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THE SLIGHT CHILL ISSUE



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GRAY DAY BY THE BAY: A group of people walk along the beach near the Santa Monica Pier on Monday afternoon.

Survey: Californians believe climate is changing

City officials working to slow change, address negative impacts

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON & BRIAN ADIGWU
Daily Press Staff

CITYWIDE More than eight in 10 Californians believe that climate change is happening, according to a recent survey prepared by Stanford University.

Clearly, Santa Monica, being next to the Pacific Ocean, will be heavily impacted so city officials are rushing to slow the change and address the negative impacts.

The survey results were released by the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change on which Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Santa Monica, serves as a chair. The survey said that 80 percent of Californians support government-imposed limits on greenhouse gas emissions caused by U.S. businesses.

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School district to give accountability plan input

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials are holding the first in a series of workshop this afternoon to formulate an accountability plan for the 2014-15 budget.

The Local Control Accountability Plan will be built by the district and the community but approved by the State Board of Education. It will specify eight elements that each district must address. This afternoon, SMMUSD will explain the parameters of the plan to the community so that they can form the plan at later meetings.

The Local Control Funding Formula, a Gov. Jerry Brown proposal passed in June, distributes the same dollar amount per

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Kuehl racks up endorsements for county supervisor

BY GREG ASCIUTTO
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Santa Monica leaders continue to publicly endorse former State Sen. and Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl in her bid for L.A. County Supervisor.



KUEHL

Mayor Pam O'Connor and former Mayor Judy Abdo announced their support for Kuehl, a Democrat, via a Monday release.

"We need a representative like Sheila who will fight for our progressive values and work with community leaders to accelerate the improvements we need to continue to achieve," said O'Connor.

Added Abdo: "Sheila is a recognized leader who has dedicated a lifelong effort into bettering our neighborhoods."

Kuehl, a longtime Santa Monica resident,

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UC, nurses reach tentative labor pact

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The University of California has reached a tentative labor agreement with unionized nurses at its medical and student-health facilities, averting a possible one-day walkout by the nurses that was scheduled for Wednesday.

The university said Saturday the preliminary deal calls for annual 4 percent pay increases through 2017 and UC paying the majority of health insurance premium costs for the more than 11,700 nurses who belong to the California Nurses Association. UC will contribute 8 percent of pay in pension benefits starting in 2014, and 9 percent of pay

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013

Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Memoir discussion
Santa Monica College
Science Lecture Hall 153
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Author Nick Krieger will give a free reading and discussion of his memoir, "Nina Here Nor There: My Journey Beyond Gender." The 2011 book has been honored with such accolades as a Stonewall Honor Book Award and Independent Literary Award. For more information, call (310) 434-4003. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

Write away
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Head down to this afternoon session for writing inspiration, guidance and direction.

Classic flick
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
"Hollywood Canteen" co-founder Bette Davis and John Garfield, and a cavalcade of movie stars, singers and dancers entertain in this delightful ode to the American soldiers who defended us in World War II.

Books for cooks
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m.
Enjoy a Thanksgiving-themed story and make a tasty seasonal treat with the chefs from Kitchen Kid. Space is limited. Ages 4-8.

Board of Education meeting
Lincoln Middle School Cafetorium
1501 California Ave., 4 p.m.
The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will hold a special meeting concerning the new Local Control Funding Formula, which creates base, supplemental and concentration grants in place of existing K-12 funding streams. Speaking time has been set aside for public comment.

Student photo gallery
Santa Monica High School,
Roberts Art Gallery
601 Pico Blvd., 5 p.m.
Santa Monica High School students enrolled in a photography class are hosting an opening reception for their new exhibition, "In Focus: Photography essays by Samohi Photo 2 students expressing people, places and objects that matter to them." The collection will be sold via a silent auction this evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013

So fresh
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Adventure travel
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Find out how adventure travel experiences have the power to change your life. Instructors Michael Bennett and Don Mankin of Muddy Shoe Adventures will lead the discussion on reinventing yourself through travel. The event is free, though space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Hotel workers meeting
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Community Room
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Democratic Club and Rachel Torres, political director of Unite H.E.R.E. (Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees), for an update on hotel development projects in Santa Monica. Torres will discuss the development agreements under consideration and the union negotiations taking place with the developers. All members of the public are invited to attend.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Rep. Waxman calls for answers in crash investigation

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Santa Monica, sent a letter Monday to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) calling for an expedited investigation of the September crash that left four dead at Santa Monica Airport.

The message was a response to NTSB Acting Chair Deborah Hersman, who previously wrote that she "believe[d] safety was compromised by stopping this investigation" during October's federal government shutdown.

"I am concerned about any impact on your ability to conduct a thorough investigation of this fatal crash," Waxman wrote. "I urge you to redouble your efforts on this investigation to make up for any impediments caused by the shutdown."

NTSB representatives did not offer an official response to Waxman's letter, but reiterated that they are working hard to conclude the investigation.

"We continue to conduct as thorough of an investigation as we would in any of our investigations," said spokesperson Keith Holloway. "An investigator actually has been working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the air frame manufacturer (Cessna) and engine manufacturer (Williams International)."

The inclusion of Cessna and Williams International to the investigation does not imply that the companies are responsible for the crash, however.

"Standard procedure for active investigation is to loop in multiple parties," said FAA public affairs officer Ian Gregor.

The preliminary report released by the NTSB in late October found that the airplane's tires showed no unusual damage and that no debris was on the runaway at the time of the crash. It could be 18 months before the investigation is completed, Holloway said.

– GREG ASCIUTTO

SMMUSD

3 in running for Distinguished Schools title

The California Department of Education has invited three Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District elementary schools to apply for the 2014 California Distinguished Schools program.

Franklin, Webster and Point Dume Marine Science elementaries are among the 405 schools to receive an invitation.

The schools have until mid-December to apply for the award, which honors California elementary schools for reducing the achievement gap among socioeconomic subgroups of students.

The last time a local school was recognized as a Distinguished School was in 2010, when Webster, Point Dume and McKinley elementaries were honored.

The schools will be notified of their application status by late March.

– GA

MONTANA AVE

Flair Cleaners kicks off annual clothing drive

At each of its five Southern California locations, Flair Cleaners is bringing back its annual Holiday Clothing and Shoe Drive from Nov. 29 to Dec. 31.

A large donation box will be placed in the lobby of the company's Santa Monica branch, 720 Montana Ave., for gently used items that will be given to Helping Hands for the Blind, St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store and the National Council of Jewish Women Thrift Shop.

"We are proud to continue this important tradition," owner Gary Futterman said via a release. "Since we started the Holiday Clothing and Shoe Drive 11 years ago, our customers have really gotten into the spirit of giving, and each year more and more clothing is donated."

Items in greatest need are jeans and other denim items, shoes and professional clothing. Flair Cleaners also encourages the donation of accessories like gloves, purses, hats, scarves and belts.

