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California, New York enact US-highest $15 minimum wages

MICHAEL R. BLOOD & DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California and New York acted Monday to gradually push their statewide minimum wages to $15 an hour - the highest in the nation - as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders again seized on wage disparity and the plight of the working poor in their fight for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Clinton joined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo at a raucous rally in Manhattan as he signed the law that will gradually boost that state's pay rate. The former first lady predicted the movement will "sweep our country."

Sanders said in a statement that his campaign is about building on the steps in California and New York "so that everyone in this country can enjoy the dignity and basic economic security that comes from a living wage."

The new laws in California and New York mark the most ambitious moves yet by legislatures to close the national divide between rich and poor. Experts say other states may follow, given Congress' reluctance to act despite entreaties from President Barack Obama.

In a statement, Obama commended California and again urged Congress to raise the federal minimum wage. "It's time for Congress to step up and do what is right for every hard-working American and for our economy," he said.

In Los Angeles, Gov. Jerry Brown was cheered by union workers - some chanting in Spanish - as he signed a bill into

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Nissley honored at 100th Dudley Cup

Tennis tournament director has been involved for 40-plus years

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

It was a fitting reminder about how long Bill Nissley has been involved in the local tennis community.

Months ago, he and Tom Larmore met with the city's director of community and cultural services, Karen Ginsberg, to discuss the 100th anniversary of the Dudley Cup tournament.

But Ginsberg had crossed paths with Nissley before.

"She said she had taken lessons from him years ago," Larmore said. "You hear that all the time."

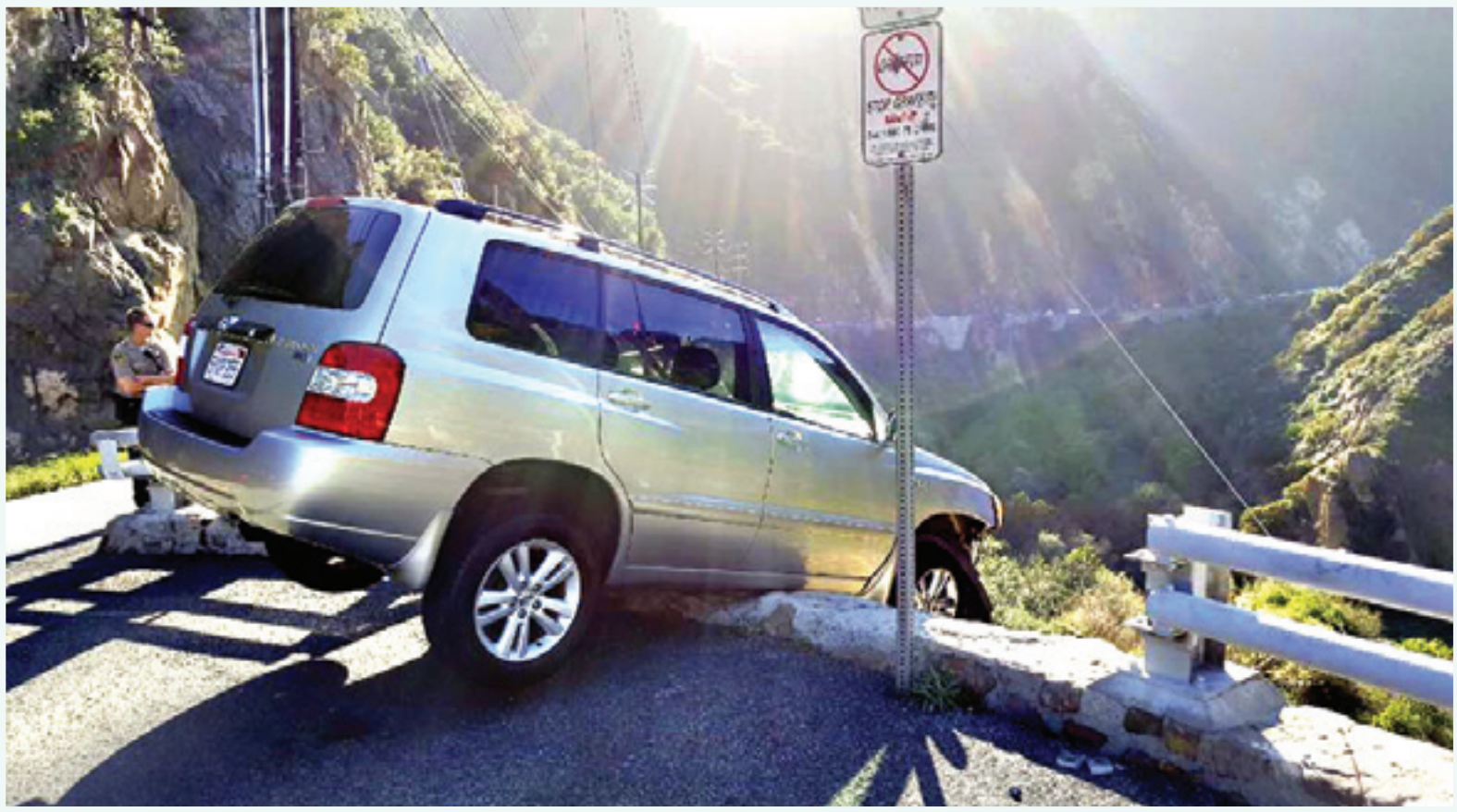
The centennial of what is believed to be Santa Monica's longest-running sporting event has come and gone, but it didn't pass without participants, organizers and community members acknowledging the role of Nissley, its longtime director.

Nissley, who has run the Dudley Cup for more than 40 years, was recognized in a ceremony Saturday morning at Reed Park. Among the attendees were State Sen. Ben Allen, who took lessons from Nissley, as well as Santa Monica Mayor Tony Vazquez and other dignitaries, as well as several former students and their families.

The youth tournament was held over the last two weekends, wrapping up with championship finals for single and doubles in all age groups April 3 at Reed Park.

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DOUBLE CRASH

Courtesy Photo

According to a note posted on the Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Facebook page, deputies responded to a vehicle accident on Malibu Canyon Road at about 4:30 p.m. on April 2. Prior to officers' arrival, the driver lost control of his vehicle and went through a guard rail. The vehicle became stuck half way over the edge but the driver was able to exit the vehicle. According to the post, the disoriented driver was then hit by a passing tour bus. The Lost Hill's station said the man survived both accidents thanks to the fast response of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and California Highway Patrol. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Deputies said the incident is another reminder of the need to drive safely through the area's canyons and to use extreme caution at the scene of a traffic collision.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 5

Writers Lab with Laurie Horowitz

Led by Laurie Horowitz, published author, editor and former Annenberg Writer-in-Residence, this is the place for anyone working on fiction, creative non-fiction, or memoir. For two hours a week you can pick up pointers on getting started, tricks for muddling through the middle, or a get a gentle shove toward the finish line, all with Laurie's inimitable coaching and the support of your peers. Cost: $50, Drop-In participation is available for $10. 1450 Ocean Ave., 12 - 2 p.m.

