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Park project takes off with removal of aircraft

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Today, it's just an asphalt lot but for supporters of an Airport park, that empty lot is full of promise.

All aircrafts have been removed from a six-acre storage facility at the Santa Monica Airport to make way for the eagerly anticipated expansion of Airport Park. The lot, known as the southeast parcel (adjacent to the Airport Park and Dog Park) is one of two that are earmarked for park expansion and supporters praised the clearing as a

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ACCIDENTS ABOUND

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

Police officers and firefighters responded to several traffic accidents on March 28, including a morning call for a car that struck a streetlight near the intersection of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue. In addition to traffic accidents, several wind related calls came in, including reports of downed power lines.

Samohi grad working towards MLB

Greene shows promise in spring training with Blue Jays



Courtesy photo

GREENE: Samohi alumnus Conner Greene is training with the Blue Jays.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Much has been written about Conner Greene's friendship with Charlie Sheen, his experiences as a model and his appearances on the "Anger Management" television series.

But the local product just wants to be known as the beach boy who made it.

In baseball.

At the moment, as the Santa Monica High School alumnus pre-

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Merging technology, food and history

Local restaurant shifts into the hands of the tech-savvy generation

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

When Elina O'Lague first opened Solidarity in 1972, she was so busy with both a new restaurant and a newborn that she breastfed her daughter while waiting on customers.

Only then the restaurant wasn't Solidarity, it was Warszawa. And it wasn't located in Santa Monica, but Berkeley. And it wasn't run by that baby girl, Natasza Congdon, now all grown up.

Congdon has taken the reigns of the now Santa Monica-based restaurant from her mother, a

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 29

Spring Break Escape @ Main: Caricature Drawing with Kathryn Hewitt

In celebration of Women's History Month, join organizers as award-winning illustrator, Kathryn Hewitt, teaches you to draw pictures of inspirational women. Drawing materials provided. Bring a photo of a woman you admire. Ages 8 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:15 p.m.

Spring Teen Fest

Spring is around the corner! Come celebrate with your family and friends. We will have DIY arts and crafts, a photo booth, music, and much more! Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 2 - 5 p.m.

Bicycle Safety & Basic Maintenance for Kids

Get your bicycle ready to ride! Learn important safety rules for riding your bike and other basic bike maintenance. Presented by Santa Monica Spoke and the City of Santa Monica's Safe Routes to School program. For grades 3 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Author Talk: Edan Lepucki & Charles Yu

Homegrown talent Edan Lepucki discusses her post-apocalyptic novel California with Santa Monica-based author Charles Yu. California is close examination of what happens to a marriage after civilization's collapse. As the world around them in Los Angeles devolves into chaos, young couple Cal and Frida flee for a solitary life in the western wilderness, but when Frida gets pregnant, they are forced to consider reentering society and all of the complications and dangers that implies. Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

Preschool Story Time at Main

Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Crafternoon for Teens: Loom Knitting

Build your own loom and learn how to knit a friendship bracelet. Refreshments provided. Grades 6 & up. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 3 p.m.

Spring Break Escape @ Main: Family Film: Wall-E (2008)

In this screening that allows kids to join in on the Santa Monica Reads fun (big kids are welcome too!), a small-waste collecting robot alone on a post-apocalyptic Earth, meets a female robot who he falls in love with, and inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind. (98 min). Rated G. 98 minutes. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:45 p.m.

Career Prep Series: Scholarship Workshop

Learn how to access scholarship resources. This 5-week workshop is provided in collaboration with the Virginia Avenue Park. Call the branch for more information. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

Barbara Williams discusses and signs 'The Hope in Leaving'

Barbara Williams is a Canadian musician and renowned film, television,

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Virginia Avenue Park

Committee for Racial Justice presents a workshop on environmental racism

In light of the national news about Flint, Michigan, and more local concerns about water problems, fraking, etc, in Los Angeles County, the Committee for Racial Justice will hold its monthly workshop on April 3 with a focus on environmental racism. Our speaker will be Niki Okuk, a small-business owner; lifelong activist; worker for social, economic, and environmental justice; a dreamer and a doer. Okuk studied economics at Columbia University and completed her MBA with the Nanyang Fellows program in Singapore, and the MIT Sloan School of Business program in sustainability. She returned home to Los Angeles where she launched Rco? Material Reuse, a tire waste upcycling company. Rco? Material Reuse diverts tens of millions of gallons of petroleum waste from landfills into new products annually while also creating numerous green-collar jobs in Compton, California, where Okuk lives and works.

QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE LOOKED AT INCLUDE:

1. What do we know about environmental racism and how it is affecting Black communities worldwide?

2. How is environmental racism affecting Flint MI and other American cities?

3. What are local environmental concerns (Baldwin Hills etc.)

4. How can we work towards a cleaner environment and become environmental activists in Black communities, both local and national?

5. What projects and resources are available to us to become active in reversing environmental racism?

The free workshop will take place from 6:00-8:30 p.m. (with a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.) at Virginia Avenue Park in the Thelma Terry Building, 2200 Virginia Ave.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice, co-sponsored by Virginia Avenue Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

For more information, call 310-422-5431.

- SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

SMC

Dr. Henry Oster to speak at SMC

Santa Monica College is pleased to present "Even in Hell, There is Hope," a free talk by Holocaust victim Dr. Henry Oster, who survived the Ghetto, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camp, and Buchenwald.

The talk will be held at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, in Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Hall 165 on SMC's main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Dr. Oster will talk about some of his experiences and the importance of holding out hope under the direst of circumstances. His story inspired the "Freedom" Memorial Sculpture by renowned sculptor and multimedia artist Toni Scott at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

The talk is sponsored by the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates) - a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus - and the SMC Office of Public Programs.

For more information, please call (310) 434-4100.

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SMC presents 'Cheatin"

The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present "Cheatin'" April 1-10 at the Theatre Arts Studio Stage on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

A fast-paced tale written by Del Shores with a touch of Texas humor, "Cheatin'" introduces the clan - the dimwitted mailman, the local stud mechanic, the aging bad girl and her more-brawn-than-brains husband, the narrator with psychic abilities, and others - at a watering hole where gossip is the town's major pastime. The SMC production is directed by Adrianne Harrop.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, April 1 and April 8, and on Saturday, April 2 and April 9; and at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, and on Sunday, April 10. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and April 9, and on Sunday, April 3 and April 10. Late arrivals seated at management discretion. No video feed offered in lobby area.

