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THE ROLLING SOLO ISSUE

New owner would take over Saint John's city agreement

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Whoever ends up buying Saint John's Health Center will take over the current agreement with City Hall, parking situation and all.

The California Attorney General is evaluating the proposed sale of the hospital, from Sisters of Charity Leavenworth to Providence Health Systems, and will make a final decision based on the impacts it might have on healthcare service in the area.

A report by the Attorney General noted that the agreement between the two Catholic nonprofit corporations does not guarantee the continuation of community benefits or charity care but, city officials said, anyone that purchases the hospital will take over City Hall's decades-long development agreement, which includes those guarantees.

The total to be paid by Providence, according to the report, is $125 million plus "an amount of money equal to the Closing Working Capital."

If the sale goes through, Providence would continue to pay community benefits, which have averaged $3.4 million annually

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COMMUNITY PROFILES | ROSEMARY REGALBUTO

Meals on Wheels legend Regalbuto retires

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD RoseMary Regalbuto worked with Meals on Wheels West for 27 years, thousands of days, but one of her most memorable was her third.

She retired from her position as president and CEO last week.

"After three days in the office I felt ready to go on a delivery route," she told City Council. "And the first apartment we went to the client had taken a bath on Saturday and was unable to get out of the tub so she drained the water and she stayed there until Monday at 11:15 when we went."

After that, she was hooked.

"It impacted me so much and I realized how important Meals on Wheels is," he said.

She started as a part-time employee before the program was even called Meals on Wheels West. Then, it was a home delivery program based out of kitchens in Saint John's Health Center and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.

There were only 54 clients, she said. Last

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Former Carter adviser Eugene Eidenberg dies at 74

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA Eugene Eidenberg, a Silicon Valley executive who was a top adviser to President Jimmy Carter and had important roles in the U.S. telecommunications industry, has died. He was 74.

A statement for the family says Eidenberg died of a brain tumor on Tuesday in Santa Monica, where he'd undergone treatment.

Carter says Eidenberg was a "delightful and cherished friend and a superbly competent and dedicated public servant."

Eidenberg joined the Carter administration in the mid-1970s. He ultimately became secretary to the Cabinet and assistant to the President for intergovernmental affairs, reporting to Carter on implementation of domestic policies.

Later, he was director of the Democratic National Committee.

In 1982, he joined MCI Communications and held several executive positions. He went on to posts with several high-tech and venture capital businesses.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Above: Realtor Kate Bransfield sits with Santa Claus at her office during the Montana Avenue Holiday Walk Friday.

Right: Holiday shoppers walk around during the annual holiday event.




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

Merry-go-run
2600 Barnard Way, 6 a.m.
The Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run is Los Angeles' largest holiday running event and a great fundraiser which has a 5k and a 10k run that winds through the beautiful streets of Santa Monica and Venice, including a long stretch along the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk. Kids course is on Barnard Way. For more information, visit christmasrun.com.

Merry photo op'
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place,
11 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Santa will be available for photos and visits at his winter wonderland house, located in Center Plaza. For more information, call (310)260-8333.

Main event
Main Street, 5 p.m.
Join Main Street's merchants for their annual holiday extravaganza that begins at the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main St. There will be pictures with Santa, two tree lightings and plenty of parties at a number of stores in this popular shopping district. For more information, visit mainstreetsm.com.

Write-opolis
Third Street Promenade Barnes & Noble, 2 p.m.
Meet local authors before they hit it big. Writopia Lab Los Angeles works with students from local schools to build their creative writing skills. Hear completed stories, poems and scripts from some talented young writers. For more information, call (310)260-9110

Seasonal vibes
The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center,
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Director William Belan and chamber choir members invite you to enjoy a tasteful four-course concert with appetizers, light-course, main course, and dessert as repertoire, selected with your listening delight in mind. Admission: $10. For more information, visit smc.edu.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013

Avengers ... ensemble?
The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Under the baton of Kevin McKeown, the wind ensemble rejoices with music of the season to bring cheer to all, and features a very special guest conductor — a local middle school student who won the annual SMC Wind Ensemble Essay Contest. All ages are welcome. Admission: $10. For more information, call (310)434-4323.

This season just got 'Cotter'
The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7 p.m.
Returning to Southern California for a one-night only performance at The Edye is the multi-talented Jeanne Cotter. The popular composer, pianist, and singer/songwriter will also be sharing the stage with special guest, pianist Andrei Lieders. Admission: $35 for non-refundable tickets and general seating and $50 for premium seating. For more information, call (310) 576-7561.

Cook-tastic
Huckleberry Bakery & Café
1014 Wilshire Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Cooking recipes from "Best Cookbook Ever," chefs will craft a menu featuring local ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, All guests will receive a copy of "Best Cookbook Ever," which the authors will be on-hand to sign. Admission: $70 (includes cookbook, excludes beverages).
To purchase tickets and for more information, visit bestcookbookeverhuckleberry.eventbrite.com.

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Wags and barks speak volumes when talking to dogs

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Wags and barks speak volumes when it comes to understanding what a dog is saying, but there are also clues in a dog's eyes, ears, nose or the tilt of its head. Are humans getting the right messages?

Dr. Gary Weitzman, president of the San Diego Humane Society and former CEO of the Washington Animal Rescue League, has worked with tens of thousands of stray dogs over the last quarter century and says there is no question that pets and people communicate, but some are getting more out of it than others.

"Dogs want to be with us and they want to do the right thing. Nothing is ever done by a dog for spite or revenge. That's a human quality. Dogs just want to please us," Weitzman said. "So don't misunderstand what dogs are saying."

Jerry Ericksen of Los Angeles has two dogs and they have different needs that require different languages. Forest, a pit bull that was abused and starved before Ericksen got him, is still super timid and spends his time at the dog park hiding under Ericksen's chair.

"I talk to him in a smooth, gentle voice. He's very cooperative. He's very content," Ericksen said.

Buster is a 90-pound blind boxer. "When I call him, I yell out his name and keep clap-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Kuehl receives more backers

Malibu leaders are joining Santa Monica's in supporting Sheila Kuehl in her bid for the Third District seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Malibu Mayor Joan House joins Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor and former Mayor Judy Abdo in endorsing Kuehl, a Democrat and a former state senator and assembly member.

House praised Kuehl for her years of public service and being sensitive to constituent needs and the protection of the coast.

"Sheila is an exceptional leader who has shown both integrity and determination in fighting for the interests of her constituents," House said.

The other Malibu leaders who are giving their endorsement to Kuehl are councilmembers John Sibert, Laura Rosenthal, Lou La Monte and Skylar Peak. Former Malibu mayors Ken Kearsley and Andy Stern are also supporting Kuehl.

"It's a real honor to receive this kind of support from every Malibu councilmember and so many former mayors," Kuehl said.

