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L.A. student arrested in fraud scheme

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles community college student has been arrested on suspicion of defrauding hundreds of alleged victims to pay for tuition, jewelry and hair extensions.

Sheriff's officials say 34-year-old Reon Jordan was taken into custody Tuesday following a nine-month investigation.

Detectives say Jordan allegedly used fraudulently obtained credit card numbers and identity profiles to purchase gift cards to pay for classes at West Los Angeles Community College.

She is also accused of using the stolen funds to purchase hair extensions, clothing, jewelry and airline tickets.

Investigators say Jordan obtained her victim's information through her prior employment at ABEO, a medical billing company with offices in Pasadena.

She was found to be in possession of over 400 identity profiles and over 200 credit numbers. Alleged victims have been identified in Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Malibu and Torrance.

Detectives believe there may be additional possible victims that have yet to be identified.



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CLOSER LOOK: (L-R) Kim and Brian Davidson inspect a plane at their repair shop at SMO.

Pilots: Don't starve us, work with us

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Pilots and aviation workers are skeptical of the Airport Commission's recent recommendation to effectively starve out pilots at the Santa Monica Airport.

Last month, the commission voted 4 to 1 to send a recommendation to City Council that City Hall stop selling aviation fuel and stop offering leases at the airport to anyone other than artists and those

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How youth are being served post shootings

Santa Monica's City Hall still refining its Youth Resource Team

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Public youth programs introduced after last year's violent June in which 7 people were killed are making "positive progress" for entire families but are also facing challenges, according to a recent report from City Hall.

One family of 12 was living in a two-bedroom apartment in Santa Monica before the landlord stopped participating in Section 8 housing and they had to move.

Through the Youth Resource Team 2.0 (YRT 2.0) everyone landed on their feet with a roof over their heads. The mother and two other family members are in a City Hall-subsidized motel while they look for a two-to-three bedroom apartment in the city. Two of the adult men in the house have been place in transitional housing along with their girlfriends and children.

The head of the house, the mother, is also getting mental health services through the program and a 19-year-old man living with her is working to get his high school diploma.

The family "responded well to YRT 2.0 interventions and have experienced improved conditions in a short period of time," officials said.

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Agent: Game show host Geoff Edwards dies at 83

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

SANTA MONICA Geoff Edwards, the hip-looking 1970s and '80s host of TV game shows including "Jackpot!" and two incarnations of "Treasure Hunt," died Wednesday, his agent said. He was 83.

Edwards died of complications of pneumonia at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, agent Fred Westbrook said.

Edwards also worked as a radio DJ and actor, appearing on TV shows including "Petticoat Junction," "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Diff'rent Strokes."

"Geoff was one of the cleverest, funniest radio and television personalities I've worked with," said fellow game show host Wink Martindale. The two were DJs at pop radio station KMPC in Los Angeles.

Edwards, a native of Westfield, N.J., hosted "The New Treasure Hunt," a revival of a 1950s quiz show, from 1973 to 1977 and hosted "Treasure Hunt" in 1981-82. He also emceed the 1980s game show "Jackpot!" and appeared on other shows including "Starcade."

Westbrook said his longtime client made a splash on TV by shedding the conservative look worn by his peers.

His hair was longer, he never wore a tie, and he favored jeans over suits, Westbrook said. "He was part of the new breed."

Edwards had been in good health, his agent said. In recent years, he wrote about travel on his website and did radio and TV programs on the subject.

He is survived by his wife, Michael, and stepsons Justin and Jason Feffer, Westbrook said. His survivors also include his ex-wife, Suzanne, and their children Todd, Shawn and Chess, as well as nine grandchildren.

Funeral plans were pending, Westbrook said.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Heaven for foodies
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., times vary
From its prestigious beginnings as a cooking demonstration with Julia Child in 1979, Food Fare has become one of the oldest and most recognized food events in Los Angeles. Over 100 of the city's best restaurants, caterers, wineries, florists, vendors and entertainers will be part of the festivities. Admission: $150-plus. For tickets visit http://pplafoodfare.com/

Family game night
Main Library
Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy quality family time at the library. Play and "Kinect" with video and board games. Ages 4 and up.

Put it on a shelf
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division will host an opening reception for Shelf Perception — a new exhibition that highlights the work of four Los Angeles-based female artists who reconsider the traditional art object by negotiating the spaces between painting, sculpture, photography, and domestic and architectural elements. Free admission, parking $5. No reservations necessary. For more information call (310) 458-8350.

Having it all
Main Library
MLK Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library presents a discussion with Michelle Waters, author of "The Orange Line: A Woman's Guide to Integrating Career, Family & Life." Michelle's talk outlines a new career path for women which incorporates a full and enjoyable career as well as a robust, integrated life. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Friday, March 7, 2014

I am woman
Le Meridien Delfina
530 Pico Blvd., 7:15 a.m.
Join the Organization of Women Leaders and the Commission on the Status of Women to celebrate International Women's Day. A networking breakfast is being hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks and Fox 11 News anchor Christine Devine will be honored. Tickets: Chamber members: $35; Non-members: $45; Students/seniors: $25. Visit www.smchamber.com/OWL or call (310)-393-9825.

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.

Star power
SMC John Drescher Planetarium
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Get the latest news about NASA's successor to the Hubble Space Telescope — the James Webb Space Telescope — and the efforts to keep the program moving toward a hoped-for 2018 launch. The moon and activities on Jupiter will also be featured. Tickets: $11; $9 for seniors and children. For more information, call (310) 434-3005 or visit www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Marathon kickoff
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Santa Monica's Julie Weiss ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks and raised more than $250,000 for pancreatic cancer. Hear her thoughts on how she did it. Be one of the first five people to arrive and you'll receive a DVD of "Spirit of the Marathon II." After party at Athleta with runner-friendly food and drink. Both events are free. There will be a raffle to help raise money for cancer research.

Spicy workout
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Isabelle Pampillo whips her students into shape with salsa-inspired aerobics. Pampillo was born a dancer at heart and dedicated her entire life to dancing since the age of 4. She specializes in salsa, Los Angeles style, her own Argentine tango, and most recently pole dancing. Fore more information, call (310) 458-2239.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Pedestrians beware

Santa Monica Police officers will be on the lookout this month for jaywalkers as part of an overall effort to make streets safer.

Each month, the SMPD's Traffic Enforcement Section focuses on different behaviors that cause the majority of traffic collisions, including talking on cellphones while driving or failing to come to a full stop at stop signs or traffic lights.

Although not a driving behavior, pedestrian violations contribute to traffic accidents, police said. Violations that have resulted in collisions are:

- Jaywalking
- Walking against a red light or "Don't Walk" symbol
- Failure to yield right-of-way to oncoming traffic
- Pedestrian in the roadway

In 2012, there were 113 collisions involving pedestrians in Santa Monica, according to official statistics.

City officials are currently working on a Pedestrian Action Plan to make streets safer and more attractive to pedestrians.

– KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

Council members endorse Lieu for Congress

Three Santa Monica City Council members have announced their support for State Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Santa Monica, who is running to represent the city by the sea in Congress.

Kevin McKeown, Ted Winterer and Tony Vazquez are backing Lieu in the race to replace Rep. Henry Waxman, who represented the Westside for 40 years. All three mentioned Lieu's history of fighting for his constituents.

"I endorse Ted Lieu for Congress because he has consistently championed the priorities of constituents in Santa Monica and the district," Winterer said. "He has repeatedly taken on air and noise pollution issues, is a fighter for sustainability and open space, and has stood up to powerful interests on behalf of his constituents. I know Ted will be an outstanding member of Congress and I am proud to endorse him."

