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Taxi rides down 27 percent last year

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL All hail ride-sharing apps.

Taxi ridership dropped off significantly in 2014, according to data provided by City Hall.

In 2013, riders took 775,863 trips in Santa Monica cabs compared to 567,413 last year — a 27 percent decline.

City officials don't outright attribute the drop to competition with ride-hailing apps but do note the timing.

"Although it is not possible to know specifically the cause of the decline, it clearly coincides with the arrival of Transportation Network Companies (TNC), such as Uber and Lyft," they said in a report to council.

Taxi! Taxi! — one of the five companies allowed to operate in the city under the taxi franchise that expires at the end of the year — was more explicit.

"The influx of TNCs has severely impacted the ability of taxicab drivers to earn an income

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Matthew Hall

DECLINING BUSINESS: Fewer people took a taxi last year.

Will Ferrell shakes and bakes for charity in spring training games

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Contributing Writer

ARIZONA "Hey everyone, come see how good I look!"

Comedic legend and Southern California native Will Ferrell took the mound, the infield and the outfield on Thursday. In an HBO special from "Funny or Die" and in partnership with Major League Baseball, Ferrell pulled a Bert Campaneris for charity by playing every position, including designated hitter, for 10 Cactus league teams in five spring training games.

The HBO special is dedicated as a charitable effort in the ongoing fight against cancer. If anyone was going to pull off such an historic feat, it could only be the Anchorman himself.

"I don't know how to put this," he said, "but I'm kind of a big deal."

All five California teams were in on the action: starting with the Oakland Athletics playing against the Seattle Mariners, followed by the Los Angeles Angels going against the Chicago Cubs and finally the Dodgers tangling with the San Diego Padres as the nightcap. The positions were a surprise prior to the appearances, leaving food for thought to each of the

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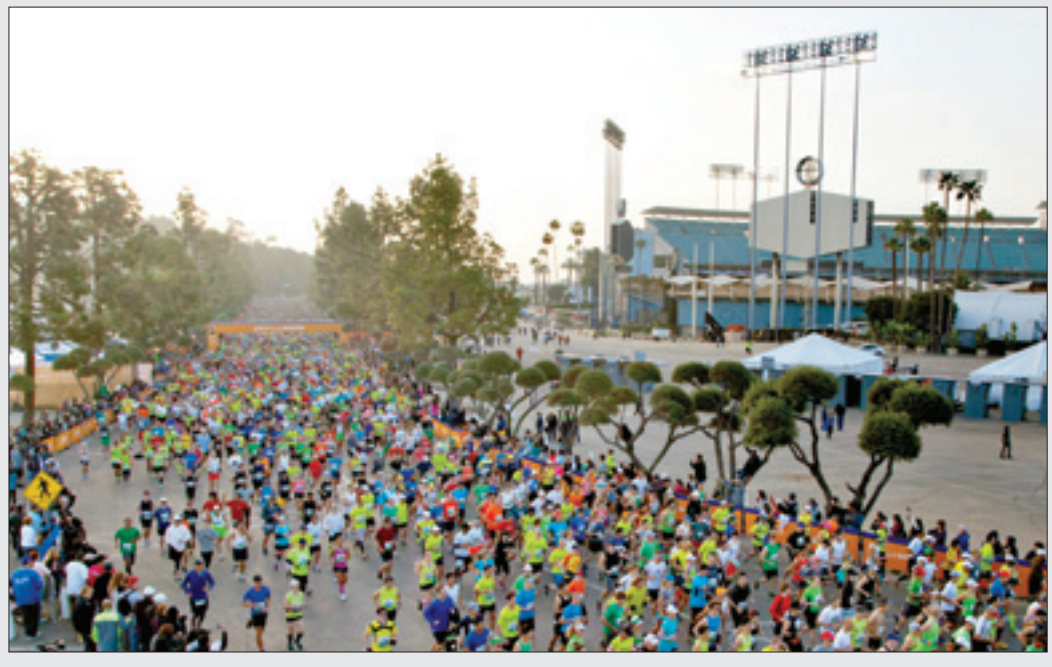
Start time moved up as local authorities prepare for LA Marathon



Courtesy photo

RACE: Thousands of runners will take to local streets on Sunday as part of the Los Angeles Marathon.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES Santa Monica police and fire officials as well as city public works employees are scheduled to be on duty for the LA Marathon as event organizers plan for potential heat-related issues on a day that is expected to see high temperatures rise above 80 degrees.

Organizers announced this week that runners will begin their 26.2-mile journey across Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium at 6:55 a.m. Sunday, half an hour earlier than originally scheduled, to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Some 26,000 participants will head west in staggered waves to Santa Monica, where local authorities will play major roles in operations, safety and medical aid.

All but two Santa Monica Fire Department employees who are not working regular shifts

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Planning Commission appointment could come Tuesday

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning Commission may at last get reinforcement.

After months of delays, City Council is scheduled to pick the new commissioner on Tuesday.

When Sue Himmelrich won a council seat in November she left a vacant chair on the seven-seat commission.

Council typically abides by the unwritten rule that all seven of its members be present before making an appointment. Of late, one or two council members have been absent from meetings. This week's meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday for lack of a quorum.

There's been a flurry of new applicants in recent months and several residents have rescinded their applications.

Ten residents are currently in the running and nine of them filed after Himmelrich was elected.

Laurence Eubank, chair of the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition, resident Peter Taffae,

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March 13

WISE & Healthy Aging: Volunteer Orientation

Apply your skills as a volunteer at WISE & Healthy Aging. Volunteer Orientation Friday, March 13 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to register, call (310) 394-9871, ext. 552 Information will be provided on volunteer roles for various WISE & Healthy Aging programs. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

Paper flowers

Make flowers out of tissue paper. Ages 5 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m.

Family Movie: Big Hero 6

Watch the 2014 Oscar Winner for Best Animated Film. Plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax and prodigy Hiro Hamada team up with friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m.

L.A. Marathon Dance-Off

Asics Running Man Photo/Video Contest. Winner receives Asics gear. 1300 block of the Promenade, 10 a.m.

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March 14

Santa Monica Symphony free concert

The Santa Monica Symphony travels to the historic Wilshire Boulevard Temple for a free concert at 7:30 p.m. The program of music befitting its venue includes the poignant Theme from Schindler's List and Brahms' beautiful and reflective Symphony No. 3. The Wilshire Boulevard Temple is located at 3663 Wilshire Blvd., three blocks east of Western Ave. All Santa Monica Symphony concerts are free and ticketless. For more information, visit www.smSymphony.org.

Paint-out at Point Dume

Point Dume forms the western end of Santa Monica Bay and offers views of Westward and Zuma beaches. Paint at the beach or hike up to the headlands. Voluntary Critique at 12:30 p.m. near restrooms. From PCH, drive west past Kanan Road to Westward Beach Road. Turn left onto Westward Beach Road and proceed to furthest parking area closest to Point Dume. 7200 Westward Beach Road, Malibu Parking fee. Facilities. For more information, contact Bruce Trentham, 818-397-1576 or bmtrentham@charter.net or Annie Hoffman, (310) 339-8396 or annieart2@me.com. http://allied-artists.com.

Santa Monica Airport ArtWalk

Explore open studios, watch art and ceramic demonstrations, participate in art and theater workshops, and enjoy live music and food trucks in the airport's converted airplane hangars. Free admission, parking and bike valet. Open to all. ArtWalk at the Santa Monica Airport, along Airport Avenue between Bundy Drive and 23rd St. 12 - 5 p.m. visit www.smgov.net/airportartwalk for more information.

