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THE WHAT'S THAT? ISSUE



TRADING IN THE SLEIGH

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Visitors ride along with a likeness of Santa Clause at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier on Friday afternoon. Santa will ride day and night as guests have an opportunity to take photos and ride with the jolly fellow and get covered in snow as they ride the roller coaster.

Slap on the wrist for political mailer group

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN California's Fair Political Practices Commission has sent a warning letter to the president of the group Santa Monicans for Quality Government but has declined to assess a fine for what it said were two violations of the state's Political Reform Act.

In a related development, the public integrity division of the District Attorney's Office, which also was asked to look into SMQG's activities, on Friday said it would not open a criminal investigation into the matter.

"The complaint alleges misdemeanor conduct and we only prosecute felonies," said Dave Demerjian, head of the Public Integrity Division. "So I'm just going to let the FPPC do what they're going to do."

The complaint against SMQG came from Diana Gordon, co-chair of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, and argued the organization had violated Santa Monica's election laws by failing to file timely financial disclosure statements with City Hall prior to November's election.

Gordon accused the group of violating campaign laws in order to use money raised from real estate interests to support candidates for Santa Monica City Council while

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Fire in the sky

Local captures strange images on video

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

NOMA Santa Monica is known around the world as a popular tourist destination, but has its reputation reached outer space?

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Donations lagging at Salvation Army

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN For the 400 needy families that signed up for assistance with the Salvation Army's Santa Monica Corps this holiday season, Christmas could bring some disappointment.

With less than two weeks to go before the charity's Dec. 20 deadline to collect donations, Capt. Mario Ruiz said gifts of food and toys are significantly down compared with prior years. The corps needs 1,500 toys to provide for the families on its list, he said, but so far has received fewer than 200. It has stockpiled enough food to provide holiday meals for only about a quarter of its families.

"We have about 400 families that we need to give food to and for some reason this year we haven't been getting the donations that we used to before," Ruiz said. "We might have food for 100 families, so we're in real need."

Only a handful of companies, he said, so far have picked up "angel tags," which list a child's name, age and interests and are intended to guide donors as they shop. More than 1,000 of the tags remain in the charity's local headquarters.

There's no mystery why donations have fallen off, Ruiz said. With the poor economy, fewer people have giving on their minds.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010

Running reindeer
Santa Monica Beach
7:30 a.m.
Join avid runners, family walkers and children trotters for the 33rd annual Santa Monica-Venice Christmas run. The 10K race starts at 7:30 a.m., but the 5K starts at 9:15 a.m. and the Kids Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. This year the race's charity partner is Partners in Malawi, an organization dedicated to combating HIV/AIDs in Malawi, Africa. For more information, visit www.christmasrun.com.

Coast with Santa
Santa Monica Pier
Pacific Park
Santa Monica's very own theme park on the pier updates the typical mall Santa encounter with its own Roller Coaster Ridin' Santa. Riders can opt to take photos with Santa while the train is stationary or have him ride along while you scream your Christmas wish list out. Admission to Pacific park is free, but a ride will cost you $5 each. All days passes are $15.95 for those 7 years and younger, and $21.95 for the older, but young at heart crowd.

Support Samohi
Barnes and Noble
Third Street Promenade, 9 a.m. — 11 p.m.
In conjunction with Barnes and Noble, Santa Monica High School Orchestras is holding a fundraiser at the bookstore. Mention Samohi during your purchase and the music program will receive 20 percent of your purchase price. From 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. — 9 p.m., Samohi chamber groups will also perform for your listening pleasure. Shop online, and at checkout, click on "Book Fair Purchase," then put in the Samohi Orchestra ID: 10332492 to donate 10 percent of your purchase.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010

Coastal culture
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
It must be something in the water, because West coast artists can't seem to get enough of the beach. Four Los Angeles County artists will be exhibiting their work inspired by the ocean at the Annenberg Beach House. The opening reception is this Saturday, but the exhibit will be open until March 13. For more information, visit www. annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Great outdoors
Temescal Gateway Park
Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road, 5 p.m.
Meet at the Temescal Gateway Park parking lot as the sun is setting to join the Temescal Canyon Association for their annual holiday hike through the Venice canals. About three miles, the hike goes through bridges that rise up to 8 feet. All levels are welcome.
For more information, visit www.temcanyon.org.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

Walzer, Quinones-Perez elected officers of SMC Board

Dr. Andrew Walzer has been elected chair and Dr. Margaret Quinones-Perez vice chair of the 2011 Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees.

Walzer, a resident of Santa Monica, was an adjunct professor at SMC, Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Dominguez Hills before becoming a tenured assistant professor of Humanities at Los Angeles City College.

Quinones-Perez, a graduate of SMC, previously served as vice chair for the board in 2000. She also served eight years as a trustee on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board.

Walzer succeeds David Finkel and Quinones-Perez succeeds Walzer.

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CITY HALL

Nominate a sustainable business

City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce are accepting nominations for their fifth annual Sustainable Quality Award, an honor for local businesses and organizations that help the economy, community and environment. The deadline to submit is Dec. 16.

To qualify, a business or organization must:

- Either be a Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce member or a business located in the city;
- Employ two full-time employees;
- Be in operation for a minimum of two years;
- Be in compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

Download a nomination form at www.smsqa.com/pdf/SQA_Nomination_Form.pdf.

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Pico Neighborhood

Shear generosity

Pico Barber Shop is holding their second annual toy drive on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7 a.m. Barbers will be giving free haircuts to those who bring an unwrapped gift, which will be donated to Virginia Avenue Park Community Center and distributed to children living in the Pico Neighborhood.

The toy drive will be held at 1840 Lincoln Blvd. For more information about drop-off locations, call (310) 255-7916.

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HELPING THE HOMELESS

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The local rock band Nu Savant plays hits from their new album during the benefit concert for Beyond Shelter at Rusty's Surf Ranch on Thursday night. Beyond Shelter is a nonprofit corporation that combats chronic poverty, welfare dependency and homelessness in Los Angeles.

Lang named Miramax CEO

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Miramax announced Thursday that Michael Lang has been appointed chief executive officer, effective immediately.

Lang will be based at the new Miramax headquarters in Santa Monica and will oversee the Miramax film library, which was acquired by Filmyard Holdings on Dec. 3.

Lang said he has long "admired the Miramax library, which includes many respected titles and award-winning films."

"Based on the quality of these assets, I believe bringing new life to this library — by working with traditional and new partners will be an exciting and unprecedented story of growth and innovation," he said. "I am honored by this opportunity, and I look forward to working with my partners as we build a new kind of media company."

Lang, 45, most recently served as a con-

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CA panel approves Chevron marine terminal lease

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO The California State Lands Commission has approved Chevron Corp.'s request for a 30-year renewal of its lease for a marine terminal off the Los Angeles County coast where tankers deliver oil by undersea pipes to a refinery on shore.

The 2-1 vote Friday came over the opposition of environmentalists and others worried about oil spills and the threat of whales being struck by tankers entering Santa Monica Bay to reach the terminal off the city of El Segundo. Some urged a lease of only 10 years.

Supporters of the long-term lease cited the Chevron refinery's key role in supplying gasoline to Southern California and fuel to nearby Los Angeles International Airport.

Chevron will be charged a base rent of about $1.3 million a year with annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index.

The refinery and offshore operations date to 1911.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keep Christ out of schools

Editor:

To your columnist and the woman who wrote that we should return Jesus Christ to our public schools, I say bah humbug and God bless the Grinch who stole Christmas ("Celebrating Christmas in schools," That Rutherford Guy, Dec. 8). I went to our Santa Monica public schools in the 1950s and every year was forced for weeks to endure practicing Christmas songs and plays for the annual Christmas pageant. My parents were agnostic Jews and I was raised without religion. Christmas at school brought me and other Jewish kids confusion and alienation. The TV would blast Jesus propaganda. Of course we liked the party and vacation time.

When I was 6, my best pal, who was Catholic, began punching me and yelling that I killed Jesus when he heard I was Jewish. I tried to tell him I didn't know any kid by the name of Jesus. Did he go to our school? This same anti-Semitic rant and fighting happened again with other kids in school. I then tried to hide my background.

If we want to give equal time and vacations for Buddha's birthday, Hare Krishna, Ramadan, Passover, Rasta, Kwanzaa, atheist and agnostic week, and sing songs and have parties for each of these beliefs then it might be OK. However, the schools would have no time for anything else. We should also teach children about all the horrors and murders throughout history that were caused by religious intolerance. I know that if Jesus saw what all the major churches have done in his name, he would nail himself back on a cross and cry. Jesus' words of love and peace have always been ignored unless you belong to a particular church. Otherwise you were tortured and killed. Most of the wars today are because of religious zealots.

