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Local jeweler's custom pin worn at 'Star Wars' premiere

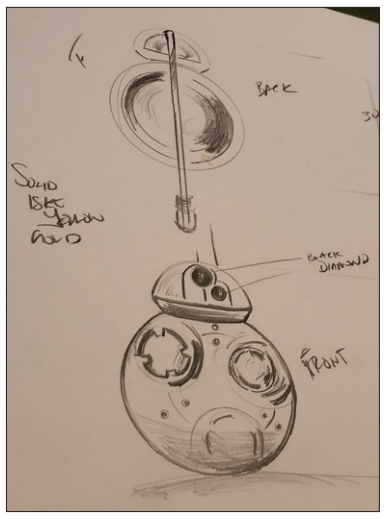
Disney CEO dons accessory made by Readers Fine Jewelers

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Avedis "Avo" Guerboian usually requires three weeks to make a custom Edward Avedis piece at Readers Fine Jewelers.

But when you get a call requesting a custom piece for the CEO of Disney to wear to the world premiere of the eagerly anticipated next chapter in the "Star Wars" saga, even if you only have 10 days to make it, you say yes.

"I got a call asking me to create a custom piece as a gift on December 1st, saying, 'We need you to make something by the 10th,'" Guerboian said. "I said that, depending on what it was, OK. They said, 'It's a gift for Bob Iger, the CEO of Disney.' They wanted to give him a gift of the new character called BB-8. Then they said they wanted him to have it to wear at the world premiere. So I love Disney, and I love 'Star Wars,' so I'm in."





Courtesy Photo

PIN: Readers Fine Jewelers brought a Santa Monica flair to the year's biggest movie with a custom made pin depicting BB-8, one of the characters in the new Star Wars film.

The customer, a friend of Iger's, sent Guerboian a picture of the character, a new droid that will appear for the first time in "The Force Awakens," and told him they wanted a lapel pin.

"They said they wanted something fancy, so at least gold, maybe some diamonds," Guerboian said. "We talked about whether to make it solid gold or add coloring, or if that would make it look fake. But I told them anything they wanted was possible, so we really collaborated throughout the process."

Guerboian started with a hand sketch, as he usually does, showing the customer three or four versions of what he could do.

"I didn't know how we wanted the size to be, or if it should be a traditional pin where you open and close it in back," he said. "But this customer thought a stem lapel pin would hold up better."

The designer then picked a close to 2-inch size for the pin and once

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SMMUSD mulls costs, benefits of career education

Industry partnerships could complement federal, state aid

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Members of the local Board of Education and other school officials have plenty of ideas for how to prepare students for life after graduation. What they need to figure out soon, though, is how they're going to pay for it.

The long-term financial stability of the Santa Monica-Malibu school district's career technical edu-

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SCIENCE FAIR

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

Olympic High School held its STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Fair on Dec. 17. Students showcased a variety of projects to officials and community members.


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December Drive-In Series for Kids @ Main
Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites! Ages 3 and Up. (See Flyer for movie title details). Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 5 p.m.

Cinema on the Street - Holiday Edition
Showing "Home Alone." Also, kids can decorate ornaments. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com. Third Street Promenade, 6 - 9 p.m.

The Longest Night Service
A service of scripture, stories, special music, silent reflection and healing prayer. This is a meditative service - a time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and caring for our hearts and souls. Church in Ocean Park Sanctuary, 235 Hill St., 7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Master Gardeners at the Market
Helping you grow more of your own food, even in an urban setting. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Play: 'All About Santa'
This hip musical is a thoroughly modern look at the goings on in Santa's Toy Shop at the North Pole. Tickets: $12.50 for kids 12 and under; $15 for adults. For tickets, go to http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/all-about-santa.html. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 11:30 a.m.

American Stories Book Group
Join us for book discussions that illustrate the diversity of voices that make up the American experience. This month's selection: "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote and short story "The Loudest Voice" by Grace Paley. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Toy Theater: A Real Elephant @ Main
Artist-musician Yulya Dukhovny presents a magical retelling of a Russian children's story of a little girl who wishes a real elephant would visit her. A paper craft workshop follows the performance. Ages 6 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3 p.m.

LEGO Club
Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Play: 'Saving Main Street'
A heartwarming faith based original musical, "Saving Main Street" centers around the Russo family, who are faced with losing their property on Main Street to the famous real estate mogul Ronald Rump. As a result, it appears that they will lose everything this holiday season, until a Christmas miracle. Ticket info at www.edgemar-center.org. Edgemar Center, 2437 Main St., 6 p.m.

Comedy Show: 'Token Straight White Dude'
Tired of a sea of straight white make comics? Token Straight White Dude is back yard comedy with a twist. Each show only has one straight white male comic in the line up. Come see some of LA's finest comics in a diverse, free show. 2626 30th St., 8 p.m.

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The importance of being K.I.N.D.

IF YOU HAVE ANY LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY presents to buy I have a suggestion that's inexpensive and will make a difference in a child's life. Or, you could go to the mall and buy reindeer-red lounge pants. (I Googled "frivolous Christmas gifts" and I swear that came up on top.)

K.I.N.D. (Kids in Need of Desks) is a UNICEF Project. With donations from the public, they purchase desks for students in Malawi, Africa, who otherwise would sit on dirt floors. K.I.N.D. is literally changing children's lives one desk at a time.

You can buy a desk (or hopefully a classroom full) in the name of a friend or relative online or over the phone. These kids are so bright, articulate and appreciative that seeing their reactions to getting a new desk can't help but bring a smile to your face.

I first learned about K.I.N.D. from Santa Monica resident Lawrence O'Donnell who's a journalist, actor, writer and Emmy award-winning producer. For the past five years, he's also been host of MSNBC's "The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell."

O'Donnell was raised in Dorchester, South Boston, in a working-class neighborhood. His father was a police patrolman who became a lawyer by using the G.I. Bill to put himself through law school at night.

Getting kicked out of Catholic school, O'Donnell was a bit rowdy and pugnacious. (And is occasionally on his show). And yet he managed to get admitted to and graduate from Harvard where he worked on the famed undergraduate humor magazine, The Harvard Lampoon.

Though he's also a capitalist, O'Donnell is a self-described European socialist. "I'm not a liberal who is so afraid of the word that I had to change to 'progressive.'" O'Donnell is often attacked on Twitter by right-wingers but takes great pride that many of them wined up contributing to the K.I.N.D. Fund, proving helping the kids in Malawi is bigger than politics.

"Last Word" is fast-paced political analysis. It's entertaining, informative, occasionally combative and often funny. Recently, there was a hilarious analysis of the letter from Dr. Harold Bornstein, Donald Trump's physician who claimed "unequivocally" that Trump "Would be the healthiest individual ever to elected to the presidency."

The absurd letter begs the question how did Trump find a doctor as bombastic as he is? Or did Trump write the letter and pay Bornstein to sign it?

