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THE LEARNING NEW THINGS ISSUE

Survey says U.S. home prices up 10.5% in past year

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON A survey shows U.S. home prices rose 10.5 percent in March compared with a year ago, the biggest gain since March 2006.

Core Logic, a real estate data provider, said Tuesday that annual home prices have now increased for 13 straight months. Prices are rising in part because more buyers are bidding on a limited supply of homes for sale.

Prices increased in 46 states over the past year — 11 of them posting double-digit gains. And when excluding distressed sales, which include foreclosures and short sales, prices rose in every state. A short sale is when a home sells for less than what is owed on the mortgage.

Nevada led all states with a 22.2 percent annual gain. It was followed by California (17.2 percent), Arizona (16.8 percent), Idaho (14.5 percent) and Oregon (14.3 percent).

Home prices also rose 1.9 percent in March from February, signaling a solid start to the spring buying season. And 88 of the 100 largest cities reported price gains compared with a year earlier, down slightly from 92 in February.

Prices in Phoenix rose 18.8 percent in March from a year earlier, the largest gain of any city. Los Angeles, Riverside, Calif., Atlanta and Houston posted the next largest gains.

Steady job creation and record-low mortgage rates have boosted home sales and construction in the past year. More demand, along with a limited supply of homes for sale, has pushed prices higher.

The number of homes for sale fell nearly 17 percent in March compared with a year ago. That supply would be exhausted in about 4.7 months at the current sales pace. That's below the 6 months of supply that is typical in a healthy market.

Rising home prices can help sustain the housing rebound and lift the economy. More potential homebuyers may seek to purchase a house before prices rise further. And homeowners are more likely to put their houses on the market once they expect a good price.

Higher home values also boost Americans' overall net worth. That can encourage consumers to spend more, driving more economic growth. Consumer spending accounts for roughly 70 percent of economic activity.

Community divided over Downtown's future

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Nearly 300 people Monday packed a town hall meeting at the Civic Auditorium to discuss future development in Downtown, a conversation that showed a community deeply divided between those who want to keep Santa Monica a "sleepy beach town" and those willing to trade height and density for affordable housing.

The planning effort at hand, called the Downtown Specific Plan, is in its early stages, city officials said.

At present, it proposes a tiered development system in which developers who wish to exceed heights between 32 feet and 39 feet will require a permit to do so, a standard more restrictive than currently exists.

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POWER UP

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

San Diego-based bicycle blogger Turbo Bob test rides an electric bike on Tuesday at the Santa Monica Pier. Hero Eco, makers of the bike, were on the pier to promote its new line of A2B e-bikes. For more information, visit weareA2B.com.

Rent Control Board to discuss new fee for landlords

New cost would be second-highest in the state, according to report

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITY HALL The Rent Control Board will discuss a proposal Thursday to close a half-million dollar gap in its budget by raising registration fees and, for the first time, forcing landlords to share in some of those costs.

The measure would bring an annual registration fee levied on Santa Monica's estimated 26,350 rent-controlled units from $156 per year to $180, the first increase in that fee since 2006.

That will make Santa Monica's the second-highest registration fee in the state after Berkeley. Unlike in the past, however, landlords would be expected to pay half the cost of the annual registration fee rather than passing it through to tenants.

Santa Monica is the only city in which landlords had the ability to pass on the full cost of the registration fee, according to a report to the Rent Control Board.

The change hinges on a demand for the Rent Control employees' services from landlords as well as a recent finding that over 60 percent of the rent-controlled apartments in Santa Monica had been raised to market-rate rents since the late 1990s, said Tracy Condon, administrator for the board.

"[O]wners are free to set the initial rent for new tenancies and they may take all their costs into consideration doing so," Condon

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Stories in Español
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 11 a.m.
There will be a Spanish-language story session for children. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8681.

Tween driving
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:45 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Learn safety tips when riding with older teen drivers and the Santa Monica Police Department. Workshop is for grades 5 through 8 and will be held in the Children's Activity Room. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Historical flick
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Filmmaker Elaina Archer screens and discusses the film "The New World," a romantic, historical drama about Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith, starring Colin Farrell and Christian Bale. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Live green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A Sustainable Works workshop on green living will be held in the second-floor Multipurpose Room. Attendees will learn about reducing water and energy usage, saving money on utilities, cutting landfill waste, and more. Free resource-saving tools will be given out. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Watch and discuss
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.
The film "The Bitter Tea of General Yen," starring Barbara Stanwyck, will be screened and discussed afterward. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Nail Mother's Day
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Decorate your nails with Cha Cha Covers for Mother's Day. There is limited space and the event will be ticketed one hour before program. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Life documentary
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Documentary "Lost in Living" will be screened with a Q&A session by director Mary Trunk following the film. The movie will be shown in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, room 263. Admission is free. For more information, visit maandpafilms.com/lostinliving.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WILL ROGERS LEARNING COMMUNITY

Local nonprofit looking for young musicians

Elemental Strings is inviting students in third or fourth grade who play woodwind, brass or percussion instruments with a minimum of eight months experience to audition for Elemental Band.

Auditions will take place Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Will Rogers Elementary School, located at 2401 14th St.

The band, which will be forming for the first time for the 2013-14 school year, will be directed by Jessica Swift, an elementary music teacher for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Other music teachers will also join the team.

The Elemental Strings Orchestra Program currently runs two ensembles — Chamber Orchestra and Sinfonia. Students rehearse weekly at John Adams Middle School, under the direction of Jason Aiello, assistant director of orchestras at Santa Monica High School, and Josephine Moerschel.

Over 400 students in the community have been part of Elemental Strings since its inception in 2004, officials with the nonprofit said.

Elemental Strings is a nonprofit organization that provides high-quality music instruction to young musicians through a youth orchestra/band environment, according to their website.

For more information, visit www.elementalstrings.com/auditions.

– ALEX VEJAR



Photo courtesy Jeff Bandy

KID SOUNDS: **Students from local schools rehearse in March with the Santa Monica-based nonprofit Elemental Strings. Over 400 students in the community have been a part of the group.**

Delaware becomes latest state with gay marriage

RANDALL CHASE
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. Delaware became the 11th state in the nation to allow same-sex marriage when Democratic Gov. Jack Markell signed a gay marriage bill into law just minutes after its passage by the state Senate on Tuesday.

"I do not intend to make any of you wait one moment longer," a smiling Markell told about 200 jubilant supporters who erupted in cheers and applause following the 12-9 Senate vote barely half an hour earlier.

"Delaware should be, is and will be a welcoming place to live and love and to raise a family for all who call our great state home," Markell said.

Delaware's same-sex marriage bill was introduced in the Democrat-controlled legislature barely a year after the state began recognizing same-sex civil unions. The bill won passage two weeks ago in the state House on a 23-18 vote.

While it doesn't give same-sex couples any more rights or benefits under Delaware law than they have in civil unions, supporters argued that same-sex couples deserve the dignity and respect of married couples. They also noted that if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down the Defense of Marriage Act, which bars married gay couples from receiving federal benefits, civil unions would not provide protections or tax benefits under federal law to same-sex couples in Delaware.

"All couples under the law should be treated equally by their government," Lisa Goodman told lawmakers near the end of Tuesday's three-hour debate. Goodman is president of Equality Delaware, a gay rights group that drafted the legislation and led the effort to get it passed.

Under the bill, no new civil unions will be performed in Delaware after July 1, and existing civil unions will be converted to marriages over the next year. The legislation also states that same-sex unions established in other states will be treated the same as marriages under Delaware law.

"As of July, we are considered married," said Mikki Snyder-Hall, who married her partner, Claire, in California in 2008 and moved to Rehoboth, a gay-friendly Delaware beach town, two years ago.

The Synder-Halls said that while they don't intend to have another wedding ceremony, they may have another reception to celebrate their new legal status in Delaware.

