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Officials say Malibu schools safe, more testing to come

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU CITY HALL Malibu High School is safe, federal and state health officials said Thursday night as parents demanded answers, concerned that their children could be exposed to cancer-causing toxins.

More testing, including soil testing, will be performed, officials with the Environmental Protection Agency and state Department of Toxic Substance Control said during the Board of Education meeting.

Dozens of people showed up at Malibu City Hall for the meeting, during which board members, district officials, and parents asked questions of officials from the EPA and the DTSC for more than three hours.

Concerns about contamination arose in October after it was made public that three teachers had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Afterwards, 20 teachers sent a letter to the district complaining of health issues and questioning the safety of the campus.

One building was closed shortly there-

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CHECKING IT TWICE

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Santa Claus asks some youngsters whether they've been naughty or nice Thursday night during the Downtown Santa Monica Christmas tree lighting on the Third Street Promenade. Visit www.downtownsm.com/winterlit for the lowdown on more holiday events in Downtown.

BMW coming to Civic Auditorium

Shuttered venue still generating some cash

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER The Civic Auditorium is open for business. Well, some business.

City Hall is finalizing an agreement that would bring a BMW media launch to the auditorium for five weeks next year. The proposed rental could bring in $300,000 — cash that would be put toward financing the building's laundry list of needed repairs, said Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick.

The auditorium was shuttered in July, a result of Santa Monica losing its redevelopment agency, which was going to fund a $51 million seismic retrofitting and modernization of the aging venue that once was home to the Oscars.

In October, the Civic Auditorium Working Group was appointed by City Hall to find the funds and make a plan to save the building. Many annual events previously held at the Civic, like the Contemporary Crafts Market, were forced to find new homes, sometimes leaving Santa Monica altogether.

But the building has still quietly been bringing bits of business to City Hall over the past five months, Cusick said.

Public assembly is banned inside the 3,000-seat Civic but several commercials have been shot in the building as have scenes for the CBS drama "NCIS."

BMW, which is introducing an international hybrid vehicle, would rent the space in

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Poll: Californians gradually souring on unions

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES California has long been a union stronghold, but voters in the reliably Democratic state are gradually taking a more negative view of organized labor, a poll released Friday suggested.

The independent Field Poll said that by a narrow margin, more voters said unions do more harm than good, as opposed to those who see organized labor as generally beneficial.

The figures represent a turnaround from a 2011 Field survey, when more voters said unions resulted in more good than harm.

The shift comes at a time of ongoing

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013

Churn and burn
Santa Monica Pier, West End
10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
What happens when you combine artisanal butter churning, a 1980's fitness class, and the perfect holiday gift idea? Butter Aerobics. Join PopSoda's Jimmy Fusil and Mike Wait for a delicious holiday workout and come ready to sweat. Participation limited to 150 people per class on a first-come basis. RSVP does not guarantee you a spot so get there early. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Save a bundle
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 2 p.m.
Author Nancy Miller presents extreme couponing. Join her for a lecture on how you can get the most for your money. Learn how you can use coupons (print and electronic) to save your (and your family's) hard-earned money. Just in time for the holidays. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Pub crawl
Citywide
5 p.m.
The Fifth Annual SANTA Monica Pub Crawl will feature the city's best bars and restaurants to raise money for those in need during the holidays through a partnership with Westside Food Bank. With your official wristband you will receive drink and food specials at participating locations. For more information, visit santamonicapubcrawl.com.

Holiday read-a-long
The Christian Institute
1308 Second St., 6 p.m.
Take part in a free live reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. You're invited to read aloud from the master copy, follow along in your own copy, or just close your eyes and listen to the storyteller. Come and go as you please; event lasts approximately three hours. For more information, call (310) 394-4178 or visit thechristianinstituteofspiritualscience.org.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013

Get those gifts
Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery, SMC Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 11 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Santa Monica College's 36th Annual Holiday Student Art Sale features a wide range of works in various media. Sale takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The sale is a once-a-year chance to buy some truly unique works of art. For more information call (310) 434-4230.

For foodies
Bergamot Station, EarthWE Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Prominent food leaders from across the Los Angeles region will gather at the inaugural EatingLA Food Fair and Forum to create a plan for a local food system. The spectrum of panelists includes urban gardeners, permaculturists, gleaners, foragers, restaurateurs, chefs, food truck advocates, urban planners and food policy experts. Entrance to the event is free (donations are welcome), but requires RSVP due to limited seating. To RSVP and for full details go to www.earthwe.com/events/detail/EATING-LA

What's a dybbuk?
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
theatre dybbuk presents a reading of "A Dybbuk," adapted by Tony Kushner, translated from S. Ansky by Joachim Neugroschel. It tells the story of a bride possessed by the dislocated soul of a tormented young man. The original play is considered a landmark work in the history of Jewish and Yiddish theatre.

Santa on approach
Santa Monica Airport
Museum of Flying
3100 Airport Ave., 2 p.m.
Santa Claus is coming to town but he won't be bringing his reindeer. Instead, the jolly one will be landing in a World War II era bi-plane. Members of the museum and those who pay the admission fee will be able to meet Santa for a holiday photo opp. Admission: $10 for adults; $8 for seniors/students; $6 for children aged 6 through 12. Those under 5 get in fee. For more information call (310) 398-2500 or visit www.museumofflying.com

He is real
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 3 p.m.
Creating Arts Company presents a holiday classic that is sure to put a smile on even the Scrooges of the season. Based on actual events, "Yes, Virginia" follows 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon on a journey to discover if Santa Claus is real. She decides to write a letter to the editor of the Chicago Sun to find out the truth. For more information, call (310) 804-0223.

The British are coming
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Under the baton of Jeffe Hulls, the SMC Concert Chorale performs selected works by Benjamin Britten in honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Call (310) 434-3005 or (310) 434-4323, or go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo for tickets and information.

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Food for the poor

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank wants those who are struggling financially to know that they can access the Child and Adult Care Food Program to help fill empty stomachs.

The program provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.

It is available without charge to all children enrolled at the following locations:

Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs: John Adams Middle School, 2441 16th St.; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs: St. Anne's Church, 2015 Colorado Ave.; 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Boys and Girls Clubs: Main Branch, 1238 Lincoln Blvd.; 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To qualify for the program, a family of four must make $30,615 for free food; $43,568 for reduced meals.

For more information call (310) 496-8800, (310) 394-2582 or (323) 234-3030.

– KEVIN HERRERA

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Flying scholarship for Samohi girl

A few pilots have donated their time so that a lucky young girl at Santa Monica High School can learn to fly for free.

Civil engineer and amateur pilot Kambiz Taleghani reached out to fellow pilots after his daughter, who is still in high school, showed interest in learning how to fly. He wants to encourage more young women to become interested in aviation and possibly become pilots so he organized some friends who fly to create the scholarship.

The scholarships is part of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education-related program.

"Women have traditionally had a harder time accessing careers in aviation so we wanted to help level the playing field by getting girls interested at an early age," Taleghani said.

Although the stated objective of the scholarship is a pilot's license, the process involves learning many subjects and skills: Aerodynamics, theory of flight, meteorology, propulsion systems, navigation, geography, engineering, electronics, electricity, math, regulations, regulatory process, environment, discipline, concise communications, study habits, focus, dexterity, and more.

The winner of the scholarship will receive 40 hours of airplane and instructor time over a 30-month period. The lessons will be provided at Santa Monica Airport.

The application deadline is next Sunday, Dec. 22. The winner will be announced in January 2014.

The scholarship is for a female student at Samohi.

"We want to start out at one school, see if there's interest and see if we can then get more pilots to volunteer their time," Taleghani said. "No on is getting paid for this. It's all about spreading a love for flying."

Interested students can apply online at www.flysmo.com.

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Kids getting prepared

City Hall's Office of Emergency Management has completed an emergency preparedness activity guide for kids as a fun way for them and their families to be prepared for emergencies like an earthquake or fire.

Included in the activity guide are tips, fun games and activities, and steps to create a family emergency plan and kit.

The eight-page guide is available at all Santa Monica Public Library branches in the children's sections and can be downloaded from the Office of Emergency Management's website at www.smgov.net/oem

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CONCENTRATION

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Molly Tomlin goes in for a layup against Cleveland High School during the Mariners' Winter Classic basketball tournament Thursday night. St. Monica would go on to win 36-33.

Can smartphones snap out of a technological stupor?

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE & YOUKYUNG LEE
AP Technology Writers

SAN FRANCISCO This may be remembered as the year smartphones became boring.

Although high-definition displays on smartphones have gotten bigger and their cameras have gotten better, the pace of gee-whiz innovation has dawdled.