General Admission advance tickets are $10 plus a service charge and can be purchased by going to www.smc.edu/studiostage or by calling (310) 434-4319 or (310) 434-3005 Monday through Friday. Tickets are $3 higher at the door. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

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and stage actress. Early in her acting career, Williams starred in the blockbuster films "Thief of Hearts" and "City of Hope." She won an Emmy Award for Best Actress for the 1996 telepic "Mother Trucker." As a musician, she has performed in the United States and Canada, often in concerts devoted to peace, workers' rights, and the environment. Discussion and signing at DIESEL Bookstore. 225 6th St., 6:30 p.m.

SMC Literary Talks: 'The Sympathizer: A Reading by Viet Thanh Nguyen'

Viet Thanh Nguyen - associate professor of English and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, author of "Race and Resistance: Literature and Politics in Asian America," and co-editor of "Transpacific Studies: Framing an Emerging Field" - will read selections from "The Sympathizer," his critically acclaimed first novel. 1900 Pico Blvd., Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165, 11:15 a.m.

California Yacht Club Yachting Luncheon

The U.S. Coast Guard will be the focus of this luncheon. The USCG Halibut will be at the CYC Guest Dock and open for an on-board visitation by luncheon attendees. Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure, as a public service of CYC. Cost is $20, which includes the luncheon, tax, service and parking. Reservations are appreciated at, reservations@calyachtclub.net. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, 12:20 p.m.

Spring Break Escape @ Main! Lego Block Party

Use your creativity to make something remarkable. We provide the Legos, you provide the fun! Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Cesar Chavez: A Tribute

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sanders protesters arrested in sexually discriminating way

LAST WEEK TWO TOPLESS FEMALE protesters at a Bernie Sanders rally in Koreatown were arrested for "indecent exposure." I think this is a silly ruse, and frankly a topic that the Santa Monica City Council should tackle with alacrity.

As a father's rights lawyer, I'm often misunderstood as being anti-women - which is patently false as I've been on the record for years saying that women should be allowed to go topless anywhere a man is. You'd think that such an argument, coming from a gay man, would be easily supported by the hordes of straight men and all women, straight and gay. You'd be wrong.

Oddly, this quirky position of mine, in support of women, is not actually supported by many women, and evidently by even fewer men. How do I know this? Because if all the women supported it, and even if none of the men supported it, there would be enough votes to force the issue. If the men supported the issue, given the historically powerful position that men have had in this country it would be a done deal, even if their wives and girlfriends disagreed.

It is proof that the prudish conservative majority of our country is not actually in favor of equal rights, and that the vocal minority of women who demand equal rights have not been able to rally their sisters to the cause.

I find it all quite curious. As we head in to the heart of spring and those bathing suits come out, and men begin to strut around town shirtless, I wonder how many women would like to be able to just pop into the local corner market, grab a bag of chips and a coffee while topless and head to the park for a bit of sunning themselves.

The local municipal codes don't allow a woman to be topless at the beach, or anywhere for that matter that a man can be, and I find it a grossly discriminatory fact that a woman can be arrested for something that any man can do with impunity. Given some of the time wasters, (and money wasting efforts) of our City Council, you'd think they would take up a cause such as this, which is based in so much equality, fairness, and, if it were properly handled with yet another of those expensive PR campaigns, could really pack the tourists in.

Some will say that I am crazy for such a suggestion. Others will scream that I am waging war on the family and infringing on a person's right to enjoy polite society without being accosted by some "perverted sexuality." Hogwash I say.

If we want to truly bring back the value to the family it once had, if we want to build a society that is stable and where the citizenry has a lower incidence of emotional abuse, physical abuse and a stable society, we should strive for greater equality and practicality. We could easily have a topless law that allows women to enjoy the freedom of being shirtless, and set reasonable safeguards in place for a modicum of decorum.

We are not living in an age when a woman should be shamed for her body, or prevented from sharing it with the world. We live in a time of relative peace and prosperity, and we should modify our social mores and actions based on it.

Will this work? Yes, we have the knowledge to do it if we wanted to do it. Will it ever happen? No. We're not ready as a society to address the reality that women are people too. That women should be allowed to enjoy the beach, or any other place that is appropriate, shirtless. Politicians are elected based on their "tough on crime" and "family values" and "being good Christians," and none of that will allow for the reality that women have breasts and should have equal rights.

I'm appalled that the protesters at the Sanders rally were arrested for what seems to be the flimsiest of excuses to shut down what appeared to be a non-violent protest. But I'm equally appalled by the lax efforts of our City Council to move forward on an issue of equality, that would cost nothing, garner us huge worldwide positive free publicity and would merely brand them as the progressives they so often claim to be, but so often fall short of actually being.

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California aims to raise minimum wage to $15 an hour

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Gov. Jerry Brown joined fellow Democrats and labor leaders Monday in touting California's proposal to gradually lift the minimum wage to $15 an hour as an answer to the growing challenge of income disparity.

"It's a matter of economic justice, it makes sense, and will help our entire state do much better for its citizens," the Democratic governor said.

Under the proposal, the state's minimum wage would reach $15 an hour by January 2022, rising in increments starting with a boost from $10 to $10.50 on Jan 1, 2017. Businesses with 25 or fewer employees would have an extra year to comply, and the governor could delay annual increases in times of budgetary or economic downturns.

Wages would increase to keep up with inflation after 2023.

The increases would benefit 5.6 million workers - 32 percent of the statewide workforce, said Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles. He called it a "staggering statistic."

"In the wealthiest state in the wealthiest nation on Earth, no one, no one who works fulltime should be forced to live in poverty," de Leon said. "Wages have stagnated for decades while consumer costs, corporate profits and executive bonuses have skyrocketed."

Lawmakers in the Assembly and Senate could send the bill to Brown's desk as early as Thursday, said Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco. They will amend the new version onto Leno's SB3, a less-sweeping minimum wage bill that cleared the Senate last year but stalled in an Assembly committee.

The bill needs a majority of votes to pass the Legislature, and Democrats control both chambers.

The National Federation of Independent Business warned against adding to what it called an already onerous burden on small businesses. The group's California arm said a 50 percent boost in the minimum wage would further harm the state's already poor business reputation.

Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes, R-Yucca Valley, said in a statement that the move could actually harm the communities it is designed to assist by adding to the overall cost of living. That may make "the California dream even less attainable for our middle class and low-income families," he said.