Currently, Kuehl serves as founding director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College.

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

West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran and former Malibu Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich are said to also be exploring a run.

The statewide direct primary election is set for June 3, 2014, with the general election scheduled in November.

– BRIAN ADIGWU

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Fire marshall selected

A 14-year veteran of the Santa Monica Fire Department is being promoted as the next fire marshall.

Assistant Fire Marshall Eric Binder will succeed Fire Marshall Nancy Johnson, who retired in September.

"Each of the candidates for the position were extremely well qualified, however, it was a blend of Eric's vision and attention to detail that earned him the opportunity to lead the Prevention Division into the future," Fire Chief Scott Ferguson said.

Binder was hired as the department's fire inspector and promoted to assistant fire marshall in July 2009.

Binder holds a bachelor and master of science degrees in addition to certifications from the California State Fire Marshall.

The fire marshal is charged with guiding a team responsible for ensuring the highest degree of fire and safety standards.

"The development occurring within the community is certainly exciting; it is occurring at a rate never before experienced by our fire department," Binder said.

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IT'S GOOD

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

St. Monica High School center Xiangyu Meng puts back a missed shot as Hamilton High defenders try to break up the play on Thursday at home. The St. Monica Mariners went on to win, 64-54, clinching fifth place in the annual St. Monica Boys Invitational.

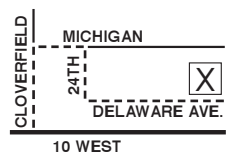
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Why can't Congress aim higher?

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET NEGOTIATORS are moving to meet a Dec. 13 deadline to produce, well, something. For weeks, we've been told to keep expectations low. There'll be no "grand bargain," negotiators say. Commentators believe that even the narrowest agreement will be a signal achievement. So here's my question: Doesn't that seem like an awfully low bar to you?

Yes, I know. The atmosphere on Capitol Hill is poisonous. The two parties — even the various factions within the parties — can barely stand to be in a room with each other. Expecting a sizable budget accomplishment from Congress right now is like expecting water from a rock. It would take a miracle.

Yet there are consequences to not producing an agreement capable of clarifying fiscal affairs. Right now, government agencies cannot plan ahead; they can't consider long-term projects; they have trouble with staffing; they can't set priorities; they're forced to fund programs that have outlived their usefulness and cannot fund programs they know are necessary. And that's just the federal bureaucracy. Contractors and people who depend on federal spending can't plan, either. Our economy can't achieve liftoff, and millions of ordinary Americans remain mired by its slow growth. Washington faces tough choices about spending, taxes, and entitlements, and Congress isn't making them.

Things are not wholly bleak. Republican Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the lead House negotiator, and Democrat Patty Murray of Washington, who heads up the Senate team, have been working at least to address the sequester. As you'll recall, this is the draconian set of across-the-board budget cuts put in place in 2011. At first, many agencies were able to defer maintenance, spend money they'd squirreled away, and cut staff by attrition. This next year will be much tougher: Agencies are out of easy options, and defense spending faces an immense, $21 billion cut. That will be felt in every congressional district in the country, given how adept the Defense Department has been at spreading its largesse around. Not surprisingly, pressure is coming from both sides of the aisle to ease the impact.

The sequester is a cleaver, cutting good and bad government spending without rhyme or reason. If congressional negotiators can take a smarter approach, that's all to the good.

But if they're going to do that, shouldn't they address the real problems? The country needs gradual deficit reduction that avoids disrupting the economy or harming the vulnerable. It needs reforms to Social Security and Medicare that put them on a solid footing for decades to come.

These are daunting challenges, but Congress' toolbox is hardly empty. It could limit itemized tax deductions, increase Medicare premiums for the well-to-do, place caps on spending, shave federal employee benefits to bring them in line with the private sector, increase government fees, sell public assets, put more of the wireless spectrum up for bid, increase the Social Security contributions of higher-income earners, change the consumer price index. There are literally scores of possibilities, none of them easy, but all of them offering adroit negotiators the chance to craft a long-term solution to problems that have beset Capitol Hill for years and held economic growth far below its potential.

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By addressing these issues head on, Congress could move beyond the political machinations that have deeply frustrated so many Americans, and play a constructive role in the economy: Promoting growth by investment in infrastructure and basic research, providing incentives for entrepreneurship and job creation. It could create a responsible framework for reducing spending as the economy grows. It could reform a tax code that everyone agrees is broken.

At some point, Congress will have to put the federal budget on "a sustainable path for the long term," in the words of the CBO. So long as it does not, the economic consequences hurt everyone. Congressional leaders seem blissfully unconcerned about this and aim only for low-hanging fruit, but Americans know that Congress can and should do better, and are rightly tired of careening from crisis to crisis. As members of Congress continue to make politically attractive suggestions that don't come close to achieving a lasting solution, let's urge them to get real. It's time for Congress to go big.

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The Q Line

How much is too much?

A recent Daily Press article discovered that 28 members of the Santa Monica Police Department are earning over $200,000 a year, while just 27 from the Los Angeles Police Department made that much.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think that SMPD's pay is fair and why?

Here are your responses:

"UNFORTUNATELY FOR EVERYONE, these outsized salaries and benefits for city workers will lead to the bankruptcy of the city and renegotiations of all debts including earned but unpaid pensions. A new City Council needs to be elected and it needs to be more responsive to the citizens and the long-term health of the city. The citizens of this city are asked to pay for these overpaid and under worked city employees by paying far too high of sales taxes as well as outrageous parking tickets. I am soon moving away from this state and city which are just one step away from being a financial basket case and joining the walking dead!"

"NO, WE ARE NOT PAYING THE POLICE too much. How many people go to work everyday where their lives are on the line. I do not think comparing Santa Monica to Pasadena is a realistic comparison. Comparisons to several boroughs in NYC or areas of L.A. are more reasonable."

"THE SHEER NUMBER OF HOUSING AND mixed-use developments predict an increase in urban madness. Additionally, the mix which runs the gamut of the very wealthy to street folks living out of grocery carts makes policing all the more challenging."

"WE HAVE BIG CITY CRIME EVEN IF WE want to call ourselves a beach town. How many shootings have occurred in the last six months? How much meth is being cooked on a daily basis? How many petty thefts, bank robberies, domestic violence, hate crimes? How many guns are out there?"

"THE RECENT INFORMATION PUBLISHED by the Daily Press regarding the overpaying of police and other officials is a detestable alarm that imitates the city of Bell. These cops need to be told that when they are required to attend court and wait around all day for their testimony or to sit around at public street gatherings, it should be at a state minimum wage of non-involvement productive value instead of their regular salary rate. If they dislike this then let them quit their job. No cop is worth anymore than the median wage real estate salesperson or managers of any business regardless of how much overtime they are required to serve. Regardless of how much time they are involved, they are not entitled to anymore than any other middle class employee regardless if they have a college degree or not and that includes the city manager and chief of police and the attorneys and others employed as paper pushers for the city. The City Council needs to stop this assault upon the taxpayers and discontinue this immoral, disgusting paying out of taxpayer money to these servants of the people. Case closed!"