Smartphone and software makers are working on ways to snap out of this technological lull, although it probably will be at least another year or two before breakthroughs revolutionize the design and function of mobile computing devices.

In a foreshadowing of things to come, LG Electronics Inc. is boasting about the G Flex, a new phone with a curved display. Previously available in Korea and Singapore, the concave device arrived in Hong Kong on Friday.

"We want to claim this as the future of smart devices," Ramchan Woo, the head of LG's mobile product planning division, said during a recent demonstration in San Francisco.

If such visions are realized, smartphones and tablets will be equipped with display screens that can be rolled up like a scroll or folded like a wallet.

Making the devices even easier to carry around will be important if software makers want to deepen the bond between people and their phones. That could happen as smarter tracking tools and voice-recognition technology let smartphones understand habits and thoughts like a family member.

The future smartphone "will be small enough to carry with you at all times with-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Water and power

Editor:

The current planning concept is backward. How can you plan a city without first knowing how many people the infrastructure can support? But infrastructure doesn't appear to be part of the current planning equation when considering the multiple development agreements before the City Council.

The first priority, which can impact health, is to determine how many people can be supported by our supply of water, power and sewage removal, based on our current and immediately foreseeable infrastructure, technology, and reasonable cost. Water is a scarce commodity, and we are not self-sufficient with water and may not be for several years. In the past, some of our ground water has been contaminated ... .

As for power, we currently have periodic blackouts and brownouts.

Sewage processing is insufficient; Santa Monica Bay has an F rating during rainy periods.

Then the parking and traffic solutions must be worked out based on real data and reasonable predictions considering all the developments on a citywide basis, not the arm waving we're getting that says no new peak traffic.

And each of the separate infrastructures must be able to handle the load before any development is completed. Hoping these problems are solvable 30 years down the road is useless and irresponsible.

The current planning and development agreement process considers each development individually, and this is not a self-limiting process. It also sidesteps the infrastructure issues and the overall demands on the city. Each development should pay its share of any required increases in the infrastructure network before approval. This must be done on a citywide basis because the demand may not be excessive for each proposed individual development. The developers should be paying for needed infrastructure increases, not City Hall.

Therefore it is vital that infrastructure capabilities be the basis for determining how many day and permanent people the city can support so we don't build past those limits. That represents a realistic and responsible planning and approval process at all levels. It is ultimately the City Council's responsibility to oversee the big picture and control development to stay within the infrastructure capability at all times.

The infrastructure capabilities should limit the responsible rate of growth of Santa Monica. Building past any of those limits represents irresponsible planning and approval, causing Santa Monica to be less desirable as a place to live, work, shop and visit. It can also negatively impact the health of residents, employees and visitors.

Jim Gerstley
Santa Monica





Your column here

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Helping Christmas trees retain their moisture

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT TRADITION. FOR a few geeks, Christmas is also an ideal time to get in a little bit of scientific research. What could be better than to combine some of the traditional activities of the season with the chance to learn a bit more about the natural world?

Katie McKeever is a graduate student in plant pathology at the Washington State University Research and Extension Center (REC) in Puyallup, Wash. She has been hard at work in recent weeks learning about how moisture is lost or retained from a truly mega-Christmas tree. An 88-foot-tall Engelmann spruce was recently shipped from north-central Washington State to what we natives of the Northwest call the "other Washington," namely the District of Columbia.

It took some 25 days for the spruce to move from its home in Washington State to a place of pride at the capitol in D.C. The 2013 National Christmas Tree was harvested from the Colville National Forest in Pend Oreille County. The last time Washington State gave the capitol its Christmas tree was in 2006. That one came from the Olympic National Forest in the northwestern part of the state.

Once this year's tree was cut, McKeever placed three small sensors in the canopy of the great tree as it lay on the bed of the semi that would haul it across the country.

"The sensors are data loggers that automatically record temperature every 15 minutes to provide statistics about the ambient environment inside the tree canopy," McKeever told me.

Professor Gary Chastagner, also at the Puyallup REC, has long worked on various Christmas tree issues. He's an expert on what's called the post-harvest moisture and retention of needles of Christmas trees. To be sure, most Christmas trees are not 88 feet tall, but some of the issues with mega-trees and the kind in your living room are similar

In general, helping Christmas trees retain moisture can help them keep their needles. If you are tired of trying to get a lot of needles out of your living room carpet each January (one tradition I would gladly skip), you might wish McKeever and Chastagner well with their work.

The research on the National Christmas Tree involves cooperation between the U.S. Forest Service and WSU. Forest Service technicians from the Colville National Forest who have accompanied the tree are taking periodic samples of small twigs from the enormous tannenbaum. The samples are sent to Puyallup where they are carefully weighed, dried thoroughly in an oven, and then reweighed to determine how much moisture was in the twigs.

The data the WSU researchers are gathering is part of their on-going work to make recommendations that can help improve the quality of Christmas trees for consumers. That's the technical challenge for the tree specialists. For the rest of us, their work is just a way of improving our live tannenbaum tradition, year after year.

STUDYING GOLD RUSH'S IMPACT ON SOIL

When I was a younger and more sprightly woman, I spent part of my life investigating unusual hot springs in rural California. They were salty and quite stinky springs out in the middle of nowhere, and several of them occurred right in the center of an old gold-laced mercury deposit.

The fieldwork had its challenges. In the afternoon it was routinely over 100 degrees, and the sun was relentless. One afternoon I even flirted with heat stroke. Another problem was that the rattlesnakes were numerous and big.

But the springs were fascinating from a scientific point of view. I spent a lot of time in the laboratory back east analyzing the waters of the springs. They were transporting gold, and the important question was how. It was the sulfur in the spring water, I ultimately concluded, that made this unusual trick possible. In short, the stinky aroma of the springs was key to their ability to transport gold up to the very surface of the Earth.

The area where I worked in California didn't play a direct role in the Gold Rush of 1849. There just wasn't enough gold around the hot springs to have caught the attention of the Old Timers who made fortunes elsewhere in California. But the place where I worked had been mined for mercury, including back in the old days. That was because mercury was used to concentrate gold in materials miners elsewhere were processing.

In the past, miners worked with pans, hydraulic hoses, and sluices to remove and concentrate gold-rich sediment. Because gold is attracted to mercury, the miners poured liquid mercury on the earthen material they had concentrated. The gold particles moved into the mercury. The miners could then heat the mercury and boil it away, leaving a concentrated "button" of gold behind.

There was a lot of mercury being slopped around in the old processes the miners used. Much of it went into the air when the miners heated the mercury-gold mixture, but some of the mercury stayed behind, in the sediments. That was an environmental hazard in the past, and it still is today.

New research is highlighting the environmental challenges those old mining techniques continue to create for us. As explained in a recent piece on the website Inside Science, one of the key places at issue is the Yuba Fan, a volume of sediment built up around the Yuba River, a tributary of the Sacramento River.

The Yuba Fan contains more than a billion cubic yards of sediment. Terraces in the fan act like small dams, keeping the material from moving downstream. But about once every 10 years there is a substantial flood that kicks loose materials that then move downhill toward the lowlands — which include agricultural areas like California's rice fields.

The recent research was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, which is a measure of its importance. In part because California's agricultural bounty is a keystone to all of us who like to eat, I'm sure more follow-up research will be done.

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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.

This past week, Q-line asked:
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?

Here are your responses:

"OF COURSE BRINGING IN THE EXPO Line is going to fix local traffic problems because it is going to help ameliorate the disgusting gridlock we have with our cars."

"I THINK THAT THE EXPO RAIL LINE WILL actually bring a lot of negative changes to the city because of all the construction going on. It's going to make everything much more crowded, we're going to have more people working, more people living here. No matter what they say, it's going to bring a lot more traffic, more pollution and more crime. People who don't have cars will come to Santa Monica by train, which will create more crime. The other main concern is that all this construction that's going up, where is the water going to come from? All Santa Monica is doing is building, building, building. ... We're going to have all these people crossing the streets and they are going to get hit by trains."

"NOT ONLY DO I THINK THAT THE EXPO IS going to bring negative impacts to Santa Monica, it already has. Getting around the city now is practically impossible with all the concrete barriers. I can only imagine what it's going to be like when the train is going down Colorado. That should be entertaining. All the surface streets will be backed up with the arm coming down when the train is going by, they'll be backed up on every street during rush hour. Unfortunately it will be breaking news with people walking across the tracks getting killed and people trying to drive past the arm when it comes down. It's going to be horrendous."

