosen to try to advance the national interest and are willing to work within our agitated political environment.

They also strive to reflect their constituents' views. They're not always successful at this — I think members of Congress tend to under-appreciate voters' pragmatism and over-estimate their ideological purity. Still, they're politicians: their success rests on being accessible to their constituents, understanding what they want, and aligning themselves with that interest.

For all the attractive individual qualities that members of Congress display, however, their institutional performance falls short. Talented though they are, the institution they serve does not work very well. They argue endlessly, pander to contributors and powerful interests, posture both in the media and in countless public meetings, and in the end produce very little. They discuss and debate a lot of problems, but don't create effective results.

This may be because many members of our national legislature have a constricted view of what it means to be a legislator. They're satisfied with making a political statement by giving a speech, casting a vote, or getting a bill through the chamber they serve in, rather than writing legislation that will make it through both houses of Congress, get signed by the President, and become a law. Their aim seems to be partisan and ideological, rather than a constructive effort to solve the nation's problems.

Similarly, they undermine their ability to oversee the executive branch by conducting hearings for political gain rather than to scrutinize government activities or develop effective policy directives. Many of our representatives have become so reliant on their staff for knowledge about public policy and the details of federal agencies that in off-the-cuff debate they can be untethered and misinformed. Small wonder that Congress has had trouble being productive. The days appear to be over when members of Congress strove to be masters of their subject matter and legislators in fact as well as in name.

Forced to spend so much time raising money and listening to well-heeled people and groups, they also seem to have trouble seeing current affairs from the perspective of ordinary people. They fall captive to the politics of any given issue, rather than thinking about the much harder question of how you govern a country with all its residents in mind. They don't see the necessity, in a divided Congress and a divided country, of negotiation and compromise.

Congressional tradition has created a legislative process that should encourage fact-finding, searching for remedies, and finding common ground. It should not work solely by majority rule; decisions spring from consultation with many voices, balancing minority and majority views, and fair-minded process. This is not what today's members of Congress do, however. Instead, they short-circuit the committee process; fail to do their homework; dwell on talking points put together by staff and others; give too much power to their leaders; pay too little attention to deliberation; allow insufficient opportunity to debate and vote on major policy amendments; and in general make a mess of the budget — the basic operating instructions for the government.

Process may not be everything, but good process enhances the chance of getting things right — and with each passing year, Congress forgets more and more about what good process looks like.

Plenty of forces are responsible for this state of affairs, from the outsized role of money in the political process to today's hyper-partisanship to TV-driven sound-bite debates. But in the end, it's still a source of great frustration to the American people, me included, that well-meaning, talented individuals cannot make the institution work better.

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The Q Line

Things will be great when you're Downtown

Petula Clark sure knew what she was talking about in the classic "Downtown." There is no finer place, at least according to a survey released by Downtown Santa Monica Inc. last week, which showed that the area is thriving.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What are your fondest memories of Downtown Santa Monica? How has it changed and what do you think of it now?

Here are your responses:

"OLD, BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN REPLACED by higher, predominantly ugly buildings. There is no inspired modern architecture available. There seems to be a plot against architects. The shopping district is populated by stores that can be found in almost any tourist city in the world. My fondest memory: being able to see more sky."

"MEMORIES: BAD SMELLS. THE GOOD: clean city; beach; pier; Third Street Promenade; restaurants; some of the bus lines; Emeritus College; library; Farmers' Markets. The bad: light rail at grade (safety, congestion); higher, denser developments being planned; pedestrian safety; inadequate lighting at intersections; bicyclist interactions (on sidewalks, running red lights and stop signs); lack of physically protected bike lanes; signal synchronization. The ugly: peak traffic; parking; city planning and a council majority that ignores residents."

"I MOVED HERE A FEW MONTHS before the original Santa Monica Place opened. The Third Street Mall was the name of what is now the promenade. There were affordable shops. There were fun places to shop in the day time, but never at night! The homeless population prevented that. The Kings Head and Tony Roma's were the only places to go at night. Parking was easy and free in the structures. You could also park at RAND on weekends for free and walk down to the beach. Then the "new mall" opened and you could do shopping at night safely. Eventually the old mall was changed to the promenade and as the changes occurred more people came. Like the movie Field of Dreams stated, "If you build it they will come."
At first it was great to see movies and eat at new nice places without the homeless.
Now it has become too busy with different problems, too much traffic, too many expensive businesses and parking hassles galore. I know there is no going back but it would be nice if things changed a little so us locals could easily go back Downtown for a movie and a meal."

"I USED TO GO TO MOVIES AT THE OLD Criterion Theater. Given a dollar, I paid the 75 cents admission price. I got an ice cream sandwich for 20 cents, and a penny tax, which left me with four pennies that I couldn't use, as they didn't have any of those penny candy machines."

"GETTING INTO AND OUT OF DOWNTOWN
Santa Monica has become somewhat of a hassle with traffic. Most shopping centers offer you three hours free parking. With so many unaffordable shops I'd trade them all in for a Macy's, Penny's and our three five-and-dimes we once had."

"MY FOND MEMORY OF DOWNTOWN
Santa Monica was when we had Zucky's. We could have a nice meal with the family. It was a wonderful time. Now, there's nothing but traffic, they want to run you down. It's just too much."

"UNDER PROGRESSIVE CITY IMAGE management, Downtown is a success. Surveys are usually slanted to who ever gives the survey, meaning City Hall. 60 years of living in Santa Monica gives an opposite view. The whole Downtown area is a disaster. You can't dive because of traffic. There are bus lanes, all-important bike lanes, pedestrian egotistic importance, parking meters and costly parking structures. Yeah, things are OK this year, but what about future years?"

"I THINK DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA has gone down the toilet. Too crowded. Too noisy. Too congested. Too polluted. Too expensive. When I moved to Santa Monica in 1979 you had great places to shop Downtown and great places to eat. Everything now is just too expensive."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S PLAN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.69.030 to receive public comment on the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2012-13. The FY 2012-13 Annual Review reports on the performance of the homeless service system. Copies of the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2012-13 will be available to the public on the web at http://www.smgov.net/Homelessness seven days preceding the meeting, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

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among their ranks a newly convicted felon, Sen. Roderick D. Wright, and Sen. Ron Calderon, who is facing federal bribery charges. Republicans eager to gain ground in November have depicted the two cases as evidence of a broken, one-party government.