"IT'S ABSOLUTELY FAIR IF YOU'RE A member of the Santa Monica Police Officers Association or a member of the perpetual [Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights] majority of the City Council. It's a perfect relationship, the association endorses the SMRR candidates at election time and the SMRR majority ensures the police will receive some of the highest salaries and benefits in the entire nation. Santa Monica's level of corruption is more of a political nature, not nearly as blatant as the city of Bell was for cash."

"THE POLICE ARE THE REAL CRIMINALS in this city. Their pay is completely out of line with the real world and I can only imagine what backroom deals were done to get to this level. Raise retirement age to 65 (they can work desk jobs), cut wages and benefits by 50 percent and make them responsible to the citizens who employ them."

"THIS IS SANTA MONICA, JUST THINK OF what it would cost them to make a down payment on a house. We need to keep this city safe."

"YES, THE SANTA MONICA POLICE Department does earn too much money. You can tell by comparing it to other cities; same size or larger. They also have comparatively cushy jobs compared to other cities. Lately, they are out in force out on the street; very visible since this article came out. But, they are usually in three or fours standing together. And not one has yet given a ticket to the bicycle riders who almost kill me on the sidewalk on a weekly basis."

"ALL OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE TO be commended for their fine work. However, the look, the feel, the fabric of our life is being destroyed by the high salaries and the pension the city is doling out to its employees. The answer: More development, more revenue, creating clogged arteries of the likes which the city has never seen. The city manager and mayor have got to go along with their visionary plans for our city. My advice to all residents is to buy a canoe and watch as our city sinks under water."

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Report: NSA tracks billions of cellphones every day

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WASHINGTON The National Security Agency tracks the locations of nearly 5 billion cellphones every day overseas, including those belonging to Americans abroad, The Washington Post reported Wednesday.

The NSA inadvertently gathers the location records of "tens of millions of Americans who travel abroad" annually, along with the billions of other records it collects by tapping into worldwide mobile network cables, the newspaper said in a report on its website.

Such data means the NSA can track the movements of almost any cellphone around the world, and map the relationships of the cellphone user. The Post said a powerful analytic computer program called CO-TRAVELER crunches the data of billions of unsuspecting people, building patterns of relationships between them by where their phones go. That can reveal a previously unknown terrorist suspect, in guilt by cellphone-location association, for instance.

As the NSA doesn't know which part of the data it might need, the agency keeps up to 27 terabytes, or more than double the text content of the Library of Congress' print collection, the Post said. A 2012 internal NSA document said the volumes of data from the location program were "outpacing our ability to ingest, process and store" it, the newspaper said.

The program is detailed in documents given to the newspaper by former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden. The Post also quotes unidentified NSA officials, saying they spoke with the permission of their agency.

Shawn Turner, a spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, declined to comment on the report.

The DNI's general counsel, Robert Litt, has said that NSA does not intentionally gather bulk location data on U.S. cellphones inside the U.S. — but NSA Director Keith Alexander testified before Congress his agency ran tests in 2010 and 2011 on "samples" of U.S. cell-site data to see if it was technically possible to plug such data into NSA analysis systems. Alexander said that the information was never used for intelligence purposes and that the testing was reported to congressional intelligence committees. He said it was determined to be of little "operational value," so the NSA did not ask for permission to gather such data.

Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat and a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said at the time that Alexander could have explained more. "The intelligence leadership has decided to leave most of the real story secret," Wyden said, though he would not elaborate on the extent of the program. Wyden and two other Democratic lawmakers have introduced an amendment to the 2014 defense spending bill that would require intelligence agencies to say whether the NSA "or any other element of the intelligence community has ever collected the cell-site location information of a large number of United States persons with no known connection to suspicious activity, or made plans to collect such information."

Alexander and other NSA officials have explained that when U.S. data is gathered "incidentally" overseas, it is "minimized," meaning that when an NSA analysts realize they are dealing with a U.S. phone number, they limit what can be done with it and how long that data can be kept.

Rights activists say those measures fall short of protecting U.S. privacy.

"The scale of foreign surveillance has become so vast, the amount of information about Americans 'incidentally' captured may itself be approaching mass surveillance levels,'" said Elizabeth Goitein of the Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program.

"The government should be targeting its surveillance at those suspected of wrongdoing, not assembling massive associational databases that by their very nature record the movements of a huge number of innocent people," said Catherine Crump, a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Ordinance Numbers 2447-2449 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

Ordinance Number 2447 amends portions of Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 2.24 for, among other things, to increase the threshold dollar limits for convenience purchase orders to $10,000; to increase the dollar limit for formal bidding procedures to $175,000; to increase the threshold limit for professional services contracts approved by the City Manager to $80,000; to conform certain Code sections to reflect current purchasing practices; to establish standard bidding procedures for professional services contracts; to delegate certain authority to the Purchasing Agent, and to establish a standard protest procedure for certain purchases.

Ordinance Number 2448 approves a Development Agreement between the City of Santa Monica, Palmetto Hospitality Of Santa Monica II, LLC, and 501 Colorado Investors LLC, to allow for the development of a 6 story (75 feet) hotel, proposed to be operated and managed by Hampton Inn and Suites, with 143 guest rooms, up to 78,750 square feet of floor area and up to 108 parking spaces with various community benefits, including payments to the City of $635,000 as contribution toward the proposed Colorado Esplanade, hospitality training, transportation impacts, historic preservation and recreation/open space.

Ordinance Number 2449 approves a Development Agreement between the City of Santa Monica, Palmetto Hospitality Of Santa Monica I, LLC, and 1550 5th Street LLC, to allow for the development of a 6 story (75 feet) hotel, proposed to be operated and managed by Courtyard by Marriott, with 136 guest rooms, up to 78,750 square feet of floor area and up to 108 parking spaces with various community benefits, including payments to the City of $650,000 as contribution toward the proposed Colorado Esplanade, hospitality training, historic preservation, Fourth Court Alley improvements and affordable housing.

City of Santa Monica

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HOSPITAL
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over the past 5 years.

The agreement with City Hall also dictates the hospital's parking situation, which has long frustrated residents in the surrounding neighborhood.

In 1998, the hospital promised to build a new parking structure. It was never built and in 2011 city officials amended the agreement, allowing the hospital to cobble together a group of owned and leased parking spaces throughout the neighborhood.