Teen Time @ Pico

A space just for Teens. Stop by and play board games, make some crafts, play music, do homework or just talk to your friends. Refreshments will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Ocean Park Film Program: "Batman" (1989)

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this Batman film starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, directed by Tim Burton.(Film runtime: 126 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Computer Basics I

Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 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.

Mobeen Ansari presents Pakistan Through My Eyes

Join Mobeen Ansari, a remarkably talented photojournalist from Islamabad, as he takes the audience on a visual journey through Pakistan, offering unseen glimpses of the people and places that make his country beautiful. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

SMC Literary Talks

Nobel Laureate Roald Hoffmann - awarded the 1981 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (shared with Kenichi Fukui) and now a Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters, Emeritus, at Cornell University - will read selections and talk about his writing, which has carved out a land between science, poetry, and philosophy through essays, four nonfiction books, five volumes of poems, and three widely produced plays. 1900 Pico Blvd., Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165, 11:15 a.m.

Animal Shelter Show & Tail

Learn how the Santa Monica Animal Shelter works to help save animals, from dogs to horses to turtles - and maybe even meet an animal friend. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 5 & up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Read a Play

Discover great plays while uncovering your inner actor. This new monthly group will read through a different play each month, with each in attendance taking part in the read through. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Special Event: How to Survive an Apocalypse

The end of civilization can come in many ways: pandemic, natural disaster, nuclear attack, technological breakdown, monsters and aliens. In this practical demonstration, adventure gear specialists REI provide survival techniques that could help you save your life. Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica Police Department conducts Decoy Shoulder Tap/Minor Decoy Operation

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) conducted an undercover Decoy/Shoulder Tap operation last week. Using a supervised underage decoy, the enforcement team visited two alcohol retail establishments within the city of Santa Monica and made a total of 36 contacts. The decoys stood outside and solicited adult patrons to act as proxies and purchase alcohol on their behalf. One misdemeanor citation was issued.

Decoy Shoulder Tap operations are geared towards adults who knowingly furnish alcoholic beverages to minors. The goal is to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors and to send a clear message that it is illegal for adults to facilitate such access.

This operation is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT ROBERT BLICHARSKI

Citywide

Expensive motorcycle insurance coverage

The website valuepenguin.com has determined Santa Monica is the second most expensive city for motorcycle insurance. To see what cities have the best motorcycle insurance rates in California, the company gathered insurance quotes from five major carriers for a 45-year-old male rider. The policy quoted included bodily injury protection of $100,000 per person/$300,000 per accident and $50,000 in property damage coverage.

Premiums quoted for the study sample policy in Santa Monica were 47.5% higher than the California average or $981. The other top cities were Hawthorne ($986), San Francisco ($979), Culver City ($964) and Gardena ($964). The cheapest cities were Sutter Creek ($590), Antelope ($596), Arcata ($597), Arroyo Grande ($597) and Atascadero ($597).

- SUBMITTED BY MADISON REED, VALUEPENGUIN

Main St.

Cinema at the Edge Film Festival opens at Edgemar Center for the Arts

Housed at the Edgemar Center for the Arts, nestled in the Frank Gehry designed complex on Main Street, the Fourth Annual Cinema at the Edge Independent Film Festival (CATE) presents films of all genres that feature a distinct vision, a unique voice or a challenge to what is expected and accepted in the medium. A community staple, CATE was born out of a desire to showcase innovative films, with a commitment to quality, which push industry boundaries and explore cutting-edge cinema.

This year will celebrate another stand-out program with over 50 narrative features, documentaries, and short films which will screen for both the public and industry professionals working in international film distribution over the course of four days. CATE will also feature opening and closing night parties, an award ceremony, and a series of panels with an emphasis on the filmmaking process.

It is CATE's mission to feature films that will, first and foremost, connect with audiences but also give independent filmmakers genuine exposure and additional opportunities for global distribution. This film festival is dedicated to shining the light on indie gems that continue to push this industry to new heights. Festival Director, Michelle Danner, is thrilled to now invite the global independent film community to experience this vibrant, beachside community during CATE 2016.

All Film Submissions go to the CATE Website cinemaattheedge.com

Contact cinemaattheedge@gmail.com or call (310) 313-0279 for more information.

- SUBMITTED BY JANELLE MILEY, PROGRAMMER CINEMA AT THE EDGE TEAM

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The Library Lowdown

Robert Graves Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Anatomy of a Santa Monica Reads book selection

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, WE'LL BE approaching the end of Santa Monica Reads' 14th year. This year's featured book is "Station Eleven," a literary take on the post-apocalyptic fiction genre and National Book Award finalist, by Emily St. John Mandel.

This year's program wraps up on Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at the Main Library with a moderated author talk by Emily St. John Mandel, where she'll discuss "Station Eleven," as well as her earlier noir mystery novels, and her plans for the future. The program is free and open to all. For more information on the book, or any of this year's special events and book discussions, visit the Santa Monica Reads website at http://smpl.org/StationEleven.

Which leads us to next year and the question we hear the most consistently from those participating in Santa Monica Reads: "How do you pick the book?" The how involves many factors that change slightly from year-to-year, based on the books we're considering, but one thing is always consistent: the book selection process begins with suggestions made by the community. With Santa Monica Reads approaching its 15th anniversary in 2017, we're hoping that will translate into something very special for next year's book.

In the past, we've tried out several different means of soliciting suggestions, but we've found over the last few years that most of them were coming from those already participating in a given year's book discussions and special events. They'd informally suggest a book and we started taking note, so to collect those suggestions more easily, we created a special postcard that those participating in the discussions could fill out to suggest titles on the spot, or take home to think about it and turn in at a later date. It was from those postcards that we got last year's very popular selection, "Longbourn" by Jo Baker, as well as this year's book, "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel.

Still, with our 15th anniversary coming up, we want our 2017 pick to be something very special. Santa Monica Reads is one of the most successful, continuously-running community reading programs in the world and we want to continue that streak of success Our program has been cited by the national media, including The New York Times, USA Today, Entertainment Weekly and Publisher's Weekly.

