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California issues 1st licenses for legal pot market

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD & JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

California's legal marijuana market is finally, fitfully, taking shape.

The state on Thursday issued the first batch of business licenses to sell and transport recreational-use pot, just 18 days before legal sales will begin on Jan. 1.

The 20 temporary licenses — some of which were for the previously existing medical marijuana industry — represent a fraction of the thousands of licenses expected

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Winds temporarily calm on lines of huge California wildfire

Associated Press

Calming winds Friday gave firefighters a chance to gain ground against a huge wildfire in coastal mountains northwest of Los Angeles but forecasters warned that conditions would remain dry and warm and the respite from gusts would only be temporary.

Red Flag warnings for the critical combination of low humidity and strong winds expired for a swath of Southern California at midmorning but a new warning was scheduled to go into effect Saturday in the fire area due to the

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Council approves $500,000 to rehab homeless housing in Venice

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council has approved using $500,000 in federal community development block grants to help remodel about a dozen affordable housing apartments just one block south of Santa Monica's border. In exchange for the funding, Venice Community Housing (VCH) will set aside three of the 14 apartments for people on the Santa Monica Homeless Service Registry.

The apartments are part of the City's multipronged approach to

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Matthew Hall

HOUSING: Council has approved money for housing on the city's border.



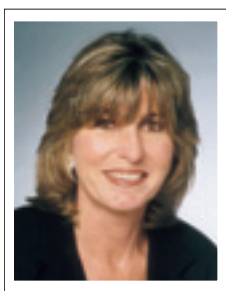




AIRPORT CLOSURE

Matthew Hall

The Santa Monica Airport is temporarily closed while work begins on shortening the runway. Work is scheduled to be complete by Dec. 23. See Page 3 for more information.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, December 16

Ed Asner & Ed. Weinberger: The Grouchy Historian

Ed Asner and his co-author Ed. Weinberger wade into the political debate with the new book The Grouchy Historian: An Old-Time Lefty Defends Our Constitution Against Right-Wing Hypocrites and Nutjobs. This event is ticketed. Free tickets for auditorium seating will be released one hour prior to program. Only one ticket per guest will be released, and guest must be present to receive a ticket. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

Paint - Places, a COAST art exhibit by APC Fine Arts

Join organizers for work created by the Coast Flock of Plein Air Painters during the City's open streets festival, presented by APC Fine Arts. 1450 Ocean, 2 – 5 p.m.

Stay Alive While Driving

Loren Elmer, former race car driver and author of Stay Alive While Driving, shares the tips and techniques necessary to avoid collisions and to keep you and your loved ones safe. He also discusses TEEN DRIVING: why teens are distracted drivers, and what parents can do about it. In addition, he presents the topic of UNINTENDED ACCELERATION, and what to do if it happens to you. A book sale and signing will be available afterward. Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Design in 3D: Open Lab

Explore 3D printing possibilities at the Library. Prepare your own three-dimensional plastic objects for 3D printing. Staff will be available to help with basic troubleshooting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

Poetry Loves Music reading

Join the Camera Obscura Poets (members of Dinah Berland's current poetry workshop) as they present a selection of their original poems inspired by classical music, jazz, Latin rhythms, flamenco, rock, and more. 2 – 3:30 p.m. 1450 Ocean

Monday, December 18

Main Library Book Group

This book group, which is open to all, features an eclectic selection of literary fiction and nonfiction. The December 2017 book is Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Movie: Elf (2003)

In this holiday favorite, Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, an accidental elf who sets out to single-handedly save Christmas, while discovering his own place in the world. (97 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Santa Monica Institute Training Room, 330 Olympic Dr., 7 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. "Critical Mass" by Sarah Paretsky. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Teen Party

Celebrate the beginning of Winter Break with games, music, and refreshments. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 7 p.m.

Tinker Tuesdays: LED Holiday Cards at Fairview

Make a light-up holiday card, with a simple circuit! Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Grades K-5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 4 – 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMO

Construction Underway to Shorten Santa Monica Airport Runway

A ten-day runway closure at Santa Monica Airport commenced this week on Wednesday, December 13, to shorten the runway to 3,500 feet as part of the Consent Decree with the Federal Aviation Administration. The construction is scheduled to finish on Saturday, December 23. During this construction, the airport is closed to all aircraft operations. Construction will be done 24 hours a day to expedite the closure time and impacts on the airport.

AECOM, an engineering and construction firm experienced with aviation projects is managing the construction. Once complete, the new runway will meet all FAA safety standards.

The City conducted outreach to the surrounding neighborhood as well as the aviation community to ensure that all aircrafts that cannot operate on a runway of 3,500 feet were removed prior to the closure. Phase one of the construction project commenced on October 23, 2017. Work was done between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Friday to get ready for this total closure to complete the project expeditiously.

After December 23, certain large jets will no longer be able to use SMO. A reduction in jet aircraft operations will minimize overall air pollution and noise exposure for the neighborhoods surrounding the airport. This construction project also provides more adequate safety areas at the ends of the runway.

"This is a historic day for the residents of Santa Monica and demonstrates the City's commitment to protecting the health and wellbeing of residents and our neighbors," said Mayor Ted Winterer. "The shortened runway will reduce jet operations over the next ten years while also enhancing the safety areas on either end of the runway, something our residents have called for for many years."

