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THE WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? ISSUE

Airport Commission recommends starving SMO

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Last month a judge tossed City Hall's lawsuit against the federal government over the future of Santa Monica Airport but advocates say that was just a lost battle in a larger war.

One tact, they say, could involve essentially starving the airport of all but the runway.

Last week, the Airport Commission voted 4 to 1 to send a recommendation to City Council that would halt the sale of aviation fuel and restrict the rental of airport property to any tenants others than art studios and those doing light manufacturing. They also suggested raising all rents to market rate.

Advocates believe the approach, with its lack of services, could make it nearly impossible for pilots to actively use the airport. It could also lead to a decisive lawsuit between City Hall and the FAA, forcing a final determination of who truly controls the land.

Neighbors of the airport have long complained of the noise and pollution created by jets and propellor planes. Others fear for their safety, with homes located about 300 feet from the edge of the runway. Last year, a jet skidded off the runway and into a hangar, killing all four people on board.

Last month a judge threw out a lawsuit filed by City Hall against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). City officials could still appeal or take other actions

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Photos courtesy Digital Dragon

AT WORK: Classes at Digital Dragon run anywhere from $33 for a 90-minute session to $55 for a three-hour Saturday class.

HANDS ON: Kids at an open house for Digital Dragon, which provides after-school programs with a tech focus, are hard at work building a circuit board. Digital Dragon's creators, Santa Monica parents Laurie Kantor Finn and her husband, Seth Finn, saw a need for after-school programs that cater to young geeks.

Silicon teach: Parents start an after-school tech studio

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

EASTSIDE At first glance Digital Dragon's studio looks like a startup company's creative office space. Natural light hits the blue walls, green shag carpet, and the nontraditional work desks.

But there's also Legos, crafts, and a dragon made out of cardboard with light-up eyes.

The space is a clubhouse of sorts for tech-minded kids who want to learn about programing, 3-D printers, video game design, and robotics. Stop by for one of their after-school classes, which start on Thursday, and you might meet the future Santa Monica startup CEO.

But the program, which aims to educate 8 to 18 year olds, is not as much about career paths as it is about fostering creativity among enthusiastic kids at an earlier age, said Laurie Kantor Finn, who founded Dragon Design with her husband, Seth Finn.

"We're not trying to prepare kids for their jobs after college, but if they're interested in it now they don't have to wait until AP something in high school to be exposed to it," she said. "We're also trying to do it in this fun way where it's like a clubhouse. It's an after school destination in addition to or instead of sports."

The Finns don't have a background in tech — they both have liberal arts degrees from UCLA — but as their son, a student at Lincoln Middle School, fell in love with computer science they realized how hard it is to find good extracurricular activities devoted to the field.

They hired John Balash, who's taught and worked in educational video game design, to

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Telecoms pushing back on proposed NSA plan

BY MARCY GORDON & MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON When Apple, Google, Microsoft and other tech giants united in outrage last summer over the National Security Agency's unfettered spying, telecommunications giants such as AT&T, Verizon and Sprint —whose customers are also the targets of secret government spying— remained noticeably mum.

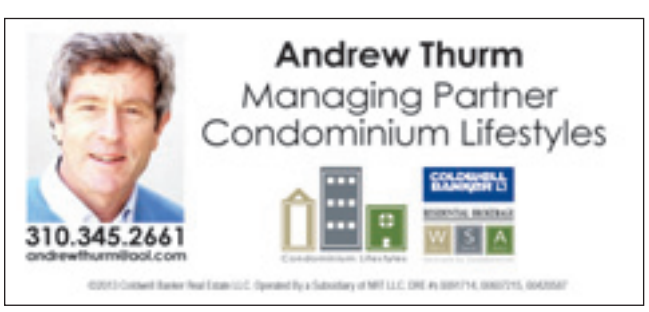
But now the phone companies are speaking up. In closed-door meetings with policymakers they are taking a less accommodating stance with government and rattling the historically tight bond between telecom and the surveillance community.

"It's been extremely unusual for telecoms to resist any requests from the government," says software engineer Zaki Manian of Palo Alto, who advocates against mass government surveillance.

"The telecom companies have a long history of providing raw data dumps to the government and typically taking some money in return and calling it a day," Manian says.

Technology companies typically comply with requests for information about individ-

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See how long you can run at the LA Marathon course record pace and win some ASICS prizes. Free and open to anyone 18 and older. For more information, call (855) 233-3120 or visit asicsamerica.com/lam.

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

History of films
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m.
Filmmaker Elaina Archer discusses Steven Spielberg's film, "Munich," about the aftermath of Black September and the five men chosen to eliminate those responsible. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Protecting Mother Earth
SMC
1900 Pico Blvd., Room 263,
6:30 p.m.
Santa Monica College's Spring 2014 Environmental Issues Lecture Series — covering topics such as zero net energy homes and how to improve the food systems in the community — begins with "SMC and Sustainable Works Move Us Forward," a chance to meet Genevieve Bertone and learn from the Sustainable Works professionals how to improve the quality of our living and working environments. All lectures in the series are free.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Run like a pro
Third Street Promenade
1200 block, 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Think you have what it takes to run at a champion marathoner's pace? Find out by taking the ASICS LA Marathon treadmill challenge. The one of a kind truck-mounted treadmill only runs at one speed, the ASICS LA Marathon record pace of 2:06:35. See how long you can keep up, compete for the record and register to win free ASICS gear. Learn more at www.asicsamerica.com/lamarathon-treadmill

Journey into the past
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St.,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Come experience the remarkable chapters of Santa Monica's history in the permanent exhibit gallery. Place yourself in the front-page news of a past era, explore Santa Monica landmarks, or step into a re-created section of a Douglas C-47. Admission: $5 general, $3 seniors & students, free for children under 12. For more information call (310) 395-2290.

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Dance the night away
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Join fellow dancers for a night of ballroom at its finest. All ages and levels of experience welcome. There will be a combination of today's hits and old standards. Light snacks provided; bottled water for sale. Admission: General: $14; Students: $5 with ID. For more information call (310) 487-0911.

For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Getting your passport

Planning an international family vacation, studying abroad or going on an exotic honeymoon? Getting your passport for whatever trip you have planned just got a lot easier in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica City Clerk's Office is now a designated United States Passport Acceptance Facility. Which means you can get your first-time passport or passport card, passport photos, and expedited processing, all at City Hall.

The first day of passport service will be March 10. Passport services will be available Monday – Thursday and alternating Fridays from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Appointments are required.

When coming to your appointment make sure you bring:

- Original evidence of U.S. citizenship
- Original identification
- Payment for fees

For more information on acceptable forms of identification visit http://travel.state.gov

Appointments should take approximately 30 to 40 minutes and you will receive your passport within four to six weeks. Expedited services are also available for an extra fee.

The City Clerk's Office is centrally located at City Hall, 1685 Main St., Room 102. Parking is available at the Civic Center structure and lot. For more information and to make an appointment call (310) 458-8211 or visit www.smgov.net/passports.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SM BAY

Stay out of the water

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water.

Because of current rainfall, the county health officer is cautioning residents who are planning to visit Los Angeles County beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers – at least until Wednesday afternoon.

Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters though these outlets.

Santa Monica has storm drains running along Montana and Ashland avenues and Wilshire and Pico boulevards, according to an online map provided by the county's Department of Public Works.

"Fortunately, discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprises a small portion of the beach, and therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will be able to enjoy their outing," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, health officer. "We do advise swimmers and surfers to stay away from the storm drains, creeks and rivers as there is the possibility that bacteria or chemicals from debris and trash may contaminate the water near and around these areas, and some individuals may become ill."

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the county's beach closure hotline: (800) 525-5662. Information is also available online at our www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach/.

– KH

SMC

Putting the environment first

Santa Monica College's Spring 2014 Environmental Issues Lecture Series – covering topics such as zero net energy homes and how to improve the food systems in the community – begins today, March 4, with "SMC and Sustainable Works Move Us Forward," a chance to meet Genevieve Bertone and learn from the Sustainable Works professionals how to improve the quality of our living and working environments.

All lectures in the series are free and held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 263 of the Humanities & Social Science Building on SMC's main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The series – which has informed the community for more than 12 years – is sponsored by SMC's Center for Environmental and Urban Studies (CEUS). The center is open to the public and features displays, a library and information center, video collection, native garden, and other services and activities related to environmental and urban studies. SMC has been offering courses in environmental and urban studies since fall 2001.

For the remaining line-up in the series visit www.smc.edu/ceus or call (310) 434-4743.

– KH



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Conservancy

HOME SWEET HOME: A rendering of the Santa Monica Conservancy's Preservation Resource Center, housed inside of the historic Shotgun House.

Historic Shotgun House closer to finding a home

Conservancy earns building permit, preparing to move structure

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

OCEAN PARK A house isn't a home if it doesn't have an address.

Officials with the Santa Monica Conservancy hope to finally have a date for when they can move the historic Shotgun House out of storage and into its final resting place, a lot on Norman Place at Second Street.