That agreement is still in flux. Earlier this year, they lost the lease on a large number of parking spaces. City Hall gave the hospital a deadline to provide more spaces. In October, they opened an entry plaza with more spaces but had to close another lot for reconfiguration. Last week, that lot reopened and now Saint John's will be required to perform a parking study.

"The Walker Study is scheduled to be completed next week," wrote Sarah Phelan, a communications manager at Saint John's, in an e-mail. "They will then submit their report to (City Hall), and (City Hall) will inform us on what needs to be done from there so we can remain compliant."

Even with the newly added spaces, the hospital is 215 spaces down from its total earlier this year. City Hall will evaluate Saint John's parking study to determine if more spaces are needed. This study is also required to address the impacts associated with the cost of parking.

Residents claim that the lack of parking combined with its cost — $13 after 90 minutes, $35 for the day — pushes patients and employees to park for free on the street.

At a public meeting earlier this week, several neighbors asked the Attorney General to include stipulations in its agreement with Providence, requiring them to provide affordable parking.

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DOGS
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ping so he can zero in on where I am," Ericksen said. "If he starts to walk into something, I will yell 'stop' and he will change direction."

Buster has only been around Forest for six months, but they communicate, too.

"When we come home from the dog park, Forest will go in first, walk 10 feet and wait. When I take the collar and leash off Buster, Forest takes over and guides him to the yard," Ericksen said.

Weitzman's book, "How to Speak Dog," was just released by the National Geographic Society and the veterinarian hopes it will help people better grasp what their dogs are saying so they can respond better.

When man first meets mutt, it is up to the person to eliminate hostility. In the exam room, Weitzman will often get on the floor with a dog to reduce any threats.

That has certainly worked for year-old Van Leifer-Nau of San Diego. That's where he sits, sleeps, plays and dotes on year-old Neiko, a yellow lab and Saluki mix, said mom Tamara Leifer-Nau.

"Neiko loves this baby, it's like Van is his baby. They love each other and Neiko goes in for as many kisses as he can get. They are inseparable. They are communicating at a completely different level," Leifer-Nau said.

"Dogs read lips and body language. They can see your facial expression. Some animals respond to how we look, not what we say. Their inherent ability to read facial expressions is a whole lot better than ours," Weitzman said.

The other dog in the Leifer-Nau house is Oakley, a border collie mix the family rescued 13 years ago this month. He goes to the door and literally talks dog when he wants out, Leifer-Nau said.

You have to make sure a dog can hear when you talk, Weitzman said. Some dogs are born deaf or go deaf with age. Long ears make hearing more of a chore. Those dogs also don't have the ability to talk with their ears because they can't prick them, cock them or pin them back.

"Every once in a while, a dog will come along that just seems to 'get' you. You think it even reads your mind," Weitzman said. "I really think these animals are soul mates. I had a dog I know was my soul mate. I understood her with a look and she understood me with a look back."

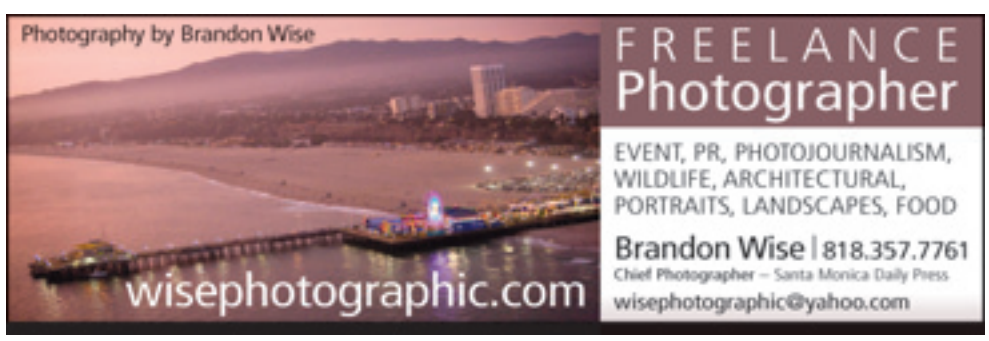
Cambria Hankin of Los Angeles treats Buddy, Stitch and Riah, her three Chihuahua mixes, like they were her children.

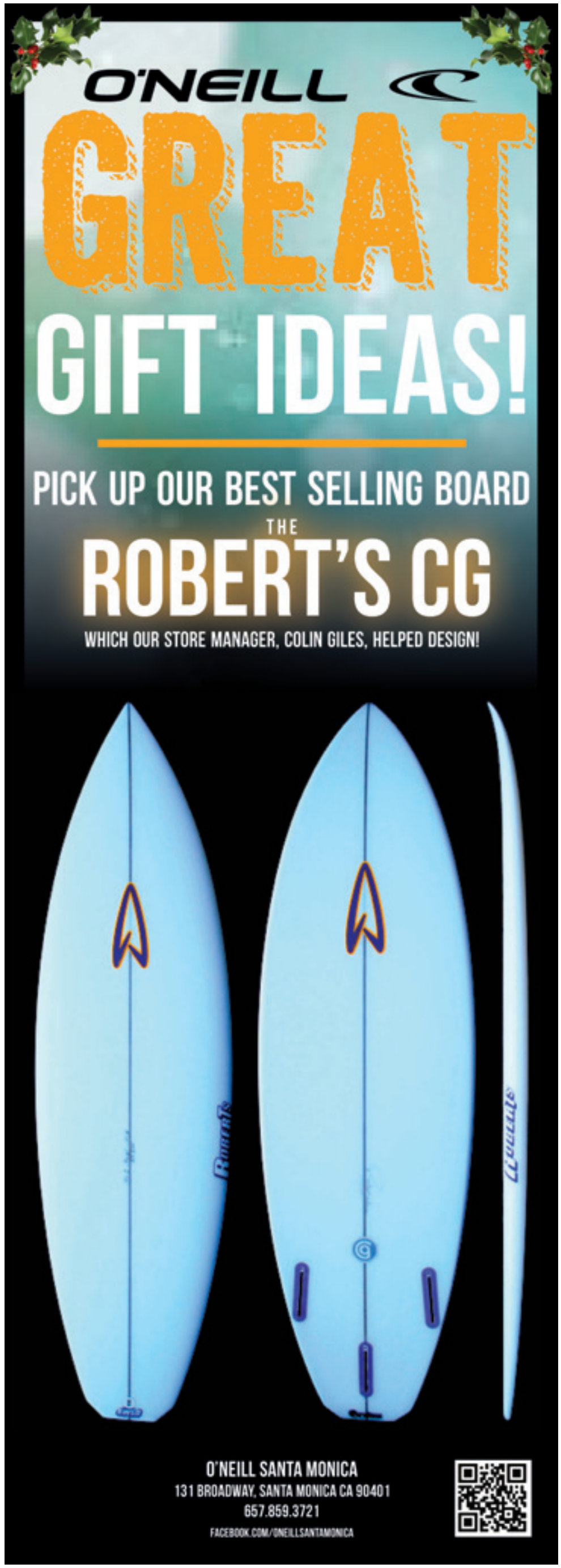
Buddy is the stubborn one. "You might have to stare at him when he puts his foot down." Hankin said. It usually happens when Buddy doesn't want to leave if they are visiting. "I have to say, 'Don't make me count to three. When I get to three, he knows his time is up. So I know they understand me," she said.