Lieu's current district comprises more than 80 percent of the voters in the 33rd District. Lieu is a long-time resident of the district, an Air Force veteran and has served time on the Torrance City Council, State Assembly and the California State Senate.

Lieu is facing off against former L.A. City Controller and Councilmember Wendy Greuel, new age author and spiritual guru Marianne Williamson and columnist and author Matt Miller, who was the host of KCRW's "Left, Right and Center." Republican Elan S. Carr, a deputy district attorney and Iraq war veteran, is also running, along with independent Brent Roske, an entertainment industry executive and director.

The 33rd District runs from Santa Monica and Malibu through the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and goes as far east as Beverly Hills. It also includes Calabasas and Westlake Village.

– KH

MAIN STREET

Muji comes to Main Street

Tokyo-based retailer Muji is planning on adding to its collection of over 600 stores worldwide by opening a location on Main Street this spring.

The maker of minimalist lifestyle products that include clothing, dishes, cutlery and furniture (think Asian IKEA) has leased 6,300 square feet at 2936 Main St. The store will sell food as well, according to a press release issued by the publicly-traded company Wednesday.

"Muji in Japanese means 'no-brand quality goods,'" read the release. "The value of the Muji product is in its effectiveness without the renowned brand or designer name. The essence of Muji products lies in its simplicity, flexibility and modesty to fit different life styles and individual preferences."

Muji Santa Monica will be the ninth Muji store in the U.S. The first opened in New York City in 2007. The other Southern California store is located in Hollywood.

Muji recorded $2.35 billion in sales in 2012, according to the release.

– KH



LENT BEGINS

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St. Monica Catholic Church held its annual Ash Wednesday mass on Wednesday afternoon. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, which ends on Easter Sunday.

Lawsuit seeks to reinstate canceled health plans

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A state lawmaker who is running for state insurance commissioner said Wednesday that he is suing California's health benefits exchange for wrongly cutting off more than 1 million insurance policies and for what he called wasting taxpayer money on useless marketing campaigns.

Covered California violated federal and state laws by telling insurers that wanted to participate in the exchange that they must eliminate plans that fail to meet the higher standards of the federal Affordable Care Act, Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville, alleges in a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

He claims the agency's board violated the law a second time when it voted last November not to extend those policies after President Barack Obama made that option available.

A spokesman for Covered California, James Scullary, said it would be inappropriate for the agency to comment before it has been served with the lawsuit.

Covered California says 829,000 Californians have enrolled in health insurance plans through the exchange, but it has acknowledged that more than 1 million policies could be eliminated. The number of those gaining coverage through the exchange is expected to rise as the March 31 enrollment deadline for the year approaches. Additionally, some of the people whose previous policies were cancelled are likely to have purchased new policies sold through Covered California.

The Obama administration on Wednesday announced a two-year extension for individual policies that don't meet requirements of the new health care law for the states that had opted to allow them to continue, which about half the states did.

In California, Gaines, who also owns an insurance agency, said hundreds of millions of dollars in marketing and outreach have been wasted because fewer people overall will have insurance, given the cancellations. Millions more, he said, will be phased out next year when a new mandate takes effect that requires certain employers to offer coverage to employees.

Among the wasted money Gaines cited in the lawsuit are $106.2 million on outreach that "has failed to obtain significant enrollment, or a demographically or actuarially diverse enrollment," more than $10 million on a contract with public relations firm Weber Shandwick and $1.3 million for an infomercial starring fitness guru Richard Simmons.

Gaines' campaign for insurance commissioner immediately sent an e-mail Wednesday announcing the lawsuit and soliciting contributions to help him in his "campaign against Obamacare."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taking it into their own hands

Editor:

In his letter to the Daily Press, Santa Monica resident Lindsay Gardner ("Ruling by referendum," Feb. 27) announces proudly that he "will not be signing the Hines referendum."

In response, I announce that I just did.

The reason I support the referendum is simply that I believe the damage wrought by the Bergamot-Hines development – an enormous increase in traffic congestion negatively impacting residential neighborhoods, surface streets and the freeway – more than offsets the project's benefits. The development, along with others now underway and in the pipeline, is simply too much for the city to bear.

Mr. Gardner argues that he knows and has voted for our City Council members, that he trusts them and appreciates the care they have brought to this issue, "working late into the night with little pay." He goes on to observe – as have other proponents – that the approved development was years in the making. Other project supporters note the graciousness, hard work and dedication that both city officials and the developers have put into the process.

I'm sorry, but that's not good enough. Hard work, low pay, long hours, etc. , these things are expected of politicians, and go with the territory. Furthermore, people don't run for public office and serve just because they are dedicated to a cause. They also have an ego to satisfy. Even the most committed, likable council member – someone you might personally "know," as Mr. Gardner says he does – can make a mistake, or worse, fail to listen to his/her electorate, in this case the residents of Santa Monica.

We referendum petitioners believe the four council members who support the Hines-Bergamot project as proposed, have let us down. Yes, the referendum process can be sloppy, divisive, confusing, even costly, sometimes. I wish we didn't have to go this route, but sometimes it's necessary. Referendums happen when people take into their own hands what their elected officials have failed to do.

Finally, we pro-referendum petitioners and signers are old, young, renters, homeowners from all over the city, plus even some small business people who live here. We are informed, united, committed and we will win!

Donald Murchie
Santa Monica

Don't just roll over

Editor:

This is in response to the "What's the Point" commentary of David Pisarra entitled "Change is inevitable" which appeared in the March 4 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press. He eloquently talks about change and how we should all adapt and accept. He mentions why residents of Santa Monica are getting concerned about the increase in development within our city: "traffic is becoming unbearable;" "city that is bursting at the seams with cars and new residents and new office workers." Yet he never once addresses those concerns. He never once states if those concerns are real or perceived. He just states we should give up, roll over and "enjoy the memory of what was." I cannot believe someone actually thinks this way, let alone puts it in writing for everyone to read.

Has he ever tried driving east on the 10 Freeway in the afternoon? It is backed up to Lincoln Boulevard by 2:30. Has he ever tried driving along Ocean Avenue? Imagine the traffic on this street when The Village is at capacity. Has he tried exiting the westbound 10 at Cloverfield Boulevard in the morning? The line of cars stretches to Centinela Avenue. Imagine what impact the Bergamot development will have on this intersection.

We should not accept change just for change sake.

Jim Estes
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Sex on the Beach

by Simone Gordon and Limor Gottlieb Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The art of surrender

WHILE A BREAK-UP IS NO LAUGHING matter, the art lies in finding the humor and looking on the bright side. However we, driven by our egos, tend to take ourselves way too seriously. When a relationship has reached its end, our wounded egos are replaying the scenario over and over, trying to find an answer when there really is no answer to be found. We're able to blow the smallest things out of proportion and get so wrapped up in our own drama that we forget about the bigger picture. We begin to wonder, what is the bigger picture?

Let's start with the day we were born and then skip forward to the day we die. We all have that in common, and can relate to it. We are born alone and we die alone. In a physical sense that is, which means life is short, or long, however you choose to look at it, but the bottom line is you only live once, YOLO, which has become our generation's motto. Don't get us wrong, we are not saying that nothing matters because we all end up dying one day. We are simply pointing out the bigger picture, which is we are all here on a personal journey. This life is our own adventure, and in the end we are measured by our experiences.