Kaleidoscopes with Studio Artist Alexis Macnab

Get inspired by the Camera Obscura optical device and make a kaleidoscope using simple materials. Come away with a 'beautiful form watcher'

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Statewide alcohol sting

On Saturday, March 14, a statewide "Shoulder Tap" decoy operation involving nearly 100 California law enforcement agencies, including the Santa Monica Police Department, will be conducted. The goal is to reduce crime on the street by arresting adults who furnish alcohol to minors and arresting people for other crimes such as parole violations or warrants for their arrest.

SMPD said the purpose of the pre-St. Patrick's Day undercover operation is to reduce youth access to alcohol and send a clear message that it is illegal for adults to purchase or provide alcohol to persons under the age of 21 and to promote responsible sales of alcohol by licensees.

– SUBMITTED BY RUDY CAMARENA

Pico/Lincoln

Pico Youth & Family Center hosts grand re-opening

After one month of renovation, the Pico Youth & Family Center staff, board, youth and supporters will celebrate a grand re-opening of their renovated facility adjacent to Santa Monica High School on Saturday, March 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 715 Pico Blvd. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Since opening in 2002, the PYFC has served hundreds of Santa Monica youth with innovative and culturally empowering programs. The PYFC is home to the city's first public recording studio, where youth participants in the music program have completed five compilation CDs.

Organizers said the grand re-opening is a celebration of 13 years of service and accomplishment.

A highlight of the grand re-opening will include recognition to the volunteers and employees of the Santa Monica Rotary Club and Santa Monica-based Tiny Rebellion for the renovations to the youth center. The newly remodeled PYFC features a new, colorful orange and blue logo, state-of-the-art sound room and break room.

"We are grateful to the volunteers from the Santa Monica Rotary Club and Tiny Rebellion for giving of their time and money to the youth who call the PYFC a home away from home," PYFC Board Chair Berenice Onofre said.

The renovations and grand re-opening seemingly couldn't have come at a better time for the PYFC, which delivered an RFP grant application to the City of Santa Monica on March 9. City staff is expected to announce in mid-May if the PYFC will be recommended to the City Council for funding. The center has expanded its programming for film, radio and technology industries. Officials said the 2015 budget relies on City funding for 40 percent of the PYFC's operating costs, or about $190,000.

"We appreciate the support we have received from the City of Santa Monica, Saint John's Health Center and various local businesses such as Tiny Rebellion and the SM Rotary Club. Our youth deserve a first rate youth center where the services offered address their needs. We could not have realized this project without our supporters and we are encouraged to live in a community that values investing in our youth," said PYFC Board Secretary Laura Ceballos.

The grand re-opening will feature food, youth performers and inspiring speeches from participants and City leaders. For more information, visit www.picoyouth.org

– SUBMITTED BY OSCAR DE LA TORRE

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of your own design. $5. Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239 for more information. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Second Saturday Free Craft Lounge

Angharad Caceres leads a free session of making "Art Money" - small multiples inspired by the swirls and complicated or colorful designs of paper money. You can collage, stamp, or completely hand draw your pieces, and as a bonus, we'll look into making coins out of polymer clay. Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239 for more information. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Quick Pickles from Around the World

Join pickle making expert Chef Rachael Narins of Chicks with Knives to learn how to make some simple and fun pickles. Swedish Cucumber-Dills, Pickled Vietnamese Carrot, and Indian Chilis with Ginger taste great and add a pop of flavor to any dish. $22 + $5 cash material fee. Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239 for more information. 1450 Ocean, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Voice For The Animals: 15th Anniversary Gala

Join Voice For The Animals Foundation for a night of fun, laughter, and support for the animals! Featuring live comedians, gourmet vegan catering by Monrose, and both a live and silent auction with once-in-a-lifetime items. Cocktail attire required. 6 - 10 p.m. Santa Monica Museum of Flying, 3100 Airport Ave. $250. www.vftafoundation.org/15th_anniversary_fundraiser

Social Security Workshop

Learn how to optimize your Social Security benefits and avoid the pitfalls. John Pak, Certified Financial Planner and host of KFWB's "Smart Money Fundamentals", will discuss common and lesser known rules. Q&A to follow. (90 min.). Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 2 - 4 p.m.

AP Practice Tests: U.S. History and English Literature

C2 Education offers full-length, proctored practice tests. Limit: 30 students per test. Registration required; signup at the Youth Services Desk or by calling (310) 458-8621. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Book release

Santa Monica author Christina Ross will introduce her debut book, "Love Fed: Purely Decadent, Simply Raw, Plant-Based Desserts," to her Santa Monica neighborhood at Lazybones (2929 Main St.) on March 14 at 1 p.m. The event will include good, family friendly entertainment and information from Ross about her journey from a corporate recruiter to a raw cook.

March 15

ASICS L.A. Marathon

Race enters Santa Monica on San Vicente Blvd. at 26th St., continues west to Ocean Ave., south to end at California Ave. Soft closure of streets begins 5 a.m. Hard closure 7 a.m. 1st wheelchair/hand cycle expected in Santa Monica 8 a.m. 1st runner expected 9:30 a.m. Streets reopened on a rolling basis starting at east end of City at 1 p.m.

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Insomnia

Join modern conjuror Derek Hughes in a private suite at the illustrious Hotel Casa Del Mar for his mind blowing new work: INSOMNIA! Loosely inspired by the short fiction of Jorge Luis Borges. INSOMNIA is a comedy and magic experience that explores the line between waking and dreaming. Ticket includes show admission & valet parking. $55, Hotel Casa del Mar, 1910 Ocean Way, 5:30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saving Water

Editor:

Thanks to Dennis R. Malm of Santa Monica, I did some research online. From www.zerowaterconsulting.com: "In the Palm Springs area alone, there are 124 golf courses - and they are very thirsty. A golf course is a major water consumer for any public utility and here that usage is multiplied by 124. An estimated 1 million gallons of water per day is needed for each facility adding up to about a quarter of all the water used by the area."

I haven't much hope that we will get golf courses to sacrifice their greens, some are using recycled water, and are studying how to cut back. I hope their rates are higher for this exorbitant usage.

On a personal level, I choose to keep a five-gallon and two-gallon buckets in my bathtub.

As the hot water travels from the water heater to my shower I catch five gallons or more of cold water. I carry these gallons downstairs and water my patio garden.

The latest population statistics found for Santa Monica indicate we have 89,736 people here.

If we subtracting the homeless, who may not have the luxury of a daily shower, we have the potential to save approx. 445,000 gallons daily (?) per shower. That does not compare to the golf course usage, but would make a difference.

I like to see the new landscaping with drought resistant plants happening more and more.

We must be conscious that we are living in Santa Monica are in a coastal desert area and be mindful of preserving this lovely spot.

Marilyn Alexander
Santa Monica

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Give war a chance

IN 1969, JOHN LENNON WROTE "GIVE Peace a Chance" and it soon became an anthem for the anti-Vietnam War movement. But for the past 14 years we've been in seemingly endless wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. And now forces are gathering, including 47 reckless U.S. senators, apparently itching for one in Iran.

Disturbingly, however, not enough people seem upset by the state of permanent war. Why? Probably because only 1 percent of us serve in the military. So for the 99 percent, the most pressing issue may be: Do we or do we not buy an Apple watch?