She might use baby talk to ask: "Who is mama's favorite boy?" she'll ask and Buddy knows that answer, too.

"They are like kids. They just can't talk in words. But they know how to push the limits to see how far they can go," she said.

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ROSEMARY REGALBUTO

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year, Meals on Wheels West served nearly 80,000 meals.

Linda "Tish" Tisherman, the incoming board chair for Meals On Wheels West, said that filling Regalbuto's role will be one of their biggest challenges.

"RoseMary is Meals on Wheels," she said, flatly. "I personally didn't know anything about Meals on Wheels until I met RoseMary in 2002."

The 150-person turnout to Regalbuto's party this week says a lot about how well-liked she is, Tisherman said, with guests ranging from Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) to people she's served meals to.

A defining moment for Tisherman was seeing Regalbuto trudging along in the torrential downpour of the 2011 L.A. Marathon.

"There was RoseMary walking her half marathon for Meals on Wheels," she said. "In the pouring rain. Everyone in Santa Monica knows what that day was like but there was RoseMary, hoofing it in the rain. You may start out with a partner but you don't end up with one in a marathon, but that didn't stop her."

At the Fourth of July parades Regalbuto walks, always with her dogs, Tisherman said, and the crowds screams, "Yay, Meals on Wheels. Thank you, RoseMary!"

"It's really amazing to see just how recognizable she is," she said.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook lauded Regalbuto when she spoke before council last week.

"We're not supposed to respond to public comments, but I'd just like to say what a wonderful person you've been the entire 27 years and how much the community and council thanks you," he said.

She officially left her post, fittingly, the day after serving hundreds on Thanksgiving.

"It's been an amazing 27 years," she said.

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The Better Option

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Pho-get about it

TIATO, PRONOUNCED TEA-AH-TOW, owned and operated by Catherine An, is a restaurant-bar garden and venue space. Many of Tiato's menu items have been chosen to honor her mother's philosophy that "one should eat what tastes good and healthy," while equally honoring her philosophy that sometimes it's OK to indulge yourself, too.

Tiato's owner is one of three daughters of chef Helene An, named "The Mother of Fusion" by San Jose Mercury News. Helene An is best known for her work at the Crustacean restaurants in San Francisco and Beverly Hills.

Together, Catherine and her mother have developed a simple menu with the idea that great tasting food should be equally combined with health benefits that offer variety, quality and balance, the same philosophy that I hold.

Located on the ground floor of the MTV/Lionsgate building at 2700 Colorado Ave., the retail market and grab-'n-go coffee and juice bar leads into an open dining area, further spilling out onto one of the largest outdoor dining spaces in Santa Monica. The entire space was designed by Catherine, mirroring the menu and restaurant's philosophy of raw, natural products. The patio area, bursting with fresh herbs and citrus, is only one of three beautiful venue spaces offered by the restaurant.

I visited Tiato on a rare rainy day in Santa Monica, but sat by the large picture windows, enjoying the vibrant colors from the outdoor garden. As I do at all new restaurants that I try, I asked the waiter for his menu recommendations and the restaurant's signature dishes. With passionate and detailed descriptions, I was convinced the only option for me on this day was the pho. Described on the menu as chicken or beef, rice noodles, herbs, and homemade chicken broth, it sounded like a perfect rainy-day lunch meal and a possible new gluten-free option for my patients with celiac disease. Since I'm always looking for ways to add vegetables with my meals, I chose the herbs and bean sprouts option.

With the culinary pedigree of the owners and the beautiful décor, I sat back ready to enjoy a lovely lunch. The service was quick and friendly. I was presented with two plates and one bowl. One plate contained a small dish of a brown sauce, sliced jalapeno peppers, and a lime wedge. The second plate flowed over with a generous amount of bean sprouts and what looked like the top of a basil plant — stem and all. The almost translucent rice noodles were punctuated with about half a dozen slices of lean beef in a clear chicken stock.



Photo courtesy Merv Hecht

NICE SPREAD: Catherine An (right) of the Tiato Kitchen Bar + Venue on Colorado Avenue.

If you go

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I was instructed to add the sauce and ingredients to create my own taste. Not knowing how the dish should taste or what amounts to use, I carefully tore up the basil leaves and slowly added the sauces and sprouts to the bowl. I was disappointed. The broth was bland, the meat tasteless, and the texture and color of the sprouts overpowered the delicate rice noodles.

I would not recommend this dish, even to my gluten-free patients. I left feeling dissatisfied. The better option was the chicken salad ordered by my lunch companion. It was fresh, colorful, and much more flavorful. I'm not giving up on Tiato, yet. I'll try them again, maybe for the seasonal Sunday brunch. The atmosphere is refreshing, the prices are reasonable, and the potential is there.

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Craze for coveted craft brews creates black market

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Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. Fancy a pint of Pliny the Elder or Heady Topper double India pale ales, but can't find it in your neighborhood? Get out your wallet.

As craft brews gain an intense following, a black market has bloomed in which some opportunists are selling for hundreds of dollars top-rated beers that are hard to find, in short supply, expensive or illegal to ship.



In Vermont, a Burlington woman was charged recently with selling five cases of the popular Heady Topper beer for $825 on Craigslist, which brought about mixed feelings for its brewer.

"It's a compliment in an odd way," said Jen Kimmich, owner of The Alchemist brewery in Waterbury, which produces Heady Topper. The hoppy concoction, which retails for $3 a can and $72 a case, was recently ranked No. 1 by Beer Advocate magazine out of the top 250 beers in the world.

"But at the same time," she added, "we don't want to see the consumer being cheated by paying too much and getting a product that hasn't been taken care of properly."

The beer is so popular that The Alchemist recently closed its retail shop in Waterbury, Vt., to appease neighbors concerned about traffic. In the weeks since, a half a dozen posts have appeared on Craigslist — including from Southern California, Chicago, and Boston — clamoring for the stuff. Craigslist did not respond to a message seeking comment.

Beer geeks often trade coveted craft brews with no money changing hands to get hard-to-find beers that may only be sold in certain states or countries, in limited amounts or are only in draft form.

To get them might require a beer mule, who will transport the brews to the consumer, or someone who will buy them from the brewery and ship them, said Joe Tucker, executive director of the RateBeer website.