– GA

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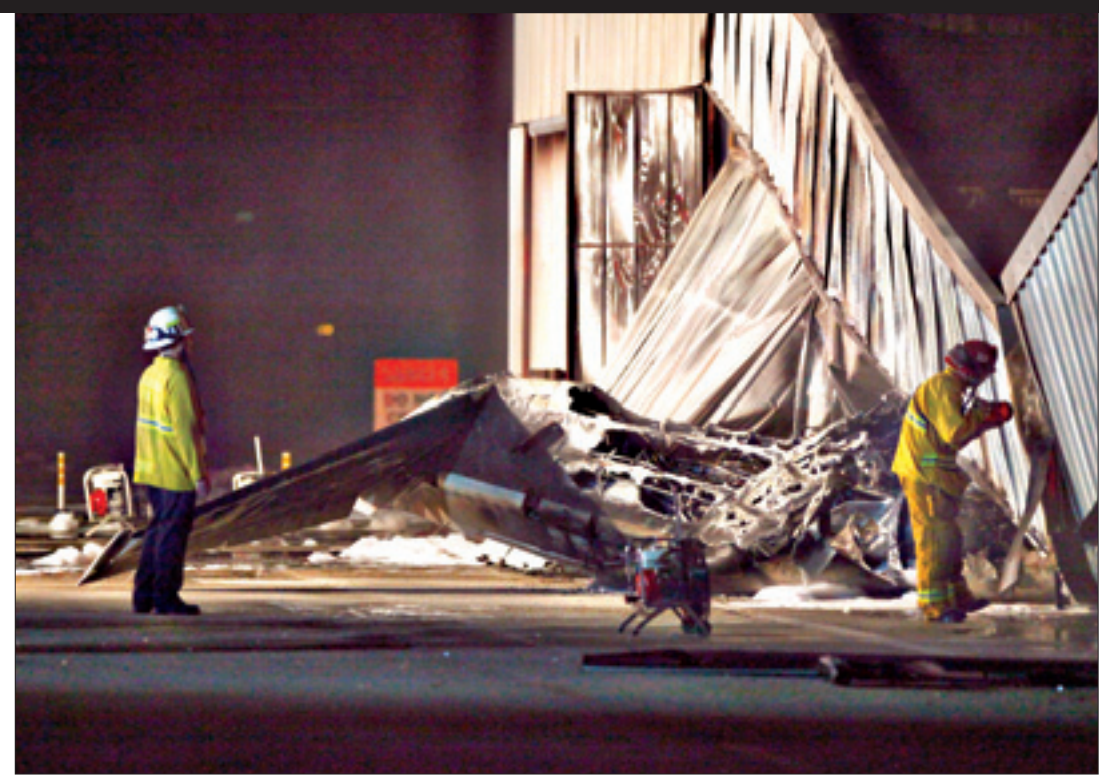


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THE SCENE: **Firefighters survey the crash site at Santa Monica Airport in September.**

Local resources for premature babies

BY RACHEL ZIENTS SCHINDERMAN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN I used to write a column about parenting for this paper called Mommie Brain. I chronicled my experiences with my older son, Benjamin, and then briefly when I had my younger son, Eli. The columns stopped as I got too busy with both of them and their needs. So forgive me if this piece is a little rusty as I dust off my writing muscle.

Every now and then the editor of this paper will let me come back when a parenting issue is important and I need to comment on it. And this is important.

November is Prematurity Awareness Month.

See, Eli was premature and Benjamin was in the NICU (Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit) too

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pair of local schools reach volleyball semifinals

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE The girls' volleyball teams from Crossroads and Pacifica Christian have qualified for the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Division 4A playoffs.

Crossroads travels to Laguna Bianca, while Pacifica Christian hosts Cate. Both games are scheduled for today at 7 p.m.

Pacifica Christian will play the game at nearby Brentwood. The school doesn't have a gym of its own.

The championship game will be held at Cerritos College. That game would take place either Friday or Saturday.

ST. MONICA FOOTBALL MAKES EARLY EXIT

The season has come to an end for St. Monica football.

The Mariners fell to Rio Hondo Prep in the first round of the CIF-SS Northeast Division playoffs on Friday, 62-28.

Rio Hondo, the No. 2 seed in the playoffs, advances to take on Excelsior Charter on Friday.

St. Monica finishes the season 3-8 overall and 1-3 in Santa Fe League play. The Mariners qualified for the playoffs as an at-large bid.

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Into the wild

Editor:

There have been recent reports of coyotes in Santa Monica, but their presence is nothing new ("Coyotes moving to Santa Monica's southern limits," Nov. 13). I've enjoyed nocturnal walks in Santa Monica for the past 20 years, and I see coyotes, on average, every 18 months.

Just this past weekend, around 3:30 a.m., I saw two coyotes wandering California and Fourth Street. It's the first time I saw a coyote couple since the late 1990s, when I'd occasionally see a pair wandering around 15h Street, near Alta and Marguerita avenues.

Almost always I see lone coyotes, north of Montana, in the wee morning hours. But in early 2012 I saw four coyotes along Georgina, between 14th and 17th streets, around 4 a.m. They entered a homeowner's front yard, and from there, presumably, the back yard. In 2011, I saw a coyote around Georgina and 21st, at 8 p.m., Saturday. (I assume there's less traffic to scare them off on weekends.) He followed me a few blocks, the only time I ever saw such a fearless coyote. Even the pack of four kept their distance from me. In the early 2000s I saw one coyote several times, on Centinela.

I've never had problems with coyotes. If one follows me, I stop and stare at him. He always stops too and, seeing that I'm unafraid, follows me no more.

I've seen raccoons and what looked like possums on Centinela. I've seen a possum on California. I've seen raccoons — whole families of them — north of Montana. And a lone raccoon on Arizona, my only wildlife spotting in the Mid-City area. Several times, when they see me, the raccoons rush for a storm drain, where they apparently live.

I've never met a hostile coyote. They mostly seem wary or uninterested. Whereas raccoons often look at me with fierce, hostile expressions. At least that's how they look to me. But they keep their distance, and I keep mine.

Santa Monica is beautiful in the wee hours. Smog and heat have dissipated. No noisy traffic. No people shouting into cell phones. And occasionally, one is lucky enough to see wildlife.

Thomas M. Sipos
Santa Monica

Waxing nostalgic

Editor:

Santa Monica, I have loved you so. I loved you from the moment I set eyes on you in 1984; every day, every moment of the day, morning, noon and night. You were clean and happy and you smelled good. I loved you.

Today you are crying and I cry with you. Your heart, once feeling peaceful and tolerant and continuos joy, has been ripped from you. Now you feel bloated and rightly so. They are forcing you to grow like a goose liver.

You are depressed and so are your friends. You are not being cleaned and with you we are embarrassed by all the chewing gum and dog pee everywhere. You have been heavily mistreated, abused and sold out many times over.

You welcomed the mean and greedy who abused you to fill their pockets. The good part is that you are going to hit the headlines soon. You'll be nicknamed sister city of Bell. I know you are looking forward to that.

Until then, breathe deep. This too shall pass.

Liliane Pelzman
Santa Monica



Our Town

Ellen Brennan — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

What's wrong with this picture?

RESIDENTS ARE ANGRY, VERY ANGRY. They're angry about traffic that keeps them sitting in their own driveway unable to exit, traffic that causes them to sit idling through four traffic light changes while they creep one block. So they turn to the city staff in charge of traffic control and say, "Why are we having to endure this?"

I had a conversation with City Traffic Engineer Sam Morrissey who, with his small group of traffic controllers, has made a big difference in the way traffic moves. He and his group restructured the complex signal at Ocean Avenue and Moomat Ahiko a few years ago and got rid of traffic build-up extending down the hill to Pacific Coast Highway, and gridlock for vehicles turning south from Colorado Avenue.

But he had plenty of lanes to work with. That's not the case in most of the city. In Downtown, for instance, Fourth Street, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Broadway were four-lane streets. They're now two-lane streets and, in some cases, three-lane streets. The city got rid of the other lanes and they were turned into "bus-only" lanes. This exercise was named "Creating the Transit Mall."

As we know, the City Council continues to approve development after development all over the city, bringing more and more traffic to our gridlocked streets.

I told Sam about the night I drove to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, planning to meet friends at 7 p.m. I originally intended to ride the 720 bus, but the driver refused to open the door for me at Broadway and Ocean (a regular posted stop) at around 6 p.m., even though I was about three steps from the door and looking the bus driver in the eye as he pulled away.

I realized I'd be late if I waited for the next bus, so decided to drive. I knew the freeway would be a parking lot, and didn't know where the bottlenecks were due to freeway construction. I ended up driving east on Olympic. This was my first experience of traffic on Olympic. Four and five signal changes to move one light. It was awesomely frustrating and just shy of two hours of gridlock.

