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City Council to consider new fire truck in final 2013 consent

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL In the final consent agenda of the year, City Council will consider spending $964,215 at tonight's meeting, mostly on a new firetruck.

They'll likely drop $720,000 on the new rescue vehicle for the Santa Monica Fire Department. This truck will replace one that's been in operation since 1994 and "is reaching the end of its useful life," city officials said.

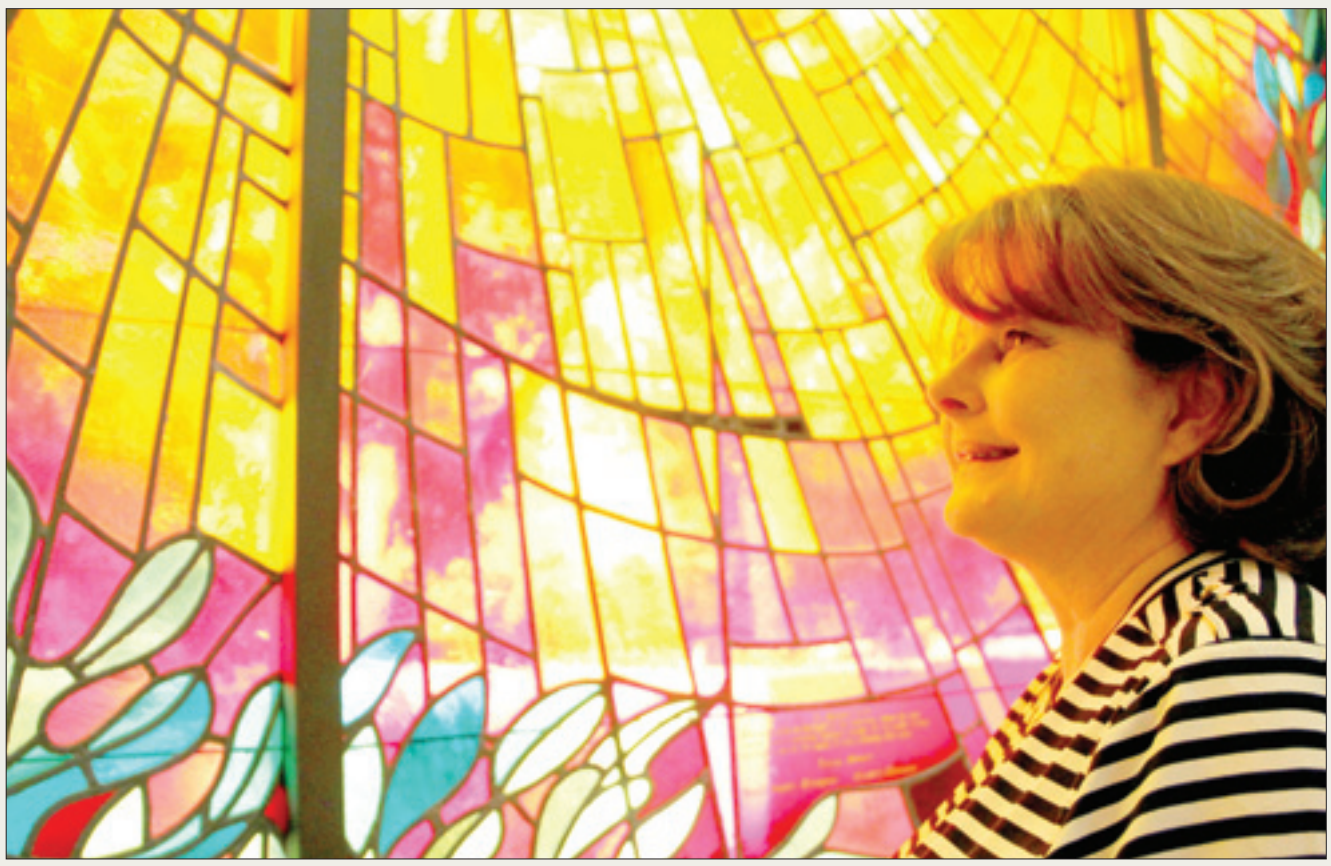
The truck will have a high-pressure, high-capacity air compressor to fill fire fighter air bottles. It also supplies air to confined spaces where fire is being fought.

It will have an aluminum body, which makes it more durable in the long run, city officials said. City Hall sent out requests for proposals twice but only received one bid, from the Emergency Vehicle Group, Inc., which will likely win the contract.

MORE ASBESTOS

There's more asbestos in city buildings than originally thought. Council will likely add $100,000 to its contract with Castlerock Environmental for the removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials. Carpet, flooring and HVAC equipment replace-

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SO COLORFUL: Woodlawn Cemetery boss Cindy Tomlinson stands in front of a stained glass window at the facility.

New cemetery administrator has Woodlawn in the black

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

WOODLAWN CEMETERY When Cindy Tomlinson was named Woodlawn Cemetery administrator — "acting" last August, "permanent" this August — at Woodlawn she took charge of more than 60,000 people. Fortunately, most of them are dead.

Tomlinson is the first woman to run the public cemetery — some staff members call her "the First Lady" — and she's also, more notably in today's age, the first administrator to make it profitable for City Hall, she said.

Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary, and Mausoleum are publicly owned but are not a part of City Hall's General Fund, she said. Last year was the first in recent

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Covered California has backlog of 25,000 requests

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's health insurance exchange said Monday that it has a backlog of 25,000 paper applications that must be processed by Dec. 23 for the applicants to get health insurance starting in the new year, a daunting process that threatens to leave some people who applied for insurance weeks ago without coverage.

The applications came from individuals, insurance agents and health exchange agents who were unable to access the online portal in the first few days after the exchange opened on Oct. 1, said Roy Kennedy, a spokesman for Covered California, the agency that runs the health exchange. He said the agency has been working to process the applications since then.

"We've added additional staff and redirected existing staff to input all the paper applications, so we believe that everyone who properly filled out the application, they will have health insurance on Jan. 1," Kennedy said.

But for people who enrolled through an insurance agent, those workers are only entering basic information such as the applicants' names and the names of the insurance agents, said Neil Crosby, a spokesman for the California Association of Health Underwriters. He said agents are now being alerted to check the Covered California site several times a day to see whether any of their clients' applications need to be added.

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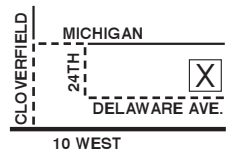


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Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Stories for the holidays
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Sleigh or ice skate on down to the Ocean Park Library and join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for some stories celebrating the winter season. Ages 3-7. Tickets free. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Holidays for pets
Santa Monica Place
Central Plaza,
5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Bring your furry friends to Santa Monica Place this holiday season for a special pet photo opportunity with Santa Claus. The mall invites guests' four-legged friends to "sit" for a photo with Santa. Kids, cats, dogs — all (non exotic pets) are welcome! Photos are available for purchase in individual photo cards or packets. Call (310) 260-8333 for more information.

Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will discuss a major development planned for the corner of Arizona Avenue and Fifth Street. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013

So fresh
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Lace 'em up
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Hit the rink at ICE at Santa Monica, a popular holiday attraction. For more information, call (310) 461-8333.

Peace of mind
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6 p.m.
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Miss. AG: Google still not effectively fighting crime

JEFF AMY
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood is again asking Google to do more to prevent people from using the search engine to find illegal drugs and pirated videos, music and games.

Hood, as chairman of the intellectual property committee of the National Association of Attorneys General, has dogged the Internet giant for most of 2013. He said Google does not adequately respond to his concerns, and he hasn't ruled out suing the company.

Google, based in Mountain View, Calif., says it's combating the problems Hood is worried about.

"Our users care deeply about their safety and security — and so does Google," spokesman Aaron Stein said. "It's why we've invested tens of millions of dollars in cutting edge technology to fight bad actors online."

Hood, though, said Google continues to refuse meaningful talks with him and other attorneys general.

In a Nov. 27 letter to Kent Walker, Google's general counsel, Hood said the online search and advertising giant is falsely claiming that changes are technically impossible.

"Although Google claims to be interested in cooperating with state attorneys general, it is unwilling to take basic actions to make the Internet safe from unlawful and predatory conduct, and it has refuse to modify its own behavior that facilitates and profits from unlawful conduct," Hood wrote.