So to those who want Jesus Christ back in schools, you can always send your kids to a private, religious school. Have a happy Festivus to the rest of us!

Marty Sampson
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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Cracking down on illegal dumping

Q: I HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE OF OLD furniture, tree limbs and construction materials left in the alley behind my home lately. I also have some large items and old paint I don't need any more but I don't want to leave them in the alley because I know this is illegal. Who can I call when I see others dumping items in the alley? Does the city offer a service to residents who have bulk items or paint that need disposal?

A: Dumping old furniture, trash and construction materials on public areas (alleys, parks parking lot) is illegal. If any citizen observes what they believe is illegal dumping, they should call the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491 and report the incident.

Any citizen who has bulky items (old furniture, appliances etc.) can contact the city of Santa Monica Resource Recovery & Recycling Division. Resource Recovery & Recycling (R3) provides bulky item collection every Wednesday and Friday for a prearranged fee. The fee varies according to the size and weight of the item, and ranges from $25 for a small item to $250 or more for a major cleanup of debris and furniture pieces. Bulky items are limited to those large items that do not fit in a refuse container, such as: refrigerators, stoves, furniture and similar items.

To arrange for a bulky item collection or for more information about this special service, please contact R3 at (310) 458-2223, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This service is available to both residential and commercial customers.

For residents of Santa Monica who may have paint, household cleaners, fertilizers, batteries or motor oil can contact the city of Santa Monica's Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 2500 Michigan Ave. For more information on what is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Center and hours of operation, please visit the city Of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability website at www.smgov.net/departments/ose/.

Q: There has been a lot of talk about bicycle safety and sharing the roadway lately and I often see bicyclists riding at night and I can barely see them. Sometimes they are riding in the middle of the street and I can't see them until I'm right on them. Are there laws regulating the necessary equipment on bicycles?

A: Yes, 21201(d) of the California Vehicle Code states:

A bicycle operated during darkness upon a highway shall be equipped with all of the following:

(1) A lamp emitting a white light that, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the highway, sidewalk, or bikeway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle.

(2) A red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.

(3) A white or yellow reflector on each pedal, shoe, or ankle visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet.

(4) A white or yellow reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle, and a white or red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle. Bicycles that are equipped with reflectorized tires on the front and the rear need not be equipped with these side reflectors.

(e) A lamp or lamp combination, emitting a white light, attached to the operator and visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle, may be used in lieu of the lamp.

As you see there are certain items which are not only required by law, but which also make sense when riding in areas where the lighting is not ideal. Also, in most situations, bicycles are required to ride as close to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway as possible. Often times we see bicyclists that ride in pairs (side by side) on roadways which may cause a car approaching from the rear to veer into another lane or into opposing traffic, depending on the street. Not only is this dangerous but it is also inconsiderate to others who are using the roadway. Please, let's be safe and use good judgment when we are out there on the road.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP

During the holidays, many of us may purchase items from the Internet and have them shipped to our homes or offices. Consider having these items delivered to a neighbor or ask for signature upon delivery if you know you are not going to be home when it is delivered. Refrain from having a package left on the front door (when possible) to reduce the chance of having the package stolen.

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Noah way this should happen

THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY, STEVEN L. Beshear, recently proposed that the state build a Noah's Ark theme park to boost its economy and provide jobs for Kentuckians who are out of work. Under his plan, a Christian ministry called Answers in Genesis will build the park. Naturally, because of the Constitution's prohibition of establishing just one religion, I assumed that the governor also has plans to build a Jewish theme park, a Muslim park, an atheist park and, well, I'm not sure about an agnostic park.

But no, he's only offering huge tax incentives for this park, Ark Encounter. Answers in Genesis is a ministry that believes in the literal interpretation of the Bible. The same group built the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky. That's where they promoted the Flintstone Theory of history: that humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time.

The governor has responded to those who point out that this seems to be a violation of the principle of the separation of church and state, by saying, "The people of Kentucky didn't elect me governor to debate religion. They elected me governor to create jobs."

I guess on the Eighth Day, the governor created jobs.

Of course, people have a right to believe whatever they want. However, should the state offer $37.5 million dollars to a religious group to build a park that furthers their beliefs? A lot of people don't think so.

This hasn't discouraged the Answers in Genesis folks from making plans. Consistent with their literal interpretation, Mike Zovath, one of their senior vice presidents, says that the ark will be built just as the one in the Bible was built. They plan on using wooden pegs and timber framing done by Amish builders. Funny, I don't remember any Amish builders in Genesis. Zovath added that the animals kept on board would be small ones, because his group believes "that God would probably have sent healthy juvenile-sized animals … so there would be plenty of room." Hmmm, sounds like a personal interpretation to me.

He wants the theme park to be as accurate as possible, celebrating the literal interpretation of the Bible. So I guess they'll make it clear to all of the schoolchildren and Bible groups that Noah and his family were Jewish.

As part of this desire to be "literal," I guess they will make sure that water rains on all of the visitors to the park for 40 days and 40 nights. The state should be able to make extra money selling Noah's rain gear, and of course, CalmArk to ward off seasickness.

Will the Ark "literally" be the same size as the one described in the Bible? As anyone who has that cubit conversion app on his or her iPhone knows, that was a huge ship.

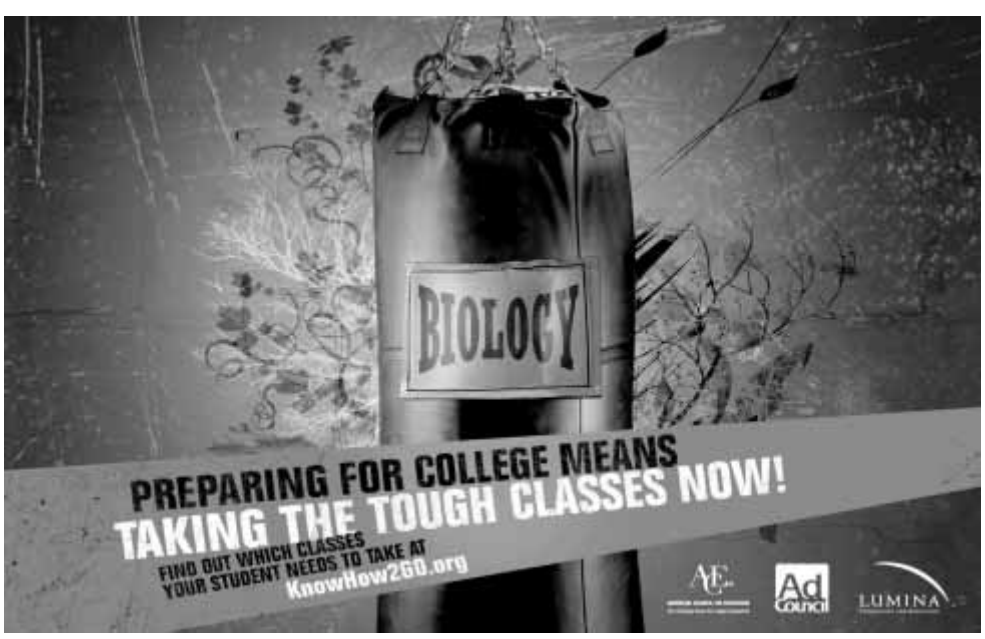
They plan on the park having a fun special effects exhibit showing Moses parting the Red Sea. There will also be a 100-foot tower of Babel, so I recommend earplugs. And for the kiddies, there will be a Bible-themed play area with zip lines and climbing nets. I'm not an expert like the Answers in Genesis people are, but exactly where in the Bible are the zip lines and climbing nets?

OF COURSE, PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BELIEVE WHATEVER THEY WANT. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE STATE OFFER $37.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO A RELIGIOUS GROUP TO BUILD A PARK THAT FURTHERS THEIR BELIEFS?

The Answers in Genesis people tried to peddle their idea to Ohio and Indiana, but officials in Kentucky showed considerable interest. They showed their interest by offering those tax incentives to the group. That's how some of the Kentucky officials defend the state's involvement with the park. They claim that it's not like the state building a church or — dare I say — a mosque. Because it's a for-profit organization that will pay taxes, they don't feel it's the same as the state advancing a religion.

In other words, Kentucky officials are saying that this proposal might be intrinsically wrong, but the fact that it will make money, makes it right. Now that's a principle that all kinds of political officials have believed in "literally" for centuries.