Sam tells me this gridlock originates in Los Angeles. Since our traffic information system doesn't connect to the Los Angeles traffic information system, there's no way they can determine where the bottlenecks are located or do anything about it. He says the city is exploring connecting to a countywide traffic information system. Then, he could adjust the lights to allow traffic speed increase of about 10 percent. Now, as he pointed out, that's not much help. (If traffic was moving at 10 mph, it would allow it to move at 11 mph). But on Olympic, if you got a green light at Centinela, it might allow you to get a green light on Bundy. (On my drive, it might have allowed me to skip one of the several red light changes I sat through before I got through the light at Bundy).

I asked Sam about the Bergamot area and all the large developments in the pipeline that will bring several thousand additional car trips each day into this gridlocked area.

Actually, according to their environmental impact reports, four projects alone — Hines, Colorado Creative Studios, Roberts Center, and Village Trailer Park — will generate more than 13,000 new car trips per day. And that's an underestimation, since the Hines EIR used obsolete numbers for the size of office space. Office space has shrunk dramatically, allowing for more employees in the same amount of space.

Sam said, "With this kind of traffic, drivers look for every street and alley they can find that is moving. There will be 10 new streets created in the Bergamot area and they will hold some of that traffic." Sam didn't create any of this traffic, and that's his best answer. New traffic generation in the area is in the hands of the City Council. Sam and his group just have to do the best they can to handle it. And at this point, there's little they can do.

Those new streets in the Bergamot area are supposed to be quiet streets, not traffic carriers. And they all lead into the few arteries available that lead out of the city. So even if they do become traffic carriers, they won't reduce the time it takes to get out of the area because they lead right into the main arteries that are gridlocked.

I had the opportunity to pose a question to one of our council members at a public meeting recently. I asked, "When will you know this plan is not working?" The council member said, "I don't understand." I described my recent encounter with area gridlock and repeated my question. The answer was, "Traffic is a regional problem. Maybe over the years we can get the region to do something about it."

When you finally understand how divorced the council is from the reality of the rapid diminishment of the quality of life in Santa Monica, and the fact that some council members do not care even slightly, you realize that a sea change is called for. We are getting inquiries from concerned and outraged residents asking, "What can we do?"

You might be interested to know that every development agreement approved by the City Council is subject to a referendum. If residents gather enough signatures to place it on the ballot, within 30 days of the approval, the fate of that development agreement will be decided by you, the voters.

In a stunning reversal, San Francisco voters recently rejected a Board of Supervisors approved 136-foot-tall development of high-end condos slated for the Embarcadero. The developer offered affordable housing, open space, ground-floor retail and restaurants, and years of tax benefits. Sound familiar? The voters overwhelmingly voted it down 2 to 1.

ELLEN BRENNAN, former stockbroker, past member and chair of the Pier Restoration Corporation board, authored this column.

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Thinking about being thankful

MY FRIEND JIMMY SAYS ALL THE TIME, "If I'm not grateful, I sure ought to be." I'm thinking he's wrong. I mean, seriously, what is there to be grateful for? It's Nov. 19, and the weather is not even fall like. I've been so warm during the day that I am wearing shorts as I head to the Third Street Promenade for lunch with my friends.

This time of year I should be in long underwear, heavy jeans, wool socks, boots, a sweater and an overcoat with some goofy knit hat so that I end up looking like an obese Michelin Man. The joy of that attire is not to be underrated. After all, as you try to stay warm when you're outside, as soon as you are inside you start to sweat like a Swede in a sauna. That temperature change is supposedly good for your health.

I don't know how I'm supposed to be so grateful for all the people who keep invading our city on the weekends. Don't they know it's so crowded that no one comes here anymore? Kids these days have no memory of Yogi Berra, America's greatest philosopher.

Jimmy is always so grateful about having a roof over his head and food on the table, but doesn't he realize how hard it is to choose a good restaurant in this town? It takes me half an hour to figure out if I want Thai, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Italian, Polish, Jewish, Mexican, California fusion cuisine (whatever that is), steakhouse, seafood, raw, vegan, European, classic American diner or Mediterranean.

He thinks it's awesome that there are so many choices for housing these days thanks to the opening of all these new apartment buildings, with more to come. The nice part of that is people are getting confused on where to pick up friends, so they just pick up strangers and make new friends.

I agree with him that it is a good thing we have regulated those taxicabs though, they needed it. It was hellish trying to figure out which local cab company I wanted to give my money to. It's much better to have a very few large organizations in charge to regulate their drivers. After all, if Santa Monica doesn't stand for heavy government control of business, who will?

Which is why those legal skirters over at Lyft need to be on alert in town. They take all the worry out of getting a cab. We can now just go online and get anyone nearby who wants to make some extra money to pick me up, and the city doesn't get a dime. This lawlessness must come to an end. They should be crushed under the heavy boot of the City Council, just like the small, locally-owned taxicab companies were.

So, if you can't tell by now, I'm being sarcastic about all of that. As Thanksgiving approaches we have a ton of things to be grateful for in our city.

Yes, we have our growing pains. Yes, I'm not happy about them. But the fact is that growth and progress is rarely painless. In my own life, if I want to change something for the better I have to give up something that has become comfortable and familiar. The discomfort of the new will fade, and then it will be the comfortable and familiar.

I don't like the fact that Norms is gone and that what will replace it will be a monolith of rabbit warrens, but there may be a new restaurant on the ground floor that I love. I don't know.

Years ago I didn't like the fact that the old Pioneer Boulangerie was sold, and turned into a rabbit warren of apartments and retail spaces. But the large crowds I see at the M Street Kitchen and Stella Barra nightly, tells me that a very large contingent of people do like the change.

I have a roof over my head. I've only intentionally skipped a meal for diet's sake, and I daily get to see the ocean and enjoy the quality of fresh sea air. My life here is better than 99 percent of the world.

If you're not grateful this Thanksgiving, you sure ought to be. Look at the Philippines, Syria, India, Cyprus or even closer to home. The tornadoes in the Midwest have devastated large swaths of the country; Indiana, Illinois and Missouri all have major damage.

We live in a paradise, and we should be darn grateful for it. This Thanksgiving do something nice for someone you don't know and who is in a worse financial place than you. You can afford it.

Happy Thanksgiving, y'all.

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The Q Line

Paying a living wage

There's been a lot of talk lately about raising the minimum wage and paying low-skilled workers more, including folks who clean hotel rooms and make Big Macs. In Santa Monica, a developer of two hotels agreed to pay its employees $15.37 an hour. Fast-food employees were also fighting for $15 an hour. City Hall has a mandate of $14.08 per hour. Advocates say raising pay is the only way people can survive these days given the rising cost of goods and services.

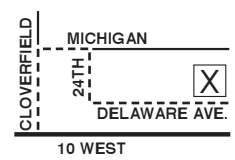
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What wage is appropriate for low-skilled workers? Is $15 an hour too high or not good enough?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.


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Man says Google Maps image shows slain son

A San Francisco Bay Area man wants Google Maps to remove an aerial image that shows the body of his 14-year-old son, who was shot and killed in 2009.

Richard Barrea told KTVU-TV over the weekend that he became aware of the image of his son Kevin earlier in the week. He said he wants Google Inc. to take down the image out of respect for his son, but it wasn't clear whether he had asked Google directly to take it down.

"When I see this image, that's still like that happened yesterday," Barrera told the news station Sunday. "And that brings me back to a lot of memories."

The image shows what appears to be a body on the ground near a rail line with several other people, presumably investigators, and what looks like a police car nearby. It was visible on Google's website Monday.

Kevin's body was found on a path near railroad tracks that separate North Richmond from San Pablo on Aug. 15, 2009. His slaying remains unsolved.

Police believe Kevin was killed in the same spot the night before his body was found, said Richmond police Sgt. Nicole Abetkov. They have not established a motive for the slaying or identified any suspects.