The letter came after Hood, a Democrat, tried to persuade Google to meet with the attorneys general association last week in New Orleans.

"In my 10 years as attorney general, I have dealt with a lot of large corporate wrongdoers," Hood wrote. "I must say that yours is the first I have encountered to have no corporate conscience for the safety of its customers, the viability of its fellow corporations or the negative economic impact on the nation which has allowed your company to flourish."

Hood and other attorneys general raised

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Courtesy 'World of Warcraft'

WATCH OUT: 'World of Warcraft' is just one of the games that American and British intelligence operatives are following.

Report: NSA spying on virtual worlds, online games

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON American and British intelligence operations have been spying on gamers across the world, media outlets reported, saying that the world's most powerful espionage agencies sent undercover agents into virtual universes to monitor activity in online fantasy games such as "World of Warcraft."

Stories carried Monday by The New York Times, the Guardian, and ProPublica said U.S. and U.K. spies have spent years trawling online games for terrorists or informants. The stories, based on documents leaked by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, offer an unusual take on America's world-spanning surveillance campaign, suggesting that even the fantasy worlds popular with children, teens, and escapists of all ages aren't beyond the attention of the NSA and its British counterpart, GCHQ.

Virtual universes like "World of Warcraft" can be massively popular, drawing in millions of players who log months' worth of real-world time competing with other players for online glory, virtual treasure, and magical loot. At its height, "World of Warcraft" boasted some 12 million paying subscribers, more than the population of Greece. Other virtual worlds, like Linden Labs' "Second Life" or the various games hosted by Microsoft's Xbox — home to the popular science fiction-themed shoot-em-up "Halo" — host millions more.

Spy agencies have long worried that such games serve as a good cover for terrorists or other evildoers who could use in-game messaging systems to swap information. In one of the documents cited Monday by media outlets, the NSA warned that the games could give intelligence targets a place to "hide in plain sight."

Linden Labs and Microsoft Inc. did not immediately return messages seeking comment. In a statement, Blizzard Entertainment said that it is "unaware of any surveillance taking place. If it was, it would have been done without our knowledge or permission."

Microsoft issued a similar statement, saying it is "not aware of any surveillance activity. If it has occurred as reported, it certainly wasn't done with our consent."

The 82-page-document, published on The New York Times' website, also noted that opponents could use video games to recruit other users or carry out virtual weapons training — pointing to the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers as examples of terrorists who had used flight simulation software to hone their skills.

Important details — such as how the agencies secured access to gamers' data, how many players' information was compromised, or whether Americans were swept up in the spying — were not clear, the Times and ProPublica said, but the reports point to a determined effort to infiltrate a world many people associate with adolescents and shut-ins.

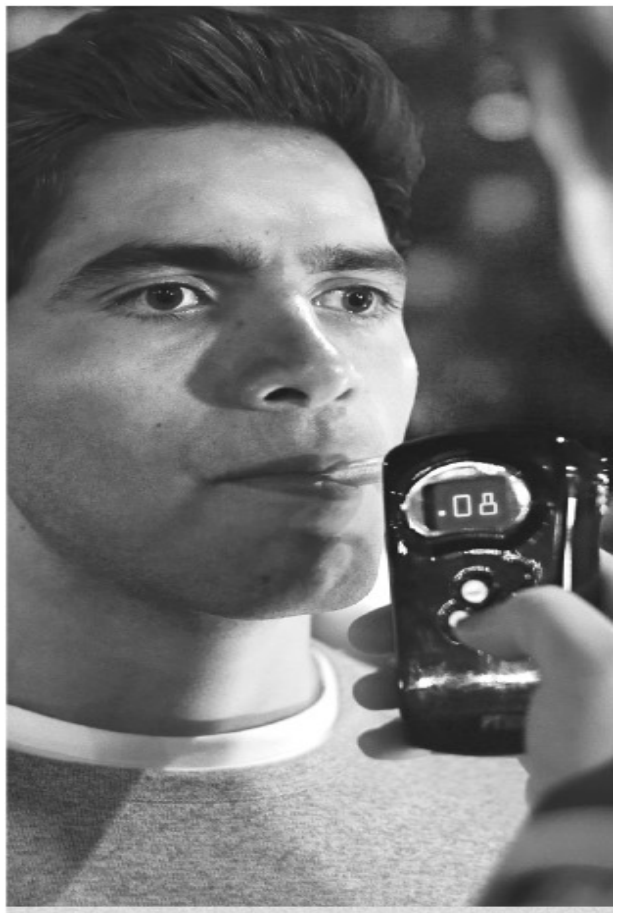
At the request of GCHQ, the NSA began extracting "World of Warcraft" data from its global intelligence haul, trying to tie specific accounts and characters to Islamic extremism and arms dealing efforts, the Guardian reported. Intelligence on the fantasy world could eventually translate to real-world espionage success, one of the documents suggested, noting that "World of Warcraft" subscribers included "telecom engineers, embassy drivers, scientists, the military and other intelligence agencies."

"World of Warcraft" wasn't the only target. Another memo noted that GCHQ had "successfully been able to get the discussions between different game players on Xbox Live." Meanwhile, so many U.S. spies were roaming around "Second Life" that a special "deconfliction" unit was set up to prevent them from stepping on each other's toes.

Blizzard Entertainment is part of Santa Monica, Calif.-based Activision Blizzard Inc.



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Parallel conversations: Time versus money

THERE ARE TWO PARALLEL CONVERSATIONS going on in Santa Monica. One is between developers, their attorneys, architects, public relation firms, lobbyists, city staff and certain members of the City Council.

The other is between residents, individually and in groups.

The first conversation is about money — making lots of money, maximizing development to maximize return, creating a larger tax base for the city.

The second conversation is about time. To residents, time is very precious because it's non-renewable. It can't be bought. It can't be borrowed or stretched or replaced. It's our most important non-renewable resource. We get 24 hours a day. The way we spend it determines the quality of our lives.

The hour you're forced to spend in gridlock today can never be replaced. The opportunity for spending that hour pleasantly is gone. The 20 minutes you spend looking for a parking place is gone. The 10 minutes it takes you to back out of your driveway is time gone. And if it's daily, that lost time adds up into days and weeks.

Traffic becomes a robber that steals pieces of your life. It causes frustration, anger, and sometimes serious results — as when you watch a beloved pet die because you can't reach the vet in time to save it; or if you're a doctor who can't get to UCLA in time for a professional meeting; or gridlocked traffic on the way home from Little League means dinner will be late for the whole family; or when you're transporting someone in pain to a hospital and the traffic is inching. Residents care very much about time.

If you evaluate in dollars, try determining what your time is worth per hour, then value in dollars what it costs you if you're forced to sit in gridlock. Maybe you'll start to understand why residents are so angry over the outrageous development being crammed down their throats while their concerns are ignored and belittled.

City staff has produced a sky-high stack of documents in service of facilitating the developers. A new general plan, new specific plans, new zoning ordinances, a slew of development agreements, all adding up to thousands of pages. Residents spend countless hours reading these, but they can't keep up. They go to the City Council and speak, often 90 or 100 of them at a single council meeting. Their presentations are excellent, well researched, yet routinely ignored.

Meanwhile, lobbyists sit in the back of the council chambers and communicate with city staff and certain council members by texting. I've seen one of the Planning Department stalwart's pass the cell phone around so all the assembled staff could read it. I also notice certain council members sit through public comment totally uninterested, then pull out a pre-written motion during discussion. I'm guessing that the pre-written motion was written by a lobbyist who is carefully orchestrating the discussion from the back of council chambers.

This is a rigged game. Rigged by developer money given in support of certain council members. Rigged by the mutual understanding of mutual benefit between city staff and the developer community. Rigged by the disproportionate time allotment between staff, developers, and residents. The game is to cajole, placate, ignore, manipulate, and nullify residents' anger and concerns.

Developers and fellow travelers present sleek, attractive drawings that enhance the "benefits" they're selling with practiced language that avoids the negatives and sells the benefits in honeyed tones and hypnotic voices. The unvarnished truth is not expressed or welcomed. Instead, a parade of toned down "Elmer Gantry" types use every focus group phrase ever invented to sell the project.