"THE EXPO LINE WILL BRING NOTHING but negative impacts. The gridlock nightmare we already have will be multiplied exponentially by the Expo Line holding up commuters at street-level crossings. This will cause more pollution and precious wasted time for everyone. The danger a street-level train brings cannot be understated. Face it, with 95 percent of bicyclists ignoring stop signs and red lights, and an ever increasing number of pedestrians ignoring 'Don't Walk' signs, how long will it be before lives are lost and how many will die. Crime will ride those rails. Just look at how many criminals are caught and they originate from far reaching areas of Southern California. The Expo can only make it easier for dangerous law breakers to come to Santa Monica and do their dirty deeds."

"WITH EXPO COMING THE POSSIBILITY is endless as to how many transients will be planting themselves in Santa Monica. More housing, more programs and more police will be needed. The city is on its way to becoming one big parking lot. Local traffic problems wont go away and neither will local city officials who created them. Get wise Santa Monicans. Get these clowns out of office."

"I AM WORRIED. I'VE TAKEN THE EXPO line from Culver City. If you arrive at the station just after a train has arrived, the parking lot is inundated with early teens on skateboards. They are a huge nuisance and run in large packs. I dread the day they disembark in our city. I hope turnstiles stop this horde; I doubt they were paying the fare."

"THE EXPO LINE WILL BRING SANTA Monica a flood of homeless people seeking to access the regional social service programs the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR)-controlled City Council sponsors and funds. ... The homeless on the streets of our city are not here because they were evicted from a Santa Monica apartment or lost a Santa Monica home to foreclosure. They are here because the SMRR-funded social service programs for the homeless are a regional magnet. The crime blotter published in this newspaper and the daily police log establishes a large percentage of the crimes are committed by the homeless. Culver City does not fund the level of homeless social service programs we do, so the homeless did not flock to Culver City."

"I DON'T THINK ENOUGH PEOPLE WILL use the Expo Line to make much of a dent in traffic. There are two problems. First, park and ride would have made it convenient and attracted riders. If the line had gone to the beach the vast underused parking lots there could have provided an ideal park-and-ride situation. Ten years ago I asked Pam O'Connor, now chair of the Expo Line board, about this and I was told the extra four blocks were too expensive. As it is, there is virtually no adjacent parking to the light rail in Santa Monica. People who normally drive will be asked to take a bus to the train. I don't think they'll do it. The second problem is that the Expo Line goes right down Colorado. It will be part of traffic, adding to it, taking up traffic lanes, stopping at lights. It should have followed the other proposed route, elevated along Olympic and out of the way. I'm glad it's coming, but I don't think it will fix any traffic problems in the short run."

"THE EXPO CONSTRUCTION HAS already caused problems in Santa Monica, and it will only become worse when the Expo is up and running. Traffic through the city is already at a standstill most of the time, and it will become even worse when Expo arrives. MTA has told us that a train will run every four to six minutes, which means that north and south traffic will come to a stop every four to six minutes to allow the train to pass. It will be a nightmare."

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Man rents movie from Redbox, gets porno

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLETON, Calif. A Northern California man who rented a children's movie from DVD kiosk operator Redbox got something very different instead.

James Terry, of Rocklin, tells KCRA-TV the "Smurfs 2" DVD turned out to be pornography. He rented the movie from a Redbox machine in Stockton on Tuesday.

Terry says he called Redbox, which offered him 10 movies and a $2 credit and said it was working on a program to prevent people from photocopying bar codes.

In a statement to the station, the company said it was helping local law enforcement try to find the person responsible in Terry's case.

The other movie Terry rented that day, "Man of Steel," did not have any problems.

Prostitutes allowed to access victim compensation fund

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Spurred by emotional testimony from sex workers, California officials voted Thursday to change a 1990s-era anti-crime regulation and allow prostitutes to receive money from a victim compensation fund if they're raped or beaten.

Under the current system, those harmed in violent crimes can be paid for medical costs and related expenses, but prostitutes are excluded because their activities are illegal.

Marybel Batjer, chairwoman of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, called the rule "repugnant," adding in a later interview that, "Rape is rape, period."

The three-member board voted unanimously to end California's status as the only state with such a prohibition, though it will take several months to formally repeal the regulation. The change does not affect the illegality of prostitution.

The board acted after hearing what Batjer and fellow board member Michael Ramos called passionate and compelling testimony from several sex workers who said they have been assaulted.

Carol Leigh, a representative of the Bay Area Sex Worker Advocacy Network, said she was raped by two men who entered the massage parlor where she worked.

The men "took a knife to my throat and demanded sex and money," she told the board. "I realized that, as a sex worker, I was a sitting duck, that the system, basically, was set up so that I felt that I couldn't go to the police. ... The rapists know, and they see us as targets."

Ramos, the district attorney in San Bernardino County, said law enforcement generally has been trying to change perceptions and practices involving sexual assault victims, and in particular those victimized by human trafficking.

"I think we sent a big message today from this board for the state of California, that we are now going to mirror some of our other states that feel the same way. It's a national issue," Ramos said in an interview after the board's vote.

The program gets its money from fines and restitution paid by criminals, along with federal matching funds. It reimburses victims of violent crimes for expenses including medical care, counseling, lost income and increasing home security.

Though victims can be reimbursed for up to $62,000 in expenses, the average compensation is just under $2,000. Last year, the board denied 28 claims because the victims were deemed to have been involved in prostitution-related activities.

Jon Myers, the board's deputy executive officer, said the current rule was enacted in 1999 during an era when the state was generally getting tough on crime.

The American Civil Liberties Union and organizations representing sex trade workers asked for the regulation change.

Kristen DiAngelo, who identified herself as a sex worker, testified that she was raped, beaten, repeatedly choked, robbed and held captive overnight in downtown Sacramento in 1983.

"I was told that if I prosecuted this guy, by the police, that I would be the one going to go to jail," she said. "What happens when we have a regulation like this, it segregates us from the normal population. It makes us inhuman, non-helpable. You allow predators to hone their skills.

"These are hate crimes, and they need to be stopped," she added later.

Changing the rule had the support of district attorneys in Alameda, Santa Clara and Sutter counties, along with the victim-witness program director for Santa Barbara County's district attorney's office. They say sex workers often are coerced into their trade and so should not be denied benefits if they are harmed.

The conservative Criminal Justice Legal Foundation says its goal is to "assure that crime does not pay," but in this case agrees with changing the rules.

"Prostitution is a crime, but it's a minor one," said Kent Scheidegger, the foundation's legal director. "If someone's been a victim of a major crime like rape or battery, it shouldn't disqualify them from restitution."

There was no opposition at Thursday's hearing, or at previous public hearings on the proposed rule change, which applies to any activity related to prostitution, including pimping or soliciting.

California created the nation's first victim compensation program in 1965, and formal rules barring payments to those involved in criminal activity have been in place since 1999. Such rules also bar reimbursement for those injured as a result of their involvement with illegal drugs, gang activities or consensual fights.

White House to keep NSA, cyber oversight together

BY JULIE PACE & STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Obama administration will continue the National Security Agency's surveillance programs and cyber command operations under the direction of a single military commander, officials said Friday, the same day a review board sent the White House more than 40 recommendations on intelligence collection and government spying.

The White House did not make the task force's report public. Published reports Friday described the recommendations as limited in scope.

Following revelations this summer about sweeping phone and Internet data collection in the U.S. and around the world, the administration had considered splitting oversight of the NSA and the military's Cyber Command unit. But National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said Friday the government believes that maintaining the oversight responsibilities together under one command is the most effective approach to accomplishing both agencies' missions.

Gen. Keith Alexander, the NSA's director, currently oversees both the agency's surveillance operations and Cyber Command, which monitors and responds to computer intrusions and espionage. Alexander is expected to step down this spring. The administration's decision means he will be replaced by another senior military commander instead of a civilian director, as recommended by some national security experts.

Later Friday, the White House said the review group working under the Director of National Intelligence delivered its findings on NSA surveillance to President Barack Obama. The DNI's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology held no public meetings and met several times with business and privacy groups out of the range of the media and public. DNI head James Clapper exempted the panel from standard federal requirements that it work transparently.

The White House is reviewing the task force recommendations and finalizing its own internal study, Hayden said. She said the process was expected to be finished in January, after which Obama would speak publicly on any changes to the government's intelligence gathering and surveillance. The review board report is also expected to be made public after that point.

Although the task force has kept its recommendations secret, news organizations have sketched out proposals that would allow most of the NSA's surveillance programs to continue but change ownership of the government's large inventory of telephone records and restrict spying on allied nations. The Wall Street Journal reported that the panel proposed shifting control of sought-after phone records from the government to individual phone companies, while The New York Times said the panel urged the White House to hold a tighter leash on U.S. spying on foreign leaders.