"It's done because the rarity of these releases, the prestige of these releases is a huge driver," he said.

Plenty of trading is done illegally, which RateBeer tries to discourage, he said. He said he once got an unsolicited shipment labeled the Belgian Coffee Company that contained the site's highest-rated beer.

The practice of trading beer doesn't bother most brewers. But buying beer, marking up the price and selling it is another matter. It's illegal in the U.S. to sell alcohol online without a license.

Yet at least hundreds of posts daily last year on eBay offered hard-to-get beers at astronomical prices, said Natalie Cilurzo, co-owner and president of Russian River Brewing, in Santa Rosa, Calif. She spotted the brewery's flagship Pliny the Elder, which sells for $5 a bottle, going for between $15 and $50, and its discontinued Toronado anniversary beer, which sold for about $25 at the brewery, being auctioned for about $700 last year.

"It was out of control," she said. "People were running liquor stores on eBay without any accountability."

She cited the steps that her company took that black market sellers are skipping: acquiring liquor and business licenses, paying sales, property and other taxes and selling responsibly. She pointed out the dangers of selling to minors online or the questions of who would be responsible if a drunk driver who'd bought beer sold illegally online killed someone.

She decided she had to stand up for the breweries.

"It was not just our beer but a lot of our friends'," she said. "And I really felt like I needed to be an advocate for everybody."

She went to state regulators, who set up a meeting with eBay. She said eBay was unaware of the practice but committed to ending it. EBay responded to an interview request by referring to its site, which says that it doesn't allow any container with alcohol, even if it's considered collectible.

While brewers and states might not have the resources to police illegal sales online, beer lovers are doing their part.

"We have a lot of consumers out there that really care about our brewery as well as many other breweries, and they're really kind of our ambassadors, if you will," Cilurzo said. "And they'll notify us if they see something strange online."



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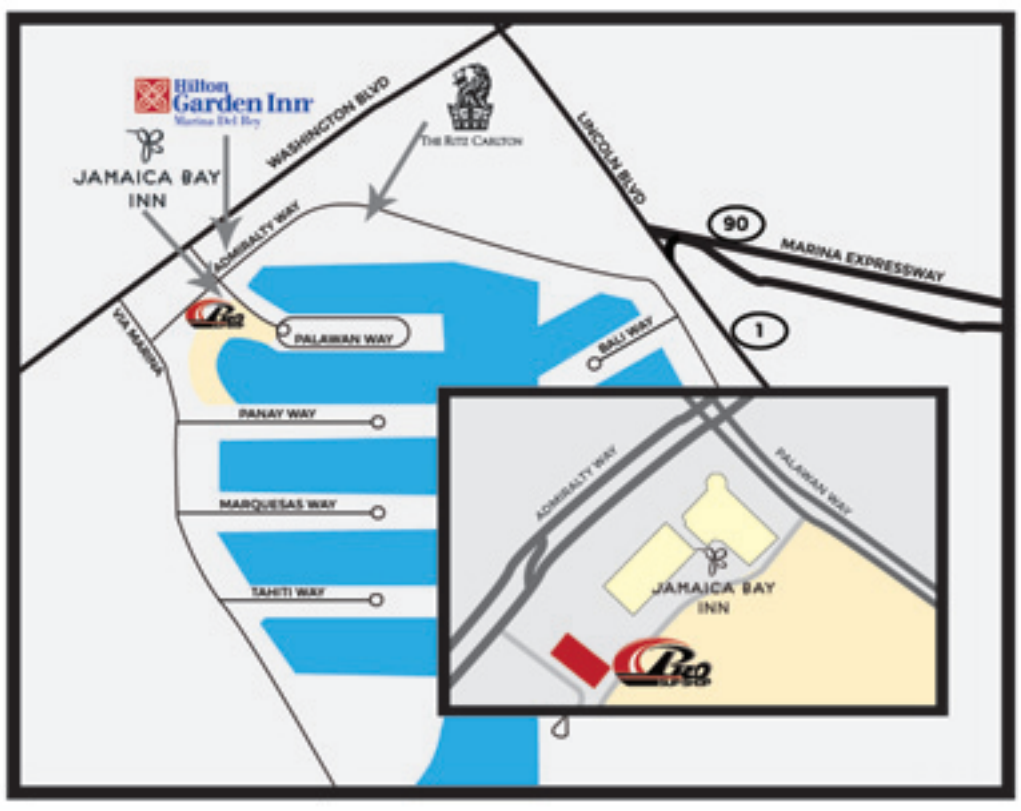


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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 13

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	C	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	C	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	C	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
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 DBW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	D	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	B

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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Defending champion Spain gets repeat of 2010 final

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AP Sports Writer

COSTA DO SAUIPE, Brazil One of the worst finals in World Cup history — Spain vs. the Netherlands — will be reprised in one of the first games of the 2014 edition.

Friday's draw proved kind for host nation Brazil.

It also put three former winners — Italy, Uruguay and England — together in one daunting group.

The United States drew one of the shortest straws. Its game schedule will send Jurgen Klinsmann's team pinging around on a 9,000-mile trip across the world's fifth-largest country.

Having only squeezed into the tournament via a playoff, 1998 winner France could hardly believe its luck, drawing a manageable group of Switzerland, Ecuador, and Honduras.

Two-time champ Argentina first plays Bosnia-Herzegovina, the only World Cup newcomer among the 32 teams. After that game in Rio de Janeiro, four-time world player of the year Lionel Messi and his teammates play Iran and Nigeria. In six previous World Cup encounters, Nigeria has beaten Argentina just once.

Argentina will be heavily favored to win Group F. If so, it could play Switzerland or France in its first knockout game.

Defending champion Spain and the Netherlands, a three-time finalist, open against each other on June 13. Hopefully, it won't be a repeat of the horror show that was the 2010 final, when referee Howard Webb showed a record 14 yellow cards. The Netherlands was blamed for most of the dirty play.

"The history of the final is also a challenge to do it better," Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal said.

The second-place team in Group B, which also includes Chile and Australia, is likely to meet Brazil in the first knockout game.

Spain coach Vincent del Bosque warned against underestimating Chile: "Their style of play is very impressive, they make it very uncomfortable for opponents."

England's first match will be in the heat and humidity of the Amazon basin, which coach Roy Hodgson was anxious to avoid. That night game in the Amazon city of Manaus pits the 1966 champion against Italy, a four-time winner.

Both will have to play their best to advance from Group D, which includes 2010 semifinalist and two-time champion Uruguay and Costa Rica.

"In Italy and Uruguay it's almost as though we have got two number one seeds in our group," Hodgson said.

England could also face hostility from the crowd in Manaus, after Hodgson voiced concerns about the climate. The mayor took offense, saying before the draw: "We hope to get a better team and a coach who is more sensible and polite."