When we realize that everything we are going though is a personal challenge, the more obstacles we face, the more we can grow. When we take responsibility, we can't blame other people for our misfortune. In fact, our feelings of resentment will quickly be replaced by gratitude. We can appreciate other people in our lives, and especially the ones who challenge us, because those relationships are the ones that will help us grow the most. That doesn't mean that we should put up with disrespect or endure abuse, but rather that we are not victims and can choose to walk away, without holding on to any grudges.

As Eckhart Tolle says, "It is our birthright to be happy." Unfortunately, many of us don't realize that we hold things or other people accountable for our happiness and therefore our problems. Every time we retreat into our minds and feel anxious and uneasy, it's a sign that something isn't right, and we need to alter either our attitude toward the circumstances or the circumstances themselves. Whether it is out of boredom or an addiction to drama, it is ultimately all fear based. We are scared of letting go. But if we only live once, what are we afraid of?

More importantly, why are we wasting our precious time over-thinking and creating problems instead of living fully? We can be problem free and happy; the question is how. It comes down to taking control of our minds. Our ego will always be there, our thoughts will never go away, that's part of the human experience, and a lot of times we need to think, and analyze our environment; when we make decisions, our analytical mind can be our best friend.

But just like a best friend, the ego is not perfect, and it has a dark side, and how do we react to it? We ego-beat ourselves up about it, or we let it drag us down. Another way of dealing with it, which a lot of us are guilty of, is ignoring it, through medication, sleep or overstimulation. The problem with that is, no matter what you do, it is still there and sooner or later it will come back to haunt you. All these options do not benefit us in establishing a healthy relationship with our ego, and we need to realize that we must, because this is the most important relationship in our lives.

So what to do? The beauty is, we don't need to do anything; we don't need to fix it. We just acknowledge and accept it through observation and awareness. We surrender!

When it comes to break ups, it means that something didn't work out, that it wasn't right, whether you are ready to admit this to yourself or not. If you are strong enough to let go of what no longer serves you, then you are opening yourself up to something new. If somebody leaves you, they are giving you the opportunity to start anew, and a chance to grow and evolve.

EXERCISE

Take a moment to think about everything you've been through and who you are now because of that. Think about all the big events and obstacles in your life that helped you grow and become the person you are today and extend your gratitude toward the universe for all these experiences. Then send love and light to the people in your life, past or present, who challenge you, for they too are there to help you grow as a person. Try to envision them surrounded by white, bright light, for they too are suffering beings and need to heal.

When we stop holding on to the past, an ideal we have created in our minds, or a story we have convinced ourselves of, we not only let go of grudges and bad feelings that don't serve us, we also stop fighting our destiny. We acknowledge that everything is temporary and we will come out of it as a stronger, wiser person.

Have faith in the bigger picture and slow dance. And remember, all is well.

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Life Matters

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Married to a man with PTSD

DEAR LIFE MATTERS,

I recently remarried and I am hoping you can help me help my new husband. Years ago he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. He had counseling, but it doesn't seem to have helped him. And something that I really do not understand is that his experience from the war is years ago; he is a Vietnam veteran!

About once a week he wakes up from some nightmare, screaming and tossing around with a crazed look in his eyes. It's very frightening. I actually am worried for my own safety. In those few minutes I am not sure that he even knows that I am there.

I not only feel sorry for him, I worry for myself because it feels so dangerous at those times. I never realized this before we married and began living together, which is almost a year ago now. He also seems really isolated and seems to have pushed most of his friends away.

So I have three concerns: how to deal with my own fear, the effect on our marriage and his pain.

It really has become a problem for me and any suggestions you have would be most appreciated.

Signed,
Scared

DEAR SCARED,

This definitely sounds frightening. I would like to start with your specific problem and then move to the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in general.

This has got to be really scary for you because it is new to you and apparently not something you really noticed or knew about during your courtship.

The good news is that he has not hurt you or mistaken you for an enemy for the year that you have been living together and while I cannot promise you anything, it looks like you are going to be safe and that it is a matter of managing your own fear and then, with any luck at all, getting him some treatment that is more appropriate for him and his condition.

Not all PTSD is alike; it does not always come from the same kind of thing as in war nor does it manifest itself in the same way for everyone.

He probably would tell you that the counseling he got was helpful to him and it probably was, but it just did not go far enough.

Your husband sounds as if he may disassociate, a condition where he splits off from himself and in a surreal way he is reliving the trauma just like you describe it.

This kind of experience requires a very specific type of help with a trauma specialist. These are licensed psychotherapists, but they have specialized training to help someone like your husband. Look for someone who is certified in EMDR and/or specializes in trauma and disassociation. Make sure that the therapist has the right credentials. Do not take their word for it, look it up or ask to see the licenses and certification.

PTSD from war is horrible. Can you even imagine being in a war zone, every day having to worry for your life and actually not only losing, but also seeing some of your friends die? I think it is really too much to even contemplate, but while war veterans are definitely traumatized, not all develop PTSD. For those that do, there are new and very effective treatments.

Also, war is not the only source of trauma to cause PTSD. Anyone who has experienced a life-threatening event, either to himself or herself or a loved one, is at risk. Physical and/or emotional trauma can cause it as well.

Adults who grew up as children of alcoholics or in homes with domestic violence are at high risk for developing it. Also survivors of sexual abuse, rape or incest will almost always have some aftermath in the form of PTSD.

Some of the more common symptoms of it are: hypervigilance, an exaggerated startle response and avoidance of people, places or things, even conversations that might be a reminder of the trauma, or extreme distress at anything that reminds him or her of the trauma; persistent exaggerated negative beliefs about themselves and others; feelings of estrangement or detachment from others (you mentioned this about your husband with his friends); reckless or self-destructive behavior; substance abuse, problems with concentration and sleep disturbance and an overall depressed mood.

Those who are fortunate have immediate debriefing and counseling and are less likely to develop PTSD. But while we now know to do this with school-aged children, for example counselors rush in after a school shooting, with most traumas, like war, there is no time for something like this. In the cases of childhood abuse, domestic violence or sexual abuse, often the victims are afraid to speak up or have no one to turn to. It is often years later that it comes to light when the victim finally feels safe.

Getting help is better late than never.

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The Q Line

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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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OOH LA LA: (L to R) Sheila O'Connor, Caroline Reade, Tiffany Dissette, BJ Gruber, Alexis Field in '50 Shades! The Musical.' It is currently playing at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City.

50 shades, one note

"50 SHADES! THE MUSICAL," BOASTS A well-seasoned ensemble cast, live music, dancing, bare-chested men, phenomenal vocal talent, triple-X lyrics, a cast-against-type lead character, and the thinnest story I've ever seen.

I've never read the publishing phenomenon the "50 Shades of Grey" trilogy of novels that tell the story of a naïve college graduate and her extreme sexual relationship with a handsome, wealthy young businessman. The story celebrates domination and submission, bondage and punishment, and sadism and masochism.

So how do you translate that into a musical parody? If you're a woman of a certain age (or a brave man), you'll remember the level of titillation that the Chippendales' club created, with whooping ladies getting the strip club treatment as half-naked male dancers performed bump-and-grind routines onstage for them. That's what this feels like.

This play is not about subtlety. The setting is a book club, featuring three housewives, Bev (Glennis McCarthy), Carol (Sheila O'Connor) and Pam (Tiffany Dissette), in varying states of relationship crisis.

As the three women decide to read "50 Shades of Grey," the story comes to life in the form of sparkly, innocent virgin Anastasia (Eileen Patterson) and rowdy Jack Boice, cast against type as a big-bellied, red-bearded Christian Grey, a tough sight to embrace in shorts and suspenders.

The cast has been together a long time and their comfort with one another and the material shows. But oh, the material! It's a one-note silly romp through the many different ways to "do it" but definitely not in the usual range of positions. Perhaps if I'd read the book I might be more appreciative of the parody.