But back to K.I.N.D. In 2010 O'Donnell made a life-changing trip to Malawi, which led to MSNBC and UNICEF partnering to create the groundbreaking project with the mission to deliver desks to African schools. They've raised over $6.5 million for approximately 100,000 desks, manufactured in Malawi, resulting in local jobs as well.

But there are still over 5,000,000 school children in Malawi without desks. That's where you come in. Seeing the kids delight in receiving their new desks (https://www.facebook.com/thelastword/videos/914333361954844/?theater) will undoubtedly touch your heart as it did mine.

How I discovered that O'Donnell lived in Santa Monica is curious. In 2011, murderer and mobster Whitey Bulger was arrested after living incognito here for sixteen years. That's when O'Donnell wrote that he had lived near Whitey growing up in Dorchester and now again as an adult.

In fact, O'Donnell had walked daily by the apartment house at 1012 3rd Street where Whitey lived. (And yes, Whitey was living in a rent-controlled apartment!)

For years, Whitey had been at the top of the FBI's Top 10 Most Wanted list along with Osama Bin Laden. In May, 2011, Bin Laden was killed while in June, Whitey was arrested. (Scratch two names off the list!)

Along with his girlfriend, now also in jail, Whitey used to shop twice a week at the Farmers Market on the Promenade. They also frequently dined at Michael's Restaurant on 3rd Street and took leisurely ocean-view strolls in Palisades Park. (How sweet, especially for a guy who would be convicted of 11 murders!)

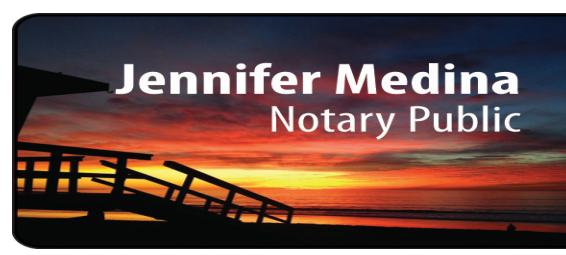
It was in Palisades Park that Bulger approached a homeless man about using his social security number to be able to rent his apartment. Thankfully, in 2013 Whitey was sentenced to two life sentences, plus 5 years. (So no more ocean-view strolls.)

Whereas Whitey leaves one depressed about humanity, the kids in Malawi do just the opposite. For O'Donnell, his journey with the K.I.N.D. Fund has been among the most meaningful of his life. But April 12, 2014, all that almost ended.

O'Donnell and his brother, Michael, were vacationing in the British Virgin Islands when they were involved in a near deadly car accident. Highly serious injuries kept Lawrence in the hospital and recuperating for almost three months. (Google "O'Donnell returns post accident" for the June 23, 2014 "Last Word" but have Kleenex handy.)

Lastly, ordering a desk from the K.I.N.D. Fund is tax-deductible. Unless I'm wrong, you can't say that about reindeer-red lounge pants.

To order a desk, phone 1-800-4-UNICEF or go to www.msnbc/kind-fund. The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell is on MSNBC Mon-Thurs at 7 pm. Jack is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jnsmdp@aol.com.



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Making Arizona into a Greenway

Dear Santa Monica Councilmembers:

I would like to propose making Arizona Avenue a Greenway, similar to the one on Michigan Avenue.

The level of construction around Lincoln Blvd between Wilshire and Olympic has left Arizona as the only totally residential East-West corridor in that part of Santa Monica; interrupted only by two hospitals and the SMCC Extension/Broad Theater.

There is no better thoroughfare to make into a Greenway.

Making it a Greenway from Lincoln to UCLA Medial Center on 16th street or up to St Johns Hospital on 21st would be an excellent way to preserve the area, guarantee some green space between heavily developed Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards, reduce congestion and human density, lower or eliminate accidents on 9th Street and Arizona.

It could also help preserve rent-controlled buildings from being taken off the market via the Ellis Act on Arizona.

In addition, traffic flow would be improved as most of the traffic lights and stop signs could be removed and replaced with traffic circles.

And, it would also be an excellent route to help promote bicycle use in that part of town and help to relieve pedestrian and bicycle congestion on Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards as new construction of businesses, residences and hotels continues there.

I have no doubt that the residents of Arizona would support this proposal.

Mathius Mack Gertz
Santa Monica

LISTINGS

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Sunday, Dec. 20

Snowy Plover Beach Ecology Walk

Explore the habitat and life cycles of the federally threatened snowy plover with the Audubon Society. RSVP at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Family Field Trip Beach Walk

Join the Audubon Society to explore slimy seaweed, sand crabs, beach hoppers, grebes and more! Recommended for ages 5 and up, with parent or guardian in attendance. RSVP at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

1450 Ocean: A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

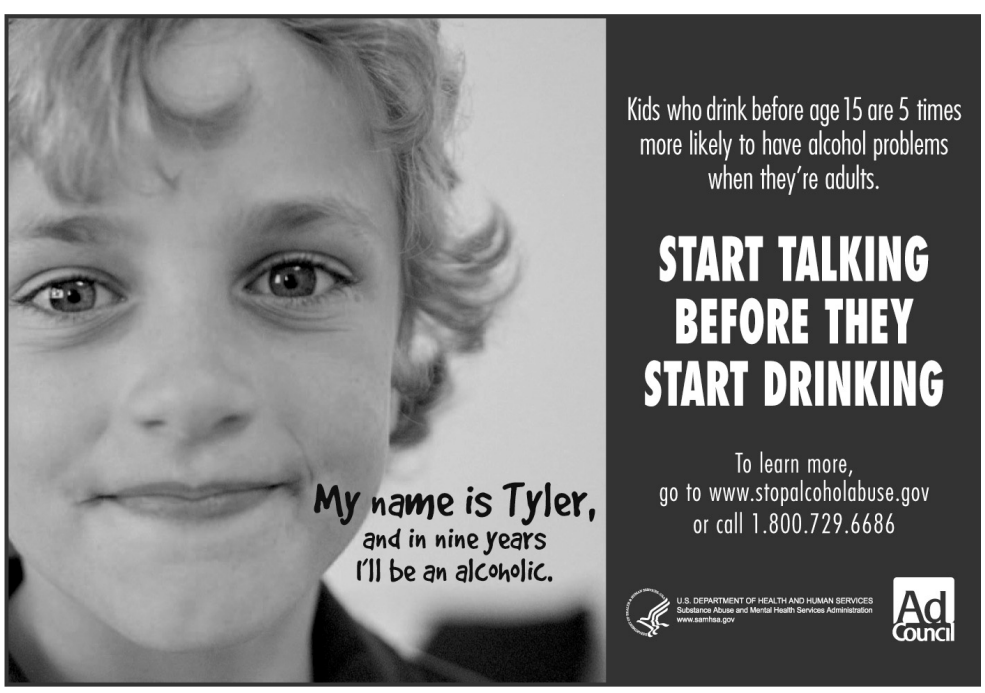
Join urban sketcher and watercolorist Timothy Kitz in a six week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels. Cost: $140 - Drop-In participation is available for $30.
Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47210 or call 310.458.2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Printmaking Lab with Zeina Baltagi

Laboratory for experimenting and printing with our 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press. Printmakers with some experience are invited to sign up for printing time. Palisades Park, 2 - 6 p.m.