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/airport.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

St. Monica's

St. Monica Catholic Church & LA Chapter Of The Brady Campaign To Prevent Gun Violence

St. Monica's will host an interfaith vigil and bell ringing to #EndGunViolence in remembrance of the five year mark of the Sandy Hook Elementary school tragedy, as well as the 500,000 American victims and survivors of gun violence since December 2012. The interfaith vigil will be part of a nationwide tribute in partnership with the Newtown Foundation, Newtown Action Alliance, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Everytown Survivor Network and Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence.

The event is organized by the Santa Monica Interfaith Community, St. Monica Catholic Church, Los Angeles Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson, Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, Rev. Dr. Katie Derose and other faith leaders)

The event will be held at St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

93 pairs of shoes will be displayed on the front steps of St. Monica's Church to represent the 93 people are taken as a result of gun violence. These 93 pairs of shoes represent the souls that are stolen every day. There will be 20 pairs of children's shoes represent the 20 children who were killed in the Sandy Hook shooting on December 14, 2012.

SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE VERGE

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles police say man raped 12 prostitutes since 2014

Los Angeles police are searching for a man who has kidnapped and sexually assaulted a dozen prostitutes at gunpoint since 2014.

Captain William Hayes says the most recent attack happened Friday in Compton.

He says the man typically solicits the women for sex in South Los Angeles and then pulls out a gun when they get in his car. He then drives them to a secluded spot and sexually assaults them.

Police linked the cases using DNA and unique similarities. Hayes says at least one of the women was beaten when she tried to fight back.

Police say the women have ranged in age from 15 to 46.

They say the suspect is a black man, who is about 6 feet tall and between 30 and 50 years old.

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO

Border arrests surge, erasing much of Trump's early gains

The U.S. government posted a seventh straight monthly increase in people being arrested or denied entry along the Mexican border, erasing much of the early gains of President Donald Trump's push to strengthen border security.

Customs and Border Protection said Friday that denials of entry at official crossings and border arrests reached more than 39,000 in November.

That's more than double the nearly 16,000 registered in April.

Trump had touted the dramatic drop in arrests in the early months of his presidency as evidence that his administration was making the border more secure.

Administration officials said last week that they were concerned about an increase in families and unaccompanied children showing up at the U.S. border with Mexico.

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Facebook: Social media scrolling can make you feel bad

It's not quite like tobacco companies warning about the dangers of smoking, but Facebook is acknowledging something many already know: Passively scrolling through social media can make you feel bad.

The social media giant whose platform has become a daily addiction for hundreds of millions of people sheds light on both sides of the issue a blog post Friday.

It notes both an increase in teen depression with technology use, as well as improvements in well-being from interacting with close friends online.

Facebook says that when people passively consume content on the platform, they feel worse.

But the company also notes that when users actively interact online with people they care about, it helps them feel better. Facebook, of course, thrives when people engage with its platform.

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website athttp://www.smgov.net/planetbids. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.

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Holiday Food Drives Get Creative



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DONATIONS: Bad Robot's "Upstairs vs. Downstairs" Food Drive

BY GENEVIEVE RIUTORT
Westside Food Bank

This holiday season, hundreds of local groups held food drives for Westside Food Bank and many found unique ways to encourage donations. Temple Kehillat Israel held its annual High Holy Days Food Drive including a fun "Virtual Food Drive" and overall bringing in a record-breaking 193,000 pounds of food. Wells Fargo Bank and United Way created a pop-up Mobile Food Bank on the Runway at Playa Vista on December 1st, and the bank has food collection boxes in several local branches. Bad Robot held a competition between Upstairs and Downstairs staff resulting in so much food we had to send our truck back six times to pick it all up! Other notable collections included Saint Matthews Parish School's annual Ingathering led by the fourth grade class, Calvary Christian School with its annual frozen turkey drive, and Assemblymember Richard Bloom's annual Open House Food Drive. Donations to the virtual turkey drive at wsfb.org enabled us to provide thousands of families with Thanksgiving meals and we are still collecting donations for Holiday meals with all the trimmings. Thanks to all those who supported us with food drives and contributions this holiday season. You are enabling us to make the holidays hunger-free for individuals and families in our community who struggle with food insecurity.

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POT

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to follow as the state embraces legal weed in 2018, but their release set off jubilation.

The first distributor license for recreational pot was awarded to Pure CA, which does business as Moxie brand products, a company known for its cannabis extracts.

"I couldn't be more excited," CEO Jordan Lams said.

At Torrey Holistics in San Diego, Tony Hall credited his business background and detailed application with helping land the first license for a retail shop to sell recreational pot. The store, which has two certified public accountants, a chief financial officer and marketing director, submitted a 60-page lease, diagrams and a detailed business plan.

"I think it's how we conduct our business. We all have a professional background," said Hall, the former owner of a chemical distribution company who opened the medical marijuana shop two years ago with a college friend.

He sees recreational marijuana taking off like the wine and craft beer industries.

At his store, customers go through an electronic security gate manned by a guard. Once inside, the business looks like a stylish pharmacy with wood floors and Christmas decorations.

"The taboo part is slowly going to be removed and this is going to be like any other business," Hall said.