The play does a good job of pointing out the absurdity of a woman discovering her inner strength and freedom by allowing herself to be humiliated, but I admit to being grateful that each of the two acts was short (the program notes the show takes 69 minutes — get it?), because after just a few numbers, the entire thread wears thin, along with the slightly too-loud band and standard issue, unmemorable tunes.

But really, who am I to judge? The play's been a monster hit everywhere it's performed. If you're up for raunchy guffaws generated by a naughty premise, then go see "50 Shades! The Musical" at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. Find out more at www.centertheatregroup.org or call (213) 628-2772.

A NEW KIND OF CIRCUS

As Canada's Cirque du Soleil leaves Santa Monica, the city prepares to welcome Australia's celebrated Circa, a different kind of circus, theatrical, dance and multimedia performance troupe, hot off a phenomenally acclaimed world tour.

Rather than performing under a big tent, Circa brings its act to The Broad Stage with a breathless cocktail of acrobatics, dance, cabaret and an immersive use of sound, light and projection, for two performances only on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15.

The company's multi-talented performers reveal the outstanding strength and beautiful architecture of the human body in a risk-taking performance that London's Guardian calls "breathtaking, beautiful, and sexy."

The touring troupe is made up of seven young core members trained in circus arts who have been performing for years. Circa runs a training center and workshop program at its professional studio in Brisbane and partners with schools and affiliates throughout Australia.

Performances take place next week, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; more info and tickets at www.thebroadstage.com or the Box Office at (310) 434-3200.

FREE MUSIC

The UCLA Music Library has paired with local concert producer Jacaranda: Music at the Edge at Schoenberg Hall for a free concert recognizing Jacaranda's 10th anniversary.

Honoring the art form of the string quartet in a concert called "Continental Harmony," Jacaranda's resident Lyris Quartet performs 20th century American string quartet music spanning 80 years. Lyris makes its debut performance of the "String Quartet No. 2" by cutting edge composer Charles Ives, followed by a Jacaranda signa-

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Play Time

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Playing good cop, bad cop

IT ISN'T EASY BEING A COP ON THE TAKE if you have a partner who's straightlaced.

But for Denny, that behavior is routine, as he knows his partner, Joey, always has his back.

The two men have been best friends since childhood. They established their respective roles in their relationship at a very early age. Denny is the dominant one, playfully but forcefully pummeling his hesitant partner into accepting his decisions, excusing his moral lapses, and covering for him.

Joey follows because he has nothing else in his life that he can depend on except this loving friendship.

As playwright Keith Huff notes, this play, "A Steady Rain," is not the typical cops-and-robbers, crime-and-punishment story. Instead, it is a story designed to "probe the obligations and limits of friendship and love."

Denny (Sal Viscuso) is a violent, self-righteous "shoot-first, ask-questions-later" kind of guy. But he is inordinately proud of having acquired a nice home, a supportive wife, and two sons. They mean everything to him, he says, yet he is not above fooling around with the prostitutes he "protects" and accepts money from.

Joey (Thomas Vincent Kelly), on the other hand, has nothing and nobody but Denny and his family. A longtime alcoholic, he is grateful to Denny for helping him to quit drinking and spends most of his free time at Denny's home, eating dinner there nearly every night and sometimes sleeping over, as well as avoiding the many women that Denny is perpetually trying to fix him up with.

But Joey has a secret that everyone in the audience can readily guess, but that Denny appears to be oblivious of. It's that Joey is in love with Denny's wife, Connie.

In the course of their work, the trigger-happy Denny kills two young boys. The first, inadvertently, when he returns a naked, terrified Vietnamese boy to a man who claims to be his "uncle." The second is a boy that Denny recognizes as the brother of the thug who threw a brick through the window of his home, splattering glass on his family.

Even though he is traumatized by the killings, Denny, as always, has a rationale for his behavior. And Joey agrees to take the rap so that Denny's family won't be destroyed.

It's an intense play, even though it consists of only two men talking to each other. Under Jeff Perry's deft direction the two manage to fill up the stage with consistently provocative exchanges and character revelations that leave you wondering who's the good cop and who's the bad.

Jeff Perry, it must be noted, is the co-founder of Chicago's celebrated Steppenwolf Theatre and has a string of directing credits that have taken him and his casts to major venues around the world. Currently he is also acting, playing Cyrus Beene, the White House chief of staff on the ABC series "Scandal."

"A Steady Rain" is also enhanced by the scenic and projection designs of Adam Flemming, winner of the L.A. Weekly Best Projection Design of the Year award for 2013. Flemming has ringed the empty stage with a series of screens that sometimes reflect, in soft pastels, the environment of the two men, and at other times abstract landscapes in misty gray, or an unidentifiable collection of shapes that leave you imagining objects as if they were contained in a sky-full of cumulus clouds. But surprisingly, the activity generated by the projections is largely unobtrusive. You are aware of them, but they don't interfere with the conversation of the two fine actors on stage.

"A Steady Rain" can be at the Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles. The play runs through April 20. The theater can be reached at (310) 477-2055 ext. 2 or at www.OdysseyTheatre.com

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ture work from 1973, "String Quartet No. 4," "Amazing Grace," by Ben Johnston. "String Quartet No. 5" by Philip Glass (1991), a Lyris specialty, will be followed by "String Quartet No. 3" by film composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold, a first for the ensemble and a work that premiered at Royce Hall in 1946.

The concert is free but reservations are strongly recommended as seating is reaching capacity. To RSVP visit www.JacarandaMusic.org or call (213) 483-0216.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ART WALK

The public is invited to explore open studios, see art and ceramic demonstrations, participate in art and theatre workshops, enjoy live music and food trucks in the Santa Monica Airport's converted airplane hangars. The airport is an arts incubator, home to more than 60 artists and creative venues. Painting, sculpture, ceramics and mixed media will be represented and many artists sell work from their studios and offer refreshments.

Arena 1 Gallery features Alternate Realities, an exhibition of 14 contemporary photographic artists. Santa Monica College Ceramics presents throwing and raku firing demonstrations, and there'll be a ceramic art project for kids. The Ruskin Theatre Group offers its Café Plays series and improv workshops for kids. The 10-piece brass band Carmen Pérez Memorial Marching Band provides music throughout the day.

The Museum of Flying will also be open and the airport's Demonstration Gardens will offer tours of three different sustainable gardening designs including eco-friendly lawn alternatives, a vegetable garden, private sanctuary and outdoor room. The tours include tips on how to green gardens.

Activities, parking and bike valet are free and no reservations are needed. For more information visit www.smgov.net/airportartwalk.

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YOUTH
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Other programs, like the Hospitality Training Academy, are having some trouble.

Last June, a 23-year-old man killed five people during a 12-minute rampage that ended when he was shot by police and died on the campus of Santa Monica College.

Days later, there were two gang-related shootings. All told, seven people were left dead in Santa Monica during the shootings.

In response, City Council directed City Hall to work with Santa Monica Cradle to Career and YRT 2.0 to build programs tasked with a "whatever it takes" approach for the most disconnected, at-risk youth and their families. YRT 2.0 includes team members from 15 different nonprofits.

Just over half a year since the programs were funded, Karen Ginsberg, director of Community and Cultural Services, released an update on the programs' status.

St. Joseph Center was named the "backbone organization" for the program and got a $147,000 grant from City Hall to help 27 at-risk youth, ages 16 to 24, and their families.