The city held a meeting in the east wing of the Civic Center to allow residents to comment on the Downtown Specific Plan before it was finalized. There was an open mic, no time limit. It was scheduled for two and one half hours. It actually went on for four and a half hours. The residents' rage in that room was stunning, continuous and almost unanimous.

But nothing changed.

The city staff and developer reports and City Council comments remind me of the investment banking stars who sold brokers their deals. Toned down arrogance, selling skills so well honed you hardly noticed how many times your intelligence was insulted. But there are phrases they all used, like an in-house language. One phrase common in Santa Monica is "traffic is a regional problem. It started back in the 1960s." The silent subtext is, "We can't do anything about it: therefore, we can stuff as many cars onto our streets as the developers need. Traffic is a regional problem."

Truth is ... in l991 when I moved my business, and in l994 my residence, to Santa Monica, there were no traffic problems.

They started Downtown when the city built the transit mall. Previously you'd drive off the freeway at Fifth Street into a one-way street traveling north. Broadway, Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street were four lane streets. Traffic in Downtown flowed easily.

Then the city made Fifth Street two-way and removed the middle lane from traffic bearing. They removed traffic lanes from Broadway, Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street. Traffic problems started in the Bergamot area with the construction of the Water Garden and Yahoo Center. Santa Monica's traffic problems are recent, self-created and have increased with recent construction. The traffic management programs have far too many loopholes to be effective.

The residents have listed traffic as their No. 1 concern for about 10 years. A city with a conscience would see that as a problem to solve and would responsibly limit development to avoid exacerbating its number one problem.

But that would be inconvenient for developers and the city seeking maximum dollar returns. So "traffic" is filed under "oh well" and dismissed with the mythical, "It's a regional problem."

As the anger rises, keep in mind that all development agreements are subject to referendums. Will we care if the developers are upset? More likely, we'll dance in the streets.

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My favorite elf

SCOTTY CLAUS IS IN TOWN! HE'S MY favorite Christmas tree rental elf.

OK, he's the ONLY Christmas tree rental elf, but still, he's awesome. I met him three years ago at the Santa Monica Farmer's Market. There he was, devilishly handsome in his 5-foot-long Santa hat, hawking this new idea of renting a Christmas tree.

The trees are living. They're delivered in pots, and after the holidays the Living Christmas Tree company (www.livingchristmas.com) will come and pick them up, to be cared for throughout the next year, when they'll be rented out again. It's a genius, eco-friendly solution.

The process makes it easy for busy people who want to be able to have a tree, but not the waste. By having an online portal for people to go on, pick out their tree, have it delivered, and then picked up in three weeks or so, the company is serving many needs, not the least of which is the veterans that are hired throughout the year.

Three years ago when I visited Scotty at a South Bay refinery where he rents space to grow his trees above ground, the company was doing well and I thought it was a great idea. I should have invested.

It is a great idea, and it got him on the "Shark Tank" reality show. But getting on "Shark Tank" is only half the problem, you have to convince someone to invest in you. Scotty is a very good marketer. He's a natural charmer and he lives the part. So when he was competing, it was no great surprise to see that NBA team owner Mark Cuban wanted to become a partner with him so that the company can grow beyond where it is now.

I found this out, when two weeks ago the Los Angeles Business Journal arrives and there on the cover is Scotty Claus standing next to a tree with a big bold headline. Seeing his success makes me very happy. His company is a role model of corporate wellness. They have a strong non-profit partnership program to help with the community. The website lists many community partners and the product actually helps the environment. Scotty says, "Yes, it's saving a tree, but it's more than that. Community is part of your environment, too."

How can you not love this guy?

So I reached out to him to do an update. Luckily he was going to be installing a tree at the Fairmont Miramar hotel just in time for the Fairmont's food drive that benefits the Westside Food Bank, and for the holiday season.

The Fairmont is going to be home to the latest branch of Vilebrequin. The high-end swim and beach wear clothing retailer with



SCOTTY CLAUS

stores across the globe in all the hippest vacation spots is opening here.

To celebrate the holiday season, they created a polar bear themed short which thankfully for me, Scotty Claus was modeling on Saturday when I took the above picture. The Christmas tree is decorated with children's shorts in the polar bear theme, and white porcelain polar bears that will be given to guests of the hotel at turndown in place of the traditional chocolates.

The whole event showed how high-end retail and hospitality can work together to do good for the larger community. The Living Christmas Tree Company provides an example of how a company can serve the twin goals of profit for owners, and benefits to the planet. The Fairmont was using the launching of a new retailer in their hotel to get publicity for their food drive for the Westside Food Bank.

I'm happy to know Scotty Claus and appreciate the success of the Living Christmas Tree Company, for he gives me hope and brings the message of the season into all our lives.

It really is possible to do well and do good.

Happy holidays to all.

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The Q Line

When the train comes ...

A recent Daily Press article found that the Expo Light Rail Line hasn't brought any significant changes to traffic or crime to Culver City, which had its portion of the line come into town a year and a half ago.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think Expo is going to bring negative impacts to Santa Monica or is it the fix to local traffic problems that many are promising?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.



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18 L.A. sheriff's deputies face federal charges

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Federal officials on Monday unsealed five criminal cases filed against 18 current and former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies as part of an FBI investigation into allegations of civil rights abuses and corruption in the nation's largest jail system.

The charges were announced at a press conference after 16 of 18 defendants were arrested earlier in the day. They were expected to be arraigned later in U.S. District Court.

"These incidents did not take place in a vacuum — in fact, they demonstrated behavior that had become institutionalized," said U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte Jr. "The pattern of activity alleged in the obstruction of justice case shows how some members of the Sheriff's Department considered themselves to be above the law."

Four grand jury indictments and a criminal complaint allege unjustified beatings of jail inmates and visitors at downtown Los Angeles jail facilities, unjustified detentions and a conspiracy to obstruct a federal investigation into misconduct at the Men's Central Jail.

The FBI has been investigating allegations of excessive force and other misconduct at the county's jails since at least 2011. The official said the arrests were related to the abuse of individuals in the jail system and also allegations that sheriff's officials moved an FBI informant in the jails possibly to thwart their probe.

Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Whitmore referred calls to the FBI. He said Sheriff Lee Baca would provide a comment later Monday afternoon.

"We've cooperated fully with the FBI in their investigation and we'll continue to do so," Whitmore said.

One federal indictment filed Nov. 20 named seven deputies charged with conspiracy and obstruction of justice. It is unclear from the indictment whether they are currently employed by the department.

Among those charged with conspiracy and obstruction of justice in the 18-page indictment are two lieutenants, one of whom oversaw the department's safe jails program and another who investigated allegations of local crimes committed by sheriff's personnel, two sergeants and three deputies.

All seven are accused of trying to prevent the FBI from contacting or interviewing an inmate who was helping federal agents in a corruption and civil rights probe. One of the investigations involved trying to see if a deputy would accept a bribe to provide the inmate with a cell phone, court documents show.

The indictment alleges the inmate was moved to hide him and false entries were made in the sheriff's databases to make it appear as if he had been released.

In an attempt to find out more information about the investigation, one lieutenant and the two sergeants sought a court order to compel the FBI to provide documents, prosecutors said. When a state judge denied the proposed order, the two sergeants allegedly attempted to intimidate one of the lead FBI agents outside her house and falsely told her they were going to seek a warrant for her arrest, the indictment said.

Baca has acknowledged mistakes to a county commission reviewing reports of brutality, but he has also defended his department and distanced himself personally from the allegations.

He said he's made improvements including creating a database to track inmate complaints. Baca has also hired a new head of custody and rearranged his command staff.

Retired sheriff's Cmdr. Bob Olmsted, who is challenging Baca for the voter-elected position of sheriff in 2014, said in a statement Monday that the arrests "underscore the high level of corruption that has plagued the Sheriff's Department."

He said as a commander he tried "several times" to notify the sheriff and his command staff about "ongoing abuses and misconduct" in Men's Central Jail, but his "concerns fell on deaf ears."

