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THE PARTY ON ISSUE

How small is too small for a development agreement?

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning Commissioners want to vet development projects smaller than the trigger numbers proposed by city planners, but they're not sure exactly how small.

Commissioners Wednesday debated several items in the Zoning Ordinance Update draft, including day cares, the appeals process and neighborhood conservation.

This was their second crack at the new zoning laws, which will dictate uses, sizes, design, and lots of other aspects of what's allowed for buildings throughout Santa Monica.

They'll discuss the draft four more times before sending it to City Council with their recommendations. Council will spend four nights with the document before approving it. City planners are hoping to have the ordinance in place by May.

Currently, an Interim Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in January 2011, requires a review process for all new developments of 7,500 square feet or more in commercially-

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Police say Venice car rampage suspect smelled of alcohol

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A man charged with murder after his automobile plowed through the Venice Beach boardwalk last summer smelled of alcohol when he surrendered to authorities, a police officer testified Wednesday at a preliminary hearing.

Soon after the Aug. 3 incident that killed one person and injured 17 others, Nathan Campbell parked his car on a Santa Monica street not far from the carnage. From there he walked to a police station, where he told officers he had drank vodka immediately after the crash.

"You could smell the odor of alcohol coming from his person and his breath," Los Angeles police Sgt. Benjamin Zucker said.

Superior Court Judge Antonio Barretto declined to immediately enter into evidence a blood-alcohol test conducted on Campbell, but the results showed he had double the legal limit of .08 in his system.

Campbell is charged with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and hit-and-run driving.

After hearing testimony Wednesday from eight police officers, Barretto recessed the case until Jan. 2, at which time attorneys may make their final arguments. After that, the judge said, he'll decide whether Campbell, 38, should be ordered to stand trial on 37 counts.

Public defender Philip Dube has said the

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NICE VIEW

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

A group of Japanese tourists take in the view from the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday. Light showers passed through the area with temperatures topping out in the upper 50s. The National Weather Service is forcasting clear skies and highs in the low 60s for today.

Fairmont Miramar hotel selects architect

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD The owners of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows have their architect.

Pelli Clarke Pelli, an internationally recognized firm, will take the design reigns of the project envisioned for the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

Cesar Pelli and his son, Rafael Pelli, lived in Santa Monica for many years, said Alan Epstein, a representative of the hotel owner Ocean Avenue LLC.

"Many of my fondest memories growing up nearby are of the area all around the

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Dec. 20, 2013

Take a tour
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 1 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docents are able to adapt the tour to focus on various aspects of this LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) gold-rated building.

Art that grows
bG Gallery
1431 Ocean Ave., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
bG and Hamilton Galleries present a unique holiday exhibit of giftable works: "From Little Things Big Things Grow." Inspired by the Paul Kelly song of the same name, this exhibit explores how from small beginnings exponentially larger things can rise naturally, spiritually, and socially. Artists were given the title as a theme and asked to come up with an artwork with their own interpretation. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 878-2784.

Musical guy
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m.
Creating Arts Co. presents "The Music Man." Smooth talking salesman "Professor" Harold Hill has everyone fooled — and the citizens of River City, Iowa are his latest prey. When local librarian Marian Paroo tries to expose him as a fake, Hill sets out to win her heart and save his hide. For more information, call (310) 804-0223.

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013

Meet the masters
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9:30 a.m.
Master gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting.

A day with Frosty
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
Who took Frosty the Snowman's magic hat? Franklin Haynes Marionettes presents a story about the gift of giving. Space limited. Free tickets available at 10 a.m. the day of the show. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Lace 'em up
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
10 a.m. — 12 a.m.
Hit the rink at ICE at Santa Monica, a popular holiday attraction. For more information, call (310) 461-8333.

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MONTANA AVENUE

Witherspoon gets police escort

Oscar-winner Reese Witherspoon got a little help from the Santa Monica Police Department Wednesday after dining at R&D Kitchen on Montana Avenue.

Police said Witherspoon, who lives in nearby Brentwood Circle and often frequents the city by the sea, was hounded by paparazzi and needed a police escort to her car.