An email to Google from The Associated Press was not immediately returned. The company says most of its overhead images are about one to three years old, although it tries to update them regularly.

Google Maps also provides a street view function that allows people to tour areas as someone passing through them would. Street View displays images that have been gathered by Google using cameras mounted on cars, tricycles and even snowmobiles.

Some of the images have raised privacy concerns, though Google says its technology automatically blurs license plates and people's faces. It also allows users to report concerns about the images.

There is, however, no similar reporting feature for overhead imagery, according to Google.

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LOS ANGELES

Alleged dry ice bomber free on own recognizance

A man charged with allegedly setting dry ice bombs at Los Angeles International Airport has been released on his own recognizance.

District attorney's office spokeswoman Jane Robison says 28-year-old Dicarlo Bennett was released Monday by Superior Court Judge James Dabney without having to post bail.

Bennett, an employee for the ground handling company Servisair, was arrested and pleaded not guilty to two counts of possessing a destructive device in a public place. He was held on $1 million bail.

Bennett's supervisor, 41-year-old Miguel Angel Iniguez of Inglewood, also pleaded not guilty to a similar charge. He also has been released.

Prosecutors say the two men made three dry ice bombs near airport terminals in October, but only two of them exploded. No one was injured.

They are due back in court Dec. 10.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Truckers at three companies near port stage strike

Dozens of truckers working for three companies that take goods to and from the Port of Los Angeles are striking.

The truckers say the companies have prevented them from unionizing and improperly classified them as contractors – rather than employees – to minimize wages and benefits.

The walkouts began early Monday morning and will last until Tuesday afternoon.

A spokesman for two of the companies, Green Fleet Systems and Pac9, called the strikes "desperate acts" that won't force change because most employees oppose unionizing.

Truckers staged a similar, smaller strike in August.

The ports of LA and nearby Long Beach are key gateways for billions of dollars of U.S.-Asia trade, with trucks the primary way goods are moved to and from the docks.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Student earns perfect score on exam

More than 104,000 students worldwide took the Advanced Placement Calculus exam this year. Only 11 got a perfect score. California 17-year-old Nathan Chou is one of them.

The Arcadia High School senior learned of the rare achievement from the College Board, the nonprofit group that oversees the AP tests.

Chou told the Los Angeles Times in a story Sunday that he spent about four hours studying for the calculus exam, with help from class-made study guides and practice tests.

"That was helpful," Nathan said. "But I almost ran out of time on the multiple-choice section. I was nervous that my memory would suddenly blank out."

The test was offered in 59 countries in the 2012-2013 school year. The 11 students who earned perfect scores are all from the United States. At least two other students in California earned perfect scores on the exam, said Deborah Davis, the board's director of college readiness communications.

Nathan took the test previously as a junior. He said the concepts were easy to understand but applying them to calculus problems was challenging.

Nathan has maintained straight A's in high school and plays the violin and piano in the school's symphony orchestra.

His father told the newspaper the family will visit one of Nathan's favorite restaurants to celebrate the accomplishment.

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Robots let doctors 'beam' into remote care facilities

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CARMICHAEL, Calif. The doctor isn't in, but he can still see you now.

Remote presence robots are allowing physicians to "beam" themselves into hospitals to diagnose patients and offer medical advice during emergencies.

A growing number of hospitals in California and other states are using telepresence robots to expand access to medical specialists, especially in rural areas where there's a shortage of doctors.

These mobile video-conferencing machines move on wheels and typically stand about 5 feet, with a large screen that projects a doctor's face. They feature cameras, microphones and speakers that allow physicians and patients to see and talk to each other.

Dignity Health, which runs Arizona, California and Nevada hospitals, began using the telemedicine machines five years ago to diagnose patients suspected of suffering strokes — when every minute is crucial to prevent serious brain damage.

The San Francisco-based health care provider now uses the telemedicine robots in emergency rooms and intensive-care units at about 20 California hospitals, giving them access to specialists in areas such as neurology, cardiology, neonatology, pediatrics and mental health.

"Regardless of where the patient is located, we can be at their bedside in several minutes," said Dr. Alan Shatzel, medical director of the Mercy Telehealth Network. "Literally, we compress time and space with this technology. No longer does distance affect a person's ability to access the best care possible."

Dignity Health is one of several hospital chains that recently began using RP-VITA, which was jointly developed by InTouch Health and iRobot Corp. It's approved for hospital use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"Hospitals are now using this type of technology in order to leverage the specialists that they have even better and more efficiently," said Dr. Yulun Wang, CEO of Santa Barbara-based InTouch Health.

Nearly 1,000 hospitals in the U.S. and abroad have installed InTouch telemedicine devices, including about 50 RP-VITA robots launched in May, according to company officials. The company rents out the RP-VITA for $5,000 per month.

When a doctor is needed at a remote hospital location, he can log into the RP-VITA on-site by using a computer, laptop or iPad. The robot has an auto-drive function that allows it to navigate its way to the patient's room, using sensors to avoid bumping into things or people.

Once inside the hospital room, the doctor can see, hear and speak to the patient, and have access to clinical data and medical images. The physician can't touch the patient, but there is always a nurse or medical assistant on-site to assist.

On a recent morning, Dr. Asad Chaudhary, a stroke specialist at Dignity Health, beamed into a robot at the neuro-intensive care unit at Mercy San Juan Medical Center in Carmichael to evaluate Linda Frisk, a patient who recently had a stroke.

State report: Hazardous waste unaccounted for

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California cannot account for 174,000 tons of lead and other hazardous materials shipped for disposal in the last five years, but state regulators say public health is not threatened, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Los Angeles Times reported that a state database shows the toxic chemicals and cancer-causing metals were shipped but gives no indication that they arrived at their intended destinations — many of which are out of state.

California officials told the newspaper they are confident that the missing shipments found their way to disposal sites but acknowledge they can't be sure.

"We don't know," said Debbie Raphael, director of the state Department of Toxic Substances Control, which has a $189 million budget and about 900 employees. "It's a question mark."

Raphael and other officials told the Times they are concerned by gaps in the tracking system. However, they insisted they would know through public complaints or reports from local officials if a significant amount of toxic waste had been dumped illegally.

"I do not believe that Californians are at risk," Raphael said.

The Times said the lost loads include more than 20,000 tons of lead, 520 tons of the carcinogen benzene and 355 tons of methyl ethyl ketone, a flammable solvent.

In most cases, no one investigates what happened to the missing waste.

