

Fresh Finds: Tulips



Kate Cagle

HAPPY CUSTOMER: Passerby purchases fresh flowers at the Main Street Market.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

If you care about the metaphor behind the bouquet you give on Valentine’s Day, you should know red tulips carry some serious symbolism. They mean “perfect love” and are connected with an ancient Turkish legend. It’s a classic “boy meets girl” tale featuring a young man named Farhad and a beautiful princess named Shirin. Depending on the



version, Shirin ends up either dead or indifferent to Farhad’s feelings. Either way, the ending is the same: a heartbroken Farhad rides his horse off a cliff. Red tulips spring up from his blood. (As you may have guessed, this isn’t exactly a romcom.) In modern Santa Monica, it’s probably the equivalent of heading east on Interstate 10 at four o’clock to pick up a date or emptying your bank account for dinner at Michael’s. Historically, the bulbs are associated with “Tulip mania,” the first recorded speculative market bubble in 1637. Mass obsession over the flowers in Holland caused the price to skyrocket and then suddenly crash. It’s said the price of a single bulb reached 10 times the annual income of the average skilled worker. When the bubble burst, thousands were left not broken hearted, but broke. Luckily, picking up a bouquet of red tulips at one of Santa Monica’s four farmer’s markets requires little sacrifice or expense. On Sunday’s

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Racist photo from Beverly Hills High student draws ire from Samohi parent

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Daily Press Staff Writer

A Beverly Hills High School student’s racist Snapchat picture of Santa Monica High School cheerleaders has drawn criticism from a parent who feels the schools aren’t doing enough to quell racial tensions. “It’s something that people need to talk about and know,” Sharone Blades, mother of a Santa Monica High school senior, says. “It’s something that’s been brewing and we don’t have to subject our kids to this kind of behavior over a basketball game. This is a hate crime.” The Beverly Hills High student took a picture of Samohi cheerleaders during a basketball game between the opposing schools, a rivalry that has been tense over the years (most recently, a fight

occurred between the two schools in 2015). The photo contained a caption with the word “monkeys.” The photo went viral, reaching students from Samohi. Sharone Blades said the picture upset her daughter, who is part of the Black Student Union. “Next time, it could be worse,” Blades added. “Someone could get hurt over this. I feel like an apology from the student and school is the least they can do.” Blades says she’s reached out to Beverly Hills High for answers to no avail. She says Santa Monica High’s principal said “he couldn’t force an apology.” Both the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) and Beverly Hills Unified released statements yesterday.

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Uber to pay \$245 million to settle Waymo's theft allegations

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE & TOM KRISHER
AP Business Writers

Uber is paying \$245 million to Google's self-driving car spinoff to end a legal brawl that aired out allegations of a sinister scheme that tore apart the once-friendly companies. The surprise settlement announced Friday came as lawyers for Uber and Waymo, a company hatched from Google, prepared to wrap up the first week of a trial that had attracted international attention. Waymo filed its lawsuit nearly a year ago, adding to Uber's woes with allegations of a bold high-tech heist orchestrated by its former CEO, Travis Kalanick, and a former Google engineer. That engineer,

Anthony Levandowski, subsequently went to work for Uber, and was later fired when he declined to answer questions about the theft charges, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Uber and its ride-hailing service had already been tarnished by the company's acknowledgement of rampant sexual harassment within its ranks, a yearlong cover-up of a major computer break-in, and the use of duplicitous software to thwart government regulators. As with most settlements, the truce required some compromise by both sides. Uber had initially offered to settle the case for \$490 million just before the start of the

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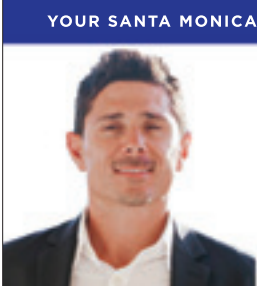
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Saturday, February 10

Used Oil Filer Exchange

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Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market

It is a family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and it offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. Offers Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Happy 100th Birthday, Ocean Park!

Ocean Park turns 100! Celebrate with us with crafts and music. Light refreshments will be served. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Opera Talk

An LA Opera Community Educator will give a free interactive talk on Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. *Candide* is showcased at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion through February 18. 2 p.m. For more about the talk, call (310) 575-8273.

Sunday, February 11

Jazz at Mt. Olive

This month - Janice Anderson and her Hot Medusa Quartet. Plenty of free parking will be available. More information @ <http://www.mtolivelutheranchurch.org/community-fellowship/interfaith-jazz>. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 14th & Ocean Park, 5 p.m.

Social Justice Action Plan for SMMUSD

CRJ's workshop will feature representatives from local schools to discuss details of the new Social Justice Action Plan that will be a part of the district's overall plan to move toward Equity and to reduce the achievement gap for students of color in the SMMUSD district.

Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave. 6 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Joanne at (310) 422-5431.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 pm.

The Romance of Water and Power: Architecture as Advertisement

Author and researcher Stuart W. Leslie takes patrons on a dynamic visual tour of Department of Water and Power architecture - from local temples of power in each community to the dazzling commercial showrooms designed to sell merchants on illuminating their storefronts. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Classes will feature in-depth watercolor instruction with an emphasis on representational scene painting and 'en plein air' techniques, as well as delvings into the artistic legacy of watercolor practice. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, February 12

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

OPA neighborhood meeting

Joining your neighbors at the OPA neighborhood meeting is a great way to get involved, contribute, hear all that is happening in Ocean Park, and let your voice be heard. Enjoy snacks and refreshments provided by Main Street's finest, Kafe K. 7 p.m. at the Ocean Park Library

Year of the Dog! Celebrate Chinese New Year

Learn about the Chinese New Year, find out what your Chinese zodiac animal is, and make a lucky lantern coin bank! Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Virginia Ave.
Social Justice Action Plan for SMMUSD

CRJ's free workshop on Feb. 11 will feature Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent and Dr. Jacqueline Mora, Asst. District Superintendent of Education Services for the Santa Monica/Malibu United School District. Dr. Mora came to the SMMUSD district in October of 2017 from the Santa Barbara school district where she had been involved with developing curriculum, policies, and procedures to improve teaching & learning and had coordinated a parent engagement program. She and Dr. Drati will present details of the new Social Justice Action Plan that will be a part of the district's overall plan to move toward Equity and to reduce the achievement gap for students of color in the SMMUSD district.

Joining them on a panel will be Craig Foster, a teacher and member of the Santa Monica/Malibu United School District board, and Dr. Angela James, a social science consultant for Dignity & Power Now and a leader in the Black Lives movement. Trained as a sociologist and demographer, Dr. James has devoted her life to understanding and working to eradicate racial inequality. Her research expertise includes the areas of: Racial Inequality, Education, Urban Inequality, and Family Studies.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

For more information, call (310) 422-5431.

6 - 8:30 p.m. (singing group meets at 5:30 p.m. in Thelma Terry Bldg)

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Virginia Avenue Park

Thelma Terry Bldg.

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LOS ANGELES
LA mulls building homeless housing on city parking lots

An idea for dealing with the huge homeless problem in Los Angeles would involve building multistory apartment buildings on numerous city-owned parcels.

The Los Angeles Times reports Friday that 119 parcels were purchased by the city in the decades after World War II and cleared to create parking lots for emerging commercial districts.

Planning is already underway to develop housing on public lots in Venice and Hollywood, the rest of the rest of the parcels are being reviewed to determine if they could support housing.

Opponents say merchants will lose parking and people will move away.

The idea comes as the city looks for ways to implement a voter-approved \$1.2 billion bond measure intended to help fund construction of 1,000 permanent supportive housing units each year.

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LOS ANGELES
2 Los Angeles firefighters injured battling mansion fire

Two Los Angeles firefighters suffered burns while battling a fire in a huge Bel Air mansion but none of the occupants were hurt.

It took more than 100 firefighters more than two hours to extinguish the blaze in the 7,500-square-foot (697-square-meter) residence on Bellagio Road.

The blaze was initially reported as an attic fire at 5:27 p.m. Thursday. A homeowner, children and a nanny were alerted by smoke alarms and evacuated.

The Fire Department says one firefighter suffered non-life-threatening burns to his hands and face, and the second firefighter suffered minor burns to his ears. Both were taken to hospitals.

The home sustained significant damage but firefighters kept the fire from spreading to a pool house, a garage and brush.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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LOS ANGELES
'Urban Light' sculpture switches from incandescent to LED

Artist Chris Burden's famous sculpture "Urban Light" is casting a new glow on the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

The 10th anniversary of the installation of the 202 vintage street lamps at the museum's Wilshire Boulevard entrance was celebrated this week with the announcement that all 309 incandescent bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs.

The change funded by the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation will result in a 90 percent power savings and the reduced energy demand will prevent the release of a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions.

The antique cast-iron lamp posts standing in a tight formation represent 17 different designs used by cities in and around Los Angeles.

Burden recovered and restored them over a seven-year period.

The artist died in 2015.

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LOS ANGELES
Southern California may see rain after more Santa Ana winds

Southern California's warm, dry winter is expected to whipsaw from another round of fire weather to potentially showery and unsettled conditions.

The National Weather Service says a moderate to strong Santa Ana wind condition is expected to rapidly develop Saturday night and continue through Sunday night.