Brown said he thinks business will have little choice and must eventually accept the proposed legislation, if only because it is more conservative than alternatives pushed by labor organizations.

Legislative approval of a minimum-wage package would avoid taking the issue to the ballot. One union-backed initiative has already qualified for the ballot, and a second, competing measure is also trying to qualify.

At $10 an hour, California already has one of the highest minimum wages in the nation along with Massachusetts. Only Washington, D.C., at $10.50 per hour is higher. The hike to $15 in California would make it the highest statewide wage in the nation by far, though raises are in the works in other states that might change by the time the plateau is reached in 2022.

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TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

USE PERMIT, 15-ENT-0349, 2800 28th Street. The applicant requests approval of an Antenna Minor Use Permit to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 2800 28th Street within the Office Campus (OC) Zoning District. The project consists of removing and replacing six panel antennas and three equipment cabinets, install ten panel antennas, 16 remote radio units (RRUs), eight raycaps, and two hybrid fiber cables along the roof. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of an Antenna Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Rathar Duong] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Verizon c/o Courtney Stanridge /2800 28th Street LLC.

USE PERMIT, 16-ENT-0001, 2800 28th Street. The applicant requests approval of an Antenna Minor Use Permit to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 2800 28th Street within the Office Campus (OC) Zoning District. The project consists of relocating three panel antennas (1 per sector), installing three new 6' high panel antennas at each sector, installing three new Remote Radio Units (RRU's), installing one new XMU, replacing existing rack in cabinet with new rack, upgrading and installing new equipment within existing equipment area. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060.A. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.32.060.B, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of an Antenna Minor Use Permit application. [Planner: Rathar Duong] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: T-Mobile c/o Suzanne Iselt/2800 28th Street LLC.

MAJOR MODIFICATION, 16-ENT-0030, 212 Bay Street. The applicant requests a Major Modification to allow a reduction of the minimum first story street wall height requirement pursuant to the Neighborhood Commercial (NC Main Street) district standards, in conjunction with a new three-unit residential condominium project located at the subject property. Specifically, the applicant requests to reduce the minimum first story street wall height requirement of 15'-0" to 12'-0". Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.11.030, a minimum first story street wall height of 15 feet is required in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC Main Street) district. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.43.030(B)(5), the applicant may request a major modification of up to 3 feet of the minimum first story street wall height. [Planner Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: MLR Ventures, Inc.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

No injuries reported as fire consumes former church building

A fire has badly damaged a South Los Angeles church building used by homeless people but authorities say everyone managed to get out safely before part of the roof collapsed.

Fire officials say the fire erupted shortly after 5 a.m. Monday in a two-story building on Hoover Street.

About 125 firefighters took nearly two hours to douse the fire.

At one point, the roof partially collapsed and firefighters had to leave the building, using hoses to pour water on it from outside.

The building wasn't currently in church use. Authorities say it was occupied by homeless people who fled before firefighters arrived.

Arson investigators are looking into the cause of the fire.

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MINNEAPOLIS

Man accused of fraud scheme that promised Hmong homeland

The U.S. Attorney's office in Minnesota has charged a man with operating a fraud scheme that targeted Hmong elders by promising them a homeland in Southeast Asia.

Forty-eight-year-old Seng Xiong faces one count of wire fraud. Federal prosecutors accuse Xiong of stealing more than $1.3 million from elderly Hmong victims.

Xiong was arrested last week at Los Angeles International Airport before he could board a flight for Thailand.

According to court documents, the police department in Appleton, Wisconsin, received a tip in September that Hmong elders were being directed to deposit $3,000 to $5,000 into a bank account held in Xiong's name. In exchange, elders were promised 10 acres of land and a house in the future country.

A U.S. magistrate judge in Los Angeles denied bail for Xiong. His next court date is not set yet.

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LOS ANGELES

Cris 'Cyborg' Justino finally signs with UFC, books May bout

Veteran mixed martial arts champion Cris "Cyborg" Justino will make her UFC debut in her native Brazil in May.

The UFC announced the deal Monday, booking Justino to meet Leslie Smith in a 140-pound catchweight bout at UFC 198.

Justino (15-1) has long been considered one of the top fighters in the women's sport. She has a 15-fight winning streak since her debut in 2005, stopping nine consecutive opponents and winning titles in the Strikeforce and Invicta promotions.

Justino was a long-rumored opponent for former UFC bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey, but Justino had expressed concerns about making the 135-pound limit. Rousey's loss to Holly Holm last year derailed the discussion.

Justino served a one-year suspension in 2012 for testing positive for steroid use.

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LOS ANGELES

Inmate captured after escaping from LA re-entry facility

State prison officials say an inmate who walked away from a Los Angeles County re-entry facility where he was finishing out his sentence is back in custody.

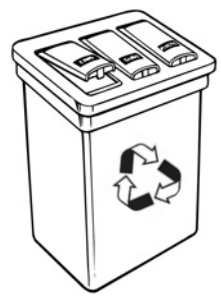
The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said Monday that Donta Baker was captured in Compton March 25, more than a week after his escape.

The 22-year-old was taken to the California Institution for Men in Chino.

Baker was serving a four-year sentence for grand theft.

The Community Re-entry Program is a voluntary program for inmates who have approximately 120 days left to serve.

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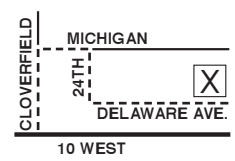


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PARK

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tangible sign of progress.

"I am glad to report the aircrafts haven been removed from the parcel," said Nelson Hernandez, senior advisor to the City Manager for Santa Monica Airport Affairs, in an email. "Some aircrafts have been relocated to other areas at the airport and others self-selected alternative locations. In either case, the six acres are now free of aircrafts."

Locals involved in the park expansion praised the news.

"It is exciting to see an empty airplane parking lot, which will soon be transformed into much needed future park space, including playing fields and possibly community gardens, for thousands to use," said, Neil Carrey, president of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation, the nonprofit that's been formed to advocate for turning the airport into a park.

City Hall is engaged in a protracted fight over the future of the airport. The City is suing the FAA over control of the land and at the same time, multiple complaints have been filed against Santa Monica over its regulation of airport activities. The resolution of those cases will come from various courts but the expansion of Airport Park into the southeast lot is not part of the ongoing dispute.

Santa Monica regained control over the six-acre lot in 2015 with the expiration of a 1984 agreement that had stipulated the land be used for aviation purposes. The expiration of that agreement in July of 2015 allowed City Hall to repurpose the site along with a separate six-acre lot opposite the current Museum of Flying, for use as a park.