Scott Forrest, 50, of Newark said he and his partner of almost 21 years, Kevin Fenimore, look forward to having the civil union they entered into last year converted

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Pot shop owner who lost court battle closes

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The owner of a Riverside medical marijuana dispensary who lost his appeal with the state Supreme Court said Tuesday he shuttered his shop as city officials vowed to close the remaining storefronts.

Lanny Swerdlow, who co-founded the Inland Empire Patient's Health and Wellness Center, said he will comply with the ruling that gave cities and counties the ability to ban pot shops.

"It's terribly disappointing, but I was expecting a negative decision," said Swerdlow, who estimates there were between 5,000 to 6,000 people in his collective. "The (state) Supreme Court said it's not legal, so I'm not going to do it anymore."

On Monday, the state's highest court provided the clearest guidance for California cities and counties on how to regulate a proliferation of pot shops that have cropped up over the past several years.

In Riverside, city officials said they will take immediate legal action and seek to obtain a permanent injunction against 10 clinics that remained open despite a city ordinance prohibiting such businesses. The city has closed more than 50 dispensaries.

"The community is done" with the dispensaries, Mayor Rusty Bailey said. "We've had continued calls from our constituents saying we don't feel safe in our neighborhoods. The bottom line is this is about local control."

Swerdlow's dispensary was a defendant in the case decided by the state Supreme Court. In trying to enforce its ban, Riverside officials used their zoning power to declare pot clinics as public nuisances.

Medical marijuana supporters have long argued a voter-approved state law that allows the drug's use trumps any city or county ban.

But the state justices found California's medical marijuana laws don't prevent municipalities from using their local laws to prohibit dispensaries.

About 200 municipalities in California have banned retail pot sales, according to estimates from the advocacy group Americans for Safe Access, while others were awaiting the Supreme Court decision before moving ahead with their own respective bans.

David Vossbrink, a spokesman for San Jose's city manager, said the court's ruling had given the city room to revisit the issue. So far, no one is talking about banning dis-

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Police on point with checkpoints

Editor:

DUI checkpoints save lives and dollars. I was happy to hear about the DUI checkpoint conducted by the Santa Monica Police Department on April 19. Far too many people in our community get behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol. We all know it's true. As a longtime resident of Santa Monica and mother who has raised children here, safety is a very important issue to me. I have seen and read about countless alcohol-related car crashes in the community over the years. I am encouraged to see the Santa Monica Police Department taking the issue seriously.

I am on the board of directors of an organization that has been preventing alcohol-related problems throughout the country for more than 20 years. While I am only mildly familiar with the work they do, I do know that routine DUI checkpoints with high visibility in the news can have a substantial deterrent effect, preventing people from committing a crime in the first place. They also send a message that as a community, we consider drinking and driving to be unacceptable.

I know it's much easier to hop in the car and drive home after a night out than it is to call a taxi, or to rely on a designated driver. But this inconvenience pales in comparison with the consequences that can result from drinking and driving. In too many cases it's not just about a financial penalty – it can mean taking or ruining lives. As a community, we can set a higher standard for behavior. DUI checkpoints help accomplish this.

It's also a money issue. Research shows every dollar invested in DUI checkpoints saves cities between $6 and $23 in costs from alcohol-related crashes. In other words, DUI checkpoints can actually lessen Santa Monica's significant financial burdens.

So thank you, Santa Monica Police Department, for putting your resources into DUI checkpoints. They keep us all safer and encourage us to engage in behavior we know is right.

Marilyn Wexler
Westside Impact Coalition member
Santa Monica

Living in the past

Editor:

I was born in Santa Monica 91 years ago and I am so saddened by what's happening to our city. Why does every building, hotel, mall, etc., have to be modernized? Our charming and beautiful Miramar Hotel no longer. We have new hotels – Loews, Shutters and more. Can't we keep those places with such wonderful memories for us?

Also, the middle-class people have no place to shop. We can't afford the stores in the mall, Montana Avenue and Main Street. Culver City is our only alternative. Or Kohl's in Westchester. Why can't we have a Wal-Mart, Target or Kohl's? I miss my old Santa Monica. Please don't do away with my pleasant memories!

Peggy Charles
Santa Monica



Your column here

Richard Trumka

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When it comes to tax fairness, we need to create a new plan

MOST VOTERS AGREE THAT BIG corporations and the wealthy should start paying their fair share in taxes. But of course big corporations and the wealthy don't want to do that. They want to pay less, and they are used to getting their way. So what do you do?

Some people in Washington think the answer is a "Grand Bargain." In a "Grand Bargain," Republicans agree to stop protecting millionaires from having to pay a single penny more in taxes. In return, Democrats agree to cut Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare benefits.

That doesn't sound like a bargain to me. It sounds more like working people getting ripped off. Of course big corporations and the wealthy need to start paying their fair share — but cutting benefits is not the answer.

Let's not forget how we got here. The richest Americans have been getting richer for decades, while the wages of working people have barely kept up with inflation. Then tax cuts for Wall Street and the wealthy threw the economy even more out of balance. Now economic inequality is the highest it has been since the Great Depression and the tax burden has shifted more and more to working people.

Even worse, some of the tax breaks enjoyed by Wall Street are doing real harm to our economy. Take the tax subsidy for sending jobs overseas, for example. Right now, corporations can lower their tax bill by moving factories to lower-tax countries. That's not right.

Eliminating the tax subsidy for offshoring would raise $583 billion over 10 years. That's not chump change. That's money that could be used to invest in education and infrastructure, put people back to work, and lay the groundwork for long-term economic prosperity.

Right now, this idea is not taken seriously in Washington because Wall Street doesn't like it. But the American people are overwhelmingly in favor. Surely that should count for something in a democracy.

Asking Wall Street and the wealthy to pay their fair share is not only the fair thing to do, it is also necessary to fix the economy. It would reduce inequality, which has been acting as a drag on economic growth. Reinvesting these revenues the right way could also put more buying power in the hands of the middle class, which was once the secret of America's economic success.

ELIMINATING THE TAX SUBSIDY FOR OFFSHORING WOULD RAISE $583 BILLION OVER 10 YEARS.

By contrast, the Grand Bargain takes us in the opposite direction. Cutting Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare benefits would increase inequality and undermine consumer buying power.

Some people tell us we don't need to worry about any Grand Bargain. They say that Republicans' refusal to tax millionaires and big corporations means there will never be a Grand Bargain that cuts benefits.

But think about what this means. It means big corporations and the wealthy will never have to pay their fair share of taxes. Or it means our only hope of getting them to pay their fair share is to cut benefits eventually.

Let's face it: the Grand Bargain is a dead end.

If we want to rebuild our economy, raise wages, put America back to work, and rebuild the middle class, we need to set a different course — sooner rather than later.

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The ongoing war on working folks

LAST WEEK, THIS COLUMN LOOKED AT THE anomaly of how the Democratic Party — which proudly holds itself out as the champion of working people — vigorously pursues policies that cost working class Californians their jobs; or worse yet, robs younger Californians coming into the work force from the job opportunities that abound in other states, especially in those where Republican office holders control the political and policy agenda.

Specifically, we reviewed the legislation identified by the California Chamber of Commerce as "job killer" bills — particularly pernicious proposals which send a message throughout the world that business is not welcome in California and, if business does come here, the tax and regulatory environment is anything but friendly.

We also noted that California is tied with two other states for the highest unemployment rate in the nation and that statistics showing an improving employment environment are misleading. The declining numbers result from significant numbers of the unemployed giving up on the job market, and well over 2 million Californians who would like to be working, continue to be in economic distress.

Over the weekend, the dean of California political reporting, Dan Walters of the Sacramento Bee, provided the grim specifics of California's abysmal employment situation in a column entitled "California Workforce Takes a Dive." As is frequently the case, Walters' column provides the perfect antidote for all the "happy talk" coming out of Sacramento claiming that the state is recovering quickly.

Getting into the weeds, Walters points out that the official "unemployment rate" is affected by both the "labor force" calculation and by the number of those who are jobless. The "labor force participation rate" means the percentage of those over the age of 16 who are either working or available for work. But what happens when people stop looking or defer employment simply by going back to school? This changes the "denominator" of the unemployment rate calculation.