Red flag warnings will be in effect during the period as relative humidity levels plunge into single-digit percentages and gusts reach up to 60 mph (96 kph) in the mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Gusts in the valleys will range up to 45 mph (72 kph).

Forecasters say it will be a short-lived event followed by a showery pattern Monday through Thursday, with snow levels falling as low as 3,500 feet (1,066 meters).

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The new and amended regulations will phase out pass throughs of certain items that appear on owners' property tax bills regarding voted indebtedness and direct assessments by eliminating surcharge pass throughs to tenants in the following instances:

1) The unit's rent is established for a new tenancy starting on or after March 1, 2018; or

2) The unit is in a building that is reassessed as the result of an ownership transfer on or after March 1, 2018; or

3) The unit is on a property that is reassessed on or after March 1, 2018 as the result of significant improvements.

Copies of the amended regulations are available at the Rent Control Agency in Room 202 at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol. Anyone interested in further information about the new regulations should contact the Rent Control Board at 310-458-8751 or visit our offices.

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Flu season still getting worse; now as bad as 2009 swine flu

BY MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

The flu has further tightened its grip on the U.S. This season is now as bad as the swine flu epidemic nine years ago.

A government report out Friday shows 1 out of every 13 visits to the doctor last week was for fever, cough and other symptoms of the flu. That ties the highest level seen in the U.S. during swine flu in 2009.

And, it surpasses every winter flu season since 2003, when the government changed the way it measures flu.

"I wish that there were better news this week, but almost everything we're looking at is bad news," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Flu season usually takes off in late December and peaks around February. This season started early and was widespread in many states by December. Early last month, it hit what seemed like peak levels — but then continued to surge.

The season has been driven by a nasty type of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths than other more common flu bugs. Still, its long-lasting intensity has surprised experts, who are still sorting out why it's been so bad. One possibility is that the vaccine is doing an unusually poor job. U.S. data on effectiveness is expected next week.

Some doctors say this is the worst flu season they've seen in decades. Some patients are saying that, too.

Veda Albertson, a 70-year-old retiree in Tampa, was sick for three weeks with high fever and fluid in her lungs. She said she hadn't been this sick from the flu since the 1960s, when she was a young mother who couldn't get out of bed to go to the crib of her crying baby.

"It was like 'Wham!' It was bad. It was awful," she said of the illness that hit her on Christmas Day.

Heather Jossi, a 40-year-old Denver police officer and avid runner, said her illness last month was the worst flu she's experienced.

"I don't remember aches this bad. Not for four days," said Jossi. "It took me out."

Albertson said she got a flu shot; Jossi did not. Last week, 43 states had high patient traffic for the flu, up from 42, the CDC reported. Flu remained widespread in every state except Hawaii and Oregon and hospitalizations continued to climb.

"It's beginning to feel like a marathon," said Dr. Anthony Marchetti, emergency

department medical director at Upson Regional Medical Center, a 115-bed hospital in rural Georgia. A quarter of the hospital's emergency department visits are patients with flu, and the hospital has added nursing staff and placed beds in halls to accommodate the increase, he said.

"It just means we have to keep on keeping on. We're getting used to it," Marchetti said.

So far, it has not been a remarkably bad year for flu deaths. Flu and flu-related pneumonia deaths have lagged a little behind some recent bad seasons. The CDC counts flu deaths in children and there have been 63 so far. They have historically gone as high as about 170 in a season. Overall, there are estimated to be as many as 56,000 deaths linked to the flu during a bad year.

But reports of deaths — some in otherwise healthy children and young adults — have caused growing fear and concern, health officials acknowledge.

On Friday, Delisah Revell brought her 10-month-old daughter to the Upson Regional emergency room. "I heard how bad it is and I didn't want to take any chances," said Revell, who drove 30 minutes to get to the hospital in Thomaston.

The CDC said the amount of suspected flu cases at doctor's offices and hospital emergency rooms last week matched those seen in 2009, when a new swine flu pandemic swept the world. Swine flu, also called pandemic H1N1, was a new strain that hadn't been seen before. It first hit that spring at the tail end of the winter season, but doctor visits hit their height in late October during a second wave.

This flu season, hospitalization rates have surpassed the nasty winter of 2014-2015, when the vaccine was a poor match to the main bug.

Health officials have said this year's vaccine targets the flu viruses that are currently making people sick, including the swine flu virus that has become a regular winter threat. However, preliminary studies out of Australia and Canada have found the shot was only 10 to 20 percent effective in those countries against the H3N2 strain that's causing the most suffering this winter.

Doctors say they're a bit bewildered as to why this season is so intense.

"It is surprising," said Dr. James Steinberg, chief medical officer at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta. "It's not a hugely new strain. So why is it so severe? I don't think we know."

AP photographer David Goldman contributed to this report from in Thomaston, Georgia.