The site had space for up to 73 aircraft "tie-downs," but only 32 were occupied when the city sent eviction notices in February of this year.

With the land now clear, attention will move to park plans, concepts and designs. Council approved $211,200 (plus a 10-percent contingency) at their Jan. 26 meeting to pay for a feasibility study and concept design by Rios Clementi Hale Studios (RCH). That study will analyze the full 12 acres but Nelson said any work is likely to start at the newly vacated lot.

"That's probably phase one so they needed to be cleared out first," he said.

An expanded airport park was one of the priorities City Hall submitted to the County last week as part of the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Report. Council declined to specify a multi-use sports facility at the airport in that report over fears a multi-use facility would delay the already promised park expansion.

Voters passed Measure LC in 2014, which requires airport land be converted into park space, and several speakers at last week's meeting said expanding the park would show the City's commitment to eventually shuttering the airport entirely.

"An additional benefit of the removal of airplane 'tie downs' is that it will immediately reduce the capacity to maintain aircraft at Santa Monica Airport by about 20 percent," said an Airport2Park press release. "This move will be welcomed by neighbors in Santa Monica, Mar Vista and Venice who have been plagued with noise and pollution from the adjacent airport."

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2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The City of Santa Monica is in the process of preparing its 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The 2015 UWMP presents the City's long-term strategy for managing its water resources, its water supply reliability, and maintaining water quality for water distributed throughout the City of Santa Monica. The UWMP meets the state requirement for the City to submit a UWMP every five years in compliance with the state of California Urban Water Management Planning Act. Public participation and comment are encouraged.

Public Informational Meetings are scheduled for April 5, 2016, and May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at: Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

A Public Hearing to adopt the plan will be held as part of a meeting of the Santa Monica City Council which will take place at:

Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Council Chambers - Room 213
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

The draft UWMP will be posted on the City of Santa Monica's Water Division web site http://www.smgov.net/departments/publicworks/water.aspx

Written comments are due by May 24, 2016. Please send comments to: City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division, 1212 5th Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Gil Borboa, or via e-mail to gil.borboa@smgov.net.

For further information, please contact Gil Borboa, Water Resources Manager, at 310-458-8230.

The Ken Edwards Center and City Hall Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations, including alternative formats of the Proposed 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, please contact the Water Resources Division.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
EXTENDING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN
(FORMERLY DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN)

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given that the public comment period for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Downtown Community Plan (formerly the Downtown Specific Plan) in the City of Santa Monica has **been extended to 5:30 p.m. May 3, 2016.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Downtown Community Plan (the Plan) implements the City's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) goals and policies for the Downtown, addressing important issues including historic preservation, urban design, diversity of housing, sustainability, cultural arts offerings, open space, walkability, multi-modal access and parking, economic health, and integration with the Expo LRT. The Plan constitutes the City's policy guidance and systematic implementation plan for the Downtown with a horizon year of 2030. The Plan provides a proactive strategy for Downtown to evolve into a more accessible, multi-modal, pedestrian-friendly urban district that serves the needs of Santa Monicans. A full copy of the proposed Downtown Community Plan can be viewed online at www.downtownsmplan.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzes potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project including: Aesthetics/Shadows, Air Quality, Biology, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Effects, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Transportation/Circulation, and Utilities.

EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The initial 60-day extended comment period started on February 3, 2016 and was set to close at 5:30 p.m. on April 3, 2016. **In response to comments received during the comment period, the City extends the comment period for an additional 30 days. Therefore, the total public review period will be 90-days from February 3, 2016 to end at 5:30 p.m. on May 3, 2016.**

Written comments should be sent to:

Rachel Kwok
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Email: Rachel.kwok@smgov.net

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online at www.downtownsmplan.org or in person at the following locations:

- City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

RESTAURANT

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Polish native and self-trained chef, and is in the process of rebranding the joint, starting with a new name.

"Solidarity was a movement that overthrew the communist government in Poland," Congdon said. "We felt like it was a great new name to show the appreciation our restaurant has for our cultural Polish roots; the food, the people and their ideas."

O'Lague moved from Poland to Berkeley in 1968 and opened the restaurant's first location near the famous Chez Panisse in 1972.

"Whenever I cooked something, people would say 'You've gotta open a restaurant.' So I did." O'Lague said. "And being near Chez Panisse and other restaurants we were always fighting to find fresh herbs straight from the farm."

After meeting Congdon's father, the two moved to Santa Monica and O'Lague reopened her restaurant, under the same name, in 1979.

Congdon admires her mother, who has lived a "true immigrant story," and who she is proud to be taking over for. But Congdon is not a chef, nor was she a restaurateur before embarking on this endeavor. Congdon's previous experience is in the tech world of Silicon Valley.

"Before I came back [to Santa Monica] I didn't know my hometown was the hottest place for start-ups," Congdon said. "But it is actually great because I wanted to find a way to make the restaurant a place for people to come together with new ideas and work on new projects together. I want people in here starting businesses. The best and the brightest minds from Silicon Beach are in here all the time."

Congdon said that what the world doesn't need is another dating app, but to start solving problems with technology and she is focused on helping people solve those problems. But Congdon also wants to give a voice to the people who have been in Santa Monica the longest, never forgetting that they, like her mother, have been the backbone of the business community.

With as tech-savvy as Congdon is she immediately got to work at revamping the way the restaurant functions on a day to day basis.

"We were still hand writing our tickets," Congdon said. "My approach has changed things. We have an online reservation system now. We have a Facebook presence. I've brought everything over that I learned working in the tech industry."

Congdon said she is always thinking about how to repurpose existing resources, and one repurposed resource that isn't tech related is the "secret bar" that customers can access by simply walking straight past the host stand and into a back room that used to be a kitchen.

"This bar is meant to be a fun, relaxing, 'secret' space our guests can access if they know where to look."

But above all else, Congdon will not let you forget about the heart of the restaurant: the food. Congdon insists her mother's creations are better than the dishes you will find in Poland itself.

As for the rebranding process, Congdon said it is still a work in progress. "Innovation takes time."

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GREENE

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pares for another season in the professional ranks, it seems safe to say that he's the beach boy who's making it.

Greene has never thrown a pitch in a Major League Baseball game, but this year he's taken part in spring training with the Toronto Blue Jays. He was expecting to be assigned to a minor-league roster to start the season, but he's yearning to prove he's capable of playing on the sport's biggest stages.