On this score, California's status is not good. Walters notes that the decrease in labor force participation from 66 percent to 63 percent translates into 900,000 potential workers "and were they still part of the labor force, it would mean California's unemployment rate would be more than 13 percent, instead of the current official rate of 9.4 percent."

And if that news wasn't bad enough, tens of thousands of able-bodied workers have already left the state so they are not even part of the "denominator" any more. Although slowing, the "net domestic out migration" from California continues to be the worst — or second worst depending on the calculation — in the nation. So it's not just the "evil rich" in California who have had it with California's highest-in-the-nation income tax rates, it's skilled workers who simply can't find the middle class jobs that are so vital to a vibrant economy.

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Herein lies the irony of the perverse policies pursued by California's political elites. While mouthing the usual platitudes of "it's for the kids," "corporations need to shoulder more responsibility" or "the wealthy need to pay their fair share" the real people being hurt are the working class.

If policies which drive skilled workers to other states don't constitute a war on the middle class, nothing does.

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The Q Line

Scene of the crime

It seems as if you can't own anything nice these days in Santa Monica. This past week the office building where the Daily Press is located was burglarized, the thief or thieves making off with a bicycle and bicycle tire. Both were locked in what was thought to be a secured garage, demonstrating that you can never take enough precautions to protect your property.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Have you ever been a victim in Santa Monica of a robbery or burglary? If so, what was stolen and where? Do you feel like you can leave your property locked up, but in public? Or is nothing safe?

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Expert: Jackson's doctor unqualified in many areas

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Michael Jackson's doctor was not qualified to treat the singer for insomnia or drug addiction and botched resuscitation efforts, an expert cardiologist testifying for the singer's mother told a jury Tuesday.

Dr. Daniel Wohlgelernter told jurors hearing a negligent hiring case filed by Jackson's mother against AEG Live LLC that he reached his conclusion after reviewing the credentials of Conrad Murray, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter over Jackson's 2009 death.

Attorneys for both sides told the panel last week that Jackson suffered from long-standing prescription drug addiction issues, which Wohlgelernter said Murray had no formal training on how to treat. The former cardiologist was also unqualified to administer propofol, the powerful anesthetic that killed Jackson.

Wohlgelernter, a Santa Monica-based cardiologist, told the panel that Murray improperly focused on Jackson's heart when the singer stopped breathing after receiving propofol and other drugs on the morning of June 25, 2009.

The physician said he and Murray had received much of the same types of training over the courses of their careers, but that only anesthesiologists should administer propofol and that treating addiction or insomnia requires specialized training. Jackson was receiving propofol treatments as a sleep aid.

AEG denies all wrongdoing and says it was Michael Jackson who wanted Murray to work as his doctor while he prepared for a series of comeback shows called "This Is It."

Wohlgelernter was the first of many experts expected to testify during the trial about Murray's care, AEG's actions, contracts and other issues.

Several other doctors testified during Murray's 2011 criminal trial that the doctor repeatedly violated the standard of care in his treatments on Jackson. Murray had been expecting to receive $150,000 per month for his work on Jackson's tour, but the singer died before the contract was finalized.

LAPD: Three parties to split $1M reward for rogue cop

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LOS ANGELES The vast majority of the $1 million reward for ending the manhunt for Christopher Dorner will go to a couple who was tied up at gunpoint in their Big Bear cabin by the rogue ex-cop, Los Angeles police said Tuesday.

The LAPD posted a document on its website in which a panel of three judges detailed the payouts for the much-sought reward.

They decided about $800,000 will go to James and Karen Reynolds. Fifteen percent will go to Daniel McGowan, who found Dorner's burning truck in the Big Bear area where he eventually was discovered, and 5 percent will go to tow-truck driver R.L. McDaniel, who spotted Dorner at a Corona gas station earlier in the manhunt and reported the sighting.

The $1 million reward was announced by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa during Dorner's rampage in February.

Dorner had vowed warfare on Los Angeles Police Department officers and their families for what he called an unfair firing. He killed four people, including two law enforcement officers, during his nearly one-week run from authorities that ended with his death on Feb. 12.

Multiple parties came forward claiming they provided the key tip that ultimately led Dorner to hole up in a vacant mountain cabin where he apparently took his own life after a shootout with law enforcement officers.

Among those who laid claim to the reward was a camp ranger whose truck was taken by Dorner. He filed a lawsuit seeking the $1 million last week.

During their ordeal, the Reynolds were held up at gunpoint and tied up before Dorner stole their purple Nissan SUV to escape.

After escaping her constraints, Karen called authorities, identified Dorner, gave the location of the cabin and the Nissan's description. Less than half an hour later he was spotted by Fish and Wildlife wardens and a chase ensued.

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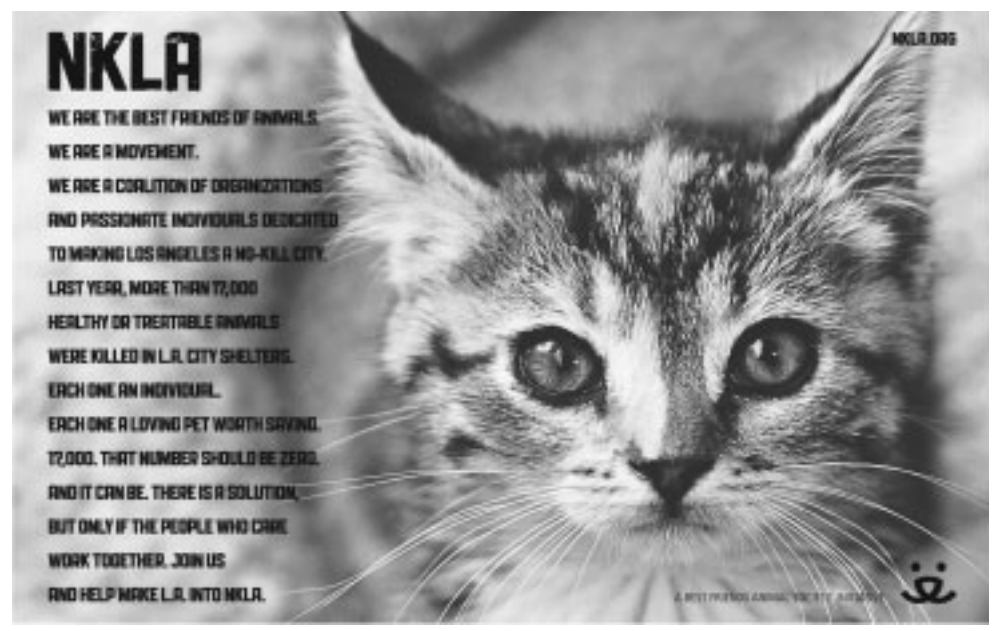


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‘Mammas’ a study in maternal instinct

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LOS ANGELES Isabella Rossellini’s search for the meaning of maternal instinct in “Mammas” looks at nine animals where things like polygamy, lying and dying convince her that “anything goes.”

The program timed to air Mother’s Day on the Sundance Channel is just the latest offbeat offering from the model-actress, who gets in costume and plays the parts of the animals.

In “Mammas,” Rossellini dresses as a mother spider, wasp, hamster, toad, cuckoo, dunnock, oil beetle, piping plover and cichlid fish to show how each brings her young into the world. The shorts also launch on sundancechannel.com on Mother’s Day.

“Mammas” is suggestive, but the episodes are mostly for comedy and entertainment, Rossellini said. They are also food for thought, the 60-year-old New Yorker believes.

Several women biologists, challenging popular thinking about maternal instinct, recently studied how animals behave, Rossellini said. Many people believe all mothers are altruistic, nurturing, protective and unselfish but they are not, she said.

“Some mothers eat their babies if there are too many in a litter, other mothers abandon their babies into other birds’ nests for mothers who are not even of the same species to raise; mothers do not get pregnant always with the belly, but sometimes hold the babies in their mouth, they are cheek pregnant or back pregnant,” she said.

