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THE RIVERS ALWAYS REACH THE SEA ISSUE

No oral arguments for next airport suit decision

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The papers are in and now we wait.

A motion to dismiss City Hall's lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration over the future of Santa Monica Airport will not require a hearing.

Judge John F. Walter is opting to make a decision based on the written arguments filed by City Hall's attorneys and the FAA, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told the Daily Press.

In October, City Hall announced it would sue the federal government to retain full control of the airport's future.

Neighboring residents have long complained about the noise and pollution created by the propellor planes and jets. Others fear for their safety, pointing out that the runway is only a few hundred feet from homes. In September, a jet veered off the runway into a hangar. The hangar caught fire causing the roof to collapse and all four aboard were killed.

City Hall owns the land but the FAA says

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Amid drought, California government cuts water use

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Government in drought-afflicted California is trying to lead by example and cut water use by the same 20 percent that residents have been asked to save.

While the cuts are not mandatory, some state agencies already have proposed measures that could save billions of gallons of water this year.

The biggest savings would come from landscaping.

The state Department of Transportation says it can save half of the water it has been using to irrigate 30,000 acres throughout the state, principally highway vegetation.

That translates into 6 billion gallons a year of water savings — more than enough to fill a swimming pool that is 10 feet deep, one mile wide and two miles long.

Another way of looking at it: Those savings alone would be about as much water as a city of 30,000 people uses in a year, according to Caltrans spokeswoman Tamie McGowen.

There is also a moratorium on new landscaping on state property and along state roads, unless the project is deemed essential.

Elsewhere, changes are largely symbolic.

Decorative fountains at some state properties have been drained, including the rose garden on the grounds of the state Capitol.

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READING MOB

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Students perform in front of their parents during the fourth annual Read-a-Thon Flash Mob at Roosevelt Elementary School on Friday.

International tourism continues to rise

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE More than half the tourists who visited Santa Monica this past fall were from another country.

International tourists made up 56 percent of the total share, up from the fall of 2012, according to Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau's fall report.

About 30 percent were from other states and another 15 percent were from California, according to the data from the CVB's consultant.

CVB representatives visited Rio and Sao Paulo in Brazil in the fall to try to draw

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014

Out with the old
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Recycle all dry unwearable clothing, towels, bedding, shoes, and other textiles at this drop-off event. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Dance, dance, dance
Athleta
1318 Third Street Promenade,
9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Moore Dancing and Athleta are teaming up to provide free dance cardio classes through the month of February. Every Saturday, Athleta will transform their store into a dance floor. For more information, call (310) 500-8375.

Ring in Chinese New Year
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street
1:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Place celebrates Chinese New Year. There will be henna tattoos and live music this Saturday. Festivities continue through Feb. 14. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Rock the schoolhouse
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
"Schoolhouse Rock Live!" comes to life. The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, and more through clever, tuneful songs is lighting up the stage. The story follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

New kind of odd
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Unger and Madison are at it again. Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of "The Odd Couple." Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the Costazuela brothers, but the hilarity remains the same. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014

Stock up
Main Street Farmers' Market
2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
This popular market offers the best in local, seasonal fruits and veggies. There's also some prepared foods as well. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Growing up
ROC
604 Arizona Ave., 3 p.m.
You're passionate about health. You want to support a life-changing movement. You want to learn more about wellness and nutrition. Connect with the Health Made Simple Team for an educational event at the home of L.A.'s Rooftop Tower Gardens. Guest speakers include: Ron Finley, "The LA Guerilla Gardener," and world-renowned Ted Talk speaker Toni Branner. For more information, call (704) 578-4720.

Night at the circus
Santa Monica Pier
Times vary
Cirque du Soleil returns to Santa Monica. This time around, the world famous troupe presents "Totem," an artistic look at mankind's evolution. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

Death on holiday
New Roads School, Moss Theater
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7 p.m.
Musical Theatre Guild presents the West Coast premiere of Maury Yeston, Peter Stone and Thomas Meehan's "Death Takes A Holiday." Based on the 1929 play, with a lush score by Maury Yeston, Death is sick to, well, death of being everyone's dreaded final visitor. He takes a weekend off and assumes a human guise to mingle with mortals and understand human emotion. During his "vacation," he falls in love with an engaged young woman and learns about love and sacrifice. For more information, call (818) 848-6844.

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Two more L.A. sheriff's deputies indicted

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies have been charged with beating a handcuffed prisoner — the latest indictments in an expanding federal probe of alleged jail abuses.

Thursday's indictments bring to 20 the number of current and former sheriff's deputies charged with corruption and civil-rights offenses. The allegations sparked reforms in the nation's largest jail system and cast a cloud over the final year of Sheriff Lee Baca, who retired last week.

The interim sheriff, John Scott, said in a statement that his top priority is to continue the reforms.

"Although today's indictment should not be taken as a reflection of the outstanding work that the overwhelming majority of deputies perform every day, it does underscore that everyone in this department should and will be held accountable for their actions," he said. "Abuse of authority will not be tolerated."

The new indictment was handed up by a federal grand jury against deputies Joey Aguiar, 26, and Mariano Ramirez, 38. It contends that in 2009, they punched, kicked and pepper-sprayed an inmate who was handcuffed and wore a waist chain at the downtown Men's Central Jail. They're also accused of hitting him with a flashlight, then writing false reports to cover up the abuse by claiming that the victim had kicked and tried to head-butt Aguiar.

The deputies are charged with conspiring to violate civil rights, deprivation of rights

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State leaders outline proposed 'kill switch' bill for mobile devices

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Officials in California on Friday are set to outline proposed state legislation requiring smartphones and other mobile devices to have a "kill switch" that would render them inoperable if lost or stolen.

