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Samohi alum invited to Raiders rookie mini-camp

SAFRON GETS PEEK INTO NFL AFTER CAREER AT SAC STATE

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

OAKLAND There's an incoming call on Garrett Safron's phone, but he doesn't answer. He's busy poring over a new playbook, making notecards and preparing for the opportunity of a lifetime.

It's the evening of May 7, and the former Santa Monica High School standout is one night's sleep away from taking the field at Oakland Raiders rookie mini-camp. The preparation isn't going to take care of itself.

"It's a long journey, and it's a business now," he says. "They're not here to hold your hand. It's time for you to put in the work."

Taking a quick break from his study session, Safron reflects on the fact that the work he's put in over the last eight years has earned him a chance, however slight, to compete for a spot in the NFL.

After wrapping up his stellar career as quarterback at Sacramento State, he heard from Raiders quarterbacks coach Todd Downing that the franchise was potentially interested in him as a post-draft prospect.

With the help of an agent, who was also in touch with the Kansas City Chiefs and Buffalo Bills about possible invitations, Safron secured a spot to try out for the team that plays just 90 miles from the university where he excelled under center.

"I was just hoping that what I did in college was enough to give me a shot at the next level," he says.

Entering the mini-camp, where the targets of his passes would include highly touted Alabama wideout Amari Cooper, the undrafted Safron knows he'll have to prove himself to the right people. Of course, he's done exactly that many times before.

As an incoming ninth-grader at Samohi, Safron had spent some time on the gridiron but didn't have any experience in tackle football. He developed into a dynamic signal-caller nonetheless, eventually earning first-team all-league honors during a senior campaign in which he threw for 2,065 yards and 17 touchdowns while completing 57 percent of his passes.



Bob Solorio/Sacramento State Athletics

PROSPECT: **Garrett Safron is being evaluated by the Oakland Raiders.**

Safron was plenty capable as a basketball and baseball player, too, but as a sophomore he was inspired by then-senior quarterback Ryan Katz, who went on to play at Oregon State and San Diego State.

"I wanted to follow his footsteps," Safron says. "I chose to focus all on football. And now I'm trying to keep it going."

He kept it going at Sacramento State, where he carved out a phenome-

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Samohi freshman killed in crash

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OLYMPIC BLVD. A Santa Monica High School student died Sunday night after being struck by a car while riding his scooter, officials said.

Leo Castillo, a 16-year-old freshman who had previously attended John Adams Middle School, was riding with a friend on 26th Street near Olympic Boulevard when he was hit, according to the Santa Monica-Malibu school district.

The Santa Monica Police Department issued a statement that said the driver of the vehicle was traveling westbound on Olympic Blvd. while the motorized scooter, carrying the victim and a passenger, was traveling northbound on 26th St. at about 8:52 p.m.

"As the driver proceeded westbound through the intersection on a green light, he was unable to avoid striking the driver and passenger of the scooter, who entered into the intersection against a red light," said the statement.

Authorities said the driver, a 73-year-old man from Los Angeles, remained at the scene and cooperated. There was no evidence of drugs or alcohol.

"Our hearts and thoughts go out to Leo's family and friends during this sad time," Samohi principal Eva Mayoral said in a statement. "Many of us also knew Leo as a JAMS student and losing a member of our Samo and SMMUSD family is just devastating to all of us."

Castillo's friend is in critical condition, according to the school district. The friend's name was not released.

District officials have

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Council considers SMO emissions, Zoning Ordinance, new City Manager

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL This time it's really happening, hopefully.

After hours of debate, City Council is slated to make a final decision on the Zoning Ordinance Tuesday night.

Public comment was heard last week and council debated until after 3 a.m. before continuing the item to this week. The ordinance, which will dictate land use throughout the city for years to come, is all but wrapped up. Public comment won't be heard again and, in theory, council will be able to approve the ordinance after hearing some language tweaks made by city attorneys and planners.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 12

Green Living Workshop
Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money, and positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Kimberly Truhler's Style Stories - Joan Crawford
Film historian Kimberly Truhler delivers a fascinating glimpse into the history of film fashion, focusing on stars and their sartorial iconography. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415, PCH, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Xerox Lithography with
Join Zeina Baltagi for a workshop that takes you back to the day of the underground zine. Use the particular properties of xerox toner and printer's ink to create gritty multiples with a real physical presence. No experience necessary, just a punk rock attitude & a willingness to learn. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., call (310) 458-2239 or register online https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44615.

Handwork Hangout with Leslie Robinson
Bring your own sewing, beading, collage or accessorizing projects to get tips, or embark on something new. Some materials provided and others are available for purchase. 1450 Ocean, call (310) 458-2239 or register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=handwork

City Council Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m., Visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx for more information.

Movie Screening "The Hobbit: the Battle of the Five Armies"
The epic adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien?s classic concludes as Bilbo, Thorin and the rest of the dwarves lay claim to the Lonely Mountain. (144 min.) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m.

May Mischief
Come to the Ocean Park Library for some stories, and a puppet show, celebrating the merry, merry, month of May. This program will be on Tuesday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. This program is for ages 3-7. Tickets are free but must be picked up after 12 noon on the day of the performance. Call the Ocean Park Library at (310) 458-8683 for more information.

40th Anniversary Emeritus College Art Exhibition
Opening reception - with Ikebana arrangement by Tory Lowitz, light refreshments, and a pictorial review of Emeritus College's history - for exhibition of works by Emeritus College and guest professional artists, including Charles Arnoldi, Steven Bankhead, Merwin Belin, Jesse Benson, Judy Benson, Olivia Booth, Carla Danes, Erwin Glaub, John Greco, Scott Greiger, Jacob Melchi, Renee Petropoulos, Catherine Tirr, and Erin Watson. 1227 Second St., 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Tongva After Dark Concert
For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/tongva-park/events, 7:30 p.m., 1615 Ocean Ave.

Do Our Rivers Have a Chance?
Growing human populations, as well as agriculture and industry, are all placing increasing demands on limited water supplies while climate change is exacerbating drought and reducing snow fall conditions. Steve Fleischli, Director of the Water Program at the NRDC, and hydrologist Dennis Lettenmaier,

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UCLA Professor of Geography, will speak on the threats to the world's rivers and what we can do to protect them. Hammer Museum at UCLA, 10899 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Demolition Angel
Carol Starkey, a Los Angeles bomb squad detective who watched her lover/partner die in a detonation, embarks on a dangerous investigation into explosions rocking the city that are designed specifically to kill bomb technicians. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m. http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31919

Computer Basics: Beyond the Mouse
Use your growing mouse skills to perform a variety of basic tasks on a computer. 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 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Rent Control Board Meeting
Regular Rent Control Board Meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m., www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx.

Gemstone Glycerine Soaps with Angharad Caceres
Make jewellike glycerin soaps with carved facets and organically flowing colors. Explore techniques for making faux semi-precious stones like turquoise, agate, malachite, jasper or come up with your own fantastical creations. 1450 Ocean, 7 p.m., $20 + $15 cash material fee to instructor. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44616 or call (310) 458-2239.

Author Talk
"THINK LIKE A BABY" authors Amber & Andy Ankowski will share tips on how parents can use everyday items to conduct "experiments" at home to help them better understand their child's physical, cognitive, and social development. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Movie screening: Gone Girl
In this adaptation of Gillian Flynn's hugely popular crime thriller, Ben Affleck stars as a man who is suspected in the disappearance and possible killing of his estranged wife. (Film runtime: 149 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 6 - 9 p.m.

Cardio Salsa + Back Rehabilitation
Come experience an exhilarating cardio workout! Get energized with Salsa, Merengue, and Cha Cha, then switch to Pilates for core and balance. Cool down with yoga stretches for flexibility. All levels welcome. Drop in participation available, $20. 1450 Ocean, 12:30 - 2 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/42783 or call (310) 458-2239.

Homework Help
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 p.m.









FOOD DRIVE

Justin Landrum

Postal carriers will continue to pick up food donations left by mailboxes throughout the week. The efforts are part of the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Pictured are Santa Monica Postmaster Robert Villa, David Levin (a Letter Carrier in Santa Monica since 1977), Ebony Smith and Antonya Bourgeois with a boy scout volunteer. The National Association of Letter Carriers event is the biggest food drive nationwide. In Santa Monica there are nearly 200 Carriers who, while delivering mail to every address in the city, will pick up any non-perishable food left at the mailbox.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra

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Magicopolis Maestro is a liar

AS A DIVORCE AND CHILD CUSTODY LAWYER I come across more than my fair share of liars, cheats and thieves, and that's just at the Bar meetings, let alone clients. So after 16 years of swimming with these sharks I've a fairly well attuned nose for when the BS is flying and when it's not. Most of the best liars I've come across avoid the ploys to "prove" their honesty, they don't say things like "to be honest" or "you can believe me because…" no they tend to have a pat story that they can stick to, and hope that repetition will convince you that they are truly honest.