The manager of R&D called police and said paparazzi were surrounding the restaurant, posting up in the parking lot and on the sidewalks and alley. A Santa Monica Police officer advised the aggressive group of photographers as to where they could stand and walked Witherspoon, who won an Academy Award for playing June Carter Cash in "Walk The Line," to her car "to keep the peace and ensure that the situation did not escalate," said SMPD Sgt. Jay Moroso.

In 2011, Witherspoon was hit by a car and slightly injured while jogging near the corner of 20th Street and Georgina Avenue. The driver, an 84-year-old woman who lives in Santa Monica, was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Santa Monica is no stranger to celebrities and the paparazzi that record their every move.

Two-time Academy Award-winner Ben Affleck and his wife Jennifer Garner are often photographed with their children as they leave a pre-school on Second Street.

The City Council in 2009 floated the idea of creating a paparazzi-free zone around schools, but that died because of concerns the regulation would conflict with First Amendment protections.

– KEVIN HERRERA

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Police warn of senior scam

Santa Monica detectives are investigating several reports in which seniors have been targeted in elder abuse scams in which the suspect or suspects stage minor traffic accidents and demand money for bogus repairs.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Moroso said the scams involve one or two suspects and take place in store parking lots. The suspects will approach seniors as they are leaving the lot and claim that they hit their car. The suspects demand money, claiming the damage is less than the insurance deductible.

Police have noted that the suspects sometimes work alone or in pairs. The suspects are described as a male and female in their 40s and have used a red four-door vehicle to stage their accidents.

The SMPD is trying to locate any additional victims who gave the suspects money, but did not report it to police. Anyone who has information is urged to contact detectives at (310) 458-8928.

– KH



Courtesy of National Park Service

RARE LITTLE FELLA: The California red-legged frog has disappeared from 24 of the 46 California counties within its original range. Biologists plan to re-introduce the frog to the Santa Monica Mountains in the spring of 2014.

Threatened red-legged frog thriving in mountains

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM MOUNTAINS Biologists received some good news this month about plans to re-introduce California red-legged frogs to the Santa Monica Mountains.

The isolated population located in the nearby Simi Hills appears to be healthy and reproducing, which is critical to the success of the re-introduction effort planned for next spring, wildlife officials said.

"California red-legged frogs haven't been spotted in the Santa Monica Mountains since the early 1970s," said Katy Delaney, wildlife biologist for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service. "Our plan to bring them back here depends on the strength of this relatively tiny and isolated population in the Simi Hills."

After conducting night surveys and running the numbers through a population estimate model, researchers with the

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In diverse U.S., Santa Claus has many faces, races

RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. In Atlanta, children of many races share their Christmas wish lists with a black Santa Claus.

In Houston, Santa dons a red zoot suit and dances to jazz as he hands out gifts in Mexican-American neighborhoods.

In Indian Country, Native American Santas add American Indian attire to their red snowsuits, visiting shops and community centers from the pueblos of New Mexico to

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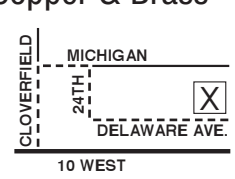


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Too much money

Editor:

Only our silly Santa Monica City Council and city manager would deem it good and acceptable that a $32 million fire station should actually end up costing $81 million ("Fire station bond could cost taxpayers $81M," Dec. 19).

Unfortunately, this is not the first, and it won't be the last, harebrained scheme they will foist upon the backs of us hard-working taxpayers.

John Sinclair
Santa Monica

Seniors exiled

Editor:

I am writing because I am so disillusioned by the actions of Santa Monica's City Council.

I have been going to Palisades Park since 1947, and I am so disheartened by the banishment of the senior citizens from their center and exiled to the Fourth Street meeting place. Are they not photogenic enough for the tourist trade?

Also, the punitive actions against the fitness trainers. As a frequent walker/jogger in the park, they provided wonderful entertainment and inspiration.

Are the children and dogs going to be exiled next? What about the Russians who come and sit in the grove of trees at the north end of the park? Will they be forbidden use of the park soon? Who will they come for next? It is a public park, and finally, it was being used and enjoyed by a widely diverse group.

I hope Santa Monica reverses its pro-development/anti-people actions and restores Santa Monica to the people.

Clara Beard
Mar Vista, Calif.