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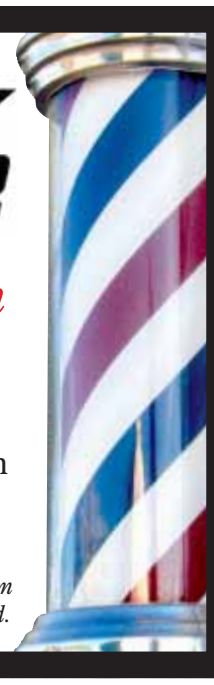
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The Re-View

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Bilal: an authentic dining experience

WHEN MY WIFE AND I WENT INTO THE AT&T store in Santa Monica to complain about their service, I guess we were a bit too emphatic. The salesperson called the manager. But the manager turned out to be a nice guy, if impotent to solve the problem. He was clearly from some foreign place, so, as is my custom, I asked him where, and he said "Pakistan." Again, as is my custom, I asked, "So where do you and your friends eat around here?"

He almost sang the praises of Bilal Cuisine, which, according to him, is the best restaurant in which he had ever eaten. And when I checked their website later, the website confirmed that it is the best Pakistani restaurant in town, so it must be true.

So I gathered a group of friends and we went there. We knew in advance there would be no beer served, but my friends agreed to go anyway. The website confirmed that the house specialties were cow brains and marrow, but, my friends are loyal, and they still agreed to come with me.

The restaurant is located in a small corner shopping center with other restaurants, in an area near LAX. A neon sign in the window proclaimed "Indian food." Nothing could be further from the truth.

For one thing, beef dishes (yes, the brains included) are the specialties of the house. Two television stations were turned to a station speaking Urdu, and a number of locals were watching the news from home. We sat down at a comfortable table next to a group of musicians from the Ivory Coast talking back home on cell phones in French. A few Afghani men in traditional dress sat nearby. It didn't seem like Los Angeles.

We ordered the whole BBQ chicken that got good reviews on the Internet: a lamb biryani, garlic nan bread, beef in sauce, and — yes — the brains on the side.

Everything was delicious except for the nan bread, which was a bit thick and not cooked in a tandoori oven. The chicken was perhaps the most appetizing — moist and rubbed with spices. The lamb in rice was OK but the lamb was on bones and hard to deal with. The beef came in a thick, rich brown sauce, and had been well cooked so that it was tender. But the most flavorful dish was the beef brains, also in a rich brown sauce. Surprise!

On the table there was a range of sauces: a very hot chili sauce, a medium mint sauce, and a sweet tamarind sauce. There were also slices of ginger and very hot green peppers.

We drank various salty lassies and didn't really miss the beer that much.

The restaurant is owned by the Malik family, so several men introduced themselves as Malik, and one mentioned that the chef's name is Malik. Everyone was very friendly, and the friendly gentlemen that waited on our table brought us an extra dish to taste. It was the popular rice dish cooked with brains and marrow.

We found the food to be very delicious, particularly if you crave very spicy dishes from time to time, as I do. I'll be back to try some of the other dishes. I especially would like to take advantage of the whole baby lamb for $230, which, as my friend Malik pointed out, would serve about 50 Indian people or 12 Americans. I think that was his sense of humor. But it does sound like a good party dish.

There are separate rooms in the back for women, who are veiled and don't want men staring at them. We tried to get a look, but couldn't see in.

As one would expect, prices are very reasonable, especially since no alcohol is served. All food is Halal.

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GOOD EATS: **Mr. Malik from Bilal Cuisine near LAX presents the restaurants BBQ chicken.**

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In words, food, Maya Angelou reflects on the holidays

BY MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

For Maya Angelou, the holidays bring family and friends to the table to eat, to laugh, and to one-up each other.

"This is a time when people get to 'show out,' as my grandmother used to say," says Angelou, poet, memoirist and civil rights icon. "Moe is going to try to out cook Joe. It becomes amusing and delightful."

Angelou, whose second cookbook, "Great Food, All Day Long" (Random House, 2010), features holiday-worthy dishes such as crown roast and prime rib, helped a generation understand why caged birds sing. But what about how to make prefect veal chops?

"I'm a cook, a serious cook," she says. "I plan meals not only for their nutritional value but for their beauty. I plan them around who's going to eat them and when. It's ceremonial, for jubilation or commiserating over something."

Which makes Angelou's cooking very much like her writing. The 82-year-old Pulitzer winner approaches the kitchen with the same respect for ingredients that she gives her words.

"You have to examine and be familiar with every element," she says. "So you should know a red pepper, what it will do in a skillet with a tablespoon of olive oil, how it will look. How if you give more heat what will happen to it. You know the materials well."

Despite a fractured childhood shuttling between the families of her estranged parents, Angelou learned to cook much the way everyone wishes — at her grandmother's knee.

"She would say 'Now sit down and watch me,'" Angelou says. "I loved her so much that I followed her around. People would say, 'You got your shadow with you again.' I watched her carefully."

When Angelou lived with her mother as a teenager, she watched again, learning shortcuts like using a gas stove and making shortcake with store-bought cake, luxuries her grandmother in rural Arkansas didn't have.

"My grandmother didn't know anything about that," says Angelou, who was usually put in charge of the scrubbing and chopping of vegetables. "I learned both techniques."

Cooking can be a gateway to creativity of all kinds, Angelou says, if you pay careful attention to the craft. "I ask folks to read poetry, to read it aloud, so they can hear the music, the melody of it," she says. "I would encourage a person who wants to cook to buy cookbooks."

Angelou estimates her own cookbook collection at somewhere around 300 volumes.

And at this time of year, she says, cooking for others takes on a deeper meaning. "When a person cooks for me, I like to think of the cooking itself as a gift," she says. "I'm always glad and really so grateful to anyone who cooks for me. And I love to cook for others."

Angelou cooks for her friends, Hall of Fame songwriters Ashford and Simpson, every Christmas, when she is their guest. As per tradition, she creates the dessert, sometimes a trifle, sometimes a chocolate cake, but always something festive. Her other tradition involves people she has never met, and likely will never meet again.

"I like to spend one day during the holidays either serving food at a shelter or preparing food to be given to one," she says. "We're told in the Judeo-Christian bible that it's more blessed to give than to receive. And sometimes we just receive."

Now "82 plus," as she says, the Pulitzer winner has seen Christmas changes over the decades. And though like many people she is concerned about the commercialism of the holiday, she says she still loves the other sentiments it inspires.

"I like that families still try to come together," she says. "Quite often when we go to homes, to give, we find a lot of young people, black and white, washing dishes, trying to seriously be part of the community and to justify the space they occupy."

Crown roast of pork

Start to finish: 4 hours (1 hour active)
Servings: 8
1 tablespoon butter
3 apples, peeled, cored and cut into large dice
8 pitted prunes
1 teaspoon granulated garlic
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
8 pounds pork ribs (have butcher fashion into crown roast)

Heat the oven to 375 degrees.
In a large skillet over low, heat the butter. Add the apples and prunes and saute for 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and set the prunes aside in a separate dish. Let cool.
In a small bowl, mix together the garlic, thyme, oregano, salt, pepper and olive oil to form a paste. Rub the paste into the meat. Place the meat in a shallow roasting pan and roast for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325 and roast for another 2 to 3 hours.
Remove the roast from the oven once the internal temperature reads 145 on an instant thermometer.
Place a prune on the end of each rib and return the meat to the oven for 20 minutes.
Remove the meat from the oven. To serve, transfer the cooled apples into the center of the crown roast.
Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 894 calories; 639 calories from fat (71 percent of total calories); 71 g fat (26 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 233 mg cholesterol; 15 g carbohydrate; 46 g protein; 2 g fiber; 334 mg sodium.

(Recipe adapted from Maya Angelou's "Great Food, All Day Long," Random House, 2010.)

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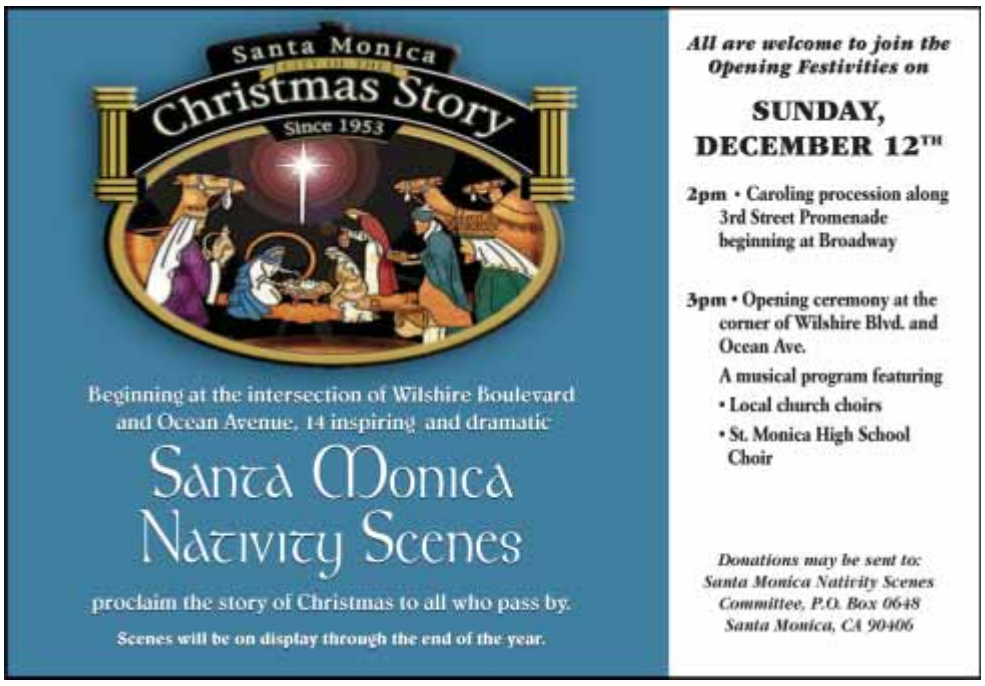
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"I know everyone is hurting, so that's why it's affecting us as well," he said.