Good con-men have a way of worming their way into your heart and making you want to believe their honest and caring and kind, like rattlesnake on a rock they just look all pretty until they strike and you're left with your ego smashed and your pocketbook drained.

Occasionally though I do come across an honest liar. The kind of person who upfront tells you what they're going to do, or maybe they cop to a "little white lie" to soften the blow of some bad piece of news. But that's not what I'm writing about today.

Today is all about an honest to goodness full on truthful liar, Steve Spill is completely upfront about his prevarications, duplicitous nature and his ability to confound, befuddle and trick you. He's so honest he even titled his book, "I Lie For Money." There's no more honest liar around, we should consider putting him in Congress if only to teach the lying liars how to be honest liars.

In all fairness, Spill is in actuality a magician, so his lies are in furtherance of the show, mostly. For 50 years now Spill has been entertaining audiences with sleight of hand, making people disappear, putting money in lemons and if his current show at Magicopolis is any indicator telling jokes that are sometimes corny, clever, creative, astoundingly tried and true, and often off-color in a way that parents will understand but flies like Peter Pan right over the heads of the children in the audience.

I've known Spill for about a decade now, we're gym friends and back a year or two ago he started writing a book about his adventures as a traveling magician. He's performed all over the world and has an astounding array of celebrity friends. His stories form a patchwork of insights into the world of magic and celebrity. He name-drops in his book like a modern day Truman Capote, but without the bitterness.

The book is an enjoyable read, especially since I read the book and hear his voice. I would highly recommend you attend a show at Magicopolis to get a flavor for who Spill is and what kind of a character you're reading about. The show I attended was a mix of slapstick, kitsch, odd humor and fun tricks. One of the tricks Spill is famous for and he writes about in his book, is the Lemon Trick. He takes money from an audience member and then after some prestidigitation it magically appears inside a lemon when it's cut open. Spill resurrected the trick from an old vaudeville act and perfected it, and it has become a staple in his career.

Liars, cheats and thieves are generally people of good cheer, they use their charm to put you at ease and make you vulnerable to their skills. Spill is certainly charming, he should be after 50 years of perfecting his magical abilities in front of audiences of all sizes and membership. But he doesn't lie when he says you will enjoy the show, and I certainly did.

Magicopolis is open on Friday and Saturday for shows, and is available for private birthday parties, corporate events and private rental. Spill's book, I Lie for Money is available at the theater and online at Amazon.com. I hear that you can probably get Spill to autograph a copy if you buy it at the theater.

It's a good summer read for some funny stories about a local treasure, or so he says, but I don't know, that may be a lie …

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Sustainable Planning is Essential to Combating Global Climate Change

AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE OFTEN GUIDED by the maxim that we should think globally and act locally. In the fight against global climate change, that has certainly been true.

Santa Monica has been a leader in this fight. As a city, we have been striving for a 15 percent reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions — the primary cause of global climate change — by 2015 compared to 1990 levels.

We'll find out later this year if we've hit the target, but it's clear that, even if we have, the harder work lies ahead.

Governor Jerry Brown's latest executive order, calling for a statewide reduction of GHG emissions to 40 percent of 1990 levels by 2030, only drives home the urgency for action now.

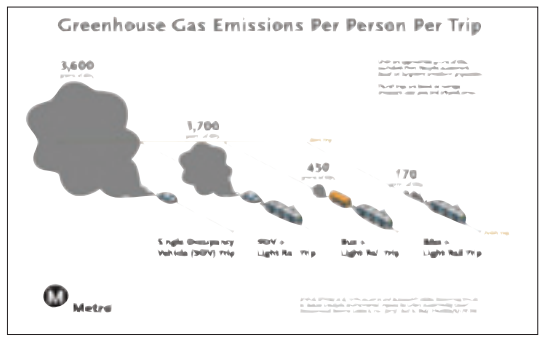
Brown's order was meant to get us to the ambitious goal of a statewide 80 percent reduction in GHG emissions compared to 1990 levels by 2050. That's the goal mandated by State Senator Fran Pavley's 2006 Global Warming Solutions Bill (AB 32).

To get there, we will need a full toolkit. The single largest source of GHG emissions in our city — and the state — is transportation. More than a third of GHG emissions comes from personal vehicle travel.

If we are serious about meeting these goals — and we should be considering how dire the situation is — we need to act locally to invite people out of their cars by creating a city that is safe and comfortable for walking, riding bikes, and using public transportation.

Not only are people healthier when they are able to walk, bike, and take transit to the grocery store, to work, and to accomplish other day-to-day tasks, creating an environment in which they want to leave their cars at home is essential to combating the root causes of global climate change.

The Exposition Light Rail will be a huge boon in this fight to reduce our regional reliance on GHG producing single-occupancy vehicles, but Expo isn't going to significantly change commuter patterns in the region alone.



The locations of new buildings — the places people call home, go to work, do their shopping, and otherwise live out their daily lives — and the mix of uses we allow in them determines how far people will have to travel and how they will travel there. Smart planning allows more trips by zero-emissions bikes, feet, and renewably-powered electric rail, bus, or cars.

The so-called business as usual model of planning has forced homes to be built farther and farther away from the places people work, like Santa Monica and the Westside, forcing longer commutes and a reliance on cars by those who work here. We in Santa Monica experience the crushing traffic almost daily, nearly half of which is made up of commuters who can't live here. Estimates suggest that our population doubles daily as people commute here; if those people had the option to live closer to their jobs, they would have more sustainable choices for commuting, taking cars off the road, especially during peak travel times.

Transit-oriented development (TOD) along the Expo line produces 33 percent less GHG emissions over its lifetime than non-TOD away from Expo. That reflects the fact that people living and working at these new buildings are driving less.

Considering the aggressive state goals for GHG emission reductions, we need to jump at opportunities to meet them.

Below you can see a visual comparison on the impact of TOD versus so-called business as usual (BAU) development on GHG emissions and energy consumption. The chart is from an upcoming article in the National Academies Journal Transportation Research Record.

Our GHG reduction goals are statewide, which makes sense considering that GHG emissions are a global pollutant. But, the state is made up of hundreds of communities like Santa Monica. If we don't do our part, it only makes it harder for the state to reach its goals.

Cars get upgraded every decade or two. Electricity gets cleaner when the state mandates that utilities use more renewable power and when municipalities champion programs like Solar Santa Monica. However, when we make planning decisions about land use, we lock in future transportation GHG emissions because much of what we build today will likely be with us for a century or longer.

The buildings we planned and built yesterday will still have an impact on GHG emissions in 2050. Do we really want to plan for the buildings of tomorrow to make it harder for the state to reach its GHG goals?

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Of Nazis and Guillotines

AS A JEW BORN THE YEAR WORLD War II ended, the horror of Nazi atrocities has been an ever-present force in my life. I grew up hearing the grotesque tales of life and death in the concentration camps. I've seen most of the movies and documentaries on the subject and visited Dachau when I was 25, leaving a depressed soul.

Not long ago, my son returned from an emotional tour of the museum in Nuremberg dedicated to the post-war trials of Nazi leaders. Like most Jews, I cheered when Adolf Eichmann, the architect of Hitler's so-called "Final Solution," was rooted from his hiding place and returned to Israel in 1961, where he was tried and subsequently executed. I reveled in the exploits of Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who relentlessly tracked down so many Nazi fugitives.

But recently I read "The Race Against Time to Convict Surviving Nazis" in the April 24 edition of Newsweek. Rather than reflecting a civilized society's desire to bring tyrants to justice, the prosecutions described seem to me more like the random blood lust of Al Queda or ISIS or the guillotine days of the French revolution.

As a lawyer who has spent much of his career pursuing justice for the victims of destructive cults, I know how easy it is to cross that line from justice to revenge. But I believe in the rule of law and what I read in article convinced me that this prosecutorial crusade has little to do with that.