The panel's recommendations come as skepticism over the NSA surveillance mounts in Congress and from technology companies and privacy groups. Worried that reports of foreign data intercepts could drive away international customers, lawyers for a consortium of tech companies including Google, Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and Yahoo recently urged legal changes in Congress. Their move coincided with a bipartisan legislative push to scale back the surveillance programs.

One lawmaker said the review panel recommendations could aid plans to end the government's direct control over telephone data.

"I'd encourage the administration to move in the direction of phone companies retaining the data," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Ca., said.

Schiff, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, has offered legislation to shift control of phone records from the NSA to the phone companies and said the move could be made without diminishing national security. He noted that the firms already hold the same data that the government sweeps up and could quickly turn over that material to the NSA and law enforcement. NSA officials have warned that investigations could bog down if the government lost direct control over the records.

Other NSA critics have long urged the White House to split up the responsibilities of the NSA's director by separating the agency's surveillance and cyber command operations. Recent media revelations stemming from leaks from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden showed the blurring effect of the agency's dual roles abroad, reporting that the NSA spied on foreign governments and companies alike, using its unique computer hacking abilities to tap into financial and corporate files and the private communications of allies as well as the calling and web patterns of suspected terrorists.

But Hayden said Friday that "without that dual-hat arrangement, elaborate procedures would have to be put in place to ensure that effective coordination continued and avoid creating duplicative capabilities in each organization."

The Journal reported that the review group recommended that a civilian head the NSA.

Several NSA critics noted that Friday's media reports on the impending report said little about the agency's surveillance programs targeting Internet data inside the U.S. and abroad. Obama and senior national security officials have justified those sweeps by saying they are primarily directed at terror suspects and foreign Internet users and rarely sift through U.S.-based web traffic.

"I worry that what we're going to end up getting is a report remarkably modest in what it proposes and doing little to restore global trust in the U.S.," said Sascha Meinrath, a privacy advocate who is director of the Open Technology Institute, a web freedom group.

Most of what the public has learned about the secret NSA programs is the result of news stories based on leaks provided by Snowden, now a fugitive from U.S. authorities living in Russia. Some information also came from the NSA's declassification of long-secret decisions by the Federal Intelligence Surveillance court. In those decisions, several judges bared internal abuses by NSA officials and ordered tighter oversight of the programs. The Times reported Friday that among the task force's draft proposals is the idea of creating a group of legal advocates who could argue against the government at the secret court. Obama has expressed interest in that idea.

Meinrath attended two private meetings with the review panel and is one of several privacy advocates who have criticized the task force's lack of public contacts and the insider nature of its White House appointees. The review group's members have extensive ties to both Obama and the intelligence and national security communities.



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SAVORY: While not particularly pretty, pot roast makes a delicious dish that is economical as well as flavorful. Feed a large group by setting it and forgetting it — well, kind of.

Holiday roast to love on its merits, not its looks

BY ALISON LADMAN
Associated Press

Admittedly, pot roast is not a particularly beautiful dish. But when done well, it is a delicious dish — flavorful, succulent, rich and comforting. In short, it's everything you want for a holiday feast.

Another perk of pot roast — especially if you're feeding a crowd — is that it is economical. You're going to want to select a well-marbled, tougher cut of meat, both of which translate into cheap. And that means you're going to get a lot of roast for your dollar.

This recipe is easy and designed to give maximum flavor with minimum labor. You brown some vegetables, add your meat and liquid, then walk away for a few hours. Toward the end of roasting, you chop some vegetables and toss those in the oven, too. The resulting roast is spectacular with the gravy made from the drippings and liquid in the pan.

Holiday pot roast with spiced root vegetables

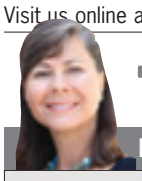
Start to finish: 4 hours (30 minutes active)
Servings: 12

For the roast:
2 medium red onions, quartered
2 medium carrots, cut into pieces
3 stalks celery, cut into pieces
2 leeks, trimmed and sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil
6- to 7-pound chuck roast
Salt and ground black pepper
3 cups red wine
2 cups unsalted beef stock
1/4 cup tomato paste
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
3 bay leaves
3 sprigs fresh rosemary

For the root vegetables:
6 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
4 parsnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 medium red onions, cut into wedges
2 small celeriac roots, peeled and diced
2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds

Heat the oven to 350 F.
In a food processor, combine the red onions, carrots, celery and leeks. Pulse until finely chopped, but not so finely that a paste is formed.
In a large Dutch oven or heavy bottomed large pot over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the onion-carrot mixture and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Spoon the mixture out into a bowl.
Trim the chuck roast of any very large pieces of fat. Season the meat liberally with salt and black pepper. Increase the heat under the Dutch oven to high and add the meat. Sear on all sides until well browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the roast to a plate.
Add a bit of the red wine to the pot and scrape up any browned bits on the bottom. Return the browned vegetable mixture to the pot along with the rest of the red wine, beef stock, tomato paste, mustard, bay leaves, and rosemary. Stir well. Carefully return the roast to the pot, cover and place in the oven for 3 to 4 hours, or until very tender.
Meanwhile, prepare the roasted vegetables. In a large bowl, toss together the carrots, parsnips, onions, sunchokes and sweet potatoes. Drizzle with the olive oil and toss to coat.
In a small bowl, mix together the salt, black pepper, cumin, coriander and fennel seed. Sprinkle over the vegetables and toss again. Spread onto a rimmed baking sheet. After the chuck has been roasting for 2 1/2 hours, add the vegetables to the oven. Roast, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until browned and tender.
When the chuck is finished cooking, remove the pot from the oven and transfer the roast to a plate. Cover with foil. Remove the rosemary and bay leaves from the pot and discard. Transfer the remaining contents to a blender and blend until smooth, making sure to use caution when blending the hot liquid. Return to the pot and bring to a boil. Simmer until reduced to about 5 cups, or gravy thickness. Serve with the roast and root vegetables.
Nutrition information per serving: 540 calories; 120 calories from fat (22 percent of total calories); 13 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 95 mg cholesterol; 43 g carbohydrate; 8 g fiber; 13 g sugar; 51 g protein; 580 mg sodium.

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The Better Option

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THIMBLERIG: Decorative measuring cups can make for great gifts for the chef in your family. Stackable ones can also be used to serve sauces or condiments.

Fat-free gifts for those foodies

WHAT AM I GOING TO GIVE SO-AND-SO for the holidays? That is the universal question this time of year. Whether it's for your assistant the java junkie, your friend the baker, or your brother-in-law the grill master, there are plenty of food-related gift ideas guaranteed not to be re-gifted.

Chocolates, snack mixes, tubs of popcorn are easy, non-creative ways to meet your gifting responsibilities, but they are more often dreaded by the receiver than appreciated. Many complaints by my clients during this time of year include the endless assault of high-fat, high-calorie salty foods at parties and other social events, and the lack of time for exercise. The last thing most people want or need is more junk food to sabotage their health and weight control goals.

The following is a list of creative gift ideas that may relate to food without contributing to the waistline or total cholesterol of your friends and family.

LIQUID TREASURES

Coffee/tea: Gift cards or variety packs of coffee from local shops are always appreciated by even the most vocal coffee snobs. Gift cards can be purchased online and e-mailed to the recipient, making gift-giving even easier. Tea shops, like Bird Pick Tea & Herb, that sell loose tea are a real treat for those who love black, green or herbal tea.

Soups: One of my favorite gifts given to me one winter was a set of soup mugs and a soup mix. Cost Plus World Market is a great place for imported and specialty gourmet foods. They have colorful double-handled soup mugs and mixes for easy, cholesterol-busting bean soups.

Oil and vinegar: Cooks love to flavor their food with specialty seasonings, oils and vinegars. Like good wine, good oils and vinegars are coveted by cooks to add finishing flavors to their dishes.

FOR THE KITCHEN

Cooking utensils: The utilitarian measuring spoons and cups become fun counter décor or conversation pieces when they have personality. Nesting measuring cups inspired by the classic Russian dolls make for an attractive counter display, and stackable measuring cups like the snowflake earthenware exclusive at Sur La Table can also be used as small serving dishes for sauces or condiments.

Oil misters: Cooking sprays are useful when only a touch of oil is needed. But what if you want to use a specialty oil of your own to season salads and grease pans or baking cups? That is when oil misters are helpful, so you can add your own favorite flavored oil.