The Hospitality Training Academy was funded to help 50 young people find jobs in the tourism industry. So far, they've worked with 24 youths, eight of whom have applied or interviewed for hospitality jobs in the city by the sea. The report did not mention that anyone was hired.

Criminal records among some of the academy's youth are hurting their ability to get hired and the group is working to get the records cleared.

About a fifth of the youth in the academy struggle with math and can't meet the minimum requirements for trade unions. The academy is trying bring a math program to YRT's headquarters in Virginia Avenue Park.

Others are missing appointments as 15 of the 24 currently have part-time jobs that conflict with interviews and training sessions.

The academy "is supportive of all of these young adults in their transition to long-term employment and the security it can bring," the report said. "However, it is also incumbent upon the program participants to adjust and make an active commitment to the training, full-time job and career pathway that this program offers."

While the programs aim to help youth ages 16 to 24, much of the hardship impacts the entire family unit. The most pressing needs identified by City Hall were in affordable housing, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, and early childhood development. While 27 at-risk youth are the focus of the organizations, their 57 family members are also being supported by the program.

This summer, City Hall will fully review the initiatives and identify funds for 2014-15.

"Assuming positive progress continues" more youth and families will be added, city officials said in the report.

More training will be offered over the next six months, including in the areas of motivational interviewing and assertive case management.

City Hall plans to build a system to collect data on the initiatives.

Some groups involved with the initiative, including the Child Care Early Education Task Force and the Westside Domestic Violence Network, are pushing to expand services to include very young children and their families.

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involved in light manufacturing after July of 2015 when a 1984 agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expected to expire.

The commission's chair noted at the meeting that this would deter most pilots from choosing SMO.

The commission's decision is not the final world but an advisory to the council members, who will likely consider the issue later this month.

A judge recently rejected a lawsuit filed by City Hall against the FAA to determine who controls the airport.

Residents have long complained about the airport's impact on their quality of life and safety, saying it wasn't built to handle the influx of jet traffic and has no runway safety areas to protect against bad landings or takeoffs. Residents living in the Los Angeles side of the airport say exhaust from propeller planes and jets is creating a health hazard.

Those in favor of keeping the airport, which they say can be an economic engine for Santa Monica and be a valuable asset following a natural or manmade disaster, want the anti-airport folks to give it a rest.

"If they lost the lawsuit, they sued and lost, then it's going to be here," said Kim Davidson, 63, who owns a large repair station at the airport. "The next step is working together to do this. The next step is making this the greenest airport we can. These people want to make the next step to snub everyone at the airport. There are plenty of people over here who are willing to sit down and talk. We can keep fighting but fighting isn't going to do anything."

In anticipation of the 1984 contract expiration, city officials have set most airport property leases to expire within the next year. For Davidson, who's been repairing planes at the airport for 34 years, the lease situation is hard to think about. He acknowledged that he is concerned.

"So are my nine employees and their wives and kids," he said. "I don't know what to say. It's not a good spot to be in. People say they can move down to San Diego. Well their wives have jobs here. That's what greed does. It's all about the big dollars and it makes you forget about the working people."

Ken Mead, an attorney for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), said that the recent court decision doesn't deal directly with the issue of starvation but that City Hall is still required to operate an airport.

"Now what does that mean?" he asked. "It means safe."

While contracts might not officially require City Hall to provide aviation fuel or lease to aviation tenants, all the restrictions could be interpreted as an airport closure.

"There comes a point when that is a de facto shutdown that imperils the airport's safe and efficient operations," Mead said. "I think they should be very cautious about stepping into this area. I think they have already stepped into it to a degree and they ought to be revisiting their decisions."

Mead said City Hall's recently increased landing fees could be interpreted as an early attempt to starve out pilots.

City Hall doesn't accept airport funds or passenger fees, the revocation of which are the normal penalty for contract violations with the FAA.

"At most airports in this country, when there's an issue like this, the federal government says 'all right, you're just not going to get your money.'" he said. "In the case of the Santa Monica Airport, they don't seem to want the money."

Mead was careful to be clear that he wasn't speaking on behalf of the FAA — which declined to comment for this story given the possibility for ongoing litigation — but he did say there are several ways to go about challenging any restrictive measures.

"I think there's different legal avenues," he said. "You could get a declaratory judgment, which is where a court just decides and there isn't an injunction."

Airport Commission Chair David Goddard suggested last month that with the expiration of the '84 agreement, City Hall would no longer be required to maintain a 5,000-foot runway. They opted not to recommend cutting down the runway, Goddard said, because it was the better political move. Reducing the length of the runway would prevent larger jets from using it.

Katie Pribyl, a spokesperson for AOPA, agreed.

"It's a major safety concern," she said. "I don't think they want that on their hands. A longer runway is a safer runway and if one of their arguments is safety, whittling back the size of the runway is totally contrary to that."

Robert Rowbotham, president of Friends of Santa Monica Airport or FOSMO, largely declined to comment noting that his mother taught him that if he didn't have anything nice to say, he shouldn't say anything at all.

He did offer one thought on behalf of FOSMO: "It just sounds like another desperate attempt by a desperate commission looking to do whatever it can to hurt aviation in Santa Monica."

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U.S. companies spend heavily on big mergers in 2014

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK So far, 2014 is looking like the year of the big deal.

Flush with cash and high stock prices, American companies are buying up the competition at levels not seen since the dot-com bubble. And with Washington providing more clarity on government spending plans, CEOs are more confident their expansion hopes will pan out — especially if the economy keeps growing.

In the last month, Comcast has offered to buy Time Warner Cable for $45 billion. Pharmaceutical giant Actavis is buying Forest Laboratories for $25 billion. And Facebook shocked the technology world by offering $19 billion for tiny WhatsApp.

Merger-and-acquisition executives say they have expected a pickup in deal activity for a couple of years, given the bull market and economic recovery. But what prevented the really big transactions was uncertainty about the federal budget, the debt ceiling and the fate of President Obama's Affordable Care Act.

With those issues resolved — at least for now — the way has opened up for bigger, more complex deals.

"The deals we have seen in the last couple of weeks are that tipping point that we've been waiting for," said Mark Walsh, who heads up the M&A practice at Deloitte, one of the world's largest accounting and consulting firms. "There's so much pent-up demand to do a deal now."

U.S. companies announced $336.13 billion in deals in January and February, according to Dealogic. That's up 31 percent from $256.21 billion during the same period last year. It's the largest amount spent during the first two months of the year since 2000.

Companies announced 1,550 deals in the first two months of 2014, according to Dealogic. While that is down from the last two years, the average transaction size is more than double what it was a year ago.

The high prices reflect companies going on the offensive to boost their earnings. The economy, while growing, still isn't booming. Since the end of the recession, companies have had to act defensively — protecting profits by cutting costs through layoffs or benefit reductions or by moving manufacturing elsewhere.

In an effort to lift earnings and please shareholders, S&P 500 companies have also announced plans for nearly $1 trillion in buybacks over the next several years, and more than four-fifths of them now issue a dividend, the highest proportion since 1998.

With their tool box nearly depleted, corporations "are looking for that extra bump" in sales now, Walsh said. A lot of Deloitte's M&A business has been with companies "looking to expand their product lines or expand geographies."

Buying Time Warner Cable gives Comcast roughly 30 million customers in markets such as New York City. For Facebook, WhatsApp is an opportunity to buy a fast-growing message service that is popular in emerging markets and Europe. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has said he expects WhatsApp, which currently has 400 million users, to grow to 1 billion users in the near future. Ireland-based Actavis gains both a broader variety of drugs to sell and a larger sales presence in the U.S. with its acqusitions of Forest Labs.