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Ho, ho, ho and a bag of coal

IF YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED THE LAST OF your holiday shopping, you have permission to stop reading this immediately, grab your credit card and head to the mall. I hate to break it to you, but there's only five days until Christmas. (Or 4 1/2 depending on what time of day you read this.)

For some Americans this Christmas season couldn't be more joyous. I'm referring to the rich for whom things are going swimmingly. While much of America is still very much in economic doldrums, windfall corporate profits are staggering (some say obscene) and the stock market sets new record highs every other week.

Yes, there's no recession on Wall Street. This seemingly confirms the saying, and also an excellent Ry Cooder song on YouTube, "Leave No Banker Behind." (Cooder is a much-esteemed Santa Monica resident.)

For the middle class, or what's left of it, things aren't exactly quite so cheery. At least not economically. It's sad to look back on American history from post WW II, 1945 to 1980. Labor unions and the middle class prospered.

The 1950s were known as a golden era. Public education from kindergarten through college was excellent and essentially free, or at least affordable. Gee, what happened in 1980 that began the destruction of the backbone of this country, the middle class? Oh well, no sense crying over a spilled democracy.

As for the poor this holiday season, things aren't exactly rosy. Actually they're reminiscent of a Dickens tale. (I say "holiday season" with trepidation as the folks at Fox might label me a Communist or an atheist or both. If you don't say "Christmas" you're automatically suspicious.)

Despite the fact that it's the most ubiquitous holiday in the world, Fox is convinced there's a "war on Christmas." (And they're making a fortune railing about it.) Then again, in the 1950s, Joe McCarthy did all right for himself accusing school teachers, cleaning women and other dangerous sorts of being high ranking commies conspiring to destroy America.

Unfortunately for Joe, the sane majority of Republicans in the Senate finally censured him. And then, perhaps fittingly, Joe proceeded to drink himself to death leaving only "professional hater" Ann Coulter to extol his exploits.

Speaking of Fox News and the subject of Christmas, last week anchorwoman Megyn Kelley at Fox insisted that "Santa and Jesus are both white," and that we better just accept it. Given that Jesus was a Middle Eastern Jew, it's likely he was a person of color.

As for the legend of Santa Claus, he's traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas, born around 280 A.D. in what would be modern-day Turkey, so he too would have been a person of color. Better just accept it, Megyn.

As for the poor, among those with the least compassion is our 113th Congress with its 9 percent nationwide approval rating. Some are labeling this the worst Congress in history, which frankly is saying something. Put it this way, in 1948, Harry Truman labeled his Congress the "know nothing, do nothing Congress." Well, our current batch make those in '48 look like workaholics.

Despite recently passing a modest budget bill (the first since 2009), this Congress has been devoted to blocking anything Obama. No matter the subject, if the president's in favor of it, they're against it. If he bombs Syria he's a warmonger. If he doesn't, he's Neville Chamberlain.

Earning the nickname, "The Guardians of Gridlock," and the "Satans of the Shutdown," the right wing's lack of compassion for the poor is shameful. The same party that brought us two wars and tax cuts for the wealthy is drawing the line at food stamps and extended unemployment benefits. (Oh, but do have a merry Christmas.)

Ironically, many on the right are not only members of the GOP and lockstep Teabaggers, but they're also Christians. And yet, surprisingly, these folks never quote Jesus' actual words. For example, they clearly must have missed the memo from Jesus, "As you treat the least among us, so you treat me."

Or how about, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink?" Or, and possibly bad news for the Koch brothers, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Apparently, while all of this may have been well and good for Jesus, it doesn't cut it with the 113th Congress.

The Iraq war will wind up costing $5 trillion and our bloated defense budget means we spend more on our military than the next 13 countries combined. And yet it's food stamps breaking the bank? Now I'm thinking the 9 percent approval rating for Congress may actually be too high.

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Judge mulls California inmate isolation practices

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A federal judge was expected to wrap up hearings Thursday on the last of four legal challenges to the way California treats mentally ill inmates, months after he rejected Gov. Jerry Brown's attempt to end court oversight of prison mental health programs.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton of Sacramento planned to hear closing arguments over whether prolonged solitary confinement violates the rights of the mentally ill.

He already has ruled against the Brown administration on two other fronts: He decided that mentally ill inmates on death row lack proper care and that the Department of State Hospitals also provides substandard treatment to mentally ill prisoners.