The Santa Monica Corps mostly serves families living in Santa Monica and Venice, Ruiz said, though its service area also includes Malibu and Pacific Palisades.

In recent days, the Salvation Army, which is a member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, has been cold calling companies on the chamber's directory in an attempt to sign up more donors.

While there have been some takers, it's been slow going.

"We're going to try to see what we can get together and see what we can do," Ruiz said.

MOST LIKELY, WE WILL HAVE TO DISAPPOINT SOME OF THE FAMILIES."

Capt. Mario Ruiz,
Salvation Army Santa Monica Corps

"Most likely, we will have to disappoint some of the families."

Donations are still being accepted at the Salvation Army's Santa Monica Corps location, at 1533 Fourth St.

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sultant to Filmyard in its acquisition of Miramax. Prior to that, he was executive vice president, Business Development and Strategy, at Fox Entertainment, responsible for strategic initiatives across News Corp's entertainment assets, including Fox's film studio, broadcast network, sports and cable channels.

Lang played key roles in the acquisition of MySpace and the formation of the MySpace Music joint venture, and he led the creation of Hulu, with major broadcast partners. He was also involved in Fox's mobile, digital and video game initiatives. He joined Fox in 2004.

Lang, who graduated from Claremont McKenna College and got his MBA at the Harvard Business School, began his career at The Walt Disney Co. in strategic planning.

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UFO
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Residents in Santa Monica and the Westside have reported seeing strange lights in the night sky on at least two occasions this month, the unidentified flying objects disappearing over the Santa Monica Bay after appearing for only a few seconds.

North of Montana resident Jeremy Corbell captured the objects on his iPhone and has since posted video footage on YouTube. The footage, which can be found by searching "Silver Surfer UFO-Santa Monica," had been viewed more than 6,700 times as of Thursday.

The video shows two bright white objects that resemble meteors falling towards the earth. The objects appear to make sharp turns before disappearing into the sunset. Corbell, who named the footage "Silver Surfer" because he said the objects looked like the famous comic book character, captured the footage on Dec. 1, around 5 p.m. He also shot more footage of similar-looking objects on Dec. 8.

"It's weird," Corbell, an artist, said. "I have no idea what they are. They could be anything. It seems like some falling debris of some sort with a long contrail behind it. It's hard to tell because of the sunset. It's definitely huge and there were definitely two of them moving in erratic patterns."

Bob Kirk, a resident of Brentwood told the Daily Press Thursday that he also saw similar objects on Dec. 8 at around the same time of day. Others have posted comments on Corbell's YouTube page saying they too saw the objects.

And even superstars are questioning the source of the strange lights. San Antonio Spurs forward Manu Ginobili caught the lights on camera on Dec. 1 while in Santa Monica near Casa del Mar. The Spurs were in town getting ready to play the Los Angeles Clippers.

Ginobili thought the lights could have been an unmanned spacecraft launched by the U.S. Air Force, however, a spokesman from Vandenberg Air Force Base, located north of Santa Barbara, said no launches took place on Dec. 1. He did say that on Dec. 3 the X-37B spacecraft did land, but nowhere near Santa Monica.

Santa Monica Airport Manager Bob Trimborn took a look at Corbell's footage and said the lights captured could simply be reflections from the bottom of aircraft given that the footage on Dec. 1 was shot during sunset. He said that an object traveling away from someone could look as if it was descending.

"There are so many lights in this town at night that it could be anything, a blimp, a helicopter or an aircraft," Trimborn said. "I don't think the 'War of the Worlds' has started.

"If these are fighter type aircraft … the aircraft could make sudden and quick turns, but I really can't tell what type of aircraft they are from the video, and the shakiness of the image makes it difficult to determine."

Trimborn said about every two or three years he receives an e-mail from a City Council member with a video from a resident attached showing some contrails that they believe are chemicals being sprayed over the city.

"In general, people don't understand that what they are seeing are short contrails coming from the exhaust of the engine," Trimborn said.

Trimborn said that if the objects captured by Corbell were unusual, the FAA and other agencies would have "been on top of it."

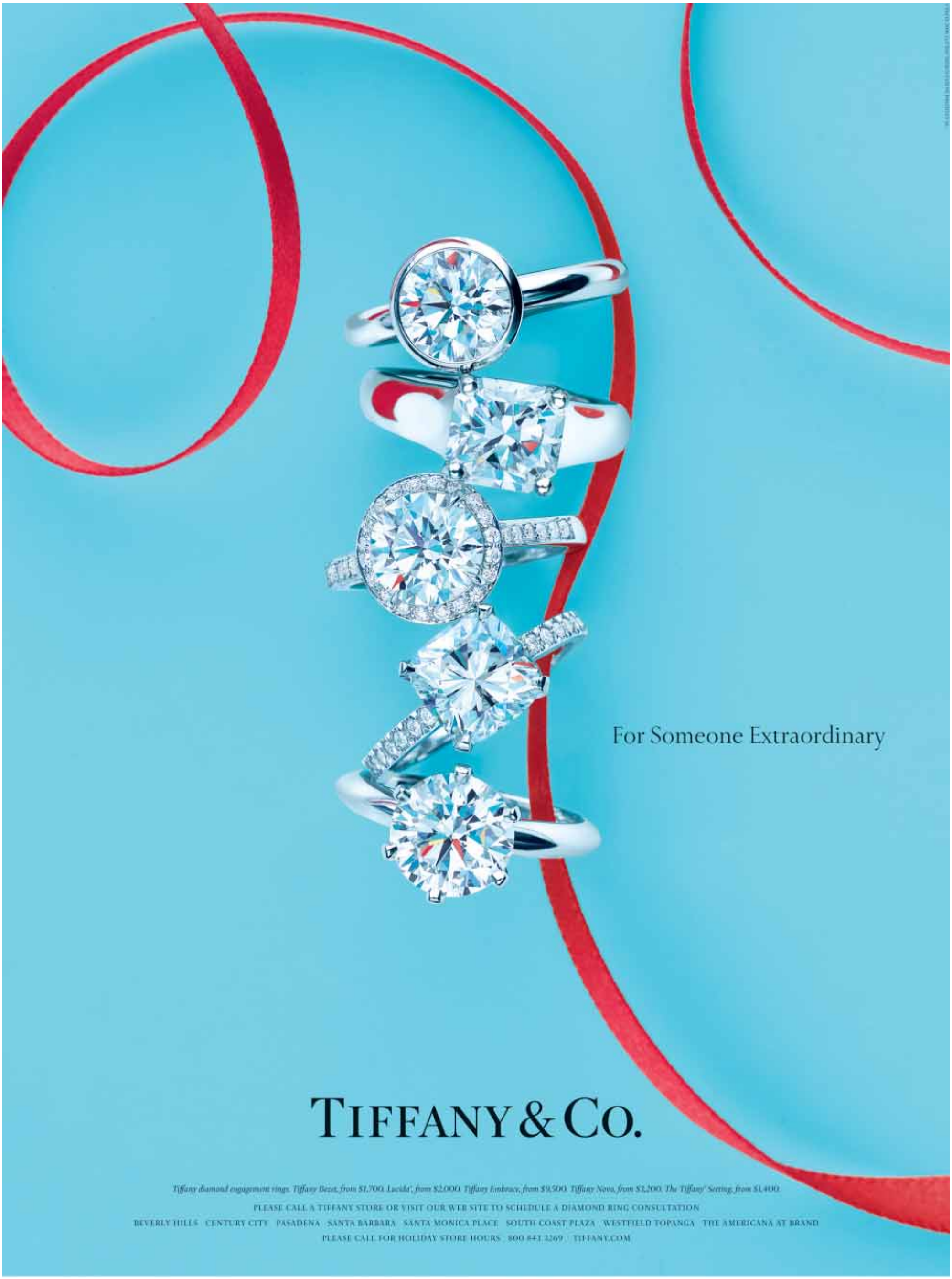
Corbell doesn't believe the lights are coming from alien spacecraft. He thinks it could be debris from several different sources. He would like some answers, but in the meantime he is enjoying the conversation he and his videos have created.