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Local company building a ring of security around homes

ELIJAH EZRALOW
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica based Ring has been working to reduce crime in neighborhoods for the last six years. While doing so, the invention of Ring has revolutionized the way many think about home security.

The company produces digital doorbells and cameras. The equipment has the ability to be completely wireless. The cameras can be accessed from anywhere in the world through an app available on smartphones that gives users the ability to view live footage and record events. The cameras detect motion and send out alerts. Many of them now have flood lights and sirens to scare off burglars.

Founded in Santa Monica by inventor and entrepreneur Jamie Siminoff, the product is a unique invention on multiple levels. It is the first product of its kind and, unlike most other companies, Ring is using its products to create solutions.

In 2015 Siminoff and the LAPD partnered in a pilot program to test the rates in which Ring can reduce crime. Six months later, the police said the neighborhood using the Ring device saw a reduction in burglaries of about 55 percent compared to a neighborhood that didn't use the device.

Siminoff has had a knack for inventing since he was a child. RC cars were his introduction to coding and electronics because they always would break down and need repair. The perseverance that he learnt as a teenager in high school prepared him for the perseverance that he would need as an entrepreneur. High school and college are formative times for all young minds. For Siminoff, many of the ways he runs his billion-dollar company today were formed in high school.

"The toughness of high school really shaped me," Siminoff said.

Not having a perfect high school experience gave him an opportunity to learn and better prepare himself for what was to come later in his career. Siminoff believes the most important thing that he learned was to "find your passion" because "if you are going to succeed, you can't fake it."

Without perseverance, Siminoff is certain that he would never have been able to arrive at where he is now.

Siminoff's father was somewhat of an entrepreneur himself and the CFO (chief financial officer) making pipe elbows for refineries in New Jersey, where Siminoff grew up. Every summer, he worked at his father's company and soon started a telecom company of his own, along with various other technological endeavors, before he created Ring.

Siminoff really wanted to create something that would make a marked difference.

While solving problems in his garage, Siminoff solved a problem for his garage.

"I was working in the garage and I couldn't hear the doorbell," he said. "I thought that there would be a doorbell that would link to my phone, but there wasn't one so I just built it."

"Doorbot" was the initial product that Siminoff created in 2011. Unsatisfied, Siminoff and his collaborators worked to rebrand the company and gave birth to Ring.

"I really like living with my doors open. This (Ring) allows you to live like that ... let technology look over you."

Unlike a traditional alarm system that protects homes and business after they have been broken into, a doorbell like Ring and its multiple camera possibilities outside of a home have the ability to prevent crimes before they are committed.

Santa Monica's Best Buy's technology expert Steven became a Ring specialist by default as the popularity and booming sales of Ring have risen at an astonishing rate.

He said, "The greatest return to having a security camera like Ring is not the fact you can capture a thief's face to show to the police but that the criminal will see the camera and not rob that home because of it."

Recently, Ring has added a neighborhood watch feature that requires the participation of its users. Through this feature, Ring users have the ability to communicate with each other by sharing footage and alerting their communities to any suspicious activity.

"The social sharing of information by itself is a really important piece," Siminoff said.

To stop home burglaries there are many small steps that need to be taken. Whether Ring is selling solar panels so that the camera batteries don't run out, developing lights and sirens to scare away burglars or providing Ring users with a way to communicate, Ring is always trying to further its effectiveness in reducing crime.

"All these little things build on one another to reduce crime," Siminoff said. "We deliver a presence through Ring into a neighborhood ... and actually bring presence back into empty neighborhoods."

Mitch Brody of Brentwood owns a Ring video doorbell and feels like many others, that it is a major theft deterrent.

"I think the mere presence of having it deters crime," Brody said. He playfully went on to explain how useful it is to remind his teenagers that they are not alone.

ELIJAH EZRALOW is a 10th grade student at Crossroads High School.

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Copies of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan are available on the web at <http://www.smgov.net/ccsgrants>, or you may request a hard copy from the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send any written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by February 9, 2018. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
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day pertaining to the incident,

"Beverly Hills High School has zero tolerance for derogatory speech, offensive social behavior or racial comments. There are significant consequences and disciplinary measures for students who exhibit inappropriate behavior of this nature," said the statement from that district.

Blades feels the responses aren't adequate. "I feel its bulls—t. There's no proof any action is being taken against the student. There are racial incidents that happened (between the schools) in 2015.

This has been going on for a while. If legal action is being taken, why don't we know about it? I want to know this situation is being handled."

In an email to the Daily Press, SMMUSD Community and Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker said SMMUSD has been in contact with Beverly Hills Unified and "we understand that appropriate discipline has been given to this student."

Pinsker went on to add the previous fight between the schools in 2015 wasn't racially motivated but had more to do with "inappropriate neighboring high school-rivalry-motivated activities."