Republicans also have plenty of contentious issues to raise during this year's campaigning. Among them: the $68 billion high-speed rail train that is Brown's signature project but has lost much of its public support; hundreds of billions of dollars in looming pension and retiree health care debt for public employees; and a water storage and distribution system that has failed to keep pace with California's growth.

Some Democrats fear their voters might stay home in November, with no hot race at the top of the ticket to generate excitement and polls showing many voters disenchanted with Congress and the Legislature. That could hurt the party in any of two dozen or more competitive congressional and state legislative contests, they say.

Republicans, meanwhile, could be eager to get to the polls to send a message on the national health care overhaul or to break the Democratic supermajorities in the state Legislature, which give the party a lock on statehouse power.

"Any Democrat in a competitive district who runs a traditional campaign ... will be looking for work after Election Day," Bob Mulholland, a longtime party consultant, warned in an email to delegates.

He's predicting a possible record-low turnout in November and pointed to the recent mayor's race in San Diego, where Republican Kevin Faulconer overcame a Democratic registration edge.

"I'm very concerned," Mulholland said in an interview.

By most measures, California presents a comfortable landscape for Democrats. The state counted more registered Republicans in 1988 than it does today, although the population has grown by about 10 million over that time, and you'd have to go back to that year to find a Republican presidential candidate who carried the state, George H.W. Bush.

Most political handicappers expect Democrats to retain their hold on the governorship, attorney general and other statewide offices this year, in part because of California's Democratic tilt. GOP registration has dwindled to 28.7 percent.

The weekend convention in downtown Los Angeles is anchored to a speech Saturday by Brown, who formally kicked off his candidacy last month. He is expected to secure enough votes in the June primary — which will be run under the state's new, top-two format — to move on to the general election. In November, Brown is expected to face one of two little-known Republicans, former U.S. Treasury official Neel Kashkari of Laguna Beach or state Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, a Republican from the San Bernardino Mountains community of Twin Peaks.

Brown has a massive fundraising advantage over both.

Meanwhile, millions of dollars are pouring into competitive legislative and congressional races.

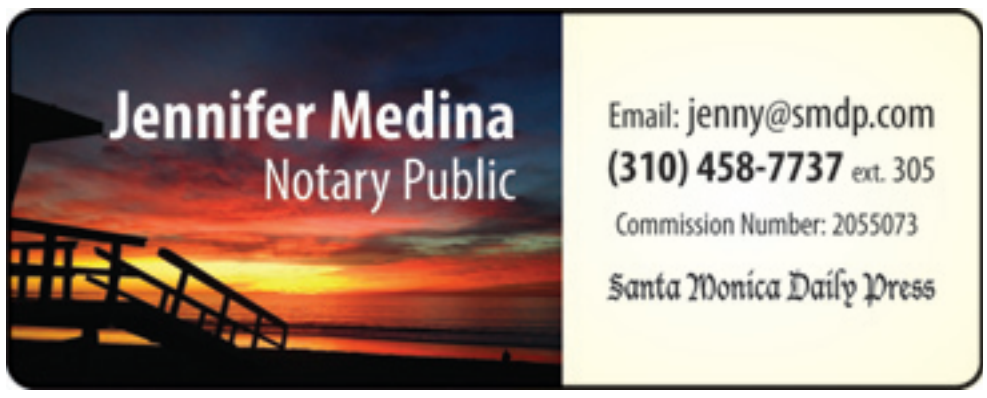
Bill Whalen, a research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and a speechwriter for former Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, said rifts have appeared in the Democratic terrain that could affect those local races.

He pointed to Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom's decision to break with Brown and oppose the bullet train, and an age gap between the ranks of younger Democratic voters and the party's leadership — Brown, for example, is 75. In a recent interview, the governor sounded skeptical about legalizing marijuana, which could grate some younger voters.

"There are some cracks in the wall," Whalen said.

While national Republicans are targeting numerous contests in states where President Barack Obama's standing has tumbled, the president's approval rating in California sits at 53 percent, according to a January survey by the independent Public Policy Institute of California.

That figure is well below his popularity during the early months of his tenure, however, and more California voters have been taking a less favorable view of him compared to last year, the poll found.



City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Conditional Use Permit 13-006, 1001 Third Street.

Development Agreement 13DEV010, 315 Colorado Avenue. The property owner is seeking a Development Agreement with the City to convert approximately 50,000 square feet of entitled, but vacant retail space on the third level of the Bloomingdale's Building within Santa Monica Place into a multi-screen movie theater complex with up to 13 movie theaters with a seating capacity of up to 1,500 seats. ArcLight has been identified as the operator for the cinema. Renovations would be limited to the 3rd level of the Bloomingdale's Building; the height of the existing building would be increased by approximately 28 feet from 56 feet to a maximum of 84 feet. No additional floor area is proposed. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review. (Planner: Laura Beck) **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

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 this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. 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.

CONTRACT
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more than a dozen complained of negative health symptoms in a letter to the district.

The district performed numerous tests on the campus and found that the levels of PCB, a cancer causing substance, in the dust and caulk samples were high enough to trigger oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA officials will oversee a clean-up process that ensures the rooms are free of PCB levels above their established threshold.

Over winter break the district tested, then cleaned, then tested again for PCBs. The EPA oversaw the testing of some of the rooms and deemed the results of the testing acceptable. Some parents cried foul when they learned that rooms were tested with the windows open. This, according to district officials, was meant to simulate the actual classroom environment where windows are sometimes left open.

At Thursday's meeting, a handful of Malibu residents criticized the district and the board for its response to the health concerns, claiming a lack of transparency and that the school's soils should have been tested for carcinogens.

Board members expressed a desire to approve the Environ contract — and perhaps amend it later — in order to hasten the process.

Environ requested that its hourly rates be withheld from the document, a request that was honored through, as school board member Oscar de la Torre put it, an "FBI-style blackout" of the information.

Jan Maez, chief business officer for the district, said that they would release that information to the board if requested.

"They may not have been comfortable with revealing the hourly rates but we do that routinely and everybody's hourly rates are out there," said board member Laurie Lieberman. "I would say that the next person who comes along and asks for that we should tell them that it's just not our practice."

District officials assured the board that they will be notified once an estimate is made. Costs for remediation and oversight will be included in the district's bi-monthly report to the board, they said.

Board member de la Torre also questioned how much of a role the board would play in the clean-up and testing process.