The senators in question, or, as I affectionately call them, "The Gang of 47," in an unprecedented act, recently wrote an open letter to Iran's leaders. They essentially kneecapped President Obama's delicate and high stakes negotiations with Iran over their nuclear capabilities. (Obama was in Santa Monica yesterday, but we somehow didn't get together.)

Can you imagine if Democratic senators had written Saddam, interfering with Bush's negotiations prior to the Iraq War? Rush Limbaugh would have swallowed his cigar.

The infamous letter was authored by Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton, a senator with 60 days of experience. The purpose was to explain our constitutional system to the Iranians. Give me a break.

The truth is these GOP hardliners don't want a deal, and their hawkish Iranian counterparts don't either. Talk about strange bedfellows. So if there's no deal, what options are left?

If recent history is any judge, break out the missiles and get ready to ship boots on the ground. (Instead of bombs, why don't we just drop boots on Iran. No soldiers, just boots.)

Recently, and in another unprecedented move designed to undermine Obama, House Speaker John Boehner invited Bibi Netanyahu to speak before Congress. Now the letter to the Ayatollahs. What some folks won't do to get a war.

In the meantime, Daily Press reader Harley Frankel, a landsman and apparently highly accomplished in government, was "horrified" by my column last week about Bibi. Reading between the lines, I gather he's a little miffed. All I can say is, at least he spelled my name right.

Digressing for a moment, let's go back to the buildup to the Iraq invasion. The neocons came up with a cockamamie "enriched uranium in Niger" story. It was based on a forged document signed by Niger officials, some of whom hadn't been in office for 10 years.

Or how about the infamous Iraqi "mobile weapons labs" that were actually helium trucks to fill balloons for children's birthday parties. And, of course, the granddaddy of the Bush administration fabrications, the non-existent WMDs.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld vehemently assured us, "We know exactly where the WMDs are!" Of course, Rumsfeld also said, "The war could last six days, maybe six weeks, but certainly not six months." He was only off by about 10,000 percent.

And who can forget "Curveball," the alleged Iraqi spy who was the seemingly lone source for the Bush administration's intelligence. The German government warned us Curveball was an alcoholic schizophrenic. But, much like his doppelganger Alfred E. Newman, did W. worry?

Well, the neocons got their disastrous Iraq War. But they never apologized to the nation, especially the families of the 4,491 dead GIs and to the wounded, not to mention to the 100,000 innocent dead Iraqis. Instead of begging forgiveness or going into hiding, they're relentless in their punditry, seemingly determined for a third war. (On the theory that three's the charm?)

As for Iran, let's not forget that in 1953 the CIA helped stage a coup of the country's democratically elected president. (Is that all?) Imagine how we'd feel if the Iranians did that to us. In the meantime, if anyone can cite when Democrats "knee-capped" a president during delicate foreign policy negotiations, feel free to send me the specifics.

The GOP, however, has a nagging history of "interfering." In 1968, Nixon reportedly undermined LBJ's Paris Vietnam peace proposal. Through back channels he allegedly promised the South Vietnamese they'd get a better deal from his "secret peace plan." (So secret the war didn't end for seven more years.)

In 1980 there was also the "October Surprise." Allegedly, Reagan's emissaries encouraged the Iranians not to release the American hostages until after the November election. (Reagan also wound up admitting that he had traded weapons for those hostages. Imagine if Obama did that. Yikes!)

But somehow, as a country, we seem to just love war. (Google "U.S. wars.") And when it comes to bombs and missiles, we make the world's best. (We're not so great at education, quality of life, infant mortality or solving our epidemic childhood hunger.)

To Harley, I'm sorry you were horrified by my Bibi column. Personally, I'm horrified by the thought of war with Iran. So it is, I miss John Lennon more than ever.

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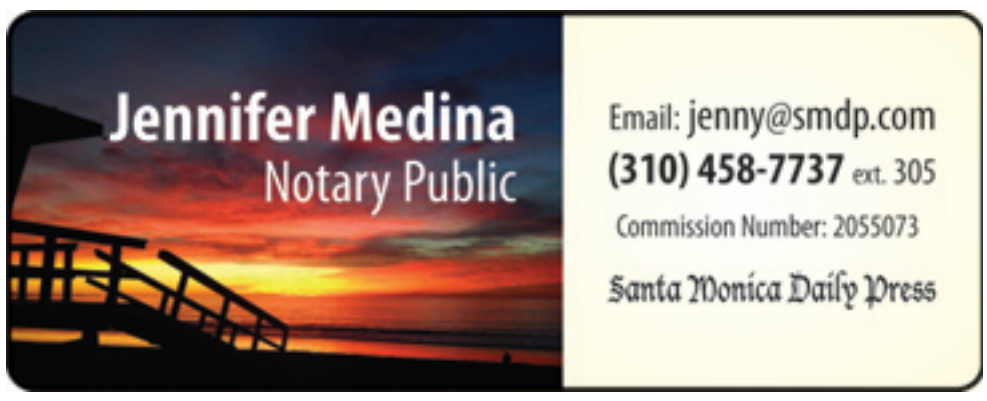

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Play Time

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Tess and Nick fix the world

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS ALWAYS a man who had worked it all out. After long contemplation, he would claim that he alone had achieved Enlightenment and would devote the rest of his life to "fixing" the world. All he needed in order to accomplish this was a devoted band of worker/disciples who believed in everything he said and followed his every command.

Think Jim Jones. David Koresh. L. Ron Hubbard.

In a new play currently having its world premiere in Los Angeles, playwright Allen Barton explores this phenomenon that has engaged would-be prophets throughout history. The play is called "Disconnection," and even though it appears to be a thinly disguised portrait of L. Ron Hubbard and the evolution of his Church of Scientology, it actually illustrates the insidious development of all sorts of disturbing cults of this kind. It starts, often, with a man who initially believes in his own message. He has a plan to change the nature of men because he believes, he says, in their essential spirituality. But even as he says this, he reveals his intense contempt for them.

To form his merry band he appeals to individuals who are helpless and hopeless, confused, unhappy, suffering from life's losses and abuses. Individuals who are looking for someone to give them hope, to tell them what to do, to provide their lives with purpose. And most of all, to promise them serenity.

And so "Disconnection" follows six people whose lives intertwine as they each follow their engagement and disengagement with the cult.

First we meet Landon (Jay Huguley), a successful lawyer, who is still suffering guilt four years after inadvertently killing his wife in an automobile accident. He has come to take piano lessons from Michel (Dennis Nollette), an elderly pianist who ekes out a living by providing lessons and, when he likes the student, plying him with bits of cultish philosophy.

Then there is Tess (Carter Scott), a big shot in the cult hierarchy, who has "disconnected" from her father, Landon, in response to a command from her organizational superiors. Having joined the cult at 16, she is now becoming doubtful and disillusioned about its methods, which have become more dictatorial over time.

Tess is especially concerned about the "discipline" doled out to anyone who questions the rules established by the leader, Oldman (Robert L. Hughes). Such dissenters must be "suppressed" and ostracized, or "disconnected," physically and emotionally, from everyone else in the group.

Tess' dilemma is exacerbated by the fact that she is pregnant, a condition that is unacceptable for people whose time and efforts must be totally focused on bettering the world. Moreover, her partner, Nick (Luke Cook), is thoroughly entrenched in the workings of the cult and refuses to leave with her. He urges her to abort their child. "Clean your transgression," he tells her.

An abortion is also demanded by the Chairman, a harsh young man who has usurped the role of Oldman and seems to take special delight in bullying Tess. He is described as "being clever without being intelligent."