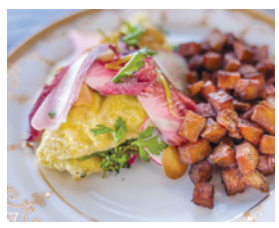
SHINE Storytelling: "Miracles"

'Tis the season of miracles and this month SHINE celebrates with true stories of extraordinary and amazing experiences. SHINE storytellers will share their tales of divinely inspired and down-to-earth "Miracles." Promenade Playhouse, 1404 3rd Street Promenade, 7 p.m.



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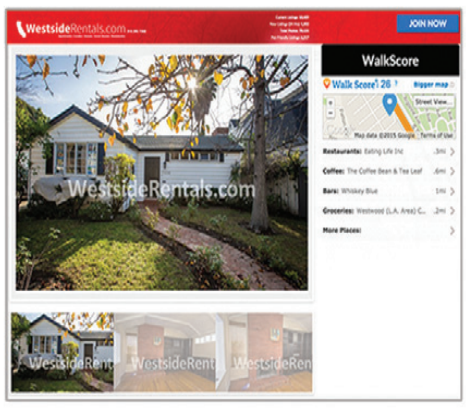
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

County undertakes historic effort to determine park needs in every community

Los Angeles County has begun a historic parks needs assessment that will shed light on access to parks across the County, and list steps the county can take to make parks more accessible for all residents.

This needs assessment goes far beyond any studies conducted previously, using a broad set of park metrics to evaluate park space and offering both cities and residents significant input into the process. The assessment will identify need based on park acreage, park access, park use, park condition, and the number and type of park amenities available in communities.

Los Angeles County residents will now have the unique opportunity to shape the priorities for how and where parking funding will go for the next several decades at nearly 200 community meetings throughout the County, to be held between December 2015 and February 2016. Information regarding meetings in each community can be found on the Park Needs Assessment website at www.lacountyparkneeds.org. This site also provides background information on the Park Needs Assessment.

This comprehensive assessment began over the summer by collecting input on the status of every park in Los Angeles County from all 88 cities and the unincorporated areas. More than a dozen components are being analyzed and weighed, including quantity, proximity and overall quality of parks available to residents, as well as the specific quality of individual facilities and amenities within each park.

"It's absolutely critical that all residents across Los Angeles County have access to thriving, high quality parks. For the first time, this assessment will allow us to truly understand the park needs of every community within the county," said Rita Robinson,

Park Needs Assessment Project Director for the County Department of Parks and Recreation. "We know that access to parks is so important to the health and quality of life of all communities. And, it is so important for all LA County residents to attend these meetings and tell us what they believe the priorities for park and open space should be.

The needs assessment will substantially increase the amount of information Los Angeles County decision-makers have available to determine the park and recreation needs of residents across the region. The quality of individual parks will be compared based on hard data and feedback from people living in each community. Most importantly, this process will allow LA County residents to weigh-in on what they believe the priority projects for park and open space should be.

A final report with key findings and estimated costs from the assessment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May 2016.

Upcoming Meetings

City of LA, Venice/West LA/Palms/Mar Vista/Del Ray/Westwood/Sawtelle, December 16, 2015, 7 p.m., Westwood Park, 1350 South Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles.

Malibu, January 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Malibu City Hall - Multi-purpose room, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu.

Santa Monica, January 21, 2016, 6 p.m., Civic Center Park Structure; Santa Monica Institute Training Room; 2nd Floor, 333 Civic Center Drive, Santa Monica.

Malibu, January 26, 2016, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas.

- SUBMITTED BY JOE SOLTAS

DUI Checkpoint

The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Saturday, December 19, at an undisclosed location within city limits. The operation will take place between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven factor in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and/or drug related collisions. Research shows that accidents involving impaired drivers can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized, enforcement checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

Traffic Officers will be looking for objective signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and verify that motorists are in possession of a valid driver's license.

In California, drunk driving led to the tragic deaths of 867 persons and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 people were killed by impaired drivers. Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal collisions had traces of one or more drugs in their systems. The study showed that more drivers tested positive for drug impairment (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective, documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of $6.00 for every $1.00 spent. Nearly 90% of California Drivers approve of DUI checkpoints.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Santa Monica Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which along with the Santa Monica Police Department would like to remind everyone to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.

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the sketches were approved he and his three designers started making the samples with dimensions and color.

"We sent them the design and they said, 'If the design looks like the picture, let's go for it,'" Guerboian said. "So we sent the rendering to the 3D printer with the actual size representation. That's the final step before we get to casting it."

The pin was cast in 18-karat gold, but Guerboian's work was not done after the pouring and cooling.

"It comes out raw and unfinished," he said. "All the last minute details are done by hand."

Guerboian said he felt an enormous amount of pressure while designing the piece, which Iger donned at the Dec. 14 premiere in Hollywood.

"When I knew Bob Iger heavily influenced the design of the character I was freaking out, because that's pressure right," he said. "This isn't like a piece of silver we can remake. This is gold. We included black diamonds for the two eyes. It's very valuable and it's one of a kind.

"And they didn't tell me right away that he had a big hand in creating this character. So I was so nervous, because when you are making someone's vision come to reality, it's like, 'What if he doesn't like it?' This isn't something cheap. It's sentimental."

When the item was done, the customer came and picked it up and took it to Iger at his office.

"I got a text when they gave it to him, in all caps, saying 'He loved it. He's overwhelmed.' That's like the biggest compliment I could get. ... That was the best news I could hear."