Brazil kicks off its campaign for a sixth World Cup title with the opening match on June 12 against Croatia. That could be a daunting experience for the Croats. Full-throated support from home fans helped lift Brazil at the Confederations Cup warm-up tournament in June, where it beat world champion Spain in the final.

In Group A, the home team also plays Mexico, which had to beat New Zealand in a playoff to qualify. Brazil's last match is against Cameroon, which has only advanced once from the group stage in six appearances.

Some teams were lucky, not only to miss the toughest opponents, but also to avoid long trips and the hottest venues.

France coach Didier Deschamps was thrilled that his team plays its games in Rio and Porto Alegre in the south and Salvador on the Atlantic coast. That good fortune favors France's chances of reaching the knockout stage, perhaps with Switzerland, the seeded team in their Group E.

"We won't play in the northern regions, where the temperatures and the level of humidity are very high and the distances are very long. We stay more or less in the same area, which is not too far from our training camp. It's rather good news," said Deschamps.

Colombia, which will have one of the tournament's potential stars in striker Radamel Falcao, got one of the weakest groups with Greece, the Ivory Coast and Japan.

Topping that Group C would then see Colombia play the second-best team in Group D, where Uruguay striker Luis Suarez, who cannot stop scoring for his club Liverpool, will be expected to shine.

Belgium, one of seven seeded teams in the draw, has a great chance to advance from Group H. With some of Europe's most exciting young players, Belgium first takes on Algeria, which has never moved beyond the group stage in three previous appearances.

Coach Marc Wilmots' team will also play 2018 World Cup host Russia and South Korea, a semifinalist in 2002. If Belgium tops that group it would then play the second-placed team from Group G. That is likely to be Portugal, Ghana or the United States, whichever team finishes behind Germany, a favorite in the monthlong tournament

Germany first plays Portugal, with superstar Cristiano Ronaldo. Germany's last group game is against the United States, which will be particularly memorable for its coach, Klinsmann. He won the 1990 World Cup as a forward for Germany and coached his country to the semifinal in 2006.

"I kind of had in my stomach that we were going to get Germany," said Klinsmann. "Obviously it's one of the most difficult groups in the whole draw, having Portugal with Cristiano Ronaldo and then Ghana, who has a history with the United States. It couldn't get any more difficult or any bigger."

"But that's what a World Cup is about. It's a real challenge. And we'll take it. We'll take it on, and hopefully we're going to surprise some people there."

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Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 7:50pm

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11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:50pm, 10:45pm

Oldboy (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 7:00pm

Black Nativity (PG) 1hr 32min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:45pm

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Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
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9:45pm

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1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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11:00am

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GO ALONG WITH A FRIEND'S REQUEST, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ At some point today, you will want to join a friend for some fun, whether it's a tree-decorating party or simply coming up with gift ideas for a difficult person. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take a stand. You will want to finish a project before you relax. For some of you, this responsibility could involve an older friend or relative. For others, it might involve work from your job. Tonight: Avoid lecturing someone, even if you are dying to speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make phone calls to loved ones at a distance. You might want to discuss their gift preferences, as you are not with them every day. On the other hand, they might prefer getting together for a visit. Tonight: Get tickets to a holiday concert, or buy a Christmas CD.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner might be controlling. You could experience some uproar on the homefront, which might just be dragging in the tree to decorate it. Make an effort to allow others to have their say. You tend to dominate family matters. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to be more convivial and go along with others' wishes. Make time for just you and the apple of your eye. Feelings flow, whether you're under mistletoe or just relaxing at home together. Tonight: Go along with a friend's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Learn to juggle your busy schedule. Avoid doing any impulse shopping. If you do, hold on to the receipts, just in case you change your mind. Go for a walk, get into the mood of the season, but avoid the stores. Center yourself. Tonight: Complete a project at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Mars enters your sign and creates a likelihood that diplomacy will fly out of the window in the next few weeks. You are likely to express your feelings, which could shock some people who think they know you. Tonight: Very playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might choose to suppress your feelings in order to maintain a more even-tempered mood. Understand what is happening between you and someone else. Be careful, as holding in hurt feelings could turn you into a volcano when you finally let go. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are likely to say and do what you want. Don't be surprised if a close friend turns your day upside down with plans that he or she has for you. Why have words when you could choose to be flattered? Clear out an errand or two if possible. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You easily could wonder what is going on with an older friend, relative or someone you have put on a pedestal. You might see how much this person is passionate about the holidays, as he or she barks out orders. Be polite. Tonight: Treat a close loved one to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Someone at a distance will reach out to you and demonstrate his or her caring. You might beam from ear to ear, which could draw others to you. Tonight: Find your friends for a little fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Know that you might need some time just for yourself. Explaining that to a loved one could take talent, but know that it is necessary. Take some time to clear up a problem. Tonight: Lie low.

Weekend Edition, December 7-8, 2013

This year you will go with the flow of the moment more easily than you have in the recent past. You could become involved in a cause of some sort. You often will spend time with friends and associates. If you are single, you easily might meet someone through this activity; however, you are unlikely to get involved in a major relationship before summer. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company, but you also love being with your friends. You often are seen smiling together. AQUARIUS knows how to turn boring into exciting.

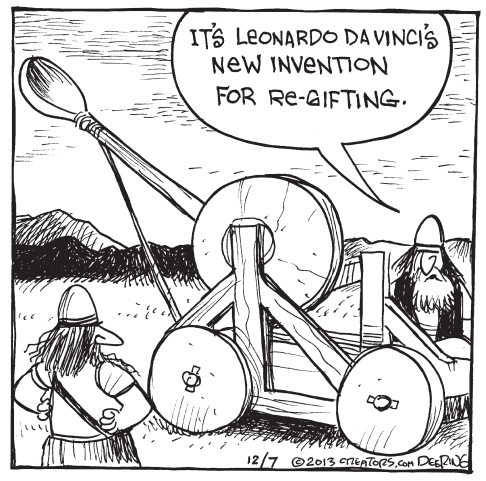
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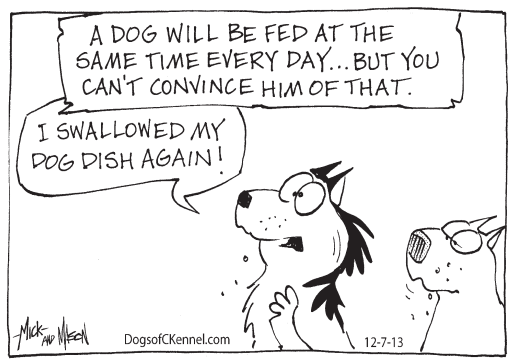