"The road comes with a lot of hard work — it's not just life on the beach and then you're throwing in the big leagues," he said in a phone interview March 21. "But it almost seems like it's that way."

Perhaps it seems that way because he's listed as the top pitching prospect for the Blue Jays and the No. 2 overall prospect in the organization behind outfielder Anthony Alford. Maybe it's because the 6-foot-3, 165-pound righty has impressed team manager John Gibbons with his arm strength and accuracy.

It could simply be because he's only 20 years old.

"It's amazing," Greene said. "It's exciting. Being a high prospect for the organization is a great feeling. I'm excited for the pressure that comes with it. I like it. It helps me perform. I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing. Hopefully, the results will show and my work pays off."

Greene was sure to take advantage of his time in Dunedin, Florida, where the Blue Jays met for camp. He's been a sponge for the knowledge he's gleaned from Troy Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista, R.A. Dickey and other players.

And he made the most of the opportunity he was given March 5 in a Grapefruit League spring training game against the Philadelphia Phillies, when he struck out three of the four batters he faced in a brief but promising debut.

It was an accomplishment he enjoyed just three years removed from his senior season at Samohi in 2013, when he posted a 7-1 record with a 1.63 earned-run average and 76 strikeouts.

Greene grew up playing baseball in Santa Monica, hitting his first home runs and recording his first strikeouts in games at Los Amigos Park. He later gained ample experience on travel teams with fellow prospects Lucas Giolito and J.P. Crawford. And he credited former Samohi assistant coach Tony Todd with helping him to catch the attention of scouts.

Drafted by the Blue Jays in 2013, Greene is currently climbing the minor-league ladder. He finished this past season by going 3-1 with 15 strikeouts in five starts for the Double-A New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

When he has free time in Santa Monica, Greene enjoys surfing, working out on the rings near the pier, eating tacos at Gilbert's El Indio and attending sporting events at Samohi.

Those activities help Greene keep his baseball ascent in perspective.

"We are from paradise, right? That's the hometown energy that I base my career on," he said. "But wherever I am, I'm happy. I need to get better no matter what. And when a spot opens up, I'll be ready."

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UCLA begins building new offense around Rosen in spring ball

DAN GREENSPAN
Associated Press

UCLA has its quarterback in Josh Rosen. Now the Bruins must figure out what the offense around their breakout star will look like.

As the Bruins open spring practice Tuesday, they will begin their transition away from the spread offense that broke records during head coach Jim Mora's first four seasons. Kennedy Polamalu was promoted to offensive coordinator in January after Noel Mazzone left for Texas A&M, and the former Southern California fullback and respected running backs coach is expected to implement a pro-style scheme with an emphasis on power football.

Mora specifically said that tight ends and fullbacks would have an increased role when announcing Polamalu's new role, marking a dramatic shift away from the wide-open, four-receiver sets that defined Mazzone's system.

Whether UCLA has the personnel to make a smooth transition is uncertain. With only two fullbacks and one tight end on the roster last season, the Bruins' defensive linemen and linebackers were used on offense in short-yardage and goal-line situations.

UCLA has signed tight end Jordan Wilson and fullback Jalen Starks while also adding tight end Caleb Wilson as a transfer from the rival Trojans. Wilson originally committed to Old Dominion as a quarterback before walking on at USC, where his father was defensive line coach under Steve Sarkisian.

Mora also said that players already on the roster could change positions to bolster the Bruins' numbers at tight end and fullback.

"That's a position that we have not emphasized a lot here in the last couple years, the last four years, and it's going to be a little bit more of an emphasis," Mora said.

But Rosen is still going to be the centerpiece of the offense.

"It's not like we are going to be running the wishbone," Mora said. "We've got a pretty good quarterback in Josh, so we like it when he is throwing it."

Rosen passed for 3,668 yards and 23 touchdowns against 11 interceptions, winning the Pac-12's Offensive Freshman of the Year award and headlining numerous freshman All-America teams.

Living up to his billing as the nation's top prep quarterback, Rosen set a school record by throwing 245 straight passes without an interception. His arm strength, mechanics and mobility impressed NFL scouts and analysts to the point that Rosen is already being touted as a potential future No. 1 overall draft pick.

But Rosen's effectiveness diminished in losses to USC and Nebraska to end his bright first season. Rosen's wide receivers were unable to beat man-to-man coverage, resulting in the quarterback struggling and throwing four interceptions when pressured.

With three of UCLA's top four receivers graduating or entering the NFL draft - a trio that accounted for 155 catches, 2,236 yards receiving and 18 touchdowns last season - replacing them with wideouts who can create separation is a clear focus.

"Definitely I think I can bring a lot of speed to the offense, especially with the guys that we have coming in like Demetric Felton and Damian Alloway," said freshman receiver Theo Howard, who enrolled early to participate in spring practice. "I think we can definitely go deep and bring a different game."

Saudi land purchases fuel debate over US water rights

ELLIOT SPAGAT & AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

Saudi Arabia's largest dairy company will soon be unable to farm alfalfa in its own parched country to feed its 170,000 cows. So it's turning to an unlikely place to grow the water-chugging crop - the drought-stricken American Southwest.

Almarai Co. bought land in January that roughly doubled its holdings in California's Palo Verde Valley, an area that enjoys first dibs on water from the Colorado River. The company also acquired a large tract near Vicksburg, Arizona, becoming a powerful economic force in a region that has fewer well-pumping restrictions than other parts of the state.

The purchases totaling about 14,000 acres enable the Saudis to take advantage of farm-friendly U.S. water laws. The acquisitions have also rekindled debate over whether a patchwork of regulations and court rulings in the West favors farmers too heavily, especially those who grow thirsty, low-profit crops such as alfalfa at a time when cities are urging people to take shorter showers, skip car washes and tear out grass lawns.

"It flies in the face of economic reason," said John Szczepanski, director of the U.S. Forage Export Council. "You've taken on all of the risk a farmer has. The only way you can justify that is that they're really not trying to make a profit. They're trying to secure the food supply."

For decades, Saudi Arabia attempted to grow its own water-intensive crops for food rather than rely on farms abroad. But it reversed that policy about eight years ago to protect scarce supplies.

To further conserve water, the country has adopted bans on selected crops. This year, the kingdom will no longer produce wheat. In December, the government announced the country will stop growing green fodder, livestock feed derived from crops like alfalfa, over the next three years.