"Let's say we want to set parameters, like for example, we want the air to be tested with windows open, doors open, and then with windows closed and doors closed," he said. "Getting into the detail of how to proceed with that type of investigation, is that something that we can do?"

"That's why we hired a team of experts," replied Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

She explained that the board would be able to give some direction.

"There are places where we have oversight and will have input but what we've been saying all along is that we need to hire the experts to guide us through this process," she said.

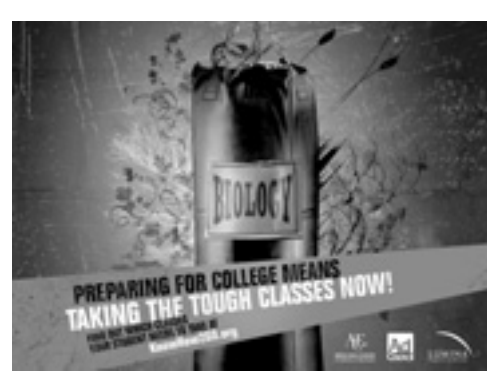
Last month, a Washington DC-based advocacy group, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), issued a statement criticizing the district's use of funds throughout the process.

Lyon responded with a letter defending the spending and asking the organization to work with the district in the process.

"We have indeed spent considerable resources with the sole purpose of answering questions raised by our employees, parents and the community," Lyon said. "Our goal, as it has been from the outset, is to be assured that our schools are healthy."

PEER also suggested that soils could be contaminated as a result of World War II army training that occurred nearby. Lyon did not respond directly to this assertion in her letter.

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OBIT
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operation on Sept. 25, 1974, compiling 164 more victories without ever missing a start because of an elbow problem.

"Today I lost a GREAT friend," John tweeted.

Last year, the initial surgery and the relationship between John and Jobe was the subject of an ESPN documentary.

"When he did come back, I thought maybe we could do it on somebody else," Jobe told The Associated Press in 2010. "I waited two years to try it on somebody else, but we had no idea we could do it again."

Jobe initially estimated John's chances of returning to the majors at less than 5 percent. He later said 92 to 95 percent of patients return as good, if not better, than before the surgery.

The surgery has since become common practice for pitchers and players at every level of baseball, including New York Mets pitcher Matt Harvey, Washington star Stephen Strasburg, San Francisco's Tim Hudson and Minnesota's Francisco Liriano.

Some pitchers have signed multiyear contracts just months after they have the surgery in expectation of a high-level return.

Typically, full rehabilitation takes about a year for pitchers and about six months for position players. The procedure initially required four hours; now it takes about an hour.

"I had no idea it would do this," Jobe told the AP. "It startles me even today that it has done that. The doctors are recognizing the condition early enough to fix it and they are learning how to do the surgery so well. They rehab it so not just the arm, but the whole body gets better."

Jobe believed the advancements would continue.

"You never want to say in medicine this is the end. You're always coming up with something a little bit different," he said. "Even with Tommy John, there's people doing things slightly different. In their minds they're getting better."

Jobe had served the Dodgers' organization for 50 years, most recently as special adviser to the chairman. The courtly Southerner attended the team's games as recently as last season, with someone on either arm escorting him.

Sixteen years after saving John's career, Jobe reconstructed the right shoulder of former Cy Young Award winner Orel Hershiser, another procedure that had never been successfully performed on a major league pitcher.

"He change my life!! Gave me back my career!!" tweeted Hershiser, a former Dodgers great. "I will miss him and I am eternally grateful!!!"

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig saluted Jobe for revolutionizing sports medicine.

"His wisdom elevated not only the Dodgers, the franchise he served proudly for a half-century, but all of our clubs," Selig said in a statement. "Dr. Jobe's expertise, as well as his enthusiasm to mentor his peers, made the national pastime stronger."

Since 1974, Jobe had performed hundreds of Tommy John surgeries on pitchers. Jobe co-founded the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic along with the late Dr. Robert Kerlan in 1965. They supervised the medical treatment for the Dodgers and Angels, Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Rams, the Los Angeles Kings, and Anaheim Ducks, as well as other pro and amateur athletes around the country.

"His dedication and professionalism in not only helping the Dodgers, but athletes around the world is unparalleled," Dodgers president Stan Kasten said. "He was a medical giant and pioneer and many athletes in the past and the future can always thank Frank for finding a way to continue their careers."

Jobe had also been the orthopedic consultant for the PGA Tour for more than 25 years.

Last July, the Baseball Hall of Fame honored Jobe during its induction weekend in Cooperstown, N.Y., with John in attendance.

Born in Greensboro, N.C., in 1925, Jobe joined Army at 18 and served as a medical staff sergeant in the Army's 101st Airborne Division during World War II.

After the war, Jobe completed his undergraduate degree at La Sierra University and went on to attend medical school at Loma Linda University. After serving a residency at Los Angeles County Hospital, Jobe teamed with Kerlan to specialize in the new field of sports medicine.

Jobe is survived by wife Beverly, sons Christopher, Meredith, Cameron and Blair, and eight grandchildren.

The family said plans for a memorial were pending.

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in San Diego, just 130 miles down the coast from where Bloom unveiled the bill. SeaWorld has criticized "Blackfish" as false and emotionally manipulative, stating that footage and stories from the film were taken out of context to promote an anti-captivity narrative.

SeaWorld released a statement about Bloom's press conference, calling some of those on hand "well known extreme animal rights activists."

Bloom, during the press conference, said that the bill is not an attack on SeaWorld.

"It's not trying to harm SeaWorld and its business model," he said. "SeaWorld is a $3 billion corporate business. It has facilities throughout the United States, and I am confident that SeaWorld can carry on without this one element of the many things that it does."

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MALIBU
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"We filed the 'Your Malibu, Your Decision Act' because that [small-town] character stands to be destroyed by massive new commercial developments — developments that we think the voters of Malibu should have the power to approve or reject," Michele Reiner said in a statement to The Malibu Times.

The "Your Malibu, Your Decision Act" contains two components. Under the first, all major shopping center development and commercial or mixed use construction over 20,000 square feet would require a citywide vote. The second component would place a 30 percent limit on the number of chain stores permitted to operate in Malibu shopping centers.

Requests for comment to several Civic Center landholders and developments were not returned.

A team of attorneys in Northern California and political campaign strategists in Los Angeles spent three months drafting the initiative for the Reiners, who are no strangers to political activism. For this latest effort, they enlisted strategist Felix Schein of the Griffin-Schein political firm.