State Sen. Mark Leno, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon and other officials have scheduled a news conference about a proposed measure that would require any mobile devices sold in or shipped to California to have built-in anti-theft devices.

Leno and Gascon say the anti-theft measure, which Leno plans to introduce this spring, could deter thieves from stealing smartphones. They believe the bill would be the first of its kind in the United States.

A San Francisco Democrat, Leno joins Gascon, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and other law enforcement officials who have been demanding that manufacturers create kill switches to combat surging smartphone theft across the country.

"With robberies of smartphones reaching an all-time high, California cannot continue to stand by when a solution to the problem is readily available," Leno said in a statement. "We are officially stepping in and requiring the cellphone industry to take the necessary steps to curb violent smartphone thefts and protect the safety of the very consumers they rely upon to support their businesses."

The CTIA-The Wireless Association, a trade group for wireless providers, says a permanent kill switch has serious risks, including potential vulnerability to hackers who could disable mobile devices and lock out not only individuals' phones but also phones used by entities such as the Department of Defense, Homeland Security and law enforcement agencies.

The CTIA has been working with the FCC, law enforcement agencies and elected officials on a national stolen phone database that started running in November.

Almost 1 in 3 U.S. robberies involve phone theft, according to the Federal Communications Commission. Lost and stolen mobile devices — mostly smartphones — cost consumers more than $30 billion in 2012, according to an FCC study.

In San Francisco alone, more than 50 percent of all robberies involve the theft of a mobile device, the San Francisco District Attorney's office said. Across the bay in Oakland, such thefts amount to about 75 percent of robberies, authorities say.

"This legislation will require the industry to stop debating the possibility of implementing existing technological theft solutions, and begin embracing the inevitability," Gascon said in a statement. "The wireless industry must take action to end the victimization of its customers."

Last year Samsung Electronics, the world's largest mobile phone manufacturer, proposed installing a kill switch in its devices. But the company told Gascon's office the biggest U.S. carriers rejected the idea.

Gascon and Schneiderman have given manufacturers a June 2014 deadline to come up with solutions to curb the theft of stolen smartphones.

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SO CLOSE

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Jesse De Dios heads the ball down field as Beverly Hills defender Miguel Ramirez tries to make a play on Friday at Samohi. The game would end in a 1-1 tie. Samohi is now 13-2-5 overall and 7-1-1 in the Ocean League.

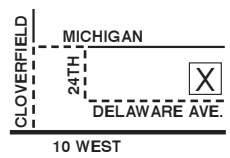


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Backing O'Connor

Editor:

We are undergoing difficult transitions. Heck, even (the California Environmental Quality Act) is changing. There is a lot of pain amongst drivers caught in congestion, especially those who still expect to drive themselves wherever they want to go. Many can't see beyond their windshields and seem blinded by a sea of red lights. All alone in their cars, they are angry and yelling, stop! But we need leaders who are not blinded and can see the complex big picture of traffic woes, how we got here, how to get out, community values and global warming. Pam O'Connor is such a leader and can see a way out of this mess and through the pain to the other side.

In December, she was awarded the Streetsie Award by Streetsblog, for Politician of the Year. Pam, in her free time from her primary job as a historical preservation consultant, has committed her life to the public good:

- Santa Monica City Council for 20 years.
- Metro Board of Directors 13 years.
- Chair of the Expo Line Construction Authority.
- President of the Southern California Association of Governments.
- Board of ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), a non-profit group looking to provide technical expertise and services to local governments looking to lead the transition to more sustainable places.

Santa Monica's system of campaign contributions allows candidates without personal wealth to run for office. Council members should be held to the law regarding campaign contributions.

Pam has followed the law. Santa Monica has a reputation and history of clean and transparent politics. In fact, this dedication to ethics can become a fault when we throw out the most knowledgeable and experienced community members who want to represent us, such as happened with architects on the Planning Commission. Many in the community are expressing the desire that Pam should have self-financed her campaign. But she is not a wealthy woman and has dedicated her best energies to moving through the painful present to a better future for us and our children.

Many Santa Monica residents don't know the treasure they have in Pam O'Connor. Of all those on the council she has the best understanding of what works and what doesn't in long-range transportation planning, how to battle global warming, and what kind of world we can leave our children. I have voted for Pam and want her to continue to make decisions in line with her beliefs, which many people share, including some developers – donations or not.

So, I say, go, Pam, go!

Barbara Filet
Santa Monica



Your column here

By Lee H. Hamilton

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Balancing liberty and security is a never-ending challenge

EVERY FEW DAYS, WE LEARN YET ONE more way in which government's expanded surveillance powers intrude upon our privacy and civil liberties.

Recently, it was the revelation that spy agencies in the U.S. and Britain have been snagging personal data from the users of mobile phone apps. Before that came news that the NSA was tracking our social connections; that it was delving into our contact lists; that it was logging our telephone calls; and that it had figured out how to conduct surveillance on some 100,000 computers around the world. It appears the agency can do anything it wants when it comes to collecting information on pretty much anyone it wants.

We can take pride in this technological virtuosity, but it has propelled an expansion of government power unlike anything I've seen since I joined Congress 50 years ago. The NSA's surveillance and monitoring abilities are unprecedented and seem unlimited. So we face the crucial question of how can we prevent abuse of the capabilities the NSA has been given. Our challenge is to put into place a permanent system to oversee that power.

The agency gained its capabilities over the course of at least a decade with the full knowledge of some members of Congress and the judiciary, and of the White House. This is perplexing. At a time of rising public suspicion of government, did those in the know really believe no public policy debate was necessary?

The intelligence community has convinced two presidents, leading members of Congress, and a series of judges that our safety depends on its ability to discover plots against us by tracking connections among adversaries. Although in the end federal data collection programs will continue and not fundamentally change, a spirited public debate about these spying powers is now under way, covering the scope, legality, costs and benefits of the programs.