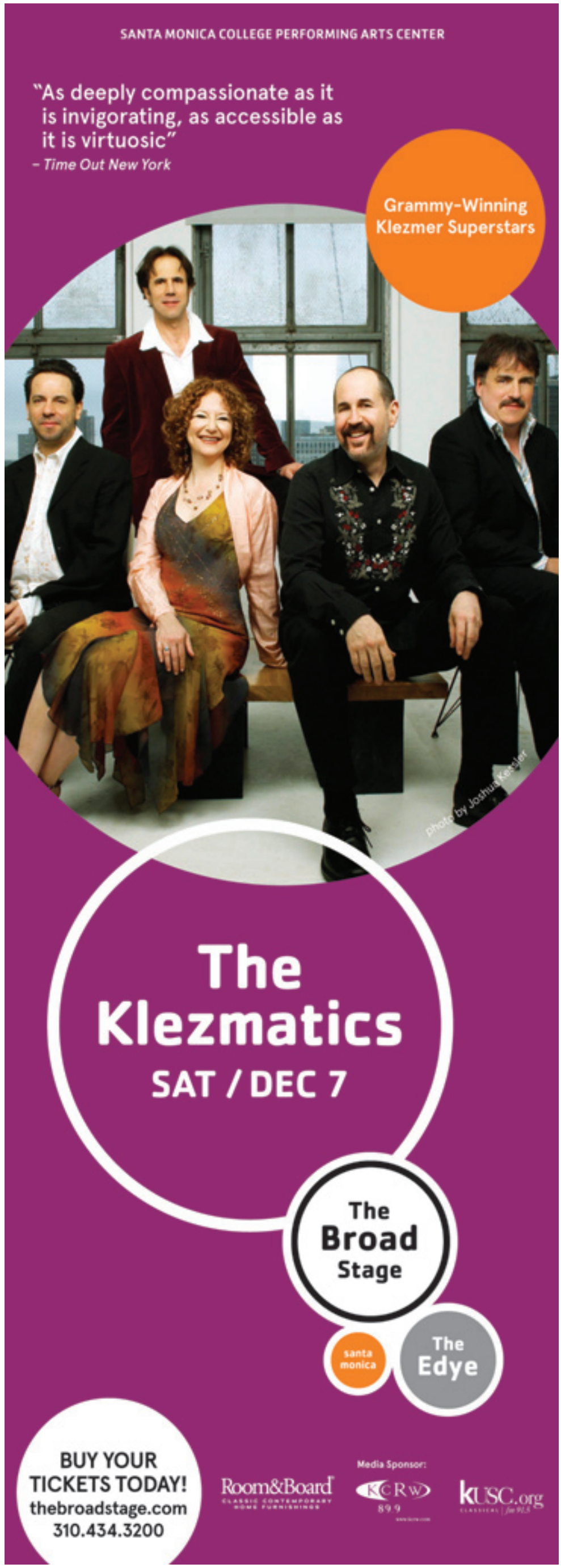
California's rules on handling hazardous waste are among the strictest in the nation. From dry cleaners to heavy manufacturers, businesses that generate waste must report every load they ship. Disposal and treatment facilities must record the waste's safe arrival. And the state agency is required to track every ton to make sure it isn't dumped illegally along the way.

But the newspaper reported there are holes in the department's database and they lose track of large quantities of toxic chemicals and cancer-causing metals. Regulators make only limited use of what information is available, and the system does not automatically flag potential problems, the Times found.

It can be difficult to link illnesses to hazardous waste because those who have been exposed might not know it. Also, symptoms can take years to develop and can be ascribed to other causes.

But even a small amount of errant waste can create "a very big public health impact," said W. Bowman Cutter, an associate professor in the environmental analysis program at Pomona College who has studied the state's hazardous-waste system.

The Times said California's hazardous-waste regulators rely on pen, paper and the mail to receive reports of waste shipments from businesses, a system that can be prone to errors and information gaps.







File photo

FUNDS IN ACTION: Students work in a computer lab at Grant Elementary School.

SCHOOLS
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low-income and English-learning student to each district in the state. It also allows greater flexibility to the districts as to how they can use the money. With the flexibility comes the local accountability plan, which will be published in the spring of next year.

"We don't know exactly what the LCAP is going to look like," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon. "We want to get the stakeholders framed to think about budgeting differently."

School Services of California, which advises the district on fiscal matters, will give a presentation about the new funding system. They will then take questions from those in attendance.

The eight priorities identified by the state to be addressed in the district's plan, include student engagement, student achievement, basic services, school climate, course access, the implementation of Common Core standards, parental involvement, and other student outcomes.

In the past, the community was less involved in budgeting and the purpose of the meeting is to get the public up to speed.

"What does that look like with the stakeholders much more involved," Lyon said. "Our goal is to get the whole community to hear it and understanding the big picture. To understand what comes with all this new flexibility."

The accountability plan will include regulations, requiring SMMUSD "to increase and improve services for targeted students and will provide authority for school districts to spend funds school-wide when significant populations of those students attend a school," according to the California Department of Education.

The next meeting will likely be held in January. A final template is due in March. Changes will be reflected in the district's 2014-15 budget.

The Local Control Funding Formula gives an additional 20 percent to each low-income and English-learning student. About 3,500 students, or 31 percent of SMMUSD's total school enrollment, are expected to receive extra funding.

Santa Monica will not benefit as much as some other districts whose enrollment is a majority low-income or English-learning.

The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Lincoln Middle School cafetorium at 1501 California Ave.

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NURSES
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starting in July 2014.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with CNA that maintains competitive market wages and benefits for our hard-working nurses and recognizes the excellent patient care they provide every day at our medical centers and student health centers," Dwaine Duckett, UC vice president for system-wide human resources, said in a statement.

The four-year agreement still needs to be voted on by the nurses.

Joe Lindsay, direction of the CNA's University of California division, said he expected the members to approve the contract.

As part of the deal, the nurses will rescind their plan to join a one-day strike Wednesday in sympathy with a walkout scheduled by nearly 13,000 unionized patient-care workers, custodians and food workers at the university's five medical centers and 10 campuses.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3299 said it had been in contract negotiations with UC for more than 18 months, but remain at odds over staffing issues.

When talks broke down in the spring, the union held a two-day strike at medical facilities in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Francisco and Sacramento. Nurses did not strike and emergency rooms were open, but the walkout in May prompted the postponement of non-essential surgeries.







CLIMATE
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Two-thirds of Californians believe that the U.S. should take action, regardless of what other countries do.

"I think the weather is going crazy bad," said Santa Monica resident Stewart Schafer, an Australia-native. "I don't think we are doing enough. We can do more. In Australia, we have a shortage of water reserves and as a result, we have restrictions on water usage."

Australia also implements carbon taxes, which Schafer supports.

"Governments inform communities and (carbon taxes) work," he said.

Renukah Hunter, of Culver City, believes that better education could help fight climate change.

"I don't think humans are using resources to the best of their abilities due to a lack of communication and lack of knowledge," she said as she visited Downtown on Friday.

Santa Monica has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 14 percent since 1990, said Shannon Parry, deputy sustainability officer for the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Because climate change is a global phenomenon, Santa Monica's reduction isn't enough to prevent negative impacts on the city.

The Office of Sustainability recently submitted an application for a state grant to study how sea-level rise would impact the city by the sea, Parry said.

Up and down the Southern California coast, the sea level is expected to rise five to 24 inches by 2050, according to a report by the National Research Council, but every community is impacted by the rise differently, Parry said.

"Because of the specifics of the geology of the Santa Monica Bay, we are protected a little bit from the immediate impacts of sea-level rise," she said. "But our initial research was done years ago, so that's why we've applied for this grant."

City Hall's application has been recommended for approval and it will be voted on later this week. The study could be completed by the end of 2014.

There are three approaches employed in response to sea-level rise, said Megan Herzog an Emmett/Frankel fellow in environmental law and policy at UCLA.

"There are protection strategies, like putting up a sea wall. You already see that a lot in Malibu," she said. "It could be accommodation type strategies, where you're trying to make the development more resilient. Things like making buildings along the coast have to be higher off the ground. Or there's retreat types of strategies, where you try to channel development out of vulnerable zones along the coast."

With the study pending, City Hall has yet to choose an approach in responding to sea-level rise. Response to climate change is a recent addition to the Office of Sustainability job description.

"The impact climate change adaptation is a new area for us," Parry said. "We've been working in the realm of climate mitigation for that last three decades but we're starting to look at climate adaptations differently."

One example is the sea-level rise study. Another is the always-present Southern California issue of water usage.

The Sierra Nevadas, from which Santa Monica imports much of its water, is expected to see less precipitation in the coming year.

City Hall has a goal of generating as much water as the city uses by 2020.

Perhaps just as pressing is the potential for increased instances of coastal fog. In the next 30 to 50 years, temperatures are expected to go up 3 to 4 degrees in the city. That increase combined with a projected temperature rise to the east will cause more June gloom.

"Certainly, in a community where a significant portion of our economic vitality depends on the revenues from tourism, an increased incident of coastal fog will have a significant impact," Parry said.