This is an exceptionally well-wrought play with beautifully written, easy-flowing dialogue and meaningful monologues. But matching Allen Barton's convincing exposition of a subject he knows a great deal about is the equally superb directing of Joel Polis, who moves this thought-provoking play forward with ease and efficiency.

The cast, too, is uniformly wonderful, but for me the star of the production is Dennis Nollette, the piano teacher Michel, who offers his comments with slow deliberation, exquisite pauses, and quiet dignity. Bravo, Michel. You almost give cults a good name.

"Disconnection," the kickoff of the Skylight Theatre Company's 2015 season, can be seen at the Beverly Hills Playhouse, 254 South Roberson Blvd., in Beverly Hills on Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. through March 29.

For tickets, call (213) 761-7061 or visit http://skylighttix.com.

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FDA wants more info on scopes linked to 'superbug' outbreaks

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON Federal health officials are stepping up their oversight of medical scopes linked to potentially fatal "superbug" outbreaks.

The Food and Drug Administration released stricter guidelines for manufacturers of reusable medical instruments, including specialized endoscopes used in about a half-million U.S. medical procedures each year.

For the first time the FDA is asking manufacturers to submit scientific data showing that their devices can be safely disinfected. FDA officials acknowledged that previous agency guidelines from 1996 made no such request from companies.

The FDA had been working on the new device guidelines for years and previously issued a draft version of them in 2011. But the agency's chief scientist, Dr. Stephen Ostroff, told reporters that the FDA "accelerated that pace because of the recent episodes."

The government announcements come amid escalating criticism of the FDA's oversight of the hard-to-clean devices, which have been linked to sometimes fatal outbreaks of antibiotic-resistant bacteria at several hospitals.

Additionally, the agency announced a two-day meeting for mid-May to gather expert opinion on improving the design and regulation of the so-called duodenoscopes. The specialized scopes consist of a flexible fiber-optic tube that is inserted down the throat, through the stomach and small intestine to diagnose and treat conditions in the pancreas and bile ducts.

Contamination problems have been reported with devices made by all three U.S. manufacturers of the devices: Olympus, Pentax Medical and Fujifilm.

Last week 10 members of Congress asked the FDA to answer questions about the devices, including how the agency reviews their cleaning instructions.

Rep. Ted Lieu, D-Calif., who has called for hearings on the issue, said Thursday that the FDA action was "an important first step."

"However, further steps are needed and I will continue to push for mandatory reporting requirements, better resources for hospitals, and a new medical device which lessens the risk of infection," said Lieu, whose district includes western Los Angeles.

In the last month, two Los Angeles hospitals have reported superbug infections in patients despite following manufacturer's cleaning guidelines. The duodenoscopes' complex design - intended to help physicians drain fluids in the body - also makes the instruments extremely difficult to clean. Bodily fluids and other particles can stay in the device's crevices even after cleaning and disinfection.

In the first case, seven patients at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center contracted an antibiotic-resistant strain of bacteria after undergoing endoscopic procedures with a device made by Olympus Corp. Two patients died from the infection. Last week another Los Angeles Hospital, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, reported that four patients were infected with the same superbug after being treated with the same Olympus scope.

Previously the FDA recommended hospitals follow manufacturers' instructions for disinfecting devices. But after the first of the two recent outbreaks, the FDA acknowledged that those instructions may not fully disinfect the devices.

Regulators stressed that using the devices is essential for treating tumors, gallstones and other blockages around the pancreas and bile ducts. FDA officials said Thursday they are working to see how the devices could be improved, but stressed that the FDA cannot force manufacturers to redesign products.

Additionally, outside experts said it could take years before any updated devices actually reach the market.

"Unfortunately, it's going to take manufacturers some time to design a different way to do this," said Chris Lavanchy, engineering director at the ECRI Institute, which studies medical product issues. "And then it's going to take the FDA time to confirm that it's a safer approach."

Some hospitals have already adopted extra cleaning procedures, including sterilizing scopes with toxic ethylene oxide gas. Other steps include quarantining the scopes after use and performing laboratory testing to identify any dangerous bacteria.

The FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued interim guidelines on laboratory culturing for hospitals on Thursday.

The technique has become more common in Europe and Australia, but it is more expensive than standard U.S. practice. Experts say regular culturing of equipment would require U.S. hospitals to purchase larger inventories of scopes that can be cycled in and out of use. One duodenoscope can cost about $40,000.

BASEBALL

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players involved.

"If he hits, I feel sorry for him," Angels pitcher Huston Street said before the game. "It's going to be an awakening. I'm more worried if he's playing center field when I'm up. He better catch it. If he doesn't catch it, he's going to be screamed at. This is the big leagues."

All kidding aside, Street and the rest of the players considered it an honor to be part of Ferrell's well-played publicity stunt for charity.

"He's doing everything for a great cause," Street said. "Someone like him - he brings such great attention to the game in a positive way, which I think is very healthy. He's been around sports and in sports and brought a lot of healthy attention. He's a very positive force, which is pretty much needed."

One could only imagine if crazy pills were necessary or consumed during the making of the stunt.

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TAXI

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sufficient to support their families," the company's CEO Ayman Radwan said in a letter to City Council.

On Tuesday, City Council will consider moving toward amendments to the franchise agreement with the five companies.

Later this year, council could adjust the number of cabs allowed to operate in the city, require cab drivers to use ride-hailing apps, and introduce more flexible pricing options, among other things.

One solution to the looming franchise agreement changes, proposed by Taxi! Taxi!, is to cut the competition among cab drivers.

"If the City does not reduce the number of franchises and taxicabs in the City, the drivers cannot financially survive or meaningfully compete with Uber, Lyft and Sidecar," Radwan said in a letter to council. "Taxi! Taxi! is a small local company that has remained dedicated to serving only the City of Santa Monica, and its operational costs will easily exceed its revenues if the City reduces the number of taxicabs in its fleet. It is simply not economically feasible to reduce the number of taxicabs across the existing five franchises."

Ultimately, Radwan suggests allowing two taxi franchises with 125 cab maximums.

Taxi! Taxi! took more trips than any of the other franchises in 2013 and 2014.

The other four franchises wrote a separate letter to council, suggesting that council extend the franchises. They, too, note the negative impact ride-hailing apps have had on the taxicab industry. They claim that Uber and Lyft drivers don't face the same regulations that cabbies do.

"We, however, are not that pessimistic," they said in the letter. "We believe that our industry can be retooled and can successfully compete against the TNCs. However, it is up to the City to be our partner and to work with us on changes that maintain the public safety and service while reducing the regulatory inequality between us and the TNCs."

They suggest, among other things, more flexible pricing options, prorated driver fees, and less frequent permit renewals.

Council is being asked to have city officials come back with amendments to the taxi franchise in by July and plans for the new franchise in September.