The small number of recreational pot licenses — and the quickly vanishing year — mean that choices will likely be limited for consumers looking to ring in 2018 with a legal purchase on Jan. 1. Businesses must have a local permit and a state license to conduct business in the new marketplace.

In general, California will treat cannabis like alcohol, allowing people 21 and older to legally possess up to an ounce and grow six marijuana plants at home.

The route to legalization began last year when voters approved Proposition 64, which opened the way for recreational pot sales to adults in the nation's most populous state, home to one in eight Americans.

A patchwork of rules has emerged with some cities embracing legal sales and others banning commercial pot activity.

Companies expect that it will take time for society to adjust to marijuana's legality, and for the new market to settle in.

"California has been without regulations for a very long time. So there is going to be a transition period," Lams added, referring to the changes coming in 2018 with legal cultivation and sales.

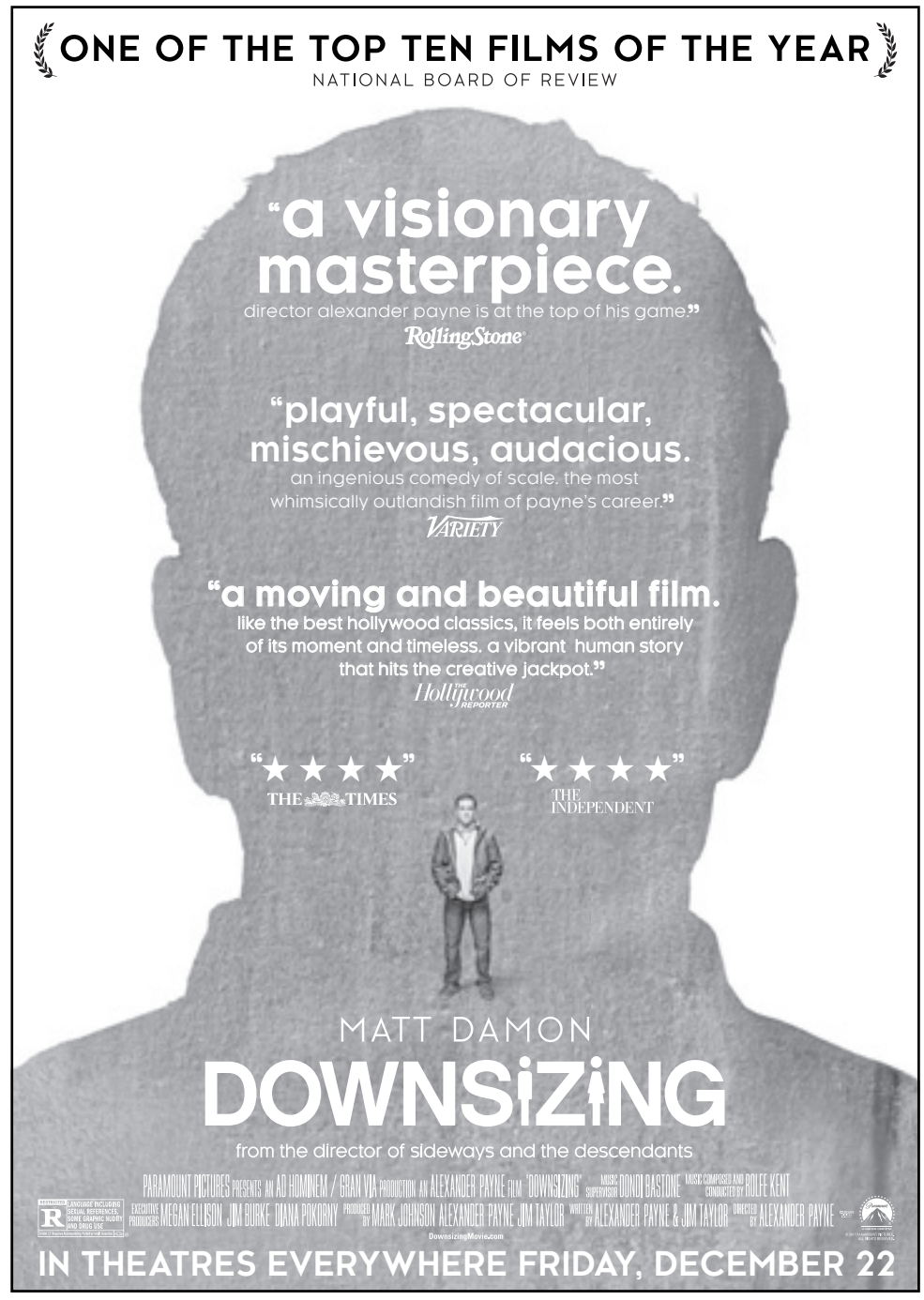
Come January, the newly legalized recreational sales will be merged with the state's two-decade-old medical marijuana market, which is also coming under much stronger regulation.

The state and hundreds of cities have been struggling to devise rules to govern the vast, emerging industry with a projected value of $7 billion. The state's online system to apply for a license opened just one week ago.