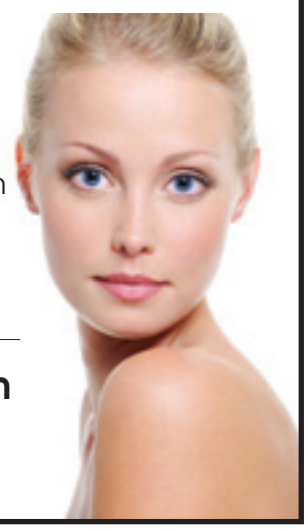
Waxman used the survey to call on his Congressional colleagues to develop clean energy technologies and start "listening to the scientists."

The survey showed that at least 75 percent of the population in every state surveyed acknowledges the existence of climate change. States surveyed included traditionally left-leaning ones like Massachusetts and New York, as well as more conservative or red states like Oklahoma, Texas and South Dakota.

"This new report is crystal clear," Waxman said. "It shows that the vast majority of Americans — whether from red states or blue — understand that climate change is a growing danger. Americans recognize that we have a moral obligation to protect the environment and an economic opportunity to develop the clean energy technologies of the future."

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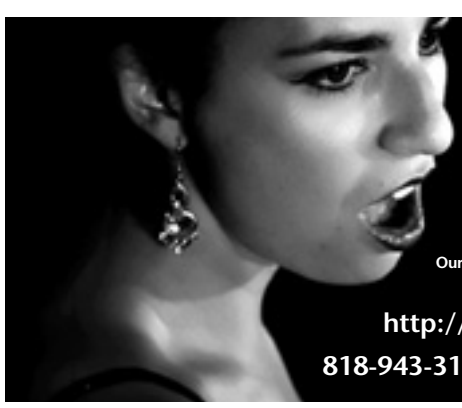


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KUEHL
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aims to take over the Third District seat that has been occupied by Zev Yaroslavsky since 1994. The district comprises Santa Monica, Malibu, Beverly Hills, San Fernando, Agoura Hills and West Hollywood, among other cities.

Kuehl filed her Candidate Intention Statement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on Jan. 23 of this year. Though the official candidate filing period does not begin until early 2014, that statement allows her to accept campaign contributions.

"I wanted to start running the first minute you possibly could," said Kuehl. "I'm very serious about wanting to serve in this seat."

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk identifies Kuehl as the only Third District candidate who has submitted a statement, but West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran said his letter of intent is on its way.

"After 12 years of service, a lot of the ideas I've brought to West Hollywood have served the city well," said Duran, who committed to running late last week. "Do I have ideas that would help the county? And the answer again [is] yes."

And though she plans to wait until December to file her official statement, former Malibu Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich is also campaigning for the Third District seat. "It's great that people are running," she said when asked about the competitiveness of the field. "The more the merrier."

Primary elections will be held in June, with general elections following in November, 2014.

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BABIES
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for a different reason. I am happy to report they are doing quite well (but not without lots of early intervention for each). Feeling grateful, I have participated in the March of Dimes' March for Babies for the last few years and then even began volunteering for them. I want to make sure people know the risks, know how serious this can be, know that they should not schedule elective deliveries before 39 weeks.

Not only is November Prematurity Awareness Month, but Nov. 17, specifically, was World Prematurity Day, where the March of Dimes joins with other parent groups and organizations around the world to raise awareness about premature birth and how it can be prevented.

So as we raise awareness around the world, I started thinking about our little world here on the Westside of Los Angeles. Santa Monica is home to two tremendous NICUs treating premature babies, those of Saint John's Health Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

Prematurity is serious. It can cause learning, vision, hearing, feeding, digestive and respiratory problems, cerebral palsy and even death. According to the March of Dimes, in one year in greater Los Angeles, 10.3 percent of babies born are premature and 716 babies will die before their first birthday.

Great strides are being made for these babies. Just this week, the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act was passed by Congress, a bill that aims to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity. Earlier this month, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine redefined "term pregnancy" and replaced it with a series of more specific labels: Early term, full term, late term and post term.

"These new terms show that prematurity is being taken seriously," says Dr. Maria Ottavi, an OBGYN at Saint John's.

"Babies do better if they get to stay in," Ottavi says. From what she has seen, prematurity rates have improved and doctors are doing a better job predicting pre-term birth, especially the second time around.

Dr. Evelyn Tintoc, of Saint John's NICU, agrees. "There has been less prematurity because mothers have better care."

Dr. Valencia Walker, a neo-natologist at UCLA-Santa Monica, agrees that mothers' health is a huge component in prematurity, but she wouldn't go so far as to say things are improving greatly. Specifically, on the Westside, there is advanced maternal age and assisted reproductive technology which can raise the chances of prematurity.

"We want to decrease the number," she says. "Every single week of gestation has a huge impact on healthy outcomes. Leaving the hospital without your baby is one of the most emotionally devastating experiences," she says.

I can attest to that. We had to leave Benjamin while we went home and his new nursery remained empty. I pumped my breast milk while staring at his picture as a screensaver on my laptop, not exactly how I imagined my first few weeks of motherhood.

For families whose initial parenting experience is not as they imagined either, each hospital has programs set up to assist them. In addition to regular NICU family support groups, and top medical care for the babies, there are lactation consultants and occupational therapists available. UCLA also has a high-risk infant follow up program where they receive developmental assessments and referrals for early intervention if needed.

Katie Wheeler, a clinical social worker at UCLA, explained one of their newest programs — video conferencing with babies in the NICU. With this program, grandparents, young siblings who are not allowed in due to flu season or even parents who have to return to work can see their babies. Certainly better than a screensaver on a laptop.

In honor of World Prematurity Day, let's say thank you to those in our world of Santa Monica who are taking care of our babies and let's spread the word to help keep our babies out of the NICU.

I just sent Dr. Tintoc, the doctor who helped both of my sons, pictures of them healthy and smiling, the best thank you I can give.

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Despite surge, many don't fear a stock bubble

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Is the stock market due for a pullback?

The Dow Jones industrial average has surged 900 points since early October and crossed the 16,000-point threshold Monday. IPOs are hot again. Small investors, stirred from their post-recession daze, are coming back to stocks. And it's been more than two years since the market has had a significant slump.

Those trends have raised concerns of a stock bubble. They shouldn't, money managers say, because even with the broader market's 26 percent jump this year, stocks aren't overpriced yet.

"Stocks are not cheap, but that does not mean that the stock market is expensive," says Russ Koesterich, chief investment strategist with Blackrock.

The ratio of stock prices to projected profits for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index is 15, according to data from FactSet. That's slightly below the average of 16.2 over the last 15 years and far below the peak of 25 in late 1990s and early 2000s.

Underneath the rally, most of the fundamentals of this market remain solid. Corporate profit margins are near historic highs and profits are expected to keep rising. There are no signs the U.S. economy, which is still recovering from the 2008 financial crisis and Great Recession, will slip back into a downturn.

All that leaves investors with conflicting feelings. Few see the stock market as attractive as it was at the beginning of the year, but fewer see an alternative where they should put their money.

Bonds are down 2.1 percent this year, according to the benchmark Barclays U.S. Aggregate bond index. Cash has a near-zero return in money market funds. Gold has dropped 24 percent.

"It's hard to say stocks are expensive when you compare them to any other asset class," says Brian Hogan, director of equities at Fidelity Investments. "The other options are simply not attractive."

Bubble or no, there are some signs that stocks are getting pricey.

Individual investors have been returning to the market, often a sign that stocks are reaching their peak. Individual investors poured $167 billion into stock mutual funds this year, according to data from Lipper. In comparison, large institutional investors like hedge funds, pension funds, endowments and insurance companies have only put in $111 billion.

When stocks are valued using an adjusted price-to-earnings ratio developed by Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Shiller, they seem even more expensive. Shiller's adjusted price-to-earnings ratio averages out the S&P 500's earnings over 10 years, to smooth out the volatility that comes from the booms and busts. Using Shiller's formula, stocks are currently trading at 24.4 times their previous 10 years' worth of earnings, well above the historic average of 16.5 going back to the year 1881.