Another example is Japanese liquor company Suntory Holdings, which in January said it would buy Beam Inc., the maker of Jim Beam and Maker's Mark, for $14 billion. The deals will "allow us to achieve further global growth," said Nobutada Saji, president and chairman of Suntory.

Getting into the whiskey business is next to impossible, said Thomas Mullarkey, an equity analyst at Morningstar. The popular liquor needs to be aged in barrels for years. While Suntory has a good niche market selling Japanese whiskey to the Japanese, it could never replicate or grow that business in the U.S.

"It's faster and cheaper for Suntory to buy Beam," he said.

Corporate finances are also strong. Companies have been hoarding cash on their balance sheets since the financial crisis, stashing away around $1.6 trillion, according to the Federal Reserve, and investors are increasingly demanding that companies figure out what to do with it. While investors like companies to keep cash on their balance sheets, having too much is like stuffing money into a mattress — it doesn't do anything. Investors want to see money put to work, earning a return of some sort.

Companies are also able to do deals because financing is cheap.

Interest rates are still low. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note, which is a benchmark for many different types of loans from mortgages to corporate debt, stands at around 2.6 percent. Investors are also eager to buy corporate bonds, which makes financing a deal historically cheap for companies.

For example, Verizon Communications was able to sell $47 billion in bonds in September, the largest corporate bond sale in history.

Companies are also able to use their stock, much of it trading at all-time highs, as currency. After a weak start to the year, the stock market snapped back in February and ended Tuesday at a record high.

Facebook is mostly using stock to purchase WhatsApp. Comcast's proposed merger with TimeWarner Cable is an all-stock deal, and Actavis is using a combination of stock and cash to buy Forest Labs.

The high prices reflect the strength of corporate balance sheets and the confidence of CEOs. That encourages more deals.

"A healthy M&A market ultimately represents a flourishing economy," said Martyn Curragh, head of U.S. deals for PricewaterhouseCoopers. "Seeing a big deal come together successfully helps bring confidence to other companies who are possibly looking at doing a deal," he said.

"I don't think we've seen the floodgates open yet," Walsh said, "but looking six, 12 months down the road, we're definitely looking at a big increase."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **62.4°**

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW swell may continue; light morning winds likely; stay tuned; small SW/SSW swell

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Possible reinforcing WNW swell; stay tuned, still storm dependent; small SW/SSW swell

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
WNW swell fades; stay tuned, still storm dependent; small SW/SSW swell

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Old WNW swell fades, possible new WNW swell joining in overnight; stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 26, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 4

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	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 (broach 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 D&W 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

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

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Ukraine beats U.S. 2-0 in soccer friendly

MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS
Associated Press

LARNACA, Cyprus One banner in the stands read "Ukraine is Undivided!" on the top and "One Country — One Team!" on the bottom. Ukrainian fans sang their nation's anthem in the final moments, and some broke into a chant of "No war in Ukraine!" after the final whistle.

A small contingent of Ukrainian fans had a couple hours to forget about their nation's troubles, wave their flags and unite amid a political crisis back home. Ukraine eased past the United States 2-0 on Wednesday in an exhibition soccer game shifted from Kharkiv to a Mediterranean island nation 600 miles to the south.

"Our country is facing difficult times now, we must support our team and our country," said Oleg Ivanovskyi a fan from Kiev currently residing in Larnaca. "Ukraine lives and will live. This friendly match is important for us to show the friendship between the U.S. and Ukraine. The friendship between the two countries is more important than the score."

Andriy Yarmolenko scored in the 12th minute and Marko Devic in the 68th as Ukraine exposed the shaky American central defense of Oguchi Onyewu and Anthony Brooks.

Ukraine's players linked arms on shoulders during their national anthem of their nation, which has been disrupted by political protests followed by Russia's military intervention. Players in both starting lineups bowed their heads as they stood on the field before the game for a moment of silence for the victims of violence in Ukraine.

The crowd of 1,573 at Papadopoulos Stadium, which has a capacity of about 10,000, was so small that players could be heard talking with each other during the game.

"Of course we do it for our supporters, for our country," Ukraine coach Mykhailo Fomenko said. "I asked to make our people happy. We had to show that we're all united."

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said his team's thoughts were with the Ukrainian people.

"You feel for that country. You feel for that nation, and there's nothing more than wishing them well and to solve these issues peacefully," Klinsmann said.

At 18th, Ukraine is the highest-ranking nation that failed to qualify for the World Cup. The match marked the last chance for Klinsmann to evaluate his Europe-based players before he chooses his 23-man World Cup roster in mid-May. He will use a squad mostly from Major League Soccer for an April 2 exhibition against Mexico at Glendale, Ariz.

"We're disappointed with the result," U.S. captain Clint Dempsey said. "We just have to do a better job and learn from our mistakes."

Onyewu's only prior international appearances since June 2012 were last July 5 in exhibition against Guatemala and in a CONCACAF Gold Cup match against Cuba eight days later. He was paired in central defense with Brooks, a 21-year-old making just his third international appearance. Geoff Cameron played at right back and Edgar Castillo was on the left.

"It's understandable that collectively, it's not clicking. It would be half a miracle if we would click," Klinsmann said. "It was difficult for a lot of players to get into a rhythm."

Ukraine went ahead when the U.S. failed on an attempted offside trap. Yevhen Konoplyanka sent a looping pass from just before the midfield stripe to Denys Harmash, who split Onyewu and Brooks and trapped the ball at the top of the penalty area. Goalkeeper Tim Howard blocked his shot, but Harmash picked up the rebound and squared the ball to Yarmolenko, his Dynamo Kiev teammate. He slotted the ball past Brooks with a left-footed shot from 6 yards for his 15th international goal.

The U.S. showed more spark at the start of the second half, and Jozy Altidore put an open header over the crossbar following a cross from Cameron.

But Devic scored two minutes after entering when he outran Fabian Johnson onto Roman Bezus' headed pass from inside the midfield circle and cut the ball back to his left foot. Playing a day before his 35th birthday, Howard blocked the initial shot with a sprawling save, but Devic latched onto the rebound and slid the ball between Johnson and Brooks with a left-footed shot from 15 yards.

"When a guy comes clean through and you make the initial save, you just hope that you get enough of it that it ricochets away," Howard said. "Unfortunately, both times they got lucky enough to where the ball came back to them. On another night, you keep a clean sheet and the ball goes elsewhere."

Playing 99 days before the World Cup opens in Brazil, the U.S. wore its new Nike jerseys with collars that resemble polo shirts. The Americans changed all 11 starters from the 2-0 win over South Korea on Feb. 1 at Carson, Calif.

"Tonight wasn't great," Howard said, "but it's not the end of the world, either."