Four years ago, in Munich, convicted former Nazi guard John Demjanjuk was tried and sentenced to five years in prison (he died while the verdict was being appealed). While the court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to convict him of participating in the mass murder of Jews, it was apparent that he didn't try to stop it. He was thus part of the Nazi "killing machine" and an accessory to murder, the court explained.

This admittedly "lower bar" for conviction opened the floodgates for a host of cases like Oska Groning, 93, who witnessed a concentration camp guard brutally murder a baby. Mr. Groning's primary job was counting the money confiscated from inmates but is now charged with failing to stop the killing.

Mr. Groning professes, the article states, that he has suffered from recurring nightmares about the baby's murder ever since, but neither that nor his advanced age has earned him any sympathy in the German courts.

Apparently, after seven decades, the rapidly dwindling supply of actual Nazi villains -policy makers, leaders and brutal psychopaths — isn't sufficient to satiate the public's lust for revenge.

I wonder if any of these modern-day moralists would have had the courage to stand up and insist that all the armed butchers surrounding them cease their murderous ways? Could someone simply announce that they no longer wanted to serve as a guard and walk away? We all know the answer to that.

If Germany and Newsweek are correct, then we must immediately arrest every soldier who was at My Lai, whether or not they actually participated in the massacre. Maybe we should add all the pilots and foot soldiers who invaded Iraq. And everyone connected to any drones that went off target.

The leaders of the Nazi movement, who crafted this murderous policy, certainly must be punished as do the butchers who carried out these heinous crimes. But do we really want to punish young men who were simply trying to survive in a violent and insane regime? Would it not, after so much time passage, be wiser to pursue just the planners?

The Nazi Party succeeded in brainwashing a large portion of the German populace. And scientific studies have shown that a surprisingly large percentage of any population is willing to commit shocking tortuous acts if convinced by an imposing authority figure that they are for the betterment of mankind. Instead of perp-walking them into court in a charade of justice, perhaps we should get their stories and learn from them before they pass on.

The Holocaust is an undeniable tragedy the lessons of which should never be forgotten. As anyone in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Middle East can tell you, the sickness they detail hasn't disappeared.

Still, there are those who want to cast stones at nonagenarians for the inability of their teenage selves to reverse the tragic direction of an entire nation gone mad. This smacks of denial and ignores the lessons learned from studies of the notorious cults of the 20th century, i.e., that good people, under a perfect storm of circumstances, could be induced to do terrible things.

To all those who seek to fill jail cells with old men, I suggest you first consider how much better you would have done if forced to march a mile in their jackboots.

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Common sense could save schools

Editor:

Only the SMMUSD could have an increased budget including hiring additional staff and increased employment benefits while at the same time have a declining student population and continue to keep a disastrous district wide fundraising scheme. Given record state tax revenues, we should be reading about a budget surplus.

How about closing underutilized schools, not paying some administrators hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in salary/benefits, allowing parents to donate where they want, not allowing non-district students to attend SMMUSD schools and reducing the number of administrators and teachers to levels that are required to teach only those children who actually live in our district? These are all pretty common sense idea which would result in a budget surplus.

For too many years we have allowed, and even encouraged, out of district students to attend our schools on the argument that the state gives our district revenue for each student. While that half of the argument is correct, the SMMUSD always fails to add that the state revenue falls far short of the total cost of the additional student. All the out of the district students do is to help the SMMUSD justify higher staffing levels than we require to educate in district children. SMMUSD's priority is the unions and not for the students or the tax payers.

I wonder how long it will be before we read about the SMMUSD suggesting we need new taxes to fund their continued incompetence. Enough is enough.

Linda Fineman
Santa Monica

With Blackhawks, Ducks there's no shortage of star power

ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO No team in the NHL is on a bigger roll than the Anaheim Ducks and none is more tested than the Chicago Blackhawks.

These two powerhouses are about to meet in a Western Conference final full of star power and intriguing matchups.

"It's going to be one heck of a series," Ducks captain Corey Perry said. "They're a great team. When you put two teams together, it's going to be a great series. They're a skating club, and they're kind of similar to Calgary. They've got a lot of speed, a lot of skill, and you've got to be ready to step in front of them and eliminate their time and space, and if we do that, we'll be all right."

The top-seeded Ducks just might be the deepest and most physical team in the conference, if not the NHL, but they haven't won a Stanley Cup since 2007 - the last time they got advanced past the second round. They come into this series on quite a roll, at 8-1 in the postseason after capturing their third straight Pacific Division title, but they are facing a team that knows a thing or two about winning this time of year.

The Blackhawks and Los Angeles Kings have basically been trading the Stanley Cup since 2010, with each team winning twice and Boston grabbing it in 2011. Chicago missed a chance at another last year after an overtime goal by the Kings' Alec Martinez in Game 7 of the conference final.

"They have a great team," Chicago's Brandon Saad said. "They have a great forecheck and they're big and physical, and they play a good puck-possession game. It's going to be a battle. It's not going to come easy and we're going to have to be patient like these past couple series."

The Blackhawks won two of three from Anaheim during the regular season, outscoring the Ducks a combined 8-3 and surrendering just one goal in each game. They know that success against a team in the regular season does not necessarily translate to the postseason, where the stakes and the intensity go up a level or two.

"You watch 'em play, they've got a lot of different options they use," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said Monday. "They're very mobile and they're strong in all aspects. ... So we need to be our best in all areas ourselves. We feel like if we progress in the playoffs, you've got to elevate your game to beat teams that have a lot of confidence and they've got to be playing the right way. They've got a lot of things going for them."

The Ducks certainly looked sharp while sweeping Winnipeg and ousting Calgary in five games.

Anaheim has power and force in all four lines and plenty of skill to go with it. The Ducks lead the playoffs with 35 goals, and their power play has scored a whopping 31 percent of the time.

The Blackhawks, eyeing their third championship since 2010, got here by knocking out Nashville in six games and sweeping Minnesota. And they will certainly be well-rested by the time Game 1 rolls around. After all, they haven't played since Thursday.

While the start date for the conference final has not been announced, one mystery was solved Sunday night when Perry bounced up off his knees and scored in a scramble in overtime against the Flames after injuring his right leg earlier in the game. With a league-leading 15 points in the playoffs, Perry sure has been a headache for opposing teams.

"He does everything pretty well," Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford said. "He's a strong guy around the net. He's hard to move and his stick is so quick and he's a hard shot, too. He's pretty crafty too around the net. He's tough to read. You need to be aggressive on him but at the same time try to be patient too."

Chicago presents some headaches of its own. Besides Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane is rolling after missing the final 6 1/2 weeks of the regular season because of a broken collarbone. Kane and Perry are tied for second with seven goals and a plus-8 rating in the postseason.

"We are spoiled in a lot of ways," Quenneville said. "We got some top guys you get to watch here as a team and they make our team go in a lot of ways. But Kaner, he's got the wow factor along with that consistency in his game."

AP Sports Writer **GREG BEACHAM** in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

CRASH

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alerted teachers and students and notified parents about the fatal crash, spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said. They have also reached out to Castillo's parents to support "in any way they can during this difficult time."

Grief counseling was available to students and staff in the library Monday, and additional support was offered to students, families and community members Monday evening at Virginia Avenue Park.

Students and others took to social media to express their condolences.

"Didn't know … Leo but he's a Viking so regardless he's family and we should all send a prayer to him and his family," Zane Spielman wrote Monday on Twitter.

" ... take care of your self up there," Ashley Castillo tweeted.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Investigator Jason Olson at (310) 458-8954 or Sergeant Phillbo Rubish at (310) 458-8950 or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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Google acknowledges 11 accidents with its self-driving cars

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Google Inc. revealed Monday that its self-driving cars have been in 11 minor traffic accidents since it began experimenting with the technology six years ago.

The company released the number after The Associated Press reported that Google had notified California of three collisions involving its self-driving cars since September, when reporting all accidents became a legal requirement as part of the permits for the tests on public roads.

The director of Google's self-driving car project wrote in a web post that all 11 accidents were minor — "light damage, no injuries" — and happened over 1.7 million miles of testing, including nearly 1 million miles in self-driving mode.

"Not once was the self-driving car the cause of the accident," wrote Google's Chris Urmson.

"Cause" is a key word: Like Delphi Automotive, a parts supplier which suffered an accident in October with one of its two test cars, Google says it was not at fault.

Delphi sent AP an accident report showing its car was hit, but Google has not made public any records, so both enthusiasts and critics of the emerging technology have only the company's word on what happened. The California Department of Motor Vehicles said it could not release details from accident reports.