The White House argues that there are elaborate "checks and balances" within the executive branch to prevent abuses. That's commendable but insufficient under a separation of powers system. Congress has been timid, and the court overseeing the NSA has granted almost every request the agency has made. There is a lack of evidence that Congress and the courts provided pushback on any of the intelligence community's initiatives to expand its power — they have been reliable and relatively uncritical allies of the intelligence community.

I do not see how we get the balance between liberty and security right unless the courts and the full Congress — not just certain committee members — get all the information they need and step up to their constitutional responsibilities to check and balance executive power.

At a minimum, then, Congress and the courts should do the job our system counts on them to do, and commit to rigorous and sustained oversight and, in the case of Congress, to legislative action to refine the laws governing federal surveillance. Congress should clarify the Patriot Act so that this massive power is clearly delineated and is relevant to an investigation into potential acts of terror. The legal foundation that the government has used simply does not provide an adequate basis for the program.

GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT BETWEEN LIBERTY AND SECURITY IS A DAUNTING JOB, AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE CONGRESS AND THE COURTS TO EXERT LEADERSHIP.

Government should not be entitled secretly to get information on anyone whenever it wants without more transparency, more information, more debate, more oversight, and additional constraints.

So, Congress needs to address a lot of questions. Can intrusions into the lives of Americans be minimized without harm to national security? Isn't public debate about the powers of government less a danger than to allow surveillance powers to grow in secret? What should be done when agencies besides the NSA seek these powers to catch drug dealers, say, or nuclear proliferators? What rights do citizens have to the information collected about them? Are the NSA's powers to infringe on Americans' privacy proportionate to the threat we actually face?

Sorting through these questions will be arduous and is the work of many years. Yet the public policy issues they raise are of enormous magnitude. Getting the balance right between liberty and security is a daunting job, and now is the time for the Congress and the courts to exert leadership.

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The Q Line

Big shoes to fill

Rep. Henry Waxman announced recently that he was going to retire from Congress after serving 20 terms. Potential candidates have already signaled interest in taking over the Westside seat including former Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and State Sen. Ted Lieu.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Who would you like to see replace Waxman and why?

Here are your responses:

"I WOULD LIKE SEN. TED LIEU TO TAKE over the seat for Henry Waxman. I think he is a good politician who listens to people, one of the few who does, and I think he would do a very good job in the seat."

"Ted Lieu is and has been for many years the only state representative to proactively work on addressing Santa Monica Airport's public health and safety impacts. He has stood up to powerful lobbyists and he will best represent Santa Monica as well as Venice and the rest of the district. Ted Lieu is the only choice to take the baton from Henry Waxman."

"BIG SHOES TO FILL INDEED. MY MAIN concern is Henry's successor continues his fight to close down Santa Monica Airport. It is long past time for us to be rid of this noisy, polluting and extremely dangerous neighbor."

"BOBBY SHRIVER SERVED OUR CITY admirably and honorably during his years on the City Council and brought logic, reason and pragmatism to council proceedings, often otherwise missing. I know personally from contact with him that he was responsive and receptive to constituent concerns. I would hope Bobby reconsiders his political pursuits and runs for Congressman Waxman's seat instead. State Sen. Ted Lieu would seem to be a fine alternative choice, but spare us, please spare us Richard Bloom. Congress is filled with representatives who put special interests over their constituent interests and the last thing our congressional district needs is another individual of that mold and character. Let's hope with the current drought, Richard's viability as a congressional candidate will not bloom. And I don't apologize for one moment for that pun."

"TED LIEU IS THE PERSON TO TAKE OVER. He has been tenacious in fighting for the residents against Santa Monica Airport. He is the environmentalist we need. Ted Lieu for Congress."

"I'D LIKE TO SEE SHEILA KUEHL replace Waxman. I think she would be a perfect fit and we really need her services."

"TED LIEU IS THE STELLAR CHOICE TO fill Waxman's seat. Ted Lieu has received A-pluses from environmental organizations. Richard Bloom has received failing grades. It's basically black and white. Do we want an environmentalist, someone who listens to residents? That's Ted Lieu."

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"THIS IS A TERRIBLE QUESTION AT this point! Let's take a little time to see who is running, then let's hear their platform. One of the problems we have these days is jumping on a bandwagon before we are in possession of facts. Yeesh, let the process unfold as it should."

"TED LIEU IS A DEDICATED, THOUGHTFUL, intelligent and caring legislator and would be an excellent member of Congress."

"THE REASON I SUPPORT MARIANNE Williamson for Congress is that she is not "politics as usual" and she is not part of a political machine! She is a successful person who not only has a deep understanding and concern for the issues but who realizes the necessity of truly listening to the constituency! We need the change."

"I'D LIKE TO SEE LAWRENCE O'DONNELL run for Henry Waxman's congressional seat. He's smart, articulate, and passionate about his liberal views. Having served as a key legislative aide and advisor to the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, O'Donnell knows how Congress works and would energetically and thoughtfully represent his constituents."

"AS IT WOULD BE A SIGN OF THE apocalypse if a Republican was elected, whichever Democrat gets the seat will probably be more concerned with the contributions from special interests than what the voters care about, so it probably doesn't matter who is elected."

"ANYONE BUT RICHARD "LET THEM EAT cake" Bloom! His insensitive comments made during the community's efforts to bring a Target store to Santa Monica years ago shows he has little respect for working people. His response to speakers in council chambers that night were unforgettable. "People can shop at Macy's or Robinson's if we don't have a Target." He must have overlooked the fact that most residents weren't attorneys at the time!"

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AIRPORT
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that various agreements obligate the space to continue to operate as an airport.