Once there the home, built in the 1890s and nearly demolished 16 years ago to make way for condominiums, will become the conservancy's Preservation Resource Center where homeowners and others can learn the economic benefits of restoration and preservation and the steps to get there, as well as how older structures can be reimagined and still be useful today.

The conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of historic structures in the city by the sea, recently secured a building permit from City Hall and has plans to put the house on a flatbed truck and drive it on over to Ocean Park, said Carol Lemlein, conservancy board president. The goal is to move the home on a Sunday so residents can come out and witness the event, and possibly become inspired.

"We're very enthusiastic," Lemlein said. "It's been a long time coming."

Originally located at 2712 Second St. in Ocean Park, the 468-square-foot structure is a classic "shotgun" house, members of the conservancy said. Architectural historians believe this type of house was first seen in the Caribbean (resulting from a blend of African and European influences). By the early 19th century this modest type of structure had spread into much of the American South, via New Orleans. Over time, shotgun houses became ubiquitous in the rural South and were particularly common as dwellings for African-Americans.

Inexpensive to build, easy to transport and adaptable to diverse purposes, the shotgun style spread across the country. Shotgun houses found use during the Civil War as field housing, sprung up in mining towns across the West, sheltered railroad workers laying tracks across the nation, and offered economical shelter for people of limited means in many communities.

In Santa Monica and other resort areas, shotgun homes were also useful as vacation cottages, Lemlein said.

Historians debate the origins of the name "shotgun." Some believe the word is a version of the Yoruba (African) word for house — "togun." Others cite the simple floor plan of these dwellings. Shotgun houses are typi-

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Making a statement

Editor:

It is always good to write the City Council, as I have, to thank the mayor and council members for being open and to boost their confidence in voting to support the restoration and preservation of "Chain Reaction," Paul Conrad's public art gift that affirms who we are as a city and community, taking seriously what it means to create peace in the world. What more could we demonstrate as an internationally recognized, sustainable and humane city? What more could we do to inspire our children and youth?

Born in Santa Monica and home here for 33 years, I have been proud of my city's imagination and boldness in setting forth practices, programs, policies, and laws that reflect the good sense that our progress stems from our compassion, intellectuality and ecological consciousness. Through the last two years as we have engaged in figuring out how to preserve "Chain Reaction," I have also been reminded of how significant our public or civic art is to awaken new ways of seeing ourselves in the world, potentially seeding and ripening our purpose and promise.

Our public art budget is unduly modest and definitely needs increasing by tax-dollar appropriations and contributions. An active collaboration of city and community, with the trust that gifts are respected, can be quite fruitful, as the community's raising $105,000 for preserving "Chain Reaction" proves. What a good start that is as a measurable indicator of "charitable giving in the arts," now formalized in our Sustainable City Plan.

Santa Monica, like any influential city, can elevate the meaning of citizenship, indeed, democratic ideals of dignity, freedom, equality and justice through the power of human creativity in public art. "Chain Reaction" calls upon us to confront the existential threat of nuclear weapons with commensurate creative force of truth and nonviolence, the essence of peace.

In the 1980s with the Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Monica helped lead in the pursuit of peace. We have renewed that stance many times, including in 2010 when we joined the Mayors for Peace, the international initiative to abolish nuclear weapons.

"Chain Reaction" helps us teach the young and others about our history and the ultimate holocaust that nuclear weapons can cause, but also about the stupendous potential of communal will power vested in our sovereignty as "We, the People" that can be exerted to abolish those weapons through local, national and international leadership.

What a statement that makes to all who reside, work or visit here, indeed, from anywhere in the world, about how we truly value Life. To explore such potential, the landscaping around "Chain Reaction" need not be a "barrier," as the staff report reads, but a peace garden to bridge relationships and understanding through contemplation, questions and conversation.

For, thank goodness, restoring "Chain Reaction" can actually help restore us.

Cris Gutierrez
Santa Monica

Out of touch

Editor:

In your weekend addition, Councilmembers Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis expressed their displeasure at residents' efforts to overturn their vote to allow Hines to build a 765,000-square-foot development in the most congested area of the city ("Defending the Hines vote," Your Column Here, March 1-2). They concluded their piece by warning residents that stopping the Hines development agreement will "bring us more traffic."

It is bad enough that we have an unethical mayor who had no problem with voting to give a multi-million-dollar development agreement to the company who paid off her personal debts incurred in a prior political campaign. But it is beyond belief that we have two members of City Council who are completely out of touch with reality. The really scary part is we are stuck with O'Day and Davis on the council for another three years.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Change is inevitable

I LOVED THE RAIN THIS PAST WEEKEND. I know many of us did. But now that the rainy season is over, we can get back to the business at hand of enjoying the beautiful spring days that await in our delightful little burg.

Dog walking is one of those daily activities that keeps me semi-active, at least when he's with me and not with his other daddy. The nice part of having a dog is that you get to know your neighborhood and your neighbors.

When walking a dog you stop a lot, and you have to learn to enjoy the moment. Like Monday morning when I was walking in Ocean Park and the gardeners were out cutting the grass of a neighbor's lawn. The contrast of the rainy weekend with the sunny morning and the smell of fresh cut grass brought a smile to my face.

The neighborhood is what made Santa Monica so quaint and beloved. It's the heart of a small town, where people know each other. It's what brings the real warmth of the city to individuals.

Lately there's been a great deal of discussion about the level of development going on, and how that is destroying the city; how traffic is becoming unbearable; how the new Metro will bring too many people; that the Bergamot development will add further strain to a city that is bursting at the seams with cars and new residents and new office workers.

Many residents are disgusted with the City Council and the perception that they are rubber stamping any development proposal made by a developer that contributed to their campaign. Certainly the appearance of impropriety is something that all the council members want to avoid, but they're not fools. They'll take the donations.

The perception of what is good for the city was surveyed, and it breaks down right along age demographics. I know this because I was in the Loews Hotel locker room and made a comment about all the new development and a city employee who had just read the report said to me, "You fall right in line with your age group."

Those of us who are fast approaching that phrase "of a certain age" are generally none too pleased with all the newness, but for those in their 20s and 30s, they're cool with the development.

I'm reasonably certain it has a lot to do with the sense of nostalgia that I have as a young man riding the Big Blue Bus down to the beach, going for pizza around town and enjoying riding my bike in what was essentially a safe environment. In my 20s I enjoyed going to the Pioneer Boulangerie Bakery on Main Street and breaking out my law books as I studied criminal law and family law.

Those days are long gone, and in its place is Stella Barra pizza and M Street Kitchen and people's homes. Real estate should be used for its highest and best purpose. That's a rule of real property that one learns in law school. That means development. It is not always a joy to lose what was, but oftentimes what will be is better.

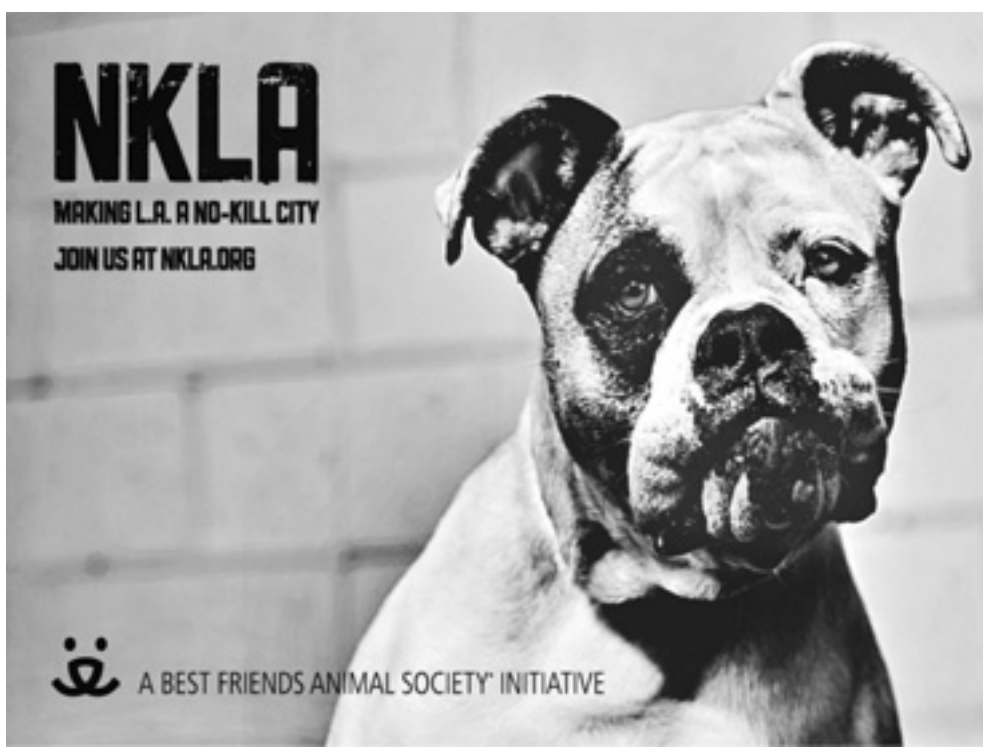
I'm not an apologist for the developers, but I'm willing to look at facts and see if there is an argument that maybe things could be better, for more people, if things change.