"I think this fascinates people because it is a mystery," Corbell said. "This has been going on since ancient times. There are descriptions in ancient texts of fires in the sky, things falling to the earth and it is in all sorts of mythology. This one is particularly interesting because it looks like these things are falling to the ground.

"I know if it would have been a plane, there would have been a big crash."

There have been a rash of UFO sightings recently across the country. A mysterious missile launch off the Southern California coast was captured by news cameras in November. And in New York City earlier this month several people reported seeing a silvery vision of a dozen balloon-like dots hovering over Manhattan. In both cases, authorities could not confirm the source of the images.

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This past week, Q-line asked:
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"DESPITE SELLING US OUT TO DEVELOPERS and tourism and over-taxing and mismanaging our town, the slimy crooks of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights keep getting elected by tenants who care nothing more than getting cheap rents and screwing over their landlords. Since there has always been a universal hate for landlords, it is surprising that every town in the U.S. that has more tenants than landlords hasn't started a similar dirty political machine! This was a most ingenious and sinister plan that makes the evil mobsters on the TV show 'Boardwalk Empire' seem petty by comparison!"

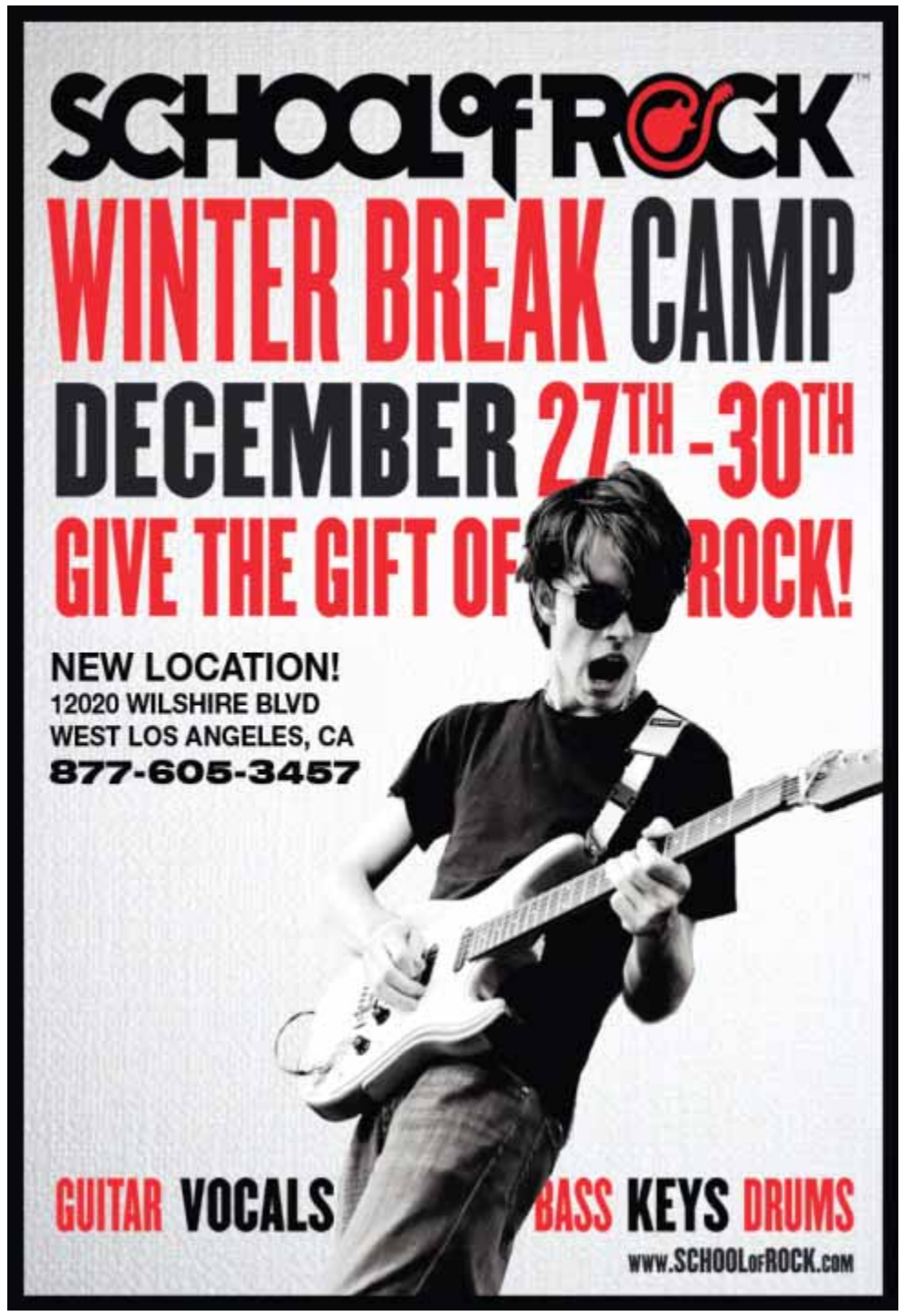
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hiding the identities of its donors. SMQG raised at least $41,000 from developers, property managers and a land use law firm to finance a series of campaign mailers sent to Santa Monica households supporting candidates including Pam O'Connor, Gleam Davis, Bob Holbrook and Terry O'Day.

Those candidates have all denied any involvement with SMQG.

The FPPC determined the group, headed by political consultant Fred Huebscher, filed its "statement of organization" with the Secretary of State's Office six days late and filed its first financial disclosure form, covering the period from Jan. 1 to Oct. 16, four days late.

Since SMQG missed the deadlines by fewer than 10 days, FPPC Enforcement Chief Gary Winuk said he was closing the matter without assessing a monetary penalty.

Any future violation of the Political Reform Act, he wrote, will result in a fine of up to $5,000. The warning letter, dated Dec. 7, was obtained by the Daily Press on Thursday. It will be posted on the FPPC's website next Friday, according to Winuk.

Reached on Friday afternoon, both Huebscher and Gordon argued the FPPC warning letter vindicated their positions.

"The most basic thing is that the FPPC made the appropriate findings and obviously said SMQG violated state law," Gordon said. "It's an important vindication for Santa Monica voters that the FPPC found that SMQG and its officers violated the two fundamental filing requirements for a slate mailer organization, both in terms of when they organized and what the contributions were of all the developers that contributed to the city mailings."

Huebscher said he disagreed with the FPPC's finding that two filing deadlines had been missed but did not plan to appeal the decision because "it would be very foolish to spend time and effort on something when it's a warning."

He said he was pleased that the FPPC confirmed his group was a state slate mailer organization.

In the letter, Winuk wrote that after completing its investigation, "the FPPC found that the activities of the Santa Monicans for Quality Government qualified it as a state slate mailer organization, rather than a city general purpose committee."

While Huebscher argued that finding meant his group didn't have filing requirements in Santa Monica, Gordon took a different view and said she continues to believe the group violated municipal law by failing to file its disclosure documents at City Hall.

She pointed to municipal code 11.04.100, which states: "Any candidate, committee, elected official or slate mailer organization filing a statement required by [the Political Reform Act] shall also file a copy of that statement with the City Clerk by the filing deadline specified in state law."

Since the District Attorney's Office has decided not to investigate her allegation that SMQG violated that law, Gordon said she'll continue to look for a law enforcement agency that will.

"If the DA can't do it, somebody's got to be able to do it," she said.

The City Attorney's Office earlier said it couldn't look into the matter because it posed a potential conflict of interest since several of the people tied to SMQG are council members or are closely associated with council members. As attorneys for the council, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie has said lawyers in her office aren't in a position to investigate. Moutrie referred Gordon's complaint about SMQG to the FPPC and to the District Attorney's Office.

For his part, Huebscher said he wasn't concerned about being held accountable for violating the Santa Monica code.

"[It's] is so broadly written that it would apply to so many people it's ridiculous," he said.

Any candidate or independent expenditure group in the state, he argued, would be required to file disclosure forms in Santa Monica under the law.

"No judge is going to uphold this," Huebscher said, adding that it may violate the U.S. Constitution's free speech protections because it could be interpreted as an attempt to inhibit speech by placing undue burdens on groups engaged in political messaging.

He called the District Attorney's decision not to investigate SMQG "good news" but said he would welcome any legal challenge alleging his group violated the code section.

"Bring it on, I can't wait to go to court over this issue," he said.