Last month, the FAA asked the judge to toss the lawsuit, claiming that City Hall knew of the federal government's intentions for the airport half a century ago. If City Hall wanted to sue, the FAA said, it should have been within 12 years of when they realized those intentions.

City Hall responded to the motion, pointing out that while they knew the federal government intended to operate SMO as an airport for decades, it was only a few years ago, in 2008, that they learned its intentions for the land to operate as such in perpetuity.

The second major argument put forward by the FAA is that a lawsuit is "unripe" — that the matter can't be settled in court until conflict arises. City Hall maintains that, according to contracts, if they stop operating the land as an airport, the only penalty would be for the rights to revert back to City Hall. In the lawsuit, they are seeking "declaratory relief" to determine their rights prior to litigation. Until City Hall refuses to operate the space as an airport, the FAA says, the matter should not be heard in court.

The FAA and City Hall went back and forth several times. City Hall responded to the FAA's motion to dismiss. Last week, the FAA responded to that response. The FAA's recent response is the last of the filings, Moutrie said. Walter will use the documents, not oral arguments, and decide whether or not to toss the suit.

But will the lack of oral arguments help City Hall's case?

"I can't comment on the implications of the cancellation of the hearing except to say that it's not unusual for a federal judge to conclude that he or she does not need oral argument to decide a matter," Moutrie said.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Justice, which is representing the FAA, declined to comment given the ongoing litigation.

The canceled hearing for the motion to dismiss was scheduled for Monday. A trial, should Walter decide not to dismiss the case, is scheduled for November.

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State vehicles, from fire engines to cars, will get washed only when it rains — unless a scrub down is needed for health or safety reasons.

"In some cases, you're talking about a couple of buckets," said Brian Ferguson of the Department of General Services, which is coordinating the government efforts to wean itself of water. Even so, he said, the message should be clear: Business as usual has to change.

Every drop helps in a state where officials say 2013 was the driest calendar year on record. Rains this week are nowhere near enough to make up the deficit.

When Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought on Jan. 17, he urged California residents to cut back water use by 20 percent. He also said state agencies would cut back, though the declaration didn't specify how much.

Under an existing executive order, state agencies already were supposed to reduce water use 10 percent by 2015. Now the Department of General Services is counseling that the new goal be at least 20 percent.

The reduction is not mandatory partly because some water use cannot be reduced without long-term consequences, said Ferguson, citing as an example bushes in highway medians that help reduce the severity of accidents.

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under color of law that caused bodily injury, and falsifying reports. The falsification charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, while the other charges carry 10-year maximum penalties.

The deputies were not immediately arrested, but they must appear in federal court for arraignment March 6, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

One of the deputies had been relieved of duty because of an earlier and unrelated incident, and the Sheriff's Department on Thursday began the process of relieving both men of duty without pay, said a statement by Capt. Mike Parker.

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs was aware of the indictment but representatives had not yet fully reviewed the allegations, union President Armando Macias said.

"As is our policy, ALADS stands behind its members and we anticipate the matter will be thoroughly litigated," he said in a statement.

The 18 current and former employees previously indicted are charged with beating inmates and jail visitors, falsifying reports, and trying to obstruct an FBI probe of the jail system.

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THE SPOT: **Tourists and locals seek cool waters at the beach to fight the heat.**

TOURISM
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tourism from the country. South America is now one of the top five international feeder markets to Santa Monica, according to the consultant's data from earlier in 2013. As of last March, flights from Brazil to Los Angeles International Airport were up by 12 percent.

The CVB likes those international visitors — they tend to spend more.

Tourists dropped an average of $300 per day in the fall — beating out the previous three quarters of the year.

Aside from the international factor, tourists tended to spend more because they had higher average incomes and more of the overnight guests stayed in paid lodging. The median household income of those who visited in the fall was $91,000 and more than a third of all visitors stayed overnight.

Those who did decide to sleep over stayed for an average of almost four nights. Seven out of 10 stayed in hotels while 15 percent stayed in private lodging.

Groups tend to be smaller in the fall as people tend to travel without kids. Groups averaged 2.3 members. More than half of the visitors were couples or singles.

Nearly 60 percent of the visitors had not been to the city by the sea in the past three years.

The Stanford Rose Bowl pep rally drew about 2,000 people to the Santa Monica Pier during the quarter.

Despite some frustrations from its director, AFM, the world's largest film market, drew more participants last year than in 2012.

Managing Director Jonathan Wolf listed several problems, including the lack of new theaters and the loss of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, which was shuttered in July after losing renovation funding with the dissolution of the redevelopment agency.

Still, about 8,000 participants registered for the event, up 2 percent from the previous year.

A new theater, ArcLight Cinemas, is in the works for the third level of the Santa Monica Place mall. City planners are reviewing the documents and the proposed 14-screen theater will require City Council approval. A group, nominated by council, is tasked with finding a way to fund renovations of the Civic Auditorium.

"Hosting AFM in Santa Monica brings many economic benefits to the community during an off-peak season," stated a release from the CVB. "We look forward to continue hosting the market for many years to come."

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GOOD LOOKING: **The Albright offers views of the Santa Monica Pier and the ocean.**

Get cracking on the pier

The Albright serves up fresh offerings with a view

YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE SAILING a lot, we used to sail south, down to King Harbor, tie up to one of the fishing boat docks, and walk to the big fish market in the corner of the harbor. We would pick out a few crabs, they would steam them for us on the spot, serve them with a wooden mallet and a newspaper, and we would pick a wooden table outside and enjoy the harbor, the crab, and a few beers. Those are good memories.

Now you can do the same thing on the Santa Monica Pier at The Albright, a spot that was a fish market many years ago, but now just serves fresh seafood (and a few other things). When you walk in you pass tanks of live lobsters and crabs. The menu is on a chalkboard, there are wooden tables inside and outside, and you can watch the people and the boats passing by.

