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Busy night on tap in Council chambers

ZONING STANDARDS, PRE-SCHOOL, MINIMUM WAGE CONSIDERED ON LENGTHY AGENDA

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Choose wisely, gadflies.

There will be many items to choose from on City Council's agenda Tuesday night.

Council will kick the meeting off by introducing new City Manager Rick Cole (and then consider approving his $329,000 annual contract plus benefits).

Cole comes to City Hall's top

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Council considers $2.1M for pier stairs, custodial supplies

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 Drainage at Palisades Park, new pier steps, and custodial supplies make up a bulk of the spending in a $2,115,109 consent agenda Tuesday night.

The police department is worried that the south stairway of the Santa Monica Pier would be too

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Tailored for exploration

CROSSROADS' NEW SCIENCE FACILITY DESIGNED TO PROMOTE RESEARCH, STUDENT COLLABORATION

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a multi-part series about the new science complex at Crossroads School.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

When teachers at Crossroads School were initially asked about what they'd like to see in a new science center, at least a few of them responded with a simple request: windows — with natural light.

"We said, 'Think bigger,'" project manager Elaine Nesbit said. "They got to dream."

And so they did.

Educators — and students, too — have given input throughout the design and construction of the Santa Monica private school's $20-million, 25,000-square-foot Science Education & Research Facility, which is scheduled to be completed this summer.

School officials believe the facility will position students for innovative problem-solving in an age characterized by evolving technologies and complex global issues.

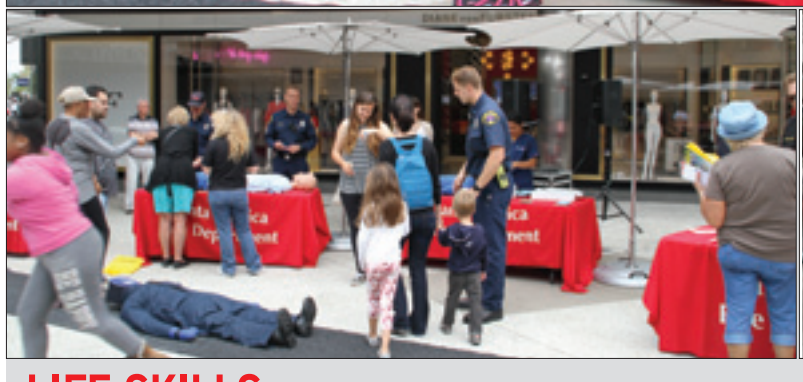
"At the end of the day," Nesbit said, "it's not the administrators' building or the architect team's building. It's for the students and the faculty."

Complementing the school's 1989 arts facility and 1996 library, the soon-to-open 21st Street building will provide learning environments specifically tailored for scientific study.

Large, open classrooms can be expanded with the removal of their shared partitions. Hanging points offer flexibility for projects and presentations. There's a fume-hood lab where students will perform hands-on chemistry experiments. A designated physics room

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LIFE SKILLS

Photos by Sean McDonald editor@smdp.com

The Santa Monica Fire Department conducted "sidewalk CPR" classes last week to provide residents with the basic skills to provide life-saving care. "We find that the survival rate for people experiencing cardiac arrest at home is very low, about 10 percent," said Battalion Chief Michael Elvaney. "Teaching CPR allows individuals to prolong cardiac arrest and allow more time for EMS to arrive on the scene. It's also very simple to teach and easy to learn."


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For daily exhibit hours and to purchase tickets, refer to the museum's website www.santamonicahistory.org or call 310-395-2290.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 9

Laughter Yoga

Come get the endorphins flowing. There'll be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.

Author Charles Dubow & Book Group Open House

Join organizers as critically-acclaimed author Charles Dubow presents his second novel, "Girl in the Moonlight," the sweeping story of one man's lifelong quest to win the love of a mesmerizing woman. Free program. Light refreshments served. Seating is first come, first served. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Handwork Hangout

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 or bring your own. Even if you have no idea what to make, you can learn some great handwork tips and embark on a new craft. 1450 Ocean, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., (310) 458-2239, https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44725

Beach=Culture: Dance Hall - Salsa

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for another Dance Hall, pairing a live band with dance instruction at 6 and 7 p.m. For these events, most of our seating is available in the adjacent room. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, RSVP at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Guest House Open

Santa Monica Conservancy Docents are available to discuss the Guest House and site history. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

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

Files & Folders

Introduction to files and folders: store, organize, move, and backup your work more efficiently. Beginner Level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call Telephone Reference at (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

Aqualillies

Intro - Synchronized Swimming course. $160/session (6 classes incl parking); $35/class. Wed 6/10-7/15, 6:30 p.m.
Intermediate - Synchronized Swimming course. $160/session (6 classes incl parking); $35/class. Wed 6/10-7/15 7:45 p.m.
Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Tongva After Dark: Buyepongo

Tongva Park Gathering Hill. Family-friendly Afro-Latin beats and urban roots music. Free and open to public. For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit smgov.net/tongvapark/events. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Teen Book Talks

Get one hour of community service credit for talking about a book you have just read. Refreshments will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Chemistry of Death

Once a high-profile forensic anthropologist, Dr. David Hunter keeps his past a secret while hiding himself in an isolated English village, until he is asked by police to use his skills to help track

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down the killer of a young woman. 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. http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 7 p.m.

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.

Spiritual Psychology presentation.
The University of Santa Monica presents An Introduction to Spiritual Psychology. Learn about USM's Program in Spiritual Psychology at this free event. 2107 Wilshire Blvd., 7:15 - 9 p.m. RSVP at http://hubs.ly/y0Sq9Q0

Thursday, June 11

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

Dressing From The Inside Out: How To Create A New You
Julie Greene, personal stylist and certified Life Coach, discusses her six steps to a whole new look and a whole new you. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 p.m.

Writers' Workshop with Laurie Horowitz
This four week workshop covers long and short fiction and non-fiction. We work to make our writing clearer, to help each writer evoke the 'vivid and continuous dream' that John Gardner writes about in 'The Art of Fiction.' Join others to polish your vision. 1450 Ocean, $40, drop-ins accepted at $15 a session, Thursdays 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2. 7-9 p.m. (310) 458-2239 https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44623

Summer Reading Screening: Captain Corelli's Mandolin
When a fisherman leaves to fight the Greek army during World War II, his fiancee (Penelop Cruz) falls in love with the local Italian commander (Nicolas Cage). Film runtime: 131 min. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6 p.m.

Messy Baby Art Club
Messy fun for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 6 months-24 months, Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 10 a.m.

All-Male, Late-Night production of Cinderella
Actors' Repertory Theatre presents the All-Male, Late-Night production of Cinderella for Pride Month. A gentle prod at stereotypical gender roles, this light-hearted send-up is a hilarious, delightful twist on the classic tale. June 11 through July 25, Friday and Saturday nights at 9:30 p.m. General Admission $19.50; discounts available for students, teachers, seniors, and members of the military. May not be suitable for the under 15's - parent discretion advised. Call the Playhouse Box Office at 1-310-394-9779 ext 1 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com. Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage, 1211 4th Street (between Wilshire & Arizona)

Free screening of 'A Serious Man'
Attend a free screening of the Coen brothers' 2009 film "A Serious Man," an existentialist black comedy of biblical proportions. Look fast for Simon Helberg of "The Big Bang Theory." Screening followed by a roundtable discussion with audience Q&A. The Christian Institute. 1308 Second St. 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Education Foundation named Charity Partner of the 2015 Santa Monica Classic

LA MARATHON LLC, host of the Santa Monica Classic, today named the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) as the Official Charity Partner of the annual 5K/10K event, held on Sunday, September 13.

As Official Charity Partner of the Santa Monica Classic, the SMMEF will benefit by receiving a portion of the event's proceeds while also using the Santa Monica Classic as a platform for its students and donors to raise additional funds for critical work in education.

SMMEF raises funds annually to support programs that ensure excellence for every student and school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. SMMEF-funded staff and programs include instructional assistants, elementary arts education, and discretionary grants for all 16 schools in the district. Many schools use these discretionary grants to provide science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) or visual and performing arts programs. Some schools also use these funds to hire additional health clerks, augment on-site counseling programs, or run other programs focused on student wellness.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation," stated LA MARATHON LLC Chief Executive Tracey Russell. "We firmly believe in their mission of enriching the lives of local students and we're confident that participants of the Santa Monica Classic will rally around this great cause to use their 5K or 10K to benefit area youth."