Schein worked with the Reiners when they sponsored the gay couple who challenged Proposition 8 in court, which was overturned by the Supreme Court last year. The Reiners were also pivotal in saving and preserving Ahmanson Ranch by advocating for the passage of Prop. 10 in 2003.

CHAIN STORE RESTRICTIONS

The draft initiative defines a chain or "formula retail" store as having 10 or more global locations. In order to open a new chain in Malibu, the business would have to obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) from the Planning Commission and occupy no more than 2,500 square feet. Current chain stores would be grandfathered in if the initiative passes.

"Already-existing chain stores would not be required to obtain a conditional use permit. However, if they wanted to expand, for example, or move to a new location, then the new rule would apply to them," said James Harrison, an attorney who represents the Reiners.

Additionally, no more than 30 percent of overall square footage and leasable spaces of a shopping center could be occupied by a chain. Grocery stores, banks, real estate offices, gas stations, movie theaters, post offices, drug stores, medical offices and low-cost overnight hotels and motels would be exempt from the law.

The chain store restrictions bear a striking resemblance to an ordinance that was considered by the City Council last year that would have only applied to the Civic Center. Despite pressure from the grassroots group Preserve Malibu and many slow-growth proponents, the council eventually ruled against the ordinance and instead opted to begin drafting a Civic Center Specific Plan and Design Guidelines. Later this month, city officials will consider implementing a temporary 45 percent cap on chains in the Civic Center for one year until the specific plan and design guidelines are drafted by a consultant.

VOTERS DECIDE

The other "Your Malibu, Your Decision Act" initiative component — putting development decisions in the hands of voters — was not an idea considered at the council level last year. Any proposed commercial/shopping center measuring 20,000 square feet or more that does not yet have building permits would be put to a citywide vote. If the initiative is passed and enacted this year, the law could affect some projects already in the pipeline such as Whole Foods and the La Paz project, Harrison said.

"If they don't have their building permits, then the new law would apply to them," he said.

The city of Del Mar in San Diego County passed a similar voter-empowering law in the 1980s.

"Right now, decisions about the construction of massive new developments can be made without voter approval .... We hope developers will embrace this idea," Michele Reiner said.

City Clerk Lisa Pope said Malibu City Attorney Christi Hogin's office is looking over the draft initiative and must prepare a ballot title and summary before Reiner's camp can begin gathering signatures to have the initiative officially placed on the November ballot. Pope said that in order for a special election to be held in November, the petitioners would need to gather 15 percent of signatures from local voters. She said it was too early to know if the initiative would require 50-plus-1 percent approval or two-thirds voter approval.

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BUSY GUY: Santa Monica Merchant founder Giles Donavan packs a crate for a customer.

This merchant delivers the goods

"FARM TO TABLE" AND "FARM TO FORK" are familiar phrases. But what about "farm to front door?"

It's a novel concept that best describes the business model behind Venice Merchant, a service that handles all the moving parts between the consumer and the grower.

It's not simply a delivery service, though. It's a carefully coordinated effort that relies on the community not only as the consumer but in some cases the food provider as well.

Here's the 101. A customer goes to the website. They select a standard or small crate of seasonal fruits and vegetables. Additional items such as eggs, meat, bread, and honey can be added to the crate. Venice Merchant then delivers the goods on a set date.

The two biggies that separate Venice Merchant from a grocery delivery service like Amazon Fresh are the quality of the goods and the amount of time between food being picked to reaching a customer's front door.

The goal is to get the goods straight from the source and deliver them within 48 hours of harvest. It sounds like a major pain in the butt as well as a pricey proposition. Coordination is the key. A delivery truck makes a statewide road trip (Paso Robles for beef, Agoura Hills for greens, San Pedro Fish Market for seafood). Once the truck makes it back, the food is sorted into crates by order and delivered to the individual residences.

It sounds lofty but the ability to cut out all the overhead of storing, stocking, and staffing that are common to grocery stores means lower costs. The price for a crate of fresh fare ($40) is in line if not cheaper than a similar sized order from Whole Foods. Furthermore, the food is as fresh as it gets. Yes, it's all organic. Yes, the items in the crates are customizable to your tastes. Additionally, recipes are slipped into the crate as well.

Venice Merchant only came to fruition once enough supporters agreed to buy into the service. The sole delivery truck is on such a tight schedule, it can only handle orders within Venice. However, word of mouth spread and now there's a Topanga Merchant and a Santa Monica Merchant, too. Brentwood Merchant and Mar Vista Merchant are waiting in the wings. It's simply a matter of having enough subscribers to make it sustainable.

What makes each Merchant unique is how localized each one is. Santa Monica Merchant gets their baked goods from a Santa Monica baker. Venice sources local as well.

Each crate is unique to its neighborhood, supporting local businesses while maintaining all health department standards. Of course the Merchants go beyond just being up to code. If Jerry living in Sunset Park is making cheese curds out of his bathtub, they're not likely to make the grade.

Founder Giles Donavan has traveled thousands of miles up and down the state, from the farms, to the fish markets to make sure that only the best fare is put into his customers' crates. From Topanga to Venice, the company has 600 members and growing. Signing up for the service affords customers more than just the freshest food available. The effort supports local business and small farms as well.

The Merchant business started in Venice, but through Santa Monica Place's promise to house a grocer, and under the city's pressure for them to deliver, the strange circumstance situates Santa Monica Merchant on the third floor Marketplace.

The facility affords the business to make almond milk, vegetable stocks, and fresh preserves on site. A butcher license and a license to distribute alcohol are in the works. Some people just want a crate full of meat and beer.

Alongside a chocolatier, wine bar, and other gourmet shops, probably sits the worlds most prime property for a wholesaler. I guess it beats another Starbucks, though.

For more information, visit santamonicamerchant.com.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food. He can be reached at michael@smdp.com. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/greaseweek.

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UC Davis establishes center for coffee study

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIS, Calif. University of California students who drink coffee to get through the day will soon be able to study the science behind the beverage.

Soon the University of California, Davis will host a research conference run by its recently founded Coffee Center.

The center is currently without a dedicated home, but the university hopes to formalize the research in coming years and eventually offer a major in coffee science, The Sacramento Bee reported Friday.

J. Bruce German, director of the university's Foods for Health Institute, says the conference is first step toward establishing a dedicated coffee research study center — similar to the school's Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science.