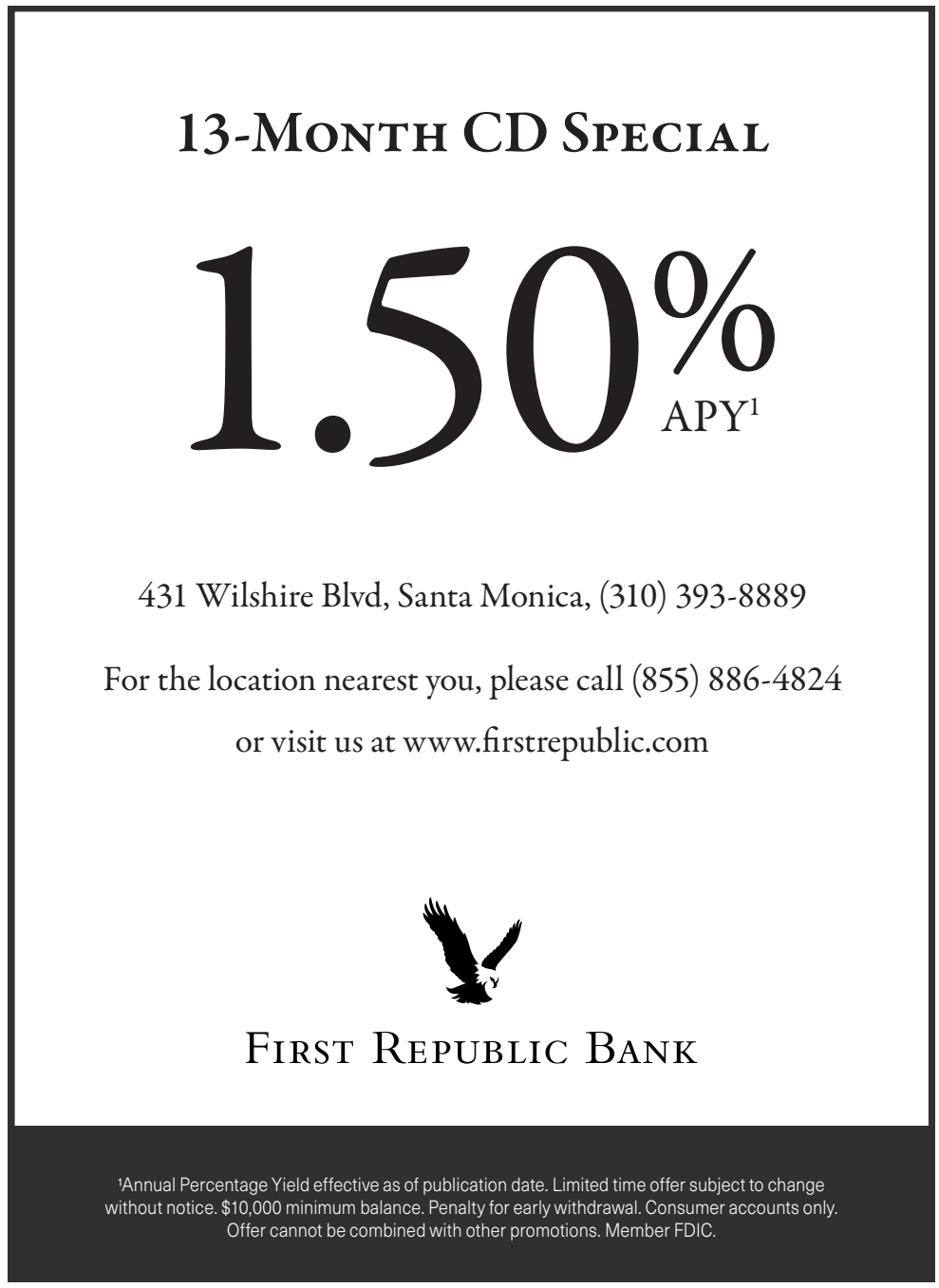
To date, more than 1,900 users have registered with the online system, and more than 200 applications have been submitted. The numbers suggest many retailers and growers are holding back — by some estimates, Humboldt County alone has up to 15,000 unregulated pot grows.

In the background is widespread uncertainty about whether President Donald Trump's administration will attempt to intervene in states where marijuana is legal.

As marijuana is illegal in the eyes of the federal government, major banks are leery to do business with dispensaries and growers so much of the business is conducted in cash.







WINDS

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predicted return of winds.

The so-called Thomas Fire, the fourth-largest in California history, was 35 percent contained after sweeping across more than 394 square miles (1,020 sq. kilometers) of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties since it erupted Dec. 4 a few miles from Thomas Aquinas College.

One focus of firefighting was on the eastern flank in canyons where a state firefighter was killed Thursday near the agricultural town of Fillmore.

The death of Cory Iverson, 32, was announced by Chief Ken Pimlott of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection but he released no information about the circumstances, citing an ongoing investigation by an accident review team.

Iverson was an engineer with a strike team from the San Diego area and had been with Cal Fire since 2009. He is survived by his wife, who is pregnant, and a 2-year-old daughter, as well as his parents and other family.

Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean called for a moment of silence during a meeting for Fillmore residents Thursday night.

"As I was up in the canyon and I watched his fire brethren remove his flag-draped body from the canyon in the hills above where we sit right here, I couldn't help but think about his pregnant wife and his young daughter who will never see their husband and father again," Dean said.