“This is what I am telling in the films. I’m saying that conventional idea we have that mothers are ready to sacrifice themselves has been proven incorrect.”

Rossellini is enrolled at Hunter College in New York, working toward a master’s degree in animal behavior. “I have been interested in animals since I was a child,” she said.

“Mammas” didn’t start out as a Mother’s Day project, Rossellini said. It was shown at the Berlin Film Festival in February.

It usually takes about two months after a debut to get it out and that happened to be really close to Mother’s Day, which seemed like perfect timing, she said.

“Mammas” is the third in a series requested by Robert Redford for his Sundance Film Festival in Utah. It started with animal sex in “Green Porno” and moved to animal seduction in “Green Porno Seduce Me.” In all of them, she plays the animals in bright costumes and demonstrates what happens. It has endless room to grow, Rossellini said.

“They put ‘Green Porno’ on the Internet six years ago and it got millions of hits,” said the actress (“Blue Velvet,” “Death Becomes Her”) and former model. She writes the scripts, sketches a costume she thinks will work, narrates, directs and plays the animal in every short.

The “Seduce Me” segment was on display in 2010 at the The Wolfsonian-Florida International University Museum in Miami.

“People were completely seduced by the series,” museum director Cathy Leff said. “From a scientific point of view, we learned a lot. She did a lot of research about mating. It was humorous and incredibly charming,” she added.

There’s a playful connection to Mother’s Day, Sundance Channel General Manager Sarah Barnett said. “Isabella gives you a different perspective and a sort of delicious new way of engaging with the idea of being a mother.”

“Mammas” is a work of visual seduction told by “a distinct and remarkable story teller. She has this unorthodox form and at the same time it’s incredibly accessible and surprisingly funny,” Barnett added.

Rossellini is the daughter of Oscar-winning actress Ingrid Bergman and director Roberto Rossellini.

Mother’s Day in Italy when Rossellini was a child wasn’t a big deal. The big holiday was Woman’s Day on March 1. “It was not just for mothers but for all women,” she said.

Despite two children of her own and dual citizenship, things haven’t changed much for Rossellini. “I am lucky if my children say ‘Happy Mother’s Day’ and bring me some flowers,” she said.

Rossellini did pay tribute to her mother in the “Mammas” story of the piping plover.

It starts with Rossellini (as a human) doing a dying scene on stage and getting pelted by tomatoes. It switches to her as a piping plover, fooling a fox by pretending to have a broken wing and leading the predator away from her nest.

The camera returns to the human, where it appears more tomatoes are hurled at Rossellini from the moving paper audience. She hides behind a stage curtain and says: “If I were as talented at pretending as the piping plover, I would be a Sarah Bernhardt, an Ingrid Bergman.”

She used Bernhardt’s name because she wanted a name that was familiar to people in several countries. She used Bergman’s name “because I thought mom would be offended” if she didn’t.

The simplicity of the bright, handmade costumes and paper props and the complexity of the tech-heavy delivery system added to the appeal of Rossellini’s first two series, Leff said.

She hopes Rossellini will turn to the Wolfsonian if she decides to put “Mammas” on display. “She’s a real provocateur, which we love,” Leff said.

Rossellini has done about 40 shorts now and hopes she can continue to do them. First though is her one-woman biology-themed tour through Europe and the United States in 2014.

The actress lives near Long Island and has two dogs, a cat, chickens and a vegetable garden.

She also volunteers at the nearby Guide Dog Foundation and for a few weeks is fostering a mother dog that just had 10 puppies.

With so much focus on motherhood, does Rossellini have a message for “Mammas” viewers? “Yes,” she said: “Happy Mother’s Day.”

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Larger buildings will require more concessions from developers, although the plan does propose raising the heights along the ground floor on Second Street to hopefully allow for a better shopping and retail environment.

The plan also proposes bringing down the density of the area compared to what's on the books now, which is a confusing mish-mash of discounts that obscures how dense a development really is.

At the same time, those rules could be thrown out the window at eight "opportunity sites," locations with large lots, good access and opportunities for parking and open space that have already been identified by planners.

One such site is the corner of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, where a developer has proposed a 22-story hotel designed by world-renowned architect and Santa Monica resident Frank Gehry.

The 244-foot-tall building far exceeds the maximums that exist in Downtown, which range up to 84 feet, and represent many residents' worst fears — a skyscraper obscuring ocean views.

No guidelines have been put forward for those sites yet, said Francie Stefan, community and strategic planning manager with City Hall.

Liberated from the shackles of two-minute public comment periods and stationary microphones inherent in a formal public meeting, longtime Santa Monicans lobbied hard for restricted heights in the Downtown and the end of the opportunity sites that they fear promise dense, tall development in exchange for open space, infrastructure and other benefits.

Instead, they asked city officials to hold developers to the small buildings promised by the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, holding heights down to two, three and four-story buildings to protect ocean views and breezes.

"I'm here tonight to tell you that as residents we must take back our city," said Diana Gordon, co-chair of Santa Monicans for a Livable City, one of the groups who advocated for the town hall meeting.

Younger residents of the city, however, had a very different perspective on the issue.

They were less concerned with traffic — having seen worse in Los Angeles — and were willing to concede on height and density for the chance to have more affordable housing that would allow them to remain in the city.

Some had moved in recently, others had grown up in the city by the sea but couldn't see a way they could remain there given the high price of housing.

They were joined by bicycle and alternate transportation activists, who were also willing to concede that denser buildings and population centers might create a dynamic, walkable Downtown rich in transit options.

Such a vision would create "car-lite" Downtown dwellers who work close to home, eliminating the need for fossil fuel vehicles under most circumstances. Maintaining the status quo in terms of development strategies would turn Santa Monica into a "high-income retirement community," one said.

"I don't think this is a sleepy beach town, and I don't think it's been one for a long time," said Bryan Beretta, a member of the local biking community.

The division seems to be part of a common narrative amongst young professionals in their 20s and 30s who participate in the creative economy that Santa Monica officials have worked so hard to foster.

Urban policy writer and researcher Richard Florida calls it the "great reset," a flight away from suburban life and into dense population centers.

In an article adapted from his book, also called "The Great Reset," Florida argued that geographic concentration helps dynamic businesses of the creative economy flourish and thrive, and that it must be supported by a change in infrastructure away from parking and car culture and toward alternative transportation and high-speed rail.

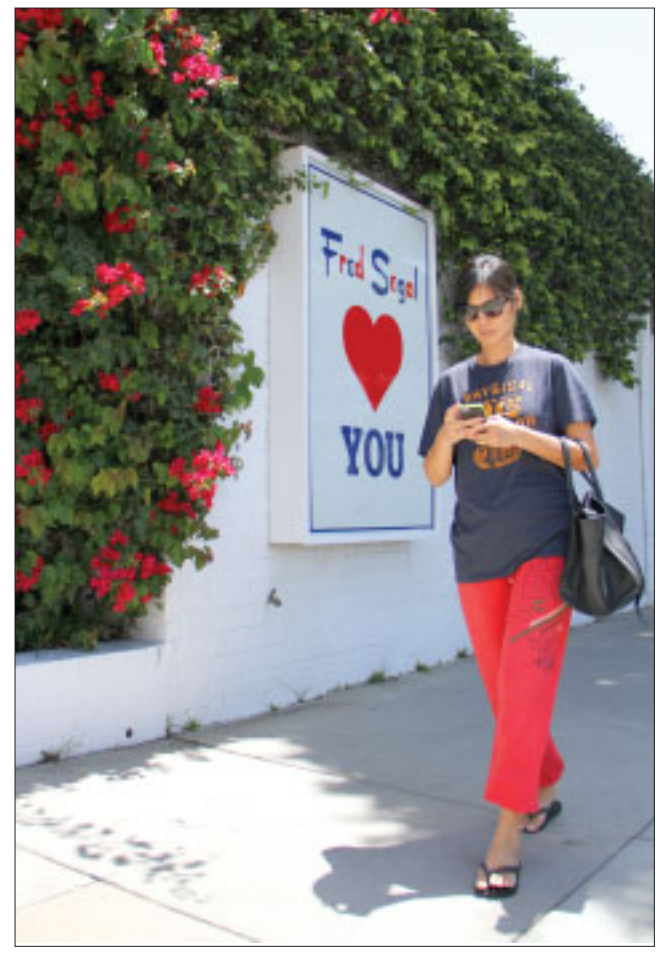
The divide is also one of perspective, said Michael Feinstein, former mayor of Santa Monica.