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TULIPS

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Main Street Market, you can find Trino Hernandez selling mixed bouquets and buckets of tulips of every shade through April. Hernandez cuts his flowers just a day or two before you see them at the market, meaning they will last much longer than anything you find at the grocery store.

"It's like five days or even a week by the time those customers get the flowers," Hernandez said. "Most of them are from out of the country for sure."

Hernandez has been growing and selling flowers for Patty's Farms in Santa Paula for nearly three decades. He sees an increase in sales in February of about 20 percent around Valentine's Day. On Mother's Day sales double.

He says the key to tulips is keeping them fresh with a few copper pennies at the bottom of the vase and a diagonal cut at the base. Because they continue to grow in

water, cutting the flowers every other day can keep them the desired length and help water flow through the stem. Just like ice water can shock wilted lettuce straight, Hernandez said cold water can lift drooping tulips. In a glass vase, your red tulips suddenly become fire and ice.

If you prefer to send a mixed message, Hernandez also specializes in crafting custom bouquets with the freshest flowers on hand. Look around the markets this weekend and you may even find some roses too.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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UBER

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trial Monday, but that agreement didn't provide Waymo with enough assurances that its technology wouldn't be improperly used, according to two people familiar with the thinking of both parties in the lawsuit. The people asked not to be identified because the settlement talks were confidential.

Not long after Thursday's trial proceedings ended, the top lawyers from both companies, Uber's Tony West and Waymo's Kevin Vosen, met to hammer out an agreement. The resulting compromise cut Uber's payment in half, but provided Waymo with the guarantees that it wanted to prevent its technology from being used in Uber's autonomous cars.

The payment, to be made in Uber's stock, is a fraction of the nearly \$2 billion in damages that a Waymo expert had estimated Uber's alleged theft had caused. But U.S. District Judge William Alsup had refused to allow Waymo to use that figure in the trial.

"This has the look of two companies trying to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat," said Dan Handman, a Los Angeles lawyer specializing in trade secrets for the firm Hirschfeld Kraemer. "You try to structure a settlement so both sides can spin it as a win-win situation."

Uber's current CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi, said in a statement that the

company still maintains Waymo's trade secrets never made it into Uber's autonomous cars. He also expressed "regret" for the company's actions while Kalanick was running the business. Kalanick resigned last June under pressure from investors upset about the Waymo lawsuit and other scandals enveloping the company.

Waymo alleged that Levandowski heisted eight trade secrets from Google before he departed from the company in January 2016. He founded his own start-up, Otto, which Uber bought a few months later for \$680 million. Kalanick has acknowledged discussing plans for Otto with Levandowski before he started it, though both he and Uber deny using any Google technology to build a fleet of self-driving cars.

Khosrowshahi apologized to Uber employees for any distraction arising from the clash with Google.

"The prospect that a couple of Waymo employees may have inappropriately solicited others to join Otto, and that they may have potentially left with Google files in their possession, in retrospect, raised some hard questions," he wrote.

Waymo said in a statement that the agreement will protect its intellectual property. "We are committed to working with Uber to make sure that each company develops its own technology," the statement said.

Krisner reported from Detroit.

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ON FEBRUARY 3, AT ABOUT 12:04 A.M.

Officers responded to McDonands at 1540 2nd Street regarding two suspicious subjects at the restaurant. Officers arrived and spoke with the restaurant security guard. The security guard indicated he saw a subject in the restaurant sleeping at a table. The subject did not purchase any food. The guard woke the subject, causing him to become enraged. The suspect got up and began yelling at customers. The suspect stood near the registers, causing patrons to halt placing orders. The suspect called the police for assistance. The establishment was desirous of prosecution for disturbing the business. Dante Tubbs, 37, from Los Angeles was issued a citation for interfering with a lawful business.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 388 Calls For Service On Feb. 8.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Hit and run 800 block 4th 12:30 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Lincoln 12:59 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 26th 1:17 a.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block 21st 2:55 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 700 block Idaho 6:38 a.m.
Person down 200 block Broadway 6:57 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 900 block Centinela 8:05 a.m.
Elder abuse 500 block 23rd 8:08 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Broadway 8:11 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 3rd 8:12 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 800 block 3rd 8:15 a.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 8:16 a.m.
Battery 2200 block Virginia 8:32 a.m.
Threats 2400 block Virginia 8:53 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block 19th 9:06 a.m.
Fraud 900 block 25th 9:09 a.m.
Grand theft 3100 block 3rd 9:36 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2000 block Main 9:43 a.m.
Identity theft 5th / Santa Monica 10:19 a.m.
Fraud 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 10:33 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block 6th 11:20 a.m.
Assault 2700 block Santa Monica 12:01 p.m.
Panic alarm 400 block Alta 12:02 p.m.
Fight 11th / Wilshire 12:03 p.m.
Traffic collision 2200 block Michigan 12:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 100 block Pier 12:26 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 12th 12:55 p.m.