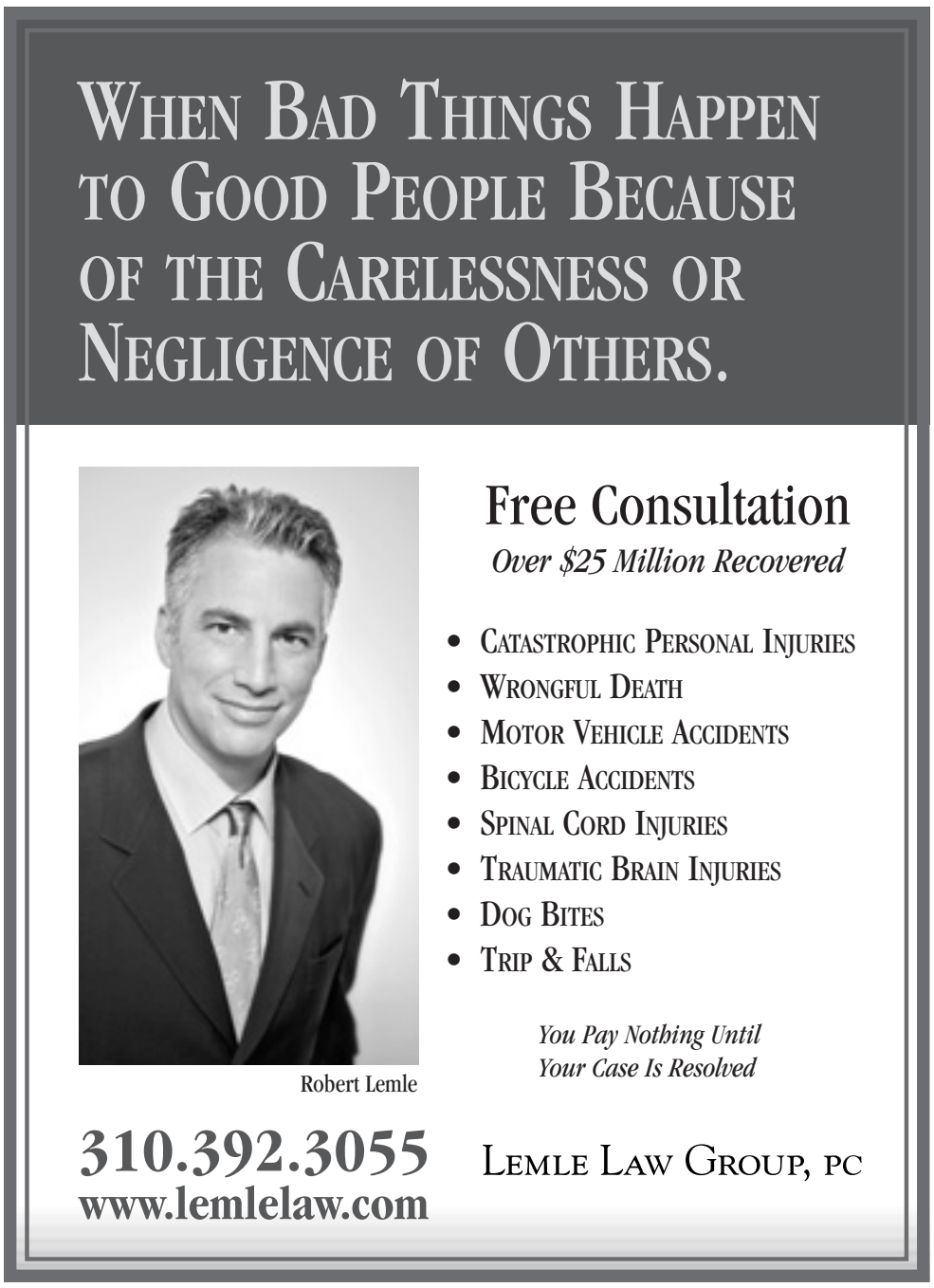
"I knew I had to act, and as a result, I notified the FBI of the department's culture and acceptance of excessive force, inmate abuse, sheriff's gangs, and corruption," Olmsted said.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the Sheriff's Department in 2012 claiming the sheriff and his top commanders had condoned violence against inmates. The organization released a report documenting more than 70 cases of misconduct by deputies.

Last month the county announced the appointment of veteran Los Angeles County prosecutor Max Huntsman to head a new office of inspector general that will oversee the Sheriff's Department.

The county's jails held more than 18,700 inmates as of Monday.







Study: Erratic TV violence ratings fail parent trust

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES Violent dramas on the broadcast networks carry milder parental cautions than cable shows like "The Walking Dead" but can equal them in graphic gore, a failure of the TV ratings system, a new study found.

Scenes of stabbings, shootings, rape, decapitation and mutilation invariably received a TV-14 "parents strongly cautioned" rating on network TV, according to the Parents Television Council study released Monday.

But similar fare on cable typically was given the most stringent label, TV-MA for mature audiences only, researchers for the media watchdog group found.

"There are zero-point-zero series rated TV-MA on broadcast," said the media watchdog council President Tim Winter, despite programs that are awash in violent scenes.

It is vital to examine the media's effect on children and real-world violence, Winter said, adding that he hopes his nonpartisan group's findings are part of a wide-ranging search for solutions.

The study of 14 series during a four-week period found a 6 percent difference in the overall incidence of violence of all types on cable versus broadcast, with 1,482 violent acts on the cable programs and 1,392 on the network series.

Federally regulated broadcasters face sanctions if they cross the line on indecency or expletives but not violence. With competition from unregulated cable and its variously daring series such as "Breaking Bad" and "Masters of Sex," networks have resorted to more mayhem.

Episode ratings are decided by networks and cable channels, similar to how the movie studios' Motion Picture Association of America self-governs by issuing its own movie ratings. The TV Parental Guidelines Monitoring Board, which is composed of TV industry members and public interest advocates, checks for ratings uniformity and responds to public complaints. It received 38 complaints in the past year.

The ratings system "serves as a valuable resource for parents and helps them make responsible viewing decisions based on what is appropriate for their own families. The industry regularly reviews the TV ratings to ensure they continue to be useful to parents," Missi Tessier, spokeswoman for the board's executive secretariat, said in response to the PTC study.

NBC, CBS, Fox and CW did not comment on the study, which did not include any ABC shows.

Under political and social pressure in the mid-1990s, the voluntary system was established by the TV industry to be used with the so-called V-chip that can block shows electronically.

Networks find it financially vital to avoid applying TV-MA ratings, Winters said, which scare off advertisers.

To assess how the ratings are used, the PTC said it analyzed the seven shows each on cable and broadcast TV that had the highest levels of violence. Each show's first four episodes of the 2012-13 season were analyzed.

TV-14 warns that a program may include intense violence, sex or language not suitable for children under 14, while TV-MA is intended for shows that might have indecent language, graphic violence or explicit sexuality, according to the TV Parental Guidelines webpage.

The PTC study defined graphic as "especially vivid, brutal and realistic acts of violence" that are explicitly depicted. Among the network examples cited:

— A bar fight scene on NBC's "Revolution" in which a character wields a sword and a dagger to slash open a man's chest, cut another's neck and stab a third in the chest. The blood-spattered character pulls his sword from the last victim's body.

— CW's "Supernatural," in which a trail of blood leads to the bodies of two priests impaled on a cemetery's wrought-iron fence. Their eyes have been gouged out and blood drips down their faces.

— A woman is tortured in captivity, with an implanted camera sending images of her agony online in an episode of CBS' "Criminal Minds." An FBI agent watches as a hammer is driven into the victim's head.

Depictions of shootings, stabbings and dismemberment were found on cable shows including AMC's "The Walking Dead" and "Breaking Bad" and FX's "Sons of Anarchy." Five of the seven cable shows had TV-MA ratings, with "Walking Dead" eventually switching from TV-14 to MA.

Other broadcast shows in the study included NBC's "The Blacklist," Fox's "Sleepy Hollow," CBS' "CSI" and NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Although administered differently, movie ratings have also been criticism for being soft on violence. A study last month found the number of scenes featuring gun violence in PG-13 movies has come to rival or surpass the rate of such action in R-rated projects.

The PTC's Winter said his group's study, taken together with the movie report, "starts to weave together a fabric that urgently needs a public response."