Almarai already farms worldwide to make sure that weather, transportation problems or other conditions don't interrupt supplies. The expansion in the American Southwest was a "natural progression" in its effort to diversify supply, said Jordan Rose, an attorney for the company's Arizona unit.

"The cows feed multiple times a day, and they need to be certain that they are always able to fulfill that unwavering demand," she wrote.

Despite the widespread drought conditions, the U.S. is attractive to water-seeking companies because it has strong legal protections for agriculture, even though the price of land is higher than in other places.

"Southern California and Arizona have good water rights. Who knows if that will change, but that's the way things are now," said Daniel Putnam, an agronomist at the University of California, Davis.

Over the last decade, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates emerged as significant buyers of American hay as their governments moved to curb water use. Together they accounted for 10 percent of U.S. exports of alfalfa and other grasses last year.

The land purchases signal that Almarai doesn't just want to buy hay; it wants to grow. And it's not the only Arab-owned Gulf company to take that approach.

Al Dahra ACX Global Inc., a top U.S. hay exporter based in Bakersfield, California, is owned by Al Dahra Agriculture Co. of United Arab Emirates. It farms extensively in Southern California and Arizona and, according to its website, plans to add 7,500 acres in the United States for alfalfa and other crops. The exporter packages crops grown across the West at its two plants in California and one in Washington state.

Most of the farms that Arab companies own worldwide are in developing nations. For instance, Qatar's sovereign wealth fund has holdings in Latin America and Africa.

But part of the kingdom's long-term food security strategy means investing in higher-cost countries with greater political stability, said John Lawton, owner of Agriculture Technology Co., a farming company in Saudi Arabia.

In 2014, Almarai paid $47.5 million for more than 9,800 acres in La Paz County, Arizona, a sparsely populated alfalfa-growing region that is exempt from severe restrictions on pumping imposed on Phoenix, Tucson and other large Arizona cities under a 1980 state law designed to protect the state's aquifers.

It later turned to the Palo Verde Valley, where Southern California settlers staked claim to the Colorado River in 1877, beating Los Angeles and San Diego under a Gold Rush-era doctrine called "first in time, first in right" that governs the 1,450-mile waterway. The company paid $31.5 million for 1,790 acres in January after buying about 2,000 acres there last year.

Farmers and water experts have greeted Almarai with both cheers and jeers.

Supporters note that the company has embraced water-conservation methods that few other farmers have adopted. The Arizona Department of Water Resources released maps that show well levels on Almarai's property in La Paz County rose in recent years, and the farm's footprint has remained about the same since 2000.

In California, some farmers say Almarai is a well-run company that has boosted the economy by growing its own alfalfa and buying more hay from neighboring farmers. The company recently broke ground on a plant in California's Imperial Valley to package hay into ship-ready bales.

Others say the purchases highlight misguided water policies. La Paz County Supervisor Holly Irwin raises concern that Almarai will deplete wells.

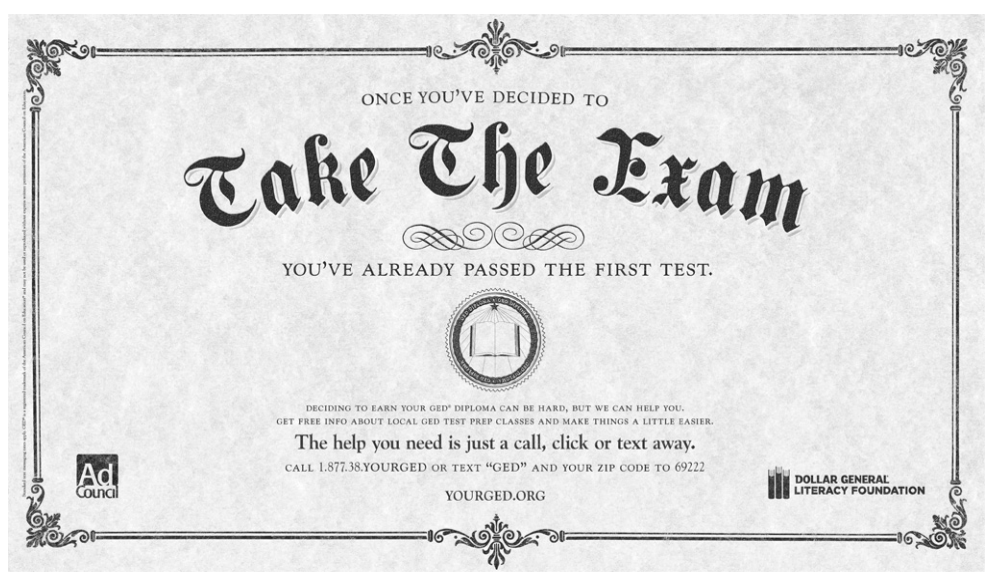
"We've got them coming, moving in here and using our natural resources up. Why isn't anyone paying attention to the ground we live on?" she said.

Christopher Thornberg, an economist at the University of California at Riverside, called alfalfa farms a "shocking waste of a resource" and suggested California consider seizing land under eminent domain.

"At some point in time," he said, "we have to face the fact that the state cannot continue to prosper under the current circumstances."

Batrawy reported from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.