Herbs and spices: Whether it's a salt and pepper mill or specialty spices, these are perfect gifts for the fan of varied cuisine. Costco.com offers spice kits for the cook who enjoys preparing Indian, French, Persian, or Southern dishes. They also claim to have one of the best saffrons in the world, hand-picked "Coupe" Spanish saffron for only $36 for a 5 gram jar.

FORGET FOOD

Gift cards and tickets: Movie tickets to a local theater on the Third Street Promenade, wristbands to Pacific Park, or passes to the ICE at Santa Monica for a day of ice skating, all make for fun outdoor adventures and active holiday gifts without contributing to holiday weight gain.

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POLL
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labor conflicts in the state and nation, often involving government employee pensions and retirement benefits. It also tracks a long-running national trend, in which support for labor unions has gradually slipped.

Retirement costs for government workers contributed to bankruptcies in three California cities in recent years — Stockton, Vallejo and San Bernardino — and municipal budgets have been squeezed by growing worker benefits and pay. In the San Francisco Bay Area, two transit strikes this year caused headaches for hundreds of thousands of commuters.

In many communities "public pensions are starting to crowd out the services that local governments can provide. That doesn't sit well with the public," pollster Mark DiCamillo said.

Compared to the earlier poll, unions lost ground across most age, political and demographic groups.

Since 2011 "virtually every voter subgroup now displays a shift toward a somewhat more negative view of labor unions than they had expressed previously," the survey said.

The poll of 1,002 registered voters, conducted Nov. 14 to Dec. 5, found that 45 percent said labor unions do "more harm than good."

That compared to 40 percent who said unions do "more good than harm."

The findings were nearly identical when voters were asked about labor unions, generally, or public employee unions.

California Labor Federation spokesman Steve Smith said the figures show the results of a well-funded, coordinated attack on unions by corporate interests that want to abolish organized labor.

He agreed that the San Francisco transit strikes and ongoing disputes over the cost and size of pensions had some impact in shifting public views, but added that the public often overlooks the positive work union members do, including helping low-wage workers and pushing for a higher minimum wage.

"Year to year, poll to poll, these numbers fluctuate," he said. "We've got to continue to fight those fights, and fight those fights in a very visible way."

"Without a labor movement, the middle class will disappear," Smith added.

According to the poll, those viewing unions more negatively increased 10 percentage points from March 2011, while the percentage of those viewing unions as more beneficial dropped 6 points during the period.

Democrats, who hold every statewide office and control both chambers in the Legislature, have long had close ties to unions. But the survey found 30 percent of registered Democrats now say unions do more harm than good, up from 21 percent in the 2011 survey.

More than half of whites, 51 percent, say unions do more harm than good, up from 39 percent in 2011. Even in households with a union member, 31 percent said unions do more harm than good, up from 18 percent in 2011.

Los Angeles, the state's largest city, has struggled to keep growing worker retirement costs from eating into the budget for tree trimming, libraries and street repairs. Last year, voters in San Diego and San Jose overwhelmingly approved cuts to retirement benefits for city workers.

Several California mayors want voters to consider an initiative on next year's ballot that would amend the state Constitution to allow local governments to negotiate changes in pension benefits for current and future employees.

Last year, labor groups and other Democratic interests funneled at least $75 million into their drive to defeat Proposition 32, which would have starved unions of the tens of millions of dollars they use to finance campaigns and political organizing.

The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

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April and May. It would store its cars inside the building and journalists would test drive cars parked underneath the building's canopy. A "1,400 square foot cube display 'pavilion'" would be built on the front lawn, city officials said.

Representatives with BMW did not return phone calls by presstime Friday.

BMW's potential $300,000 is a drop in the bucket when it comes to financing repairs for the space, but these events help cover insurance and other costs, which total an estimated $185,000 annually.

"Even a closed building of that size is pretty expensive to maintain," Cusick said.

Further, the proposed car launch would fill 1,500 hotel rooms and bring all of the local business revenue associated with a big event, city officials said.

Council will vote on interim use guidelines and fees associated with these mid-sized events at their meeting next week. The resolutions merely add specificity to the guidelines set forth by council in June of this year, Cusick said.

They will officially replace guidelines established for the auditorium in 1967.

City Hall hopes filming will be the Civic's bread and butter while its future is in flux.

The main hall, stage, and lobby can be used for filming, commercial photography, or closed rehearsals under the new resolutions.

These areas would be available at $10,000 for a 14-hour day and $5,000 for six hours.

All the other parts of the Civic, like the east wing meeting room and surface parking lot, are available for a variety of public uses.

While the main stage is in need of seismic upgrades, Cusick said that the current and proposed uses do not present any danger.

"It's the reason we don't want 3,000 people in the building," she said. "We have to walk the fine line between keeping the building shuttered, which is never good for a building like this, and making sure its being used appropriately by those interested."

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TESTING
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after and the district tested the air, caulk, and dust particles in rooms for PCBs, a contaminant linked to cancer. The air was deemed safe by the EPA, but several samples of both the caulk and dust contained PCB levels high enough to trigger the agency's involvement.

One caulk sample, which was found to have 37 times the amount of PCBs that the EPA deems acceptable, was revealed to have been taken from an exterior window at the library. The library is currently in use by students and staff but this doesn't pose an immediate threat, said EPA representative Patrick Wilson, because the air samples have been found to be safe.

"People do not have an increased risk of illness or of developing illness because of the contaminated caulk," he said. "What occurs … is that the caulk is the primary contaminant and it contaminates secondary sources: the air, perhaps the soil."

The caulk poses a long-term threat because as it degrades it will contaminate the air, he said.

DTSC representative Tom Cota said his agency would be taking soil samples to test for a number of contaminants. PCBs were discovered in soil on campus in 2010 and the district hired a private company, Arcadis, to perform soil remediation. Because the district did not use state funds, they were not required to seek DTSC oversight. But, Cota said, Arcadis did a good job documenting its work and the results do not throw up any red flags.

"The soil, it had some residual PCBs," he said. "Where it came from, I don't really know. I don't know if we'll ever really know. But it did not present that significant of a risk."

When asked if it was safe for students to be digging in and eating from a community garden located on-campus, the experts did not give a definitive answer because the soil testing was only performed in a small area.

The Los Angeles Department of Public Health official who was supposed to join the other panelists was not able to attend the meeting, but a representative of the Malibu parents asked the EPA officials to explain the teachers' illnesses.

Wilson, an EPA toxicologist, pointed out that one in three Americans are diagnosed with cancer. Thus far, he said, the data does not show that the PCBs are to blame.

"When we compare the maximum concentration from the limited data set, and all the caveats that we've attached to it, it just doesn't seem that the concentrations in the air are anywhere close enough to be associated with the health effects that are associated with PCBs," Wilson said.

Board members, particularly Ben Allen, grilled the officials on the specifics of the science. Board member Nimish Patel asked the consultants if they would feel comfortable sending their children to Malibu's campus and all responded affirmatively.

One teacher asked if students could begin reentering classrooms not associated with sickness or high PCB levels, noting that relocation has been detrimental to their education.

"We wouldn't have any objections to the teachers or the children moving back into those rooms," said Steve Armann, an EPA representative said.

A handful of concerned parents spoke during the public portion of the meeting, accusing the district of negligence and a cover-up. Only a few took a combative tone, but these speeches were met with applause.

Earlier this week, the district released an official request seeking an engineering consulting firm to test and evaluate the campuses for contaminants. The EPA and DTSC will oversee the testing. Responses from firms are due by Dec. 20 and a selection will be made in January.

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Patrick Wilson
EPA toxicologist

Because PCB levels triggered the EPA involvement, EPA's oversight will be paid for by federal tax dollars. DTSC will charge for its oversight.

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TAKING THE CURVE: LG Electronics Inc. is boasting about the G Flex, a new phone with a curved display. In theory, the curved-screen technology will lead to bendable screens, which will then pave the way to foldable screens.

PHONES
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out thinking about it, and it will be essential enough that you won't want to get rid of it," Silicon Valley futurist Paul Saffo said. "It will become a context engine. It will be aware of where it is, where you are going and what you need."

The G Flex provides a peek at the shape of things to come. Despite its name, the G Flex isn't pliable. The device is slightly bowed from top to bottom, allowing it to curve toward a person's mouth when used for phone calls. It also has a curved battery, something LG says is a first for smartphones. LG applied a "self-healing" protective coat on the G Flex to automatically repair any minor scratches.

More than anything, the G Flex is meant to begin the smartphone's evolution from the primitive state of flat screens. In theory, the curved-screen technology will lead to bendable screens, which will then pave the way to foldable screens. If that progression plays out, it would be possible to fold a larger smartphone so it can easily fit into a pocket.