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He said the association only learned of the backlog last week.

"My guess is a lot of the people who submitted their applications, if not the majority of them, thought that they were enrolled. They're probably booking appointments to get care," Crosby said. "And with a backlog of 25,000 applications, I'm not sure, even if there were thousands of people inputting information, if it could all be done in time to get these people coverage for the Jan. 1 date."

Entering the data takes about 45 minutes per application, Kennedy said.

After that, insurance companies must be notified that their plans have been selected, bill the customers and receive payment by Jan. 1 for coverage to start in the new year, a span that includes Christmas Day, a federal and state holiday.

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ments in City Hall are requiring most of the removal.

Additionally, construction projects at the Ken Edwards Center and facilities at Memorial and Virginia Avenue parks are requiring hazardous material removal.

Only $12,500 has been spent thus far but city officials expect another $104,000 to be spent on the aforementioned projects alone, with more surprise asbestos projects possibly popping up as the fiscal year goes on.

The contract with Castlerock includes a possible extension through 2016 and officials are recommending, if council ends up approving the extra years, that they drop an extra $150,000 into that account for future asbestos removal projects like one at beach restroom No. 24.

RECYCLING BIN REPAIRS

Recycling bins are in need of repair and city officials are recommending that council allot $60,000 for Weldworx, a welding company, to do so. The lives of the metal bins, used for resource recovery and recycling, will be extended through the repairs. The contract includes two, one-year extensions, bringing the potential total to $180,000. Weldworx Inc. was the only bidder.

CLEANER TRUCKS

Santa Monica's street sweepers and trash trucks are going to look dandy after they get $56,000 worth of cleaning from Qualified Mobile, Inc. If council awards them the contract, they will clean the trucks every other week, to avoid "grease and material build-up around the mechanical equipment and underbody."

The contract includes two possible one-year extensions at $60,000 each. The increase is because City Hall expects to get four new vehicles before next year.

Two bids were submitted and city officials are recommending Qualified Mobile because, among other things, it offered the cheapest service.

MORE PICO LIBRARY DESIGN COSTS

The design costs of the Pico Library are close to breaking the $1 million mark. The seventh modification to the agreement with Koning Eizenberg Architects (KEA) would add $28,215 to the project, bringing the total, thus far, to $996,153 for design alone. The original contract was for $882,590.

KEA was only supposed to oversee the project for 12 months, but a change in the projected opening date, from October 2013 to early next year, required a longer contract. The delay is due to "unforeseen conditions and scope changes," city officials said.

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GOOGLE
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concerns earlier this year that Google made it too easy to buy drugs online without a prescription. The online giant took steps to make it harder, for example, disabling auto-complete functions that led people to illegal drug sites.

Google paid $500 million to the federal government in 2011 to settle claims over ads sold to pharmacies that were illegally shipping drugs into the United States. Hood sent a copy of his letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and said in a phone interview last week that he would like the U.S. Justice Department to get involved.

In his letter, Hood demanded that Google:

— Tailor search results to make websites providing illegal goods or services disappear or appear much lower.

— Program its auto-complete function to prevent suggestions related to illegal activity.

— Promote sites authorized to provide content, including possibly giving them an icon in search results.

— Not sell ads to illegal businesses.

The company has said it has worked to combat piracy and illegal drug sales. But it also said it doesn't want to intrude on free expression.

"We do not remove content from search globally except in narrow circumstances, like child pornography, certain links to copyrighted material, spam, malware, and results that contain sensitive personal information like credit card numbers," Rachel Whetstone, Google's vice president of global communications and public affairs, wrote in 2010. "Specifically, we don't want to engage in political censorship."

Hood discounts that claim, noting Google removed Nazi-related content in Germany, where it's illegal. He also said when Google is allowing its autocomplete function to suggest unlawful acts or selling ads to people engaged in criminal behavior, the company can't be shielded by the Communications Decency Act. That law provides protection to Internet providers who publish information provided by others.

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history during which the cemetery administrator didn't need to ask for City Hall subsidies, something she says is a result of good services leading to word-of-mouth advertising. This year, she said, it looks like they will be in the black again.

Tomlinson had no idea that her professional life would lead to a cemetery. She worked as an analyst for the Santa Monica Fire Department for 26 years, under six chiefs. She jumped to the Public Works Department as a senior analyst until her current position opened up last August.

She had to quickly get up to speed on the rules and regulations in the world of death. She got her funeral director's license. Woodlawn is particularly challenging, and valuable to the community, because it has a mortuary, where the body is prepared and casketed. It is the only publicly-owned mortuary in the country, she said.

And the land has the type of charm that only a recently profitable, public cemetery can have, she said.

"You go to a Forest Lawn or a Rose Hills and it's flat and there's not a lot of trees and that's because they want to make money," she said. "This place, the character is just everywhere: Trees, big high stones, low stones, all cultures. We're much less expensive than your traditional cemetery."

The alleged gunman in the mass shooting that occurred earlier this year around the Santa Monica College campus is buried at Woodlawn, as are his father and brother. It was one of Tomlinson's more challenging moments in the past year but, she said, Woodlawn does not exclude anyone.

"I know that we're going to have people come here and probably voice their opinions about it but we're a public cemetery and we're open to everybody," she said.

Tomlinson has had a lot of death in her life, her mother and brother died, and she said it's made her well equipped to run a cemetery.

"Knowing how it feels makes me more conscious and sympathetic toward the families that come through the door," she said. "A lot of them are planning for the first time. This is their first loss. So I'm able to be understanding when someone comes to me and says, 'Mom died.' I can truly look at them and say, 'I understand.'"

Until recently, when they hired someone else to help her, she was on call 24 hours a day. Families have called her from the hospital at 2 a.m., distraught, with a dead relative and no idea what to do next. The personal relationships, she said, are her favorite part of the job.

As Tomlinson was showing off the mausoleum's non-denominational stain-glass windows, Jennifer Candor Ries happens to walk through.

"Hi Cindy!" she says amidst the echoing marble.

"How are you, Jennifer?" Tomlinson responds.

Ries' mother died in September and Woodlawn was one of her only affordable options. Her mother was an artist and Ries wanted to paint her casket. Tomlinson set her up in the maintenance area to paint it.

"It was a first for me," Tomlinson, said laughing.

Ries painted a heart onto her mother's casket.

"It's like family here," Ries said. "I don't know if that would have happened at the other place. It was very sweet (at the other funeral homes she saw) but it was not my mother. It was a little anti-septic for her."

This type of thing happens again and again at Woodlawn, Tomlinson said.

"I get to know so many people, their lives," she said. "They have a service and they'll be showing a slideshow and it's just like wow. So even though I'm dealing with their death, I'm also learning about their life."

The cemetery only has 400 plots left unsold, she said, and they expect those to be gone in the next five years. One of her big jobs is trying to procure more land. She's looking at a stretch on 15th Street from Michigan to Delaware avenues.

As with her career, Tomlinson never expected she'd be drawn to a cemetery after her life either.

"I used to want to be cremated and scattered," she said. "Now I'm not so sure, ever since I've been here. I guess because it's just such a peaceful serene place. Now I'm thinking, maybe I want to be here, buried and resting instead."

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Rising riches: 1 in 5 in U.S. reaches affluence

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WASHINGTON Fully 20 percent of U.S. adults become rich for parts of their lives, wielding extensive influence over America's economy and politics, according to new survey data.

These "new rich," made up largely of older professionals, working married couples and more educated singles, are becoming politically influential, and economists say their capacity to spend is key to the U.S. economic recovery. But their rise is also a sign of the nation's continuing economic polarization.

They extend well beyond the wealthiest 1 percent, a traditional group of super-rich millionaires and billionaires with long-held family assets. The new rich have household income of $250,000 or more at some point during their working lives, putting them — if sometimes temporarily — in the top 2 percent of earners.

The new survey data on the affluent are being published in an upcoming book, and an analysis by The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research provided additional information on the views of the group.

In a country where poverty is at a record high, today's new rich are notable for their sense of economic fragility. They rely on income from their work to maintain their social position and pay for things such as private tutoring for their children. That makes them much more fiscally conservative than other Americans, polling suggests, and less likely to support public programs, such as food stamps or early public education, to help the disadvantaged.