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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS
WATER TEMP: **63.3°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New NW swell mix may build. New SSW swell slowly builds. NW-WNW winds due.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Building SSW swell, larger sets in the PM. NW swell mix fades.
Winds/conditions may improve marginally.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 295 calls for service on March 27.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Hit and run, 2600 block of Main, 12:13 a.m.
Party complaint, 1000 block of 3rd, 12:22 a.m.
Loud music, 1500 block of 9th, 12:33 a.m.
Public intoxication, 2900 block of Main, 12:51 a.m.
Family disturbance, 400 block of Washington, 1:55 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2500 block of Pico, 3:39 a.m.
Critical missing person, 1700 block of Ocean, 4:32 a.m.
Threats, 2500 block of Pico, 6:55 a.m.
Burglary, 2800 block of Neilson, 7:00 a.m.
Hit and run, 1800 block of Santa Monica, 7:15 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Ocean, 7:56 a.m.
Vandalism, 400 block of 22nd, 8:21 a.m.
Vandalism, Main/Hill, 9:32 a.m.
Fight, Ocean/Colorado, 10:01 a.m.
Battery, 800 block of Montana, 10:48 a.m.
Vandalism, 2600 block of Barnard, 11:04 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1700 block of Ocean, 11:09 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2600 block of Barnard, 11:14 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block of PCH, 11:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of Appian, 12:08 p.m.
Vandalism, 2600 block of Washington, 1:04 p.m.
Critical missing person, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 3:15 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 3:40 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 1800 block of the beach, 3:51 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Lincoln, 3:52 p.m.
Grand theft, 600 block of Pico, 4:12 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 4:41 p.m.
Hit and run, 1500 block of PCH, 4:54 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 4:57 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2400 block of Santa Monica, 4:59 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon, Ocean/Broadway, 5:06 p.m.
Hit and run, 600 block of PCH, 5:12 p.m.
Person with a gun, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 5:33 p.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of Euclid, 5:37 p.m.
Vandalism, 1100 block of 26th, 6:58 p.m.
Vandalism, 600 block of Broadway, 7:13 p.m.
Battery, 1900 block of Main, 7:25 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1300 block of Grant, 7:31 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1300 block of Michigan, 10:12 p.m.
Battery, 2600 block of Main, 10:36 p.m.
Party complaint, 400 block of Pacific St., 10:50 p.m.
Report of shots fired, 700 block of Pacific St., 11:24 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1400 block of 17th, 11:57 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 41 calls for service on March 27.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS, 1500 block of 6th, 12:07 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of 3rd, 12:49 a.m.
Smoke investigation, 2000 block of 14th, 1:09 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Broadway, 1:13 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 4th, 2:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 2000 block of Olympic, 3:10 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Arizona, 3:31 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 5:36 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 900 block of Georgina, 8:01 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 2nd, 8:29 a.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Wilshire, 8:34 a.m.
Elevator rescue, 800 block of 4th, 9:51 a.m.
EMS, 2100 block of Pier, 10:08 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Olympic, 10:12 a.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 3rd, 11:05 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 11:13 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 23rd, 11:15 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 11:15 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Ocean, 11:31 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Santa Monica, 12:30 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Arizona, 1:13 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 300 block of Wilshire, 1:33 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Ocean Front, 2:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of Lincoln, 3:06 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 3:07 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 3:34 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 3:35 p.m.
Public assist, 600 block of 10th, 4:34 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 500 block of Ocean, 4:34 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 10th, 4:43 p.m.

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ACROSS

1 Farm towers
6 Prom transports
11 Grownup
12 Take as one's own
13 Preparing to pick something up
15 Fall back
16 Sheltered side
17 Memorable time
18 Voter
20 Week part
21 Sweetie
22 Mosquito attack
23 UFO flyer
26 Had a feast
27 Minimal change
28 Peruvian coin
29 Decay
30 Cook's pan
34 Small bill
35 Sewing aid
36 Vining plant
37 Obliging to appear in court
40 Writer Chekhov
41 Dancer Castle
42 Peevish
43 Bird abodes

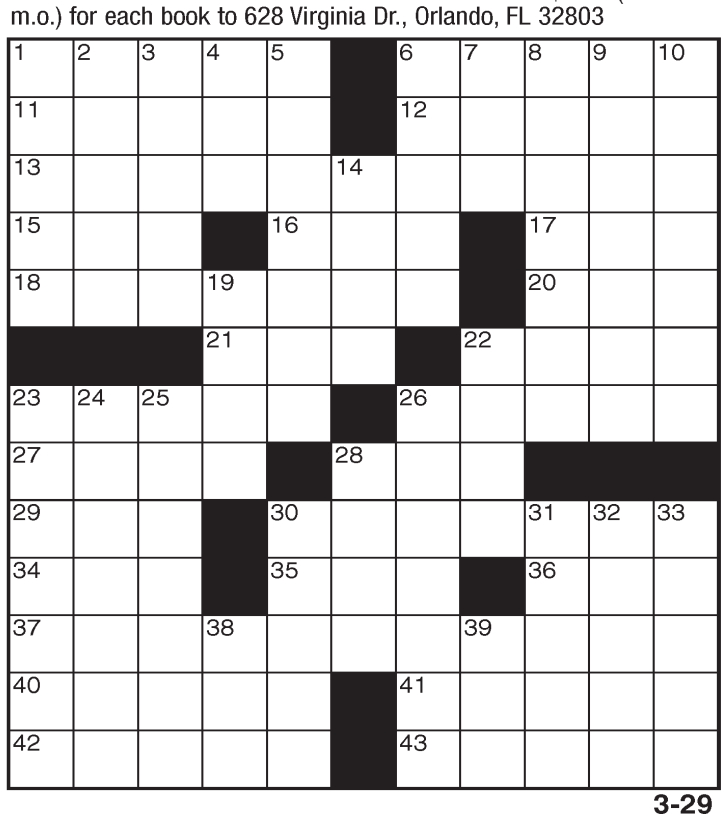
DOWN

1 Dark fur
2 Perfect
3 Fencing move
4 Hoary
5 Blue-veined cheese
6 Saloon quaff
7 Marrying words
8 Made oneself at home
9 Run
10 Got off course
14 Very bright
19 Atkins of country music
22 Potential law
23 Circus star
24 Like Simba
25 Purposes
26 Murdering
28 Tattoo site
30 Like cacti
31 Cat's nine
32 News item
33 Whitewalls, in Whitehall
38 Period
39 Mine find

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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

9	6	1	2	4	3	5	7	8
8	4	2	7	1	5	6	9	3
5	7	3	6	8	9	4	2	1
7	8	6	3	2	4	1	5	9
3	9	4	1	5	7	8	6	2
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3 12 13 26 33
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/27
1 12 33 36 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/27
MIDDAY: 0 1 2
Draw Date: 3/27
EVENING: 2 2 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/27
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2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1951 – Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage.

1957 – The New York, Ontario and Western Railway makes its final run, the first major U.S. railroad to be abandoned in its entirety.

1961 – The Twenty-third Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified, allowing residents of Washington, D.C., to vote in presidential elections.

1962 – Arturo Frondizi, the president of Argentina, is overthrown in a military coup by Argentina's armed forces, ending an 11? day constitutional crisis.

1971 – My Lai Massacre: Lieutenant William Calley is convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to life in prison.

1971 – A Los Angeles jury recommends the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers.

1973 – Vietnam War: The last United States combat soldiers leave South Vietnam.

1973 – Operation Barrel Roll, a covert US bombing campaign in Laos to stop communist infiltration of South Vietnam, ends.