For now, though, the G Flex's size makes it too cumbersome for most people to lug around. It has a six-inch screen, measured diagonally, making it among the largest phones out there. The cost also will limit its appeal. LG introduced the G Flex in its home country of South Korea last month for $940. LG wants to sell the G Flex in the U.S., but hasn't set a date or price or reached distribution deals with any wireless carriers.

Another Korean company, Samsung Electronics Inc., also is selling a concave smartphone there. Unlike the G Flex's vertical bow, Samsung's Galaxy Round curves horizontally from left to right when it's held upright. With a price tag of about $1,000, the phone is more an expensive novelty than a mainstream product.

Like LG, Samsung is setting the stage for bigger things to come. Samsung Vice Chairman Kwon Oh-hyun told analysts last month that the company believes it can produce a mobile device with a foldable display by 2015.

Samsung appears to be working on two slightly different concepts, according to two analysts who saw prototypes of what's in the company's product pipeline during last month's meetings. Reporters weren't given a chance to see the prototypes. One featured a tablet-sized display panel that could be folded in half in the screen's midsection, according to the analysts. The display was thin and could be folded in only one direction. The rest of the panel was firm and flat, the analysts said. Another version had a more flexible screen capable of bending anywhere.

An Apple Inc. blueprint for making a device with a curved display was granted a U.S. patent this week, a development likely to feed recent speculation that the iPhone maker is working on a concave model. The Cupertino, Calif., company declined to comment.

Other device makers may show off products with curved screens in Las Vegas next month at CES, where tech companies often unveil their latest innovations.

Building smartphones with more pliable screens will pose several challenges for manufacturers. The battery, smartphone chips and other key components will have to become flexible, too, so they can bend with the device. Flexible screens also will probably be made of plastic, a material more likely to degrade or fail when exposed to high temperatures, oxygen or water.

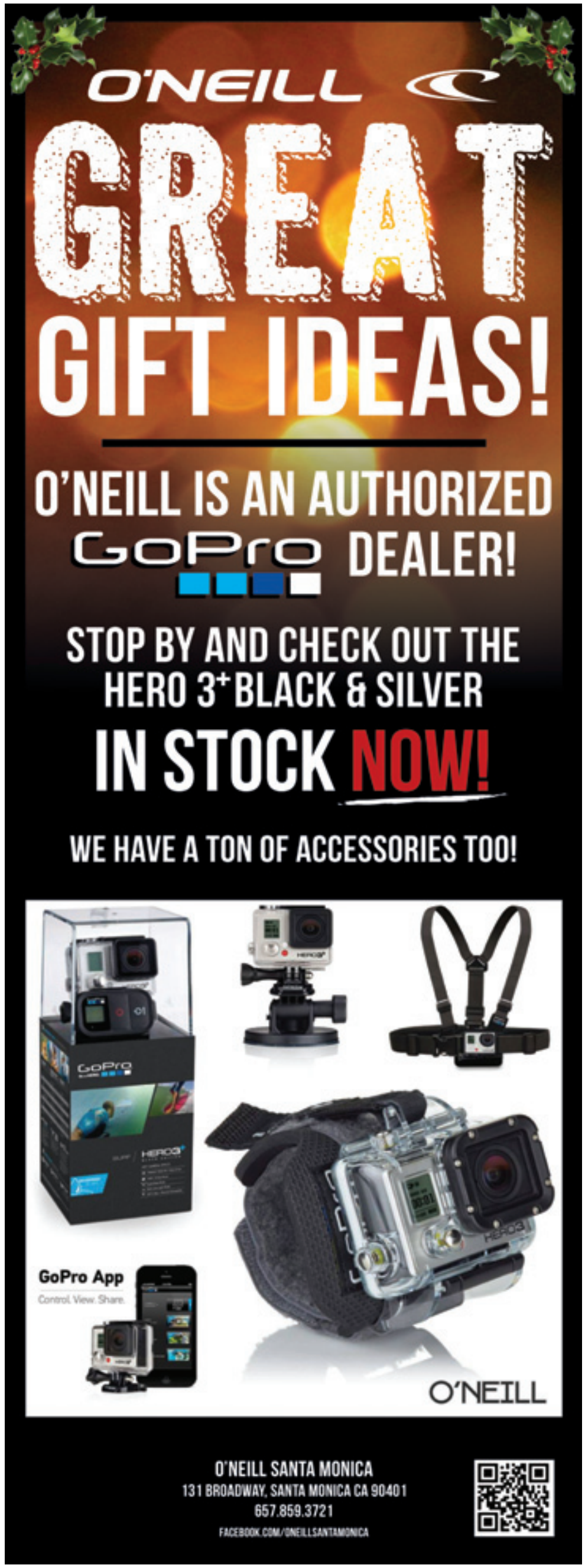
The push to turn smartphones into more intelligent devices appears to be further along than the attempts to transform the display screens.

Both Apple and Google Inc., the maker of the Android operating system and the world's dominant search engine, already offer voice recognition technology and virtual assistants that enable smartphones to engage in rudimentary conversations and offer helpful tips. The ultimate goal is for smartphones to become so intuitive and efficient that they reflexively cater to their owners' needs.

"You'll be speaking to the phone, asking it to do things, and it will be responding and actually doing what you intend," said Dennis Woodside, CEO of Google's device-making subsidiary, Motorola Mobility.

The technological advances could border on the supernatural, according to IDC analyst Ramon Llamas. He expects the future relationship between people and their phones to be akin to fictional billionaire Tony Stark's connection with the computer-controlled armor that he dons to become Iron Man, a comic-book hero popularized in a trilogy of movies starring Robert Downey Jr.

If Llamas is right, future smartphones will become a person's navigator, security blanket, counselor and talisman. Without a smartphone to come to the rescue, a person may even feel reduced to being a mere mortal.



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.3°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
SLOW EARLY - NW-WNW swell tops out; SW-SSW swell holds; deep AM high tide

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
SLOW EARLY - Easing NW and SW swell; new long period WNW swell building in late; deep AM high tide

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
New long period WNW swell tops out - plus sets out to the west in the region; new SSW-S groundswell builds in; deep AM high tide

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW swell continues - plus sets out to the west in the region; SSW-S groundswell; deep AM high tide

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 11, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA and Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
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.	B	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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	B	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
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	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

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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Guard accused of stealing pair of Lakers title rings

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. A security guard at the Los Angeles Lakers' training center has been charged with stealing two NBA championship rings that disappeared last week.

El Segundo police said in a statement Thursday that Eddie J. Monterroso has been charged with felony grand theft and burglary. He's accused of taking the rings and gift cards valued at nearly $20,000.

The statement says detectives began investigating the theft Dec. 5 and arrested Monterroso outside the practice facility Tuesday.

Police say they searched Monterroso's Inglewood home and found the rings from the Lakers' 2009 and 2010 championship seasons. Police could not say who the rings belonged to.

Monterroso has not entered a plea, and police didn't know if he has an attorney. A phone message left at a possible home number was not immediately returned.

MLB

Dodgers acquire P Seth Rosin from Mets for cash

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Dodgers have acquired pitcher Seth Rosin from the New York Mets for cash after he was selected by New York in the major league phase of the Rule 5 draft from Philadelphia.

The 6-foot-6, 250-pound right-hander was 9-6 with a 4.33 ERA in 26 games last season with the Phillies' Double-A Reading club.

The 25-year-old is 14-12 with 12 saves and a 4.00 ERA in 108 games over four pro seasons after being drafted by the San Francisco Giants out of Minnesota.

The Dodgers now have 36 players on their 40-man roster.

MMA

St. Pierre takes break, vacates UFC title

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) UFC welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre has vacated his title, citing a desire for a lengthy break from mixed martial arts.

St. Pierre made the announcement Friday.

He cited the relentless pressure of training and unspecified personal problems for his move away from the sport.

St. Pierre is considered one of the sport's greatest athletes with 12 straight victories and nine consecutive 170-pound title defenses, including a split decision over Johny Hendricks last month.

He has been the UFC's biggest pay-per-view draw since the departure of heavyweight Brock Lesnar.

St. Pierre believes he'll eventually return to the sport, but doesn't want to "jam up" the welterweight division during his absence.

Hendricks will fight Robbie Lawler on March 15 in Dallas for the vacant 170-pound belt, UFC President Dana White says.

NCAA seeks dismissal of student-athlete lawsuit

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. The NCAA has asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit by former UCLA basketball standout Ed O'Bannon and other former student-athletes challenging the collegiate athletic association's ban on compensating athletes.