This lack of transparency troubles critics who want the public to be able to monitor the rollout of a technology that its own developers acknowledge remains imperfect.

John Simpson, privacy project director of the nonprofit Consumer Watchdog, notes that Google's ultimate goal is a car without a steering wheel or pedals. This could prevent a person from taking over if a car loses control, making it "even more important that the details of any accidents be made public - so people know what the heck's going on."

Delphi's accident report shows that the front of its 2014 Audi SQ5 was moderately damaged when it was broadsided by another car while waiting to make a left turn. Delphi's car was not in self-driving mode at the time, company spokeswoman Kristen Kinley said.

Five other companies with testing permits told the AP they had no accidents. In all, 48 cars are licensed to test on state roads.

That left Google, which has outfitted 23 Lexus SUVs with driverless technology. Asked last week whether its cars suffered the other three accidents, it acknowledged "a handful of minor fender-benders, light damage, no injuries, so far caused by human error and inattention."

On Monday, Urmson posted a more complete accounting online, going back to the program's origins in 2009.

The Google cars have been rear-ended seven times, often when stopped "but also on the freeway," Urmson wrote. In other collisions, the cars were side-swiped or "hit by a car rolling through a stop sign." Eight of the 11 collisions were on city streets.

He also described instances in which Google's cars avoided hitting other cars or bicyclists as they drove on streets near the company's Silicon Valley headquarters.

Nevada, Michigan and Florida have passed laws welcoming tests of self-driving cars onto their roads. Their regulators told AP they weren't aware of any reports.

California's regulators provided the total — four accidents since September — but would not comment about their nature or severity, citing a longstanding state law making collision reports confidential.

Some details, however, were revealed to the AP by a person familiar with these reports: Two of the accidents happened while the cars were in self-driving mode. In the other two, the person required to be behind the wheel was in control.

All four happened when the test car was moving at speeds of less than 10 mph, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity for lack of authorization to discuss the reports publicly.

A chief selling point for self-driving cars is safety.

Their cameras, radar and laser sensors provide a far more detailed understanding of their surroundings than humans have. Reaction times should be faster. Cars could be programmed to adjust if they sense a crash coming — move a few feet, tighten seat belts, honk the horn or flash lights at a distracted driver.

The top priority so far is not avoiding fender benders, but teaching them to avoid causing a serious accident that could set back acceptance of the technology for years, said Raj Rajkumar, a pioneer of the technology with Carnegie Mellon University.

The national rate for reported "property-damage-only crashes" is about 0.3 per 100,000 miles driven, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Google's 11 accidents over 1.7 million miles would work out to 0.6 per 100,000, but as company officials noted, as many as 5 million minor accidents are not reported to authorities each year — so it is hard to gauge how typical this is.

"Even when our software and sensors can detect a sticky situation and take action earlier and faster than an alert human driver, sometimes we won't be able to overcome the realities of speed and distance," Google's Urmson wrote. "Sometimes we'll get hit just waiting for a light to change."

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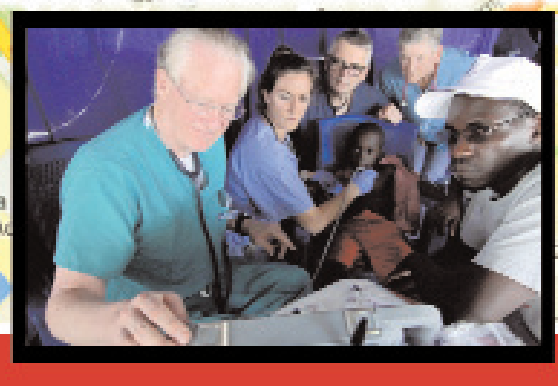
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California governor, other top officials get 3 percent raise

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown and other California leaders already making six-figure salaries got a raise on Monday for the third year in a row.

A citizen panel granted top elected officials and state lawmakers a 3 percent bump as it continues rolling back pay cuts imposed during the recession.

The Citizen Compensation Commission approved the salary and benefit increases on a 4-0 vote after less than an hour of discussion.

Commission member Nancy Miller said the state's record revenues weren't behind the increases. Rather, "salaries were cut so dramatically during the lean years" that elected officials' pay had to be addressed, she said.

Brown's pay will go to about $183,000, up from about $177,000.

Rank-and-file California lawmakers - who are already the nation's best-compensated - will now make salaries of a little more than $100,000. They can reject the raises if they choose.

During the recession, the commission cut lawmaker pay 18 percent and eliminated their state-owned vehicles. Lawmakers are also eligible for a $168 daily cost-of-living allowance, but they don't get pensions.

Members of the commission say the state's top elected officials, including the governor and attorney general, might deserve even more generous compensation because their pay lags counterparts in other states or at local levels, such as district attorneys and county supervisors.

The board did not grant bigger raises on Monday because members wanted more information on pay and a debate on the issue with a full commission after vacancies are filled.

"You are talking about significant increase for specific people that will have big ramifications," Miller said.

The raises take effect in December and come out of operation budgets for government offices, so the moves won't necessarily mean additional costs for taxpayers.

The commission's vote followed a 2 percent raise approved last year and a 5 percent increase in 2013.

This year's raises also include a 10 percent increase in state payments for health and dental benefits for statewide elected officials.

Members of the commission didn't indicate plans to overhaul compensation for legislators.

The seven-person commission was created by voters in 1990. Members are appointed by governors, and Brown has appointed all four current members.

The commission sets salaries and benefits for state lawmakers and the eight constitutional officers elected statewide, as well as for members of the Board of Equalization, which deals with a wide range of tax issues.

Aides to Brown, Attorney General Kamala Harris and Assembly Minority Leader Kristin Olsen declined to comment on the pay raises.

Representatives of other legislative leaders and the state's top financial officers did not immediately return requests for comments.

COUNCIL

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EMISSIONS ORDINANCE

Councilmember Terry O'Day is asking council to consider creating an ordinance and leasing standard that would "limit allowable emissions of air pollutants from aircraft and other sources at the Santa Monica airport."

Discussion, the item says, may relate to actions proposed by the Airport Commission and the Task Force on the Environment.

Last year, the Airport Commission approved of an ordinance that would ban aircraft that produce 40 or more pounds of hydrocarbon per hour when idling and 200 pounds per hour of nitrogen and oxides when in takeoff mode. Those limits would be phased down over time to become more restrictive.

The commission, which is made up of several members who have openly expressed a desire to close the airport, voted 3 to 1 to send the ordinance to council. Lael Rubin, the lone dissenter, questioned City Hall's legal authority to enact such an ordinance.

In March, council voted on the airport's future, acknowledging that many actions would result in litigation. They agreed, at the time, with the city attorneys' rejection of the Airport Commission-crafted emissions ordinance. City attorneys doubted the ordinance would hold up in court and instead suggested that council direct city officials to negotiate better environmental standards with lessees who, for instance, sell fuel at the airport.

O'Day's request comes in the form of a discussion item, which is an early step in the process of making policy, so it includes little information as to the specifics of his plan. If council takes action, they'd likely direct city attorneys to come back later with fleshed out policy.

Neighbors of the airport have long complained of its impacts, including pollution caused by aircraft. In July, a key agreement between City Hall and the Federal Aviation Administration expires, granting the former more control of portions of the 227-acre space.

NEW CITY MANAGER

Council will meet early Tuesday, at 4 p.m., to have a closed session discussion of the new city manager — City Hall's top job. Rod Gould retired from the post in January after giving a half-year's notice.

Elaine Polachek, who'd previously served as assistant city manager, took City Hall's helm after Gould left his office.

In November, council hired Alliance Resource Consulting to help in the hunt for the new captain.

"We will not be meeting with any applicants, just the consultant, to get a report on how the search has gone and decide if there are applicants we want to interview at a later date," Mayor Kevin McKeown said of the scheduled discussion.

The title comes with a big payday: Polachek is making the equivalent of $329,000 per year.

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

An ordinance that increases enforcement of the most popular types of short-term rentals is up for final adoption after a second reading Tuesday night. Council preliminarily approved the ordinance last week and second readings almost always pass.

The Los Angeles Short Term Rental Alliance has vowed to rally outside of City Hall in opposition to the ordinance before the meeting.

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HR systems top council's $7M consent calendar

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL City Council will consider spending $6,964,867, with the biggest ticket items being related to new human resource systems.