"SMMEF is excited to be the beneficiary of LA MARATHON LLC's Santa Monica Classic," said SMMEF Executive Director Linda Greenberg, "Community partners are essential to a vibrant school district and we are thankful for LA MARATHON's investment in our children. All funds raised will directly impact students in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools."

LA MARATHON LLC has a longstanding relationship with the city of Santa Monica, generating immense economic impact for the city since the inception of the marathon's 'Stadium to the Sea' course in 2010.

Registration for the Santa Monica Classic is currently open to the public. Interested runners can find more information on www.santamonicaclassic.com or by calling (213) 542-3000.

To learn more about SMMEF, visit www.smmef.org.

- SUBMITTED BY CARSTEN PREISZ

Crossroads High School

Local Student to Study in China on U.S. Department of State Scholarship

Jacob Shima, a sophomore at Crossroads High School in Santa Monica, California, has been awarded a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship for 2015-16. Jacob will study Chinese in Zhuhai China for the Summer.

Jacob is one of only 620 competitively selected students from across the United States who will receive a scholarship to study Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, or Turkish overseas this year. While in China, Jacob will receive formal instruction and informal language practice in an immersion environment.

Jacob has studied two years of Mandarin at school and credits his love for the language and culture to his teacher, Midori. He was excited to learn that his host brother shares common interests including jazz and classical music. While in China, Jacob looks forward to eating new foods, becoming a more proficient speaker and bartering at the local markets. "This is an amazing opportunity," Jacob states, "I am so grateful!"

The NSLI-Y program seeks to increase the number of Americans who can engage with native speakers of critical languages. The goals of the NSLI-Y program include sparking a life-long interest in foreign languages and cultures, and developing a corps of young Americans with the skills necessary to advance international dialogue and cross- cultural opportunities in the private, academic, and government sectors.

NSLI-Y is administered by American Councils for International Education in cooperation with AFS-USA, American Cultural Exchange Service, AMIDEAST, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine, iEARN-USA, Legacy International, Russian American Foundation, Stony Brook University, the University of Delaware, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin. Applications for 2016-2017 NSLI-Y programs are expected to be available at www.nsliforyouth.org in the early fall. For information about U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange programs visit http://exchanges.state.gov.

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Bad deal

Editor:

I see that Mayor Kevin McKeown has let another flea-bitten cat out of the City of Santa Monica's bottomless bag of errors and incompetency in a section of his May 29 letter to the editor.

Therein he states, that there is a "soon-to-come St. John's Phase II construction project along Broadway." This would be, most likely, somewhere in the 2000 through 2200 block area. This could, judging by St. John's past track record, remove a large amount of street-level parking that now exists, and it won't be adequately replaced. Doesn't anyone remember the previous unforgivable Development Agreement fiasco, where not once during the several phases of construction that covered enormous portions of the property, and took many years to complete, did even one Development Agreement Officer or Code Compliance Inspector say to St. John's, "Where is the great big hole in the ground for the 442 on-site, subterranean parking spaces that you promised to create as a major condition of your Development Agreement?!"

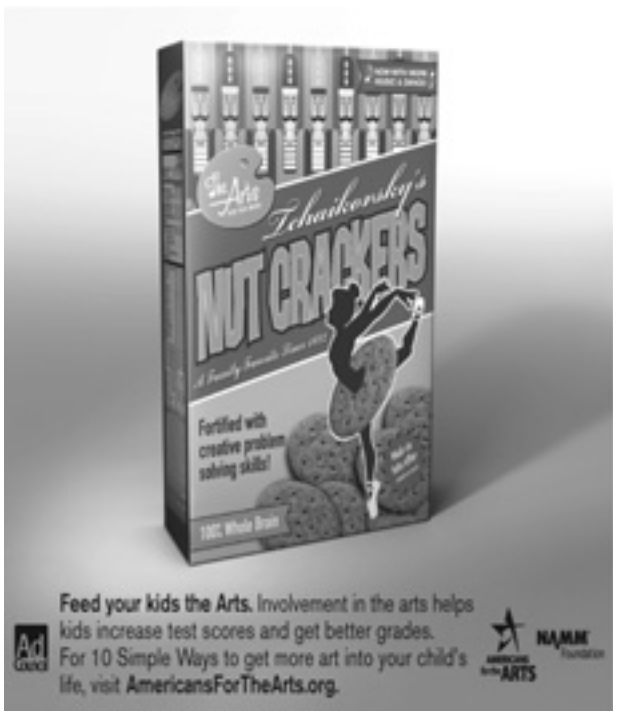
Kenny Mack, a former columnist and investigative reporter, and Bill Bauer, a current columnist for the Santa Monica Daily Press, both exposed this appalling performance by our city's elected, appointed and hired employees, at least as far back as 2009. In attempts to get questions answered, Saint John's' owners and city officials responded with "double talk," denial that the parking was part of the agreement and statements like, "I thought this was that other department's responsibility," "Was that part of my job?" or "Oops, we seem to have lost the paperwork."

The same thing happened with the millions of dollars of Development Agreement fees, owed by developers of completed projects throughout the city, that the city failed to collect, year after year! We still don't know whether those moneys were ever collected! This all leaves the city with the distinct appearance of gross incompetence, if not corruption! Isn't it just a little bit odd that the city doesn't collect money from developers, that it is owed, but is incessantly, with the aide of voting renters, that never pay a full share, stacking parcel taxes and assessments on the backs of out-numbered property owners only?

Needless to say, St. John's got away with an unbelievably transparent slap to the faces of everyone who has to live with the parking nightmare on their neighborhood streets and hospital users, regardless of income, having to pay an unnecessary valet expense.

The bottom line is St. John's phase II is a golden opportunity to require, in no uncertain terms, that the 442 on-site parking spaces be created and for the City of Santa Monica to regain at least a small amount of respect from the people that pay their salaries!

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Golden age for Discovery

"DO IT FOR THE KIDS." "WE'RE IN THE fight to end homelessness/drug addiction/(or fill in the blank)." "Never again." All phrases that typify the call to arms of those in the nonprofit world who want to rally people, and money, to their cause.

First, a disclaimer: In addition to being a divorce and child custody lawyer in my day job, I've worked on many startup nonprofits, and I'm on the board of a few nonprofits. So I know something about the operations of the nonprofit world.

The participants in nonprofits all generally have high ideals in mind and lofty goals they strive for. I believe most of the people individually want to do good, and that's why they get involved, either as volunteers or as employees.

Whether it is the Boys and Girls Clubs or the Save the Aardvark society, the people who are engaged and active want to do something to change the world, or at least their small corner of it.

This past weekend my friend Dr. Jackie Yaris held a fundraiser at SoulCycle, sponsored by her employer One Medical. They had food from Tara's Himalayan on Venice Boulevard and the event raised over $14,000 for the nonprofit Himalayan Healthcare (www.himalayan-healthcare.org). This type of event-based fundraising is excellent for cause awareness and to keep people engaged. The publicity from T-shirts and corporate sponsors like One Medical and Soulcycle create donating opportunities.

We've seen the opportunities over the years morph from walks and bike rides to the non-event event — a new spin on an old type of fundraiser where people bought their way out of attending an event; if you donated above a certain level, you didn't have to break out the tuxedo, leave home or eat rubber chicken, but instead stayed in your jammies. Lately, this is being used by PATH, which is a coalition of agencies and nonprofits to end homelessness. On the PATH board are people like Santa Monica City Attorney Marsha Moutrie and Myrna Hant (Dr. Yaris' mother, who I've known for a very long time). PATH is operating ImaginaryFeast.org and asking people to forego the black-tie dinner and donate the money saved instead. So far, they've raised more than $20,000.

All of these are great ideas, but what most nonprofits need is a consistent stream of income from which they can build a capital base, finance operations and plan for the future. It's not an easy thing for a nonprofit to do since most people don't make monthly or even annual contributions that can be relied upon.

So the savvy nonprofit looks for ways to create financial stability. One of the time-honored ways is to take in donations of new and gently used goods and resell them. The donor gets a tax write-off and the nonprofit gets to sell something it didn't have to pay for, so it deeply discounts the prices and everyone is happy. Except for the IRS, but who cares about their feelings?

The American Cancer Society is a national nonprofit that provides 24/7 access to support, options and information for cancer patients and their families through their 800 number call center. Fifty years ago the ACS decided it was going to open retail shops to take in donations and resell the goods — they were called Discovery Shops. The Discovery Shops are celebrating their 50th anniversary this coming weekend and our local shop, located at 920 Wilshire Blvd., will host a Golden Anniversary ribbon-cutting in conjunction with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 12. There will be hourly savings and mystery savings up to 50 percent on Friday purchases. Starting Saturday, prices are half off through June14. The Discovery Shop is looking for survivors to come out this Friday and help celebrate and bring awareness and community to their event.