Those who have lived in Santa Monica for decades have seen it transformed by congestion and new development, things that for younger observers have always been a reality.

"People here before [Interstate 10] was built would have said the same thing 40 years ago," Feinstein said. "There's also a rightful, legitimate need of young people to have affordable housing and the ability to live in the city without paying more than half their income in rent."

That need for affordable housing came in loud and clear to Councilmember Kevin McKeown, although some of the plans proposed for the opportunity sites, including high-

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IDENTIFIED: **A woman walks by Fred Segal on Tuesday. The location is considered an 'opportunity site' by city planners.**

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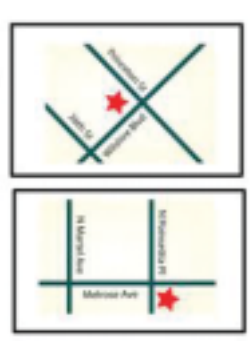

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priced condominiums in the Gehry hotel, seemed to him a bad way to go about it.

"Our efforts for affordable, sustainable apartments have more to do with zoning code and housing policy than with development agreements on opportunity sites," he said.

Striking a balance between the two will be a difficult line for officials in the Planning Department to walk, particularly in the face of widespread distrust amongst longtime community members, and a belief that their interests come second to the development community and its deep pockets.

Part of that emerges from different interpretations of the LUCE, and the fact that the document took so long to create that a backlog of development agreements, contracts that allow developers to exceed normal zoning requirements, built up in the interim, Feinstein said.

The current lack of detail about what will be allowed at "opportunity sites," those eight locations identified in various parts of Downtown, does not help.

"I'm here to tell you that in Santa Monica, trust is not only broken, it's bulldozed and buried," said Ellen Brennan, a community member who spoke against any expansion in development rights at the opportunity sites.

Feinstein, for one, remains confident that these differences can be worked out and a mutually agreeable solution found if only people are willing to keep lines of communication open.

"Trust building where people have the ability to speak out in forums in addition to the official bodies like the Planning Commission and City Council are important," Feinstein said. "There's a willingness on the part of the city to do that."

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said. "As our recent report shows, half of the market-rate units are occupied by people who moved in in the last four years. The high turnover rate gives owners the opportunity to re-establish rents fairly frequently."

The agency runs an apartment listing service for owners and seminars to teach new owners the ins and outs of rent control. Employees also spend a lot of their time processing the registration forms that come in every year.

That explanation doesn't sit well with Wes Wellman, president of the Action Apartment Association who will present against the increase Thursday night.

The Rent Control Board is grappling with an operating deficit that could stretch to nearly $500,000 next year without the $2-per-month increase. The budget gap comes from rising healthcare and pension costs for employees, despite the fact that the Rent Control Board has cut its staff in half since 1995.

"They're looking to turn the spotlight away from compensation and pretend that it's a fairness issue," Wellman said.

The agency has taken some steps toward reining in those costs. Employees contribute 9 percent of their compensation toward retirement, and the City Council created a second tier of retirement benefits for employees hired after July 1, 2012.

The state Legislature took that one step further in the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, which established a third and lower tier of benefits for those hired on or after Jan. 1, 2013.

The fee increase is actually in the middle of a range of proposals put forward in February. The highest, which would have raised fees by $3 per month, would have kept the Rent Control Board in the green through the 2017-18 fiscal year, according to projections at the time.

No decision on the fee will be made until June 13.

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to marriage as soon as possible.

"I am elated," he said.

Lambda Legal, a national gay rights advocacy group, applauded passage of Delaware's gay marriage bill.

"Today, we celebrate with the thousands of Delaware same-sex couples and their children who will soon be able to have the full recognition and respect accorded to married families," Susan Sommer, director of constitutional litigation at Lambda Legal, said in a statement.

Tuesday's debate included the first public acknowledgment by Sen. Karen Peterson, D-Stanton, that she is a lesbian. Saying she and her partner of 24 years entered into a civil union last year, Peterson rejected the notion that people choose to be homosexual, any more than they choose to be heterosexual.

"We are what God made us. We don't need to be fixed, we're not broken," said Peterson, 63, adding that if her pursuit of happiness affects someone else's marriage, perhaps they need to work on their marriage.

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pensaries, which now number about 100, but the city might use its zoning and land use authority to determine guidelines, Vossbrink said.

"It really points to the challenge we have at the local level to balance a whole lot of competing goals, whether you are talking about subdivisions or environmental protections or allowing a drive-thru restaurant, or talking about where a medical marijuana enterprise can be located," he said.

In two weeks, voters in Los Angeles, where there are several hundred pot shops, will decide how dispensaries will be regulated. There are three ballot measures to choose from, but if none of them receive more than 50 percent of the vote, council members could decide to ban dispensaries. The council approved a ban last summer but later repealed it.

In nearby Long Beach, there are roughly 20 pot shops that aren't in compliance with a ban, but City Attorney Robert Shannon said the ruling "gives us more impetus to vigorously enforce the ban."

Swerdlow believes most collective patients aren't going to go to other cities where pot shops are allowed to get their medicine. He points out the closest "legal" city to Riverside in the county is more than 50 miles away in Palm Springs.

"We are going to go back to the old-fashion way and buy pot from criminals," he said. "Police are brow-beating councils to enact these bans, and it's ethically and morally wrong."







Dow tops 15,000 for first time

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NEW YORK Just two months after recovering the last of its losses from the financial crisis, the Dow Jones industrial average charged higher Tuesday, closing above 15,000 for the first time.

It was another milestone in the market's epic ascent of 2013. Good economic reports, strong corporate earnings and fresh support from central banks have eased investors' concerns about another economic slowdown. Many had been on the lookout for signs that a spring swoon would derail the rally, as happened in each of the past three years.

Instead, Wall Street has climbed almost 15 percent since Jan. 1.

"The thing that's been driving stocks is rising confidence," said James Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. "Economic growth, job creation and the housing market have been better than expected."

News of stronger hiring over the past three months briefly propelled the Dow over 15,000 on Friday, but it ended the week below that mark.

Wall Street followed Japanese and European markets higher after they responded to good news about central bank stimulus and the German economy. In the U.S., the market got a lift from higher quarterly profits at satellite TV company DirecTV and watchmaker Fossil.

The Dow closed at 15,056.20, up 87.31 points, or 0.6 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 8.46 points to 1,625.96, a gain of 0.5 percent. Both indexes reached all-time highs earlier this year, then kept climbing, largely driven by optimism that the U.S. economy will continue gaining strength.

"We don't think people are giving enough credit to the strength of the economy," said Ryan Detrick, a senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "We still like the market."

The gains piled up with the growing realization among investors that the traditional threats to a rising market — higher interest rates, falling profits, a possible recession — are unlikely to appear anytime soon. What's more, with interest rates near record lows, they see few other places to put their money.

In a round of interviews on Monday, investor Warren Buffett said the stock market looked "reasonably priced" even after its surge. But, Buffett added, people pay too much attention to markets reaching new highs. They ought to pay attention when markets hit new lows.

"That's when stocks are getting cheaper," Buffett said. "That's when stocks are going on sale. But people do get more excited when they see new highs."

Record-high profits have also encouraged investors who fretted that slumping sales would lead to shrinking earnings. More than 400 of the S&P 500 companies have turned in first-quarter results, and more than seven out of 10 have beaten Wall Street's earnings expectations, according to S&P Capital IQ. Those analysts estimate that earnings increased 5 percent in the first quarter and will pick up their pace through the rest of the year.