The development team tasked with planning a project on the city-owned property at Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue needs another six months to work. City planners are recommending that council extend their exclusive negotiating agreement.

Additionally, they're asking that council approve a $200,000 contract with Keyser Marston for three years of financial analyses on the aforementioned project and the Bergamot Station Arts Center development.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Council will consider opening its wallet to pay for pedestrian upgrades to the area around Santa Monica High School. City Hall got an $880,000 grant, contingent on a $100,000 local match, to make major upgrades to the neighborhood, including a reconfiguration of Michigan Avenue to one-way westbound between Lincoln Boulevard and Seventh Street. A new traffic signal would be installed at Pico Boulevard and Seventh. Painted bike lanes would be added in the area and sidewalks would be widened. The project was approved last year and expected to be in place by the beginning of this current school year.

Now the project is scheduled to start in July and finish by the end of the year.

All American Asphalt is recommended to get the $1,002,160 contract to install the improvements.

BUS RIDES HOME

Council will consider giving $70,000 to Greyhound, the bus company, to extend City Hall's Project Homecoming. The initiative reconnects homeless individuals with friends or family outside of Santa Monica. City Hall provides the bus ticket home and checks in on the person two week, three months, and six months after their trip home, city officials said in a report to council. Since 2006, they said, the program has reunited more than 1,600 individuals with family and friends.

PAYROLL SYSTEM

Rimini Street, which has been maintaining City Hall's payroll and financial systems, is expected to get a two-year contract extension to the tune of $148,670. City Hall is in the process of procuring a new financial and payroll system. That's expected to take two years.

PUNCHING THE CLOCK

Council is being asked to pay Kronos $35,000 to keep track of its employees' timesheets. The new software would, among other things, let employees track their time on their cell phones. Additionally, they want five more years of service from the company, which has been keeping City Hall's time for 15 years. That'll cost $497,000.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The software that City Hall uses for financial management, human resources, and payroll activities is out of date, city officials say. As a result, council will consider spending $3.2 million to have Tyler Technologies design a replacement program.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

In 2011, City Hall transitioned from requiring residents to drop their hazardous waste in one spot to a door-to-door pick-up program. Last fiscal year, 1,932 residents used the pick-up program.

Stericycle Environmental Solutions is slated to get a $285,000 contract for a year of pick-ups. Additionally, they're expected to get $110,000 for disposal of sewer diversion treatment units, wet well, and oil-water treatment interceptors operated by the Wastewater Division.

LEGAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Council will consider keeping the City Attorney Office's coffee table stocked.

City Hall's subscription to West Publications, a legal research publication, is expiring and council could extend the subscription for five years with a $600,000 check.

DNA ANALYST

Last year, council approved a contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the use of senior criminologist who ran DNA tests.

With the help of the criminologist, Santa Monica Police Department cleared its backlog of pending DNA samples and reduced wait processing times, leading to quicker results and, in theory, less time for criminals to commit more crimes.

The police department would like to extend that contract, at $168,032, for another year.

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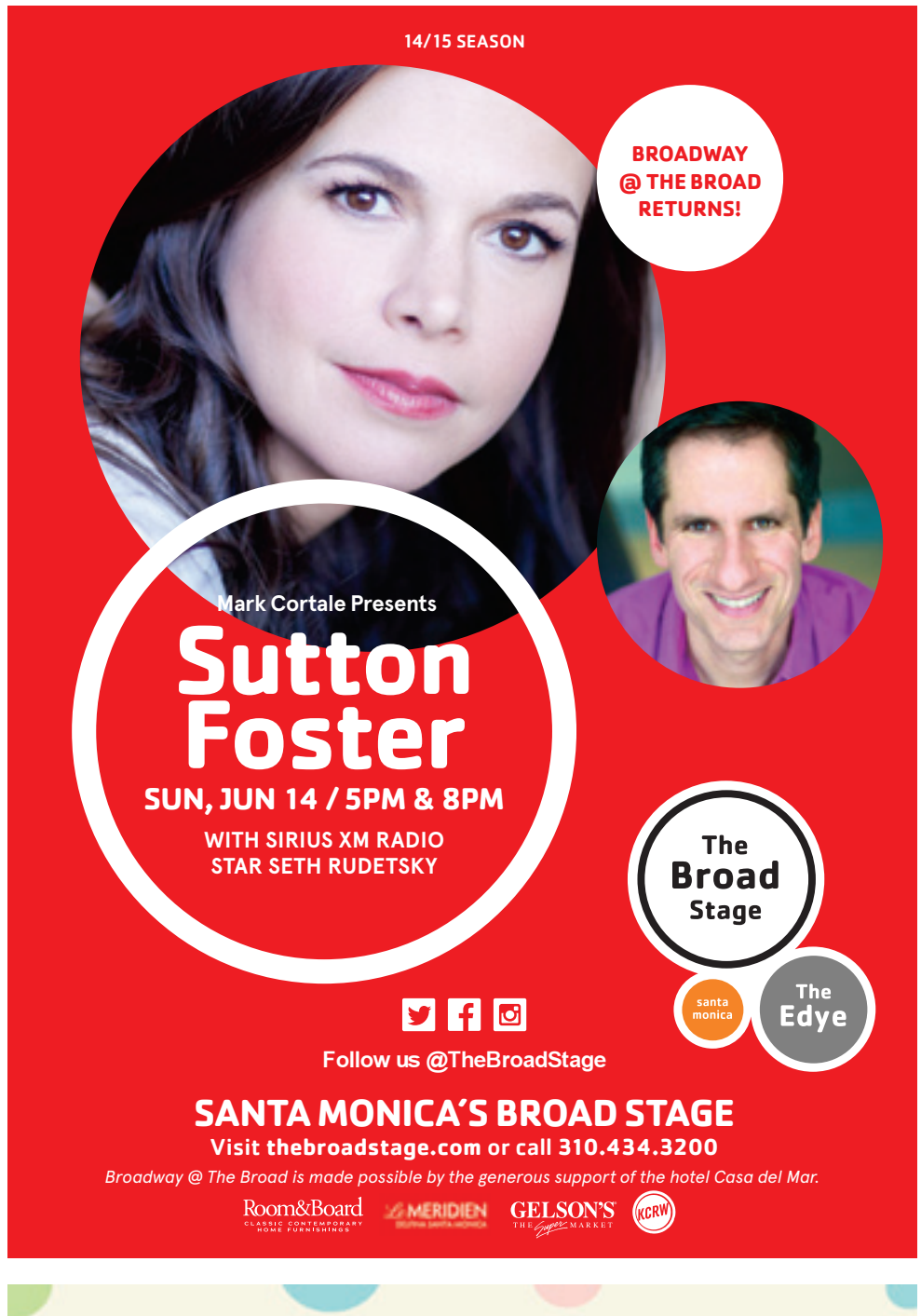
Big Blue Bus is recommending that council approve a one-year $475,555 contract with Absolute International Security to protect its more than 190 buses and 450 employees.

BEACH LOT PARKING

Council will consider approving a contract with DataPark for a point of sale parking machine at the beach lots. The old machines date back to the turn of the century. The installation would cost $160,000 with an additional annual fee of $13,450.

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Did you ever wonder who landscapes the City of Santa Monica parks, sweeps the streets, supplies the city with fresh, clean water, or picks up the trash and recycling each week? These and many other important jobs are done by the City of Santa Monica Public Work Department employees, who in celebration of National Public Works Week invite the community to attend the Annual City Yards Open House on Saturday May 16, from noon to 3 p.m.

This fun and free event will give the community an opportunity to learn about the services Public Works provides through hands-on activities and displays, several featuring a close-up look at the amazing big trucks and machines used to build and maintain the City's infrastructure for today and tomorrow. Kids of all ages will enjoy interactive activities such as:

Meeting Curby, the Recycling Robot, operating a recycling truck, painting an eco-mural with reused latex paint, learning about sustainable landscaping, learning about the best ways to recycle with an interactive recycling trailer, meeting Rosie's Girls

Food will be provided by local restaurants. Be sure to bring a refillable water bottle — Santa Monica City Water Stations will be available to quench your thirst.

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society-the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

Free Parking and Free Bike Valet, Santa Monica City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave. 12 - 3 p.m. Free. For more information visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/publicworks/ and the City's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/#!/cityofsantamonica

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN

SMC

SMC Student Photo show

Santa Monica College presents the 36th Annual SMC Student Photography Exhibit May14-27 in two locations: the SMC Photography Gallery and SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery. The free exhibition showcases outstanding imagery by students in the SMC Photography Department.