The Discovery Shops have a fine selection of high-quality clothing and housewares that have been donated. When I walked into the shop to meet with Tonya Wagner, the manager, Adele was playing on the radio and one of the first things I notice was a jar of dog treats, so I knew I liked this place from the get-go. This is not your average thrift store with racks and racks of stinky clothes; this has a boutique feel that would easily fit on Montana Avenue — in fact, I'm certain that many of the clothes in this shop started out on Montana.

Throughout the year the Discovery Shop has different sales. In July it hosts a "Blast From The Past" sale and showcases vintage clothing and housewares. It recently had an "Only The Best" designer sale event. Volunteers help run the shop, and they are rewarded with a 20-percent discount for their purchases.

Nonprofits are groups of people doing good to help others. You can help out in many ways, from riding a bike to shopping for a new outfit and, sometimes, by not even showing up — just send a check.

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Our streets are for everyone

HOW WE DESIGN OUR STREETS SAYS a lot about what we value as a community. Are they safe and comfortable to use for everyone in the community, whether you are an 8-year-old walking home from Franklin Elementary, a father out for a jog with your newborn in a stroller, or a centenarian resident of a retirement home in downtown Santa Monica heading to the Vons around the corner?

Planning our city for those who don't need to, don't want to, or simply can't get around primarily by driving is more than just a way to fight traffic congestion — it is a moral imperative if we believe in equity, environmental justice, and a sustainable future.

For many, owning a car is a luxury they simply can't afford. In fact, according to the 2012 American Community Survey, about 15 percent of Santa Monica residents — predominantly renters — don't own cars. But our city streets should be safe for all of us to use, whether or not we own cars.

That also means we need complete neighborhoods, like downtown Santa Monica is becoming, where people can live, work, access quality transit, and find their daily necessities within comfortable walking, biking, or rolling (for those who may rely on wheelchairs or other assistance for mobility) distance from home. When more people have the option to leave their cars at home and opt out of sitting in the infamous Los Angeles traffic, this benefits everyone, especially those who don't have the same flexibility.

On May 27, Mayor Kevin McKeown reaffirmed Santa Monica's commitment to "Vision Zero," the idea that all our streets should be planned and designed with the underlying principle that safety for all those who use them as the top priority. While this may sound like common sense, many of the streets in our city, like Olympic and Lincoln for example, were designed to be largely inhospitable to people in favor of moving cars through our neighborhoods at highway speeds. Worth noting: at 20 miles per hour, there is about 5-percent chance that a collision with a pedestrian will end in death; at 30 miles per hour, those odds jump to about 45 percent.

These streets were designed at the height of the reign of King Car, an era of drive-thrus, drive-ins, and sprawling surface parking lots, when people were expected to live their lives (when not at home) almost entirely in their cars -— assuming you could afford one, weren't too young, or hadn't grown too old to drive.

We still have much work ahead of us. The Santa Monica Police Department, in the last three years, has investigated 874 collisions in which someone walking or riding a bike was killed or injured, including the recent tragedy at Olympic and 26th Street.

Even so, we have made tremendous strides. Since the adoption of the Bike Action Plan in 2011, we have added dozens of miles of clearly marked bike lanes to our city streets. We continue to raise awareness about safety and responsibility for those on bikes and those behind the wheel. And, overall, we have increased the visibility of the people who ride, largely because, since the plan was adopted, we have seen a huge spike in the number of people on bikes.

In recent years, we have seen Broadway, Main Street, 2nd Street, Michigan Avenue, and soon, Colorado Avenue, transformed into multi-modal corridors, inviting people out of their cars to experience the city at a human level. Programs like Safe Routes to School, which encourages our students to bike, walk, or take the bus, to school, are helping the next generation learn how to safely get around without being entirely dependent on cars.

Soon, we will see parklets popping up along Main Street, adding much needed pockets of public open space where people can stop and sit, eat lunch, mingle, or just rest a minute before continuing about their day.

With Expo opening next year, Santa Monica's bike-share program, the first public system in the county, coming online later this year, and the city resuming work on the Pedestrian Action Plan soon, this transformation will continue.

In many ways, the future of mobility lies in the past. Before the advent of the car, we moved at human speeds through our city streets, which allowed them to be robust public spaces as well as thoroughfares.

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Musician/bodybuilder Jesse Snyder embodies Santa Monica lifestyle

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU GIVE A musician a set a dumbbells? Jesse Snyder, arguably one of America's most interesting musicians.

He may not physically live in Santa Monica presently, but he is an embodiment of this city's lifestyle. He lives in Phoenix, Ariz., where he also earned his college education at Grand Canyon University, because he wanted to be as close to Silicon Beach as he possibly can.

"(Santa Monica) is where the people have appreciated what I do artistically the most," Snyder said.

His origin is the most unique in all of music. He was born in 1986 in Haiti with a set of parents who devoted their life to helping others powered by their faith as missionaries. The Haitian Revolution rushed his birth amidst burning rubber tires while surrounded by the swirling violence of a small nation in civil war. The chaos got to the point where even those who were there for aid feared for their lives.

The Snyder family later moved to a small remote town in China called Yu Xi (Jade Stream) in Yunnan Province to continue their good work. However, Chinese law criminalizes outspoken faith in public as a way to avoid further division through religion. His missionary parents became English teachers in the nearby college and how they got there in the first place is based on something that the non-believers call "a coincidence."

"My mom opened up the glove compartment of the car and pulled out a stack of pamphlets that some church person had put in there because the car was on loan from the church," Snyder said, "and the one on the very top said, 'Are you called to China?' And that was it, they went to China.

"It could've been anything. It could've been, 'Are you called to the moon?' and they would've figured it out. Personally, I am the type of person who likes to plan things out, but I have a lot of that mentality in me as well."

Going to Yu Xi would be like going back in time. It was a place without automobiles, televisions and telephones. Just when you would believe being the lone white kid in their little Asian town would lead to discrimination, it actually ended up being another example of white privilege. The young blonde-haired Snyder was treated as a mystical creature by his public school classmates.

"The only thing that was annoying to me was that everybody wanted to touch me and pull pieces of my hair out because they thought it was made out of gold," Snyder said. "They would take it and put it in their school books and they thought it was like a good luck charm or something."

Despite being treated like a Jedi in China, the biggest culture shock that Snyder had to deal with was when he returned to America where his family originated in. As a student in Grand Canyon University — the only school he applied to because his sister went there — Snyder quickly noticed the "microcosm of hipness" in American culture. To his initial observation, people in America cared highly about their image and treated it like their own individual brand.

One aspect of American culture that Snyder latched on to was their love of personal fitness. He was always naturally strong, but it wasn't until he was in college where he found that going to the gym every day is a great way to take all the existing negative and "just fry them away". He originally worked out just to look better but then a year ago, it became a serious endeavor to build the perfect body and help use it as a way to market his music.

Snyder started his Instagram account last August and the two interests came together perfectly. He gained over 9,000 followers since and has called this three-way marriage between bodybuilding, music and Instagram a most fruitful promotion. Most of people who discovered his music mainly did so because they discovered him and his giant arms on Instagram.

Through his success on social media and his gym life, Snyder found the ideal audience for his music.

"People who fancy themselves music critics are the worst music fans," Snyder said, "because they're never gonna love music. They just critique. People who do fitness are the best music fans because their outlook is positive and they use the music for purpose."

Eventually Snyder's career will reach the point where he can come to the city that he loves and establish himself in Santa Monica.

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will be outfitted with a blackout curtain for light experiments.

Crossroads, one of the few high schools in the country offering organic chemistry, also intends to add a new curriculum in engineering and design to its slate of academic courses.

Planning for the new science center began several years ago as school officials saw a need for facility improvements. They toured public and private campuses in the region for inspiration, and they asked Crossroads teachers and students to contribute ideas in meetings about the project.

In one meeting, two middle school teachers gave a presentation in which they advocated for adjoining classrooms, a prep/cleanup area, a space for collaborative assignments, direct access to the outdoors and nearby bathrooms.

"Exactly what they asked for was what we were able to give them," Nesbit said.

Meanwhile, as interested as Head of School Bob Riddle is in what students learn, he's perhaps even more intrigued by how they learn.