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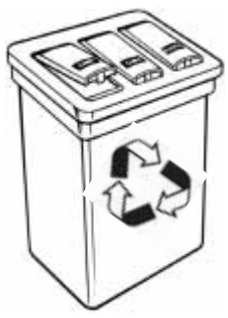


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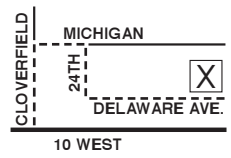
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Forum could be LA concert outpost for NY company

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It's been decades since Southern California's heady blend of professional sports and Hollywood glamor first mixed under the arching columns of the Forum.

Now, the storied sports and concert venue could be due for a revival, with the announcement of its pending sale to the owners of Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Madison Square Garden Inc. confirmed this week that it was closing in on a deal to buy the 17,800-seat venue from its current owners, a church that had held services in the arena in addition to booking concerts.

The company declined to reveal a purchase price or provide any other details. Messages left with Faithful Central and its management company for the arena, Forum Enterprises Inc., were not returned.

Gabelli & Co. Inc. analyst Christopher Marangi said he didn't expect the company to spend much more than the $22.5 million that Faithful Central Bible Church paid for the site in 2000.

It would likely invest up to another $50 million to renovate the venue, he said.

Gabelli said the Forum would give Madison Square Garden, which already has a venues in New York, Chicago and Boston, a site for concerts in the nation's second most populous metropolitan area, a region currently dominated by rival AEG.

"It extends their presence to another major market," Gabelli said.

He said he didn't expect many professional sporting events in the Forum under the deal, since outfitting the venue for that use would cost more than the company is likely to spend.

Many Southern California sports and concert fans remember the Inglewood venue as the "Fabulous Forum," the home to the NBA's Lakers and the NHL's Kings until 1999, when the teams left for Staples Center.

"It's the house that (former Lakers' owner) Jack Kent Cooke built," said Inglewood Mayor Daniel Tabor, who sold soft drinks at a Forum concession stand while in high school. "It's an icon not just for Inglewood but also for Los Angeles."

The Forum, which opened in 1968, was the location where Hollywood first shared its glamor with the sports world, said David Carter a University of Southern California sports business professor.

The arena, which routinely saw a steady stream of limousine traffic on game nights, was among the first sports venues with a special lounge for VIP visitors. It was also where Jack Nicholson was first spotted watching the Lakers from a courtside seat.

"The glitz and the glamor of the Forum in its heyday really began what we see today, which is a Hollywood look and feel for all of sports," Carter said.

The venue also hosted generations of pop music acts, including Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, Aerosmith and Nirvana.

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Eating disorders a problem among Orthodox Jews

BY KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. Hilary Waller remembers begging her mother to let her fast on Yom Kippur. At 10 years old she was a bit too young, but embracing the rigid discipline seemed desperately important.

"It felt like I was practicing not eating. It was something that was reassuring and gave me strength and a sense of pride," said Waller, a 28-year-old teacher at a religious school in Blue Bell, Pa.

It was the same rush she got years later in college each time she saw the scale tip downward. Waller, who suffered from anorexia, starved herself until she stopped menstruating, lost some of her hair and was exercising several times a day.

Health experts say eating disorders are a serious, underreported disease among Orthodox Jewish women and to a lesser extent others in the Jewish community, as many families are reluctant to acknowledge the illness at all and often seek help only when a girl is on the verge of hospitalization.

Several studies indicate a rise in the problem, and those who treat eating disorders say they are seeing more Jewish patients. A new documentary, books and facilities have cropped up to help.

Waller's family, which belongs to the Conservative branch of Judaism, fasted only on Yom Kippur, but she began fasting other holidays. "And not for religious reasons," said Waller, who checked into residential treatment after college — more than a decade after she began struggling with the illness.

As eating disorders have become less taboo in mainstream U.S. culture, they're still widely ignored in Orthodox Jewish communities, as families worry the stigma of mental illness could ruin arranged marriages for the patient and even her siblings. Strict food rituals of fasting and remaining kosher can also exacerbate the problem.

Israel has one of the highest rates of anorexia, bulimia and binge eating in the world, said Dr. Yael Latzer of the University of Haifa. No organization tracks the numbers of eating disorders among Jewish women, which experts say is partly because of a cultural reluctance to divulge the illness, but studies in different countries and Latzer's research indicate a high rate in Israel.

Some patients view eating disorders as a more culturally sanctioned form of rebellion in a religion where smoking and drinking are discouraged.

When Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair arrived in Israel more than a decade ago amid pleas from Jewish activists alarmed by a spike in eating disorders, she recalls patients were so afraid to get help that they sent a proxy.

"A nurse would come up to me on the street and say, 'Please help me. I'm here on behalf of a 19-year-old girl who's lost 30 pounds but she can't ask for help because she comes from a very religious family and they think it's good (for her to be underweight) because it's better for marriage making,'" said Steiner-Adair, a clinical instructor in Harvard Medical School's psychiatry department. "I was overwhelmed by the needs and the requests."

Experts say the Orthodox community is sending mixed messages to young women. Parents, matchmakers and potential mates want a svelte bride, but may shun a woman who divulged she has an eating disorder because of the stigma of mental illness. For arranged marriages among the ultra-Orthodox, the first question matchmakers ask is about physical appearance, including weight and the mother's weight, which feeds the message that thinner brides are more desirable, said Dr. Ira Sacker, who practices in New York and has written several books including "Regaining Your Self."

In 1996, Sacker studied ultra-Orthodox and Syrian Jewish communities in Brooklyn and found that 1 out of 19 girls was diagnosed with an eating disorder — a rate about 50 percent higher than the general U.S. population.

"It is of prime importance within the Jewish Orthodox community the bride appear to be as flawless as possible," said Rabbi Saul Zucker of the Orthodox Union, which represents Orthodox synagogues in North America.

A mental illness, such as an eating disorder "would be a terrible, terrible blemish and people will go to unbelievable lengths to hide it," he said.

But recent efforts are aiming to stop the trend. The Orthodox Union, which has been an advocate for treating drug abuse and other taboos in the Jewish community, recently released a documentary "Hungry to be Heard" about the illness and started two support groups in New York City.

And after writing "Full of Ourselves," which became a phenomenon in the eating disorder community, Dr. Steiner-Adair worked with the Hadassah Foundation to write "Bishvili, For Me," a Jewish guide to her previous book for day schools and camps.

Experts say preoccuptions with food are more pronounced in the Jewish community, whether it's planning an elaborate Shabat dinner and following strict kosher laws. A lot of thought goes into what is eaten and abstained from.

Kosher laws forbid eating meat and dairy at the same meal, and forbid eating pork and shellfish. Separate dishes, silverware, sinks and microwaves may also be used for meat and milk products.

"This rigidity can really be a perfect breeding ground for an eating disorder. If you're already struggling with an eating disorder and now you have all these foods that you can't eat, it can be very difficult," said Jodi Krumholz, a dietitian at The Renfrew Center, a Philadelphia-based eating disorder treatment center with a branch in Coconut Creek.

The center treated nearly 200 Jewish patients this year, up markedly from 2009.

In Jerusalem, Rabbi Shimon Herskowitz said community activists approached him about starting a small eating-disorder facility where Jewish American parents would be comforted knowing their daughters were among staff that followed the same religious rituals. But even those parents have been reluctant.

"They only send the kids when they are totally, totally desperate, when the kid is on the borderline of hospital or residential treatment," said Herskowitz who opened Beit Chaya V'Sarah in Jerusalem last year.

Leaving treatment and re-entering the tight-knit Orthodox culture also presents hurdles. For many, fasting on Yom Kippur or another holiday could cause them to relapse, but patients worry about judgment from others.

Waller felt guilty one holiday as she loaded her plate at a salad bar shortly after leaving treatment. She felt isolated from the community, unable to join in the ritual fast with the rest of her congregation, until she realized her greater sacrifice would be eating.

"For me it became the opposite. I had to give into all the things that everyone else had been giving up," Waller said. "That was the lightbulb that reconciled the Jewish dilemma I was facing with needing to be in recovery."

Steiner-Adair says effective prevention highlights part of the religion that can inoculate girls against dangerous body messages in Western culture.

"When you have a religion that says your body is the temple of your soul and you find ways to make that meaningful at 13, that can be a very powerful way to look quite critically at Calvin Klein anorexic-chic models," she said.