"We think there is sufficient interest given the fact that so many people have consumed coffee so regularly across the world, for so long," German said. "Coffee is not an insignificant contributor to the agricultural footprint."

The March 11 conference will cover topics such as the genetics of coffee, sustainability in coffee growing and the sensory perception of coffee drinkers.

Coffee production and consumption have been growing in recent years, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts global production will reach 150.5 million bags this year. The International Coffee Association reports coffee is the most widely traded tropical agricultural commodity and the largest food import in the United States.

One of the center's first steps will be to build and operate a greenhouse to grow coffee plants for research, German said. Researchers expect to focus on sustainability in every step along the coffee production chain, from land use to waste concerns.

"What we're looking to do is start a relationship with coffee and move knowledge of all aspects of coffee forward," German said. "That knowledge will be driven by scientists and industry."

Currently the center is being funded by the university's Foods for Health Institute, but German said he hopes the funding model will change through teaming up with the coffee industry. Ultimately, he expects the school will develop a coffee science major once there is funding for early stage research.



File photo

TASTY: UC Davis students will soon have the opportunity to learn the science behind coffee.



TV shows get into the wine biz

MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press

Mr. Carson, bring me my wine! And you, too, Mr. Spock.

In what is perhaps the strongest evidence yet of wine's power to unite, fans of upper-crusty period drama "Downton Abbey," sci-fi classic "Star Trek" and the proudly down home show "Duck Dynasty" can all buy wines bottled under license to their favorite show.

Must drink TV?

The Downton Abbey wines, a white and a red (retailing at $16.99), come from Wines That Rock, a company that makes wine under the names of rock groups, including the Rolling Stones. They're made by Dulong Grand Vins, a Bordeaux winery, which makes sense since the show has featured a number of wines from that famous French wine region.

Wine has been a big part of the British series, with butler Mr. Carson taking great pains over which wines to serve with dinner. One of the wines served at the big dinner party in the second episode of the fourth season was a 1919 Chateau Coutet, a big thrill for the family that now owns the southern Bordeaux winery (which produces a well-regarded dessert wine).

Producers of the show, who are known for their faithful attention to detail, approached the family and asked for permission to use the name, then made a prop bottle to use in filming. "We were thrilled," says Aline Baly, co-owner and director of marketing and communications for Chateau Coutet.

Meanwhile, "Duck Dynasty," an A&E show about a family business that makes products for duck hunters, primarily a duck call, might not seem such a seamless fit for the wine world.

But Bob Torkelson, chief operating officer of Trinchero Family Estates, the Napa Valley winery that makes the Duck Commander wines, says the Trincheros and the Robertsons (the Louisiana family featured on the show) have a lot in common in terms of running family businesses.

The Robertsons met the Trincheros after asking around for recommendations on wineries.

Willie and Korie Robertson have visited the winery and contributed to decisions on blending and packaging. The wines, released late last year and retailing for about $10, are available in a red blend, a chardonnay and a pink moscato; a pinot grigio also is planned.

The show stirred unwelcome publicity last December when family patriarch Phil Robertson made a number of controversial statements to GQ magazine, including calling gay sex a sin. However, sales of the wine have been robust, passing 100,000 cases in about four months.

And what of "Star Trek?" Is there a space-wine continuum?

Yes, actually, there is, says Peter Messa, spokesman for Vinport which handles marketing for the Star Trek wines.

"Star Trek has many wine references in it, the most famous probably being Klingon bloodwine," he notes. In fact, food and drink plays a big part in the series, with toasts often raised to celebrate interspecies diplomacy and other milestones.

The Star Trek wines are based on the original series, or TOS to fans who are primarily Baby Boomers (major consumers of wine). The wines feature labels based on poster art by Juan Ortiz, who was commissioned by CBS to make posters of the iconic series.

The first release of the wine was made in California's Sonoma County and is a red blend of merlot, sangiovese, cabernet franc, dolcetto and tinta cao. The bottles cost about $25 and were produced in a limited-edition release of 1701 cases. Not fan-boy or -girl enough to get that reference? It's the registry number of the original Enterprise.

The wine was released under three labels commemorating the shows — Trouble with Tribbles, Mirror, Mirror and City on the Edge of Forever, which is, of course, the greatest Star Trek episode ever made.

Not a Trekkie? Or a fan of mansions or mallards? Not a problem. For you, there's a "Game of Thrones" beer from a partnership between HBO and Brewery Ommegang in New York — Take the Black Stout.

U.S. stocks muddled as Ukraine tensions fester

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK One positive report on the economy was not enough to make investors more confident.

The stock market ended mixed Friday after a day of muddled trading. Among the three main U.S. stock indexes, one edged higher, one closed little changed and the other closed lower.

Investors focused on the tensions in Ukraine, where the region of Crimea was preparing for a referendum on whether to split away and become part of Russia. It was enough of a reason to sell into the weekend and to offset optimism over a pickup in hiring by U.S. employers last month.

The Labor Department said companies created 175,000 jobs last month, easily topping economists' forecasts. While encouraging, investors didn't see the February report as part of a broader trend. December and January job figures were mediocre, and the harsh winter weather has closed factories, cut into auto sales, and caused existing-home sales to plummet for the last three months.

"People are hoping and praying that the recent slowness was weather-related, and while this report gave people a little bit of hope that is the case, it is still too early to tell," said Krishna Memani, chief investment officer of OppenheimerFunds.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed roughly flat, up a point, or 0.05 percent, to 1,878.04. The Dow Jones rose 30.83 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,452.72 and the Nasdaq composite lost 15.90 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,336.22.

On the whole, the overall tone of the market was slightly negative. Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Of the 10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 index, six fell.

Biotechnology and health care stocks were among the biggest decliners. Biogen Idec fell roughly 4 percent and Amgen fell 2 percent. The Nasdaq composite index is more heavily weighted to biotechnology and specialty pharmaceutical companies, which is part of the reason the index fell even though the Dow and S&P 500 rose.

Bond prices fell following the release of the jobs numbers. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 2.79 percent, up from 2.74 percent on Thursday. Gold fell $13.60, or 1 percent, to $1,338.20.

As they have for much of the week, investors turned their attention overseas.

Lawmakers in Russian-occupied Crimea unanimously declared they wanted to join Russia and would put the decision to voters in 10 days. President Barack Obama and several other Western leaders have condemned the referendum.