We've picked many books just as they were exploding in popularity. Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner" has been picked by no less than 50 communities across the United States, but Santa Monica was among the first. In 2010, we selected Chris Cleave's million-selling novel "Little Bee" before it ever reached a paperback printing. In fact, Cleave's publisher Simon & Schuster lists Santa Monica Reads among the critical plaudits and pull quotes included on the first pages of the paperback edition.

We've picked classics with a local flavor, including Santa Monica-based author Christopher Isherwood's "The Berlin Stories" and Raymond Chandler's "The Lady in the Lake." We've picked books with topical themes - from R.J. Palacio's "Wonder," which dealt with childhood bullying, to Jonathan Safran Foer's "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," which touched on the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. And we've picked books with a rich historical setting, including Dolen Perkins Valdez's "Wench," a portrait of slave mistresses before the Civil War, and Marianne Wiggins' "The Shadow Catcher," a winding, fictionalized biography of early 1900s photographer Edward S. Curtis.

Now we need suggestions from Santa Monicans like you. The criteria for a Santa Monica Reads suggestion are simple. We want a book that is ripe for discussion with fellow community members.

In the past, we've asked that the book be fiction only, but we've lifted that limitation and would like to consider nonfiction as well. The book "must be challenging, but not exclusive." You can interpret that however you like, but I take that to mean the book must make you think, but not make you feel like you're going to have to write a doctoral thesis afterwards to explain it. The book must also be currently in print and available for purchase in paperback format by the time we read it - which will be sometime in the first quarter of 2017.

That's it! So help us out, Santa Monica. Tell us what you want us to read together in 2017. Help us get our suggestion list to such a deep pool of strong possibilities that it gives our selection committee an embarrassment of riches to choose from. If you're attending one of our remaining discussions or programs, ask for a postcard there, otherwise you can email us up to three suggestions at libraryprograms@smgov.net. We'll announce in the fall which book you've helped us select.

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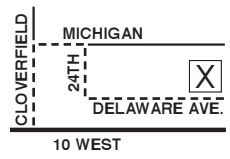


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Bill Bauer's development facts

Dear Editor:

As a slow-growth Councilmember caught up in Santa Monica's development wars, I'm careful to respect divergent opinions. Everyone has one, as is their right. However, the Daily Press's Bill Bauer doesn't have the right to his own set of facts.

In his April 4 column, Bill claimed the Council twice approved a 148-foot building for 4th and Arizona. That's just not true. On first float up, the Council advised that the proposed building was too big, and asked for options. When the project returned undiminished, the Council cut the office component in half and demanded at least a 20 percent reduction in overall building volume. That knocks off about two floors, and is the maximum the developer can propose on next visit (with no guarantee the Council will say yes to anything). We also required the developer to offer several smaller options, all the way down to a ground level park.

When that downtown project returns, it comes back to our new 2014 slow-growth Council majority. Bill also spoke of the Village Trailer Park and Hines Project disasters as if the whole Council supported them. In fact, Mayor Vazquez and Mayor Pro Tem Winterer, who are up for re-election this year, joined me in strongly opposing both projects.

Kevin McKeown
Santa Monica Councilmember

TENNIS

FROM PAGE 1

Dudley Cup featured junior players who earned fame in the professional ranks, including Venus Williams, Billie Jean King, Bobby Riggs, Dodo Cheney, Jack Kramer, Tracy Austin and Gussie Moran. In conjunction with the tournament's landmark anniversary, the Santa Monica Conservancy on April 2 hosted tours of the Ocean Avenue house in Santa Monica where the late Moran lived.

But the storied tournament has maintained its presence in Santa Monica thanks in large part to the work of Nissley, who also runs the annual Santa Monica Open.

"Bill has been coaching teen tennis in Santa Monica for more than 40 years and he and his family have been involved with the Dudley Cup since his father ran it," said Larmore, who was involved in the planning of the tournament's centennial. "It's amazing to learn how many people have taken lessons from Bill."

Tournament committee spokesman Bill Polkinghorn said the Dudley Cup wouldn't be as popular without Nissley's leadership and vision.

"He labors selflessly and exhaustingly to operate these tournaments on a shoestring budget," Polkinghorn said ahead of the ceremony. "We want to personally acknowledge him."

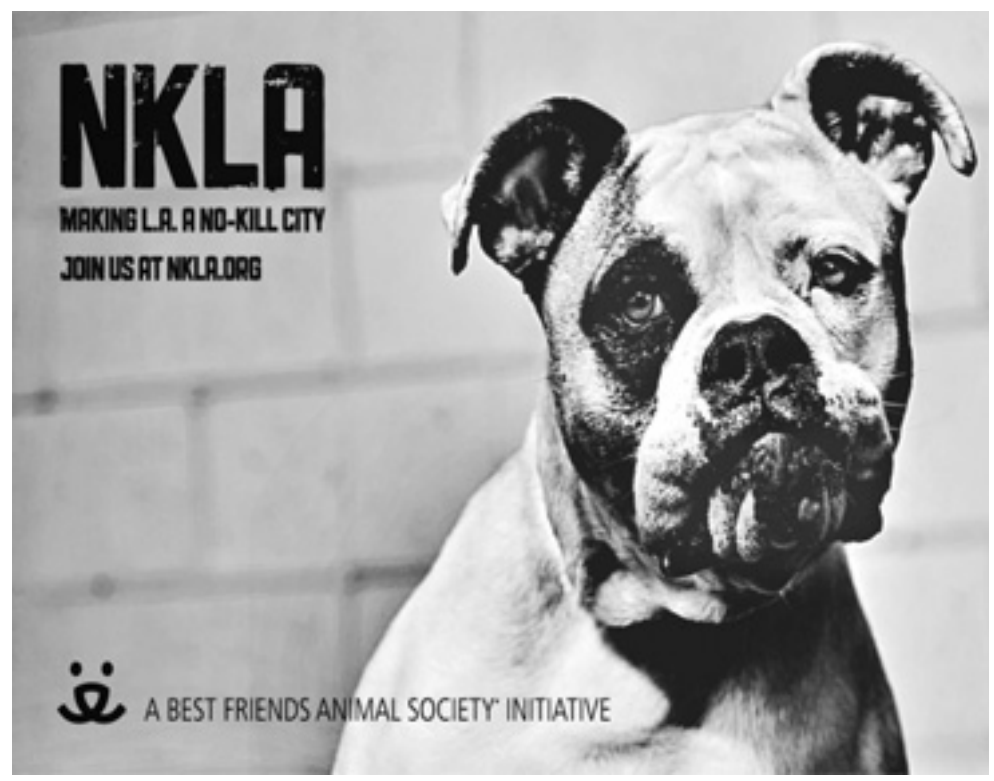
Organizers also paid tribute to the longevity of an event that has cemented its status as one of Santa Monica's enduring traditions.