Dr. Deborah Wallen



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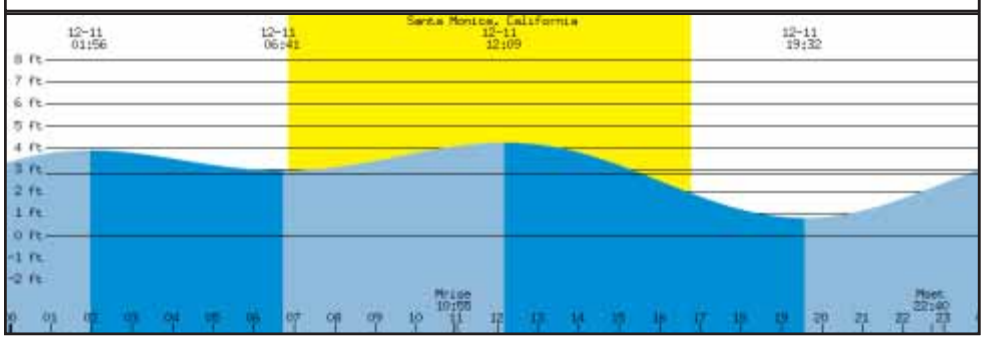
Swell Forecast

Looks rather small as well.

Long Range Synopsis

We could see wind swell increase to chest high around west facing breaks, but sloppy and storm driven.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 17

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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 Alina creeks.	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	B
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	D
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	D
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Cam Newton says he's not disappointed in father

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK Cam Newton and the other finalists for the Heisman Trophy strolled into the room together, posed for a couple of photos with the big bronze statue, then spread out to separate tables to speak with reporters.

Andrew Luck, LaMichael James and Kellen Moore looked a little lonely.

The Auburn quarterback certainly draws a crowd these days.

Newton sat back in a leather desk chair, frequently flashed a big grin and casually answered questions from about a dozen reporters for 14 minutes Friday, the day before he's expected to win the Heisman.

Newton said he was not disappointed in his father, even though the NCAA believes Cecil Newton tried to get Mississippi State to pay him in exchange for his son playing there. The star QB was disappointed that his dad decided not to attend the Heisman ceremony on Saturday night.

"It hurts, but that's a decision that he made," Cam Newton said.

Newton has stayed an overwhelming favorite to win the Heisman, even though he played much of the season's final month with a scandal developing around him.

The week before the Southeastern Conference championship the NCAA announced that Cecil Newton tried to pull off a play-for-pay scheme with Mississippi State, but there was no evidence that his son or Auburn knew about it. The NCAA decided Cam Newton would be allowed to play, but his father's access to Auburn athletics would be limited. The sports governing body has left open the possibility that Cam Newton's status could change if new evidence came to light.

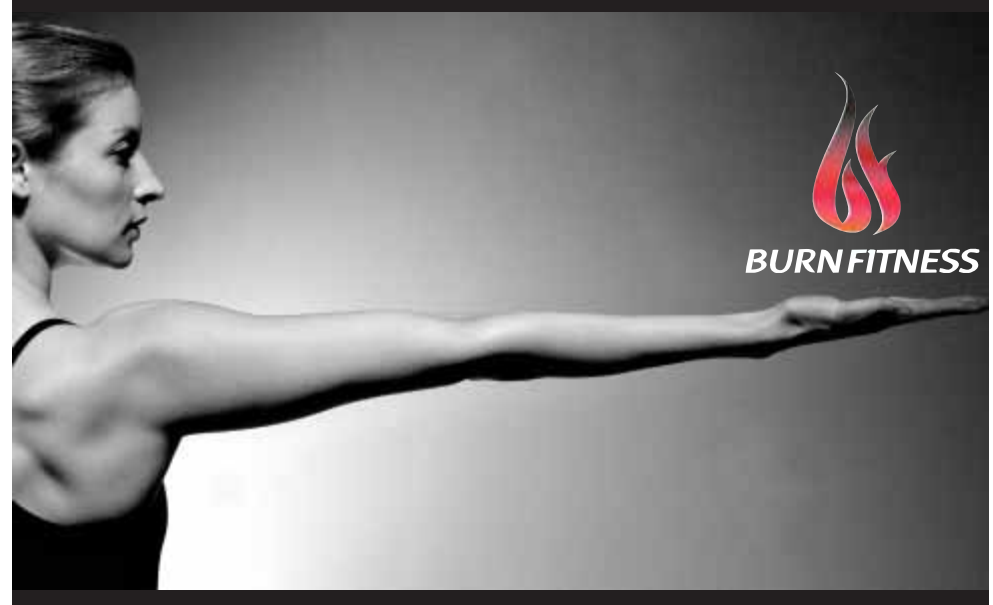
Cecil Newton, in a statement released Thursday by his attorney, said he would not attend the ceremony.

"He's doing it (for) the betterment of me. Whatever his decision is, I'm all for it. And I'll stick to that," Cam said.

Cam Newton said his mother, Jackie, and two brothers will be at the ceremony and he plans to speak with his father by phone soon after it is over.

"I said on numerous occasions how I feel about my father," Newton said. "I love him with all my heart."

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Just say yes, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Much goes on behind the scenes. Say little but observe a lot. Your ability to determine what is happening could help you gain a firmer grip on a personal matter. Tonight: Shh -- sometimes mystery is more alluring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You gravitate to the right place at the right time. Meet friends halfway, or be willing to try a new spot together. What you are doing makes no difference, as long as you are together. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and a partner. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear, and for good reason. Be willing to initiate some dramatic changes within your immediate circle. Tonight: Out and about. A force to be noticed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Take off for the movies or a day trip. You will discover just how much you enjoy yourself in another setting. Relax and have an important discussion with a friend or loved one. Note how this person is changing right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Keep "escape" the theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to see what is going on within a relationship. At first you might need to coax someone to talk. Allow greater depth to develop between you and those you deal with every day. Tonight: Make it cozy and romantic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others come forward -- some with invitations and others with what might seem like really good, fun ideas for plans. You have so many choices that you could be overwhelmed. Don't even try to squeeze every one in. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Whether you dragged some work home or decided to get into a project, you are focused. Visit with a child or loved one if you can. This person wants to participate and be more a part of your day. Remember how important this person is. Tonight: Pizza night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your sense of well-being emerges in a conversation. A loved one or new friend makes it no secret how he or she feels about you. Communication could take on a sarcastic tone if you are not careful. Tonight: Create the kind of evening you always wanted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might not realize how important your role is on the home front. Some situations you cannot change, but your support is most desired. Be careful how much you invest in your home, real estate or another type of security. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ The words you choose could make a big difference, as well as your facial expressions and your gestures. Recognize that others can see through any act you might put up. Decide to be authentic. Tonight: Hang with a dear friend at a favorite place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Even if your inner voice says it is great to invest or spend in a certain manner, you could be taking too big of a risk for you. Talk through a change very carefully with someone whose financial knowledge you trust. Tonight: Treating doesn't have to cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have energy and charisma, pointing to a home run. An assertive friend thinks he has a great idea and wants you to join in. Don't even bother trying to say "no." Friends surround you wherever you go. Tonight: Where the action is.