I am old enough to remember what a dump the Third Street Promenade was before its current incarnation. I liked the old Ferris wheel on the pier, but I love the new one with more lights and more creative use of the lights.

There is a season to everything. Like the rainy weekend, everything passes, and then there is the next season, which has its own benefits and joys. It happens in families with divorces, and businesses with ups and downs. It happens to all of us. We are crazy teens, arrogant 20 year olds, calmer 30 year olds and so on.

The question is not how do we stop the change, but rather, how do we adapt to it? Maybe we should enjoy the memory of what was, like this past weekend, and embrace the change like a 20 year old, and smell the fresh cut grass.

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Your column here

By Kevin McKeown

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Calling for more housing from Hines

GOOD PUBLIC POLICY DEMANDS THE ability to be decisive when appropriate, but also the thoughtful willingness to pause, when needed, to learn from new information.

When we adopted Santa Monica's new Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) three and a half years ago, the City Council attempted its best guess as to the ideal ratio of commercial versus residential square footage. Since then, both traffic concerns and housing needs have increased. LUCE assumptions certainly deserve to be reconsidered in light of the volumes of significant new information provided by the state-required Hines project Environmental Impact Report.

With the adoption of the LUCE, we assured our community "no net new PM trips." We need to assess whether we are delivering on our promises. The Hines EIR showed that their project will generate 7,000 new car trips, and will make mobility worse not only in the short term, but as far out as 2030.

That's one reason I made a motion for an alternative project, all housing above the first floor, rather than intensively traffic-generating office space. Housing generates much less traffic than offices, and the traffic flow from housing tends to be in different directions and at different times of day than office employee commuting. Housing at the Hines site would not be as likely to exacerbate the already existing snarl from the Water Garden and other unfortunate past planning decisions for office complexes in the immediate area.

There are other reasons why a much more, not slightly more, residential project would have been a better choice for our community.

Since the LUCE was adopted, the state of California has cut off our redevelopment revenue, which for many years had been our primary tool for creating affordable housing. The Hines project provides too little housing, but worse, unacceptably too little housing at truly affordable prices. The last-minute minor change on rent levels nibbled gently around the edges. It was a love bite to the developer, not a substantive improvement that genuinely addressed our serious housing needs.

Where, I'd also ask, is the minimum open space called for in our Bergamot Area Plan? Hines supporters hail a "new park," but the one contiguous park-like space in the Hines project would barely qualify for the tiniest tier of Santa Monica parks, about the size of Chess Park. Mothers with strollers expecting a usable new playspace for our community's children will be gravely disappointed. The touted "2 acres of open space" at Hines includes traffic-filled streets and the narrow service corridors between buildings.

On open space, affordable housing, and other lasting community benefits, Planning Commission Chair Jennifer Kennedy pointed out that the Hines project fell significantly short of what's required. I watched Kennedy, and others on the Planning Commission, try to negotiate improvements. It became clear the developer was unwilling to yield anything not demanded by the City Council, the ultimate decision-making body on a development agreement.

Hines threatened our city: Give us the development we want, or we will deliberately sabotage you with an undesirable reoccupation of the existing outdated factory building. The council majority caved, accepting the project pretty much as submitted by Hines, despite the enumerated shortcomings. Is that being "flexible" with standards, or is it bending over backwards for the developer?

We are confronted with a massive and ungainly project the community simply will not accept, as shown by the grassroots gathering of signatures to overturn the council majority decision via referendum.

We had the chance to define appropriate transit-oriented development in a place where traffic, housing, and open space were particularly important. The council majority abandoned "appropriate," claiming fear that the developer would walk away from the deal. Such a walk-away hasn't happened in decades in Santa Monica, but this Hines decision tells other developers that "my way or the highway" threats will succeed with this current council majority.

Residents retain the power to counter that message and force renegotiation of a far better project. In this case, with neighbors carrying petitions in the streets, change comes one signature at a time. Will yours be one of them?

KEVIN MCKEOWN is a City Council member in Santa Monica who voted against the Hines project, known as the Bergamot Transit Village. He can be reached at kevin@mckeown.net

The Q Line

Things will be great when you're Downtown

Petula Clark sure knew what she was talking about in the classic, "Downtown." There is no finer place, at least according to a survey released by Downtown Santa Monica Inc. last week, which showed that the area is thriving, with more residents living there than every before, new restaurants and retail and plenty of tech jobs.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

What are your fondest memories of Downtown Santa Monica? How has it changed and what do you think of it now?

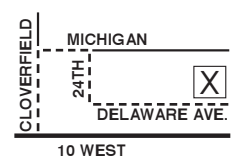
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New details in Northern California teen's slaying

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. A Northern California teenager charged in the alleged thrill-killing of a high school classmate told police his religion, Satanism, allowed him to kill and he had already killed a rabbit and a cat, according to a recently released transcript of his interview with investigators.

"I guess I just finally wanted to kill somebody," Jae Williams told San Jose police detectives two days after the November 2009 slaying of Michael Russell, 15, according to the transcript. "I had my chance and I took it."

The transcript was reported by the San Jose Mercury News over the weekend. Williams and a second teen, Randy Thompson, were charged with murder in the fatal stabbing of Russell, a sophomore at San Jose's Santa Teresa High School. They have pleaded not guilty.

Now 20, they will be tried separately as adults, with Williams expected to go on trial first starting at the end of March, the Mercury News reported.

Williams told police he and Thompson began looking for opportunities to kill Russell about six weeks before the attack and had created two alibis, according to the transcript.

They went to Russell's house on Nov. 10, 2009 and asked him whether he wanted to smoke marijuana. Russell went into a shed to get a lighter, and the teens attacked him when he came out, according to the transcript.

"He was on the floor and he was yelling a little bit," Williams allegedly told police, "like telling us ... 'Come on, guys.' "

Williams said the attack lasted six minutes, and he slit Russell's throat at the end after finding the boy had no pulse, according to the transcript.

Russell was fatally stabbed with a switchblade and kitchen knife, police have said. His uncle found his body in the backyard that night.

A judge ruled at the end of preliminary hearing in 2010 that there was sufficient evidence to hold both teens over for trial. But continuances have delayed the case.

The defense was given three more months to review evidence in 2012. And Williams' defense attorney, Lewis O. Romero, recently fought for weeks to exclude the transcript of Williams' interview with police from the trial, saying his client was held at the police station for 12 hours before being read his rights, according to the Mercury News. The judge ruled against Romero, noting, among other things, that the teen came to the station voluntarily with his mother's permission.

Judge Arthur Bocanegra split the case because Williams and Thompson incriminated each other in the crime in police interviews, and prosecutors want to use those interviews to convict them, the newspaper reported.

Leader says lost supermajority won't hinder State Senate

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Major issues facing the Legislature, including a water bond and reshaping the state's rainy day fund, can be addressed this year despite the loss of Democrats' supermajority, the state Senate leader said Monday.

Democrats' two-thirds majority in the Senate ended when Sen. Ron Calderon took an indefinite leave of absence this week after being indicted on federal corruption charges. Last week, Sen. Roderick Wright took a leave after he was convicted of voter fraud and perjury.

Their departures drop Democrats' majority to 26 in the 40-seat chamber, one less than they need to raise taxes, pass emergency legislation and put constitutional amendments before voters without Republican support.

"In general, I don't think there will be a large effect. We haven't used the two-thirds that much," Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, told reporters outside the Senate chamber.

Democrats won supermajorities in the Assembly and Senate in 2012, and they retain that edge in the Assembly. But Steinberg said some major issues would have required bipartisan support regardless.

For instance, he said Democrats' efforts to substitute a lower-cost water bond for the $11.1 billion plan currently on the November ballot already would have required Republican votes because Democrats are split on the details, including how much funding should go toward creating new reservoirs.

Gov. Jerry Brown and his fellow Democrats also want to substitute a different version of a rainy day reserve fund for the pending constitutional amendment previously negotiated with Republicans.

"It's going to take some cooperation from the minority party, especially if we have less than the two-thirds supermajority. But we're ready to engage in real discussions with them and get it done," Steinberg said to reporters after the Senate floor session.

Peter DeMarco, a spokesman for Senate Republicans, said Republican lawmakers "look forward to working with the pro tem and Democrats so that all views and priorities are on the table."

Several Senate Republicans said Monday that they are still concerned that Calderon and Wright were allowed to take paid leave instead of being suspended or expelled. The two could rescind their voluntary leave "in a heartbeat" if Senate Democrats want to restore their supermajority, Sen. Joel Anderson, R-Alpine, said in an interview.

Steinberg, in an interview, reiterated that he will not bring them back to the Capitol for that purpose.

"The fact of the matter is both of the members are not here and they won't be back unless ... something happens that sets aside the criminal allegations," Steinberg said. "Yes, the supermajority is important, but not nearly as important as the Senate itself."

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Calif. Farmers hiring dowsers to find water

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

ST. HELENA, Calif. With California in the grips of drought, farmers throughout the state are using a mysterious and some say foolhardy tool for locating underground water: dowsers, or water witches.