As Nissley prepared for the 86th edition of the Santa Monica Open last summer, he recognized the importance of the event as a precursor to the Dudley Cup's 100th anniversary. And he was already looking forward to watching the young players who will carve out the second century of the tournament's history.

When the tournament was launched 100 years ago, then-Mayor Thomas Dudley purchased two large silver cups as trophies for the male and female champions. It was determined that players who won the event three years in a row could keep the cup.

This year, Nissley arranged for the winners to receive special centennial medals.

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Minimum wage - it's a good thing

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN HAS SIGNED legislation raising California's minimum wage over the next few years to a $15 an hour. The wailing and gnashing of teeth by employers is being heard about the coming destruction of the economy.

But I don't believe it.

I expect that the increase in the minimum wage will result in a tremendous boost to the overall economy in California and we will see that there is in fact an increase in the standard of living across the state. The incremental costs of the increase, as they are phased in, will result in slightly higher costs in some items, possibly, or increased cost saving measures by some companies, but frankly I expect those to be minimal.

When I was in high school, lo those many years ago when Reagan was president and I was working a minimum wage job at Jack In The Box for $3.35 an hour, the employee make up was mostly teenagers like me, a few immigrants who were learning English as they prepared to get better jobs and the occasional adult who was working a second job. Gas was about a $1 a gallon, as were a pack of cigarettes.

Working fast food was by and large considered to be an entry level position that one took to fill out a resume to get a "real job" later, or to provide easy cash for a teen who would then spend it on the movies, popcorn and gas money. Minimum wage jobs are minimum wage for a reason; they are low skills positions with presumably high turnover of personnel. They are meant to be the first rung on a lifetime ladder of income increases.

Minimum wages are not to be considered an ideal base which employers are to keep employees shackled to, but rather to be a launching point for employees to rise from. The concept of the minimum wage, as with much of the labor laws in the country, is to protect against unscrupulous employers; not to facilitate them in their abusive behaviors.

Absent the traditionally low wage jobs that teens like me had, mowing lawns, painting fences and babysitting, the minimum wage is where most people start; but all too commonly these days, they also end there.

With the death of the industrial complex in America, the inventory of factory jobs that people would move into after completing a stint in one of those minimum wage entry level jobs like fast food has shrunk. The disposable society we have built has further contributed to the loss of jobs that used to be respectable and had a decent wage attached to them, like repairman for appliances. Today it's easier to just replace a broken appliance than it is to repair it, plus it probably comes with new abilities.

For those who have minimum wage jobs, and are looking at them as an end in themselves, this increase means a shot at a slightly better living standard. But make no mistake about it; this is not a tremendous increase in reality. Over the next few years as the rate increases, from $10 to $15, the extra $5 will be taxed, at likely a 20 - 30 percent overall rate, so it's really just a $3.50 - 4 increase at most. Assuming most workers only work a 32 hour week, which is common in the fast food/restaurant industry to avoid the "full time" status, it's an extra $128 a week or $512 a month. No one is going to retire rich off of that.

Raising the lowest rung on the income ladder is actually going to be good for our economy thanks to the multiplier of money effect. As money is spent in an economy it creates jobs and products, as those jobs and products generate new revenue, the economy as a whole grows. Yes the price of a McDonald's hamburger may go from $1 to $1.25 (which begs the question of just how they price it at a $1 to begin with…) but the increased funds their employees have to spend at the grocery store and local bodegas increase the overall flow of cash in the state, making everyone more money.

I know this is not a popular idea among the conservatives, the libertarians and the right wing democrats, but trust me, in the immortal words of Martha Stewart, "it's a good thing."

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WAGE

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law that will lift the statewide minimum wage to $15 an hour by 2022.

The bill's effects could vary widely in the vast and diverse state, from sparsely populated mountain and desert areas to inner city Los Angeles and wealthy Silicon Valley.

While it was a victory for those struggling on the margins of the economy and the politically powerful unions that pushed it, business groups warned that the higher wage could cost thousands of jobs as employers are forced to provide steadily bigger paychecks.

A $15 base wage will have "devastating impacts on small businesses in California," Tom Scott, executive director of the state branch of the National Federation of Independent Business, said in a statement. "Ignoring the voices and concerns of the vast majority of job creators in this state is deeply concerning and illustrates why many feel Sacramento is broken."

The bill was pushed through the Legislature by Democrats - who control both chambers - without a single Republican vote. A nonpartisan legislative analysis put the cost to California taxpayers at $3.6 billion a year in higher pay for government employees.

Brown, a Democrat, never specifically addressed criticism of the bill but argued the decision to set the nation-leading wage was about "economic justice."

"Economically, minimum wages may not make sense," the governor said. "But morally and socially and politically they make every sense, because it binds the community together and makes sure that parents can take care of their kids in a much more satisfactory way."

The California bill will bump the state's $10 hourly minimum by 50 cents next year and to $11 in 2018. Hourly $1 raises will then come every January until 2022, unless the governor imposes a delay during an economic recession. Businesses with 25 or fewer employees have an extra year to comply.

Wages will rise with inflation each year thereafter.

Brown negotiated the deal with unions to head off competing labor-backed ballot initiatives that would have imposed swifter increases.

About 2.2 million Californians now earn the minimum wage, but University of California, Irvine, economics professor David Neumark estimated the boost could cost 5 to 10 percent of low-skilled workers their jobs.

Brown has said California, with the world's eighth largest economy, can absorb the raises without the problems predicted by opponents.

California and Massachusetts currently have the highest statewide minimum wage at $10. Washington, D.C., stands at $10.50. Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities have recently approved $15 minimum wages, while Oregon officials plan to increase the minimum to $14.75 an hour in cities and $12.50 in rural areas by 2022.