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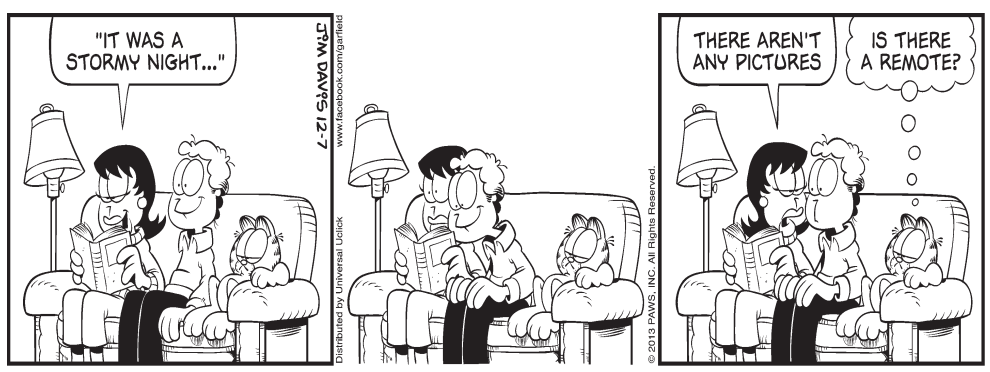


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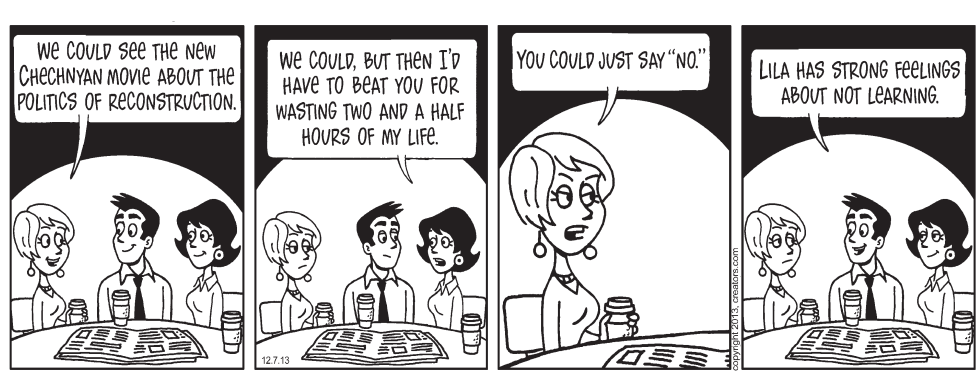




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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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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

3	7	8	5	1	4	2	6	9
5	2	9	3	7	6	8	4	1
4	6	1	9	2	8	5	7	3
1	4	5	2	8	9	6	3	7
6	8	3	1	5	7	9	2	4
2	9	7	4	6	3	1	8	5
7	3	2	8	9	5	4	1	6
8	5	4	6	3	1	7	9	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 One of a bear trio
5 Bud's place
9 Big to-do
10 Squashed circles
12 Fancy neckwear
13 Roofed patio
14 Generous virtue
16 Family
17 Great weight
18 Flying high
20 Be short with
22 Wallet bills
23 Concluded
25 Mystique
28 Beginnings
32 Trapper's job
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35 Model buy
36 Very hot
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40 Silly one
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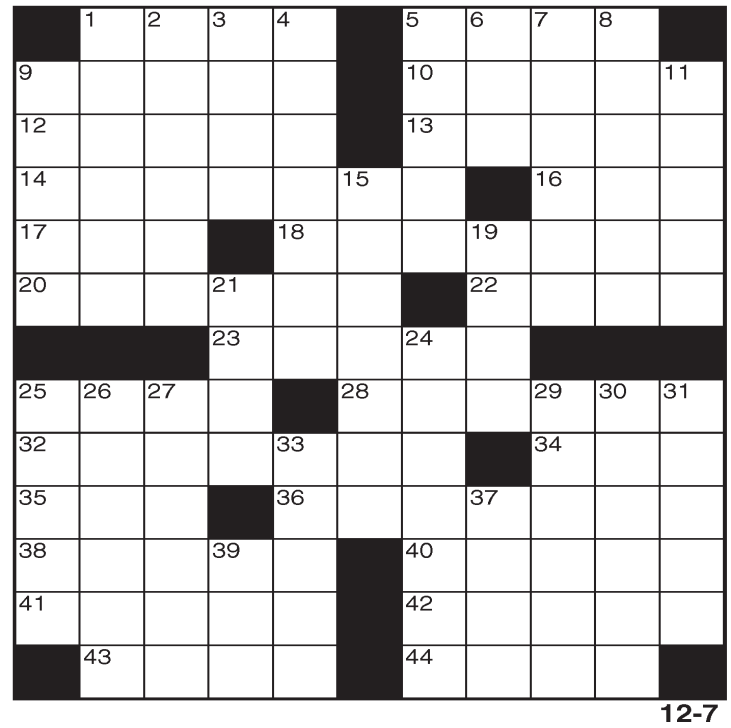
DOWN

1 Try to budge
2 Secret stuff
3 Penniless
4 Skilled worker
5 Russian river
6 One of Frank's wives
7 Registered
8 Broadway's Stritch
9 Forgoes food
11 Spills the beans
15 Contrary to good manners
19 Reactor parts
21 Brandy base
24 Hires
25 Invited
26 Cohesive
27 Prefer to
29 George and T.S.
30 Past and future
31 Rocker Bob
33 Key
37 Columnist Barrett
39 Historic stretch

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Marvels of Science: The notorious white separatist Craig Cobb is currently soliciting like-skinned people to move to his tiny town of Leith, N.D. (pop. 16), to create a deluxe Caucasian enclave, but at the urging of a black TV host submitted to a DNA test in November to "prove" his lineage -- and turned up 14 percent black ("Sub-Saharan African"). He has vowed to try other DNA tests before confirming those results. Bobby Harper, previously Leith's only black resident, was gleeful: "I knew there was one other black person in town." (In mid-November, Cobb was charged, along with an associate, with seven counts of terrorism for walking menacingly through Leith wielding a long gun.)

■ When Franco Scaramuzza witnessed two men pepper-spraying a couple in a shopping center parking lot in Nashville, Tenn., in September, he bravely responded in the only way he knew. Scaramuzza, who teaches the art of fencing, drew his fencing sword ("epee") and challenged the men. With his epee held high and aimed, and chanting fencing-type yells, he charged at the men. As he said later, "They completely panicked and dropped everything ... and really took off." Michael Butt and Zachary Johnson were arrested nearby and charged with robbery.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1971 - Pakistan President Yahya Khan announces the formation of a Coalition Government at Centre with Nurul Amin as Prime Minister and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto as Vice-Prime Minister.

1972 - Apollo 17, the last Apollo moon mission, is launched. The crew takes the photograph known as The Blue Marble as they leave the Earth.

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