Happy birthday

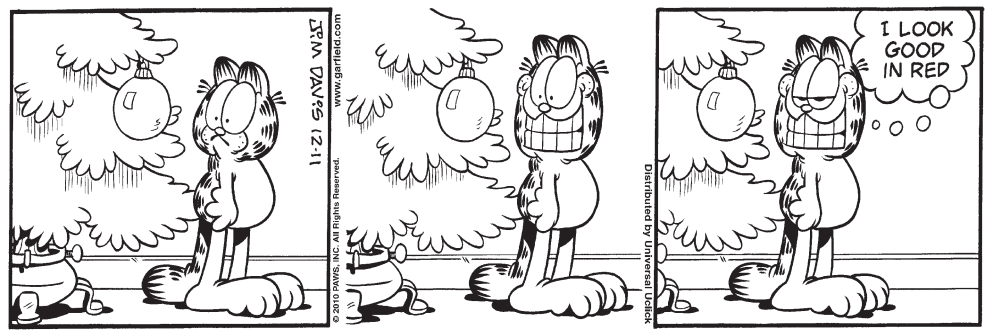
This year, you could step into a new financial world where you become proactive. You also might spend more than you want to in order to create more of what you want. Establish limits. Your home life becomes a focal point too. You might buy a home, remodel or simply move. The quality of your family interactions improves. If you are single, romance knocks on your door this spring. You easily could have a choice of more than one person. If you are attached, the two of you might want to plan a special trip together. PISCES can stress you out easily.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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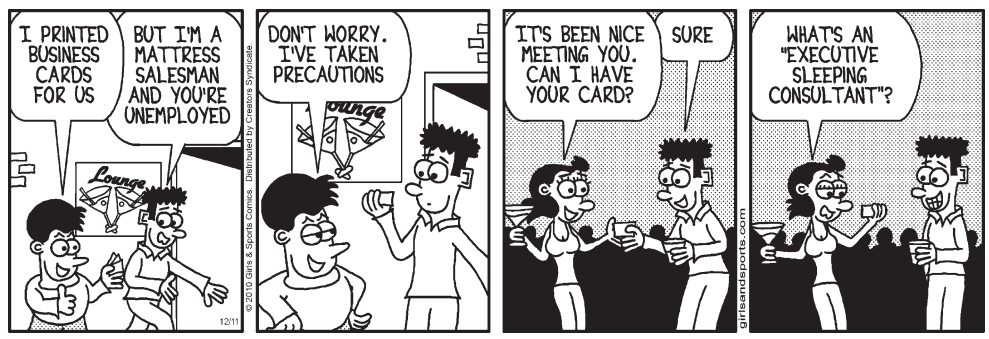
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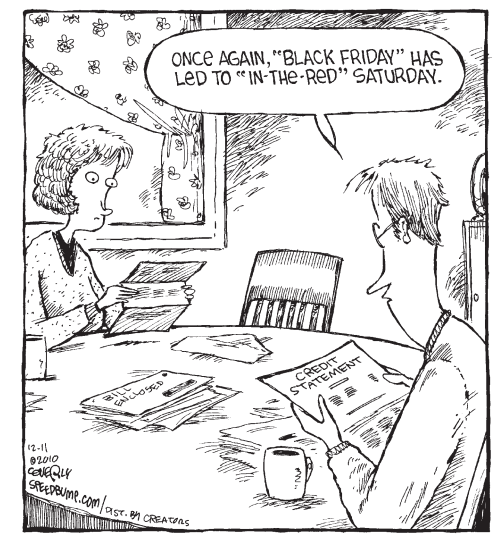
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Walk of Fame sight
5 Get news of
9 Future fungi
10 UFO occupant
12 Sachet scent
13 September sign
14 Bob Marley song
16 Empty talk
17 Tie the knot
18 Business gamble
20 Hot
22 Some linemen
23 Opera offerings
25 Tag sale proviso
28 Takes notice
32 Monopoly avenue
34 First número
35 Play part
36 In theory
38 Mixes up
40 Martini extra
41 Marisa of "The Wrestler"
42 Descartes and Magritte
43 Bring up
44 New driver, often

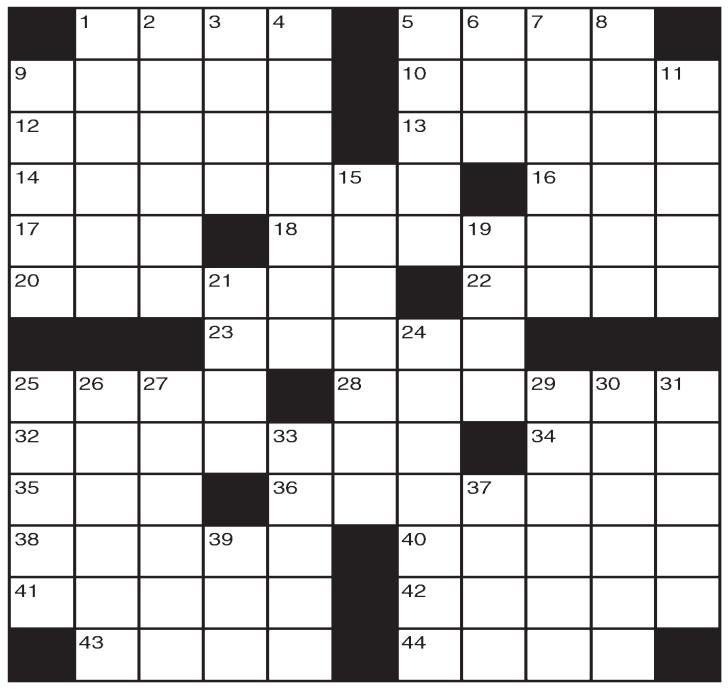
DOWN

1 Small piano
2 Spanish city
3 Asia's — Sea
4 Get back
5 Safe spot
6 Yale student
7 Pellet shooter
8 Look at
9 Delays
11 Snouts
15 Game choice
19 Try out
21 Ultimate
24 Gate setting
25 Nautical call
26 District
27 Eventually
29 Flat on one's back
30 Crooked
31 Skin features
33 Polite refusal
37 Out of the wind
39 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

S	A	S	S	■	■	E	B	B	S	■
H	O	T	E	L	■	L	U	R	E	S
E	R	I	C	A	■	T	R	E	A	T
E	T	C	■	S	T	O	R	A	G	E
T	A	K	E	S	O	N	■	K	A	A
■	S	I	T	I	N	■	M	I	L	K
■	■	N	E	E	■	S	O	N	■	■
W	A	G	S	■	L	O	N	G	S	■
A	S	P	■	G	O	T	O	P	O	T
S	T	O	M	A	C	H	■	O	N	E
P	R	I	E	S	■	A	S	I	A	N
S	O	N	G	S	■	T	O	N	T	O
■	S	T	A	Y	■	■	S	T	A	R

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12-11

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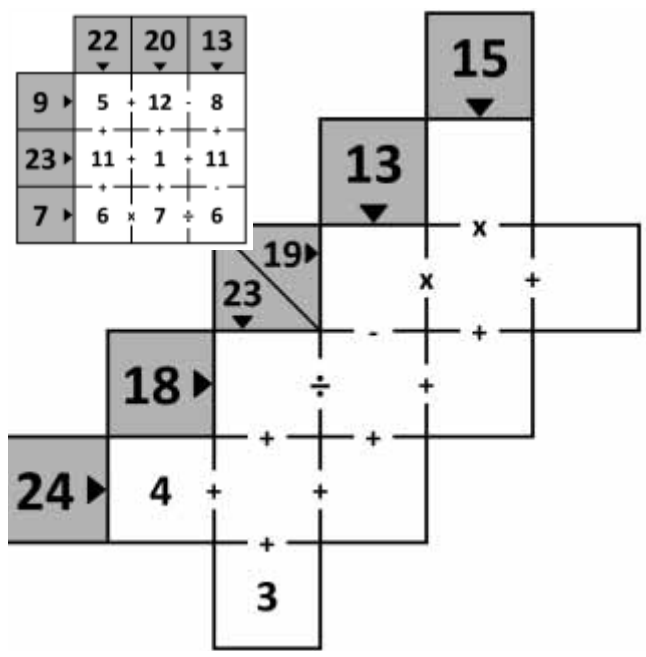
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1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 9, 9, 11

Solution for Task 1220



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DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 2 4 4 EVENING: 0 5 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When law enforcement officials staged a "Safe Surrender" program in Franklin, N.J., in November (inviting fugitives to give up in exchange for lighter punishment), 3,900 came in over four days, but it turned out that 550 of them were not wanted on any warrant. Said a parole officer, "For some people, this seemed to be a way to check." A few days later, in Wayne, N.J., hospital pharmacy manager Leonardo Zoppa, 34, was summoned to a meeting with the hospital's security director but arrived noticeably nervous, inquired about the agenda, and eventually volunteered that it was he who had set up that secret surveillance camera in a men's rest room -- and that he has "a problem." The security director said he was taken aback because the only purpose of the meeting was to advise Zoppa of routine security code changes.

■ Dave "The Dragon" Lockwood and his tournament-tested sons Max, 16, Jon, 13, and Ben, 10, of Silver Spring, Md., might become to competitive tiddlywinks what the Manning family of quarterbacks is to football, according to a January (2006) Washington Post story. Dave was previously ranked No. 1 in the English Tiddlywinks Association (and is currently No. 8, with Max No. 52). "Tiddlywinks doesn't sound very serious," said Max, but "(t)here's so much strategy." (For the uninformed: You mash a "squidger" down on a "wink" to propel it either into the "pot" or to "squop" it onto an opponent's wink to temporarily disable it.) Dave said he plans to get Britain's Prince Philip, a winker, to suggest tiddlywinks as a demonstration "sport" at London's 2012 Summer Olympics.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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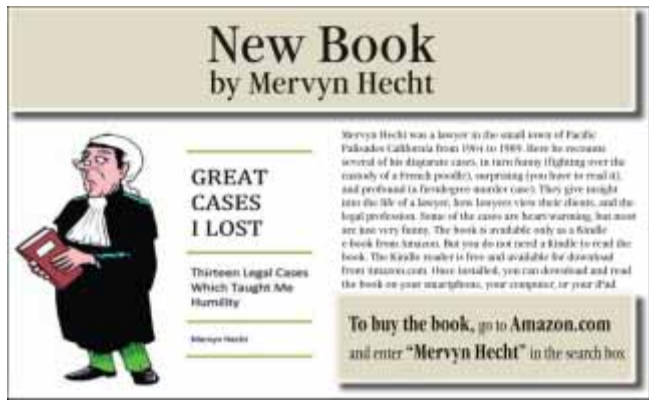
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