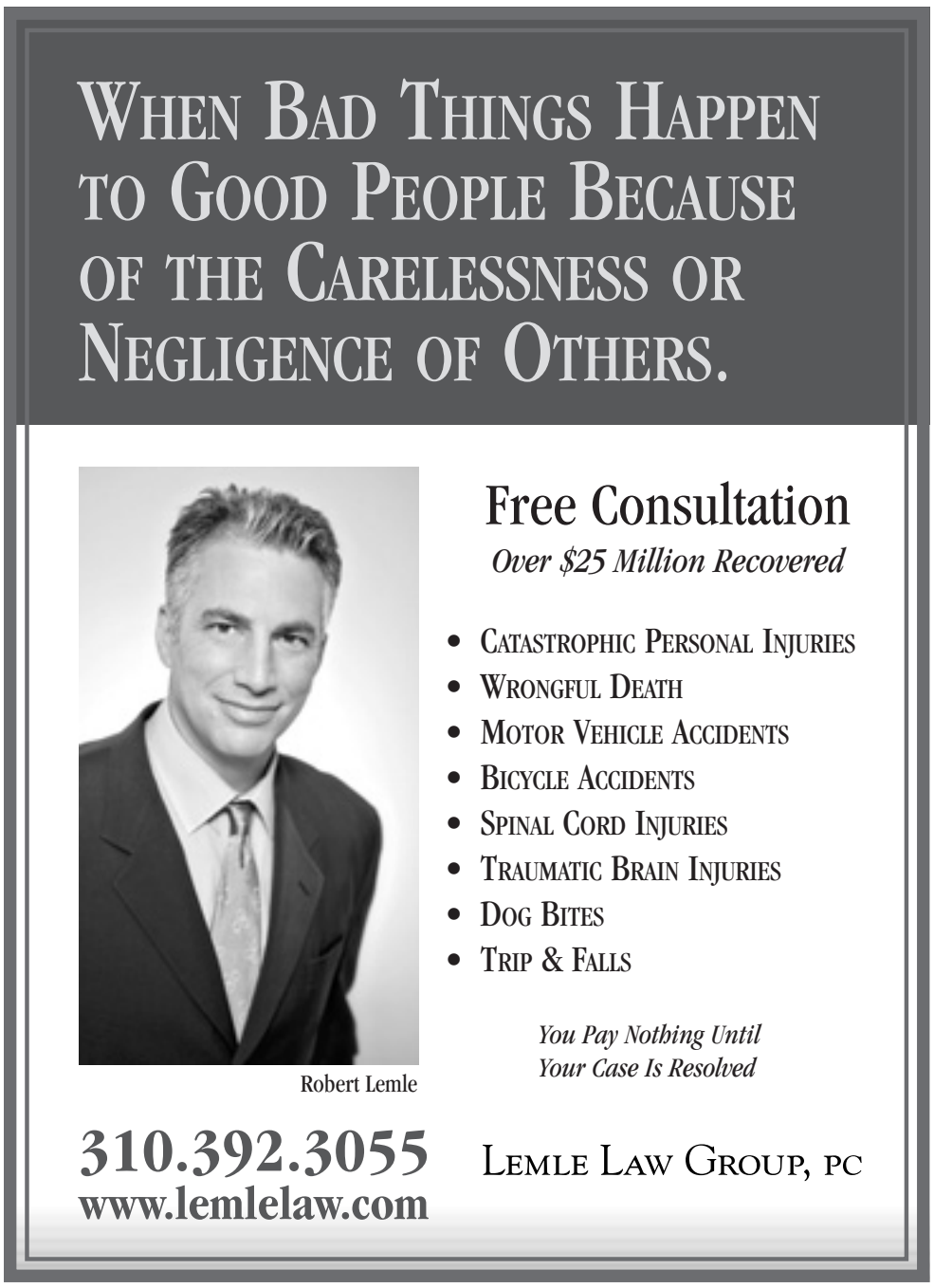
New York's state budget includes gradually raising the $9 minimum wage to $15, starting in New York City in three years and phasing in at a lower level elsewhere. An eventual statewide increase to $15 would be tied to economic indicators such as inflation.

Sanders has made the $15 wage a foundation block of his candidacy, while Clinton backs Senate legislation that would enact a federal minimum wage of $12 an hour, with the ability of individual cities and states to set a higher threshold.

Santa Monica's minimum wage law will be back before council on April 26 with minor revisions. Staff said any impact of the State law would be discussed at that time.

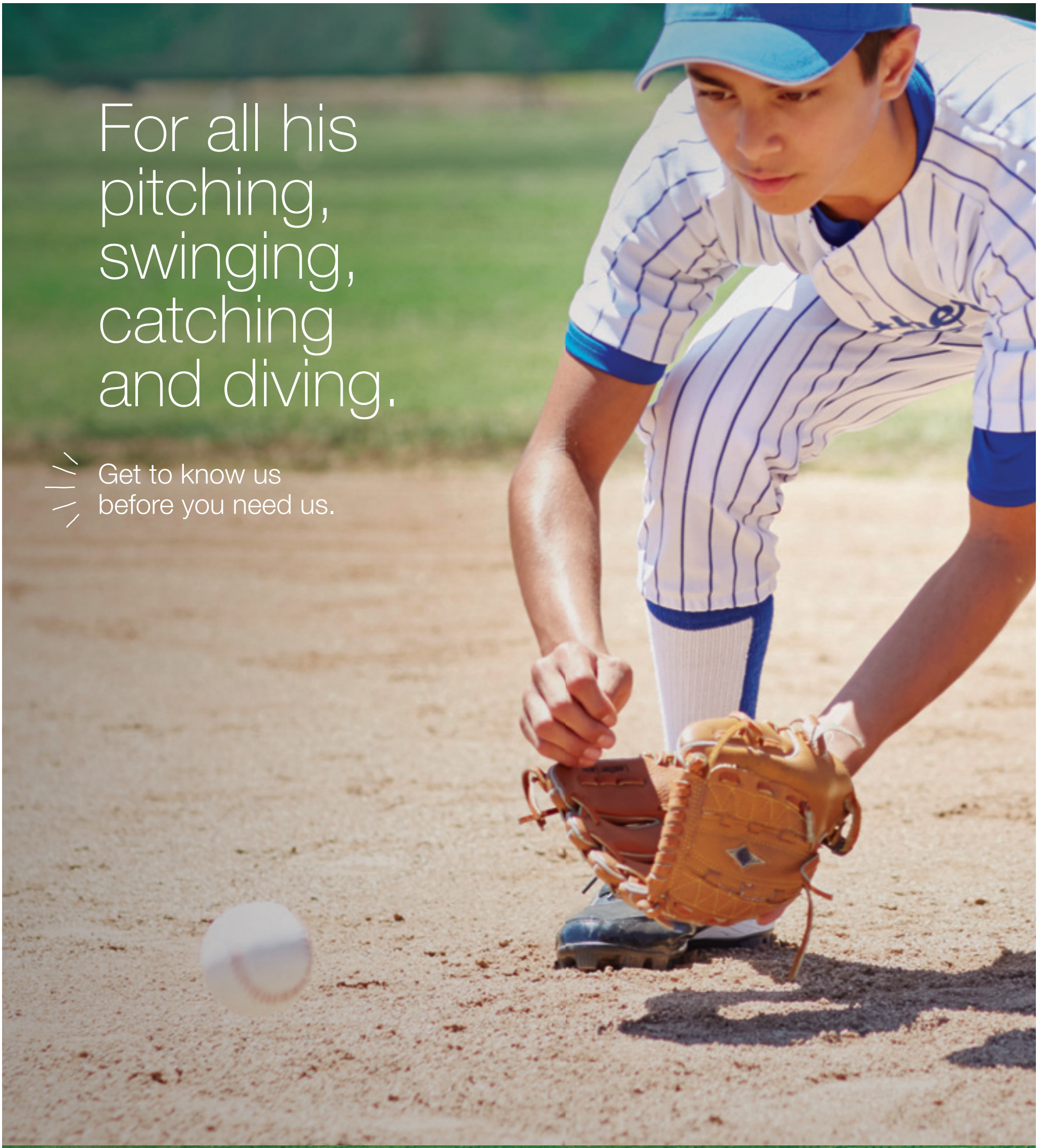
Thompson reported from Sacramento, California. Associated Press Writer Jake Pearson in New York also contributed.