Practitioners of dowsing use rudimentary tools — usually copper sticks or wooden "divining rods" that resemble large wishbones — and what they describe as a natural energy to find water or minerals hidden deep underground.

While both state and federal water scientists disapprove of dowsing, California "witchers" are busy as farmers seek to drill more groundwater wells due to the state's record drought that persists despite recent rain.

The nation's fourth-largest wine maker, Bronco Wine Co., says it uses dowsers on its 40,000 acres of California vineyards, and dozens of smaller farmers and homeowners looking for wells on their property also pay for dowsers. Nationwide, the American Society of Dowsers, Inc. boasts dozens of local chapters, which meet annually at a conference.

"It's kind of bizarre. Scientists don't believe in it, but I do and most of the farmers in the Valley do," said Marc Mondavi, a vineyard owner whose family has been growing grapes and making wine since the mid-20th century in the Napa Valley.

Mondavi doesn't just believe in dowsing, he practices it.

On a recent afternoon, standing in this family's Charles Krug vineyard holding two copper divining rods, Mondavi walked slowly forward through the dormant vines.

After about 40 feet, the rods quickly crossed and Mondavi — a popular dowser in the world famous wine region— stopped. "This is the edge of our underground stream," he said during the demonstration. Mondavi said he was introduced to "witching" by the father of an old girlfriend, and realized he had a proclivity for the practice.

After the valley's most popular dowser died in recent years, Mondavi has become the go-to water witch in Napa Valley. He charges about $500 per site visit, and more, if a well he discovers ends up pumping more than 50 gallons per minute.

With more farmers relying on groundwater to irrigate crops, Mondavi's phone has been ringing often as growers worry about extended years of dryness.

He had six witching jobs lined up over a recent weekend, three homes whose springs were running dry and three vineyards. It's so popular that he's even created a line of wines called "The Divining Rod" that will be sold nationwide this year.

While popular, scientists say dowsers are often just lucky, looking for water in places where it's already known to likely exist.

"There's no scientific basis to dowsing. If you want to go to a palm reader or a mentalist, then you're the same person who's going to go out and hire a dowser," said Tom Ballard, a hydrogeologist with Taber Consultants, a geological engineering firm based in West Sacramento.

"The success is really an illusion. In most places you're going to be able to drill and find some water," he said.

Still, the consistent interest in water witches nationwide even spurred The U.S. Geological Survey to officially weigh in on the fairly harmless practice.

Dowsing has not held up well under scientific scrutiny, the USGS said, adding that dowsers are often successful in areas where groundwater is abundant.

"The natural explanation of 'successful' water dowsing is that in many areas water would be hard to miss. The dowser commonly implies that the spot indicated by the rod is the only one where water could be found, but this is not necessarily true," the survey said in its report.

Christopher Bonds, senior engineering geologist for the state Department of Water Resources, said his agency does not advocate using witchers.

"DWR is an advocate for having qualified and licensed water professionals locate groundwater resources using established scientific methods," Bonds said in an email.

Don't tell that to John Franzia, co-owner of Bronco Wine Co., the nation's fourth-largest wine producer based on sales. It makes wine under hundreds of labels, including the famous "Two Buck Chuck."

Bronco also owns more vineyard land in California than anyone else, and when it needs a new well there's a good chance a dowser will be employed.

Franzia said the company uses many technologies to find water on its 40,000-acres, but turns to dowsers often and with great success.

"I've used witchers for probably the last 15-to-20 years," Franzia said. "Seems like the witchers do the better job than the guys with all the electrical equipment. I believe in them."







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build the curriculum.

In one 90-minute class, which runs parents $33, Balash will teach students how to build a functioning synthesizer out of magnetic circuits. In another, he'll show them how to make designs with a 3-D printer. After the schools get back from spring break, they'll offer a more in-depth programming class for older kids.

Many of the projects focus on creativity as much as they do electronics. At an open house the Finns held on Saturday, kids programed vehicles to drive in a circle and then a square, but they also decorated the vehicles to look like dragons or robots.

"The idea of exploration with immediate feedback is really enticing for students of all ages because they get to see what happens immediately," Balash said. "They're used to the crafts and they can build from there but it's a really nice system. It's a basics in programing in a hands-on way."

The classes aren't meant to compete with the technology programs offered at the public schools, which the Finns lauded. Balash is even teaching an after-school robotics class at Lincoln Middle School this month.

While they haven't yet had direct interaction with any tech startup companies (though they are plentiful in the area surrounding the studio, which is nestled in a backlot off Nebraska Avenue) Laurie Finn said that the influence of Silicon Beach makes the classes a practical choice in the city by the sea.

"The Santa Monica parents are pretty hip to knowing what's going on around here," she said. "Whether or not they also work in that tech industry they know that this is the future."

With the classes, they are trying to change the side of the screen the kids are on, Seth Finn said, to make a passive experience an active one.

"There's plenty of great content out there and that's probably worth kids' time to consume, but we just want to put a piece in their puzzle where they can be creators and builders of tech instead of just taking other people's technology," he said. "So we're just trying flip the scales a little bit."

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HOUSE
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cally one-room wide and two or three rooms deep. Lacking a hallway, the rooms are aligned with connecting doorways so that a bullet fired through the front door would exit cleanly through the back door, according to the conservancy.

This house is a good example of the form with three small rooms lined up in a row. Like most shotgun houses, this board-and-batten structure features a covered front porch and a gabled roof. Ornamentation is minimal but the diamond-shaped shingles on the front gable provide a hint of Queen Anne styling. (Originally the house also included some Victorian scrolled brackets on the porch posts. The conservancy has plans to recreate them.)

This particular house is significant for several reasons, according to the conservancy. First, it is largely unaltered since it was constructed. Because shotgun houses are so small, it is unusual to find examples today without major additions. Although this house is in urgent need of repair, its basic architectural integrity is strong.

This house is also important for its links to local history, harking back to the early days of Santa Monica's Ocean Park neighborhood. In the 1890s Ocean Park was being subdivided and settled and was growing fast as a resort area. In Ocean Park's first phase of development, shotgun houses were built or brought in by rail to serve as vacation cottages near the beach, according to the conservancy. This house was originally located just two blocks from the Santa Fe railroad depot in Ocean Park and within easy reach of the area's tourist attractions. As such it is linked with one of Santa Monica's oldest and most important industries — tourism.

The now-defunct Ocean Park Community Organization originally purchased the home and saved it from demolition. But when that neighborhood group folded after its chairman was accused of mishandling funds, the house was left without an owner at the Santa Monica Airport. City Hall took ownership and moved it a second time to a storage facility adjacent to Memorial Park to make way for construction of Airport Park.

In 2007, city officials settled on a permanent location, a parking lot next to the Ocean Park Library, also an historic structure. The conservancy was selected in 2010 by the City Council to manage it, agreeing to a 20-year lease.

The transformation of the Shotgun House into a Preservation Resource Center is supported by a $1.6 million fundraising campaign that includes hiring the conservancy's first executive director and expanding programming and community education.

Curriculum has already been developed by Santa Monica Landmarks Commissioner Nina Fresco to help teach youngsters about the home's history, what goes into moving a home and how communities change over time. The lessons are interactive, using kits that provide students the opportunity to build models of actual homes in the city's Third Street Neighborhood Historic District as they study the evolution of the neighborhood.