A gallery gala will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in both exhibit locations.

On display will be 198 prints created by 95 SMC student photographers. The high-caliber works range from fine art to portraiture to still life and beyond. A 96-image looping slide show highlighting work from 52 students in the Photo 1 class will also be featured.

"This annual exhibition is an exciting time for us," said Photography and Fashion Department Chair Ford Lowcock. "We had 13 photo faculty members come in on a Saturday to jury this year's submitted work - 1,200 print and 600 Photo 1 entries — which took 10 hours! And our gallery reception is always a fun event, with about 500 people coming through both galleries."

Selected images were awarded special recognition by SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Chui Tsang, SMC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Georgia Lorenz, SMC Dean of Instructional Services Dr. Jennifer Merlic, and the full-time faculty of the SMC Photography Department. Each year, the award recipients are honored for their accomplishments at the June meeting of the SMC Board of Trustees.

The SMC Photography Gallery is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall on the SMC main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Photo gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is located at SMC's Performing Arts Center on Santa Monica Boulevard and 11th Street, Santa Monica. Art gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Both galleries will be closed May 25.

For additional information, please call (310) 434-4289.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

FOOTBALL

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nal career with the Hornets despite starting out as a walk-on. As a senior he broke single-season program records for passing yards (3,490) and passing touchdowns (34), finishing his four prolific years with 9,713 yards, 86 touchdowns and a 62.5-percent completion rate.

"I've always had that little chip on my shoulder, going in as an underdog," he says. "I knew if I worked hard and performed on the field that my name would pop up."

Safron has fond memories of growing up in Santa Monica, where he attended Edison Language Academy and John Adams Middle School before playing under then-coach Travis Clark at Samohi. He still keeps in touch with childhood friends and always loves returning to Gilbert's El Indio restaurant, where his mother, Chavela, is a manager.

But he's not here to focus on his past. And he doesn't want to waste time on his phone — he has a different kind of a call to answer.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

City launches water conservation campaign

The City of Santa Monica officially launched its campaign to help residents, visitors, and businesses save water on May 9, at the Santa Monica Festival, focusing on how to achieve the new water- saving goals. The campaign kicked-off with a fun "Doggy Dishwasher Contest" at the Festival as a tongue-in-cheek way to reinforce the messages that there are easy ways to save water and that the Santa Monica community is leading the way to conserve.

While the City has already taken many efforts to use water efficiently and conserve water in compliance with state and local regulations, the campaign shares straightforward ways to save water, water conservation rebates, the latest water-saving alternatives and new services such as free water consultations.

"We as Californians know we live in an environment with limited water. We've made many changes to save water already, but this unprecedented statewide drought means everyone's efforts are critical to sustain Santa Monica as we know it," said Dean Kubani, Santa Monica's Sustainability Manager. "Through this campaign, we hope Santa Monicans see themselves as part of the solution and that being part of the solution is easy."

Residents, businesses, visitors and others all play a key role in Santa Monica reaching its 20 percent water-savings goals. Key messages for the campaign include communicating that new technologies make saving water easy, while rebate programs help to cover a portion of the cost of high-efficiency fixtures and appliances. For example, a Santa Monica resident can receive up to $4,500 for replacing their lawn with sustainable landscaping, while businesses can take advantage of rebates for high-efficiency urinals and toilets. Water experts are also available to conduct free water consultations, during which residents and businesses will learn about their water-use habits and how to improve water conservation practices. These consultations will also provide education on technology upgrades and available rebates.

This campaign is designed to promote water saving messages through a variety of means, including print ads in local journals, banners around the city, and social media. A new, easy-to-use website at smgov.net/water has all the information on how to save water and learn about water-saving incentives.

While there are incentives and rebates offered, water use allowances on all utility bills will give each household their personalized water saving target. Implementing water-saving efforts to meet these targets is key to Santa Monica reaching its goal of reducing water use 20 percent.

"Santa Monicans should be proud of the efforts we have made to reduce our impacts on the environment, including using water as efficiently as we can," stated Mayor Kevin McKeown. "We want this water conservation campaign to reflect our community's dedication to preserving our quality of life. This extraordinary drought is an opportunity for us all to pull together, adapt, conserve, and demonstrate water- wise love for this place we call home."

The City is also taking measures to reduce water use at City facilities as part of reducing community water use and soon signs will be installed spotlighting where the City is taking water saving measures. The irrigation is turned off in grass medians where potable water is used. Water times have been cut 25 percent at all other City parks, and the City is finishing up the installation of high-efficiency toilets, faucets and urinals to ensure all City facilities are as efficient as possible.

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/water, email savewater@smgov.net or call (310) 458-8972.

- SUBMITTED BY KATIE SCHAA

Fairmont Miramar

Attorney Robert Lemle Rolls the Dice for Los Angeles Charities

Robert Lemle of the Lemle Law Group recently participated in a charitable casino night/poker tournament hosted by the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities (LATLC), an organization whose members are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need throughout Southern California.

"It was a huge turnout and the proceeds will go a long way in making a positive difference in the quality of life for many people in need in the greater Los Angeles area," said Lemle. "The LATLC focuses on issues related to education, children, battered women and homelessness by providing financial assistance to needy persons and groups."

At the event, which was held on May 2 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, the LATLC awarded $1,000 college scholarships to 10 high school students. The LATLC also partnered with Clothes The Deal, a non-profit organization that provides business clothing and accessories to help low-income individuals achieve their career goals, and offers workshops to prepare its clients to re-enter the workforce.

"In fact, LATLC partners with numerous organizations throughout the Los Angeles community that serve the constituent groups LATLC is dedicated to helping," said Robert. "These are all altruistic organizations devoted to the betterment of the community."

Lemle Law Group is a Southern California personal injury law firm with offices in Santa Monica and Orange County. Attorney Robert Lemle is a member of the Florida and California Bar Associations, The Santa Monica Bar Association, the Italian American Lawyers Association and the Association of Surfing Lawyers. For more information, please call (310) 392-3055.

- SUBMITTED BY TIFFANI TENDELL

LAX

Smoke trails plane as it skids to stop in emergency landing

A small commercial airliner with 43 people aboard trailed smoke as it skidded along a runway at Los Angeles International Airport after its landing gear failed to fully drop down Monday morning, but passengers said the touchdown did not feel that rough.

Nobody was hurt during the emergency landing by SkyWest Airlines Flight 5316, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said.

"It was an incredibly smooth landing. I would say it was actually smoother than some of the landings that I've had with all of the landing gear down. So, really, kudos to the pilot," passenger Traci Reid told Los Angeles news station KABC-TV.

Travelers said the pilot told them to assume the crash position — leaning forward with their hands over their heads — and to brace themselves.

The plane's left main landing gear failed to extend as the Bombardier CRJ100 arrived from Monterey, California, Gregor said. Smoke and sparks could be seen coming from the left side of the aircraft as it dragged along the runway and skidded to a stop. But there was no fire, officials said.

"There was one person who was a little bit upset, but it was very, very calm, and it happened very fast," passenger Dennis Thanasse told the TV station. "There was no time to panic."

Passengers said everybody on the plane burst into applause when the plane stopped safely.

Emergency responders checked the 40 passengers and three crew members as they filed down a staircase and into buses, Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott said.

"I'm sure I was like everybody else ... all I was doing was thinking of my family, my kids," passenger Jason Spence told the station. "So, just happy to be here."

Thirty-one of the passengers got on connecting flights, airport spokeswoman Nancy Castles said in a statement. The landing led four other flights at LAX to be delayed, one to be diverted and one to be canceled, Castles said.

The plane, operating for SkyWest partner United Express, took off from Monterey around 7:15 a.m. and landed at LAX shortly after 8:30 a.m. The runway reopened seven hours later after the plane was towed away.

Mechanics will inspect the aircraft to determine what may have caused the problem, SkyWest spokeswoman Marissa Snow said.

- AP





SURF REPORT



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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **61.4°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Potential rebound in WNW energy, showing more size in the PM

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Potential WNW energy to hold

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW energy to ease

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 **January 12, 2015**

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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 -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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

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 MAY 1, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 A.M..