Ukraine's economy is not large enough to cause serious damage to the global economy. But the geopolitical tensions that Russia's occupation is creating between Russia, Europe, Ukraine and the U.S. could potentially be destabilizing for the region, investors say. In particular, trade between Europe and Russia could be severely impacted.

Germany's DAX index fell 2 percent Friday, and is down nearly 4 percent this week. The Euro Stoxx 50 index, the European equivalent of the Dow Jones industrial average, fell 1.7 percent this week.

"Europe has a lot more to lose in these Russia-Ukraine tensions than the U.S.," said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global markets strategist with J.P. Morgan Assets Management.

The geopolitical tensions could flare up at any point, Garcia-Amaya said, giving investors fewer reasons to hold positions through the weekend.

In other company news:

— The discount retail chain Big Lots soared $6.72, or 23 percent, to $35.97. Big Lots reported a decline in fourth-quarter profits but the company's sales came in much better than expected. The company also said it would shut down its struggling Canadian operations.

— Grocery store chain Safeway fell 87 cents, or 2 percent, to 38.60 after the company said private equity firm Cerberus Capital would buy the company for $9 billion.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.3°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
BIGGEST EARLY; Fading West-WNW swell mix with small SW-SSW swell joining in;
Moderate to breezy offshore NE wind in the AM

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Old WNW swell fades with a new WNW swell building in late;
Small SW-SSW swell; Good wind in the AM

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
New WNW swell fills in further and tops out; Very small/easing SSW swell; Light AM wind

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
BIGGEST EARLY; Easing WNW swell; Minimal SSW swell; Light wind in the AM

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 5, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 10
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 18

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA 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+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	F	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	F	B
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	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Transgender woman sues Crossfit over competition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO A transgender woman in Northern California is suing the company behind the popular Crossfit workouts, saying it refuses to let her compete in the female division of its annual fitness competitions.

The lawsuit filed Thursday by 34-year-old Chloie Jonsson accuses Crossfit Inc. of violating her rights under a California law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

Jonsson's complaint says she was born male but has been living as a woman since she was a teenager and underwent sex reassignment surgery eight years ago. The surgery, coupled with the female hormones she takes, satisfied the state's requirements for her to be recognized as female on her birth certificate and other official documents.

Crossfit's general counsel, Dale Saran, says the company thinks Jonsson would have a physiological advantage over other female competitors at the Crossfit Games.



City of Santa Monica

REVISED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

This is the ninth hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This hearing will address Chapter 9.28 in Division III (Parking, Loading and Circulation) and Chapter 9.53 in Division VI (transportation Demand Management).. Discussion 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, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 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.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, March 8

2001: A Space Odyssey (G) 2hr 40min
7:30pm

Sunday, March 9

Becket (PG-13) 2hr 28min
7:30pm

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

RoboCop (PG-13)
10:40am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Monuments Men (PG-13)
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:30pm

Wind Rises (Kazetachinu) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

Son of God (PG-13)
10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
8:00pm, 10:35pm

300: Rise of an Empire (R)
10:30am, 1:15pm, 7:15pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
1:30pm, 7:00pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 4:50pm, 10:00pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R)
7:45pm, 10:45pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG)
11:10am, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (PG)
11:55am, 1:50pm, 2:45pm, 5:30pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:30am, 5:20pm, 9:30pm

Three Days to Kill (PG-13)
2:30pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Lego Movie (PG)
10:45am, 4:05pm, 9:50pm

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

20 Feet from Stardom (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Like Father, Like Son (Soshite Chichi Ni Naru) (NR) 2hrs 00min
10:40am

Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) (NR) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 9:35pm

Omar (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

Her (R)
6:40pm, 10:00pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Tim's Vermeer (PG-13) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

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

HAVE FUN TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You will be witness to a situation that suddenly allows more flexibility, as someone seems to be giving up his or her stubbornness. Be diplomatic as the pathways of communication open up. Know that they also could slam shut at any given moment. Tonight: Celebrate quietly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of your innate possessiveness, and attempt to make a situation work. You will remain on top of the matter if you can let go of the green-eyed monster. The reaction you might be drawing could become more positive as a result. Tonight: Make it your night to treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Remain upbeat and grab a unique opportunity. A younger person might be involved as well. Throw yourself completely into the event or happening. As a result, you will distance yourself from any immediate stresses. Tonight: Continue as you have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Read between the lines. Understand what is happening with a dear friend. If this person acts enraged, it probably is because his or her feelings have been hurt. Tonight: Keep the peace. How about heading to a movie?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Wherever you are, don't count on having any solitude. Being among the crowds helps you get distance from your own life. Sharp words could be expressed, but not without a basis or reason. Tonight: Only where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to take the opportunity to clear the air with an older person. If he or she keeps slamming the door to this conversation, understand that you will have no choice but to accept it. Handle your funds with care. Tonight: Go off and join a loved one or friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Reach out to someone you care about who might not be readily accessible. In most situations, especially in social matters, you will have to be the proactive person and not the easygoing Libra. Use your high energy well. Tonight: Go for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's persona. This person might be coy, yet his or her actions are direct. Decide if this behavior is OK with you before you respond. Setting boundaries could be important here. Tonight: Visit a loved one at a distance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be less fiery and more receptive in order to get the results you desire. You could experience an element of discomfort, as you tend to express yourself in a more forceful manner. You'll want the other party to feel as you do. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Someone who can pressure you effectively could be doing just that. Until you handle the issue behind this tense interaction, you will not be able to really enjoy yourself.Tonight: Hang out without having expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to understand how a situation works, but you could be so playful right now that you won't be able to get a clear indication. You might need more time than you realize to make a judgment. Tonight: Time for some fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Make plans with a family member you don't often see. You could find this person more assertive than usual. Be open and aware of this part of his or her personality. A conversation might be surprising and enlightening. Tonight: Invite friends over for dessert.