Last week, President Barack Obama asserted that growing inequality is "the defining challenge of our time," signaling that it will be a major theme for Democrats in next year's elections.

"In this country, you don't get anywhere without working hard," said James Lott, 28, a pharmacist in Renton, Wash., who adds to his six-figure salary by day-trading stocks. The son of Nigerian immigrants, Lott says he was able to get ahead by earning an advanced pharmacy degree. He makes nearly $200,000 a year.

After growing up on food stamps, Lott now splurges occasionally on nicer restaurants, Hugo Boss shoes and extended vacations to New Orleans, Atlanta and parts of Latin America. He believes government should play a role in helping the disadvantaged. But he says the poor should be encouraged to support themselves, explaining that his single mother rose out of hardship by starting a day-care business in their home.

The new research suggests that affluent Americans are more numerous than government data depict, encompassing 21 percent of working-age adults for at least a year by the time they turn 60. That proportion has more than doubled since 1979.

Even outside periods of unusual wealth, members of this group generally hover in the $100,000-plus income range, keeping them in the top 20 percent of earners.

At the same time, an increasing polarization of low-wage work and high-skill jobs has left middle-income careers depleted.

"For many in this group, the American dream is not dead. They have reached affluence for parts of their lives and see it as very attainable, even if the dream has become more elusive for everyone else," says Mark Rank, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis, who calculated numbers on the affluent for a forthcoming book, "Chasing the American Dream," to be published by the Oxford University Press.

As the fastest-growing group based on take-home pay, the new rich tend to enjoy better schools, employment and gated communities, making it easier to pass on their privilege to their children.

Because their rising status comes at a time when upward mobility in the U.S. ranks lowest among wealthy industrialized counties, the spending attitudes of the new rich have implications for politics and policy. It's now become even harder for people at the bottom to move up.

The group is more liberal than lower-income groups on issues such as abortion and gay marriage, according to an analysis of General Social Survey data by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. But when it comes to money, their views aren't so open. They're wary of any government role in closing the income gap.

In Gallup polling in October, 60 percent of people making $90,000 or more said average Americans already had "plenty of opportunity" to get ahead. Among those making less than $48,000, the share was 48 percent.

Sometimes referred to by marketers as the "mass affluent," the new rich make up roughly 25 million U.S. households and account for nearly 40 percent of total U.S. consumer spending.

While paychecks shrank for most Americans after the 2007-2009 recession, theirs held steady or edged higher. In 2012, the top 20 percent of U.S. households took home a record 51 percent of the nation's income. The median income of this group is more than $150,000.

Once concentrated in the old-money enclaves of the Northeast, the new rich are now spread across the U.S., mostly in bigger cities and their suburbs. They include Washington, D.C.; Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Seattle. By race, whites are three times more likely to reach affluence than nonwhites.

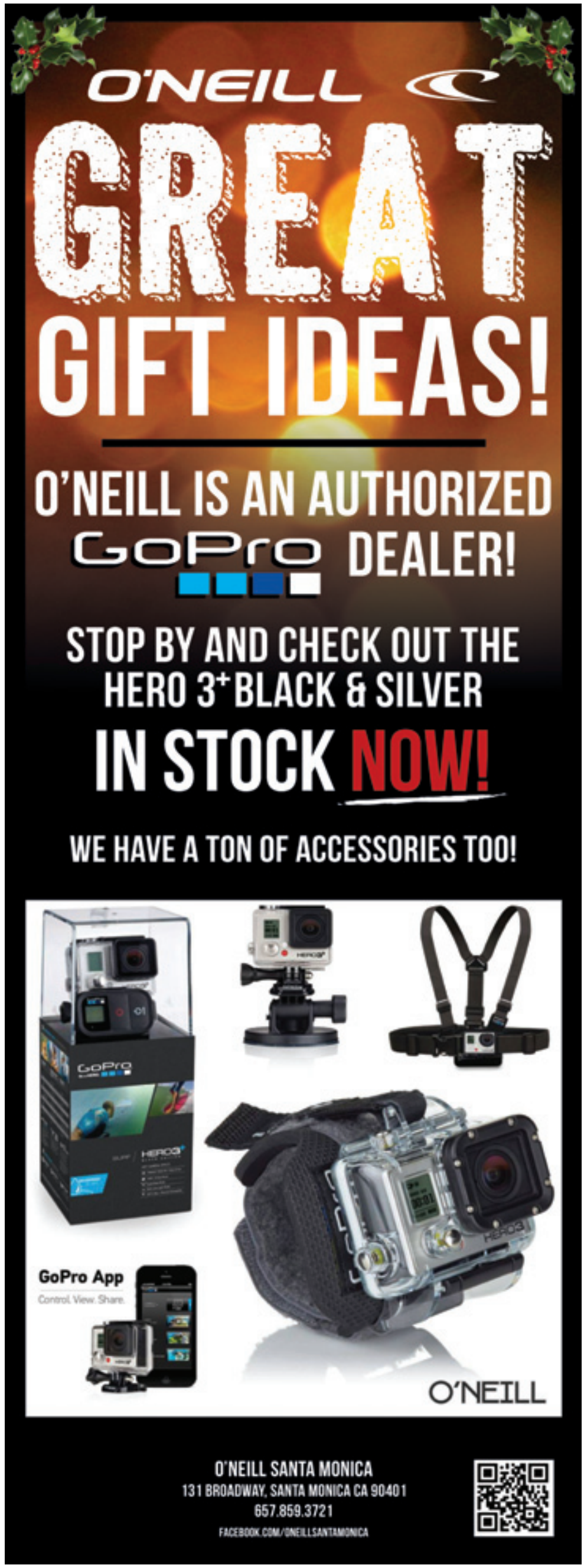
Paul F. Nunes, managing director at Accenture's Institute for High Performance and Research, calls this group "the new power brokers of consumption." Because they spend just 60 percent of their before-tax income, often setting the rest aside for retirement or investing, he says their capacity to spend more will be important to a U.S. economic recovery.

In Miami, developers are betting on a growing luxury market, building higher-end malls featuring Cartier, Armani and Louis Vuitton and hoping to expand on South Florida's Bal Harbour, a favored hideaway of the rich.

"It's not that I don't have money. It's more like I don't have time," said Deborah Sponder, 57, walking her dog Ava recently along Miami's blossoming Design District. She was headed to one of her two art galleries — this one between the Emilio Pucci and Cartier stores and close to the Louis Vuitton and Hermes storefronts.

But Sponder says she doesn't consider her income of $250,000 as upper class, noting that she is paying college tuition for her three children. "Between rent, schooling and everything — it comes in and goes out."

The new rich's influence will only grow as middle-class families below them struggle. The Federal Reserve said Monday that the nation's wealth rose 2.6 percent from July through September to $77.3 trillion.



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TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
WNW-NW swell mix tops out - plus sets for standouts to the west of the region; more favorable winds likely; stay tuned

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
WNW swell mix eases; favorable winds likely; stay tuned

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
WNW swell drops to traces; new SW-SSW swell creeps in

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
NW-WNW swell may rise up; SW-SSW swell fills in a little more; stay tuned

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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8
- Number of wet days -- 9
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 15
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 13

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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+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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

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Torre, La Russa, Cox elected to baseball Hall

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AP Sports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. Joe Torre, Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox spent decades trying to beat each other, no holds barred. On this day, however, they were a mutual admiration society.

And why not? They were going to the Hall of Fame together.

With a combined eight World Series titles and more than 7,500 wins, the managerial trio made it to Cooperstown in results announced Monday. Each was unanimously selected when the 16 voters on the expansion era committee met a day earlier.

"They're not the easiest guys to manage against, that's for sure. But it was fun. It was always a battle," Cox said Monday at the winter meetings. "And I consider them enemies on the field, but friends off the field."

All three exceeded the magic benchmark of 2,000 wins — only Connie Mack and John McGraw have won more.

"Managing against them, you certainly learned things," said Torre, now an executive vice president for Major League Baseball. "I am honored to go into the Hall with these two guys."