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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.3°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
NW and SSW swell leftovers. Deep morning high tide.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small blend of NW and SSW swells. Deep morning high tide.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
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.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MARCH 21, 2016, AT ABOUT 1:10 A.M.

Patrol officers were dispatched to the Double Tree Hotel in the 1700 block of 4th Street after hotel employees called to report a subject in the lobby who was bothering hotel guests and refusing to leave. The subject, identified as Daniel Berkley, 35, was located sitting against a large pillar just outside the lobby holding a large piece of white plastic that appeared to be a sleeping pad. In recent months, Berkley has been contacted by officers in Santa Monica and has resisted arrest by fighting with officers. The officers asked Berkley several times to leave the location as the manager had requested. Berkley refused. When the officers tried to take him into custody on a private person arrest, Berkley resisted handcuffing by trying to turn on the arresting officer and pull away. After a verbal warning, another officer used his taser on Berkley to subdue him. After a brief struggle, Berkley was handcuffed and transported to the hospital to be medically cleared. Berkley was eventually booked for trespassing and resisting arrest and housed at the Santa Monica Jail. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 346 calls for service on April 3.

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

Hit and run, Moomat Ahiko/Ocean, 12:06 a.m.
Loud music, 14th/Ocean Park, 12:11 a.m.
Party complaint, 600 block of Wilshire, 12:12 a.m.
Traffic collision, Centinela/Santa Monica, 12:19 a.m.
Party complaint, 1200 block of Yale, 12:32 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1200 block of 10th, 1:17 a.m.
Loud music, 1100 block of 4th, 2:05 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of 4th, 2:12 a.m.
Person down, 1200 block of 4th, 2:45 a.m.
Hit and run, 16th/Santa Monica, 3:45 a.m.
Vandalism, Appian/Pacific Ter., 5:06 a.m.
Traffic collision, 20th/Olympic, 6:08 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Ocean, 7:05 a.m.
Public intoxication, 600 block of 22nd, 7:36 a.m.
Burglary, 100 block of Wadsworth, 8:53 a.m.
Family disturbance, 600 block of Ocean Park, 9:33 a.m.
Battery, 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom, 10:21 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 10:34 a.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of Delaware, 11:55 a.m.
Indecent exposure, 1400 block of 16th, 1:03 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1800 block of Lincoln, 1:05 p.m.
Critical missing person, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 1:18 p.m.
Burglary, 2800 block of Neilson, 1:54 p.m.
Hit and run, 1200 block of 2nd, 3:45 p.m.
Family disturbance, 22nd/Delaware, 3:53 p.m.
DUI, 200 block of PCH, 3:58 p.m.
Traffic collision, 400 block of PCH, 4:31 p.m.
Fight, 1800 block of Pico, 4:47 p.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of Ocean, 4:50 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 700 block of San Vicente, 5:00 p.m.
Traffic collision, 300 block of Idaho, 5:16 p.m.
DUI, 1500 block of PCH, 5:50 p.m.
Battery, 2400 block of Wilshire, 6:19 p.m.
Person with a gun, 300 block of Wilshire, 7:08 p.m.
Burglary, 400 block of 23rd, 7:53 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 7:57 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, Euclid/California, 8:43 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 100 block of Broadway, 8:51 p.m.
Loud music, 1700 block of Pico, 10:14 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, Stanford/Washington, 10:52 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service on April 3.

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

EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 2:20 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 2nd, 2:54 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean, 4:23 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of 29th, 4:32 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 17th, 5:45 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 4th, 5:48 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of 20th, 6:14 a.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Ocean Park, 6:35 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Arizona, 8:32 a.m.
EMS, 2200 block of 5th, 9:03 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 5th, 9:30 a.m.
EMS, Euclid/Santa Monica, 10:46 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 16th, 11:13 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 11:24 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Euclid, 11:45 a.m.
EMS, 700 block of Arizona, 11:48 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 12:09 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Montana, 1:10 p.m.
EMS, 2900 block of 11th, 1:14 p.m.
EMS, 3200 block of Airport, 1:57 p.m.
Public assist, 1900 block of 19th, 2:30 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 2:32 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of Lincoln, 2:33 p.m.
EMS, 900 block of 3rd, 3:19 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Pico, 3:58 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of PCH, 4:19 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wilshire, 4:35 p.m.
EMS, 900 block of 3rd, 4:45 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 4:51 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Wilshire, 4:56 p.m.
EMS, 3rd/Idaho, 5:17 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 2400 block of Wilshire, 6:20 p.m.
EMS, 2900 block of 11th, 6:45 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 6:58 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wilshire, 7:08 p.m.
EMS, Ocean Way/Bay, 7:26 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 7:34 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 5th, 8:12 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 23rd, 9:22 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Pier, 9:23 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of 24th, 9:33 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Oak, 9:55 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Tapestry thread
5 Eagle's claw
10 Love affair
12 Find darling
13 Party munchies
15 Put a stop to
16 Old soldier
17 Got together
18 Depended
20 Genuine
21 "Oops, sorry!"
22 Not busy
23 Winter gliders
25 Ready and willing
28 Turns suddenly
31 Persia, today
32 The very thing
34 Fall mo.
35 Pub supply
36 Dove's cry
37 Torture devices
40 — Haute
41 Ocean motions
42 "Golden Boy" playwright
43 Just