He has not yet ruled on another related issue, whether prison guards use too much force on mentally ill inmates. That question focused in large part on the guards' use of large amounts of pepper spray.

The judge said before hearing closing arguments in the latest dispute that he is considering ordering that mental health professionals examine each mentally ill inmate before they can be put into isolation units.

"There are people who are clearly very ill and the likelihood of their being unable to cope with administrative segregation is very high," Karlton said.

His comments came the same day as state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, proposed creating a $50 million competitive grant program to help counties provide more mental health treatment as one way of lowering the criminal population. Half the money would go to aid juvenile offenders and half for adults, and could be used in part for special mental health diversion courts.

The court hearing is the latest development in a 23-year-old lawsuit that helped lead to sweeping changes in the state prison system, including a sharp reduction in overcrowding.

Karlton and two other federal judges, with backing from the U.S. Supreme Court, have ruled that reducing the prison population is necessary to improve inmate medical and mental health treatment.

The crowding debate overlapped into Karlton's hearing on the segregation of mentally ill inmates, after the judge demanded that the administration limit the time that some troubled inmates spend in isolation.

Once the administration complied, Karlton and the other judges last week gave the state until April to meet a court-ordered population cap, extending what once was a year-end deadline.

Attorneys representing inmates said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation sometimes keeps mentally ill inmates in segregation because they lack space in treatment facilities. To satisfy the judge, the state issued a new policy earlier this month setting a 30-day limit on housing severely mentally ill prisoners in isolation units if they have not violated prison rules. The limit is 60 days for those with mental illnesses deemed less severe.

Michael Bien, an attorney representing inmates, said keeping mentally ill inmates in isolation for any reason does more harm than good.

Patrick McKinney, a lawyer for the state, said California already provides proper care and treatment within the isolation units.

The state said in court documents that inmates are transferred to other facilities if they need more intensive care. Lawyers for the state argued that there is insufficient proof to conclude that segregation causes or exacerbates mental illness, and said the prison system follows national psychiatric standards.

Nearly 11,000 California inmates, or about 9 percent of the prison population, are held in isolation units, prison consultant and sociologist James Austin said in written testimony. Other states have recently reduced their rate to less than 5 percent and limited the length of solitary confinement, both to save money and because it was having the same detrimental effect as is alleged in the California case, Austin said.

"It is, in many respects, a desperate and despairing existence. People are in pain in these units," Craig Haney, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, testified earlier in the weeks long hearing.

Both men testified as expert witnesses for inmates.

California's heavy use of isolation compared to other states surfaced as an issue this fall in a legislative hearing held in response to a monthlong hunger strike this summer that at one point involved more than 30,000 of the 133,000 inmates in state prisons.

Thursday's hearing comes two days after a staff psychologist at the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison in Corcoran was knocked unconscious by an inmate who punched her in the face as she was escorting him out of her office. The inmate, 30-year-old Ryan Sanchez, was taken to a segregation unit.