Traffic collision Lincoln / Wilshire 1 p.m.
Grand theft 1800 block the beach 1:26 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln / Ocean Park 1:43 p.m.
Traffic collision Main / Bay 2:07 p.m.
Assault Appian / Arcadia 2:12 p.m.
Speeding 14th / Washington 3:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 33rd / Pico 3:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 12th 3:39 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Adelaide 4:17 p.m.
Person with a gun 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 4:18 p.m.
Hit and run 7th / San Vicente 4:23 p.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 4:24 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block Palisades Beach 4:41 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1300 block 9th 4:48 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 700 block Broadway 4:50 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 5th 4:54 p.m.
Petty theft 2300 block 34th 4:55 p.m.
Traffic collision 23rd / Pier 5:11 p.m.
Hit and run 2900 block Neilson 5:50 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Strand 6:02 p.m.
Drunk driving 14th / Olympic 6:05 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block Neilson Way 6:06 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 6:17 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block 2nd 6:54 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Lincoln 6:55 p.m.
Assault 15th / Wilshire 7:29 p.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block Olympic 7:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 7:34 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block the beach 8:12 p.m.
Battery 2100 block Santa Monica 8:40 p.m.
Traffic collision Neilson Way / Hill 9: p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean 9:21 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block Lincoln 10:14 p.m.
Speeding Main / Bicknell 10:28 p.m.
Shots fired 1400 block Ocean 10:42 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On Feb. 8.

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CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Automatic alarm 1600 block 7th 1:01 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 2700 block 7th 2:55 a.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 6:58 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 4th / Broadway 8:11 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:31 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 8:32 a.m.
EMS 3200 block Wilshire 9:16 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 4th 10:20 a.m.
EMS 500 block Wilshire 10:58 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Pacific Coast Hwy 11:06 a.m.

EMS 15th / Wilshire 11:24 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 6th 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 12:02 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 25th 12:02 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln / Wilshire 1:00 p.m.
Structure fire 2500 block 20th 1:18 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Linda 1:58 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Main 2:05 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Wilshire 2:19 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 2:41 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block 3rd 3:03 p.m.
EMS 5th / Colorado 3:50 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Kansas 4:26 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Berkeley 4:30 p.m.
EMS 900 block Colorado 4:35 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Marine 4:40 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block 18th 5:18 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 5:26 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Centinela 5:27 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 6:39 p.m.

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Mega#: 1
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Draw Date: 2/8
5 18 35 37 38



Draw Date: 2/8
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Draw Date: 2/8
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Draw Date: 2/8
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2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 11 Money Bags
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1. the theory that the overlap of various social identities, such as race, gender, sexuality, and class, contributes to the specific systemic oppression and discrimination experienced by an individual (often used attributively): Her paper uses a queer intersectionality approach.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Med School
■ Q: What is the “Lazarus phenomenon?”
■ A: In rare, but documented, cases, people who appear to have died (not breathing, no pulse or heart rate, etc) come back to life. Usually the originating event is cardiac arrest, followed by the disappearance of vital signs. But minutes later, the signs return. More formally known as “auto-resuscitation” and poorly understood, a chief factor may be the buildup of pressure in the chest caused by CPR. When efforts to revive fail and signs of life appear gone, CPR stops, pressure declines and the heart restarts on its own. Unfortunately, in the vast majority of cases, the seeming return from the dead is short-lived and the person soon succumbs to heart failure, which may have always been the underlying threat.

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Grows, with “to”
5 Winter blanket produced before the fall?
15 Location in Paris
16 Halted a hug
17 Certain timer setting
18 It won't click beyond a circle
19 Does some shuffling
21 What the Spanish call the “lamb” saint of Rome
22 Fourth successor of J. Edgar Hoover
23 Unlike non sequiturs
25 Catholic emulating a manger figure
27 How browsers scan pages
32 It may precede “undiscovered”
33 Satellite state
34 Party one hopes is unsuccessful
35 Prominent white beam
38 Inspired stuff, in 51 Down
39 *Hambourg* and *Bavière*
40 Jaunty, in dialect
41 Shake up
43 Brook
44 *Star Wars VII* protagonist
45 Craft named a UNESCO Masterpiece
46 “Let us no longer ___ farce by pretending to it”: Washington
49 They may be shaped to say “OPEN”
53 Slinky in *Toy Story*
56 Copy Cook or Columbus
57 Lock