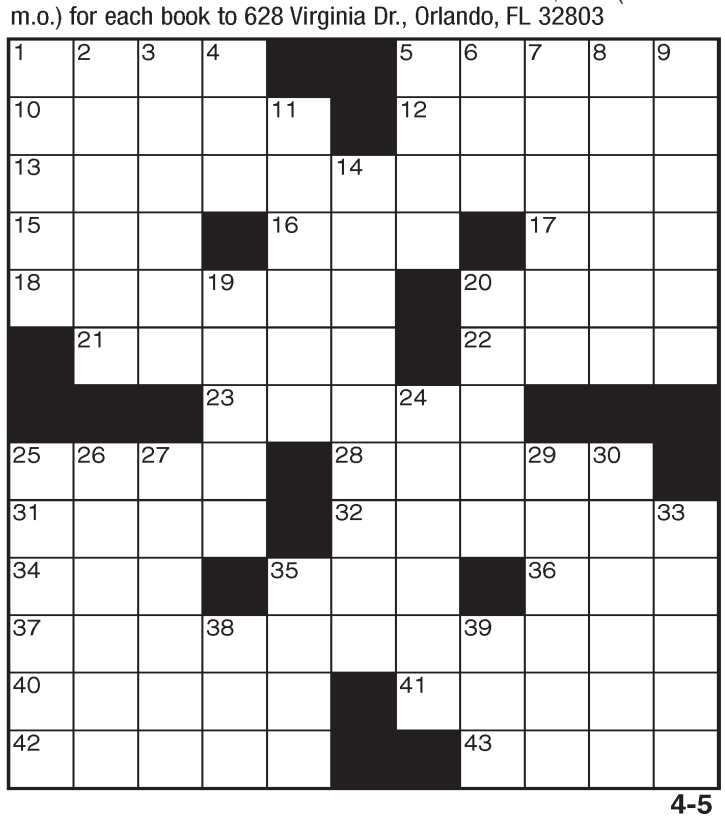
DOWN

1 Thin cookie
2 "Lose Yourself" rapper
3 With love
4 Gentle pull
5 Wilson's predecessor
6 Hoopla
7 Was foreboding
8 Trial
9 Get snug
11 Disclose
14 Secobarbital pills
19 "Hedda Gabler" author
20 Stands
24 Sense
25 Florentine painter
26 Like a vault
27 Ripen
29 Fall back
30 Less speedy
33 "Cabaret" director
35 Beame and Burrows
38 "The A-Team" co-star
39 Brink

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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

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

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Draw Date: 4/2
9 28 30 40 61
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 148M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/1
25 28 33 41 69
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 57M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/2
3 5 10 43 47
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/3
3 4 7 12 19

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/3
MIDDAY: 2 6 2
Draw Date: 4/3
EVENING: 6 9 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/3
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:43.27

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WORD UP!

palliate 1. to relieve or lessen without curing; mitigate; alleviate. 2. to try to mitigate or conceal the gravity of (an offense) by excuses, apologies, etc.; extenuate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1956 – Fidel Castro declares himself at war with Cuban President Fulgencio Batista.

1957 – In India, Communists win the first elections in united Kerala and E. M. S. Namboodiripad is sworn in as the first Chief Minister.

1958 – Ripple Rock, an underwater threat to navigation in the Seymour Narrows in Canada is destroyed in one of the largest non-nuclear controlled explosions of the time.

1969 – Vietnam War: Massive antiwar demonstrations occur in many U.S. cities.

1971 – In Sri Lanka, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna launches a revolt against the United Front government of Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

1976 – In the People's Republic of China, the April Fifth Movement leads to the Tiananmen Incident.

1986 – Three people are killed in the bombing of the La Belle discotheque in West Berlin, Germany.

1991 – An ASA EMB 120 crashes in Brunswick, Georgia, killing all 23 aboard including Sen. John Tower and Astronaut Sonny Carter.

1992 – Alberto Fujimori, president of Peru, dissolves the Peruvian congress by military force.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Felicia Burl, 33, who crashed her car (killing her passenger) after running a red light, fled on foot and later tried to foil DNA evidence against her to avoid charges. While in lockup, Burl, with a 29-conviction rap sheet, knew a mouth swab was upcoming and tried to contaminate it by -- as police later learned -- having two other women spit into her mouth just before the test. She was convicted anyway, and a court in Stamford, Connecticut, is expected to order a 10-year sentence at Burl's next hearing.

■ Massachusetts state troopers initially found a few drug items in a search of the vehicle of Carrie Tutsock, 24, at a traffic stop in March along Interstate 91 near Hatfield, Massachusetts, but Tutsock and her two companions proceeded to worsen the situation. The troopers seemed satisfied with finding three drug pipes, a couple of syringes and several baggies of drugs, and began to write their report as a "possession" case, but en route to the state police barracks, a trooper said he overheard one suspect whisper to another, "I don't think they found all the stuff in the car." The police searched it again and this time found three digital scales with white residue, along with another 230 baggies of heroin, and the charges were upped to "intent to distribute."

Your smile goes a long way, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You go from a sense of feeling restricted to committing to making a transformation. Though you might not have shared everything you perceive to be true, you will use your knowledge to work through this matter. Add a little charm. Tonight: Your smile goes a long way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will be on a winning streak, as long as you don't get too tied up in the negatives of a situation, which someone else seems to spew forth. Try not to take a comment personally. Stay focused on what you know. Tonight: Use caution when meeting a new person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Tension builds, especially as a key partner continues his or her rant and is completely unaware of how negative he or she is being. You will have no choice but to pull away. The less negativity you put out, the better. Tonight: A friend clearly cares a lot about you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Your caring means more to this person than you might realize. Pace yourself, but don't forget to make appointments to see the doctor and the dentist. A boss might be more pleased with you than he or she lets on. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You love to make others happy. Sometimes relating to people can be difficult, but you will benefit from one-on-one interactions. You could feel somewhat tense around a key person, but try to get past those feelings. You will be happier as a result. Tonight: Quality time with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. You might be in a situation where you are hearing more of someone's grievances than his or her gratefulness. Know that you are doing this for you. A loved one appreciates you and lets you know! Tonight: Spend special time with a special person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ While you might have thought that your message was falling on deaf ears, you'll discover otherwise. You could feel very different in a few days. Do not shy away from an important conversation. Tonight: Decide what you want before getting into a heavy conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination often carries you to new territories and to new people. You might be in a position where you must cater to someone else's desires. First, make sure that you are feeling levelheaded. You could be taken aback by what is happening. Tonight: Be receptive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might feel pressured by everything that is happening. Try not to push others away, and try not to let your temper come out. Sit down with another person and have a discussion about what is bothering you. Do this, and you'll feel much better. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep a conversation flowing. You might be in touch with your feelings, but the other party needs grounding. Don't act out; instead, remain sensitive to this person's needs. Let go of any negativity for now, as it is unlikely to help you. Tonight: Remain responsive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have the wherewithal to make a difference in a social setting in the near future. You might feel awkward if you can't pitch in as much you would like to. A neighbor's suggestion could be a great way to clear up a problem. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