The Q Line

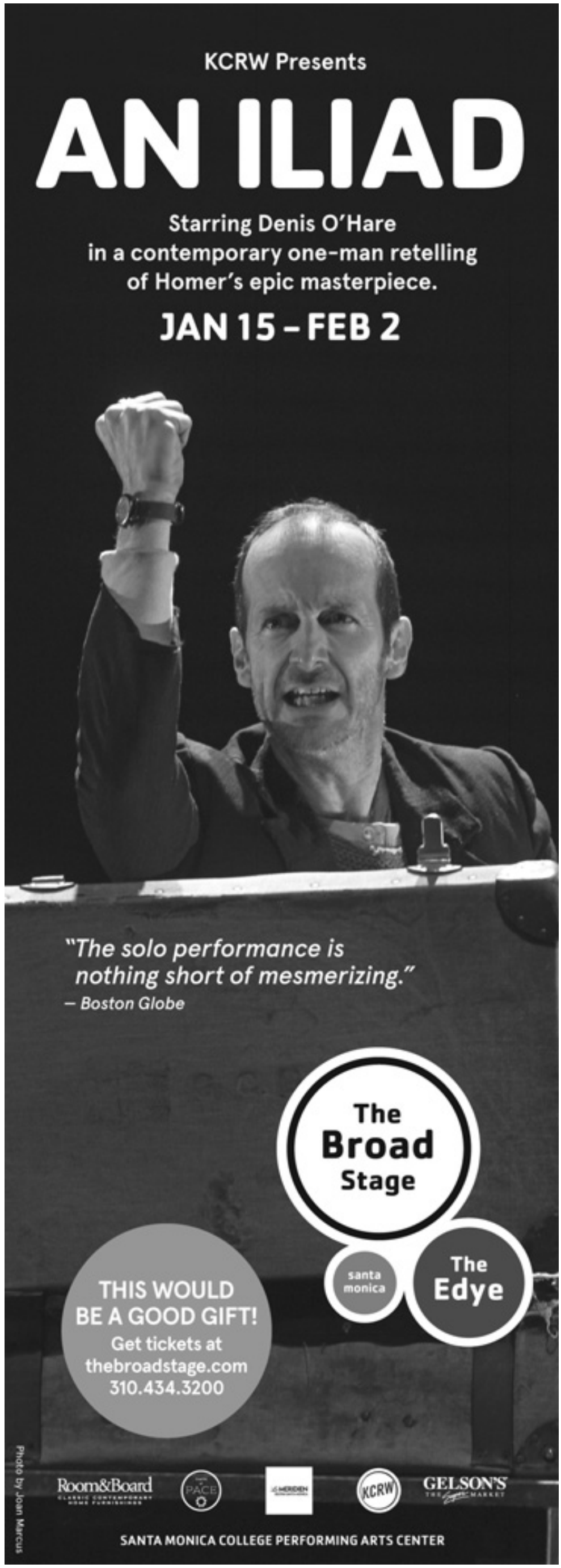
On the deck

Santa Monica Pier officials have tried to create new, innovative programming on the historic structure this year with mixed results. The Twilight Concert Series continues to be a major draw as have other events.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What kind of events would you like to see the pier host in the future and why?

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2013 brought surprises, good and bad, to viewers

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK Even after all these years, TV in 2013 continued to surprise us.

What a fine surprise was "The Returned," a French-language zombie series aired by Sundance Channel. And Tatiana Maslany was startling in BBC America's eerie series "Orphan Black," in which she played nearly a dozen varied clones of her main character.

It was a year that shocked "Glee" fans with the death of cast favorite Cory Monteith, whose passing was marked in a surprisingly sappy memorial episode of the Fox series that, in the words of one character, aimed to avoid making "a self-serving spectacle of our own sadness" — then went on to do just that.

It was a year that saw once hard-hitting "60 Minutes" go soft, and worse, get sloppy, with a story on last year's attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, based on a professed witness whose account soon came unraveled. The story's collapse led to CBS ordering "60 Minutes" correspondent Lara Logan and her producer to take a leave of absence, and left the newsmagazine's glorious reputation besmirched.

In February, ABC's Robin Roberts returned to the "Good Morning America" anchor desk amid unseemly ceremony after her courageous but much-exploited battle with cancer.

Syfy's silly horror spoof "Sharknado" triggered a Twitter phenomenon last summer. AMC's "The Walking Dead" continued to defy all expectations, averaging 13 million viewers this fall as the highest-rated scripted series in cable TV history. And "The Bible" miniseries on the History channel demonstrated anew there's a TV audience for the Good Book. Surprise!

No surprise: It's difficult, perhaps even a fool's mission, to isolate the Top 10 (well, actually 11) programs from the rest that aired during 2013. But, in the order of their airdates, here's trying ...

— "Downton Abbey" (PBS). It was reliably delicious and also pretty deadly in its third season, which began last January. Lovely Lady Sybil died in childbirth. Then, in the season conclusion, Matthew Crawley, heir to Downton and Lady Mary's beloved, perished in a car crash, leaving her a widowed mother. Hankies were sopping as viewers faced a long wait for Season 4 (starting next month).

— "House of Cards" (Netflix). This Beltway adaptation of the 1990s British political thriller, with Kevin Spacey as its slithery pol, would have been good viewing on any network. But the fact that its outlet was Netflix, which last February posted the entire first season online in one gulp, proved to be the wild card for "House of Cards," which instantly made Netflix a TV game changer.