I think the fresh lobsters and crabs are the best bet. The lobster comes with an ear of corn, which I always like because it gives me two places to butter up. The crab, of course, takes a lot of dexterity to eat, and more time, but in a way it's more fun. The kids will probably prefer the breaded fish and chips.

I saw plates of oysters going by, and I saw fresh fish on the menu. But the last time I was there I splurged and ordered the spicy seafood soup ($25). The restaurant is owned by a Korean couple out of the fashion industry, and this soup was a lot like the seafood soup I often eat in Korean restaurants, but not as spicy. It was quite a feast; there were a couple dozen mussels, several clams, several shrimp, a large langoustine, several pieces of fish, onion and other vegetables, and saffron rice on the bottom, served in a large metal bowl that kept it piping hot.

I have a pretty good appetite for lunch, but there was no way one person could eat all of this, so I took about half of it home for dinner. I threw it into a big pot, poured in a bottle of white wine, added a couple of chopped garlic cloves and a touch more saffron and a cracked crab from the local market, and it made another great meal for three of us at home.

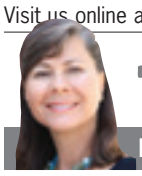
There's a lot more on the menu than I've mentioned. You can get tacos, hamburgers, salmon, and more. There is wine and a very good beer list. But there are a lot of places on the pier that serve those items. For me, sitting on a fishing pier in sunny California, eating a fresh steamed crab or lobster and drinking a cold beer is one of the great reasons to live in Santa Monica.

If you go

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The Better Option

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For the love of chocolate

WHETHER VALENTINE'S DAY, LIKE Halloween, is rooted in the pagan celebration, Lupercalia or the Christian festival honoring the legend of St. Valentine is still up for debate. But one thing for sure is that Total U.S confectionery sales for Valentine's Day 2014 are projected to be over $1 billion, and chocolate will make up approximately 75 percent of candy sales, according to the National Confectioners Association.

Chocolate has been associated with romance at least since Mexico's 15th- and 16th-century Aztec Empire. Montezuma, the king of the ancient Aztecs, believed chocolate would make him virile. It is also thought that Madame Du Barry served it to all her suitors, and Casanova consumed chocolate instead of champagne to induce romance.

As an elixir for love, chocolate has been believed throughout history to bring smiles to the broken-hearted and to prompt amorous feelings in both men and women. In the 1800s, physicians commonly advised their lovesick patients to eat chocolate to calm themselves and mend their broken hearts.

These ideas of a connection between chocolate and love may be all in the mind. No, literally. According to "Food and Mood" by Elizabeth Somer, M.A., R.D., a compound called phenylethylamine (PEA) found in chocolate stimulates the nervous system, increases blood pressure and heart rate, and is suspected to produce feelings similar to those experienced when a person is "in love."

In recent years, scientific evidence has begun to indicate that the nutrients, phytonutrients and fatty acids found naturally in cocoa may be associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease — again a connection to the heart. These effects have been attributed to flavanols, which are natural compounds that occur in a wide range of fruits and vegetables and have been extensively studied in cocoa.

The cocoa "beans" that form the basis of chocolate are actually seeds from the fruit of the cacao tree, which grows near the equator. The seeds grow inside a pod-like fruit and are covered with white pulp. To make chocolate, cocoa farmers crack open the pods, scoop out the seeds, ferment and dry them. The beans are shipped to factories, roasted and ground into a paste called chocolate liquor.

When you see "% cacao" printed on a label, it refers to the total percentage of ingredients by weight in that product that come from the cocoa bean, including the chocolate liquor and cocoa butter. The term is found most often on premium chocolates, especially dark chocolate. In general, a higher "% cacao" lends a more intense chocolate flavor.

There are three main kinds of chocolate. Dark chocolate, which is simply chocolate liquor (the centers of cocoa beans ground to a liquid), plus extra cocoa butter, sugar, an emulsifier (often lecithin) and vanilla or other flavorings. Milk chocolate contains all of the previous ingredients, plus milk solids. White chocolate features cocoa butter. Think milk chocolate minus the cocoa solids.

In the mood for love? Then give these To-Die-For Low-Fat Brownies a try.

To-Die-For Low-Fat Brownies

Vegetable spray
2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg plus one large egg white, lightly beaten
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 Tbs. butter, melted
7 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Using vegetable spray, lightly grease an 8" by 8" baking pan. Combine the sugar, cocoa, flour, and salt. Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour the eggs and vanilla into the center. Mix until all the dry ingredients have been combined. Add the butter and blend. Add the yogurt and blend until the mixture is a thick batter. Spread mixture evenly in pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until sides pull away slightly from pan. Let cool before cutting.
Calories: 177; Fat: 3.2g; Sat Fat: 1.5g; Chol: 20mg; Carbs: 36g; Fiber: 1g; Sodium: 73mg.
* Yields 16

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Stocks rise as investors cheer hiring trends

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks rose sharply in afternoon trading Friday as investors found bright spots in the government's monthly employment report, including solid growth in construction and manufacturing jobs. Expedia and several other companies rose after reporting higher earnings than analysts were expecting.

The gains added to a strong finish for stocks a day earlier and had the market on track to notch a slight gain for the week.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average rose 153 points, or 1 percent, to 15,782 as of 3:13 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 20 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,794. The Nasdaq composite gained 61 points, or 1.5 percent, to 4,118.

WEAKER JOB GROWTH: The Labor Department said early Friday that U.S. employers added 113,000 jobs last month, less than the average monthly gain of 194,000 in 2013. This follows December's tepid increase of just 75,000. Job gains have averaged only 154,000 the past three months, down from 201,000 in the preceding three months. Still, the latest data also showed that manufacturers, construction firms and mining and drilling companies added strong 76,000 jobs combined, a strong showing.