To that end, Crossroads brought samples of several different kinds of chairs to campus and gathered input from students on their preferences. One student, an athlete, mentioned stiffening up in a chair after practice. Another noted feeling lethargic after lunch. The school now plans to put a few adjustable standing desks in each of the new building's classrooms.

In conceiving the facility, school officials aimed to encourage student interaction and collaboration. There's flexible outdoor space on each story. There are wide exterior staircases, popular hangouts on other parts of the campus. And there will be an informal study room with casual furniture where students can write on the glass, discuss projects and share ideas.

"For years researchers have been closed in to their cubbyholes, and it doesn't allow for interaction with other scientists," Nesbit said. "Things are being re-designed to have casual get-togethers. That happenstance of interaction is where a lot of discovery happens."

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COUNCIL

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job by way of Los Angeles, where he serves as deputy mayor.

HEIGHT AND SIZE INCREASES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Later in the meeting, council will consider amending the Civic Center Specific Plan to allow a proposed Early Childhood Education Center to stand at 40 feet tall rather than 25 feet tall, and have a floor area of 20,000 square feet instead of 16,000 square feet. This will, according to a report to council, allow the project to serve 110 kids rather than 100.

MINIMUM WAGE HIKE

Santa Monica may follow in Los Angeles' footsteps and raise its citywide minimum wage requirements.

Councilmembers Sue Himmelrich, Tony Vazquez, and Gleam Davis put forth a discussion item asking city officials to begin preparing an ordinance related to minimum wage.

Los Angeles passed an ordinance that will raise its hourly minimum wage to $15 an hour by 2020.

If council approves of the recommendation from the three council members, the ordinance would come back later this year.

Last year, council raised the minimum wage for all city employees and its contracted employees to $15.37 per hour after asking that hotel developers promised to pay its employees that amount. The previous wage had been $14.08 for city workers.

This wage increase didn't impact any of the Santa Monica employees who don't work for City Hall. The new ordinance would likely impact every employee in the city.

INTERIM DOWNTOWN ZONING PLAN

While council waits to debate the Downtown Specific Plan, which will dictate land uses throughout Downtown, they'll debate the interim zoning standards for Downtown.

Among other things, the ordinance, proposed by city planners, would require any project over 32-feet-tall to go through council's development agreement process.

It'll alter densities in the area and allow property owners and tenants to apply for shared parking permits.

Once approved, the interim standards will be in place for 60 days.

CALPERS FUNDING

Council will consider spending $5 million to pay down unfunded pension liabilities, which will be a significant expense for City Hall over the coming decades. Expenditures now will lead to greater savings in the future, city finance officials said.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES

Council will consider approving parking regulations between Fourth and Seventh streets on Alta and Palisades avenues allowing two hour parking between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., except by permit.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

Council will consider appointing a member to the Architectural Review Board and the Housing Commission while accepting the resignation from a member of the Social Services Commission.

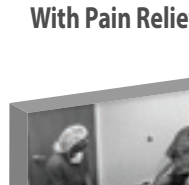
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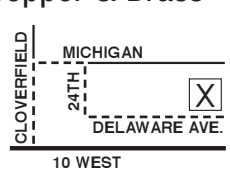


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City Council will consider paying RSB Group $526,900 to double the width of the stairs, from 5 feet to 10 feet.

Work would start in September and end in January.

BLUFF SLOUGH

"Ponding" and runoff in Palisades Park are causing deterioration of the bluffs, city officials said. As a result, council will consider paying STL Landscape $300,000 to improve drainage along seven streets near the park.

CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

Santa Monica goes through a lot of custodial supplies, including "toilet paper, toilet seat covers, trash liners, soap, mop heads, paper towels" and more.

It adds up. Council will consider paying Cleansource/Supplyworks $98,265, Royal Corporation $32,900, and Waxie Sanitary Supply $359,850, each for a years worth of custodial supplies.

WATER TREATMENT MOTOR STARTERS

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WATER SUPPLIES

The Water Division needs parts to maintain its 205 miles of water mains, 1,300 fire hydrants, and 17,000 service connections. Council will consider paying S&J Supply $250,500 for a year's worth of parts.

SAFETY SHOES

Shoetera is expected to get $96,346 to supply a year's worth of safety boots and shoes. About 525 city employees need safety shoes.

BBB AIR CONDITIONING REPAIRS

Imagine it's the middle of August, you're in on a Big Blue Bus in traffic a couple miles from the beach, and the air conditioning goes out.

Maybe then you will be happy that council is considering paying Bus Systems Unlimited $175,000 to keep City Hall's transit air conditioning systems in ship shape.

KCRW COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council will consider spending $89,403 to have KCRW, the public radio station located on the Santa Monica College campus, continue broadcasting City Council meetings for a year.

It's unclear how many Los Angeles County residents are pleasantly surprised when they tune into KCRW hoping for music and find themselves listening to a four-hour debate over parking permits, but there's at least one person who appreciates the coverage: This reporter.

SMO NOISE MANAGEMENT

Council employs Landrum & Brown Inc. to providing consulting services related to noise management at the Santa Monica Airport. While they consider a new agreement, city officials are recommending that council extend the company's contract through the end of the year for an additional $40,000.

GO WITH THE FLOW

City Hall's initiative to combat traffic during peak drive times, Go With The Flow, is scheduled to be active six days a week between Memorial and Labor day.

An additional $44,745 to the contract with Iteris, Inc. would add 27 days of service on holidays and weekends between Sept. 8 and the end of the year.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ASICS LA Marathon Earns Silver Level Certification from the Council for Responsible Sport

The Council for Responsible Sport has announced that LA MARATHON LLC has been awarded Silver Level Certification for its work organizing the 2015 ASICS LA Marathon. The marathon earned credit on 36 of the best practice standards offered in the Council's certification program for social and environmental responsibility at sporting events.

Certification requires meeting or exceeding standards across five categories: planning and communications, procurement, resource management, access and equity and community legacy. ASICS LA Marathon organizers excelled in the areas of social sustainability by providing accessibility services to athletes with disabilities and working closely with the Los Angeles based non-profit Students Run LA (SRLA) to promote active, healthy lifestyles to local at-risk high school students.

Student's Run LA has a mission to challenge at-risk secondary students to experience the benefits of goal-setting, character development, and improved health by training for and completing the LA marathon. LA MARATHON LLC provided free marathon entries to over 3,000 youth in 2015, a donation valued at over $500,000. Organizers work closely with SRLA staff to support and develop the program-since 1989, more than 57,000 students have been served by SRLA and the ASICS LA Marathon.

"It's clear that the ASICS LA Marathon is taking full account of its range of social and environmental impacts and working diligently to improve performance year after year, making it a true leader in the movement towards greater responsibility in sport," said Shelley Villalobos, certification director at the Council for Responsible Sport.

The event diverted 47 percent of waste generated from the landfill. When asked in a post-event survey of participants, 'how important is it to you that a race has proper recycling and composting stations?' 84 percent of people said it was either 'very important' (49 percent) or 'important' (35 percent) to them.

"Since its inception, this race has placed a priority on both accessibility and innovation," stated LA MARATHON LLC Chief Executive Tracey Russell. "Earning a silver level certification is a testament to our team's efforts to be socially and environmentally responsible, furthering the outstanding legacy of this incredible event."

LA MARATHON LLC will host the 2016 Olympic Team Trials for Men's and Women's Marathon, awarded by USA Track & Field and the U.S. Olympic Committee, which will take place in Los Angeles February 13, 2016. For more information, visit www.lamarathon.com.

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Traffic fine policy banned in California court system

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO The governing body for California's court system Monday banned county courts from requiring people to pay traffic fines before they can contest their tickets.

The Judicial Council's unanimous vote in favor of abolishing the practice comes as state officials have raised concerns that traffic fines and penalties are ensnaring minority and low-income residents. Fines have skyrocketed in California over the past two decades, and courts have grown reliant on fees as a result of budget cuts during the recession.

The Judicial Council's decision takes effect immediately, and also requires courts to notify traffic defendants that they don't have to make so-called bail payments in any instructions or other materials they provide to the public.

"I am proud of the rule that has been developed," California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye said in a statement. "This is an important first step to address an urgent access-to-justice issue."

Many county courts, including San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, do not require payment before motorists can appear in traffic court, the Sacramento Bee reported over the weekend (http://bit.ly/1G7BqSH).