NOTES: The U.S. plans to announce details Thursday of its final home exhibitions before the World Cup. The Americans likely will play May 27 on the West Coast, then at Harrison, N.J., on June 1 and at Jacksonville, Fla., on June 7.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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A Woman is a Woman (NR) 1hr 25min
Masculine Feminine (NR) 1hr 50min
7:30pm

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

About Last Night (R) 1hr 40min
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) 2hrs 18min
1:25pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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

RoboCop (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
8:00pm, 10:45pm

Lego Movie in 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
1:55pm

Monuments Men (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm

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

Three Days to Kill (PG-13) 1hr 57min
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) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 4:25pm, 6:55pm, 9:45pm

Wind Rises (Kazetachinu) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
2:00pm, 10:15pm

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

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

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) 2hrs
7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

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OUT AND ABOUT TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be discouraged by someone else's resentment of you. Your frustration could come to the surface. Consider how to express your feelings without judging the other party. Postpone a friendly chat until tomorrow, if possible. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll dominate to an unusual extent, partially because someone refuses to discuss the issue at hand. Communication easily could get messed up and cause a misunderstanding. Make your choices your own. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pretend that you are not in the room. Just listen and take in information. The results will be far better for you, as well as for others. Keep your opinions to yourself, as they could change rapidly in the next few days. Tonight: Go out and join friends. Be yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You naturally will shine in a meeting. On some level, you'll like what you hear or see, even if a disagreement dominates the moment. You might want to see how you can move past this problem -- perhaps not today, but in the near future. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be in the midst of some tension that you would like to forget about. Consider eliminating this pressure, and try to resolve the problem soon. Use the late afternoon for meetings and other interpersonal matters. Tonight: Get into weekend mode early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If no one is talking or one party is closed down, resolving a misunderstanding could be close to impossible. If you are the party who is closed down, it would better to talk. If it's the other person, keep reaching out. Tonight: Join favorite people at a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to come to an understanding with a loved one before everyone has gotten too involved with a particular issue. Refuse to get stuck. A special friend will try to lighten your mood. Tonight: Try something totally new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Your moods could have a bigger impact than you might realize. Be more forthright if you want a problem resolved. You could be vested in this present mental stance as well. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone's whims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Go with the moment, and know what you desire. You might have kept a lot of your thoughts to yourself, despite your gregarious personality. Others could be stunned by how sensitive you can be. Stay on top of calls and emails. Tonight: Toss yourself into a fun scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Upon hearing certain conversations, your mind could jump to better ideas and new ways of handling a personal matter. Follow through on these thoughts more often. Do not feed into a communication issue. Stay open. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might opt to stay close to home. You could find others in a strange mood, which will make it difficult to deal with them. A conversation with someone at a distance might make you feel uneasy. Try not to let this get to you. Tonight: Let your spontaneity out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take an overview. Conversations will be about the story, not the real issues below the surface. A close associate, friend or loved one could be more than difficult. At present, he or she might seem more fiery than you have witnessed in a while. Tonight: Head home early.

Thursday, March 6, 2014

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

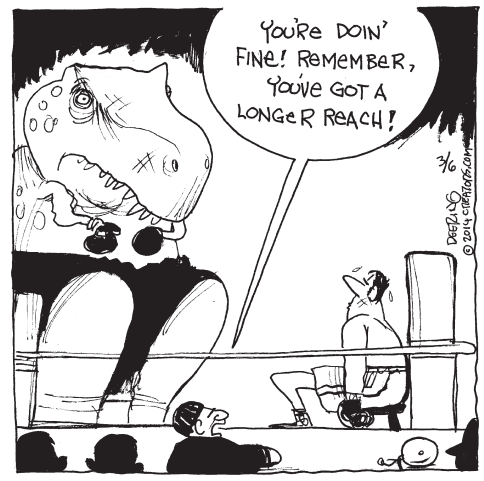
This year detaching from difficult situations in order to find a resolution becomes an art. You often see the problem, but the challenge remains to find the right path that will make the most parties happy. Go to the gym, relax and learn to let go of tension. If you are single, you could meet someone very intriguing. A relationship could develop, and the caring will be mutual and deep. If you are attached, you structure your lives very differently in one area. Be wise. Accept your sweetie rather than try to change him or her. When the two of you are more compassionate, you really enjoy each other. GEMINI often pressures you to make a decision.

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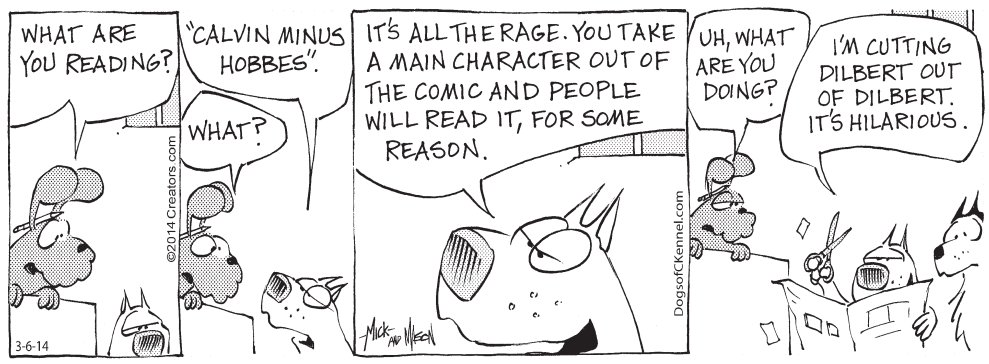
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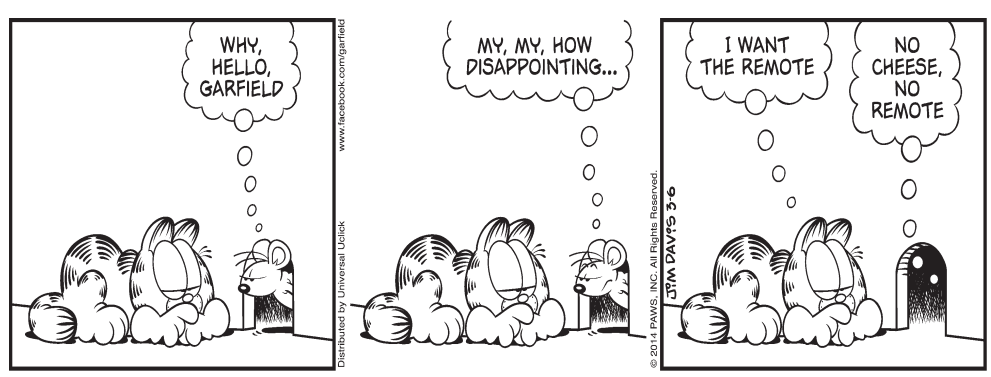
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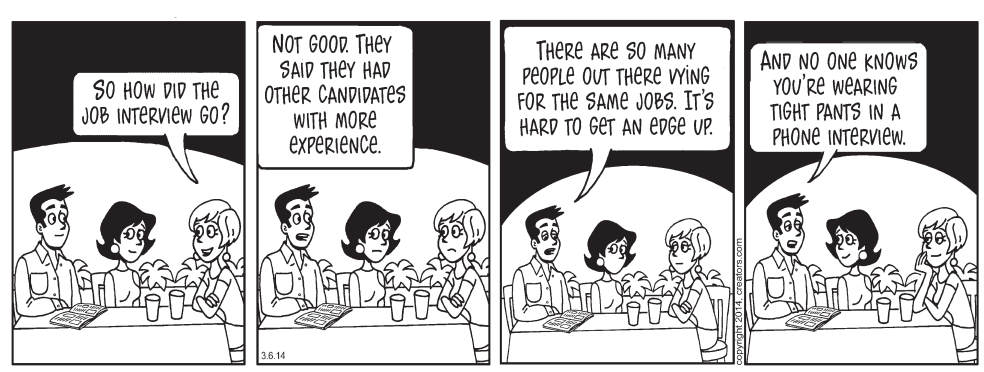
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

	5		2		9			
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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