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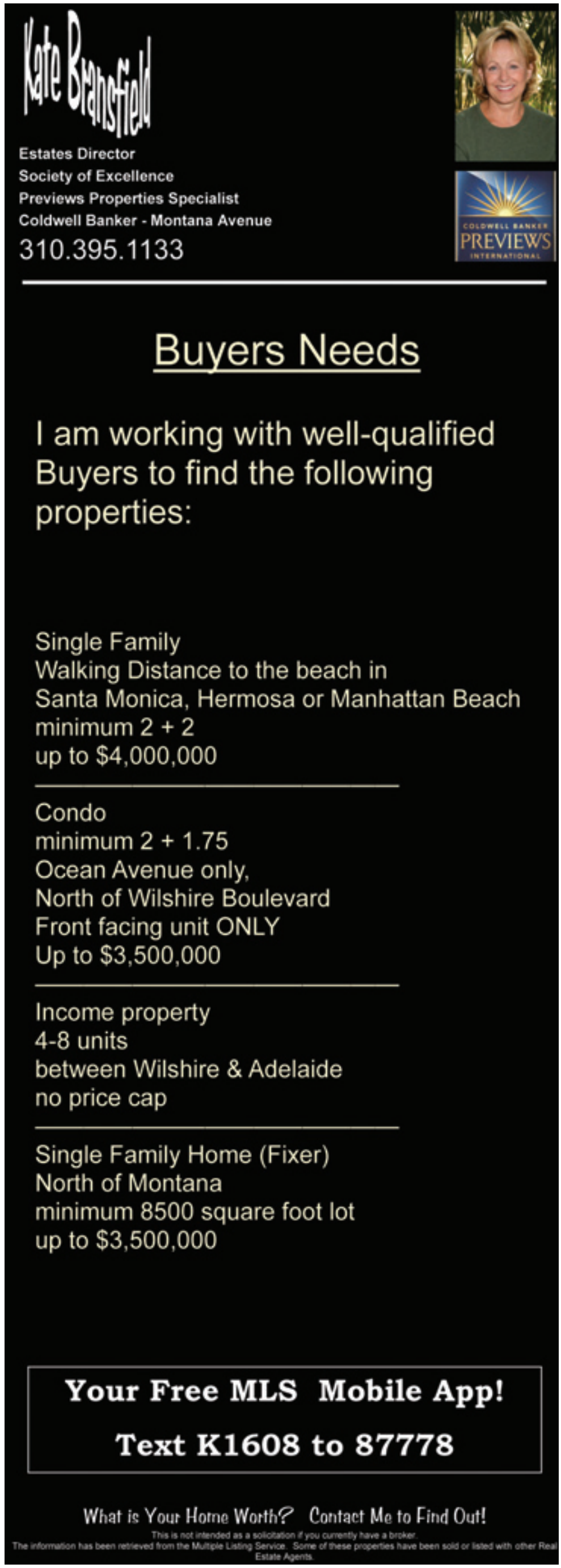

LAM

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— about 125 people — are assigned to the marathon, Deputy Chief Tom Clemo said.

The local fire department has also ordered supplementary personnel and equipment from AmeriCare Ambulance and the Los Angeles city and county fire departments, Clemo said.

"We have our normal on-duty staffing in place, and we don't assign any of those folks — so we don't degrade our (regular) coverage at all," he said. "We subsidize the coverage in the event zone ... We're just one little cog in this wheel."

The Santa Monica Police Department will have 198 employees working the marathon, Sgt. Rudy Camarena said. Their responsibilities range from crowd and traffic control to running a command center with the fire department.

Public Works will have about 80 people in the field to assist with street maintenance, traffic control, trash collection, equipment setup and custodial services, according to interim director Susan Cline.

"We are working to ensure that the route is clear of any hazards prior to the event and kept clean during and after the race," she said.

Public Works will also have an additional 10 staffers at incident command posts and three at the emergency operations center, Cline said.

Local authorities have been preparing for the marathon for several months. Fire, police and public works officials have worked together on a formal written action plan, which Clemo said is typically revisited after the event to discuss potential changes for the following year.

The plan includes strategies for dealing with a variety of weather conditions as well as ways to ensure public safety, which was a major concern following the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013.

This year, officials will be paying close attention to heat-related problems that may arise. Heat was also a factor during last year's LA Marathon.

"We've added resources — people and equipment — to address the potential large number of patients that we will have," Clemo said. "We had 300 patients in Santa Monica last year, and we learned a lot from that.

"Our goal is to treat and release so we don't saturate the hospital - that's why we have so many medical personnel in the finish-line area."

In addition to patient care, local agency officials will be involved in race logistics. They'll be scattered throughout the event, moving resources, tracking costs and assisting with operations.

Preparations came as race organizers issued a weather advisory Monday, when participants flooded the marathon's Facebook page with comments, many of them urging organizers to start the race earlier in the morning.

"We appreciate the passionate responses and appreciation for our efforts to ensure your safety," race officials said. "Rest assured, we are doing everything we can."

The decision to start the race a half hour earlier was announced Tuesday. Officials said the race couldn't start even earlier because of the complexity of the event, which involves numerous agencies, first responders and volunteers as well as street closures across Los Angeles.

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APPOINT

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and Los Angeles Regional Planning History Group Boardmember Mark Herwick all applied on Jan. 20.

Taffae, an entrepreneur, framed himself as a leader who's willing to listen to other's ideas, in his application.

Eubank expressed concerns about traffic and parking.

"While increased height and density will generate short-term profits (if not windfalls), unbridled growth — anything more than slow-growth — will make for miserable (and angrier) residents," he said in his application.

Mario Fonda-Bonardi, an architect, filed earlier in January. He sometimes contributes to this newspaper as a member of the SMart architects group.

"Sustainability means living within our means in regard to water, transportation, population, education facilities, open space, solar access etc.," he said in his application.

Amy Aukstikalnis, chair of Northeast Neighbors, is a favorite among several neighborhood groups.

Her goal, she said in her application, is "to encourage the appropriate use of land throughout our city; sensibly manage development, reduce congestion, increase mobility, promote adaptive reuse, expand open/park space, reduce our jobs/housing imbalance by creating housing opportunities near transit-rich areas while still preserving the existing character of our city, and preserving and enhancing the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods."

Jodi Summers, a real estate broker and member of the Civic Working Group — which is working to guide the future of the Civic Auditorium — filed an application on New Year's Day.

Carter Rubin also rang in the New Year with an application to the commission. Rubin has been a member of the Housing Commission since May and is an advisory board member of Santa Monica Next, an advocacy group focused on the future of Santa Monica.

"My overarching goal is to ensure that Santa Monica continues to be a community where residents can grow and thrive from childhood through family formation to our golden years," he said.

Elizabeth Anne Tooke, a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, applied in late November.

Nina Fresco, who is the current chair of the Civic Working Group and served as a member of the Landmarks Commission for over a decade, applied for the vacant seat just a week after Himmelrich's election to council.

"On a property by property level decisions must carefully balance the needs of those personally effected with the overall goals of the City that protect the needs of everyone else collectively," she said. "The success of the Planning Commissions handling of that balance will also determine how well we work with and contribute to the Los Angeles area and the State of California."

Renee Weitzer, chief planning deputy in Los Angeles, applied for the position in 2012 and reapplied a year ago.

As has been the case in the past, if councilmembers are absent it's possible they will vote to once again delay the appointment to the seat that ends in June.