- 58 It's a bit over a buck
59 Tall twin, say
60 Irish bo'sun of Brit lit
- DOWN
- 1 Far from little
2 Agent's challenge, perhaps
3 Places for sinking baskets
4 Processes, as some figs
5 “We Need a Little Christmas” instrument
6 What a gambler often plays
7 More
8 Spectators singing “No hope for Harvard!”
9 Seuss, to his pals
10 Pastoral relative
11 Edible that's literally “little strip”

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- 12 Possible comment after sweeping
13 Form of yeast
14 Regarding things
20 Product of refinement
23 Origin of most mainstream religions
24 Sound of a minibike
25 “Gambling Capital of the World”
26 Visibly livid
27 Home of the oldest known European civilization
28 Kid stuff
29 Chapter I of his best-known book is “The Cyclone”
30 Sight near many châteaux
31 Singer heroine
33 ___ administration (pharmaceutical process)
- 36 Minute, to tots
37 What Twain called Lincoln and Grant
42 Photoshop icon
43 Yogi Bear adversary
45 Subject of *The Columbus of the Woods*
46 “Ri-i-ight”
47 “I sing,” in the *Aeneid*
48 Apparel inspired by Degas
49 It won't be caught until it breaks
50 Complete fragments, perhaps
51 Swift home
52 ___-black (bluish shade)
54 Outré artist in torn paper
55 “Tachin' up” auto in a '60s song

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10)

You'll put deep thought and focused effort into coming across a certain way because you want people to have a very special experience in knowing you. You'll achieve the desired effect, and this will open doors, close deals and essentially bring you the world. Love is the answer in April, so say yes! Leo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 7 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You choose something to want and learn the steps you need to take; then you execute it fast. Your lack of vacillation or procrastination will put you in a league of winners.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Maybe people won't call when they say they will. You're luckier when you don't care so much. For best results, get even busier with your big beautiful life and let them catch up with you when they do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

In case you needed another reason to do whatever you want: If you fill your time with pleasurable activities, you get more attractive with every fun thing you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You are warming up in a group, getting more established and becoming familiar with the dynamics at play. Remember when you were a person on the outside trying to get in? This is cool!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You have major mojo to play with now, and you'll be attracting more attention on your projects and your general being. And don't worry about when you're going to be able to return all this attention. Just soak it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The older you get, the less you trust people who obviously want something from you. The principle of reciprocity will be a prevalent theme. The balance of give and take is something you can feel on a visceral level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A fleeting but acute pang of jealousy has something to teach you. Perhaps this is not a green-eyed monster lurking in the depths of your soul, but an angel of your higher mind letting you know what you really, really want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Why not prioritize your own comfort just a little higher on the list? In today's case, an intimidating person may be part of this, and there's no need to appease. Take a step back. There are many ways to solve a problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Maybe we're beings who are perfect in spirit but flawed in our human expression of it, and that's the fun of life on this plane. So don't waste a minute feeling bad about your imperfections. Work with them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You learn a little more each day about the people around you, what they're good at, what they're likely to agree to and how to handle the parts you're not so fond of, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Sure, you're self-sufficient. In fact, you're the expert when it comes to fulfilling your own needs. But when you accept the gifts and help of others, you fit into their lives better. The sense of belonging brings you tremendous joy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Considering the futility and potential misery that comes from expecting another person to be anything other than what he or she is, it's only smart to get to know the very real side of the people around you.

Venus Change

Everyone wants rewards commensurate with their contributions. The trouble is that our contributions are valued according to needs and appetites of others that we have little control over. Luckily, with the Venus change, our sensitivities to what others want get more intuitive. Push your feelings into the situation before asking questions.