But the American Civil Liberties Union sent letters in April to eight Northern and Central California counties where it found the practice was stated on the counties' websites. Those counties included Fresno and Shasta. Marin and El Dorado counties also say motorists must post bail before a trial date, the Sacramento Bee reported.

The ACLU challenged the practice, saying a court appearance was a right that should not be contingent on someone's ability to pay. The pre-payment requirement disproportionately affected minority and low-income residents, according to the ACLU.

"Folks who are completely innocent may not even be able get in front of a judge to explain their innocence because they can't pay the $500 or $600 up front," said Christine Sun, legal director of the ACLU of Northern California.

Some counties said they didn't require pre-payment, but the courtesy notices or tickets they sent suggested otherwise, creating confusion, Sun said.

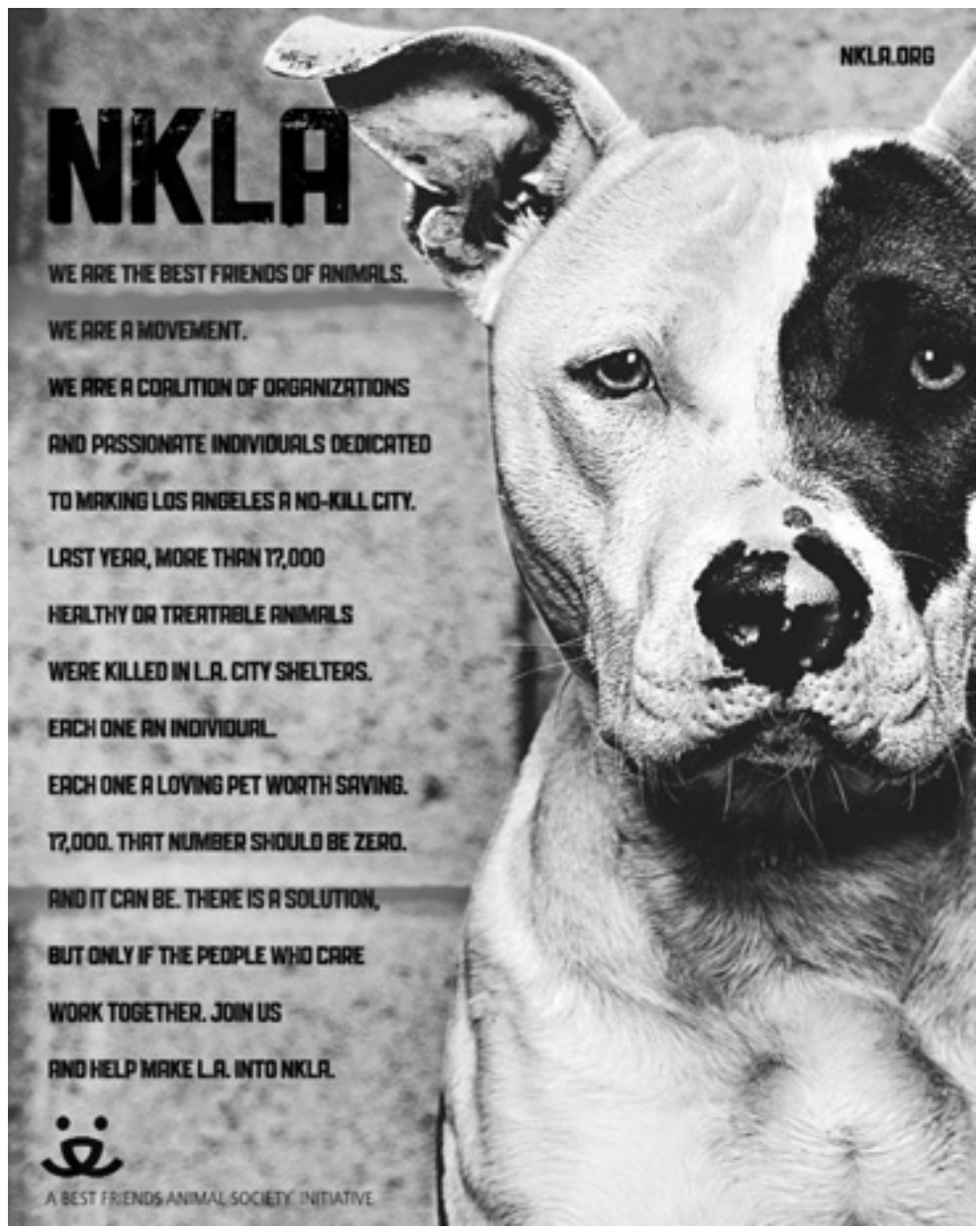
Monday's vote comes as Gov. Jerry Brown has proposed amnesty for residents who can't afford traffic fines and penalties that have resulted in 4.8 million driver's license suspensions since 2006.

Under Brown's plan — unveiled last month — drivers with lesser infractions would pay half of what they owe, and administrative fees would be slashed from $300 to $50. Brown called the traffic court system a "hellhole of desperation" for the poor.









Aging MDs prompt call for competency tests at AMA meeting

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO With one out of four U.S. doctors older than 65, the American Medical Association adopted a plan Monday to help decide when it's time for aging senior physicians to hang up the stethoscope.

The nation's largest organization of doctors agreed to spearhead an effort to create competency guidelines for assessing whether older physicians remain able to provide safe and effective care for patients.

Doctors have no mandatory retirement age, unlike pilots, military personnel and a few other professions where mistakes can be deadly. All doctors must meet state licensing requirements, and some hospitals require age-based screening. But there are no national mandates or guidelines on how to make sure older physicians can still do their jobs safely.

The AMA agrees it's time to change that. The plan it adopted is outlined in a report by one of its councils, which notes that the number of U.S. physicians aged 65 and older has quadrupled since 1975 and now numbers 240,000. In a vote without debate, the AMA agreed to convene groups to collaborate in developing preliminary assessment guidelines, as recommended in the report. The report says testing should include an evaluation of physical and mental health and a review of doctors' treatment of patients. It doesn't specify who would do the assessing nor how often it would take place.

"Unfortunate outcomes may trigger an evaluation at any age, but perhaps periodic reevaluation after a certain age such as 70, when incidence of declines is known to increase, may be appropriate," the report says.

It's among more than 250 reports and resolutions prepared for the meeting, where AMA delegates vote on which proposals become official AMA policy. The meeting ends Wednesday.

The AMA's Council on Medical Education wrote the report and says "physicians should be allowed to remain in practice as long as patient safety is not endangered." Developing guidelines and standards for monitoring and assessing both their own and their colleagues' competency "may head off a call for mandatory retirement ages or imposition of guidelines by others," the report says.

Typical age-related changes in hearing, vision, memory and motor skills all could potentially affect physicians' competence, the report says, but notes there is no evidence that directly links these changes to worse outcomes for patients.

While some physicians think they will know when it's time to retire, the report says evidence disputes that.

It's a touchy topic for older doctors, and not all welcome the prospect of extra scrutiny.

"I don't myself have any doubts about my competency and I don't need the AMA or anybody else to test me," said Dr. William Nyhan, an 89-year-old pediatrician, genetics researcher, runner and tennis player who works with the University of California, San Diego and a children's hospital there.

"There are a lot of people overlooking my activities" already, he said. "This is a litigious society — if we were making mistakes, we'd be sued."

Dr. Jack Lewis of Omaha, Nebraska, turns 81 this week and has worked as an internal medicine specialist for half a century — first with his dad, who worked until age 83, and now with his 41-year-old physician son.

"My dad always told me to watch to see if he was making mistakes or losing it, and my son is watching me the same way," Lewis said.

Lewis sees 25 to 30 patients daily. While his "hands aren't as good as they used to be" and he sometimes forgets patients' names, he doesn't think anyone should make him leave the work he loves.

He agrees that some sort of age-based assessment for physicians is probably a good idea, but said, "If I made a mistake, I'd be the first one to quit here."

Dr. Louis Borgenicht, a Salt Lake City pediatrician, was forced by a hospital to take a computer-based mental assessment test last year before he turned 72. He decided recently to stop doing circumcisions because of a mild tremor in his hands, but otherwise said his age doesn't affect his work.

"I was hoping to fail the test so I could go to the American Civil Liberties Union and say this is ageism," Borgenicht said.

He said the test was based on one given to airplane pilots and wasn't relevant to his medical skills. Borgenicht said he supports the AMA's involvement in developing screening assessments, "but it's got to be based on something that makes sense."

U.S. physicians must be licensed to practice in the state where they work and requirements generally include an evaluation of medical education and training, malpractice and discipline history. Licenses must be renewed yearly or every two years; but no competency exams are required after initial licensure, regardless of the doctor's age.