Weekend Edition, March 8-9, 2014

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

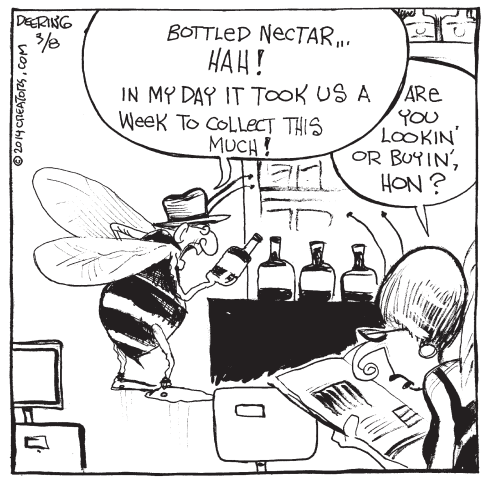
This year you will want to spend more time at home than you have in the past. You might consider changing your home in some way, too. It is possible that you could add a home office and combine these two facets of your life. Variety appeals to you more than usual. If you are single, this trait could be reflected in your dating life. You will be ambivalent about committing. Do not force yourself to make a decision. If you are attached, add more excitement to your relationship through travel and by being more childlike. Resist making situations more complicated than they need to be. GEMINI knows how to keep life lively....

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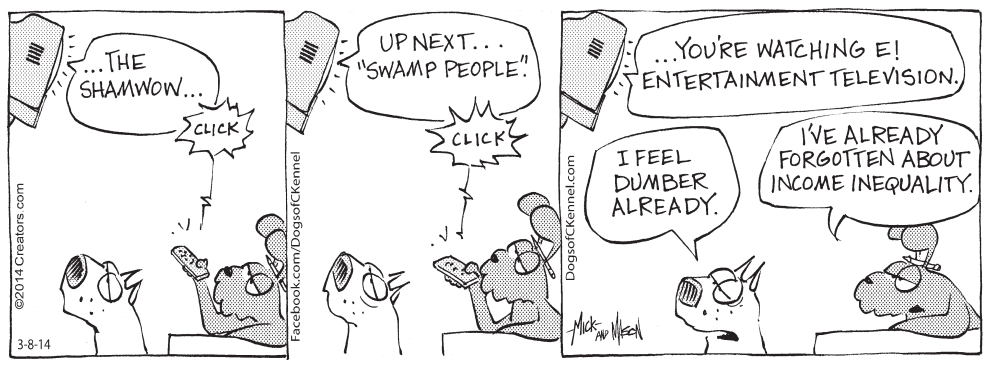
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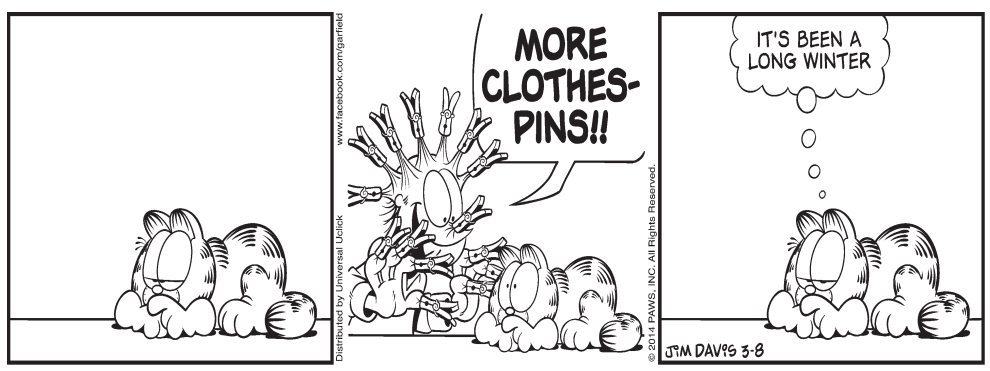
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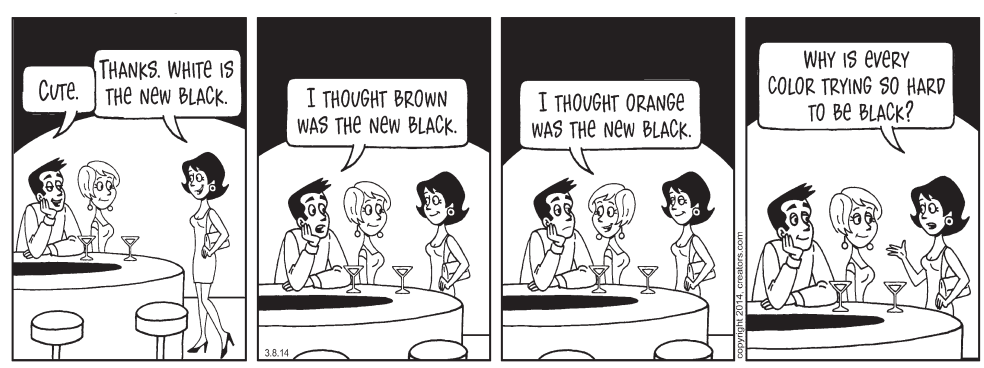
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



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 ★★★★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Wear down
7 Tooth-paste buy
11 Entice
12 Pinnacle
13 Like agate
14 Proofing note
15 Borders
16 Boosted
17 Took in
18 Intercede
19 Golden Rule word
21 Lowly worker
22 Appli-cation advertised but never released
25 Diner treat
26 Grating sound
27 Freeway entrance
29 "Dog-gone!"
33 Halts
34 Sachet scent
35 Bar bills
36 City near Mt. Rainier
37 "A Death in the Family" writer
38 Made amends
39 Minus
40 Broad-way's Berna-dette

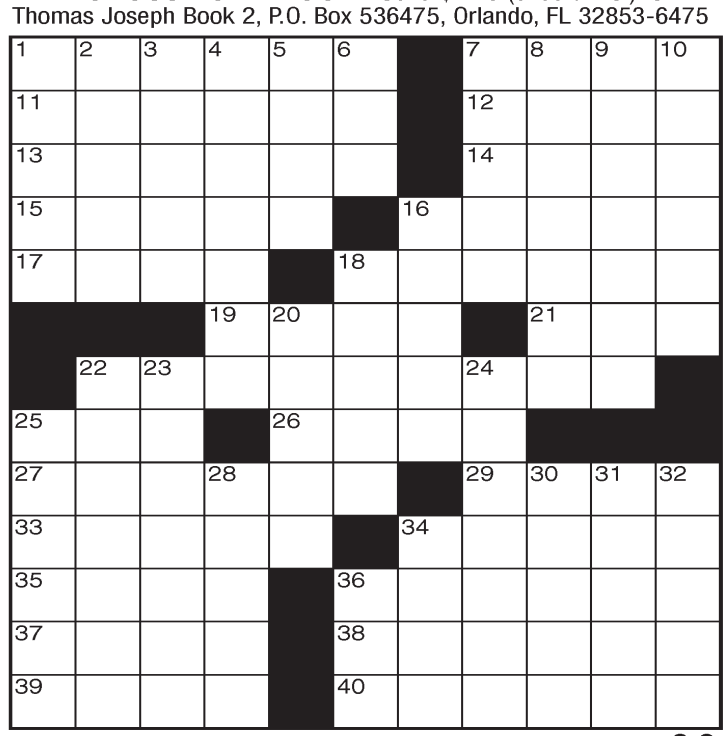
DOWN

1 "Tiny Alice" play-wright
2 Like birds' eyes
3 Mountain group
4 Made sense
5 Bucks' partners
6 Halt
7 Designing asset
8 Satisfac-tory
9 Straight path
10 Scope
16 Puts away
18 Backpack part
20 Usual values
22 Classic
23 Organ-isms that need oxygen
24 Jam fruit
25 Mail-related
28 Church parts
30 Without help
31 Circus star
32 A bunch
34 Past due
36 Phone bug