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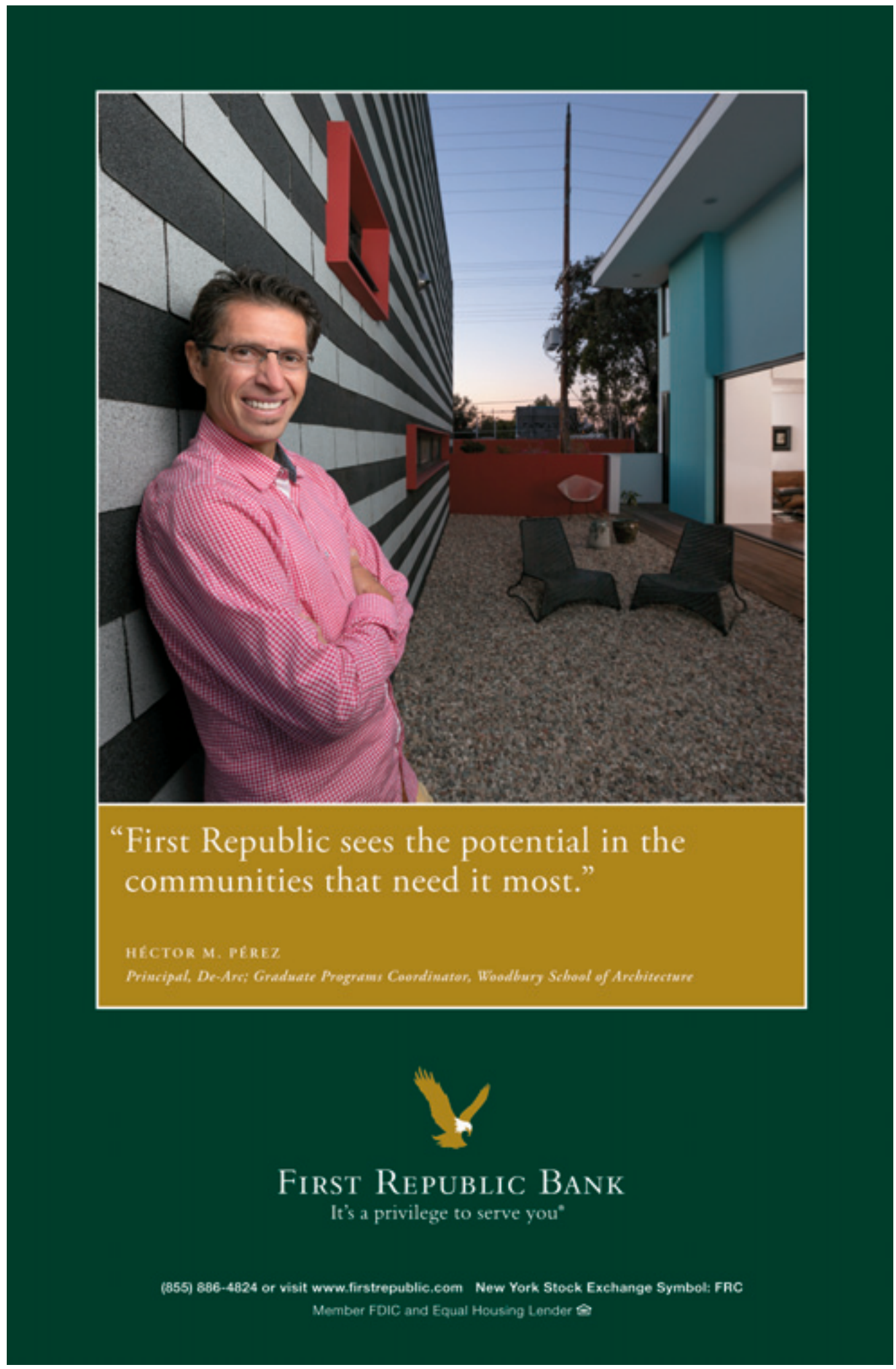

Record-breaking weekend heat expected in Southern California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Southern California could see record-breaking high temperatures over the weekend while the rest of the country shivers, the National Weather Service reported Thursday.

An enormous high-pressure ridge centered 800 miles offshore is moving toward the region. The dome-like ridge will be right over Southern California on Saturday and Sunday, with highs of 90 or above in Los Angeles and surrounding cities - some 20 degrees above normal for the period, said Stuart Seto with the weather service in Oxnard.

The 90-degree high for downtown Los Angeles on Saturday is expected to beat a record for the date of 88 that was set in 1951, while Sunday's high of 89 should top the previous high of 85 recorded in 1978, Seto said.

Sunday is expected to be so hot that organizers of the annual LA Marathon moved up the start time by a half-hour to 6:55 a.m. Runners also will have access to ice, cold towels, misting stations and even "cooling buses."

The region began warming Thursday as offshore winds start heating things up, Seto said.

Friday was expected to be warmer with winds continuing across Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Gusts of 30 to 40 mph were expected at the coast and in valleys with some 50-mph gusts in the mountains, according to a weather service forecast.

Saturday and Sunday will be calm but scorching, forecasters said.

It should be slightly cooler on Monday, but highs will still be well above normal, according to the weather service.

The weekend hot spell also won't do thirsty Southern California any good. "The main thing about the heat is that it's going to effect the evaporation at reservoirs ... and the snowpack," Seto said.

Water from melting Sierra Nevada snowpacks is a crucial part of Southern California's water supply, but recent surveys have found the snowpacks to be far below normal.

The heat wave continues a winter season that has seen an unusual number of warm months, Seto said. Longer-range global forecasts are suggesting that March, April and May probably also will see above-normal temperatures all along the West Coast, he said.

Los Angeles already is far below normal in rainfall. The wettest month, February, typically gets 3.8 inches of rain, but this year the total was well under an inch, Seto said. March has received 0.87 of an inch so far and is unlikely to get much more.

Los Angeles is more than 4 _ inches of rain below normal for the water year that began on Oct. 1, Seto said.

"We haven't gotten anything near like what we need," he said. "Not good, and this is our fourth year going into this drought."

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SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Primary/holding South swell - select magnets hitting 4'+ on occasional during best tides, with secondary/holding West-WNW swell mixing in

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
South swell starts to ease; Reinforcing pulse of WNW swell moves in and peaks

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Easing mix of WNW swell and South swell

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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
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
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FILM REVIEW

MCFARLAND USA

Rate PG
129 Minutes

MCFARLAND USA is a classic "only-in-America tale" based on a true story. A football coach with prior anger management issues has taken the only job open to him, in a California Central Valley farming town where most of the students work in the fields in the early hours before class. The coach uncovers an opportunity to salvage his life and greatly enrich the lives of his students. Then he wholeheartedly embarks on a (literally) uphill battle to make this endeavor work.

Director Niki Caro has managed to reveal an incredible amount of detail from the actual history of the characters, yet keeps the narrative moving smoothly. She allows the large cast of individuals to grow on us to the point where we feel that they are family by the end of the film. The director is also sensitive to the force that drives the sport – she allows the exhilaration of running to underscore the movement of the story.

Casting Director Sheila Jaffe has done impressive work with the complex job of casting a team of high school runners of Mexican heritage. Most of the actors who play these roles had very little if any on-screen experience prior to this film. However, Ms. Jaffe has extensive experience of her own at her job - she instinctively knows in whom she can place her trust. As a result, this team of actors has us suspending belief to imagine that they are the real characters. Actors Ramiro Rodriguez, Carlos Pratts, Johnny Ortiz, Rafael Martinez, Hector Duran and Sergio Avelar are all to be commended for their work. Not to mention…Kevin Costner is always in his element as a conflicted sports hero. Morgan Saylor (Homeland) does a wonderful job as the coach's daughter.

Cinematographers Adam Arkapaw (most recently directed 8 episodes of True Detective) and Terry Stacey (Salmon Fishing in the Yemen), with the work of excellent location scouts, capture the grandeur of the territory covered by the long-distance runners. They also find a beauty that is rarely associated with the expanse of agricultural fields in the Central Valley.

Production Designer Richard Hoover manages to recreate in great detail the environment of 1987, so that each scene reflects the reality of that era. Composer Antonio Pinto adds great period music to set the tone. The skill of editor David Coulson also has contributed to the forward movement of the film and the excitement of the races.