Tony Meacham, a Cal Fire official in the San Diego area, told reporters Thursday that Iverson was in a very active part of the fire when he was killed, but he gave no other details. The other firefighters on the strike team were pulled off the fire lines.

"This incident has shaken our organization to the core," Meacham said.

It was the second death linked to the fire. The body of a 70-year-old woman was found in a crashed car on an evacuation route last week.

Some evacuations were lifted in areas where the fire had long since passed. But firefighters continued to construct fire lines in the hills above the coastal communities of Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria.

The National Weather Service predicted an overnight Sundowner, the local name for a northerly wind that sweeps down the face of the Santa Ynez Mountains toward Santa Barbara and out to sea. The wind will then shift and blow out of the northeast, becoming the Santa Anas that have fanned many destructive fires in Southern California. Conditions were forecast to remain windy well into next week across the region.

Santa Barbara has had only a tiny amount of rain since Oct. 1, the start of the new water year, and is more than 3 inches (7.6 centimeters) below normal to date.

The blaze has so far destroyed more than 700 single-family houses, some 200 other buildings and damaged many others. Evacuation orders have affected more than 94,000 people since the fire began.

More than 8,000 firefighters were on the lines, assisted by 32 helicopters, more than a thousand fire engines and water tenders.

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REHAB

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dealing with a booming homeless population. The number of homeless individuals living in Santa Monica was up 26 percent this year, according to the annual homeless count.

"We know we have people who cross both borders and so one of the things we're doing is investing regionally to look at this issue of how we can support other communities to do their fair share," said Barbara Collins, the City's top housing manager, at a recent press briefing on local homeless outreach efforts.

The 1994 property at 102 Navy Street needs a major overhaul. The yellow and blue building's remodel wish list includes a new roof, boiler, doors, cabinets, flooring, fixtures and a paint job, according to a report from the Housing Division. The funds may also go toward solar panels and an electronic entry system.

The three apartments set aside for Santa Monica homeless residents would last for the remainder of the existing affordability covenant, which ends in 2049. At about $167,000 per unit, City staff sees the exchange as a bargain. Purchasing and rehabbing apartments in Santa Monica ranges between $400,000 to $600,000 per unit, according to the report.

The property is managed by VCH, a nonprofit organization that owns and manages 216 units spread across 15 buildings in Venice, Mar Vista and Del Rey, including 78 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless. As of 2015, VCH housed 513 people including 145 children and 165 formerly homeless tenants. The non-profit provides case management, food, transportation assistance and job readiness programs for tenants.

While the city seeks to open more apartments to people on the street, Collins is also looking at ways to move people out of assistance programs once they get back on their feet. There are about 239 formerly homeless individuals who currently hold vouchers to live in Santa Monica and access supportive services.

"Those individuals have been housed and stable there for some time now," Collins said. "The program has existed for over ten years and they have not had a mechanism to go into the community with a voucher and live more independently, which creates blockage in our system to get people who now need that level of service into supportive care."

Collins said her department is now looking into a so-called 'graduate' program to help those living in supportive housing get a Section 8 voucher to move into less service-intensive buildings. A small pilot program could start as early as next year. The City has worked with a nonprofit to rehab a building specifically for the first wave of graduates to move out of intensive case management and into other affordable housing.

A majority of the funds for the Navy Street apartments, $404,000, will come from this year's Housing and Economic Development Apartment Fund.

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HVAC Improvements at Primary Server
SP2502

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON DECEMBER 5, AT ABOUT 6:45 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 3rd Street and Broadway, officers saw a subject walking against a red hand signal. Officers also noticed the subject was in possession of two bicycles. As officers were investigating his possession of the two bicycles, a victim walked up to the officers and claimed the bicycle was his. The victim stated he was at the Santa Monica Place with his bicycle positions next to him. The victim fell asleep and when he awoke his bicycle was missing. The victim was returned his bicycle. The suspect was taken into custody. Arturo Steven Jordan, 50, homeless, was issued a citation for receiving stolen property.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 398 Calls For Service On Dec. 14.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Encampment 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:26 a.m.
Encampment 500 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:29 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Santa Monica 2 a.m.
Encampment 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:07 a.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block of 29th 3:26 a.m.
Battery 1900 block of Pico 4:35 a.m.
Fight 1500 block of 2nd 5:18 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Santa Monica 7 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of 18th 7:10 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 2nd 7:17 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block of 19th 8:08 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block of Lincoln 9:31 a.m.
Battery 32nd / Pico 11:11 a.m.
Identity theft 2500 block of Beverley 11:14 a.m.
Armed robbery 1400 block of Wilshire 11:15 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 100 block of Montana 11:46 a.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Olympic 11:49 a.m.
Missing person 1400 block of Olympic 1:12 p.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Arizona 1:12 p.m.
Found property 200 block of Pier 1:14 p.m.
Petty theft 2200 block of Colorado 1:18 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield / Pico 1:23 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block of Broadway 1:42 p.m.
Petty theft 4th / Colorado 2:27 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 1200 block of Ocean Park 2:40 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block of 20th 2:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of 4th 2:50 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block of Lincoln 3:09 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1800 block of Michigan 3:09 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of 4th 3:12 p.m.
Battery 100 block of Broadway 3:16 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Santa Monica 3:19 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block of Wilshire 3:26 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1900 block of Santa Monica 3:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of San Vicente 3:47 p.m.
Indecent exposure 900 block of Ocean 3:50 p.m.
Traffic collision 2200 block of Broadway 4:02 p.m.
Battery 900 block of Montana 4:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block of Ocean Park 4:21 p.m.
Death 1300 block of Sunset 4:34 p.m.
Battery Ocean / Colorado 4:39 p.m.
Traffic collision Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 4:59 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 900 block of 7th 4:59 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2600 block of Main 5 p.m.
Fight 18th / Wilshire 5:34 p.m.
Domestic violence Ocean / Bicknell 5:41 p.m.
Traffic collision 2nd / Colorado 6:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of San Vicente 6:33 p.m.
Person with a gun 600 block of Wilshire 6:46 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of Montana 7:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 2600 block of Ocean Park 7:56 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block of Main 8:06 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 38 Calls For Service On Dec. 14.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Water heater rupture 1400 block of Harvard 12:37 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 1:28 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 20th / Santa Monica 2 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2000 block of Santa Monica 2:01 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Neilson 4:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 2nd 5:18 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of Stewart 5:37 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 8:33 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of 5th 8:59 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1900 block of Pico 10:43 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 10th 10:47 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:02 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 1:14 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of 27th 1:24 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 1:41 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 1:43 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 2:09 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 2:33 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 3:31 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Franklin 3:42 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 5:04 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 5:13 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Pico 5:43 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 6:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 6:05 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Arizona 6:08 p.m.
EMS Main / Colorado 6:19 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 6:52 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 7:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 14th 7:40 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Broadway 8:43 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Neilson 8:48 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 10:04 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Stewart 10:11 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Main 10:55 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Pico 10:56 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/13
2 24 28 51 58
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 250M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/12
8 23 24 25 27
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 208M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 12/13
11 14 15 19 39
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 40M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/14
11 12 16 18 20