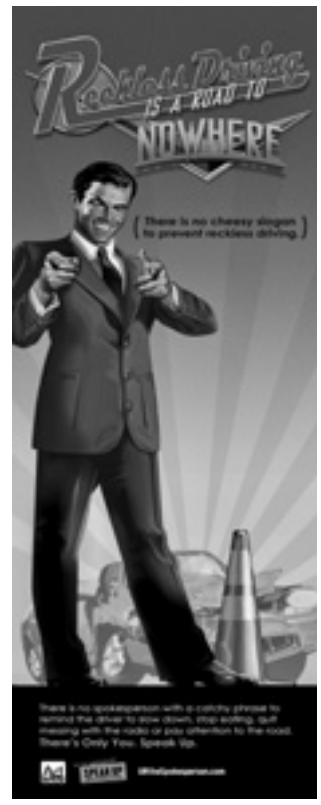
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More Texas Justice: After 37 years in prison, Jerry Hartfield goes to court in April for a retrial of his 1977 conviction (and death sentence) for murder in Bay City, Texas. Actually, the 1977 conviction was overturned, but before Hartfield could demand his release (he is described in court documents as illiterate with an IQ of 51), the then-governor commuted the sentence to life in prison in 1983. It was only in 2006 that a fellow inmate persuaded Hartfield that the commutation was illusory -- since there was, at that point, no "sentence" to commute. Hartfield's lawyers call Texas' treatment a blatant violation of his constitutional right to a "speedy" trial, but prosecutors suggest that it is Hartfield's own fault that he has remained in prison the last 30 years.

■ The first-ever skydive by Makenzie Wethington, 16, in Chickasha, Okla., in January was a catastrophe -- a tangled parachute that opened "halfway" with the girl unable to reach the emergency chute. She fell into a spiraling free fall from 3,500 feet and landed with a thud, but somehow survived. Mackenzie had shattered vertebrae, a split-in-half pelvic bone, two broken ribs, tooth loss and various internal injuries. Said her sister Meagan, to incredulous doctors and nurses, "She, obviously, she hit the ground, but she did not hit the ground. God's hand caught her."

■ Higher-Intellect Confrontations: (1) Following an evening of heavy drinking, according to police in Russia's Sverdlovsk region in January, a former schoolteacher, 52, was charged with fatally stabbing his host, 67, during a dispute over whether poetry or prose is the more important literary form. (2) One Russian man shot another (non-fatally, with rubber bullets) in the town of Rostov- on-Don in September in an argument over theories of German philosopher Immanuel Kant. (3) Nadja Svenson, 22, was charged on Christmas Eve in Londonderry, N.H. (a night with clear skies, apparently), with stabbing her father in the chest during bickering over the position of the Big Dipper.

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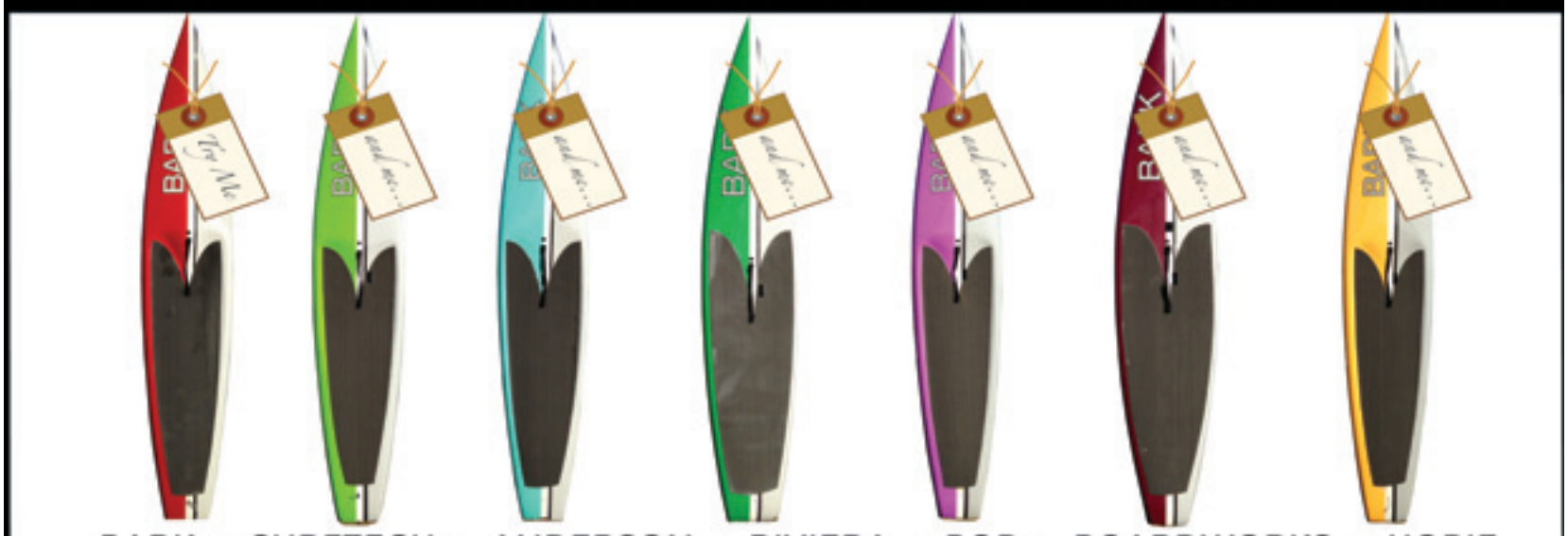


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