INVESTORS REACT: Stocks initially turned lower right after the jobs data came out, then quickly reversed course.
"The market had a tough time figuring out what to do with the (jobs) number when it first came out," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "As the day went on, it just kind of discounted some of the negatives in there to say, 'What do we really want? We want a growing economy, and these are the jobs we got for a growing economy."

UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS: The government also reported that the nation's unemployment rate dipped to 6.6 percent in January from 6.7 percent in December. It was the lowest rate since October 2008.

BROADER GROWTH TREND INTACT? Some market watchers interpreted the latest job numbers as not necessarily indicative of the overall strength of the U.S. economy and job market, citing the likely impact of unusually harsh weather that battered much of the East Coast this winter. "This was heavily influenced by cold weather in January and should not be viewed as a break in the trend," said Tim Hopper, chief economist at financial services company TIAA-CREF.

U.S. EARNINGS: Online travel service Expedia soared $9.67, or 14.8 percent, to $74.84 after reporting that its profit and revenue jumped on increased hotel bookings and revenue from a new venture. LinkedIn fell $12.90 or 5.8 percent, to $210.50 after the company said its performance may falter this year as it spends more on long-term projects and revenue growth slows. Fairway, a grocery store chain, plunged $3.24, or 28.3 percent, to $8.19 after it reported a loss in its fiscal third quarter and said its CEO is stepping down.

CALMER WATERS: After a turbulent start to the week, did the jobs data give investors reason to feel better? Hard to say. The upward trajectory of stocks Friday is an encouraging sign, said Brad Sorensen, director of market and sector analysis at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "It doesn't mean there's not more downside over the next week or two," he said.

BUYING BONDS: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged down to 2.68 percent from 2.70 percent as investors moved money into bonds. It slid as low as 2.63 percent shortly after the jobs report came out at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time. The yield, which affects rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, had been edging higher after falling to 2.58 percent on Monday, the lowest level in more than two months.

TURNAROUND WEEK: The market dug itself a hole at the start of the week, plunging more than 2 percent on Monday. But stocks were on track to finishing slightly ahead for the week. The Dow was up 0.5 percent for the week, while the S&P 500 was heading for a 0.7 percent bump.

IN THE GREEN: The gains were broad. All 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index moved higher, led by industrial and health care stocks. Three stocks rose for every one that fell.

BON VOYAGE: Online travel sites were soaring in afternoon trading. In addition to Expedia, TripAdvisor leapt $8.03, or 10.4 percent, to $85.17.

MOVING ON UP: Among the stocks posting sizable gains were publishing company News Corp., which rose $1.34, or 8.4 percent, to $17.36. The Gap also added $2.44, or 6.1 percent, to $42.15.

SLIDING DOWN: Cigna led the roster of decliners in the S&P 500 after reporting earnings that fell short of analysts' expectations. The company sank $7.92, or 9.3 percent, to $77.45. Also sliding was Flir Systems, which makes thermal imaging systems. It shed $1.69, or 5.3 percent, to $30.50.



Cal player Ted Agu dies

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. California football player Ted Agu died Friday morning at age 21.

The school announced Agu's death and said its thoughts and prayers were with Agu's family, friends and teammates. The school said it would give more information about the circumstances later.

"This is a very difficult time for our football family," coach Sonny Dykes said. "Ted was a remarkable young man and a member of this family who was highly respected and loved by his teammates and coaching staff. He had an incredible passion for life and will be deeply missed."

Agu was a defensive end from Bakersfield who was going to be a fifth-year senior next season. He played seven games last season, recording six tackles. He played five games the previous two seasons.

The school said it is providing counseling sessions for the other players.

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ted's family," athletic director Sandy Barbour said. "This is a very painful time for the entire Cal family; in the days and weeks ahead, my focus will be on providing every member of our community the support and information they need to get through this time. ... We will get through this together."

Agu was remembered fondly by other players. Freshman offensive lineman Erik Bunte called Agu the "best example of a true Cal football player" on his Twitter account.

Freshman defensive back Cameron Walker wrote on his Twitter account that he loved Agu and appreciated all he did to help ease his transition to college.

"You were a blessing to all of us and it hurts so bad to know that I'll never walk next to ur locker again and hear your voice speaking to me," Walker wrote. "You left too soon. But ur in a better place now & we all have another guardian angel watching over us. I love you, Ted. I miss you already. I'll never forget you, Pre-Med Ted. You and your family are in my prayers."

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SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small NW windswell drops out; small WNW swell; nice conditions, but small surf

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell mix; nice conditions, but small surf

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Potential slight rise in WNW swell mix; watching winds/weather

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Potential building WNW swell mix

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- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	B	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	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.	D	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	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.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	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..	B	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.	B	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Feb. 8

Gravity (PG-13) 1hr 31min
and
Y Tu Mama Tambien (R) 1hr 46min
7:30pm

Director Alfonso Cuarón will appear in person with his 10-time Academy Award nominated film Gravity, which will be presented in 3D, as well as his 2001 film Y Tu Mama Tambien.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Double Indemnity (NR) 1hr 47min
and
The Bitter Tea of General Yen (Approved) 1hr 28min
7:30pm

Actress Barbara Stanwyck is saluted with a 70th anniversary screening of Billy Wilder's classic noir Double Indemnity and a new 35mm print of Frank Capra's The Bitter Tea of General Yen.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (NR) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Vampire Academy (NR)
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Nut Job (PG)
11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Labor Day (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
1:25pm, 7:00pm

Ride Along (PG-13)
11:25am, 1:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Monuments Men (NR)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
10:50am, 3:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:30am, 2:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Lego Movie (PG)
10:40am, 4:20pm, 9:40pm