A few Wall Street professionals remain bearish and think stocks are due to fall by 10 percent or more.

"I think a lot of what's driven the market higher recently is simply momentum," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer with BMO Private Bank. Ablin thinks stocks are "10 to 15 percent overvalued" at their current levels.

Then there's the elephant that won't leave the room: the Federal Reserve.

The Fed has been buying $85 billion in bonds each month in an effort to keep interest rates low and stimulate the economy. Those purchases have pushed up bond prices and made stocks more attractive in comparison.

The Fed was supposed to start pulling back, or "taper" its purchases, in September. But the central bank surprised investors by voting to delay that move. It isn't expected to change course until early 2014, at the earliest.

Critics say the stimulus has driven too many people into stocks and inflated prices.

Janet Yellen, who has been nominated to lead the Fed starting next year, told the Senate Banking Committee last week that the Fed will keep a close eye on the issue, but said stocks "are not in bubble territory."

Still, now may not be the time to jump into stocks, at least in the U.S. Few investors expect the market's gains in 2014 to come close to this year's.

Analysts at Barclays Capital expect the S&P 500 index to reach about 1,900 by the end of 2014, roughly 6 percent above its current level. Analysts at Goldman Sachs are less optimistic. They see the index closing at 1,850 by the end of 2014.

Not all parts of the market are overvalued, according to some investors. Bank stocks are among the cheapest in the S&P 500, based on the ratio of their price compared to projected profits.

"Typically financials benefit from the next stage of a bull market," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist with TD Ameritrade.

Energy and information technology stocks are also relatively inexpensive, when looking at price-to-earnings ratios. However, energy stocks have struggled due to lower oil and natural gas prices, so low stock prices may not necessarily mean they are a good value.

Blackrock's Koesterich says investors should also look outside the U.S., particularly to emerging markets. But don't focus on one country or continent, he said.

"Bring down your exposure to U.S. and go buy a broad international fund," he said.



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MONTE CARLO NIGHT AT THE TAG GALLERY
Saturday November 23, 2013

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.3°**

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small Southern Hemi energy; NW swell-mix drops out;
small Southern Hemi swell; deep AM high tide

WEDNESDAY – **VERY POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Trace Southern Hemi and NW swell; deep AM high tide

THURSDAY – **VERY POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Trace Southern Hemi and NW swell; deep AM high tide

FRIDAY – **VERY POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal SW and NW energy

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 **November 13, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and 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+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

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

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Day after storm, league determined to put fans first

JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO As powerful as fans and even rival sports leagues believe it to be, even the NFL can't do anything about the weather.

Yet some 24 hours after the Chicago Bears closed out a dangerous afternoon at Soldier Field in light rain with a 23-20 overtime win against visiting Baltimore, more than a few people in the Windy City were still shaking their heads. And not just because of dropping temperatures and still-gusting winds that lingered across the Chicago area Monday — remnants of a late-season storm that spawned tornadoes and slammed the Midwest a day earlier, leaving six dead and dozens injured downstate.

Instead, many wondered why Sunday's NFL game kicked off at its scheduled noon start time, with the threat of lightning, high winds and a torrential downpour bearing down on the city's lakefront stadium.

"Hindsight being 20-20, it's easy to say they should have waited," said Steve Woltmann, a freelance photographer who has covered games at Soldier Field for nearly three decades. "And honestly, I got a few texts from home long before kickoff warning some crazy stuff was headed right at us.

"But as many times as I've been there, you never know how the lake will affect a front rolling in," he added. "It's why people here say if you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes and it will change."

This time, the change came so suddenly that Gene Steratore, head of the officiating crew, barely had enough time to put down a cellphone he was using to communicate with NFL officials before informing the crowd of 60,000-plus: "Due to the inclement weather, the game will be temporarily suspended."

Seconds later, players scrambled for the locker rooms and announcements over the public-address system and on the scoreboard instructed fans to take cover in the nearest concourse area. Then came the deluge.

"Because there's so many moving pieces, we always try to play games as scheduled. Between our broadcasters and all the other logistics involved, we're trying to put them on for the widest possible audience," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "But we'd never endanger our fans or our players, officials or stadium. That's always concern No. 1.

"And as soon as the potential for severe lightning became apparent, we took steps to get everybody out of harm's way."

Santa Monica Malibu Schools

NOTICE TO SOLICT CONTRACTORS for the District's Informal Bidding

contractor list per

Public Contract Code Section 22034

On December 9, 2010 the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District resolved to establish an Informal Bidding Procedure per Public Contract Code section 22032. In accordance with that code, the District is soliciting contractors to register with the District to bid on these projects.

Informal projects are generally defined as facilities projects with an estimated value of less than $175,000 thousand dollars. Contractors on the list will be notified directly of all informal project opportunities within their trade. All bidders will be required to meet prequalification requirements prior to any bid submittals. Qualified Contractors must be licensed in the state of California, maintain workers compensation insurance, general liability insurance, pay prevailing wage rates, and comply with other state requirements.

Interested contractors must respond to this request to be added to the informal list by Tuesday, December 31th 2013 by emailing Sheere Bishop via email at BBprojectinfo@smmusd.org. Please reference Informal Project Registration. For those Contractors not already on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Measure BB Interested Bidders, if interested can also request to be added by emailing Sheere Bishop at BBprojectinfo@smmusd.org. Please reference Measure BB Interested Bidders List.

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Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm

About Time (R) 2hrs 04min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Best Man Holiday () 2hrs 02min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:20pm

Free Birds (PG) 1hr 30min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Ender's Game (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Last Vegas (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

All Is Lost (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Wadjda (PG) 1hr 38min
5:00pm

Great Expectations (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:55pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Bolshoi Ballet: Le Corsaire (NR) 3hrs 25min
7:30pm

Prime Ministers: The Pioneers (NR) 1hr 54min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

SAY 'YES' TONIGHT, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your words will dissect a problem that seems like a maze to others. You could be more irritated than usual when dealing with those around you. Know that a comment you make might mean nothing to you, but it could hurt someone's feelings. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be overspending and/or concerned about your finances. Speak your mind in a discussion rather than hold back and sit on your feelings. You might find that sharp words are exchanged. Don't hold on to the comments. Tonight: Let someone else treat for once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could go overboard trying to make amends over a comment or a situation on the homefront. You nearly feel like a little kid in that you want to run away. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Much is going on, and you could be a part of some gossip. You might be angrier at a neighbor, relative or associate than you realize. Tonight: Stay out of trouble. Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are generally upbeat and always seem to have a jovial attitude. Friends surround you, but one of them might be costing you a lot either emotionally or financially. It would be wise to say something before your feelings become even stronger. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ You have a lot on your plate, but you also have a lot of support. You might wonder when enough is enough. You will be able to determine that soon enough, especially as you are likely to lose your temper at the same time. Tonight: Do what you must, but no more than that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about. Anger might be closer to the surface than you realize. Be imaginative and forthright in how you deal with others who often seem snobby or above it all. Tonight: Venture off the beaten track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Continue what might be a very intense one-on-one conversation. You might not be comfortable with the person or even the topic, but this transaction is necessary in order to work through an issue. Tonight: With a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You need to be sensitive to your significant other or to whomever you are dealing with. Fatigue marks an angry discussion that you normally would not have. A boss or someone in a supervisor position could push you very hard. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself, especially if you suddenly become buried in a plethora of information or calls. You need to handle an immediate situation. A partner or associate will chip in and help you. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your mischievous side might emerge with a partner who, unfortunately, might not be in the same playful mood. Before you know it, you could be in quite a tiff. Maintain your composure. Tonight: Choose a favorite stress-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds as you run into a grumpy associate. At the same time, someone is very demanding on the homefront. You might be confused by everything that goes on. You can simply laugh about it or you can decide to get upset. It is your choice. Tonight: Head on home.