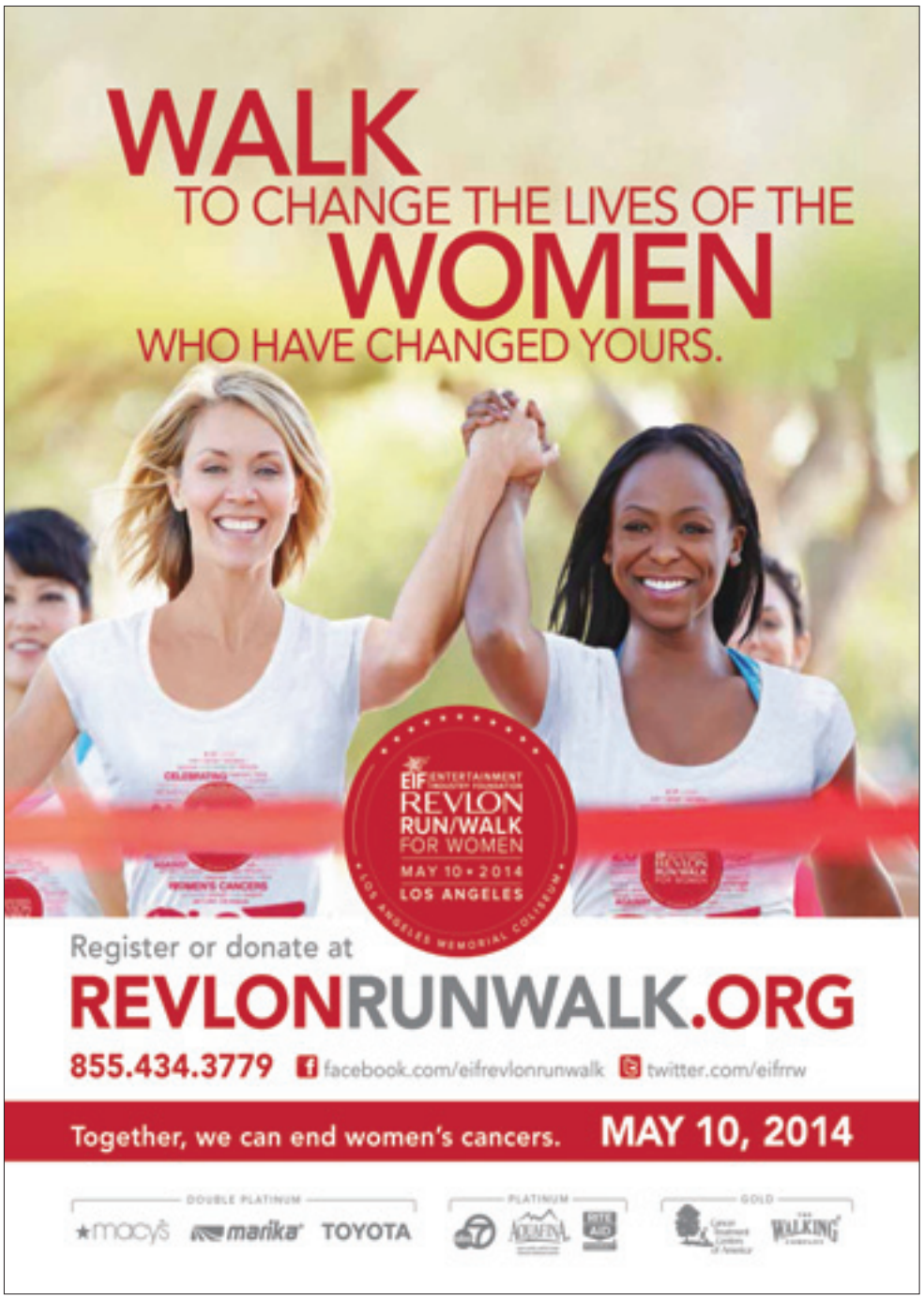
The conservancy still needs donations to reach its fundraising goal (it's raised just under $1 million) and is asking for those with building materials like sheetrock to consider donating them so that as much cash as possible can be saved and spent on programming and hiring staff. Skilled labor is also needed.

Those interested can learn more by visiting www.smconservancy.org

City Hall should be providing a moving date and preferred routes by the end of the week, Lemlein hopes.

"We will finally have a place to meet the public and have a common place to get work done that's not in our homes, so we think we can be much more effective educating and advocating," she added.

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KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON: Residents gather protest the noise and air pollution caused by jets flying into the Santa Monica Airport. The Santa Monica Airport Commission is recommending the City Council cut back on services offered at SMO to push pilots out.

AIRPORT
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but they say they are still considering their options.

The FAA and City Hall differ on when the airport lease expires, with the former claiming it's in 2023, 20 years after City Hall accepted $250,000 in grants from the FAA. City officials claim the contract ends in July of 2015 with the expiration of a 1984 agreement.

Either way, Airport Commissioner David Goddard said, the 1984 agreement contains key provisions that will no longer be in effect.

One expiring provision, that City Hall must maintain the 5,000-foot runway, is not being tested by the commission, Goddard said. Advocates of closing the airport claim that City Hall could start whittling down the size of the runway, making it less attractive to pilots.

"We looked at all our options and then selected the one that was most politically viable," Goddard said.

Another option would allow City Hall to zone-out all but uses by art studios and light manufacturing companies. Several years ago City Hall tried and failed to stop heavier jets from landing at SMO. They were found to be inappropriately discriminating against the heavier jets. Council likely could not simply discriminate against aviation tenants, Goddard said, but stricter requirements across the board to occupy the properties could be acceptable.

Commissioner Stephen Mark questioned whether or not they would be able to maintain safety at the airport if all aviation services were zoned out. Goddard responded that licensed off-site mechanics would be allowed to come to the airport if a pilot needed emergency repair.

"You're going to get a lot less air traffic here and a lot more people diverting to other airports where those services are readily available," he said. "You may get someone who flies in to get lunch at Typhoon and then they're going to fly out but otherwise they aren't going to be there because there are no services to attract them."

If the FAA does conduct an administrative hearing and interprets one of the many active agreements to mean that City Hall still has to provide aviation services, Goddard said, the only penalties listed are the revocation of airport funds and passenger fees. These conditions are moot, he said, because City Hall doesn't take FAA funds or charge passenger fees.

Commissioner Suzanne Paulson asked why, if the penalties are moot, did City Hall agree to comply with the agreement with the FAA regarding the jet weights. Deputy City Attorney Ivan Campbell explained that the two parties reached a settlement in that case but that penalties are not the only consideration.

"Even though you correctly point out that if we're found in violation, you list the penalties, but there's a bigger frame of reference that we're working under," he said. "I don't think it's any policy or practice of (City Hall) to intentionally violate its obligations under its contractual arrangements or agreements."

Goddard is not sure when the issue might go before council but City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said that she could not comment on suggestions from the community until city officials release the staff report for an upcoming public hearing.

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BUSY: A propeller plane goes in for a landing while a jet gets in position for takeoff at the Santa Monica Airport. There are those who would like this sight to be a thing of the past.







High court to examine facial hair, teeth-whitening

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON Facial hair and teeth-whitening will be getting unusually prominent attention from the Supreme Court.

The court agreed Monday to hear two cases during its next term that involve matters of personal hygiene in vastly different settings.

In one case, the court will decide whether an Arkansas prison inmate must be allowed to grow a short beard in accordance with his religious beliefs. The justices will hear an appeal from inmate Gregory Holt, who says his Muslim beliefs require him to grow a beard.

State corrections officials say their grooming policy prohibiting beards promotes hygiene and safety. The court previously blocked the state from forcing Holt to shave the beard while the appeal was under consideration.

The 38-year-old Holt is serving a life sentence for domestic violence and burglary. Prosecutors alleged that Holt cut his girlfriend's throat and stabbed her in the chest at her mobile home.

Holt's initial petition to the court was handwritten and filed without the benefit of an attorney, but he has since been represented by a lawyer.

Separately, the high court is taking up a North Carolina case in which the state's dental regulatory board argues that only dentists should be allowed to whiten teeth. The state Board of Dental Examiners is challenging a lower court ruling and an order by the Federal Trade Commission that said the board engaged in unfair competition in the market for teeth-whitening services by shutting down businesses such as day spas and tanning booths that offered the service.

The board sued the FTC in 2011, saying the agency overstepped its authority. But the federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., sided with the FTC.

One appeals court judge said the board would have had a stronger case if its members were elected or appointed by state government officials rather than by other dentists.

Both cases will be argued in the fall.

In other cases, the court:

• Will hear a dispute over whether workers who spend time waiting in a line to get security screenings have to be paid for that time.

• Agreed to decide whether a juror's comments during trial deliberations can be used to show dishonesty during the jury selection process.

• Declined to take up appeals from two local governments in Texas and Pennsylvania that wanted to prevent people who are in the U.S. illegally from renting apartments.

• Turned away a new appeal from the human rights group Center for Constitutional Rights challenging a Bush-era warrantless wiretapping program.

• Declined to hear an appeal from a German family seeking asylum in the United States because their home country does not allow home schooling.

NSA

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ual users but resist demands for bulk data. But telecommunications companies share a connection with government unlike that of any other industry.

They "have been tied to our national security agencies for all of their history," says Susan Crawford, a visiting professor at Harvard Law School who was a special assistant to President Barack Obama for science, technology and innovation policy.

During World War II and for decades after, telegraph companies such as Western Union — which was controlled by AT&T — turned over copies of international telegrams originating in the U.S. to the NSA and its predecessor agency. In the 1950s, '60s and '70s, government agents reviewed tens of thousands of telegrams each month under "Project Shamrock," deemed by lawmakers to be the biggest intelligence-intercept operation in U.S. history.

Since the earliest days of wiretapping in the late 19th century, telephone companies have assisted law enforcement and intelligence agencies. For decades, a series of laws cemented the relationship, including a 1994 wiretapping act that requires telecom companies to build networks that allow law enforcement to eavesdrop in real time.

But 2014 marks a pivotal moment for the telecom industry. White House policymakers are considering significant changes as public debate about surveillance heightens in the aftermath of NSA spying exposed by former agency contractor Edward Snowden.

The central pillar of Obama's plan to overhaul the surveillance programs calls for shifting storage of Americans' phone data from the government to telecom companies or an independent third party. But telecoms don't want that job.

Phone industry executives have privately told administration officials they don't like the idea of storing phone records gathered by the NSA because they don't want to become the government's data minders. Companies say they are wary of being forced to standardize their own data collection to conform to the NSA's needs.

Industry officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment on their private discussions with the administration.

CTIA-The Wireless Association, a wireless industry trade group, says the balance between national security and civil liberties "can be achieved without the imposition of data retention mandates that obligate carriers to keep customer information any longer than necessary for legitimate business purposes."

The NSA's massive collection of calling records under secret court orders was revealed by Snowden last June in the first of many disclosures about surveillance programs based on classified documents. Snowden was granted asylum in Russia in August and faces espionage charges in the U.S.