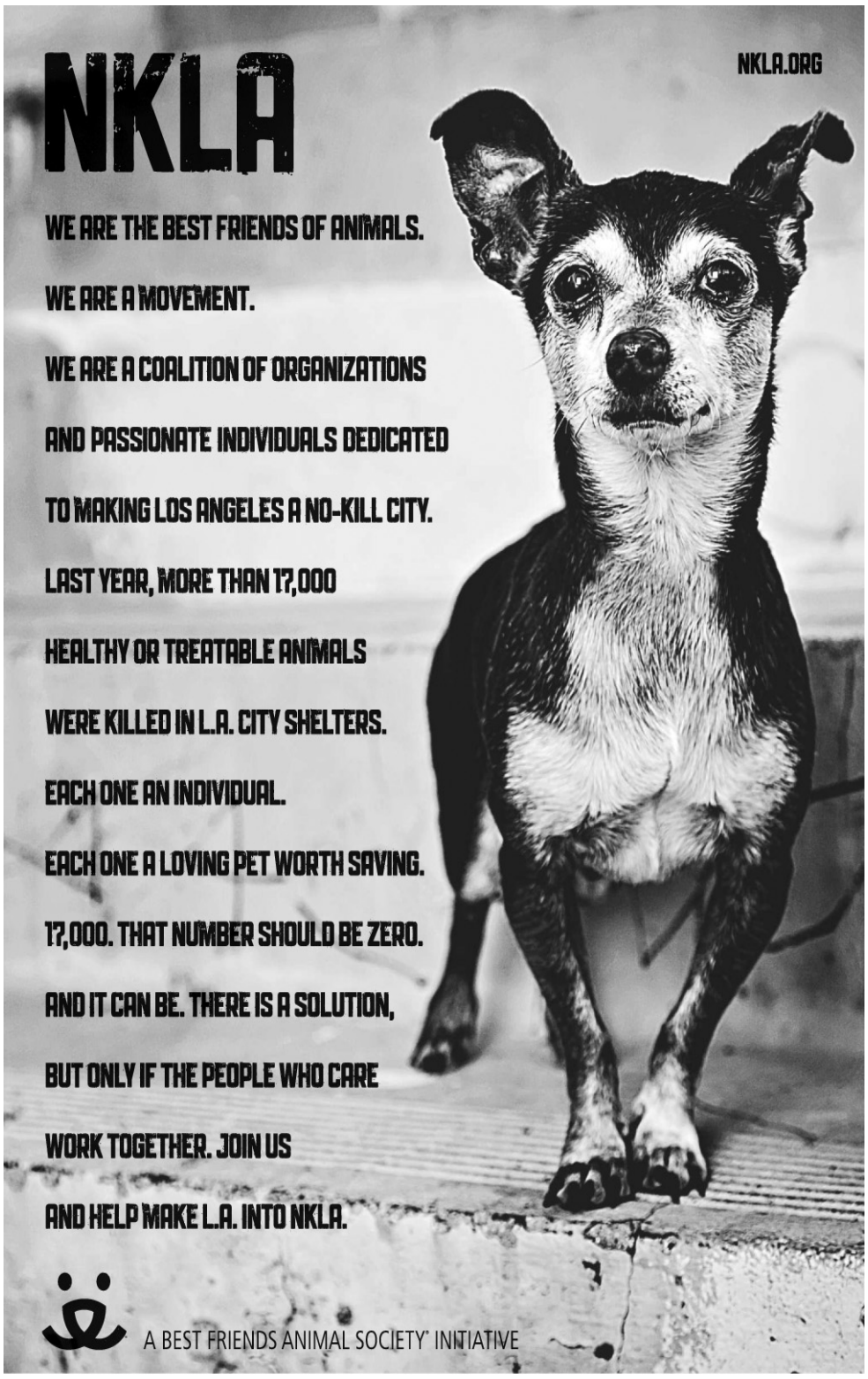
Guerboian grew up drawing comics and sketching. When he got older he went to art school to learn animation and originally wanted to work for Disney. He ended up using his talents at the family business, Readers Fine Jewelers, a jewelry store that has been in Santa Monica for over 70 years and in the Guerboian family's hands since 1967.

"I'm proud he has accomplished that design," said Edward "Eddie" Guerboian, Guerboian's father and the owner of Readers Fine Jewelers. "I'm not surprised because he is a natural artist. He can create things. He's much better than I do as a natural artist. He's good at that so when the opportunity arrived, he used his talent."

Guerboian said that the reality of what he has done is only now hitting him.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," he said. "I haven't had time to really relish in it. Like this is really crazy. ... But now, having done this, I am somehow connected to Disney. Now the CEO of Disney is wearing something I created. That's pretty crazy."

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DATE/TIME: December 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0172: 1450 17th Street: Senior Living
- 15ARB-0314: 1601 Ocean Front Walk: Retail
- 15ARB-0343: 402 Pacific Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 15ARB-0361: 395 Santa Monica Place: Retail
- 15ARB-0405: 2951 28th Street: Commercial Office Sign
- 15ARB-0406: 1927 18th Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 15ARB-0407: 2930 Colorado Avenue: Mixed Use Project Signs
- 15ARB-0409: 1719 Wilshire Boulevard: Auto Rental
- 15ARB-0443: 1440 Fourth Street: Parking Structure

CONCEPT REVIEWS:

- 15ADM-0015: 1301 Colorado Avenue: Office Addition/Renovation
- 15ENT-0334: 1337 Seventh Street: Santa Monica Fire Station No. 1

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JOBS

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cation program was at the center of the school board's study session on the matter Dec. 10.

The topic has surfaced repeatedly in recent months as officials tweak the district's popular Regional Occupational Program to meet new state standards for career-focused learning.

Officials made it clear during the discussion that they want to use ROP as a foundation for new offerings as they search for long-term funding sources.

"This is really the challenge," said Evan Bartelheim, the district's director of assessment. "We can't do everything. We do have a limited amount of resources and limitations on how many electives we can offer."

The district will receive some aid through the federal Perkins grant program, which has certain stipulations for career training courses, Bartelheim said.

SMMUSD is also applying for upwards of $1 million in funding through a state career technical education initiative, although the grant program is competitive and designed only for an 18-month period.

Funding could also be acquired through a $500-million adult education block grant program that will support career learning across the state.

Money could be used to support teachers' training in specialized fields as well as equipment and other costs, officials said. And more must be done to connect the district with industry partners in the area, they said, not just for financial support but also for student internship opportunities.

"All you have to do is drive around the 8 square miles of Santa Monica," said Terry Deloria, the district's assistant superintendent of educational services. "There's just so much you can reach out to."

The fields of information technology and health care are of particular interest to the district, which in the past has offered courses in subjects such as digital design, photography and film production as well as dance, theater, business management, marketing and auto mechanics. More than 850 high school students in SMMUSD were involved in ROP last year, according to the district.