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/14
MIDDAY: 2 4 7
Draw Date: 12/14
EVENING: 7 4 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/14
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:43.73

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Turn Down the Pressure

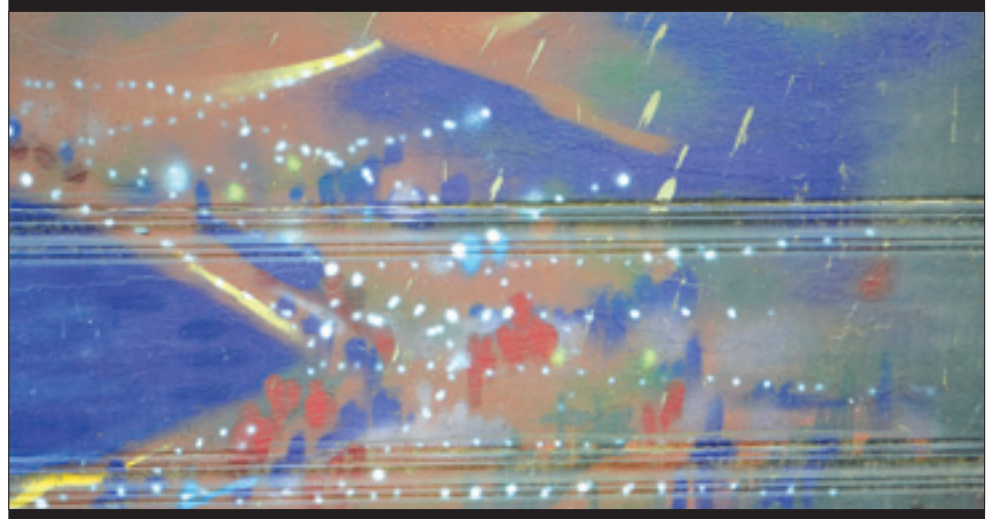
■ New data from the National Center for Health Statistics says more than half of Americans with high blood pressure do not have it under control. Unregulated high blood pressure or hypertension increases the risk of stroke, heart attack and heart failure.

■ It's also common: The overall rate of hypertension in 2016 was 30.2 percent among U.S. men and 27.7 among U.S. women, with rates increasing with age. Hypertension is most common among black adults at a little over 40 percent.

■ The only good news is that the bad news isn't worse. Researchers found that the overall rate of hypertension had not changed between 1999 and 2016.