1974 – NASA's Mariner 10 becomes the first space probe to fly by Mercury.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A Perfect Storm of Vacuousness: In February, British marketing company Havas Helia tapped the "millennial" generation's obsessions with craft beer and data-driven knowledge, announcing the development of 0101 -- a brew created, it said, by social media messages. The company, "finding" that the generation appeared "optimistic," analyzed "thousands" of the generation's messages against 24 human emotions, which it translated to 38 particular emotional states, which were fed into the IBM Watson computer, which selected 10 existing beers, whose recipes were then cribbed to create 0101 (a "cream ale" with honey and two specific kinds of hops, tasting of "optimism, love, imagination, and gentle overtones of excitement").

■ Following a simplistic hack at the Internal Revenue Service that permitted several thousand tax returns to be illegally accessed and refunds commandeered, the agency created an equally porous "fix" merely copied from failed security elsewhere on the IRS website. According to a March Washington Post report, the fix admirably added one level of security (a personal PIN), but nonetheless allowed anyone to change another's PIN using publicly available information. IRS Commissioner John Koskinen told the Post that "only a handful" of taxpayers were victimized by the faulty fix (but later defined "handful" as "fewer than 200").

Treat yourself tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll feel ready to accomplish what you want. An obstacle could slow you down midday. You are likely to find a way to jump over this hurdle. Be calm with someone older who might not grasp every detail of a conversation. Tonight: Try a new type of happening or cuisine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your natural preference is to relate to others on a one-on-one level; you like that sense of closeness and understanding. Even in the workplace, you prefer individual conversations. Be positive when dealing with a friend who seems to create chaos. Tonight: With a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Defer to someone who has a need to be heard. How this person's ideas turn out will have no reflection on you. If you feel the need to play devil's advocate, be diplomatic. Don't be surprised if someone unintentionally trips you up. Tonight: Continue as you have been.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ If you feel as if you are in a figurative pressure cooker, you probably are! A lot of people have expectations that they want you to meet. You'll experience little give-and-take right now. The good news is that this too will pass. Tonight: Know when to switch gears.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you note an impulsive quality emanating from yourself, don't suppress it -- work with it. In fact, you might find it nearly impossible to do otherwise. Let a friend deal with his or her own stress. The time to lighten up the mood will be obvious. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Everything seems to backfire. You might not know when or how to say that you have had enough. A family member seems to be set in his or her ways. You are unlikely to be able to change this person's mind or help him or her see an alternative. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might need to ignore phone calls and emails for the moment. You have a lot of ground to cover, and you also should schedule a meeting ASAP. A loved one could become quite demanding at the last minute. Be patient. Tonight: Swap war stories with a dear friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be more involved in a situation than you would like to be, especially as there could be financial ramifications. Make your limits clear. Others seem to have expectations that you can't meet. An unexpected development is likely to create chaos. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others wonder why some people feel awkward around you. By midday, you might give them a reason to be wary of getting too close to you. Take a walk, and refuse to let any negativity affect the day. A new friend is full of surprises. Tonight: Let go of stress through a hobby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others might not be as grounded as you would like them to be. Some of them will act flaky, and a family member seems to be working on being even more unpredictable. Don't get caught up in any drama, if possible. You have enough to handle. Tonight: Get lots of sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Express interest in someone else's project or hobby. Unexpected news is likely to head your way, and it could surprise you. Relax with the moment, and go with the flow. Make it OK to be carefree and unpredictable. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Perform to your highest capabilities. Others seem to have high expectations of you. A conversation might wind up costing you more than you had anticipated, as the other party might ask for something that you weren't prepared to give. Tonight: Up until the wee hours.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

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

This year you could be fiery and impulsive without even realizing it. Others will become reactive, as you seem to be so unpredictable! Let them know that this is just a phase. If you are single, you suddenly could decide that you have met The One. You are more likely to encounter Mr. or Ms. Right after summer 2016. If you are attached, the two of you often take off without any explanation. The freedom to act as a couple becomes very important to you and your sweetie. SAGITTARIUS sometimes rains on your parade.

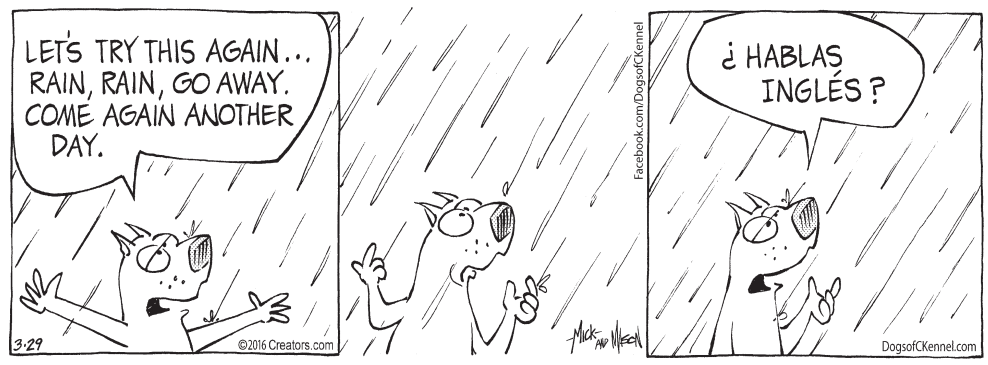
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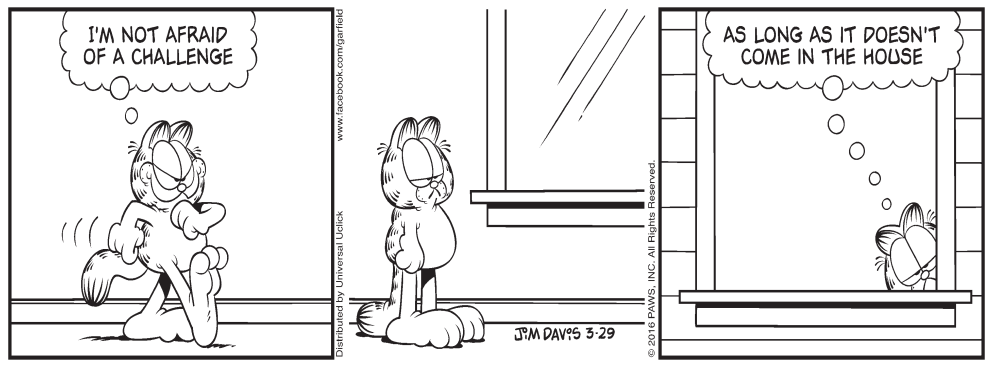
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