McFarland USA is a great family film – and everyone in this country should see it. It depicts a lifestyle that very few of us have known, in all its hardship and courage. Take your kids…or your neighbors' kids, the kids you teach, the kids you babysit, or your friends. It will be time well spent. Don't leave early – the end is inspiring.

Kathryn Whitney Boole was drawn into the entertainment industry as a kid and never left. It has been the backdrop for many awesome adventures with crazy creative people. She now works as a Talent Manager with Studio Talent Group in Santa Monica.

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MOVIE TIMES

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

3/13/15 - THE NAVIGATOR / SEVEN CHANCES
7:30PM

3/14/15 - "Sherlock Jr." / THE CAMERAMAN
7:30PM

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

Focus (R)
10:30AM, 1:15PM, 4:40PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM

Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)
11:20AM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM

Run All Night (R)
10:35AM, 2:10PM, 4:50PM, 7:30PM, 10:10PM

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
11:10AM, 1:05PM, 3:55PM, 6:45PM, 9:35PM

Unfinished Business (R)
2:20PM, 9:50PM

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

Chappie
10:45AM, 1:40PM, 4:35PM, 7:25PM, 10:15PM

Cinderella
10:30AM, 1:20PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:45PM

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City of Santa Monica

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica requests sealed proposals for:

RFP NO. 26 – ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT & STRAGETIC PLAN FOR SANTA MONICA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE PROGRAM

- **Submission Deadline Is MARCH 27, 2015 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Castle part
6 "The Stranger" writer
11 Quite impressed
12 Dizzying designs
13 McCain's running mate
14 Less well done
15 Macramé bit
17 Racket
18 Big gulp
20 Solemn promise
22 Grenade part
23 Ma, for one
26 Brat's opposite
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31 NFL Hall of Famer Marchetti
32 Opera set in Egypt
33 With skill
34 Blubbered
36 River of Arizona
38 Watchful
40 Taboo acts
43 Greenish songbird
44 Finish
45 School paper
46 Piquant

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1 Service reward
2 "Put — happy face"
3 Pink slip
4 Basketball star Patrick
5 Gambling mecca
6 Intimidate
7 John or Paul
8 Halftime entertainers
9 Bear in the sky
10 Goblet part
16 Foot feature
18 Health resorts
19 Skid Row resident
21 Met performer
23 Not nude
24 Potting need
25 Hector's home
27 Sudan neighbor
30 Pester
33 Unescorted
34 Surfer's ride
35 Yale students
37 Don Juan's mother
39 Stocking stuffer
41 Unconscious
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Yesterday's answer

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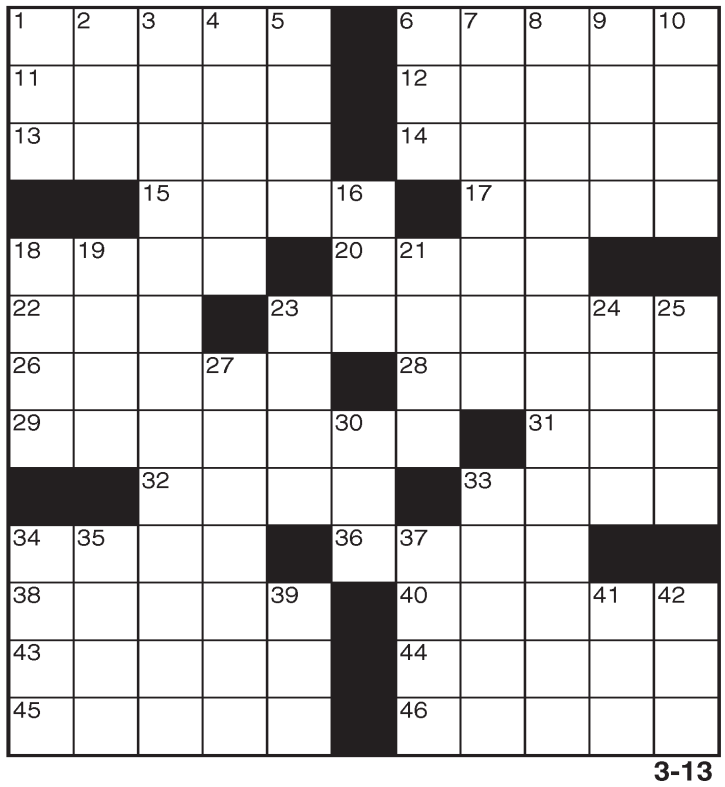

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Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/11
11 24 31 40 44
Power#: 27
Jackpot: 137M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/10
10 14 19 30 73
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 33M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 3/11
7 28 32 44 47
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 16M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/11
4 10 12 26 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/12
MIDDAY: 9 3 4
Draw Date: 3/11
EVENING: 0 1 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/11
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:40.92

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1900 - Second Boer War: British forces occupy Bloemfontein, Orange Free State.

1920 - The Kapp Putsch briefly ousts the Weimar Republic government from Berlin.

1921 - Mongolia is proclaimed an independent monarchy, ruled by Russian military officer Roman von Ungern-Sternberg as a dictator.

1930 - The news of the discovery of Pluto is telegraphed to the Harvard College Observatory.

1933 - Great Depression: Banks in the U.S. begin to re-open after President Franklin D. Roosevelt mandates a "bank holiday".

1938 - World News Roundup is broadcast for the first time on CBS Radio in the United States.

1943 - The Holocaust: German forces liquidate the Jewish ghetto in Kraków.

1954 - First Indochina War: Viet Minh forces under Vo Nguyen Giap unleashed a massive artillery barrage on the French to begin the Battle of Dien Biên Phu, the climactic battle in the First Indochina War.

1957 - Cuban student revolutionaries storm the presidential palace in Havana in a failed attempt on the life of President Fulgencio Batista.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Police in Glendale, Oregon, arrested a 27-year-old man and his 22-year-old girlfriend after their 7-week-old son died of starvation. The couple claimed to have been feeding the boy properly, but investigators found that the pair operated an online porn business in which the mother lactated onto various items while the paying customers watched -- and believe that little of the mother's milk remained for the baby.

■ Shooting "upskirt" photos of a 13-year-old girl is not illegal in Oregon, declared Judge Eric Butterfield in February, thus acquitting Patrick Buono, 61, of the crimes of invasion of privacy and "encouraging child sexual abuse." Buono's behavior was "appalling," Judge Butterfield noted, but since the girl was in a public place (a Target store) and no nudity was involved (she wore underpants), the specifics of Oregon statutes were not violated. Said Buono's lawyer, "It's incumbent on us as citizens to cover up whatever we don't want filmed in public places."

■ The three-week February exhibition of Alejandro Figueredo Diaz-Perera consisted of a blank wall in Chicago's West Loop gallery -- with the artist present only in the sense that he was residing in a narrow, 10-foot crawl space behind the wall with only a single sign alerting patrons ("I am here, but you will not see me"). Diaz-Perera's "In the Absence of a Body" was designed, he said, to explore the boundary between presence and absence.