That Awkward Moment (R)
11:35am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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

Act of Killing (NR) 1hr 55min
10:30am

Broken Circle Breakdown (NR) 1hr 52min
11:00am

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
3:50pm, 9:40pm

Past (Le passe) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza) (NR) 2hrs 30min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
10:45am, 1:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

Her (R)
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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OUT ON THE TOWN TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Try to accept that your expectations regarding your plans and choices might not pan out. You could be overwhelmed by a partner who is very moody and controlling. Express your caring in a way that he or she can understand. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your intuition could reveal a new perspective. Be more forthright about what is happening around you. Don't be upset by any awkwardness between you and someone else. This phase won't last forever. Reach out to someone whom you care a lot about. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's words. This friend always has a surprise or some unpredictable element to his or her thinking. Be aware of a close loved one's gestures, as he or she is not as expressive as you are. Acknowledge this person's kindness. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need to be more direct in handling a personal matter. The other party might act as if he or she does not understand you, which actually might be the case. Tonight: Let others imagine where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Join friends. You might be planning a special trip together before you know it. Make a point to call a special friend at a distance. You might be seeing this person sooner than you think. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to meet certain responsibilities first, before you get into more fun plans. A loved one could resort to manipulation in order to get your attention. Manage to squeeze in some time for your special loved ones -- they obviously need you. Tonight: Not at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination takes you to places that might not be realistic. You might feel ill at ease with a family member who is acting very differently. Tonight: Try a new experience, a new type of cuisine or a different social scene.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to see a personal issue resolved, yet no matter what you do, the other party seems unwilling. For now, just let this person work through his or her issues. Tonight: How about a good old-fashioned date?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could see a matter differently from how a close loved one sees it. Though there might be momentary tension, remember that differences lead to growth. Be aware of the implication of a gift to a loved one. Tonight: Go along with already established plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your workaholic side takes over and pushes you to finish up a project. Several people who miss you might make an effort to distract you. The question remains: When will you give in? Tonight: Make some calls before you decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be more playful, and express your innate childishness. You delight others when you are spontaneous and emotional rather than strictly intellectual. Your instincts will guide you in making a gift choice for a loved one. Tonight: Help others enjoy themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your efforts will make a big difference to a friend. You even might affect a get-together in a positive way. People know where you stand, as you are open about your feelings. You could feel awkward around an older person. Don't make a big deal about it. Tonight: Out on the town.

Weekend Edition, February 8-9, 2014

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

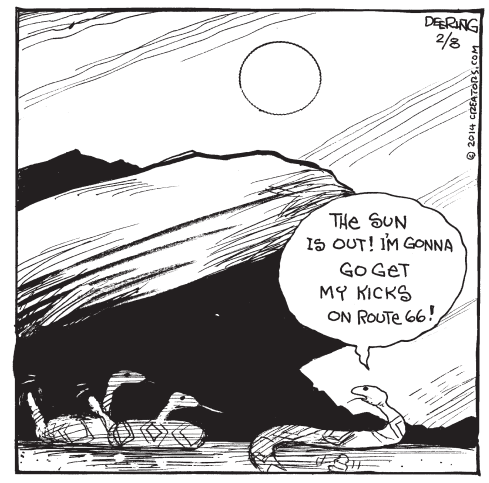
This year the unexpected amuses you rather than upsets you. Go with the natural flow of situations. Your calmness helps others let go of their need to control situations. In a sense, you become a role model of levelheadedness. Tap into your creativity, and allow your spontaneity to emerge more often. If you are single, you will have a circle of admirers. You could meet someone of significance after June 2014. This person could become even more than an admirer. If you are attached, the two of you have so much fun together that you often feel like two kids again. GEMINI makes you laugh despite yourself.

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By Dave Coverly



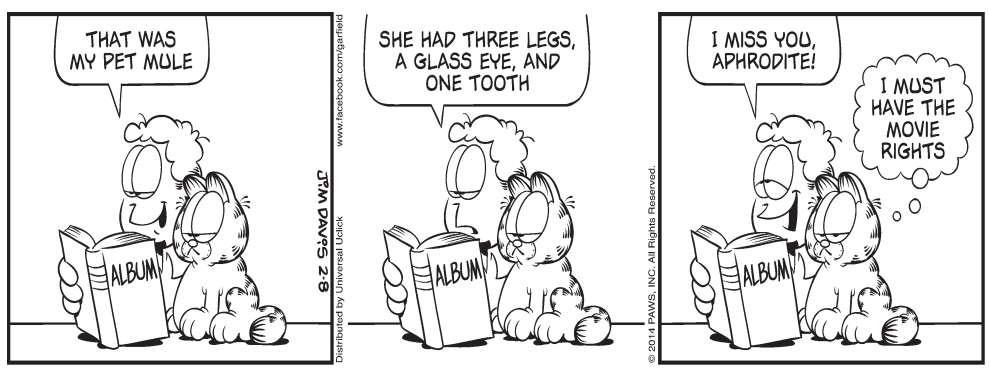
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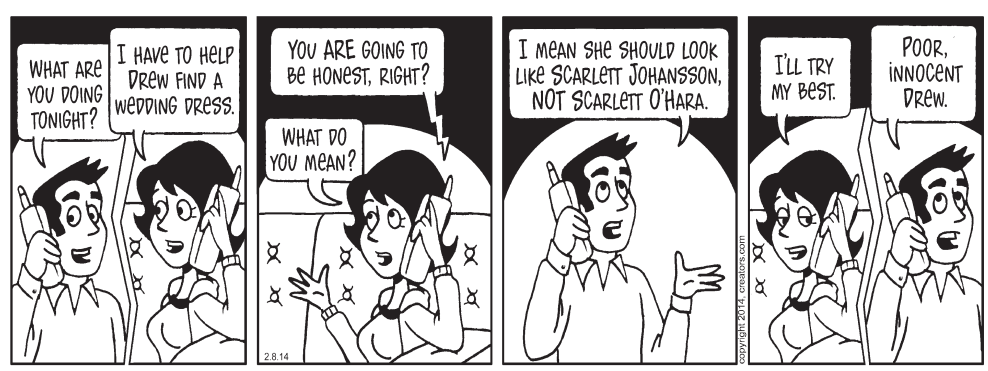
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★★