The Joint Commission, a private accrediting group, requires U.S. hospitals to periodically evaluate physicians' performance. Most hospitals do these evaluations every nine months for physicians of all ages, said Dr. Ana McKee, the commission's chief medical officer.

The University of Virginia Health System and Stanford Health Care, at Stanford University, are among institutions that require additional scrutiny of older doctors.

Stanford's policy began last year for physicians aged 75 or older and requires a special assessment every two years. It includes a performance evaluation and a comprehensive medical history and physical exam, said Dr. Ann Weinacker, a Stanford quality improvement specialist.

"It is not a pass-fail type of screening. However, if concerns are raised, we require the person to have further evaluation," she said.

The University of Virginia's screening began in 2011 for doctors and some other medical staff starting at age 70 and involves physical and cognitive exams every two years.

"The vast majority of them score very well," said Dr. Scott Syverud, chair of the university medical center's credentials committee.

Those who don't "can choose to cut down their practice or even to retire," Syverud said, although he declined to say if any have been deemed incompetent.

Syverud, 58, said the screening began not because of any incident, but because "we are all aging practitioners, including me. It's good to have an independent check that we are still capable" of providing competent care.

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Do more jobs mean more economic security? Not for some in US

BY JOSH BOAK AND CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON The U.S. economy is churning out a lot of jobs these days but not a lot of financial security for many of the people who hold them.

Pay growth, though improving, remains tepid. Many workers have few opportunities to advance. Others have taken temporary, part-time or freelance jobs, with little chance of landing full-time permanent work with benefits.

As a result, many jobs don't deliver as much economic punch as they used to. Part of the reason is that U.S. workers have grown less efficient in recent months. When they produce less per hour of work, their earnings power shrinks. So the economy doesn't fully benefit from the fuel that healthy job growth normally provides.

The result is a disconnect between the high number of job gains and a nagging dissatisfaction among some, both job holders and job seekers.

Lena Allison lost her job as a private-school kindergarten teacher in layoffs in September. Allison, 54, of Los Angeles has since worked temp jobs and struggled to find permanent work. Online job listings, she says, have made it hard to get face-to-face interviews.

"More people may be working jobs, but they're like these serial part-time jobs," she said. "They're not life-supporting jobs."

Allison's experiences, shared by millions of other workers, contrast with the economic momentum suggested by the May jobs report released Friday. The government added a solid 280,000 jobs. The unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 5.5 percent, but for a positive reason: More people decided to start seeking a job, and some didn't find one.

Hiring surged in the health care, retail, construction and hospitality and leisure sectors. Many analysts and investment managers cheered as average hourly wages rose at an annual rate of 2.3 percent from 2.2 percent in April, slightly ahead of inflation.

"Not only are the labor markets stronger today than at any point in the past 20 years, but we are beginning to see the start of broad-based wage growth," Rick Rieder, chief investment officer for fundamental fixed income at BlackRock, said in a client note.

That declaration is rooted in the economic data. But it would surprise many Americans.

Nearly half of Americans say they couldn't afford an emergency expense of $400 without borrowing or selling something they own, according to a survey released by the Federal Reserve. A striking 60 percent of those surveyed said they expect to go without a pay raise over the next 12 months.

Ben McBratney, 25, accepted a job in tech support last month at a Chicago payments company — his third job since graduating from college with a computer science degree in 2012. He's hopeful that this one will provide a chance for advancement.

"Each job has paid me a little less than the one before it, which is not the trajectory that I wanted," McBratney said.

One reason the number of new jobs has stayed strong despite sluggish economic growth is that workers have grown less efficient. Lower productivity can force employers to hire more in the short run. But it also holds down pay. Higher productivity, by contrast, would enable employers to pay more without having to raise prices on their products.

But productivity — which measures output per hour worked — plunged by a 3.1 percent annual rate in the first three months of 2015 after a 2.3 percent drop in last year's fourth quarter. It was the first time in more than eight years that productivity had fallen for two straight quarters. Productivity had expanded 2.1 percent annually, on average, since 2000.

Since the recession, companies have been slow to invest in machinery, computers and other equipment that would enable their workers to produce more.

"The concern is that there is no way to produce this many jobs in a slow economy without simultaneously having poor productivity growth," says Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economist and president of the conservative American Action Forum. "Over the long term, the absence of productivity growth is bad for workers and firms alike."

Many of the jobs added since the Great Recession ended in 2009 have been part time in low-paying industries. Those jobs deliver less economic fuel. Nearly 6.7 million part-timers would prefer full-time work — a figure that's fallen in recent years but remains far above the pre-recession level of 4.6 million.

The number of self-employed has also jumped nearly 1.6 million in the past year to 16.2 million, nearly back to pre-recession levels.

The self-employed include independent construction contractors and high-priced consultants but also freelancers who struggle to get by. Growth in those areas suggests that more Americans are cobbling together livelihoods from piecemeal work.

MBO Partners, which provides business services to independent workers, calculates that the number of freelancers rose to 17.9 million last year from 15.9 million in 2011. CEO Gene Zaino says the desire of companies to limit costs is driving a shift toward contract and freelance work.

"Rather than hiring people, there's a very strong inclination to get work done on a project basis," he said. New online platforms that link freelancers with projects have facilitated the process.

Many freelancers value the flexibility. But such jobs provide few or no benefits and require independent workers to track and pay taxes on their own. A report by Congress' Government Accountability Office found that independent workers endure greater job instability and lower incomes than full-time permanent workers.

Judge orders new trial in 2010 California bus crash that killed 3

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO, Calif. In a rare move, a Central California judge has granted a new trial in a deadly Greyhound bus crash, ruling the bus driver was negligent for speeding on a highway and was not wearing his eyeglasses.

The Fresno Bee reported Monday (http://bit.ly/1HjDJE8) that Judge Donald Black ordered a new trial for families of three women killed in the accident five years ago, ruling the Greyhound driver James Jewett was negligent for speeding on Highway 99 without his glasses.

Black said in the ruling: "There is no question the (bus) driver was confronted with an unexpected object in the roadway."

Jewett, however, "failed to take any action to avoid the SUV," Black wrote. "It thus cannot be said that he took a course of action that in hindsight was not the better choice."

A new trial date is not yet known. Greyhound can appeal Black's ruling, the newspaper reported.

Greyhound spokeswoman Lanesha Gipson declined comment Monday, citing pending litigation.

The jury in March decided that Greyhound was not responsible in the deaths of the three young women who were in an SUV that had overturned on a highway before the bus crashed into it. The jury never explained its verdict, deliberating less than three hours and leaving the courtroom without talking to attorneys in the case, the newspaper reported.

Retired Santa Clara County Superior Judge Eugene Hyman said he could not recall a time in California when a judge made a move like the one made by Black in Fresno Monday.

"I don't think you should ever tell a jury (they) got it wrong," he said. "You don't want to influence future juror behavior."

The pre-dawn crash on July 22, 2010, on Highway 99 killed the occupants of the overturned SUV: Sylvia Garay, 18, of Dinuba; and Vanessa Gonzalez, 19, and Stephanie Cordoba, 20, both of Fresno.

After the Greyhound struck the overturned SUV, the bus continued on the highway before going down an embankment and plowing into a eucalyptus tree, killing bus driver Jewett and two passengers.

Attorneys for the families of the three women sued Greyhound for negligence, contending the bus driver was speeding in the fast lane, wasn't wearing his glasses, and the bus had bad brakes.

If Jewett had been wearing his glasses and paying attention, he would have seen that several motorists had pulled over and turned on their emergency flashers in an effort to help the three young women after the SUV overturned, attorneys for the families told jurors in closing arguments in March.

The California Highway Patrol blamed the deadly crash on Garay, saying she was drunk when she overturned the SUV. Investigators said Jewett was wearing his glasses and did nothing wrong because he couldn't see the dark undercarriage of the SUV.

At the time of the verdict, Greyhound attorney Dana Fox said that Jewett, an experienced bus driver, was well rested and wearing his glasses. The bus's brakes were found to be in good condition, Fox said. The bus company has counter-sued, saying Garay's mother shouldn't have loaned the SUV to her daughter.

After the crash, Greyhound spent more than $3 million to settle with the two dozen injured bus passengers and with the families of the two bus passenger. But the bus company never made an offer to the families of the three young women. So the families sued Greyhound.



SURF REPORT



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 D&W 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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Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON MAY 29, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 A.M.