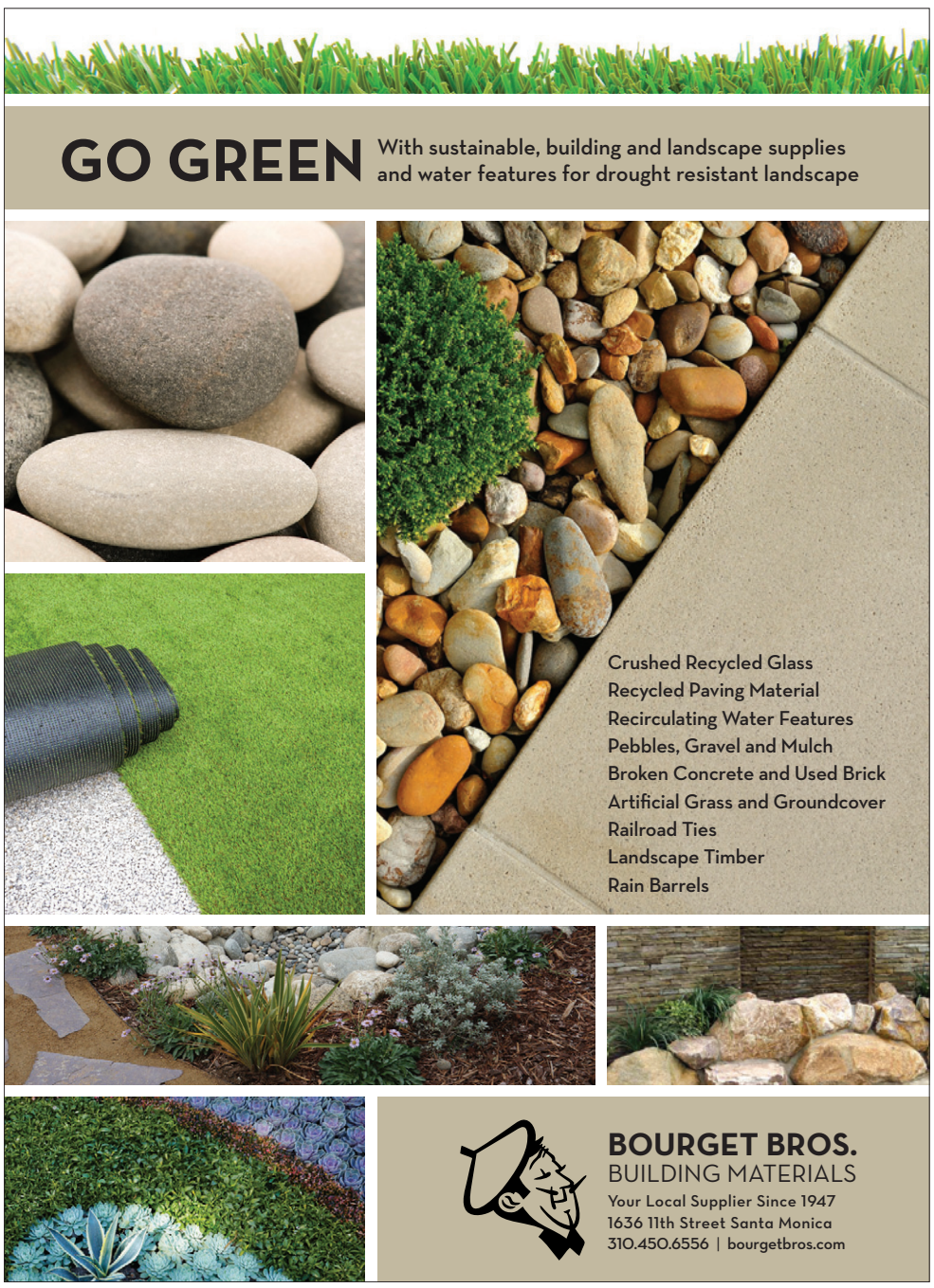
Superintendent Sandra Lyon said the district must work to integrate its career technical education courses with other related programs, such as dual enrollment at Santa Monica College, the LA HI-TECH consortium and STEM programming through Project Lead The Way.

An advisory committee, which will include student, teacher and administrator representatives as well as industry professionals and other education officials, will meet in the coming months to help shape the future of the district's career-focused offerings.

"So many people think, 'What career can I take?' and look at their parents or what's on TV and think that's all there is," Bartelheim said. "It's important that, really early on, students establish what they might want to do. ... The research shows that the more students know about where they want to go and what they want to do in life, the more likely they are to stick with whatever post-secondary education they pursue."

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Schools in several states threatened on heels of LA closure

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School districts from Florida to California reported receiving threats Thursday similar to those that closed Los Angeles' massive school system earlier this week, though in most cases students attended class without interruption.

Tuesday's districtwide closure in Los Angeles was sparked by an email threatening a large-scale attack. New York City schools received a similar threat, but officials there concluded it was a hoax.

The closure of a large U.S. district because of threats is rare, and the move in Los Angeles - with the nation's second-largest school system - reflected the lingering unease in Southern California after the attack that killed 14 people at a holiday luncheon two weeks ago in San Bernardino.

Some of the districts affected by the latest threats are among the nation's largest - Miami ranks fourth, Fort Lauderdale's Broward County system is sixth, Houston seventh, Orlando 10th and Dallas 14th.

TEXAS

Districts in Dallas and Houston and another near the Mexican border reported receiving threats, though none has been deemed credible.

Officials with the Dallas Independent School District said some teachers and staff members at two schools - Pinkston High and Martinez Elementary - received emailed threats and notified district officials. The district's police department activated its emergency response protocol and began working with other law enforcement agencies to make sure the schools were safe, though no credible threat was found.

"We need to make sure that we don't overreact to fear," police Chief David Brown said.

Robert Mock, police chief for the Houston Independent School District, said random overnight searches by explosives-detecting dogs and patrol officers turned up nothing after district officials, including the superintendent, received the threat by email.

He said he didn't want to downplay the message because "a threat is a threat." But he said the message referred to weapons and explosives among unsophisticated content that was "so far over the top the logistics just didn't pan out."

In South Texas, the McAllen Independent School District said in an email to parents that it appears district officials received the same threatening email that targeted the Los Angeles and New York districts. The statement said the South Texas district "was able to trace the email to the same server that was used" in those hoaxes. The Texas district did not elaborate.

The McAllen district has about 25,000 students and 33 campuses.

FLORIDA

School officials in Miami and Fort Lauderdale haven't released details about the threats but said on their websites they were similar to those received in New York and Los Angeles.

In Miami, school officials said district police immediately contacted federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and promised to deploy extra security to schools.

In Orlando, Orange County Superintendent Barbara Jenkins said the threatening email was sent to the district's general email late Wednesday, and principals have been asked to stay alert and keep students calm.

LONG BEACH

Officials say the district received an email threat similar to the ones in other cities. Schools opened for the district's 79,000 students on Thursday. Long Beach is adjacent to Los Angeles.

INDIANA

Three school districts in the state canceled classes.

In Plainfield, west of Indianapolis, students were told to stay home after a threat was "directed to the high school."

In Danville, the Danville Community School Corp. said two students - a 14-year-old freshman and a 17-year-old senior - were arrested. They're accused of making threats against schools in separate incidents. Officials describe the first as a verbal threat that a classmate overheard and the second as a comment the senior posted on Facebook.

Danville Police Chief William Wright said a third threat was posted on social media early Thursday, and it was apparently tied to the threat against Plainfield schools.

Wright said officials are investigating and taking the threats seriously.

The Franklin Community Schools south of Indianapolis issued a statement saying it canceled Friday classes after receiving a "serious" threat and consulting with police. It says the validity of the threat received Thursday afternoon remained in question.