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Zhivago's portrayer
7 Luggage accessories
11 Eastern temple
12 Foot or hand
13 Stood for
14 Church part
15 Church doings
16 Office clerk, at times
17 Band-leader Kenton
18 Re-nounce
19 Chris Hemsworth role
21 Empty talk
22 Simple
25 Barber's offering
26 Monument Valley sight
27 Convenient
29 British stables
33 Senses
34 Small-scale
35 Jazz combo
36 Poplar's kin
37 Church part
38 Basic
39 Brings in
40 Wobble

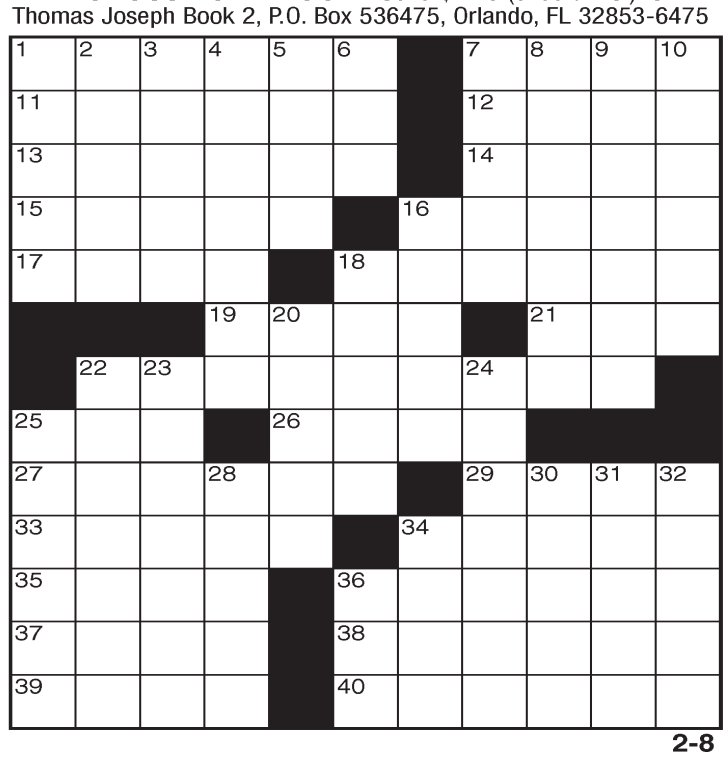
DOWN

1 Prepares for a fight
2 Wont
3 Heartburn
4 Marmots and muskrats
5 Mid-month day
6 Mania
7 North African capital
8 Counter-parts
9 Collapse
10 Boat backs
16 Forest worries
18 Under seda-tion
20 Church songs
22 Muse of music
23 Church eschewer
24 Eeyore's creator
25 Beach cover-up
28 African lilies
30 Showy display
31 Penned
32 Gardener, at times
34 Vein setting
36 Humorist

M	I	S	T	S	■	R	A	F	T	S
I	M	P	E	L	■	E	G	R	E	T
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T	A	N	■	E	M	U	■	E	T	A
E	L	I	■	P	A	N	■	W	E	D
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November the Journal-News of Hamilton, Ohio, examining various police union contracts in the state, learned that in several jurisdictions, officers are allowed to work their shifts even when less sober than some drivers whom they ticket for DUI. In Lebanon, Ohio, for instance, cops can work with a .04 blood-alcohol reading. In Butler County, a .04 reading triggers legal protections for officers that are unavailable to ordinary drivers. (However, in Lebanon, an officer's right to suck on a breath mint before taking the test was recently removed from the contract.)

■ News of the Weird informed readers in November that the Snuggle House was about to open in Madison, Wis., promising clients pajama-clad bedmates -- as long as no sex (or foreplay, even) took place. In fact, Snuggle House has yet to open (in part because the Madison assistant city attorney has yet to overcome her belief that cuddling without sex is impossible). However, a December Associated Press report noted that no-sex cuddleries thrive in Rochester, N.Y. (The Snuggery), Boulder, Colo. (Be the Love You Are), and San Francisco (Cuddle Therapy). Snuggle House owner Matthew Hurtado said he is still working with Madison officials on regulations to prevent naughtiness.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1879 – The England cricket team led by Lord Harris is attacked during a riot during a match in Sydney.

1887 – The Dawes Act authorizes the President of the United States to survey Native American tribal land and divide it into individual allotments.

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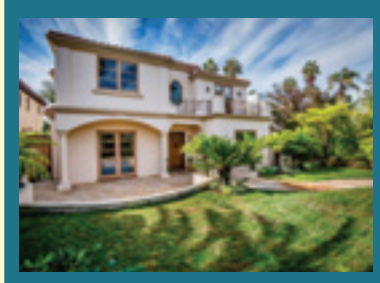
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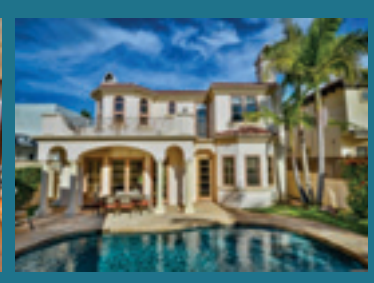
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