Induction ceremonies will be held July 27 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Candidates needed 12 votes for election. No one else on the 12-person ballot that included former players' union head Marvin Miller and late New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner got more than six votes.

Torre became the fifth manager to win four World Series championships, leading the Yankees to titles in 1996 and from 1998-00 — beating Cox's Braves twice. After making only one trip to the playoffs in 14 seasons with the New York Mets, St. Louis and Atlanta, Torre guided the Yankees to the postseason in all 12 of his years in New York with a cool, patient demeanor. His popularity rankled Steinbrenner.

"George Steinbrenner changed my life giving me that opportunity at the end of '95," said Torre, the seventh Yankees manager to be elected to the Hall. "He just wanted to win. He felt he owed it to the city. Maybe, the fact I was a New Yorker, it really struck a nerve with me."

Torre finished his career by leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to two NL West titles in three seasons, retiring after 2010 with a record of 2,326-1,997. He's the only manager to have more than 2,000 hits as a player — he was the 1971 NL MVP — and 2,000 wins in the dugout.

"Joe taught a lot of us about how to win the right way and lose the right way," La Russa said.

The savvy La Russa won World Series titles with Oakland in 1989 and with St. Louis in 2006 and '11, retiring days after beating the Texas Rangers in a seven-game thriller. Of the nine managers with three or more World Series titles, the other seven all have been inducted.

La Russa finished with the third-most wins by a manager in a career that began with the Chicago White Sox in 1979 and ended with a record of 2,728-2,365.

"I miss the winning and losing," La Russa said. "Someday I'll be with a team, I think. I'd like to be part of the competition again."

Cox's managerial career began in 1978 with Atlanta, but he was fired after four seasons — only one above .500. A four-year run in Toronto ended in 1985 with an AL East title, and Ted Turner lured him back to the Braves as their GM. Cox returned to the dugout in 1990, and following one losing season he went on one of the most successful regular-season runs by any skipper, leading the Braves to 14 straight division titles and a World Series championship in 1995.

He retired in 2010 fourth behind La Russa in career wins with a record of 2,504-2,001. Cigar-chomping and fiercely loyal to his players, Cox was ejected a major league record 159 times.

Two of his pitchers during the remarkable stretch during the '90s, 300-game winners Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, head the newcomers on this year's players' ballot. Results of voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America is scheduled for Jan. 8.

"I just hope Glav and Mad Dog can be on the stage with me," Cox said. "That would be the final finishing touch, going in with those two."

Miller, the pioneering head of the players' association from 1966-81, was rejected for admission to the Hall for the sixth time he appeared on a committee ballot. He fell one vote short of induction in 2010 and received no more than six votes this year.

"Words cannot adequately describe the level of disappointment and disbelief I felt when learning that once again the Hall of Fame has chosen to ignore Marvin Miller and his unparalleled contributions to the growth and prosperity of Major League Baseball," players' association head Tony Clark said in a statement. "Over the past 50 years, no individual has come close to matching Marvin's impact on the sport."

This year's committee included Hall of Famers Rod Carew, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Herzog, Tom Lasorda, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Phil Niekro and Frank Robinson; Blue Jays President Paul Beeston; retired club executive Andy MacPhail; Philadelphia President Dave Montgomery; White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf; Steve Hirdt of the Elias Sports Bureau; Bruce Jenkins of the San Francisco Chronicle; BBWAA Secretary-Treasurer Jack O'Connell; and retired Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter Jim Reeves.

This year's ballot, chosen by a BBWAA-appointed historical overview committee, covers baseball's expansion era.

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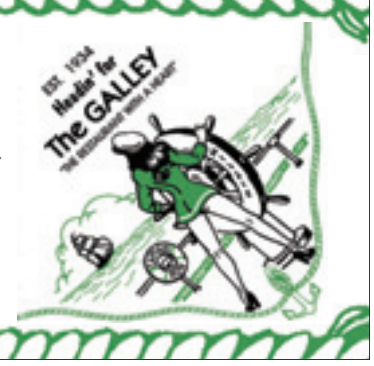
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HANG OUT TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Look at an issue that could have created fireworks. Others appreciate your passion, as long as it is not directed at them. A reversal on your part could shake up the status quo. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You might be taken aback by everything that is going on around you. Experience your feelings rather than act on them; otherwise, you might just be adding fuel to the fire. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Honor a change involving a friend. You can't take back words you've said. Though you could have a strong reaction, try discussing your feelings without inflaming a situation. Working as a group proves far more effective than being independent. Tonight: Where you want to be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take a stand, move forward and handle a problem. Your sensitivity mixes well with your practical nature. Together, these assets will help you wade through muddy waters and come out sparkling clean. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Read between the lines as you walk into a situation where people have strong opinions. Understand the underlying issue. Help others see what they have in common as opposed to what is different. Communication allows greater give-and-take. Tonight: Return calls, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A partner could be somewhat difficult. You might have a strong reaction as a result. Resist going off on a spending spree in this mood. A discussion is necessary. You understand the importance of timing; just wait. Tonight: Spend time with your best friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. You could have a difficult time maintaining your authority. Walk in the other direction, and refuse to be a part of this situation. Tonight: Entertain suggestions, but do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what is being offered, even if you don't like what you hear at first. Pace yourself and accomplish what you must before following someone's chosen path. You have the drive to get a lot done. Stay focused. Tonight: You deserve to take it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your playfulness might not be in tune with others' moods. Someone you care about could be on the warpath. This person's actions and words might surprise you. Be a good listener, and look for solutions. Your willingness to help will come through. Tonight: Time for fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stay centered, and know where you are coming from. Avoid testing out ideas on others right now. An unexpected insight tumbles into your lap and forces you to regroup. Tonight: Have an important discussion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are coming from a good place, but suddenly you might find yourself feeling angry. Focus on how you can change the outcome of the situation. Do not rely on the tried and true. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of your spending. No matter what you do, you seem to make choices that could cause a problem. Perhaps you need more information and feedback, as you have yet to see the clear path. You will be given time and openness. Tonight: Pay your bills first.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

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

This year you open up to new possibilities and allow your creativity to flourish. You will enjoy your life and interactions far more than you once believed possible. Anger often arises within you out of the blue. Learning ways to dispel this uncomfortable feeling will empower you. Relationships will flourish as a result. If you are single, no one denies your desirability. An inordinate amount of potential suitors surround you. If you are attached, your sweetie responds to the ever-changing you. You naturally experience great times together. ARIES gets your mojo going!

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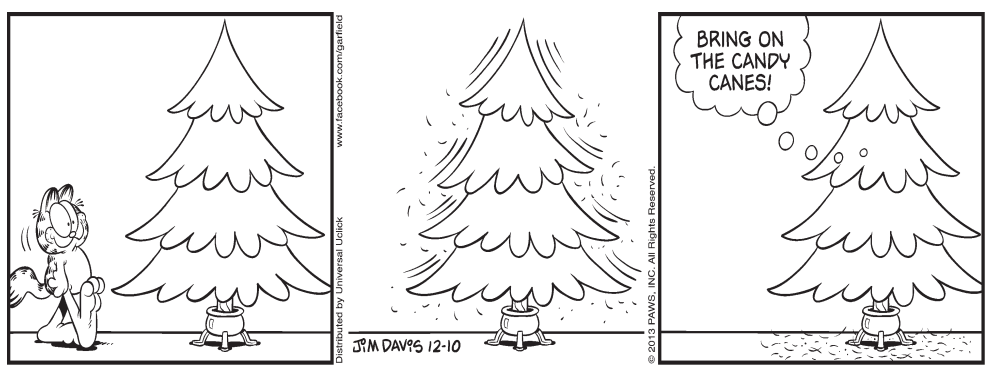
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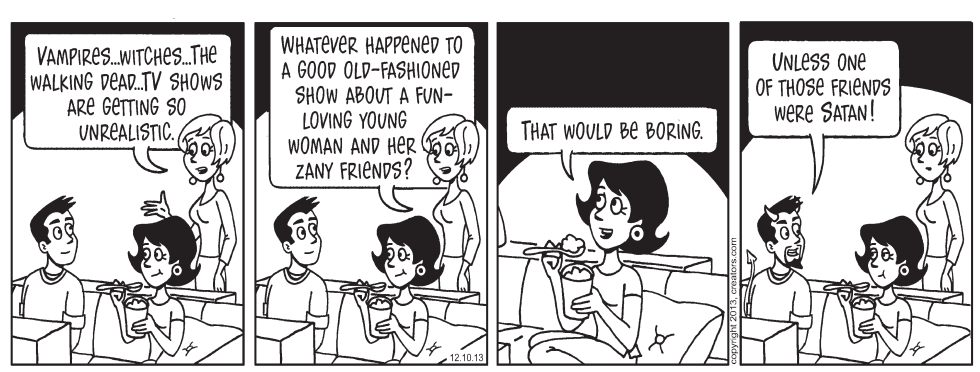
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Sudoku