The Snowden documents also revealed NSA programs that scoop up data from the nation's Internet companies and tap into Google and Yahoo's data-center communications overseas.

The tech giants lashed out when news broke that their customers' data was being tapped, escalating pressure on Obama to curb the NSA programs. And on Jan. 27, the government announced it will allow five companies — Google Inc., Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc., Facebook Inc. and LinkedIn Corp. — to share more information with the public about how often they receive orders to assist national security investigations.

Meanwhile, telecom companies remained largely on the sidelines. An opinion from the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which was declassified in September, said no telecom company that has received an order to turn over bulk phone records has challenged the directive.

By contrast, at least one tech company asked the court to make public its orders to turn over customer data so the company could show it had fought them. Yahoo said in a filing with the court last year that such disclosure would allow it to "demonstrate that it objected strenuously to the directives that are now the subject of debate, and objected at every stage of the proceeding," but that its objections were overruled.

The Snowden documents, which revealed that the NSA has been collecting the phone records of hundreds of millions of Americans, include an April 2013 court order granting the NSA permission to collect Verizon customers' records on an "ongoing, daily basis." The order was good until July 19, according to a report by Britain's Guardian newspaper.

Intelligence experts say the NSA program also swept up the records of other phone companies.

Verizon's General Counsel Randal Milch says the government should publicly disclose the number of demands it makes for customer data. In December, responding to pressure from major shareholders, AT&T and Verizon said they will publish reports on the number of law enforcement requests for customer information, a disclosure Internet companies already make. Verizon's first report, released in January, showed it received at least 1,000 government requests for customer information last year.

When asked why they've remained mostly silent about revelations documenting their cooperation with the government, Verizon referred The Associated Press to recent blogs by Milch.

"While we have a legal obligation to provide customer information to law enforcement in response to lawful demands, we take seriously our duty to provide such information only when authorized by law," he wrote on Jan. 22.

Milch wrote on Jan. 27 that authorities can only ask for records stored in the U.S., and that if the government tries to obtain customer data stored outside the U.S., "we would challenge that in court."

Sprint referred the AP to the CTIA-The Wireless Association's statement that welcomes the Obama administration's efforts "to start a dialogue to address these important issues."

Although the agreement announced Jan. 27 only applies to five Internet companies, AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel implied it could affect telecom carriers as well.

"We welcome the opportunity to provide more transparency into government data requests and will take this new flexibility into account when we issue our initial transparency report, which will happen shortly," Siegel says.

When asked if AT&T interpreted the ruling to apply to the company as well, AT&T refused further comment.

"They're in very different situations, the telecoms versus the tech firms," says Daniel Castro, a senior analyst with the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, noting that historically their relations have been very different.

The much-younger Internet companies evolved in a new technological era, offering an array of electronic services in a constantly changing marketplace. The phone companies, functioning as communications utilities, developed in tandem with other traditional industries like railroads and were always closely regulated by the government.

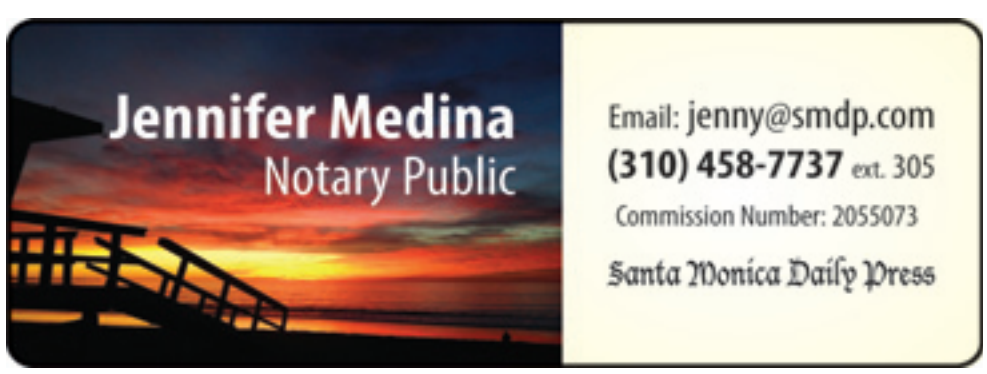
Privacy proponents took note of the widely differing responses to the Snowden revelations.

"We've been disappointed to see how silent the telecoms have been. They're the ones most directly implicated by the disclosures from Snowden, yet they haven't even responded," says Matt Simons, a director at ThoughtWorks, a software design firm that advocates for social change.

But some observers say they're not surprised how easily the NSA gets data from the telecoms.

Critics from privacy organizations including the ACLU and the Electronic Frontier Foundation say telecom companies are unlikely to resist the government because they rely heavily on federal contracts for revenue, they need its approval for the mergers they seek, and they crave spectrum, the invisible real estate on the airwaves that the government auctions off to mobile networks.

While defense contractors are the largest federal contractors, Verizon Communications Inc., with $2.1 billion in federal contracts, ranked 14th for technology firms last year, according to an analysis of the Federal Contract Data System by Washington Technology, an online service for government contractors and tech firms. AT&T Inc., with $1.6 billion in contracts ranked 17th, and Sprint Corp., with $601 million in contracts, ranked 38th. Internet companies like Google, Facebook and Microsoft don't make the top 100.





Obama's 2015 budget appeals to Democrats

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Striving for unity among Democrats rather than compromise with Republicans, President Barack Obama will unveil an election-year budget on Tuesday that drops earlier proposals to cut future Social Security benefits and seeks new money for infrastructure, education and job training.

But Obama's almost $4 trillion budget plan is likely to have a short shelf life. It comes just three months after Congress and the White House agreed to a two-year, bipartisan budget pact that has already set the parameters for this election year's budget work. Democrats controlling the Senate have already announced they won't advance a budget this year and will instead skip ahead to the annual appropriations bills for 2015, relying on new spending "caps" set by December's budget deal that provide $56 billion less than what Obama wants in 2015.

Obama would divide the extra money equally between the Pentagon and domestic initiatives like boosting manufacturing hubs, job training and preschool programs and cutting energy waste. Republicans are likely to balk at the idea, which would be paid for by curbing special interest tax breaks and making spending cuts elsewhere in the budget.

Obama has also announced a four-year, $302 billion plan to boost spending on highways, rail projects and mass transit. Half of the initiative would be financed through corporate taxes. Funding for highway and mass transit projects expires at the end of September, and there's bipartisan interest in finding a supplemental funding stream to augment stagnant revenues from the $18.4 cents-per-gallon gasoline tax.

Obama's budget arrives after a tumultuous year that began with Obama muscling through a 10-year $600 billion-plus tax increase on upper-bracket earners. Feeling stung, Republicans refused to yield on about $80 billion in automatic spending cuts that began in March. Then, conservatives in the GOP forced a 16-day partial government shutdown over funding to implement the nation's new health insurance program. The small-bore, two-year budget deal struck by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., emerged from the wreckage to alleviate the toughest automatic cuts.

With no design or expectation of luring Republicans into more budget negotiations in this election year, Obama's blueprint presents his vision for boosting job growth and favored initiatives like education. The White House announced earlier Obama was dropping a plan opposed by most Democrats in his budget proposal a year ago to slow Social Security cost of living increases.

The budget also will flesh out a plan Obama announced in his State of the Union address to expand the earned income tax credit for childless workers.

"This year the administration is returning to a more traditional budget presentation that is focused on achieving the president's vision for the best path to create growth and opportunity for all Americans, and the investments needed to meet that vision," the White House said in a statement last month.

Republicans are sure to brush aside most of Obama's new initiatives. Ryan released a report Monday criticizing many federal anti-poverty programs, saying they should be redesigned to better help the poor escape poverty. It found that many poor people have little incentive to find work or work more because higher incomes mean lower benefits.

The success that Washington has had in curbing spending over the past several years has come mostly at the expense of "discretionary" spending for agency operating budgets approved by Congress each year. The $521 billion defense budget for this year amounts to 3.5 percent of the size of the economy, according to the Congressional Budget Office, down from 5.4 percent of gross domestic product 40 years ago.

Discretionary spending on nondefense programs has dropped from 3.9 percent in 1974 to 3.4 percent today. Meanwhile, autopilot spending on benefit programs like Social Security, Medicare, food stamps and insurance subsidies under the new health care law are growing rapidly as a percentage of the economy.

Obama's budget does little to arrest these trends. And it arrives as dropping deficits have sapped much of Washington's urgency for tackling the government's fiscal problems. The deficit fell to $680 billion last year — still large but far smaller than the $1 trillion-plus deficits that plagued his first term.

Obama's austere request for the Pentagon, including cuts to Army personnel, the National Guard and the much-criticized littoral combat ship and a move to retire the Air Force's A-10 fighter, has already provoked howls of outrage from defense hawks. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Obama's proposal "guts our defense."

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the $28 billion in extra defense money that Obama seeks would permit the Pentagon to increase training, improve aircraft and weapons systems and repair military facilities.

Obama will recommend tax changes that would generate billions in revenues to help pay for those initiatives. They include curtailing what the administration views as tax avoidance schemes by U.S. companies with profits earned overseas and by foreign-owned companies with operations in the United States.