Officers received a call to respond to the 1900 block of 12th Street in regards to a vehicle burglary in progress. As officers approached the area, they observed a subject, described as a male, in his 20's, wearing dark clothes and gloves that matched the description walking through an alley. Officers drove through the alley in attempts to make contact with the suspect, later described as Tyler Mobley, 25 of Santa Monica, when he crouched behind a SUV in an attempt not to be seen.

Officers exited their vehicle and approached Mobley. While speaking with Mobley, he stated that he was not hiding, just trying to find a place to urinate. Officers noticed that he was in possession of a bike, and when Mobley was asked if it belonged to him, he stated that he needed transportation and had taken it without permission. Mobley agreed to direct officers to the location in which he had taken the bike from. He was booked for possession of stolen property. His bail was set at $8,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 412 calls for service on June 7.

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

Family disturbance 1700 block of 9th 12:51 a.m.
Traffic accident Main/Kinney 12:53 a.m.
Fight 2nd/Ashland 1:33 a.m.
Rape 2700 block of Pico 2:02 a.m.
Burglary 2100 block of Oak 2:45 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block of Wilshire 3:03 a.m.
Battery 600 block of Wilshire 3:25 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of Georgina 8:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block of 12th 8:30 a.m.
Person down 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 9:32 a.m.
Shots fired 2nd/Broadway 9:34 a.m.
Battery 2000 block of Ocean Front 9:38 a.m.
Grand theft auto 19th/Montana 10:35 a.m.
Missing person 2200 block of Colorado 10:36 a.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/San Vicente 10:42 a.m.
Burglary 800 block of 5th 11:05 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block of Broadway 11:26 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block of 6th 11:28 a.m.
Traffic accident 7th/Adelaide 11:46 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block of Main 12:03 p.m.
Traffic accident 23rd/Hill 12:03 p.m.
Fire request 1400 block of 16th 12:07 p.m.
Traffic accident 28th/Ocean Park 12:29 p.m.
Traffic accident State Route 163/Ocean 12:55 p.m.
Traffic accident 1500 block of Pacific Coast Highway 12:58 p.m.
Battery 1800 block of Lincoln 1:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block of Ocean 2:17 p.m.
Family disturbance 2300 block of Virginia 3:04 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Lincoln 4:30 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:36 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 4th 4:55 p.m.
Person down 300 block of Wilshire 4:58 p.m.
Medical emergency 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 5:16 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2000 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:47 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Montana 5:56 p.m.
Fight 400 block of Pacific Coast Highway 5:57 p.m.
Drunk driving 1400 block of 4th 6:33 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block of Main 6:35 p.m.
Traffic accident 300 block of Civic Center 7:51 p.m.
Traffic accident 6th/Santa Monica 8:08 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon 2600 of Virginia 8:25 p.m.
Fire request 1400 block of Santa Monica 8:28 p.m.
Missing person 300 block of Santa Monica pier 8:41 p.m.
Hit and run 3300 block of Pico 9:14 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on June 7.

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

EMS on the 300 block of Pico at 12:30 a.m.
EMS on the 2900 block of Main at 12:35 a.m.
Injuries from assault on the 2700 block of Pico at 2:18 a.m.
EMS at the intersection of Lincoln and Bay at 6:48 a.m.
EMS at the corner of Ocean and San Vicente at 10:43 a.m.
Odor of natural gas on the 1300 block of Ninth at 11:01 a.m.
EMS at the intersection Lincoln and Interstate 10 at 12:46 p.m.
EMS on the 800 block of Second at 12:53 p.m.
Request fire on 1400 Ocean Front Walk at 1 p.m.
Injuries from assault on the 1800 block of Lincoln at 1:09 p.m.
EMS on the 2500 block of Fourth Street at 1:33 p.m.
EMS on the 2300 block of Fourth Street at 1:48 p.m.
EMS on the Santa Monica Pier at 4:12 p.m.
EMS on the Santa Monica Pier at 4:50 p.m.
EMS at the intersection of Fourth and Wilshire at 4:58 p.m.
EMS at on the 1000 block of Pico at 5:11 p.m.
Request fire at Pico and 10th at 5:11 p.m.
EMS on the Third Street Promenade at Santa Monica at 6:03 p.m.
Smoke investigation at the intersection of Cloverfield and Interstate 10 at 7:43 p.m.
Wires down at the intersection of Harvard and Colorado at 19:26 p.m.
Odor of natural gas on the 1400 block of Seventh at 10:31 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Broadway's Bernadette
7 Highway exit
11 Patch type
12 At any time
13 African bovine
15 Defy authority
16 Cloth tatters
18 Moore of "Ghost"
21 Duplicate
22 Best man's wear
24 Smartphone download
25 Keg need
26 Went first
27 Metal worker
29 Peruse
30 College head
31 Regrets
32 Blue egg tender
34 Bruce Banner's portrayer in films
40 Lotion additive
41 Was radiant
42 Lowly chessman
43 Peaceful

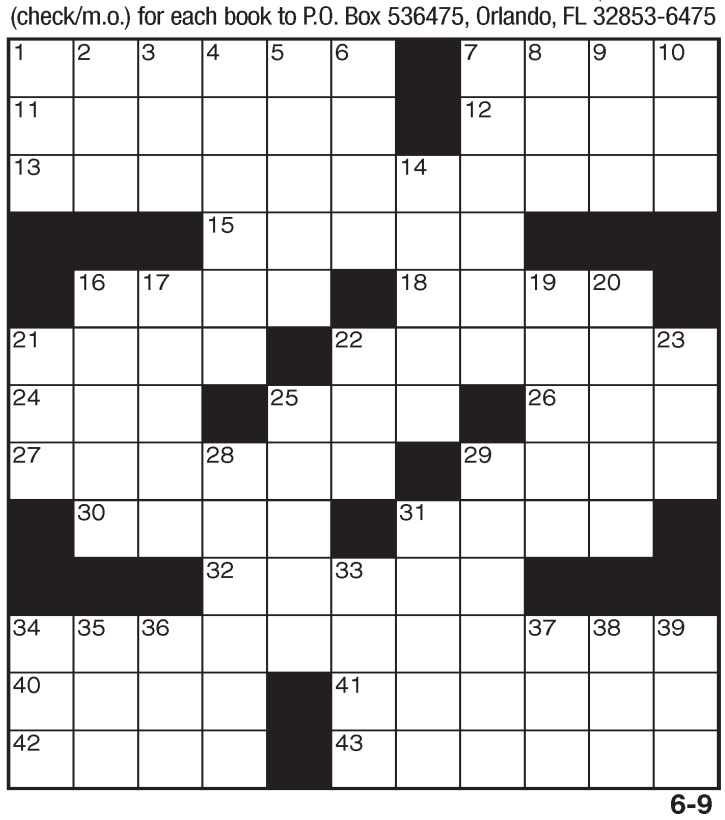
DOWN

1 Snapshot
2 Historic time
3 Pinnacle
4 Vigor
5 Judicial garb
6 Give the cold shoulder
7 Knee jerk, for one
8 Gardner of film
9 Singer Tillis
10 Debate side
14 Disgusted
16 Caught in a rodeo
17 Cobbler fruit
19 Skirmish
20 Notions
21 Crow cry
22 Black goo
23 Peculiar
25 Caruso, for one
28 Cloud over
29 Seek, as office
31 Hunting weapon
33 Entomology subjects
34 Atlas page
35 In the style of
36 Join the crew
37 Stunned wonder
38 Writer Deighton
39 Poem of praise

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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1 AND 2! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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MYSTERY PHOTO

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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 ★★

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

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

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/6
8 13 18 27 43
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 50M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/5
7 22 27 41 49
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 20M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 6/6
16 22 23 39 42
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 42M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/7
1 3 4 5 27
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DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/8
MIDDAY: 3 2 2
Draw Date: 6/7
EVENING: 9 2 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 6/7
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:44.82

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WORD UP!

urbane
1. having the polish and suavity regarded as characteristic of sophisticated social life in major cities:

TODAY IN HISTORY

1958 - Queen Elizabeth II officially opens London's Gatwick Airport in Crawley, West Sussex, United Kingdom.

1959 - The USS George Washington is launched. It is the first submarine to carry ballistic missiles.

1965 - The civilian Prime Minister of South Vietnam, Phan Huy Quát, resigns after being unable to work with a junta led by Nguy?n Cao K?.

1965 - Vietnam War: The Viet Cong commences combat with the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in the Battle of ??ng Xoài, one of the largest battles in the war.