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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

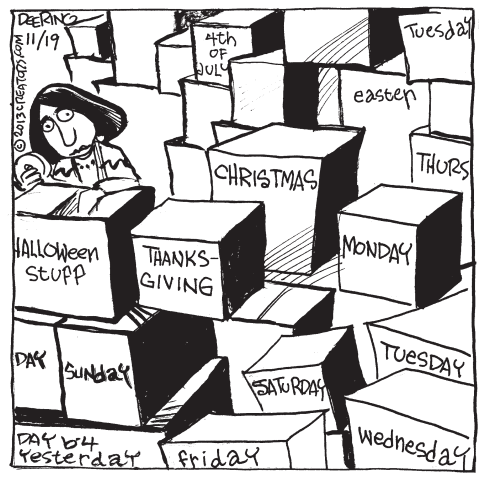
This year you will be dealing with someone's assertive attitude. You could be overwhelmed by the demands that surround your friendships. Spend less time with someone who is demanding. Take good care of yourself. If you are single, a very special relationship could develop, but you might not be realistic about this person. When reality hits, you might be upset. Remember that you are the one who put this person on a pedestal. If you are attached, the two of you will be more social than usual. You also both will be involved in a political or community commitment. VIRGO can push you very hard.

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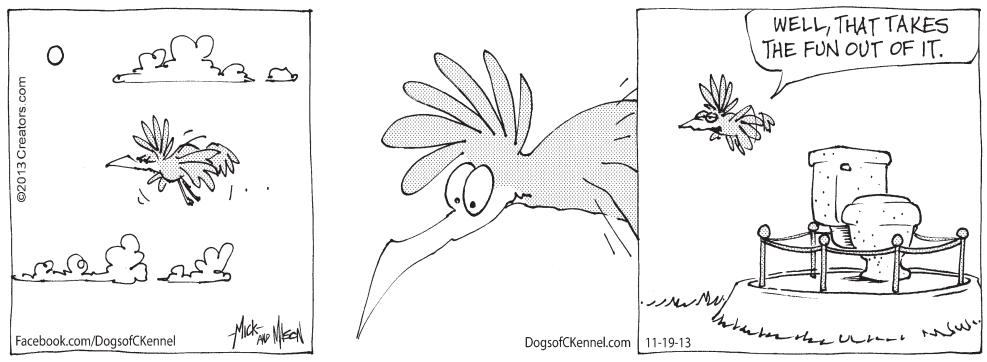
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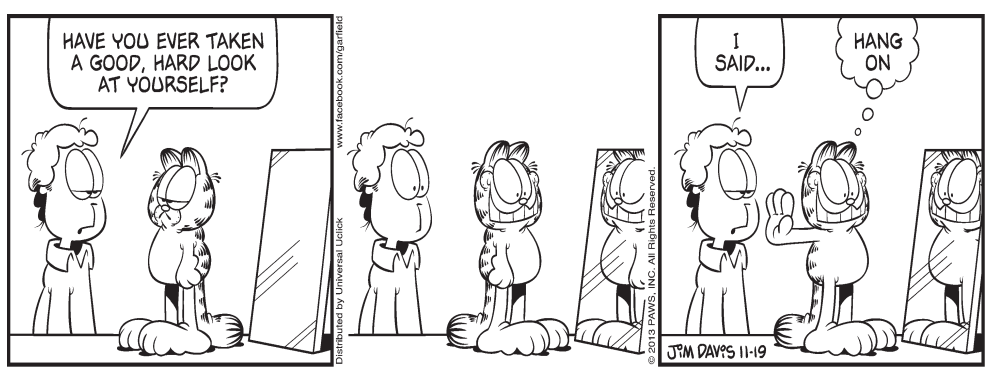
Strange Brew By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield By Jim Davis



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



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 ★★

		9			7			3
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Walk nervously
5 Word in a Yale song
10 Washington's successor
12 Moon-based
13 Irrelevant remark
15 Memorable period
16 Calendar abbr.
17 Verb for you
18 Peaceful
20 Gorillas and gibbons
21 Black shade
22 Flexed
23 Judge's place
25 Jail cell
28 Online journals
31 Just
32 "That's it!"
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35 Casino action
36 Hr. part
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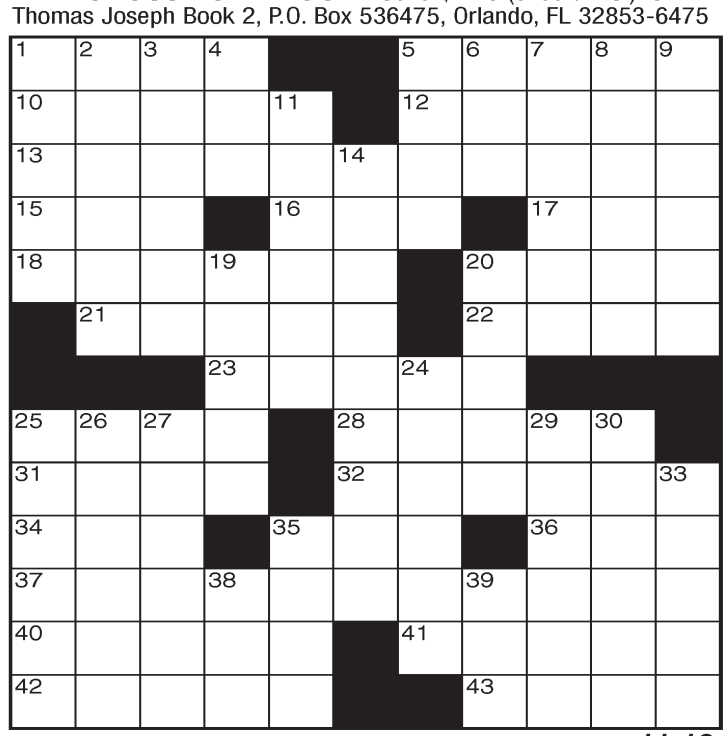
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1 Window sections
2 Puts on a pedestal
3 Second-largest nation
4 Print units
5 Sky shade
6 Arles answer
7 Like some books
8 Designer Ralph
9 Haul in
11 Make a home
14 Hive heads
19 Friar's place
20 Detest
24 Grasp
25 Trumpet's cousin
26 Unspecified person
27 Jackson of "A Touch of Class"
29 Stellar twins
30 "Never mind"
33 Poker payments
35 Hotel units
38 Rep.'s rival
39 Game caller

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Power#: 10
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Draw Date: 11/15
25 44 49 54 63
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $165M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/16
18 19 27 29 45
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $35M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/18
3 8 15 22 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/18
MIDDAY: 2 2 7
EVENING: 7 2 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/18
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:42.06

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Update: Perhaps thousands of Baghdad residents have been killed by bomb couriers who had passed through supposedly secure checkpoints that were "equipped" with useless ADE-651 bomb "detectors," but the devices were surely to be history following the April fraud conviction of the British scam artist who made $75 million selling them. (American officials had warned Iraqis for years that the ADE-651 was basically a novelty golf-ball finder.) However, despite the debunking evidence brought out at trial, Iraqi police continue to use them, according to an October dispatch in London's The Independent, with the September death toll at nearly 1,000 from bombers who passed through checkpoints, past silent ADE-651s. Even Prime Minister al-Maliki vouches that the ADE works "up to 60 percent" of the time.

■ In September, San Diego Superior Court Judge Patricia Cookson, perhaps sensing an autumnal whiff of romance in the courthouse, agreed to perform the wedding ceremony, in her courtroom, of Mr. Danne Desbrow and his fiancee, Destiny -- and even to serve the lucky couple homemade cake afterward. However, Judge Cookson did all of this immediately after sentencing Desbrow to a 53-year-to-life term for first-degree murder and for threatening a witness.

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