An officer responded to a call in the 100 block of Wilshire in response to an assault with a deadly weapon. Upon the officers arrival, a witness stated that the victim was sitting with his legs up against a planter when the subject, later identified as, Ahmed Soliman, 26 of Anaheim, walked passed and shoved him. The victim lost his balance and fell back, yet as he was falling back he shoved Soliman in self-defense. The victim ended up in a planter with Soliman on top of him slamming a bottle across his face. Soliman was positively identified by the witness as the suspect. He was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 315 calls for service on May 10

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

Hit and run 1200 block of 2nd 1:05 a.m.
Party complaint 1400 block of 20th 2:07 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block of 2nd 5:28 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of 10th 7:01 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Appian 7:11 a.m.
Burglary 2100 block of 20th 7:49 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Wilshire 8:15 a.m.
Animal related 15th/Alta 10:07 a.m.
Construction noise 2200 block of 23rd 10:11 a.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of Montana 10:46 a.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block of 11th 10:55 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block of Harvard 10:57 a.m.
Family disturbance 1300 block of 19th 11:39 a.m.
Identity theft 1100 block of Franklin 12:36 p.m.
Trespassing 22nd/Wilshire 12:37 p.m.
Bike theft 1000 block of 4th 1:07 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:08 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 300 block of Alta 1:09 p.m.
Expired registration 100 block of Hollister 1:34 p.m.
Vandalism 500 block of Santa Monica 1:49 p.m.
Traffic accident 2500 block of Lincoln 2:15 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Wilshire 2:28 p.m.
Fight 11th/Cedar 2:37 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 100 block of Hollister 3:24 p.m.
Battery 300 block of Santa Monica 3:29 p.m.
Hit and run 1900 block of Euclid 3:32 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive 2600 block of 2nd 4:05 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Broadway 4:56 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Ashland 5:40 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of PCH 6:15 p.m.
Party complaint 400 block of Broadway 7:15 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 2nd 7:30 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 1800 block of Ocean Park 7:53 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of 23rd 7:58 p.m.
Attempt strongarm robbery 2400 block of Main 8 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block of the Beach 8:20 p.m.
Fatal traffic accident Olympic/26th 8:52 p.m.
Traffic accident Cloverfield/Interstate 10 9:29 p.m.
Grand theft 2500 block of Pico 9:41 p.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block of Promenade 9:59 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 11th 10:17 p.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Arizona 10:44 p.m.
Party complaint 900 block of 10th 11:02 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 33 calls for service on May 10

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

EMS 2500 block of Santa Monica 1:07 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Pico 1:40 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 2:27 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Virginia 3:16 a.m.
Assist LAFD 600 block of East Rose 7:10 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Cloverfield 8:36 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 2nd 8:57 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Arizona 8:58 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Alta 10:25 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 10:42 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 12th 10:51 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 11:59 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 12:40 p.m.
EMS 20th/Arizona 1 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Michigan 1:25 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 2:30 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of 30th 2:47 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 23rd 3:19 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Navy 3:23 p.m.
Assist LAFD 200 block of South Ocean Front Walk 3:49 p.m.
EMS 0 block of Village Pkwy 4:23 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Interstate 10 4:55 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 10th 4:57 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Lincoln 5:41 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 2100 block of Montana 6:44 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Main 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Hill 7:01 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 7:18 p.m.
EMS 26th/Olympic 8:51 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1500 block of 4th 8:54 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Interstate 10 10 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 10:14 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 10:41 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

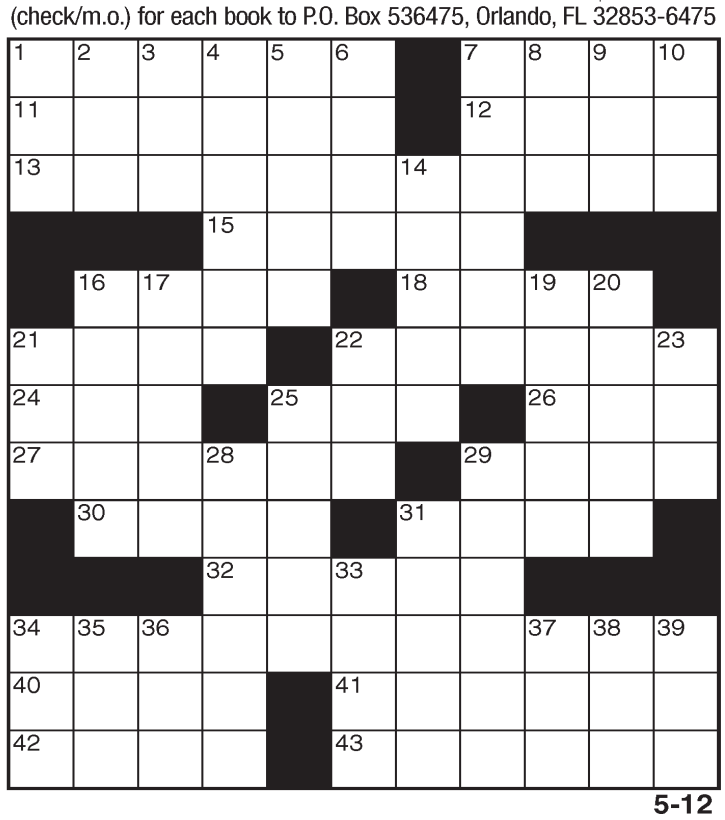
ACROSS
1 Drift onto the beach
7 Chihuahua cat
11 Galahad's mother
12 Yemen neighbor
13 Human dynamos
15 Caruso, for one
16 Marshy wasteland
18 Reduced amount
21 Old German capital
22 Nodding, perhaps
24 Play division
25 Gift from Santa
26 Neckline shape
27 Poet Dylan
29 Noggin
30 Pinnacle
31 Military level
32 Cruise ship
34 Menus
40 Bread spread
41 "Gunsmoke" marshal
42 Radiance
43 Did salon work

DOWN
1 Spider's home
2 In the style of
3 Mineo of movies
4 "Lost Horizon" author
5 Big name in auto racing
6 Lowly worker
7 Get out of jail
8 French friend
9 Road goo
10 Start of a count
14 Imprudence
16 Coffee bar order
17 Successful
19 Middling card
20 Command to Fido
21 Slugger's need
22 Sinking signal
23 Hankering
25 Fare carriers
28 Laid-back
29 Pub regular
31 Equip anew
33 Auction bids
34 Marshy area
35 Suffering
36 Zodiac cat
37 Maximum amount
38 Sturgeon eggs
39 Put a stop to

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Yesterday's answer

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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 ★★

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

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/9
4 15 17 35 58
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 100M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/8
9 21 25 66 72
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 140M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date:5/9
8 24 41 44 47
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 3M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/10
3 4 16 24 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/11
MIDDAY: 5 1 5
Draw Date: 5/7
EVENING: 5 6 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/10
1st: 03 HOT LUCKY
2nd: 12 LUCKY CHARM
3rd: 07 EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:42.03

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WORD UP!

frabjous
1. Informal. wonderful, elegant, superb.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1952 – Gaj Singh is crowned Maharaja of Jodhpur.

1955 – Nineteen days after bus workers went on strike in Singapore, rioting breaks out and seriously impacts Singapore's bid for independence.

1955 – Austria regains its independence as the Allied occupation following World War II ends.

1958 – A formal North American Aerospace Defense Command agreement is signed between the United States and Canada.

1965 – The Soviet spacecraft Luna 5 crashes on the Moon.

1968 – Vietnam War: North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces attack Australian troops defending Fire Support Base Coral, east of Lai Khe in South Vietnam on the night of 12/13 May, resulting in heavy casualties on both sides and beginning the Battle of Coral–Balmoral.

1975 – Mayagüez incident: The Cambodian navy seizes the American merchant ship SS Mayaguez in international waters.

1978 – In Zaire, rebels occupy the city of Kolwezi, the mining center of the province of Shaba (now known as Katanga). The local government asks the U.S.A., France and Belgium to restore order.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Tidiest Animal: In a February science journal report, a University of Regensburg (Germany) professor noted that ants seem particularly orderly -- with "toilet" facilities arranged in far corners of the nests. The researcher speculated that ants keep feces on hand in order to mine nutrients. (2) Least Competent Beaver: A local logger telephoned the Agder Natural History museum in Kristiansand, Norway, in April to report that he had encountered a beaver crushed to death because it was unable to judge which way the tree it was gnawing would fall. (Usually, beavers have an uncanny ability to avoid the tree, but some stragglers still populate their gene pool.)