The statement did not disclose the nature of the threat, but Superintendent David Clendening told the Johnson County Daily Journal that police dogs were searching the Franklin Community High School after a caller reported a homemade bomb in a locker room area. The school also tweeted that it was on lockdown.

SAN FRANCISCO

Officials with the San Francisco Unified School District said Thursday that officials determined a threat there was not credible. Schools are open Thursday.

Authorities say they inspected all schools and found nothing suspicious. Police presence is increased at schools around the district, which has 57,000 students.

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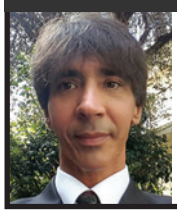
A Clark County School District spokeswoman says administrators discovered an emailed threat after 9 a.m. Thursday similar to those received this week in Los Angeles, New York, Houston and other cities.

She says officials deemed the threat "less than credible."

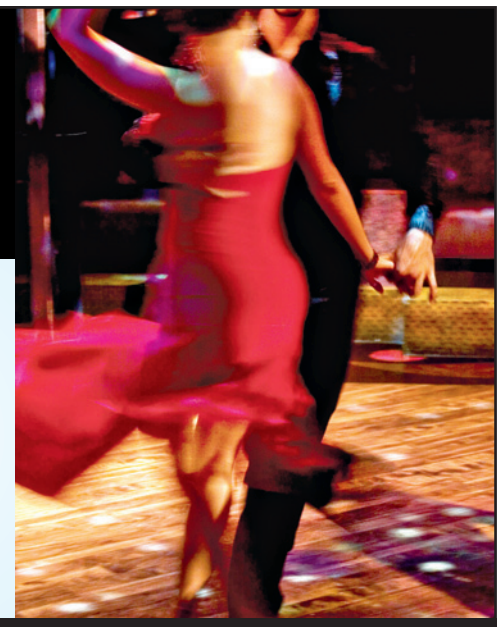
The district sent a letter to parents saying principals and school staff had been asked to stay alert and keep students calm and focused on learning.

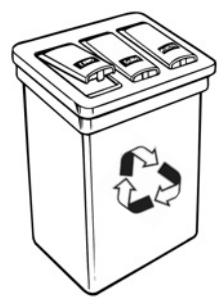
It says it has crisis plans in place and police trained to detect and respond to threats.

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FILM REVIEW

THE NIGHT BEFORE

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Don't let the title fool you. Warning: this is not a kids' movie - it's an adult movie for those of us who never grew up. Yes, I count myself in this club. A more descriptive title might be "The Night Before The Hangover." My observation is that this movie is best seen in a slightly impaired state of your choice. Director Jonathan Levine ("Warm Bodies," "Rush") is proving himself a master of wacky inebriated party tales.

This is a frat house style romp, except with a cast of 30-somethings ... looking for the meaning of life … or actually they are looking for the all-time legendary Christmas Eve party of all Christmas Eve parties, in other words the real "Meaning of Life", invitations to which they had been coveting since they were in college. This party is more important to these guys than Christmas - also note that Seth Rogen's character wears instead of an "ugly" Christmas sweater, an "ugly" Star of David sweater through the whole film. When one of the guys manages to steal three of the party tickets while working as a coat check, things heat up quickly, but no one can seem to focus on getting there without dramatic derailments of all sorts. In the end the characters grow on you and remind you of yourself in this great tale of a misguided search for the Holy Grail.

Here are the highlights to watch for while you're having fun watching it.

Ilana Grazer as a pixie version of The Grinch keeps popping up when least expected, with great comedic timing. Tracy Morgan narrates and makes a great surprise appearance as Santa. However, one character really steals the show. Michael Shannon, usually typecast as the deadly serious good-looking bad guy, is "Mr. Green", the voice of reason pot dealer who dispenses down-to-earth psychiatric assistance as well as the green stuff. He's a fantastic comedian with great timing and low-key delivery. There are cameos by the always-surprising James Franco, with a hilarious story line leading up to his appearance, and Miley Cyrus, cast against type as a genuine, angelic bright spirit.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the ubiquitous orphan of the Christmas story (we all know every Christmas story has an orphan, and it's refreshing to see Gordon-Levitt in a comedy). As the orphan, his best friends, played by Rogen and Anthony Mackie, are his family. Gordon-Levitt rolls with the gross humor gracefully, as the innocent trying to land an invite to the party of a lifetime ... and to find the long-lost love of his life, played in sweet sincerity by Lizzy Caplan ("Masters of Sex"). Seth Rogen assumes his usual role-the great equalizer, full of jokes. Jillian Bell is his wife, the rock of granite to his uncontrollable waves.

You will find that "The Night Before" will be a fun antidote to the many deadly serious movies out this season. Just make sure you party a little before seeing it so that you approach it with the same level of silliness that the team enjoyed while making the film.

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SATURDAY –**POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
More WNW-NW swell due to show. Trace SSW swell. Watching PM winds.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	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	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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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 THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10

The suspect entered Harvelle's Blues Club and began yelling at customers seated inside. The suspect also walked onto the stage and grabbed a microphone from a band that was performing, then continued yelling at the crowd. Security guards immediately confronted the suspect and escorted her out of the building. A short while later, at about 12:50 a.m., the bar owner stepped outside the club through the backdoor and found the suspect seated on an electrical box next to the door.

When the suspect asked who he was, the owner told her he owned the bar and then started walking away from her. For some unknown reason, the suspect became angry with the owner and threatened to throw some water on him from a bottle she was holding in her hand. The owner quickly turned around to face the suspect, in case she tried, and pulled out his cell phone to call 911. As he did this, the suspect reached into a nearby trashcan and pulled out a glass beer bottle; which she also threatened to throw at him. The owner began backing away from the suspect, but she threw the bottle at him anyway. The owner dodged the bottle, which fell to the ground and shattered, and continued calling police. The suspect then walked away from the scene.

Officers arrived shortly afterward and found the suspect seated on a bus bench in front of the bar. The suspect initially refused to obey the officers, but was eventually taken into custody and then booked at the Santa Monica jail.

Debra Ann Jones, 22, of Los Angeles was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon and had bail set at $30,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 330 calls for service on Dec. 16.