One measure, according to administration officials, would limit the ability of companies to take advantage of differences in tax rules from country to country. A second would restrict the ability of multinational corporations to assign much of their debt to U.S. operations to take advantage of U.S. interest deductions. A third would classify as taxable the income from certain digital transactions that have escaped U.S. taxation.

The proposals are part of an international effort by leading economies to limit tax avoidance by multinational companies. Administration officials said the proposals in the budget would raise several billion a year and could be part of a broader tax overhaul that would be used to reduce corporate tax rates.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.6°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
BIGGEST IN THE PM; Watching for a new WNW swell to move in;
Good wind/weather likely; Small SSW swell mixing in

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell due to ease; Good wind/weather likely; Small SSW swell mixing in

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
WNW swell may continue; Good wind/weather likely; stay tuned, system is active

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
Lingering WNW swell; stay tuned, system is active

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 4

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	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 21572 Malibu Rd..	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
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
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	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
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.	C	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	C	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of 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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Kershaw hit hard again, Dodgers lose 7-3 to A's

BY JOSE M. ROMERO
The Associated Press

PHOENIX Clayton Kershaw isn't sure why he's off to a rough start in spring training, but he's not happy about it.

"Not fun to deal with," the Los Angeles Dodgers ace said, looking glum in the clubhouse Monday after his outing against the Athletics.

Kershaw allowed five runs on two hits and three walks during Oakland's 7-3 victory. He was unable to get an out in the third inning.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner gave up three runs and five hits in two innings last Wednesday in his first start of the spring. He looked strong in his first two innings Monday, retiring the A's in order, but opened the bottom of the third with back-to-back walks to Daric Barton and Derek Norris.

Sam Fuld and Nick Punto had run-scoring hits, with another walk in between, and Kershaw's day was done. He struck out two.

The A's scored all seven runs in the inning and sent 12 batters to the plate.

Asked if he is concerned, Kershaw said there is always concern for him when he struggles. The left-hander signed a $215 million, seven-year contract in the offseason, the richest ever for a pitcher.

"Physically, feel great. I don't have any excuses," he said. "Searching for answers right now. I know it's spring training and it doesn't matter, but it matters to me. So I've got to figure it out."

Dee Gordon drove in the Dodgers' first two runs with a triple in the second off starter A.J. Griffin. Andre Ethier added two hits and an RBI.

Los Angeles committed four errors and walked nine.

"It was one of those games you like to forget," manager Don Mattingly said. "It tells you that we're not ready, so we've got to keep on working. Just tells us we're not there yet."

STARTING TIME

Dodgers: Kershaw was relatively short with the media after his outing and clearly is unhappy with how his spring has gone so far. He said even his bullpen sessions haven't been up to his standard.

"I don't believe you come in to get ready. You're supposed to be ready every time you pitch," he said. "Hopefully I'll figure it out here pretty quick."

Athletics: Griffin gave up two runs and four hits in two innings, striking out two.

"First time out, I thought he threw the ball well. I thought his breaking stuff was really good," A's manager Bob Melvin said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Dodgers right-hander Zack Greinke won't pitch in the team's season-opening series against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Australia, Mattingly said. Greinke's schedule has been thrown off by a calf injury and he won't be ready to throw the planned 90 pitches in a game by March 22, when the Dodgers open a two-game series Down Under.

Right-hander Ross Stripling, a top prospect, left the Dodgers to return to Los Angeles for an MRI on his right elbow. He has thrown two innings in spring training games but might need major surgery for ligament damage.

GOOD IMPRESSION

Gordon is the leading contender to open the season at second base for Los Angeles should the club decide untested Alex Guerrero is not ready. Gordon helped his cause with a two-run triple in the second inning. A shortstop most of his career, the 25-year-old Gordon has long been known for his speed more than his bat. He hit .234 in 38 major league games last season and .228 in 87 games in 2012.

A's center fielder Billy Burns, a prospect acquired in an offseason trade with Washington, drew a walk, scored a run, singled and stole a base as he pushes for a roster spot. He has five stolen bases in spring training.

OLD FRIENDS

Punto, a key reserve and fill-in starter for the Dodgers last season, stung his former club with a two-run single off Kershaw. Punto played third base, shortstop and second base for Los Angeles last season and started at second for Oakland on Monday.

"We got him for a reason and he's a great fit here," Melvin said.

NEXT UP

The Dodgers send reliever Brian Wilson to the mound to start against Seattle on Tuesday. Wilson takes the place of Greinke. Left-hander Hyun-Jin Ryu makes his second spring training start Wednesday against Cincinnati.

The A's have split-squad games Tuesday against Milwaukee and the Chicago Cubs, with right-hander Dan Straily going against the Brewers, and left-hander Tommy Milone facing the Cubs.



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1328 Montana Ave.
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Bottle Rocket (R) 1hr 31min
The Life Aquatic (R) 1hr 59min
7:30pm

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1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

About Last Night (R)
2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
1:10pm, 7:25pm

Pompeii (PG-13) 1hr 42min
4:30pm, 10:05pm

Pompeii 3D (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:35pm, 7:15pm

Son of God (PG-13)
1:25pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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

RoboCop (NR)
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG)
1:55pm, 6:55pm

Monuments Men (PG-13)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Wolf of Wall Street (R) 2hrs 45min
11:10am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:55pm

Three Days to Kill (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Lego Movie (PG)
11:20am, 4:25pm, 9:45pm

Wind Rises (Kazetachinu) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:00am, 2:05pmm 5:00pm, 7:20pm

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Child's Pose (Pozitia Copilului) (NR) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

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

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:20pm

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

Tim's Vermeer (NR) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

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HEAD HOME AND RELAX, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might sense that you have an edge, and you do in a key situation. You'll have little tolerance for settling for anything less than what you want. Your temper could erupt at any given moment. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could go from being somewhat blue or quiet in the morning to being Mr. or Ms. Personality by the afternoon. You'll express a real sense of direction and draw others in closer. Tonight: Among the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Use the morning for a key project, when your leverage and ability to draw in others is high. By the afternoon, you might resent being bogged down by what you judge to be insignificant details. Hold your tongue, and keep your own counsel. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You seem to offer a perspective that many people do not have. Your feedback is valued, even if you encounter difficulties with a higher-up. This person simply tends to be a bit of a curmudgeon. Refuse to let this person get to you. Tonight: Do what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Your temper could rise as others aggressively seek you out. Screen your calls rather than blow a fuse. Dealing with work matters might preoccupy your afternoon. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Deal with a partner, associate or friend directly. Both of you could be the victim of a misunderstanding. Limit the rhetoric, as you attempt to clear the air. Someone else will appreciate your ability to detach and see the big picture. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Though generally you're known as the sign of diplomacy, lately you seem to be specializing in putting your foot in your mouth. Do not let today be another example of this behavior. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Dive into work, and clear out as much as possible in the morning. Interpersonal interactions will take up a large part of the afternoon. You'll enjoy the change of pace. Talk with a loved one about what you want for the two of you. Tonight: Go with the flow, but accept an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be frivolous in the morning and efficient in the afternoon. You suddenly might realize how much is on your plate and decide to concentrate on what must be done. Tonight: Head home and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be more in tune with a child, a new project or a loved one in the afternoon. To someone close, your change in mood from the morning chilliness that emanated from you will make him or her smile. Share more of your emotional side. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are likely to speak your mind and cause quite a hullabaloo. By the afternoon, you might wish that you had stayed a little more contained. Consider what might be the best peace offering or at least an expression of your caring. Tonight: Settle in at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Check out a financial offer or an investment in the morning. The research that you do could prove to be most worthwhile by the afternoon. A discussion could reveal a lot more about what is being offered. Fortunately, you will ask the right questions. Tonight: Hang out.