1967 - Six-Day War: Israel captures the Golan Heights from Syria

1968 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson declares a national day of mourning following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

1972 - Severe rainfall causes a dam in the Black Hills of South Dakota to burst, creating a flood that kills 238 people and causes $160 million in damage.

1973 - In horseracing, Secretariat wins the Triple Crown.

1974 - Portugal and the Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Silicon Valley code-writers and engineers work long hours -- with apparently little time for "food" as we know it. Eating is "time wasted," in the words of celebrity inventor Elon Musk, and normal meals a "marketing facade," said another valley bigwig. The New York Times reported in May that techies are eagerly scarfing down generic (but nutrient-laden) liquids like Schmilk and People Chow, largely for ease of preparation, to speed their return to work. The Times food editor described one product as "oat flour" washed down with "the worst glass of milk ever." "Pancake batter," according to a Times reporter. (That supermarket staple Ensure? According to the food editor, it's "fine wine" compared to Schmilk.)

■ (1) Nursing student Jennifer Burbella filed a lawsuit against Misericordia University (near Scranton, Pennsylvania) for not helping her enough to pass a required course that she failed twice. The professional caregiver-to-be complained of stress so severe that she needed a distraction-free room and extra time for the exam, but claims she deserved even more special treatment. (2) Four Columbia University students complained in May that courses in Greek mythology and Roman poetry need "trigger" warnings -- advance notice to super-sensitive students that history may include narratives of "disturbing" events (that have somehow been studied without such warnings for centuries).

give a (bleep)

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

Whose walk is this anyway?

With Roxy Starfish



'Sup Dawgs,

A peeve? Sure. Don't we all have them? But first, some gratitude for helping my buddies of the canine and feline persuasions find new forever homes. Because humans are generally pretty awesome. But not perfect.

Now, my peeve. What's the deal with taking us for walks, then not



letting us check stuff out? We want to sniff things, pee on things, breathe in the great outdoors beyond our usual fenced confines. Whose walk is this anyway? We feel the leash tug, but we can't help ourselves. Patience, people.



Bambi

Bambi is an adorable purse-size chi about 3 months old. She is a great snuggler and super sweet. Bambi is a beautiful tan color and weighs about 5 pounds. She is great around other dogs and children of all sizes.

She's spayed, healthy, microchipped and up to date on all vaccinations.

Hugo

Hugo is a real social butterfly. He wants to know what's happening in all areas of his pint-sized life. He's curious, agreeable and adorable. Hugo would love a home with another dog. Size doesn't matter. He plays with little dogs and can hold his own with the big guys.

Hugo is housebroken, good on a leash and (OK, don't shoot me) isn't yappy like most little dogs.



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Get some R and R, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Try not to lose control in a discussion where someone considers him- or herself to be above the majority of people. Follow your intuition, and test out any solutions in your head before you verbalize them. Curb statements that could cause a problem. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Remain focused on your objectives, and don't allow any uproar to distract you. Addressing one item at a time will be the best way to proceed. You might have to switch gears when you least expect to, and it could add to the present confusion. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Tension is likely to build as an authority figure starts causing a problem and creating additional pressure. You might be past the point of worrying about this person's wishes, but that could cause you a major problem where you least want it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to maintain a lower profile than usual. Anger might rise to the surface, but be smart and don't reveal anything that you'd rather not discuss. Financial gain is possible if you can keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ It doesn't take a genius to see how stressed out many of your friends and loved ones are. Listen carefully, and try to reconcile all the different opinions. One-on-one relating will result in a different reaction from what you might have anticipated. Tonight: Work through a problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ When you try to initiate a conversation with a parent or higher-up, you could discover that there is a problem. You might feel as if this person is using you as his or her punching bag. Use your instincts, and you won't make a bad decision. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your focus and determination continue to be your strong suits. Others might want to play devil's advocate and go into deep reflection, but you will get the job done. Tension is likely to emerge because of what you must do. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ An interesting conversation with a loved one or someone you are financially involved with is likely to spur your imagination. A discussion with an expert or an older friend will point you toward a positive path. Follow through, and don't question yourself. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could be juggling more than you want to handle. You'll see an important relationship or a matter involving your home experience some ups and downs. You might find it hard to be present, especially as others seem to be demanding! Tonight: Go for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Keep communication moving. You might feel as if you have too much information. You will want to change your approach with several people, especially if they are loose cannons. Listen to an associate who is argumentative, but wait to comment. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a risk for now. Your creativity easily translates into ingenuity when dealing with a touchy associate or loved one. Don't get your funds involved in any of your dealings, except when paying for lunch! Tonight: Pay bills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to come to a better understanding of what is happening with a loved one. You could be overwhelmed by this person's attitude, which is likely to be cantankerous and difficult. Go off and do something just for you. Tonight: Let the games begin!

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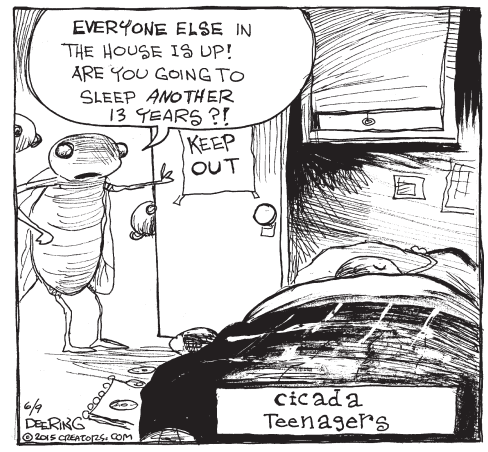
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you will need to recognize that you sometimes say one thing yet do another. Because you might not be aware of this behavior, you should listen to feedback from others. Your temper is close to the surface, and it would be wise to learn to share your feelings before they turn into anger. If you are single, in the next few months you are likely to meet someone who knocks your socks off. This person will have a strong effect on your life. If you are attached, you might need to be more in touch with your feelings and be more aware of your sweetie's response. PISCES can be touchy at times.

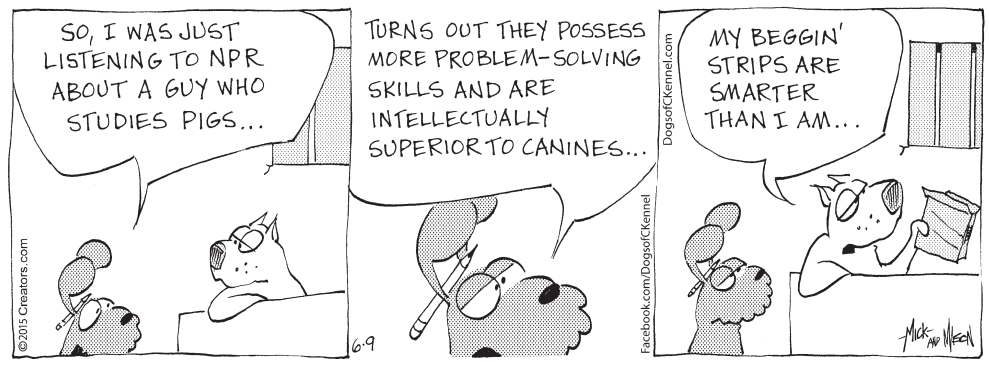
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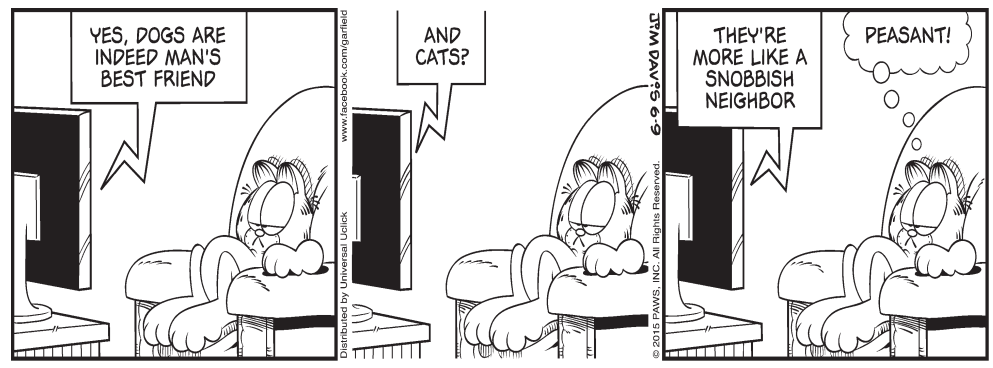
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