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

Critical missing person 1000 block of 11th 12:13 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Lincoln/Ocean Park 12:42 a.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Santa Monica 1:38 a.m.
DUI Lincoln/Pico 5:43 a.m.
Person down 1300 block of Ocean Front 7:44 a.m.
DUI 1200 block of 24th 7:47 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 block of Ocean 9:56 a.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Seaside 10:35 a.m.
Burglary 300 block of Olympic 11:05 a.m.
Injured person 1600 block of Santa Monica 11:12 a.m.
Public intoxication 1000 block of Wilshire 11:40 a.m.
Hit and run 2200 block of 4th 11:53 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1300 block of Wilshire 11:55 a.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of 3rd 12:09 p.m.
Identity theft 700 block of Euclid 12:16 p.m.
Person down 900 block of Pico 12:36 p.m.
Person down 600 block of Wilshire 12:52 p.m.
Sexual assault Main/Ashland 12:54 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Montana 12:57 p.m.
Drinking in public 400 block of Montana 2:15 p.m.
Vandalism 2400 block of Main 2:17 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Broadway 3:04 p.m.
Traffic accident 26th/Marguerita 3:13 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Ocean/Broadway 3:21 p.m.
Vandalism 2200 block of Delaware 3:47 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block of 20th 4:02 p.m.
Elder abuse 1200 block of 6th 4:03 p.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block of 7th 4:04 p.m.
Sexual assault 1300 block of 3rd Street Promenade 5:12 p.m.
Traffic accident 17th/Wilshire 5:20 p.m.
Public intoxication 800 block of Pico 6:20 p.m.
Vandalism 2200 block of Delaware 6:25 p.m.
Person down 800 block of Pico 8:27 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1700 block of Ocean 6:32 p.m.
Vandalism 5th/Wilshire 7:40 p.m.
Vandalism 2600 block of Centinela 7:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 51 calls for service on Dec. 16

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

EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:49 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 12:51 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Lincoln 1:19 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 23rd 1:30 a.m.
EMS 300 block of 21st 2:55 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 4:50 a.m.
Elevator rescue 300 block of Civic Center 6:01 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Pico 6:14 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Colorado 6:25 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 7th 6:33 a.m.
Injuries from assault 200 block of Hollister 7:17 a.m.
EMS 300 block of 23rd 7:29 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean Front 7:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Colorado 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:27 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 10th 8:33 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1000 block of 4th 8:50 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Virginia 9:43 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 10:30 a.m.
EMS 16th/Santa Monica 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Wilshire 11:34 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 6th 11:48 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 4th 11:54 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 11:58 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Pico 12:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:47 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of Ocean Front 12:59 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Michigan 1:10 p.m.
EMS 0 block of Pico 1:10 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Santa Monica 1:14 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Colorado 1:33 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Close, as a jacket
6 Instructional
11 Acid type
12 Stellar hunter
13 Accords
14 Señor's squiggle
15 Stadium section
17 Track figures
18 Faithful
20 Skilled
22 Vert.'s counterpart
23 Dairy counter buys
26 Sung story
28 Texas player
29 No longer working
31 Racket
32 Chef's need
33 Golfer Norman
34 Paul Bunyan's ox
36 Be bold
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40 Head out
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44 High points
45 Advances
46 Plane parts

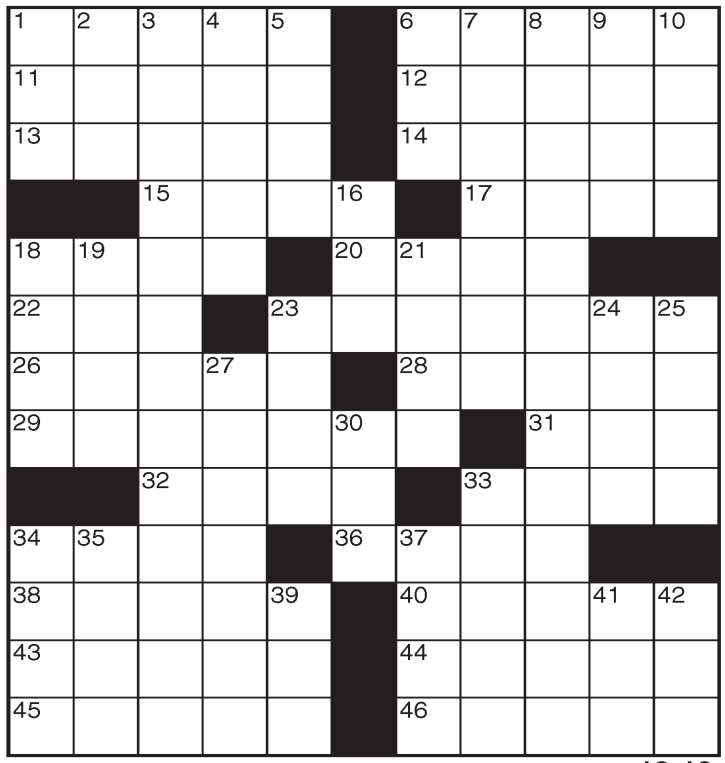
DOWN

1 Skip, as TV ads
2 "— Believer"
3 Taylor Swift song
4 Loosen, as laces
5 Stance
6 All the rage
7 Camden Yards team
8 Taylor Swift song
9 Designer Oldham
10 Wallet bills
16 Fan sound
18 Thunderbolt hurler
19 Tug-of-war need
21 Necklace part
23 Maintenance
24 War of 1812 port
25 Musical number
27 Held firmly, as attention
30 Wrap up
33 Painter El —
34 Cry like a baby
35 He loved Rose
37 Writer Paton
39 Fourth-yr. students
41 Neckline shape
42 Mountain road shape

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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

8	9	4	6	1	2	5	3	7
2	7	3	8	4	5	6	1	9
1	6	5	9	7	3	8	4	2
6	1	7	5	2	8	3	9	4
3	2	8	1	9	4	7	6	5
4	5	9	3	6	7	2	8	1
7	8	6	4	5	1	9	2	3
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/16
9 10 32 42 55
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 202M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/15
18 25 47 51 61
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 85M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/16
1 2 7 13 23
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 25M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/16
11 15 17 34 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/17
MIDDAY: 8 9 5
Draw Date: 12/16
EVENING: 6 1 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/16
1st: 01 - GOLD RUSH
2nd: 08 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
RACE TIME: 1:49.99

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WORD UP!

JOCULAR
1.given to, characterized by, intended for, or suited to joking or jesting; waggish; facetious: jocular remarks about opera stars.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1973 - The Islamic Development Bank is founded.

1978 - Dominica joins the United Nations.

1987 - Larry Wall releases the first version of the Perl programming language.

1989 - The European Economic Community and the Soviet Union sign an agreement on trade and commercial and economic cooperation.

1997 - HTML 4.0 is published by the World Wide Web Consortium.

1999 - NASA launches into orbit the Terra platform carrying five Earth Observation instruments, including ASTER, CERES, MISR, MODIS and MOPITT.

2002 - 2003 California recall: Then Governor of California Gray Davis announces that the state would face a record budget deficit of $35 billion, roughly double the figure reported during his reelection campaign one month earlier.

2005 - The Chadian Civil War begins when rebel groups, allegedly backed by neighbouring Sudan, launch an attack in Adré.