Fossil, a maker of watches and handbags, was among the companies reporting earnings Tuesday. Its stock leapt $8.92, or 9 percent, to $107.88 after the company said higher sales lifted its earnings.

DirecTV, the country's largest provider of satellite TV services, surged $3.99, or 7 percent, to $61.95 after its earnings beat analysts' expectations. The company reported more subscribers in the U.S. and Latin America.

For the Dow, it was the 17th straight Tuesday of increases. The only day of the week with a longer series of consecutive gains is Wednesday, which logged a streak of 24, Detrick said.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 3.66 points to 3,396.63, up 0.1 percent.

Japanese stocks surged, pushing the Nikkei above 14,000 for the first time in nearly five years. The Nikkei has jumped 36 percent this year after the Bank of Japan announced a new aggressive monetary policy to get the country out of its two-decade stagnation.

In Europe, Germany's main DAX index touched a record of 8,195, bouyed by surprisingly strong industrial orders.

Detrick said he was particularly encouraged by the resurgence in smaller stocks, which suggested a broad recovery beyond larger companies. The Russell 2000 index of small companies has gained 14 percent this year.

In the market for U.S government bonds, the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note edged up to 1.78 percent from 1.76 percent in late Monday trading. Optimism over the U.S. economy has yanked the yield up over the past week, as traders shift money out of the safety of the Treasury market. The yield sank to its low for the year, 1.63 percent, last Thursday.

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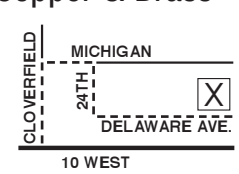


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Encroaching sea already a threat in Caribbean

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TELESCOPE, Grenada The old coastal road in this fishing village at the eastern edge of Grenada sits under a couple of feet of murky saltwater, which regularly surges past a hastily-erected breakwater of truck tires and bundles of driftwood intended to hold back the Atlantic Ocean.

For Desmond Augustin and other fishermen living along the shorelines of the southern Caribbean island, there's nothing theoretical about the threat of rising sea levels.

"The sea will take this whole place down," Augustin said as he stood on the stump of one of the uprooted palm trees that line the shallows off his village of tin-roofed shacks built on stilts. "There's not a lot we can do about it except move higher up."

The people along this vulnerable stretch of eastern Grenada have been watching the sea eat away at their shoreline in recent decades, a result of destructive practices such as the extraction of sand for construction and ferocious storm surges made worse by climate change, according to researchers with the U.S.-based Nature Conservancy, who have helped locals map the extent of coastal erosion.

Dozens of families are now thinking about relocating to new apartments built on a hillside about a 10-minute walk from their source of livelihood, a tough sell for hardy Caribbean fishing families who see beachfront living as a virtual birthright.

If climate change impact predictions come true, scientists and a growing number of government officials worry that this stressed swath of Grenada could preview what's to come for many other areas in the Caribbean, where 70 percent of the population live in coastal settlements.

In fact, a 2007 report by the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said the devastation wreaked on Grenada by 2004's Hurricane Ivan "is a powerful illustration of the reality of small-island vulnerability." The hurricane killed 28 people, caused damage twice the nation's gross domestic product, damaged 90 percent of the housing stock and hotel rooms and shrank an economy that had been growing nearly 6 percent a year, according to the climate scientists' report.

Storms and beach erosion have long shaped the geography of coastal environments, but rising sea levels and surge from more intense storms are expected to dramatically transform shorelines in coming decades, bringing enormous economic and social costs, experts say. The tourism-dependent Caribbean is thought to be one of the globe's most vulnerable regions.

"It's a massive threat to the economies of these islands," said Owen Day, a marine biologist with the Caribsave Partnership, a nonprofit group based in Barbados that is spearheading adaptation efforts. "I would say the region's coastal areas will be very severely impacted in the next 50 to 100 years."

Scientists and computer models estimate that global sea levels could rise by at least 1 meter (nearly 3.3 feet) by 2100, as warmer water expands and ice sheets melt in Greenland and Antarctica. Global sea levels have risen an average of 3 centimeters (1.18 inches) a decade since 1993, according to many climate scientists, although the effect can be amplified in different areas by topography and other factors.

In the 15 nations that make up the Caribbean Community bloc, that could mean the displacement of 110,000 people and the loss of some 150 multimillion- dollar tourist resorts, according to a modeling analysis prepared by Caribsave for the United Nations Development Program and other organizations. Twenty-one of 64 regional airports could be inundated. About 5 percent of land area in the Bahamas and 2 percent of Antigua & Barbuda could be lost. Factoring in surge from more intense storms means a greater percentage of the regional population and infrastructure will be at risk.

In eastern Grenada, people living in degraded coastal areas once protected by mangrove thickets say greater tidal fluctuations have produced unusually high tides that send seawater rushing up rivers. Farmers complain that crops are getting damaged by the intrusion of the salty water.

Adrian George is one of the coastal residents preparing to move into an inland apartment complex built by the Chinese government following the devastation left by Hurricane Ivan.

"I'm now ready to move up to the hills," George said in the trash-strewn eastern Grenadian village of Soubise, which is regularly swamped with seawater and debris at high tide. "Here, the waves will just keep getting closer and closer until we get swept away."

One response in the wealthier island of Barbados has been building a kilometer-long breakwater and waterfront promenade to help protect fragile coastlines. In most cases, international money is pouring in to kick-start "soft engineering" efforts restoring natural buffers such as mangroves, grasses and deep-rooted trees such as sea grape. Some call that the most effective and cheapest way to minimize the impact of rising seas.

But in the long run, "we need to move our centers of population, infrastructure, et cetera, out of the areas likely to become vulnerable to rising seas," said Anthony Clayton, a climate change expert and the director of a sustainability institute at Jamaica's campus of the University of the West Indies.

Where to rebuild will be yet another challenge, with the region's islands mostly rugged and mountainous with small areas of flat land in coastal areas.

Even with the Caribbean so threatened, many islands have been slow to adapt, and awareness of the problem has only recently grown. Last year, the European Investment Bank announced it would give $65 million in concessionary loans to help 18 Caribbean nations adapt, while conservation groups try, among other projects, to restore buffering mangroves and set up fishing sanctuaries to help fringing reefs recover. The Caribbean Community Climate Change Center in Belize is managing the regional response.

Yet not everyone is convinced that climate change is as dire as forecast.

Peter De Savary, a British entrepreneur and major property developer on Grenada's famed Grande Anse Beach, said the availability of capital, energy costs and the health of the global economy are far more imminent concerns than rising sea levels. He notes that most existing beach resorts will have to be rebuilt anyway in coming decades due to normal wear and tear so projected climate change impacts won't require much attention.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **55.4°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **May 1, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Grousbeck Family Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	C	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Ref's death a consequence of lack of sportsmanship

NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

The football teams were still on the field, exchanging the traditional postgame handshakes, when Pete McCabe walked by. The veteran referee heard another official call his name and turned, only to be smashed in the face with a helmet by one of the players.

Almost every bone in McCabe's face was broken, his skull fractured in several places and his nose nowhere close to where it belonged. As he lay on the ground in Rochester, N.Y., the semipro player who assaulted him stood over him yelling, "Take that. Take that. This is what I'm all about."

"I have said since this happened to me that it's going to happen again," McCabe said, "and someone is going to get killed."

Four years later, someone was.

McCabe was sickened when he heard the news that Ricardo Portillo had died Saturday, a week after the youth soccer referee in Utah had been punched in the head by a 17-year-old player angry over a yellow card. Just as Portillo's family is now pleading for athletes to control their tempers, McCabe has spent the last four years preaching the importance of sportsmanship in and around Rochester.

To limited success.

"There's no respect for officials now," McCabe said Monday. "Go look at any game, and they're yelling at the official. Pick a high school event, and go watch a couple of games. I guarantee you, you'll see a coach get out of control on the sideline. Or a parent. Or a kid. It's so rampant.