Out and about, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be doing some last-minute thinking about getting out of town for a day or so. You are likely to give in to this impulse. An appointment or meeting might keep you somewhat grounded. Make plans to start the weekend as early as possible. Tonight: Let the party begin!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You'll express your sensitivity by taking time for each person. Someone you meet today could become a very inspirational friend. You might resist expressing your feelings. Tonight: Don't be surprised if you feel a need to take off suddenly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Defer to others. You might be enjoying the lack of pressure and the emotional freedom you recently have gained. Take a stand on a heartfelt matter, and others will listen. A friend could follow you down the path you have chosen. Tonight: Schedule some one-on-one time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be out of sorts and might want to toss everything in the air. Verbalize your frustration, but avoid a revolution at all costs. Given some time, you will feel better, and will notice that your efforts are not futile. Let someone else call the shots for now. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone who tends to be combative instead of becoming uptight about what he or she could do. You'll make peace where there might have been a problem. Allow your fun personality to emerge. Drop your serious mood -- it is Friday, after all. Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tension builds to an unprecedented level, as you feel you must handle a matter involving your security and domestic life. Relax more, and simply handle the issue. Sometimes you make mountains out of molehills. Tonight: Accept a partner's caring gesture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You seem to choose the right words to bring someone over to your way of thinking. You'll make quite an impression on this person. Be explicit when making plans. A loved one or a new friend could be expressing his or her innate gentleness. Tonight: Be a bit impulsive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of making a purchase. Some of you could be considering finding a way to augment your income. If you feel tense or unusually high-strung, take a walk and try to relax. You don't need to fuss so much. Tonight: Out on the town.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You seem to beam as the day progresses. A child or loved one might push you beyond the limits of your patience. Try not to lash out at the person in question. Keep your cool. Make yourself aware of the finances involved with a fun idea. Tonight: Let down your hair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Lie low during the day, but know that it won't prevent you from taking action where you feel it is needed. A one-on-one conversation will help ground you. Be sensitive when dealing with a brash loved one. Tonight: As soon as the evening begins, you perk up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A friend might tease you into taking action. Even if you feel a bit raw, make an effort to be kind to others. Use caution with funds, as money could nearly dissolve in your hands. A lot of activity surrounds a friend; you might want to join right in. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be careful when dealing with others. You might be confused about what they are communicating, or perhaps you are missing some facts. Be aware of your objectives. Indulge a loved one, and buy this person a token of affection. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

Friday, March 13, 2015

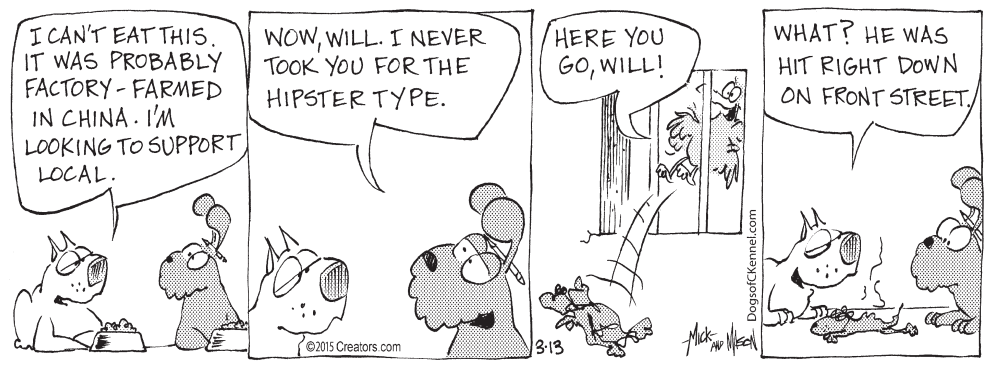
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you open up to change, as you often are forced into the limelight and have to assume a position of responsibility. Your self-confidence builds, and others recognize your abilities. As a result, you could manifest a long-term desire. Friendship plays a significant role in your life as well. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone through work. You won't need to look for this person -- he or she will find you sometime after August. If you are attached, the two of you might be committed to a common cause, which will draw you closer together. SAGITTARIUS is an extrovert who often makes you feel uncomfortable.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly

Strange Brew
By John Deering

Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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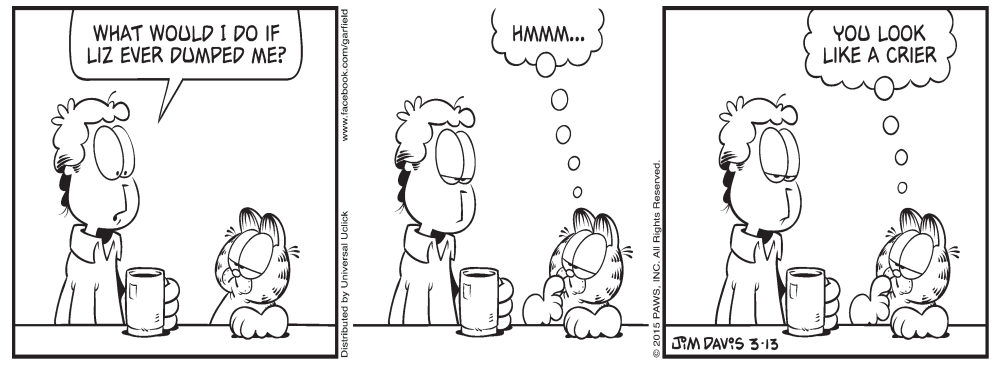

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON MARCH 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:05 P.M.
A Santa Monica resident returned to his home and noticed several of his valuables were piled into a green wagon that was outside his house, along with his friend's bicycle and violin. When the resident tried to open his front door, he found it was blocked by a piece of furniture inside. The resident forced the door open however and found a female suspect in his dining room. When the resident asked the suspect what she was doing in his home, the suspect replied, "I live here." The suspect later changed her story and said a friend let her stay there. The resident immediately called 911 and officers arrived within minutes to detain the suspect. She was later booked at the Santa Monica jail for residential burglary, but refused to give officers any information about herself; other than her name. The suspect was identified as Amanda Lea Elleif, 34. Bail was set at $50,000.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 404 calls for service on March 11.

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Domestic violence, 00 block Pico, 12:05 a.m.
Disturbance, 3rd/Santa Monica, 5:46 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 1500 block Berkeley, 7:51 a.m.
Fight, 1300 block 3rd, 8:07 a.m.
Petty theft, 300 block Santa Monica, 9:29 a.m.
Assault, 700 block Santa Monica, 9:33 a.m.
Bike theft, 1000 block 3rd, 10:28 a.m.
Burglary, 2400 block Main, 10:54 a.m.
Grand theft, 1400 block Yale, 11:26 a.m.
Drinking in public, 3rd/Broadway, 12:23 p.m.
Elder abuse, 700 block Pacific, 2:29 p.m.
Petty theft, 2200 block Colorado, 3:23 p.m.
Grand theft, 300 block Olympic, 3:30 p.m.
Domestic violence, 300 block Adelaide, 3:59 p.m.
Burglary, 1200 block Euclid, 4:22 p.m.
Trespassing, 2500 block Main, 4:35 p.m.
Assault, 600 block Pico, 4:47 p.m.
Battery, 2900 block Neilson, 5:20 p.m.
Bike theft, 600 block Pico, 5:45 p.m.
Petty theft, 2600 block Main, 6:39 p.m.
Battery, Lincoln/Pico, 6:45 p.m.
Drinking in public, 500 block Montana, 7:23 p.m.
Burglary, 2400 block 21st, 8:02 p.m.
Rape, 1000 block 6th, 8:07 p.m.
Speeding, Lincoln/Pico, 8:08 p.m.
Trespassing, 400 block Wilshire, 8:29 p.m.
Child endangerment, 200 block Idaho, 8:54 p.m.
Lewd activity, 800 block Santa Monica, 8:46 p.m.
Identity theft, 300 block Olympic, 9:15 p.m.
Drunk driving, 17th/Montana, 9:49 p.m.
Fight, 6th/Colorado, 10:15 p.m.

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