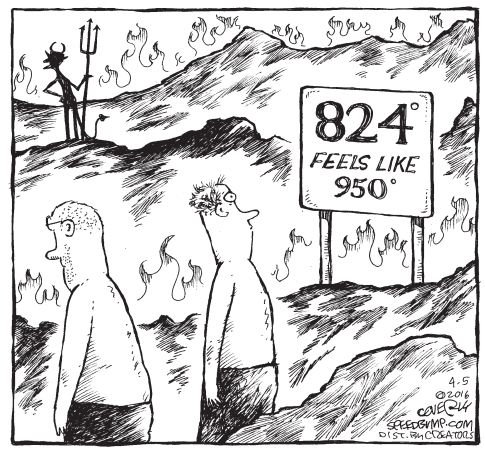
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Do your best not to let someone's attitude get the best of you. You will receive answers that seem to pop up from out of nowhere. A friend might come up with suggestion after suggestion. Test them out on a confidant who understands your situation. Tonight: As you like it.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

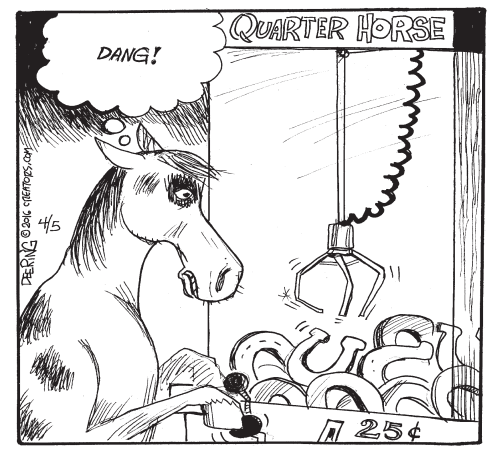
This year you open up to many new ideas. A person around you often might be cold or stern. Try to ignore his or her attitude, or at least try not to react to it. You could be in the process of getting past some self-imposed restrictions. If you are single, you will attract someone when the weather becomes cold this year. This person could hold a lot of influence over you. If you are attached, let go of daily hassles and open up to a new mutual hobby or interest with your sweetie. The two of you will love the coziness of the colder weather. PISCES can be emotional and make damaging comments.

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

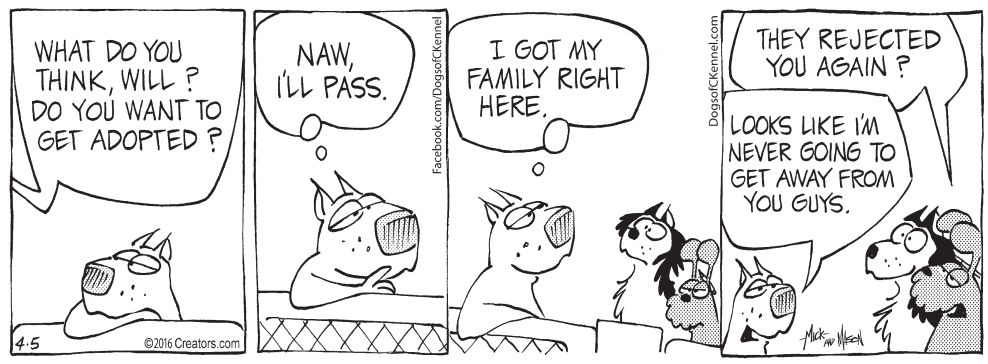
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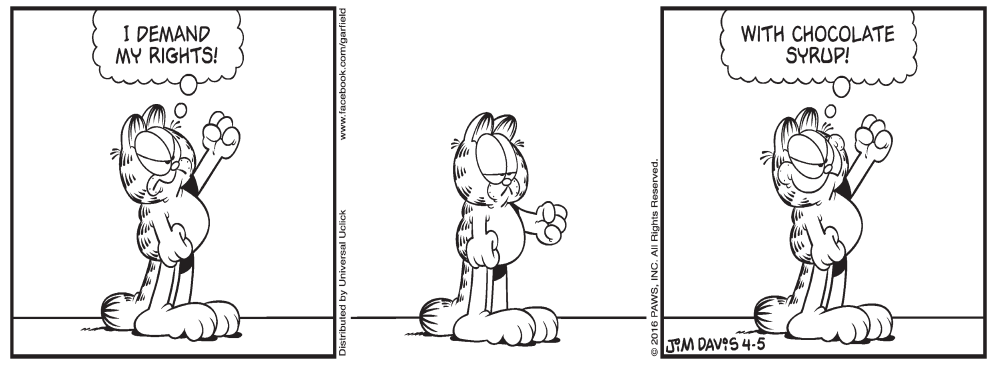
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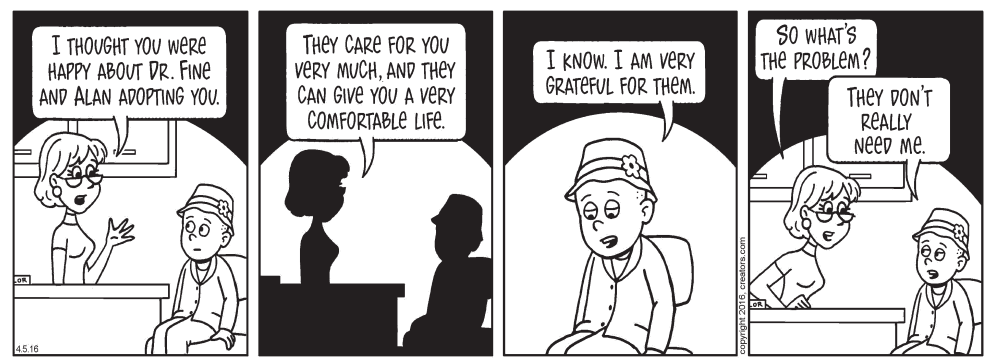
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