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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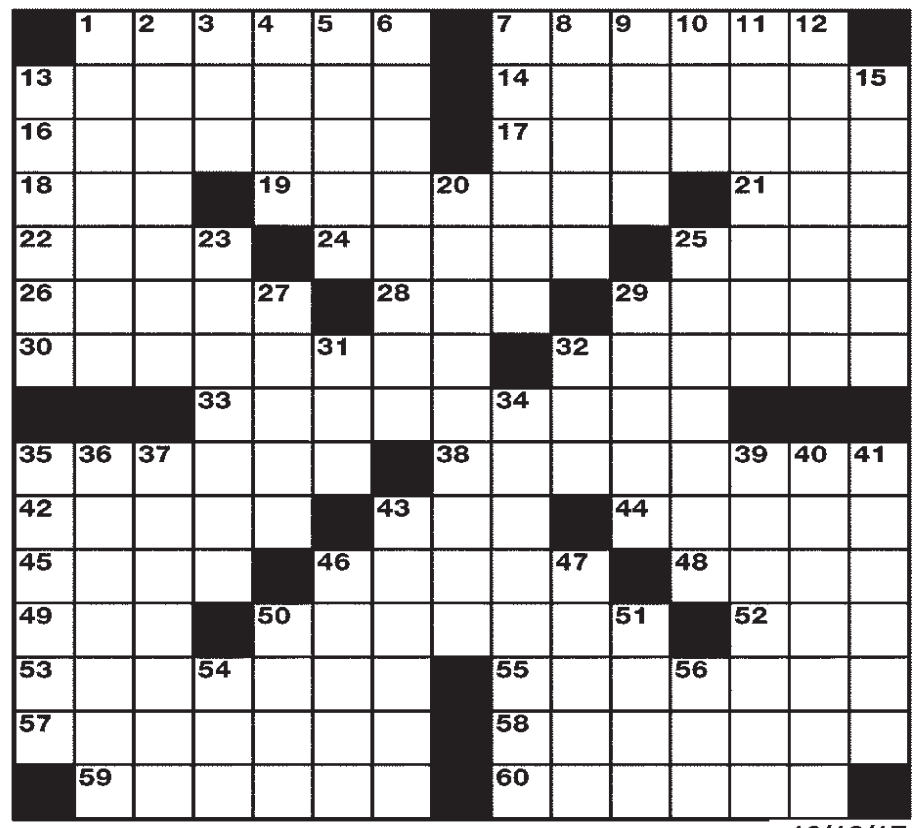
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Electric razor inventor
7 Impatient stance
13 What tiramisu may be spiked with
14 Star-struck emulator
16 Annual lava-desert bike racers
17 Mellow country music artist
18 GPS displays
19 Unlucky symbol
21 Canon introduction of 1959
22 Volume enhancement
24 Step in uranium decay
25 What may grow out of Garfield
26 Nonstop
28 Title for a fed. judge
29 Acquisition expedition
30 Popular pencil material of yore
32 Only Greek state motto
33 Needing restraint, perhaps
35 Be on a first-name basis with?
38 Not quite self-evident
42 Passover casserole
43 Gold to Go dispenser, e.g.
44 Be recruited
45 It's south of Minneapolis on I-35
46 Is a bad influence (on)
48 Certain "breakfast" food
49 MLB TV licensee
50 Dessert with milk
52 Source of many a legend
53 Delight
55 Antonym of "cold"
57 Word that originally meant "gondola race"
58 Serrated tools
59 Cheyenne Frontier Days events
60 Long reviews, essentially

DOWN
1 Fish name derived from an Italian island
2 Risked the wrath of
3 Jewelry Television competitor
4 "But, soft!", for instance
5 Self-evident
6 What a Kabul highway connects to
7 Exclamation of frustration
8 Meryl Oscar-nominated role of 1983 and 1985
9 Not excluded from
10 Trio just under 3
11 Ghost story screamer
12 Egyptian structure in St. Peter's Square
13 Move from right to left?
15 Slip of slips
20 What a pump might hold
23 Added numbers
25 Tangy tart tidbit
27 "A subtle worm," per Upton Sinclair
29 Group of waiters
31 Day's-end retreat
32 __ white
34 Douglas MacArthur was born on one
35 Person needing sharp blades
36 Something lifted in some locks
37 Way back when
39 Annoyingly pointed
40 Venues
41 Bonds on the run
43 Venues
46 Still, for example
47 Big users of highways
50 Venue
51 Obsessive behavior
54 Slight touch
56 Going by at times



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New Moon Pregame Mindset

If you're wondering if you're strong enough to handle the job at hand, you're probably not... yet. The bodybuilder isn't strong, either, until she picks up the weight again and again and then adds some more weight and picks up that. It's the work that makes you strong. Get your head into it. The new moon tomorrow is the perfect time to start.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You may not remember exactly what you said or did, but your body remembers it, and certain cues (the most effective being smell and taste) will bring you right back to that memory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There's a situation; a limit being imposed. Maybe they don't mean to take away your freedom. This could be happening on an unconscious level. But if you don't call it out, this subtle pattern of restriction will continue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It is suggested time and again by the gurus of self-help that a life of purpose and meaning leads to happiness. Today's events suggest that "meaning" doesn't have to equal "seriousness." And purpose can be light as a laugh.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The habit you're finding it so difficult to break is serving a very important purpose, as it carries the promise of some measure of order and certainty in an uncertain world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It appears, to the outsiders, that some on the inside operate inside their privilege without merits even close to those being kept out. You will relate to both sides of this fence at different times today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
People who do not need your permission will nonetheless ask for it out of courtesy. This is how you know that you are respected and also that you have good people around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
As the sign of balance, it's hard to relate to this, but you'll come across those who don't believe that two powerful people can exist in one relationship. You'll help to change minds, though, as you apply yourself to a mutual aim.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You don't like a lot of loose ends: It's sloppy, and it keeps people from moving forward. So you'll go back and finish, even if you weren't the one who started it. The result will be, either literally or figuratively, musical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The matter that stressed you out yesterday may still be there today, unchanged. Time to try out some different reactions. You just might find that all the stress is now optional.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Basics of human connection that once seemed innate (such as eye contact and the extension of uninterrupted attention) now have to be learned, due to digital interference. Your good manners will give you an advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Huddling in groups, hovering in the background... these are the places you don't belong on this day of social opportunity. You have much to give and will open yourself (and your body language) to the larger picture.