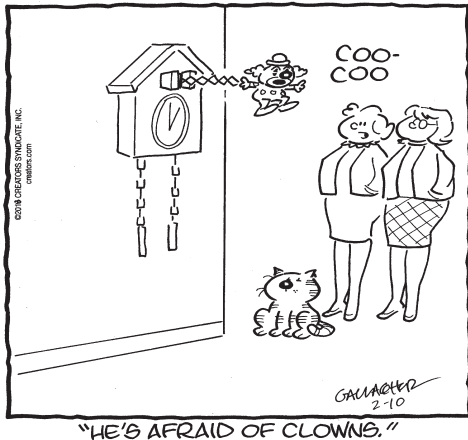
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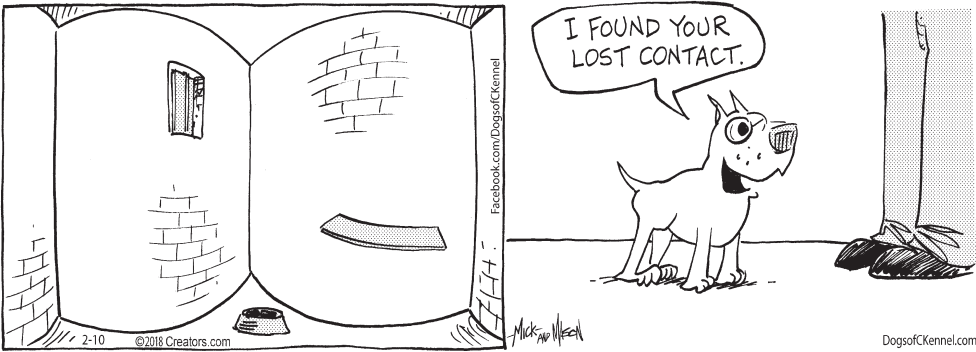
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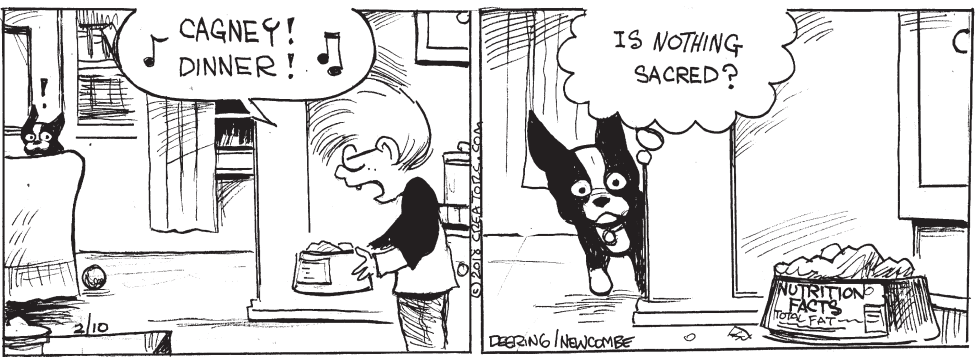
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Special Screening of Anthony Bourdain's "Wasted!" Film Challenged Community to Make Changes

BY WESTSIDE FOOD BANK

Concerned community members and leaders came together last month at a special screening of new documentary film, "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste." The screening took place at Temple Kehillat Israel, and was followed by a panel discussion including Westside Food Bank's Aviva Kraus, LA Kitchen's Robert Egger, and Celebrity Chef Michelle Lainez.

As its website explains, the film "aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food [through] the eyes of chef-heroes." Chef Anthony Bourdain's colorful narration leads the audience around the world with tales of shocking food waste and its inspiring counterpoint, food recovery. Audience members could be heard gasping along with interviewees as they learned that a head of lettuce can take up to 25 years to decompose in a landfill, and that one third of all food produced is never eaten. The prevalence and criminality of food waste are met in the film by the work being done by businesses, governments, and schools and chefs to counteract this problem. In one scene, children turn scraps into compost and grow their own lunch at renowned Edible Schoolyard New Orleans.

After the film, Westside Food Bank's Development Coordinator Aviva Kraus spoke of the organization's mission to reduce food waste on the Westside of LA through its Extra Helpings Westside pre-



pared and perishable food rescue program. She also detailed WSFB's focus on nutrition. "Over half of the nearly 5 million pounds of food we provide to our agencies is fresh produce," Aviva said. LA Kitchen President and Founder Robert Egger conveyed the importance of connecting individuals to food in order to help them lift themselves out of poverty, and described LA Kitchen's nationally recognized culinary training program. Chef Lainez explained that she uses porcelain instead of plastic, buys only what her clients will need, and cooks using fresh, local ingredients. "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste" was released in October 2016 and is available to watch in select theatres, on demand, and on iTunes and Amazon Video.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Metrolink train service for Dodger games to be studied

Some Los Angeles Dodgers fans may have the option of leaving their cars at home and taking Metrolink trains to home games.

Directors of the regional service on Friday approved a motion to study special train service for Dodger games on the railroad's San Bernardino and Antelope Valley lines.

That would allow fans from eastern and northern parts of the Los Angeles region to avoid traffic on the State Route 60 freeway and Interstates 10 and 210, as well as parking hassles.

The trains would deliver fans to Union Station downtown and from there those with game tickets would ride free on express buses to and from the stadium.

The study will look into scheduling and fare options. The motion directs staff to report back within 60 days.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH

Body washes ashore at Huntington Beach, where woman vanished

Southern California authorities are trying to determine if a body that washed onto Huntington Beach is that of a woman who vanished in the ocean earlier this week.

The body was spotted early Thursday afternoon, but police Lt. J. Haught told The Orange County Register that it had not been identified as of Thursday night.

The Coast Guard and local authorities conducted a lengthy search for 18-year-old Jessie Cook, who was last seen in the water off Huntington Beach Pier late Tuesday night. The search was suspended Wednesday night.

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