"What happened in Utah, I knew it was going to happen. It was just a matter of time," he added. "Whether it was New York state, Massachusetts, Florida, it was going to happen somewhere in this country."

But the problem isn't limited to this country.

Several Dutch teens are awaiting trial in the beating death late last year of a volunteer linesman who was working his son's youth soccer game. In Brazil last month, a referee was kicked in the chest after the final whistle of a third-division match of the Sao Paulo state championship. A referee in Kenya has filed a lawsuit against the national soccer federation, contending he is impotent after a coach grabbed his testicles in protest over a call. A Spanish soccer player was banned for three months last year after throwing a plastic water bottle at a referee. Also last year, a soccer player in New Zealand was banned indefinitely after he punched a referee and broke his jaw.

And at hockey's Under-18 World Championships in Estonia last month, a Lithuanian player hurled his stick at a referee, hitting him in the upper body.

"Part of this isn't a sport problem, part of it is a societal problem," said Dan Gould, director of the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State. "You watch TV, and the trash talking that's accepted. If you're famous, you're almost supposed to get into trouble. Why is everyone infatuated with Lindsay Lohan when she seems like a spoiled brat?"

Added Barry Mano, the founder and president of the National Association of Sports Officials, "We've become so loud and so brash. It's about me and about being in the spotlight. All of those things play out in the games we play."

Part of the beauty of sports — and youth sports in particular — has always been its power to educate and transform. To instill in athletes skills and values they can use for the rest of their lives, in arenas that don't have hardwood floors or boundaries outlined in chalk. Talk to any CEO or other successful person, and odds are he or she can trace the lessons they learned about teamwork, fair play, leadership and overcoming challenges back to Little League, Pee-Wee football or some other youth sport.

But just like passing, dribbling and hitting, those skills don't come with the uniform and the practice schedule. They have to be taught and reinforced by league administrators, coaches and, of course, the parents who signed their kids up for a team in the first place.

"Most Americans really want their kids to learn values through sports. And research has found we can teach kids to be good sports and enhance their moral development through sports if it's done correctly," Gould said. "But the big myth is it just happens."

Even referees and officials can do a better job, Mano said.

Watch any college basketball game, and odds are you'll see a coach not only stalking the sideline but coming onto the floor to protest a call. That's a violation, Mano said, yet it's almost never called.

"We've softened too much by letting bad behavior go escaped," he said.

It may not seem like much. But add up all the little transgressions that have been overlooked or excused, and sports now has a big problem.

"I really believe in the power of sport for changing people," Gould said. "But it's not going to happen if we just hope it happens. We need to train coaches, and the leagues need to be organized and have pretty defined rules of what's tolerable and what's not tolerable.

"You also need to recognize good sporting behavior," he added. "It's not just about fixing the problem."

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has developed a "True Sport" campaign to help parents, coaches and administrators return the emphasis in sports to the life lessons that don't show up in the won-loss column. The program includes educational materials, codes of conduct and good behavior pledges, and the approach is individually tailored for athletes in elementary school, middle school and high school. In the Netherlands, the Dutch FA responded to Richard Nieuwenhuizen's death with a "Respect" campaign targeted at players of all levels.

And at i9 Sports, sportsmanship is valued so highly there are weekly rewards for it.

The recreational youth league, which has programs in 280 communities in 28 states, designates a specific value of sportsmanship — being a good buddy, humility, leadership — for coaches to emphasize each week. At the end of the week, the player on each team who best exemplified that value gets recognized.

Parents also have to pledge to display good sportsmanship, and not use negative or derogatory language with officials, coaches, other parents or kids. They also pledge to keep fun as the main emphasis of the league.

"We believe there's great value in competition, healthy competition," said Frank Fiume, founder and CEO of i9 Sports. "But learning how to win with grace and lose with dignity is key."

That's a lesson that's been ignored for too long, McCabe said. With devastating consequences.

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1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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Renoir (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 6:15pm

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3:35pm, 8:55pm

At Any Price (R) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

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1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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Happy Birthday

Brendan Pattison: Local Mass-transplant, dog lover and wizard school grad.

Pay bills tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your imagination plays out with a financial decision. You could be wondering what to do, but if you relax or take a walk, you will know what to do. Tonight: Do not feel as if you must do anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You'll wake up knowing what you would like to do. Emphasize your priorities. What you need from a certain someone is more acceptance, but you are likely to receive the opposite. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might want to think through what you are willing to do in a certain situation. Your ability to move forward could be affected by your mood and energy right now. Do not allow someone's negativity to filter in. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Listen to a suggestion from others; your friends mean well. Your creativity and a brainstorming session might not be as fruitful as a clear-cut suggestion from a friend could be. Do not allow pressure to build. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You suddenly might realize that you have more going on than you originally thought. Pressure builds as a result. Have a discussion with someone you trust. You might want this person to pitch in more. Tonight: Make it early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. A partner can sense that you are looking for something new, and he or she will help you. Communication could be active. Listen and open up. This process is good for you. Tonight: Detach in order to find the answer to a problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to consider making a change or doing something very differently. A key partner is far more conservative than you thought. Use care with your finances, as you could be pushed to meet many different demands. Tonight: Pay bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll find that others are seeking you out, specifically a friend or a group of friends. You might want to head in a different direction. Others see you as negative, but you see yourself as someone who makes strong choices. Tonight: Let others do what they want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. You are going to have to take action and head in a new direction. You have a lot of feelings regarding an investment or piece of real estate. You could have a lot going on right now and feel out of sorts on some level. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Someone's plan might not have been logically thought out. As a result, a friend could retreat into his or her cocoon. You need to let this person decide when he or she wants to open up. Tonight: Add some fun and adventure to the mix.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Do not agree to anything unless you are sure of the fine print and implications involved with a financial agreement; otherwise, there easily could be a last-minute problem. Tonight: Be wherever your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. Open up to a change, but do not be surprised by mounting negativity. Unfortunately, you could get less-than-desirable feedback no matter what you do. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

This year you focus on communication and creating much more of what you want. You will need to let go of what no longer works in order to make space for that which does. If you are single, you could meet someone very interesting. You also might note there are periods when there is some distance between you. If you are attached, the two of you might be in the process of renegotiating the tie between you. A TAURUS friend can be as stubborn as you are.