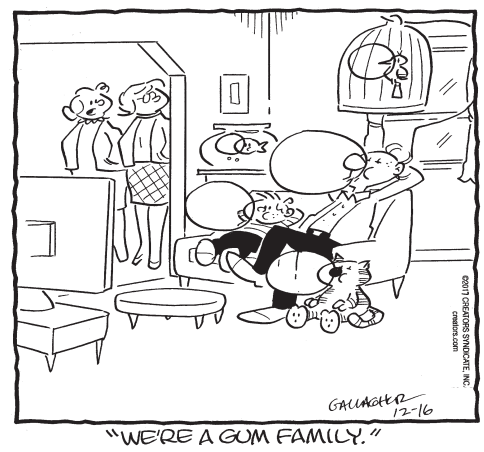
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You'll feel like you have more knowledge of a person than your time together should add up to. This is your sixth sense chiming in, and it has some information worth heeding, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 16)

You've been in love with things other than people before – endeavors that make your heart sing, places that light up your imagination – and that will happen for you again this solar return. Loved ones need your teaching in January. Spring will bring opportunity, perhaps through professional advancement. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 2, 18 and 44.

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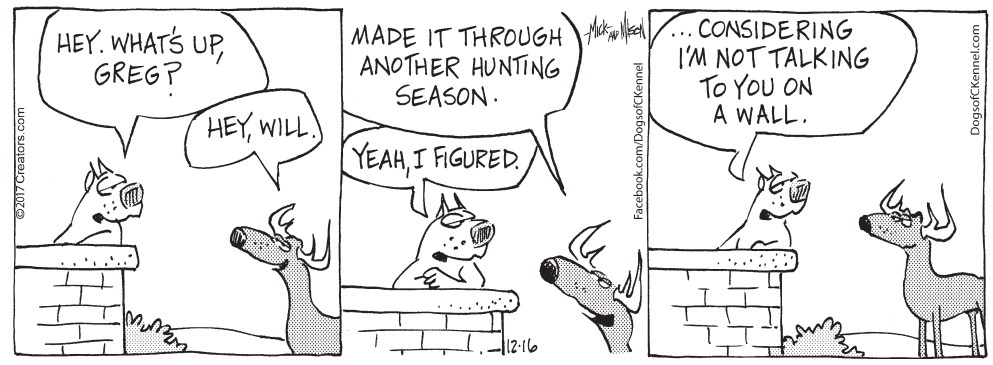
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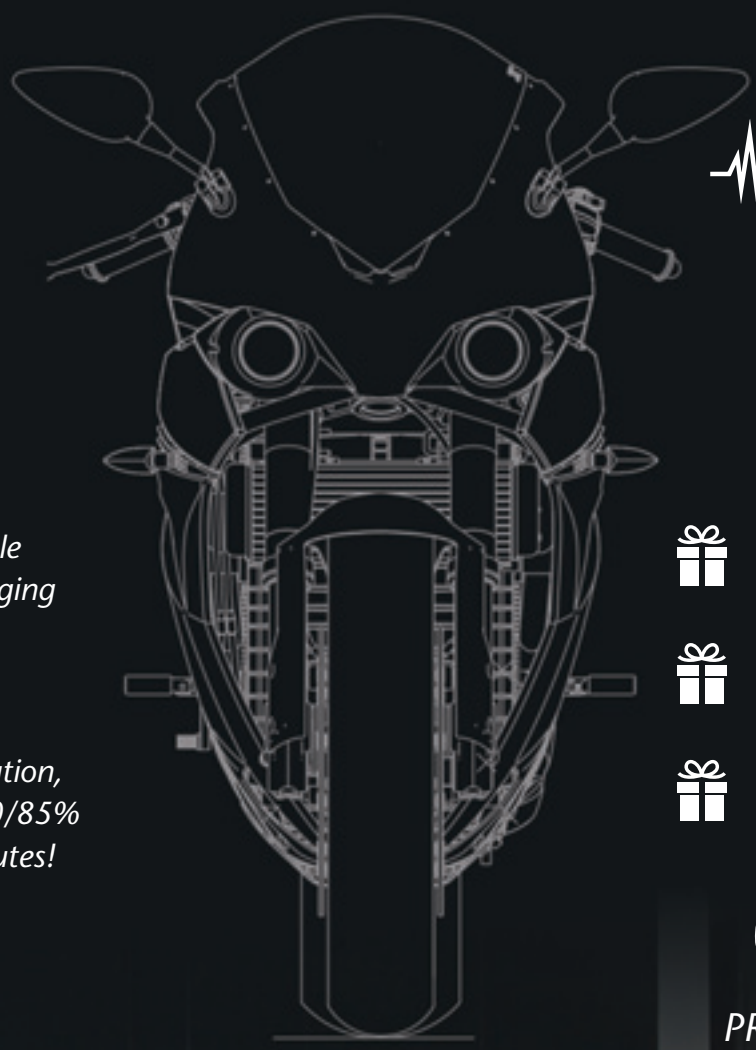
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