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

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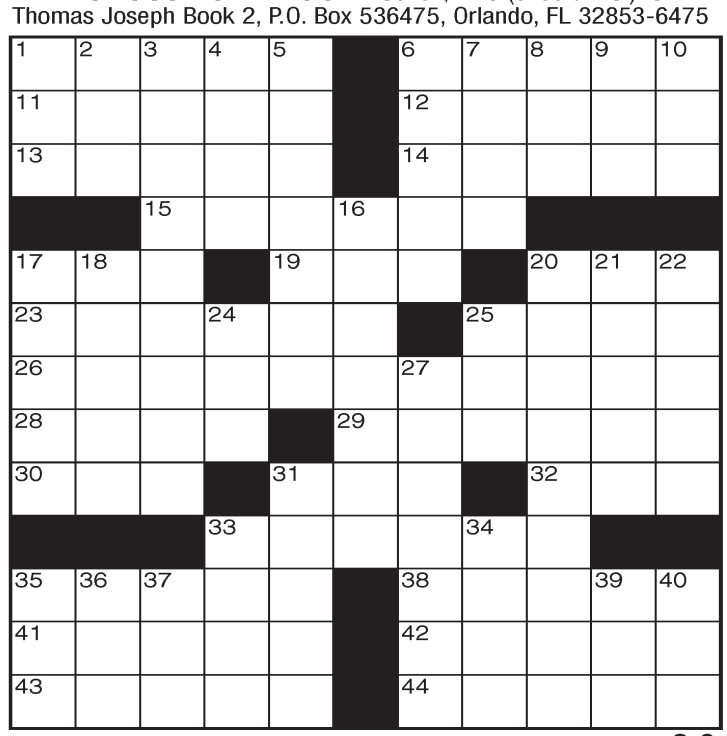
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1 Stares in shock
6 Personnel
11 Wide awake
12 Mischievous sprite
13 Play place
14 Improve, in a way
15 Strong-arm
17 Spot
19 Slapstick weapon
20 Lobster trap
23 "Batman" butler
25 Poland's Walesa
26 Tolstoy book
28 School near Windsor
29 Revealing, as a dress
30 M.B.A. or Ph.D.
31 Salon stuff
32 Memorable time
33 Female followings
35 Yellow gem
38 City on the Nile
41 In the know
42 Wrath
43 Flexes
44 Opera singer

DOWN
1 Empty talk
2 Elev.
3 Song by The Doors
4 Therefore
5 Increase, as an incline
6 Word separator
7 Clock reading
8 Log chopper
9 Shark symbol
10 Nourished
16 Batman villain
17 Cut, in a way
18 Fill with joy
20 Sixties decal, often
21 Take place
22 Letter before iota
24 Conducted
25 Detective Archer
27 Odorous animal
31 Loving looks
33 Knotty
34 Lion feature
35 Folder feature
36 Need to pay
37 Mythical piper
39 Old roadster
40 Bruins legend

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Draw Date: 3/4
10 29 31 35 45
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $270M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/1
4 10 20 30 35
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/5
1 16 18 25 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/5
MIDDAY: 8 0 5
EVENING: 7 2 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/5
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2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ RiDQulous: The headline read "Man Arrested Allegedly Trying to Sell Stolen Brains at Dairy Queen." David Charles, 21, was charged in Indianapolis in January with arranging the deal involving 60 jars of mental patients' brains (some from the 1800s) stolen from the Indiana Medical History Museum. The buyer (actually, an undercover cop) had agreed to meet at the restaurant.

■ Driver Leon Humphreys, upset at the minor traffic ticket he had received, demanded in December (2002) that magistrates in the town of Bury St. Edmunds, England, allow him to employ the ancient tradition of "trial by combat" -- in which he would fight someone from the DMV (in England, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) over the righteousness of the ticket using samurai swords, Gurkha knives or heavy hammers. Despite Humphreys' insistence that the tradition is still valid under European human rights legislation, the magistrates declined and in fact upped his fine and court costs 12-fold.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1968 - Three black males are executed by Rhodesia, the first executions since UDI, prompting international condemnation.

1970 - An explosion at the Weather Underground safe house in Greenwich Village kills three.

1975 - For the first time the Zapruder film of the assassination of John F. Kennedy is shown in motion to a national TV audience by Robert J. Groden and Dick Gregory.

1981 - After 19 years of presenting the CBS Evening News, Walter Cronkite signs off for the last time.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014030383 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/04/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIAZ BUILDERS. 10755 HOLMAN AVE. 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90024. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MICHAEL DIAZ 10755 HOLMAN AVE. 3 LOS ANGELES, CA 90024. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:MICHAEL DIAZ. MICHAEL DIAZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/04/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/06/2014, 03/13/2014, 03/20/2014, 03/27/2014.

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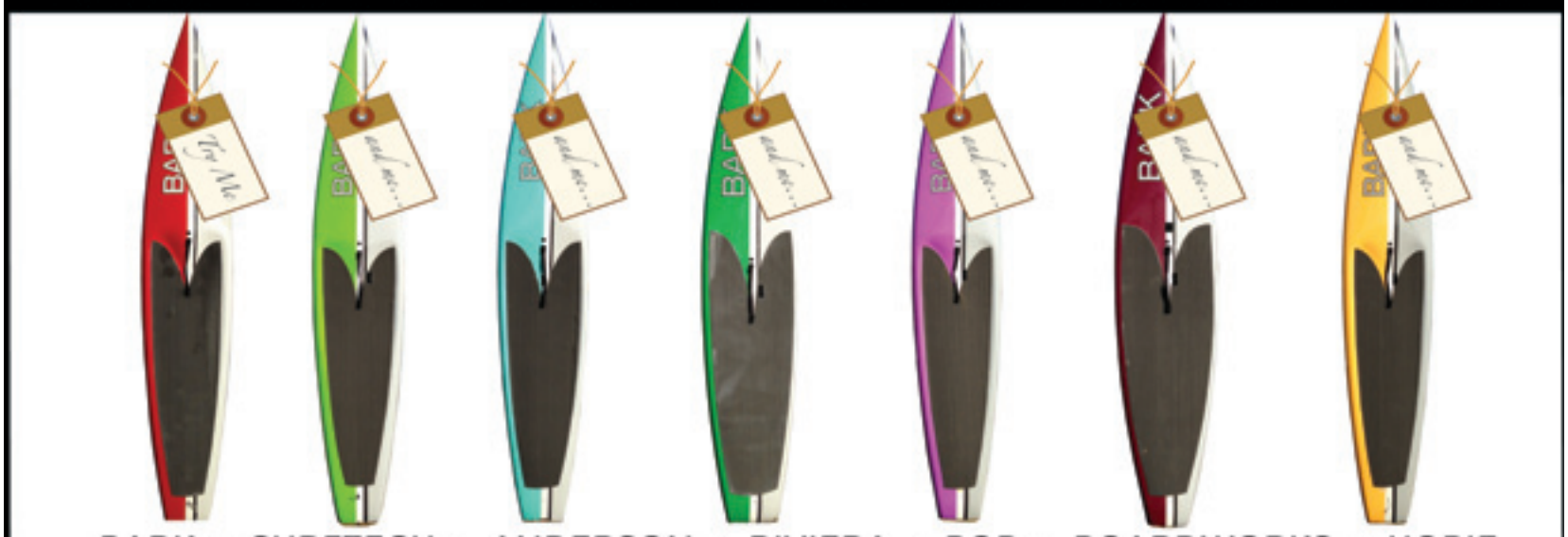
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- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Sump system should be checked several times during the rainy season (if applicable).
- Vacuum refrigerator condensing coils.
- Inspect shower, tub & sink caulking for deterioration.
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and supply lines for leaks.
- Pour bleach down every drain in your home.
- Survey all vent openings for compromised screening or other deterioration.
- Upgrade washing machine hoses to stainless steel jacketed hoses to help prevent failure.
- Lubricate and service the garage door hardware and openers.
- The fire sprinkler system needs to be inspected periodically (if applicable).
- Termite inspections should be performed every 3 years.



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