The lawsuit does not show the association's rules violate antitrust laws, the NCAA said in its motion filed Thursday with a federal court in Oakland. The NCAA also said the athletes' demand for revenue from the licensing of live broadcasts is pre-empted by the First Amendment right to televise newsworthy events.

O'Bannon and the other plaintiffs are demanding the NCAA find a way to give players a cut of the billions of dollars earned from live broadcasts, memorabilia and video games sales, and other revenue. Currently, college athletes cannot be compensated for use of their names, likenesses and images.

"The NCAA's rules do not force athletes who wish to be professionals to enroll in school," NCAA chief legal officer Donald Remy said in a statement. "Instead, the plaintiffs seek to professionalize a few college athletes, which would lead to a reduction in athletic and educational opportunities for the vast majority of male and female student-athletes who pursue Division I, II and III athletics."

A call to an attorney for the plaintiffs, Michael Hausfeld, was not immediately returned.

U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken, who is presiding over the case, denied class-action status last month to the plaintiffs. Class-action status could have potentially put the NCAA on the hook for billions of dollars in damages.

The suit originally named video-game maker Electronic Arts and the Collegiate Licensing Company, but the plaintiffs and those companies reached settlements in September.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Dec. 14
The Rock (R) 2hrs 16min
Bad Boys (R) 1hr 58min
7:30pm

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer will sign copies of the new book "Jerry Bruckheimer: When Lightning Strikes — Four Decades of Filmmaking" in the lobby at 6:30pm. Discussion between films with Bruckheimer; moderated by Geoff Boucher.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Thief (R) 2hrs 2min
American Gigolo (R) 1hr 57min
7:30pm
Discussion between films with director Michael Mann; moderated by Geoff Boucher.

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

Out of the Furnace (R) 1hr 46min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Delivery Man (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (PG-13)
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 7:30pm

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
10:30am, 1:10pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 11:20pm

Frozen 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
4:40pm, 9:45pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
10:30am, 11:20am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in HFR 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
12:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:45pm, 11:20pm

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

Inside Llewyn Davis (R) 1hr 45min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Book Thief (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Nebraska (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Philomena (R) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

RELAX TONIGHT WITH FRIENDS, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Juggle your finances carefully. A decision could have implications beyond the obvious. You initially might look at the worst-case scenario, and then decide to be reasonably indulgent. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Maximize the moment. You might have a special friend visiting. A loved one will notice how busy you are and retreat. Make sure this person is not being left out; ask if he or she would like to join you. Tonight: Whatever you choose is perfect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You don't need to explain why you need some time alone. Many of you will be doing holiday shopping. The intensity of a personal relationship could overwhelm you. Take some time and distance yourself rather than create an uproar. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to a friend, as he or she gives you the scoop on what is happening with several friends and a get-together. A loved one could feel as if he or she isn't included in this group. Tonight: Do what you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others share with you as though you were their confidant. A problem could occur when more than one of these people are around, as there could be an undertone of jealousy. Support yourself in who you are. A loved one understands you well. Tonight: A force to behold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep trying to get a hold of a friend. You care a lot about this person. Fill out cards and buy presents, especially for those at a distance. Recognize your limits. Invite friends to go caroling. Get into holiday music. Tonight: In the spirit of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Continue to relate to close friends and loved ones directly. There is something about you that makes others want to be your sole focus. You give the gift of being present in the moment. Tonight: Spend some close time with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Touch base with several loved ones. Even if you are heading in different directions during the day, it doesn't mean that you won't be able to get together later. You might be the force that brings loved ones together. Tonight: Enjoy a laid-back gathering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be stuck in high gear trying to get as much done as possible. At some point, try to squeeze in a nap. A loved one will join you later in the day, as he or she wants to hang with you, even if it means going shopping or finally getting a tree. Tonight: Celebrate life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will want to spend some quality time with a special someone, but you have a lot to get done. Everyone is as busy as you are, and they probably would like to steal some time away with their loved ones, too. Tonight: When you feel tired, stop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be thinking that you should run some holiday errands, but you simply might need some time off from the hectic pace. Tonight: Curl up with a favorite book and play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Hook up with a friend for lunch to visit and discuss your holiday plans and gift-giving arrangements. For you, most of the pleasure of the holidays comes from visiting with different friends, especially if they live out of town. Tonight: A hot toddy and some holiday fun.

Weekend Edition, December 14-15, 2013

This year you could be very busy. In fact, you might feel as if you're too busy. Recognize how much you dislike spending time alone. Part of the reason for the hectic pace relates to this issue. If you are single, you could jump into a relationship too quickly in search of companionship. Be careful. If you are attached, the two of you often spend time together. You love working with your sweetie on projects. You might be seeing and appreciating a new side to his or her personality. GEMINI often challenges you.

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

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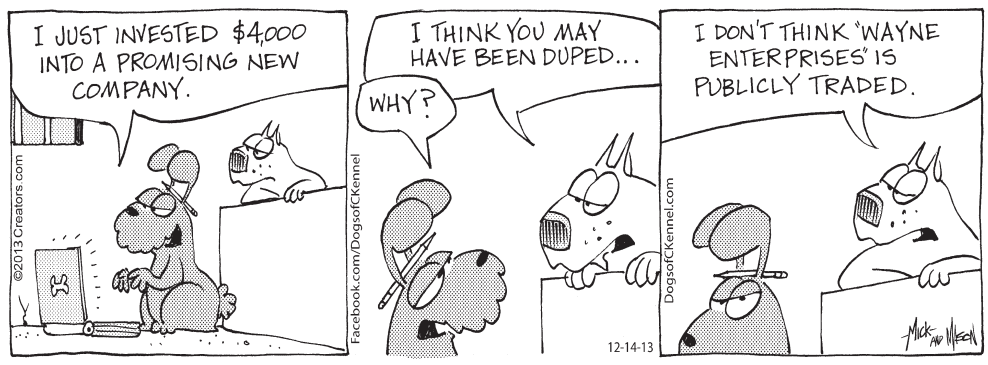
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By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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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	4			8				1
	6			1				5
	8				5			9
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6			9				7	
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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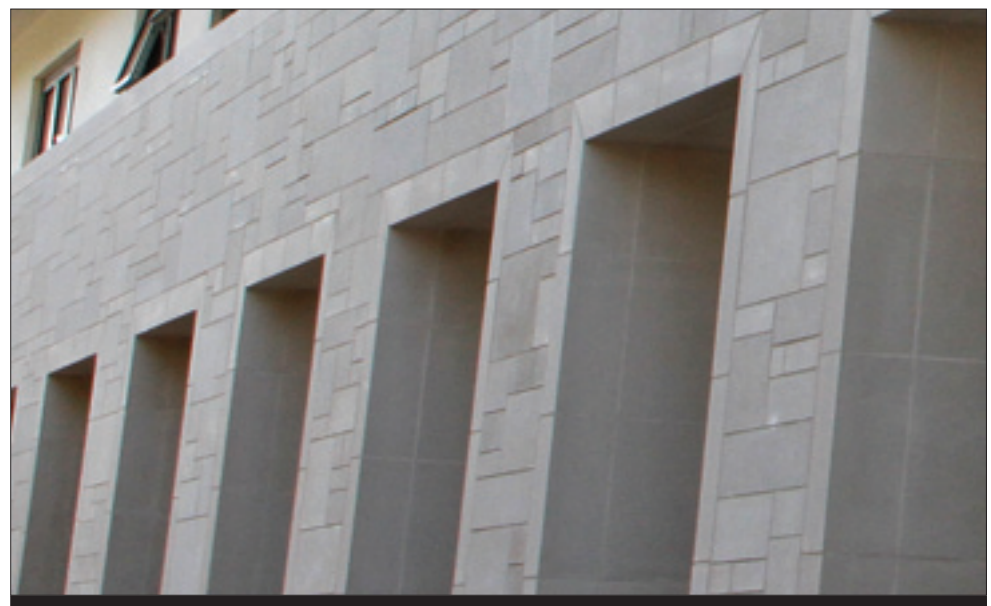


The Perfect Gift Guide 2013

...from stocking stuffers to handmade gems, bicycles to puzzles, party dresses to theater tickets, there's something for everyone! The full list of gift ideas at:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