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

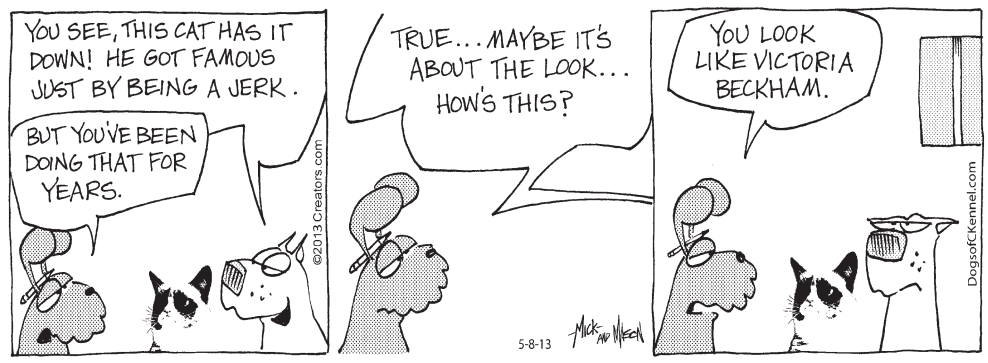
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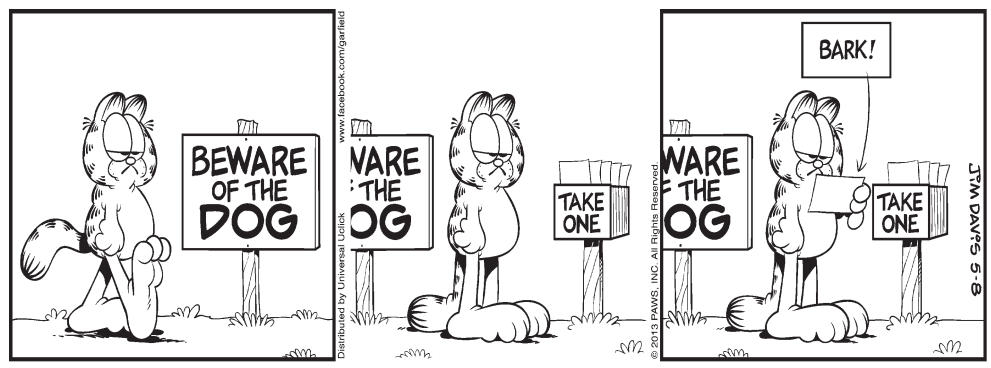
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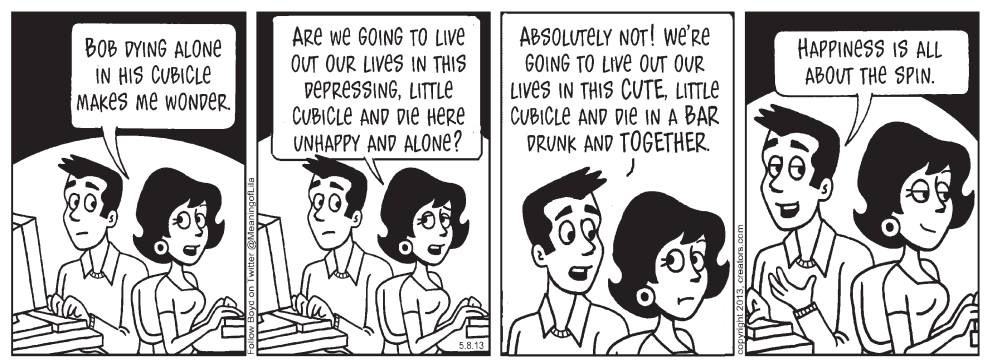
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 White House power
5 Pollux's twin
11 Swear
12 Onto the beach
13 Pride member
14 Pointed a finger at
15 Caribou's cousin
16 Competed
17 Queeg's ship
19 Naughty
22 Plant life
24 Stand-in
26 Valentine word
27 Golf goal
28 Exemplary
30 Flat-nosed dogs
31 According to
32 Violinist Stern
34 Russian ruler
35 Switch setting
38 Financially solvent
41 Track shape
42 Dakota city
43 Goat cheese
44 Market movements
45 Hard journey

DOWN

1 Dell
2 Diabolical
3 Ducked down
4 Hold title to
5 Plane part
6 Out
7 Herring's kin
8 Huck's pal
9 Bonanza stuff
10 Roulette bet
16 Through
18 Geometry calculation
19 Title setting
20 Car bar
21 Salon jobs
22 Overturn
23 Bonanza find
25 Perl-man of "Cheers"
29 Gecko, for one
30 Golf goal
33 Fills up
34 Hokey stuff
36 Destiny
37 Severe criticism
38 Fitting
39 Tall tree
40 Antietam general
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Most of Iceland's 320,000 inhabitants are at least distantly related to each other, leading the country to compile the "Book of Icelanders" database of family connections dating back 1,200 years. With "accidental" incest thus a genuine problem, three software engineers recently created a mobile phone app that allows strangers to "bump" phones with each other and know, instantly, whether they are closely related. In its first few days of release in April, the developers said it had already been used almost 4,000 times.

■ New York City Councilman Dan Halloran was charged in April with aiding state Sen. Malcolm Smith's alleged bribery scheme to run for mayor -- thus bringing Halloran's extraordinary back story light as the first "open" pagan to be elected to office in the U.S. Halloran converted in the 1980s to medieval Theodish, whose outfits and ceremonies resemble scenes from Dungeons & Dragons -- horns, sacrifices, feasts, duels using spears and public floggings. (The Village Voice reported in 2011 that Halloran was the "First Atheling" of his own Theodish tribe of 100, called New Normandy, but Halloran said in April that today he is merely an "elder.")

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1912 – Paramount Pictures is founded.

1924 – The Klaipòda Convention is signed formally incorporating Klaipòda Region (Memel Territory) into Lithuania.

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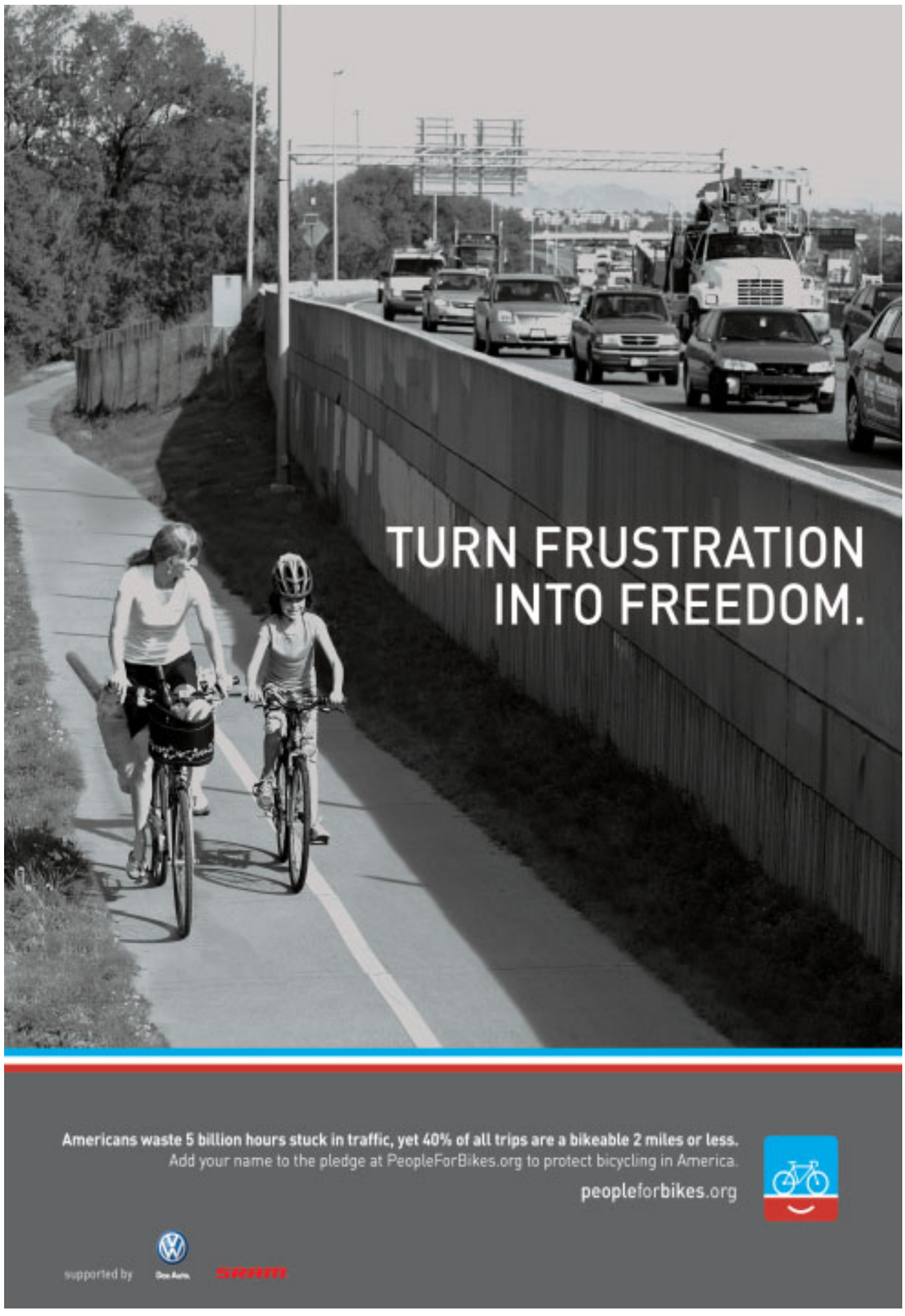
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