■ Already, healthy people can donate blood, sperm and eggs, but now the nonprofit OpenBiome offers donors $40 for bowel movements -- to supply "fecal transplants" for patients with nasty C. difficile bacterial infections. ("Healthy" contents are transplanted into the infected gut via endoscope or frozen swallowed capsules so that the good bacteria drive out the antibiotic-resistant bad.) Over 2,000 transplant units have been shipped to 185 hospitals so far, and OpenBiome allows daily "donations" so that, with bonuses, a donor could earn $13,000 a year. However, extensive medical questioning and stool-testing is required, and only about 4 percent of potential donors have exquisite-enough feces to qualify.

Catch some ZZZ's tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might have a nagging sense that something is off, and you could have a hard time getting past it. Follow your intuition, and you will land well. Someone you care about will have much to share with you. Consider your alternatives more carefully. Tonight: Catch some zzz's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your energy is abundant, and it will become more evident by midday. You'll have a lot of ground to cover and many people to speak to. Exchange ideas openly with an eye to success. Your ability to get past a hassle will be crucial. Tonight: Where people are. Don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might wonder about your choices. How you see a personal matter could change drastically after several conversations. Your perspective broadens, and you will see more possibilities emerge. Test out an idea with care. Tonight: The fun begins now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. When you speak to this person, you tend to feel empowered. Recognize how important it is to have a strong, solid outlook to rely on. Turn a negative situation into a positive one just by remaining upbeat. Tonight: Settle in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Be direct in how you deal with someone. This person might need to have an important conversation with you. Try to listen to his or her ideas, even if they seem to be conflicting. There could be some important details you'll need to hear. Tonight: Share more of your authentic self.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could have an opportunity to present a personal matter differently. Listen to a loved one who shares a lot of his or her thoughts and dreams. You might have an important conversation that will be quite unique and important for you. Tonight: Blaze your own trail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to a new friend or associate. You are likely to enjoy this person's wild imagination and follow-through. Think in terms of fast changes and new beginnings. You will enjoy yourself more if you simply sit back and relax. Do not fight the inevitable. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news without inserting your feelings into the situation. You could be far more dynamic if you sift through everything you hear without projecting. A partner might admit to some of the statements being riddled with humor. Tonight: Add your intensity to the mix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Coming from a centered space could be a problem. Your mind seems to drift to personal matters. A discussion will be confusing because you might not be totally present in the moment. Be receptive and willing to ask questions if something doesn't click. Tonight: Take a walk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be up for a change in the near future. Listen to news with an open mind. A loved one's caring will make it easier to move through a hassle. You might feel stressed out because of your finances, but hang in there, and you'll be OK. Tonight: On top of a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and stay secure despite the fact that a loved one seems to be creating uproar. Deal with money matters, but make decisions only once you are confident of what needs to happen. Tonight: Buy a favorite meal on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a strong sense of direction. How you handle a personal matter could radically change in the next few days. Your sense of humor and ability to quickly move through a lot of details and errands will allow you to stay on key. Tonight: Impulsiveness feels good!

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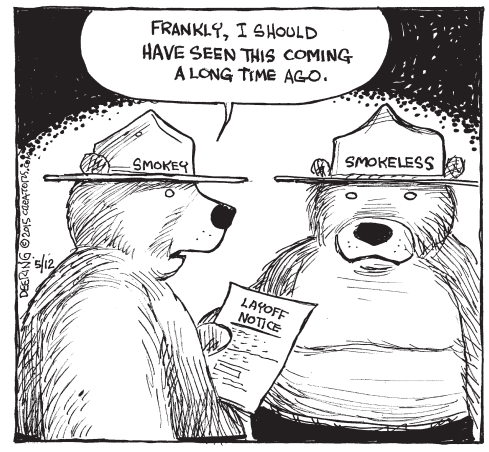
This year you might feel as if you can't get enough time alone. Your friends make it clear how much they like to hang out with you. Wherever you seem to go, you meet new people and make new friends. You will want to focus on a long-term goal or desire, as you will be able to manifest it from September onward. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors, but someone of significance enters your life after summer. If you are attached, the two of you have a great time together, and are often socializing with an expanding circle of friends. PISCES can be very touchy.

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

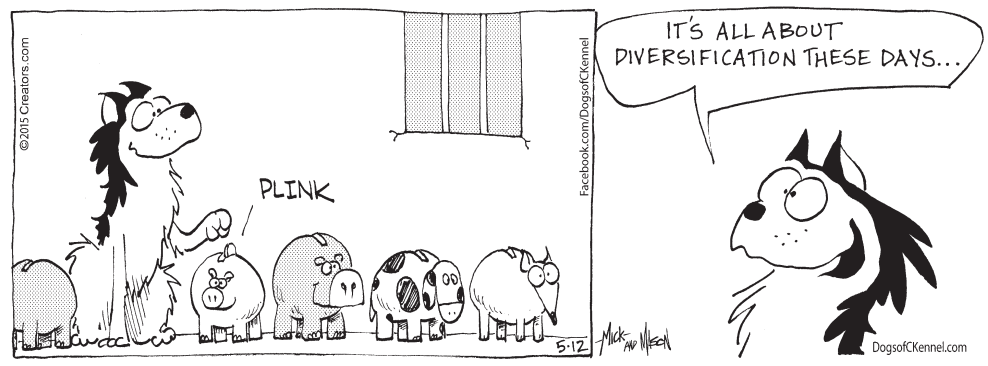
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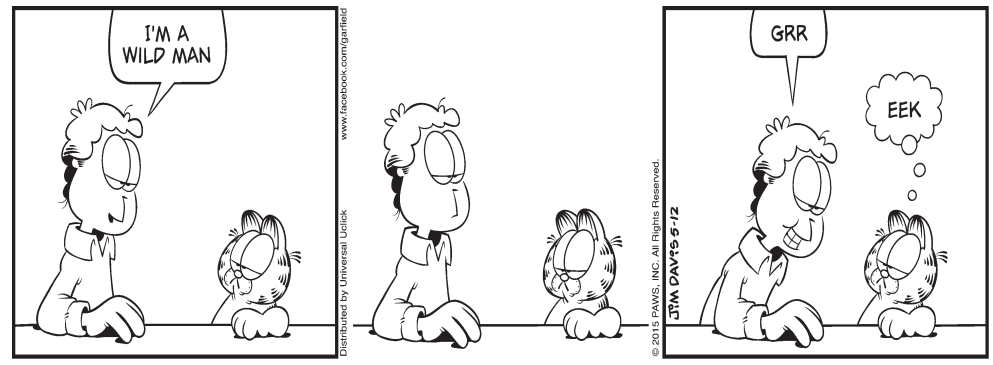
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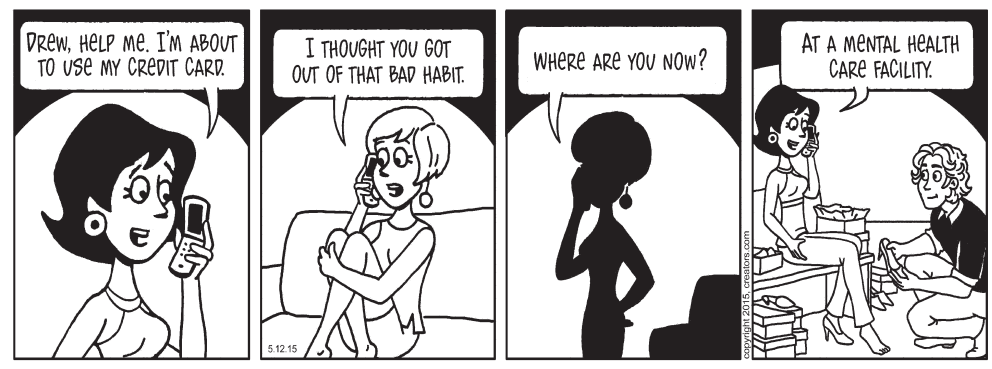
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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By Jim Davis



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



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Each Tuesday, 'Roxy's Pet Peeves' gives voice to friends-in-need

Cut it out, people

With Samantha Davidson



Hola, rascals,

Roxy here. I hope you have found adorable furry friends like me to cuddle up with at night and call your partner-in-crime. I have got some friends that you will definitely want to meet.

However, first, I have a tick I really need to itch. I know some of you think that giving us weird haircuts



makes us happy. I have news for you. It doesn't! If we wanted a mohawk or to look like a circus freak, trust me, we would find a way to ask. Because us animals like to look good too, not like the little jokes that those pink poofs make us into. Till next time …



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