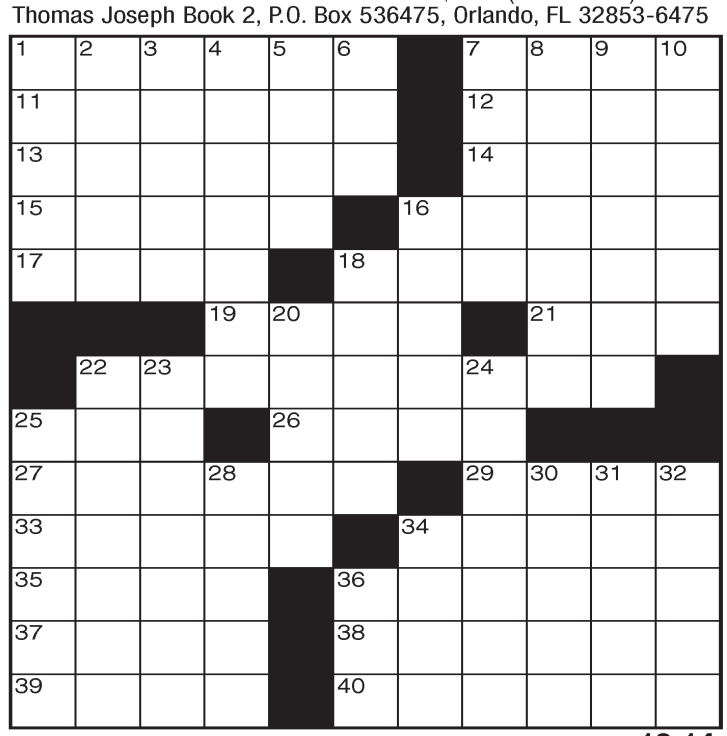
ACROSS

1 Cone units
7 Claiming cry
11 Come to light
12 Capital on a fjord
13 Capital on the Hudson
14 High time
15 Barbecue rods
16 Boarded
17 Despise
18 Auto highlights
19 Taj Mahal city
21 Favorite
22 Wash. peak
25 Remote
26 Average
27 Battery ends
29 Printer problems
33 Low-lying lands
34 "Impression: Sunrise" painter
35 Eyeball
36 Japanese emperor
37 Deplored
38 Like some garages
39 Declares
40 Mortar's mate

DOWN

1 Hide away
2 Mea —
3 Planetary path
4 Running wild
5 Groan inducers
6 Bond, for one
7 Generous one
8 U-235, e.g.
9 Reformer Amelia
10 Shakespeare poem
16 Accra's nation
18 Calls out
20 Toy store section
22 Central American capital
23 Bus's kin
24 Only a few get them
25 Prefers
28 Title documents
30 Put on — (fake it)
31 Military award
32 Cache
34 Coal source
36 Custodian's tool

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5 12 22 41 65
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DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/12
MIDDAY: 0 0 5
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DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/12
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:40.30

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dwarfs formerly could volunteer to be playfully treated in American nightclubs, but such venues now appear limited to Europe. (1) A club in the German coastal town of Cuxhaven might be in trouble following a September incident in which a 42-year-old dwarf accidentally fell off of a podium before engaging in the club's contest, "Lilliputian Action," in which customers chase an elusive dwarf. (2) London's Hippodrome Casino has reportedly run a series of ads seeking dwarfs (maximum height: 4 feet, 9 inches) for a special crew of bouncers and door guards to be unveiled in December.

■ A formal investigation into the strange death of British intelligence code-breaker Gareth Williams concluded in November with a police judgment that the death was an accident, despite the body's having been discovered inside a zippered and padlocked garment bag in an otherwise unused bathtub in his London apartment. An earlier inquest into the 2010 death had unsatisfactorily failed to rule out foul play, setting up the police examination, but two facts stood out, according to the officer in charge: The key to the padlock was found within easy reach of the bag, and, according to experts, even though no usable fingerprints or DNA was found in the apartment, it had not been "deep-cleaned" (as might be expected in a death with intel-op implications).

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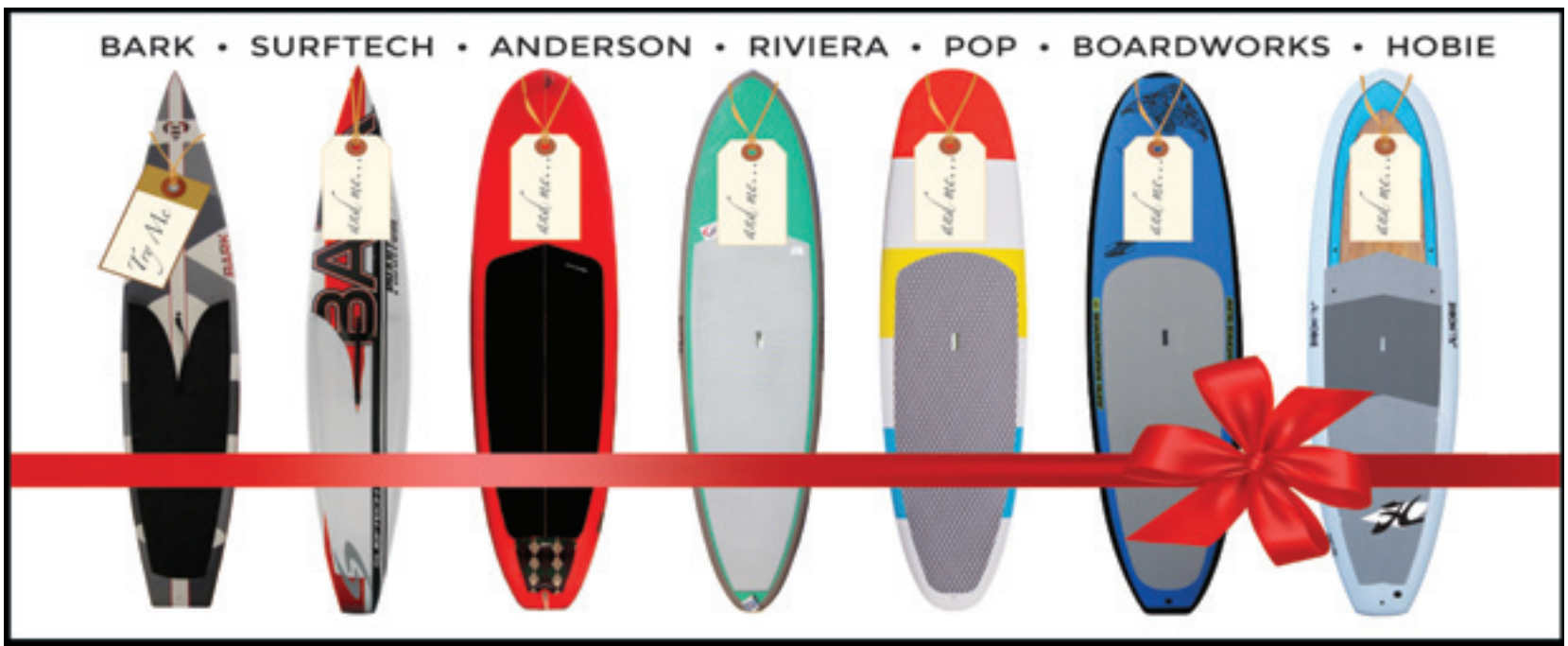
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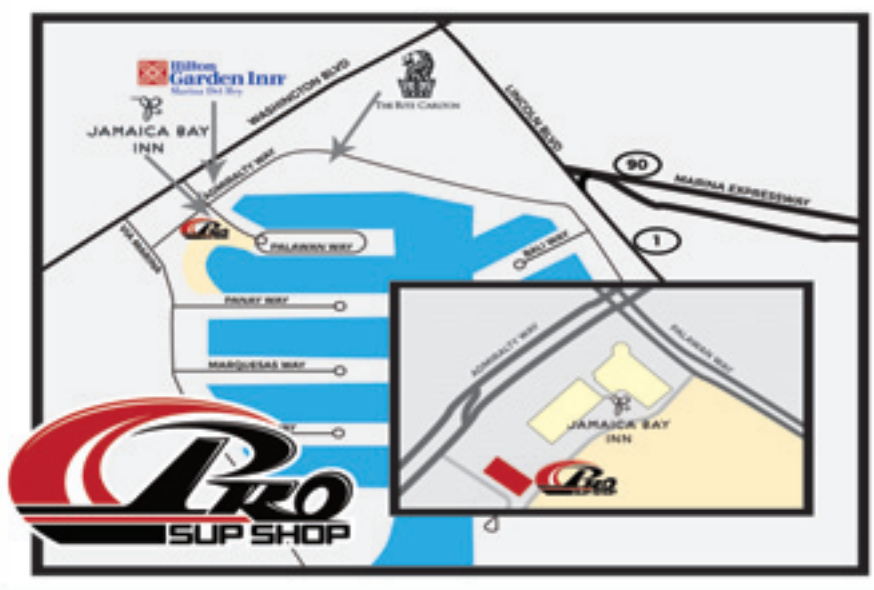


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