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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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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16 Cleaning cloth
17 Rollaway bed
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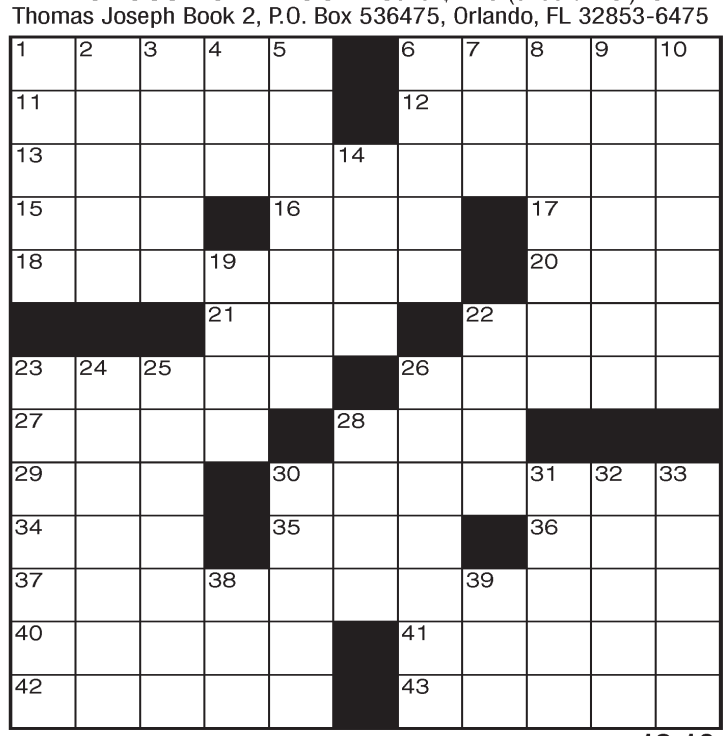
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among America's most prolific "fathers" (in this case, perhaps better considered "egg-fertilizers") are Nathaniel Smith, age 39, who claimed on TV's "Divorce Court" in September that he is the father of 27, and the late Samuel Whitney, whose grown stepdaughter Lexie Woods learned that he claimed 54 before he died in July at age 87. Smith (known in Dayton, Ohio, as "Hustle Simmons") insisted that he is a fine father (doesn't smoke or drink, keeps contact with most of the kids, has "only" 21 child-support orders out), and besides, he told WHIO-TV, "I know of people who have even more than me." (Among Whitney's belongings, said Woods, were a "pile" of birth certificates and a stash of maximum-strength Viagra. "He was a likable man, a ladies' man.")

■ Latest Collateral Damage: (1) In October, a 28-year-old man, reeling from a domestic argument in Port Richey, Fla., put a gun to his head and, against his girlfriend's pleas, fired. As a neighbor across the street stood on her porch, the suicide bullet left the victim's head and made three wounds on the neighbor's leg, sending her to the hospital. (2) About a week later, on the Norwegian island of Vesteroy, a moose hunter missed his target but hit an obscured cottage in the distance, wounding a man in his 70s as he answered nature's call. He was airlifted to Ullevaal University Hospital in Oslo.

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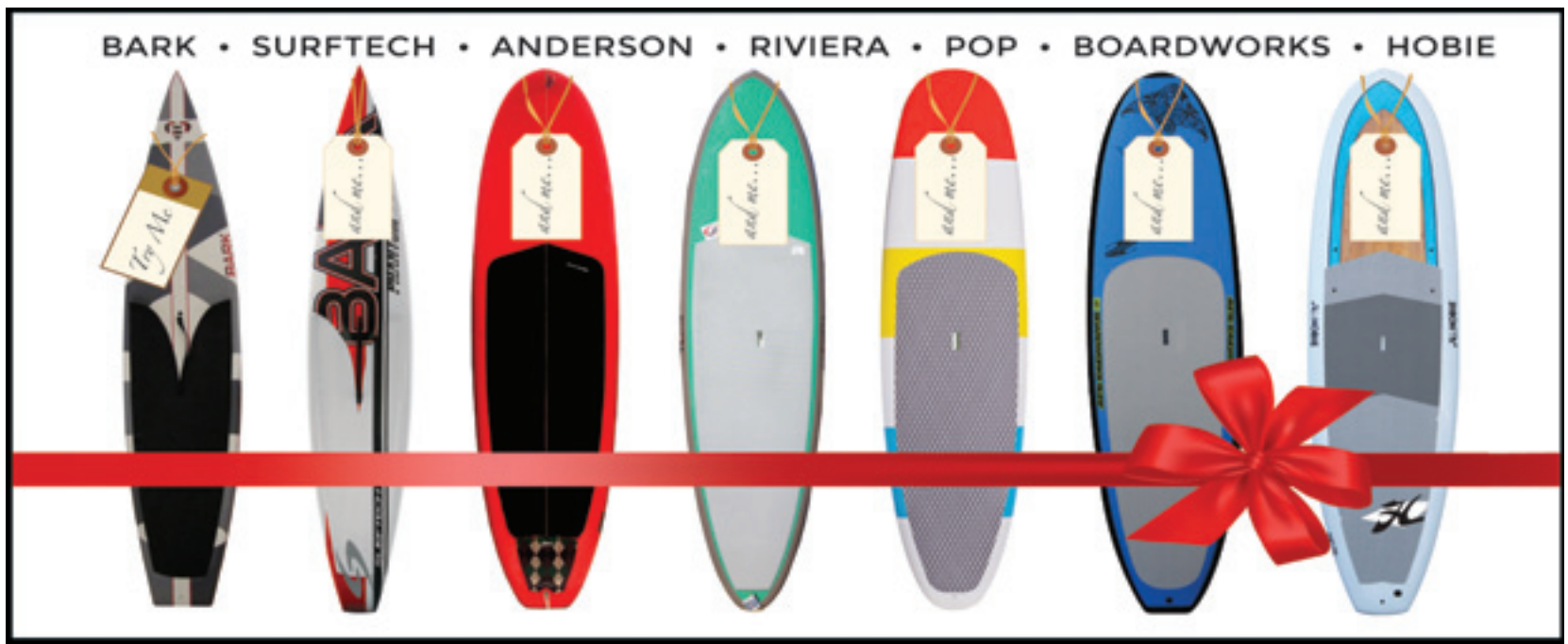
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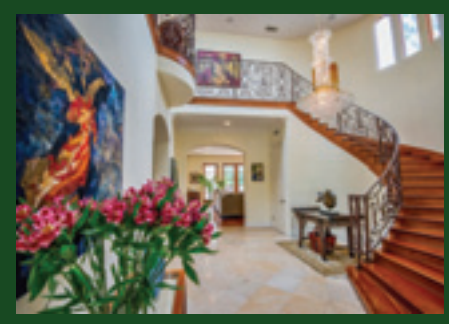
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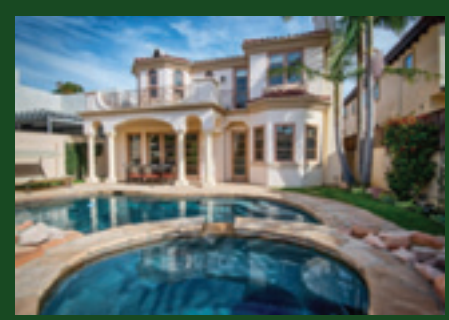




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Santa Monica LITTLE LEAGUE established 1950

Santa Monica High School A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE SINCE 1891

Santa Monica GIRLS FASTPITCH

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