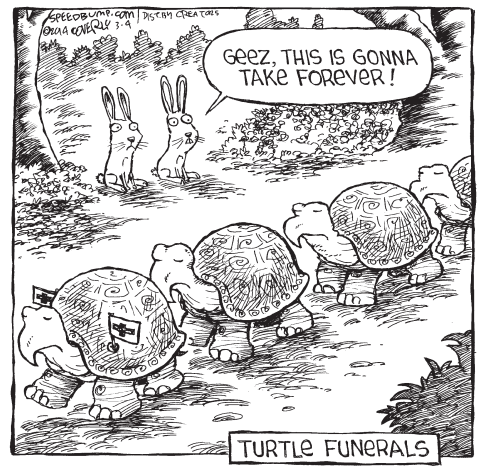
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This year you alternate between being extremely assertive and being extremely laid-back. Others are likely to react to this changeability, so try to be understanding. You know how to trigger a partner or an associate, especially when the topic is money. Try to keep the peace. If you are single, you could discover that someone is trying to change you. You do not want a bond like this; instead, go for one where you will be accepted. If you are attached, your sweetie might find this newfound duality to be a delightful change. You keep life exciting. TAURUS is easy to talk to.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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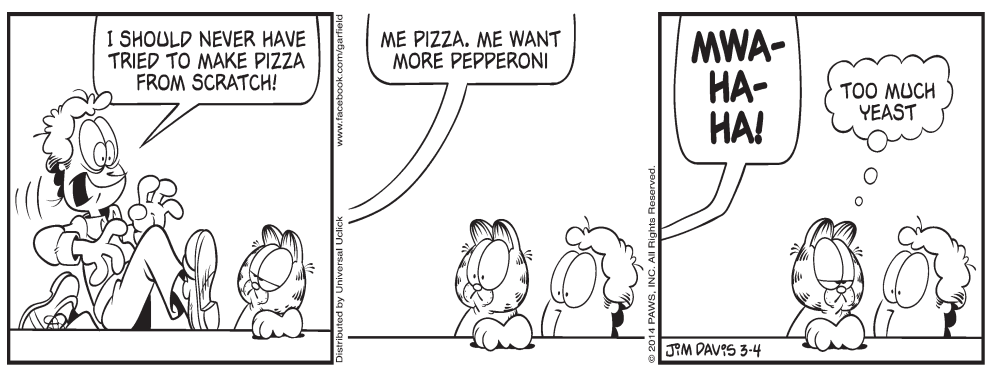
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

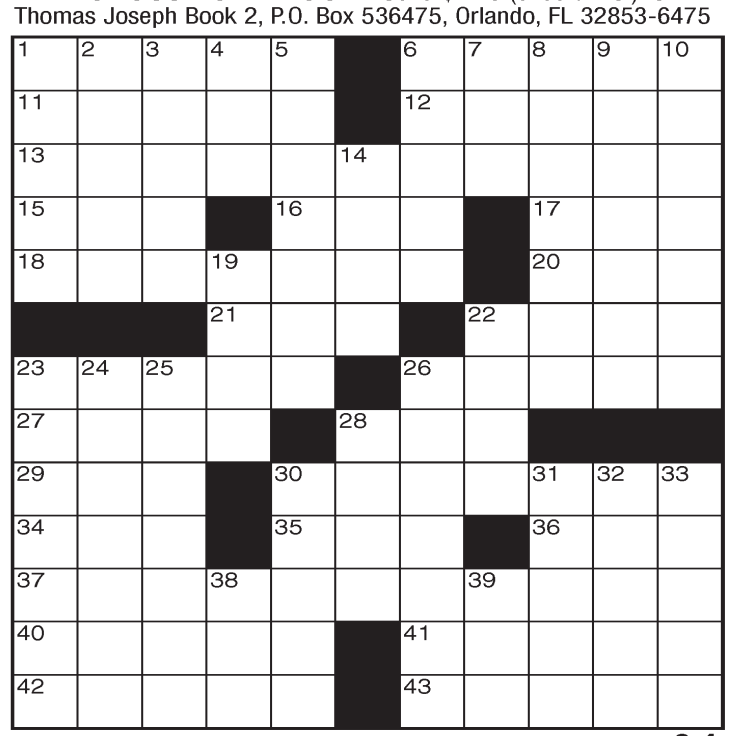
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41 Fido's pal
42 Kidney-related
43 Canary snacks

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6 Shoe parts
7 Mess up
8 Borders
9 Odometer reading
10 Harbor craft
14 Melodies
19 Bruce of "Nebraska"
22 Arm or leg
23 Having a better edge
24 Cop's words to his partner
25 Speedy horse
26 Piano parts
28 "Shucks!"
30 To any extent
31 Higher than
32 In the buff
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38 By way of
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ An alcohol-hammered Troy Prockett, 37, was arrested in January near Hudson, Mass., after his car spun out of control on Interstate 290 and he fled on foot, pursued by state troopers who followed him to a tree, which he had climbed to about 30 feet up. Playing innocent, Prockett asked if the troopers had yet "caught the guy who was driving." The driver was still loose, Prockett said, even though only one set of footprints led to the tree (but, Prockett explained, that was because the real driver was carrying him piggyback!). Finally, as firefighters were arriving to climb after him, Prockett (according to the troopers' report) "rambled on about being an owl."

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: Andre Bacon, 21, was arrested in February in the Cragin neighborhood in Chicago after, police said, he tried to carjack a woman who was about to get in the car in her garage. The woman gave up her keys, but ran out and closed the door as she left, locking Bacon in the garage with no way out. Police arrived minutes later to find Bacon sitting meekly in the driver's seat.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1970 – French submarine Eurydice explodes underwater, resulting in the loss of the entire 57-man crew.

1974 – People magazine is published for the first time in the United States as People Weekly.

1976 – The Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention is formally dissolved in Northern Ireland resulting in direct rule of Northern Ireland from London by the British parliament.

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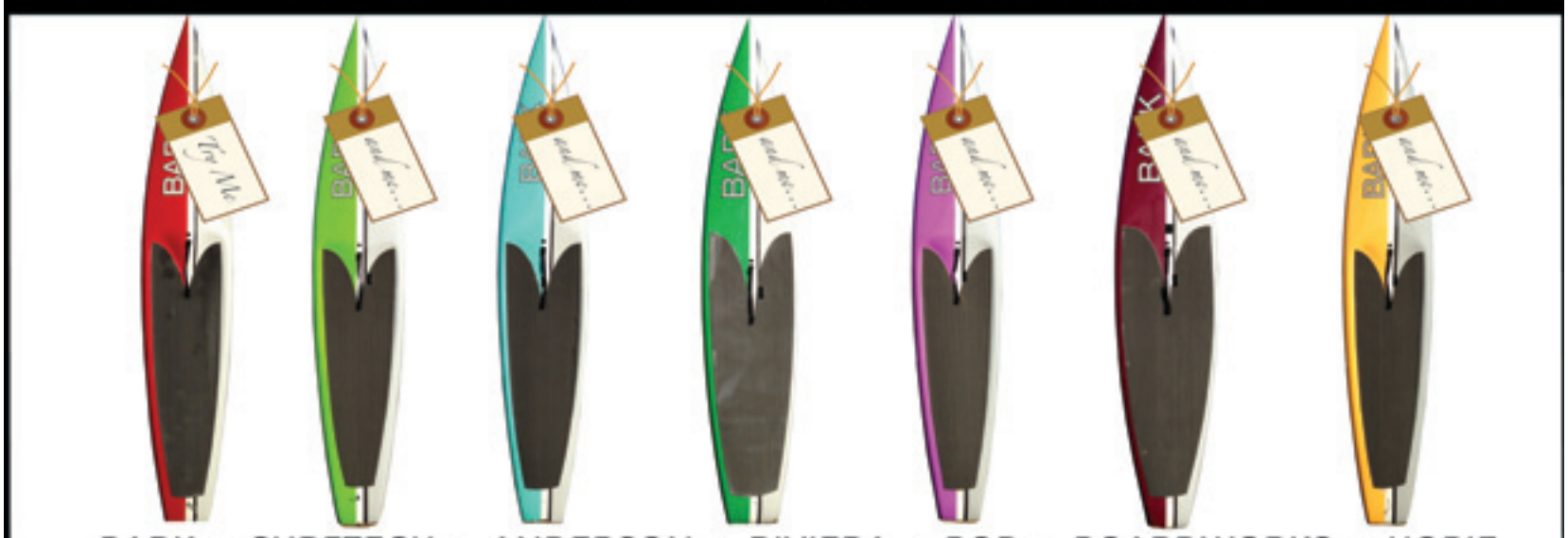
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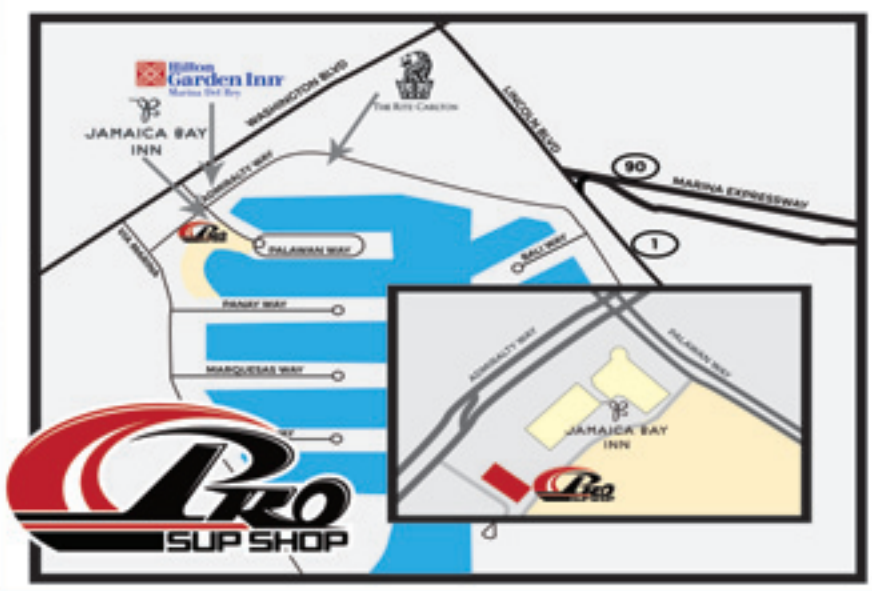
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