2006 - The first of a series of floods strikes Malaysia. The death toll of all flooding is at least 118, with over 400,000 people displaced.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Achan Agit presents a worst-case scenario for the weirdness in how some state governments over-regulate professions, and she is currently suing the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences for burdening her right to make a living. As Forbes.com reported in October, Achan was a war refugee from what is currently South Sudan and is now a permanent resident of the United States -- and skilled in braiding hair, which she learned from elders when she was 5. However, a licensed braider in Iowa (maximum penalty if caught unlicensed: prison, plus a $10,000 fine) needs a high school diploma or equivalent and 2,100 hours of cosmetology coursework -- more than the combined training for dental assistants, bus drivers, EMTs, child care workers and security guards -- and for which Iowa's 27 cosmetology "schools" might charge up to $22,000.

■ Undignified Death: On Dec. 2, a 48-year-old woman in Alicante, Spain, who according to neighbors had suffered from depression and was likely trying to commit suicide, leaped from her seventh-floor balcony -- but failed. She was hospitalized in stable condition after landing on an elderly gentleman sitting on a bench (who did not survive the collision).

Have fun with friends this weekend, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will feel better and better as the day goes on. Your energy starts to increase, no matter how you are dealing with a situation. Extremes are likely to play a role in your decisions. By the late afternoon, you will feel as if the Force is with you. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Meetings play a significant role in your decision-making process. You hear many different opinions, but you'll lean toward the most positive one. You might want to zero in on what you want without any fuss. Know when you're too tired to go on. Tonight: Take your leave with grace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll give your time and attention to a higher-up who will have something for you to do at the last minute. You come from a secure point of view, but you'll still experience a lot of pressure from your personal life. You cannot be stopped. Tonight: The spotlight is on you!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take an overview, and don't feel intimidated by someone else's efforts. You could be too focused on what others are doing. Stop comparing yourself to them. You will accomplish what you want even more quickly and far better than you had imagined. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner's emotional response will encourage you to back off some. You could be tired of always having to maintain a positive outlook. Next time you want to tell it like it is, do. You might need to indulge yourself more. Tonight: Make sure there is great music around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might find that you spend most of the day responding and/or reacting to others. You have a lot of energy, but you still could feel overwhelmed by everything that is happening. A domestic issue lurks in the background. Tonight: Express your caring in a meaningful way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might feel as if you're being weighed down by everything you have to do. Rather than let yourself be stressed, relax and just focus on one task at a time. You will be surprised and delighted when a loved one offers to pitch in. Tonight: Have fun with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your emotional responses will point you in the right direction. You might not be aware of how many supporters you have, especially in your group of friends. You could go overboard without trying. Settle down by the late afternoon. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You will need to tackle some work or responsibilities in the morning, as tension builds to new level. Your creativity soars, as does your desirability. You might be holding back because of feelings for someone else. Are you sure this behavior serves you? Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make calls and schedule a meeting. The sooner you get this appointment arranged, the better off you will be. You'll cover so much ground, you might want to head home early. You likely will need to make some important calls after you leave. Tonight: Run an errand or two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Money, gift-giving and considering more of an experience-oriented present will fill your mind with ideas. Brainstorm with a partner or dear friend, though the topic could drift to dinner plans and perhaps a little gossip. Tonight: Welcome the weekend with friends.

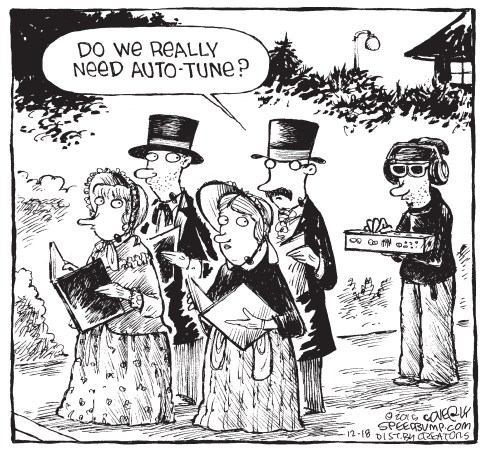
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You know exactly what you want, and you'll manage to get past any hassles in the morning. Others keep distracting you from your errands and from accomplishing what you need to do. Focus on the financial implications of all your gift-giving. Tonight: Let a friend treat.

Friday, December 18, 2015

This year you often fuss over details and potentially negative possibilities. Curb your imagination, and you will be a lot happier. Understand that you can control only yourself; others will make their own choices. If you are single, you have a plethora of potential sweeties around you. Romance heads your way. If you are attached, you build an even closer bond. Others envy the closeness you have. Take that long-discussed vacation this year. ARIES energizes you!

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

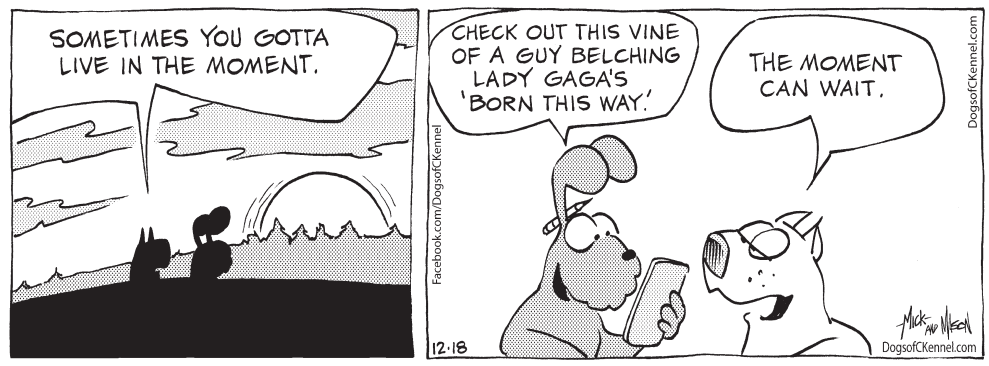
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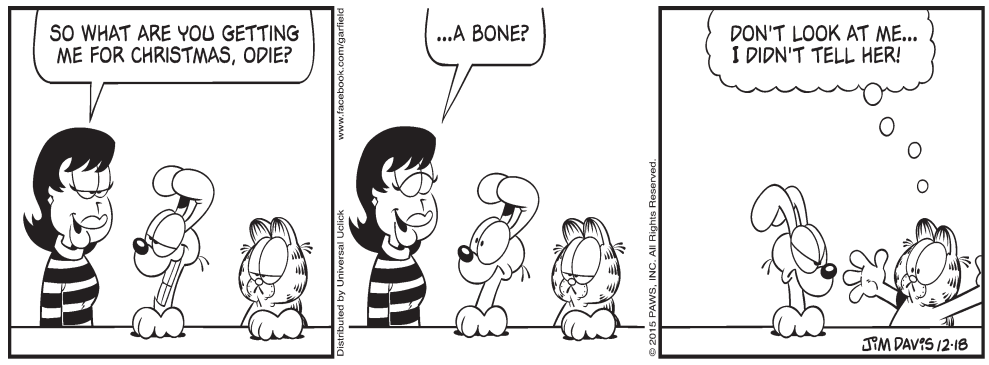
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



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Commercial

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