— "Behind the Candelabra" (HBO). This splashy and poignant portrait of "Mr. Showmanship," Liberace, proved a dual career triumph for Michael Douglas, who portrayed him, and Matt Damon, who was no less impressive as the Vegas superstar's tempestuous lover.

— "Breaking Bad" (AMC). This drama series retired undefeated as TV's best ever. And in the final dose of eight episodes, it was never better, concluding the five-season-long saga with near-perfection. From start to finish, was there ever a more unlikely series, more successfully executed? How long must viewers wait for anything that rivals it?

— "Sons of Anarchy" (FX). If there's anything darker than black, this motorcycle drama remained hell-bent on finding it. In its sixth season, "Sons" was as gory, complex and absorbing as ever, populated with characters who were brutish, bloodthirsty and yet somehow commanded our respect and affection. It made crime seem thrilling but never, ever, worthwhile (a neat trick). And it featured an ensemble of actors unexcelled on any other series. (Any wonder Emmy gives it the cold shoulder this and every year?)

— "The Good Wife" (CBS). Last season, it seemed to be losing its way. But with its fall return, this brainy, sexy legal drama roared back to life with the latest twist of its recombinant recipe. On "Wife," there's no reliance on car chases, gun play, salaciousness or even crime. It's a series about high ambition and shifting alliances in a grown-up world. And yet it still manages to be lusty, soapy fun, while boasting a splendid cast and a parade of great guest stars. If only network copycats could figure how to crib this unique show!

— "Alpha House" and "Betas" (Amazon). Sure, this duo seized attention just for being on Amazon, an online site best known for selling books, overcoats and power drills. Just a few months after Netflix's entry into original content, Amazon emerged as the latest new outlet for what used to be "TV." But that's not why these shows are on a Top 10 (well, Top 11) list. "Alpha House" (a Capital City romp created by Garry Trudeau and starring John Goodman) and "Betas" (with its Silicon Valley antics) were chosen by Amazon viewers to become series. The series that resulted are both fresh and funny.

— "Mob City" (TNT). Here's a sassy, two-fisted show inspired by love: creator Frank Darabont's love for the grand film-noir tradition, which he honors impeccably in this crime drama set in 1940s L.A. Beautiful look. Snappy, smart dialogue. Terrific cast. In the lingo of its era, everything about this show is Jake with me.

— "Sound of Music Live!" (NBC). Sure, it was easy to fault Carrie Underwood for her shallow (if full-throated) portrayal of Maria. Stephen Moyer as the sailor-patriarch seemed lost at sea. Still, this holiday production had much to recommend it — splendid production values and supporting players, a beloved story, incomparable Rodgers and Hammerstein score. It was a fine way to spend three hours, even for viewers busily posting snarky tweets. It made history — the first such full-scale musical staged live by a network in more than a half-century. It was truly an event. And, by the way, a huge hit.

— "Six by Sondheim" (HBO). A portrait of the legendary Broadway composer-lyricist whose works include "Company," "Sweeney Todd" and "Sunday in the Park with George," it not only explored such creations (including musical numbers beautifully restaged for this film), but, through dozens of interviews with Stephen Sondheim himself as well as scores of other voices, it also shined a light on how a genius creates. It was an exhilarating, illuminating look at artistic achievement.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Keep your hands, penis to yourself

Crime Watch is a weekly series 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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, AT 4 P.M.,

Santa Monica Police officers were sent to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of sexual battery. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that she was grabbed in the crotch by a stranger while she was walking on the Broadway stairs that connect the beach with Palisades Park. As they were talking with her, police were notified that there was a man in Palisades Park near Montana Avenue who was exposing his penis. She was able to positively identify him as the person who grabbed her crotch. Officers placed the man under arrest for sexual battery and indecent exposure. The suspect was identified as Dominique Stan Martin, 23, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15, AT 7 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Sears — regarding a report of a suspected shoplifter in custody. When police arrived they spoke with security guards who said they watched on closed-circuit television as the suspect allegedly took various clothing items, entered a changing room and then left without the clothes in her hand. Security checked the dressing room and didn't find any of the items she brought in with her. She was stopped outside the store after not paying for any clothing. Inside her purse, security found items belonging to the store. She was also allegedly wearing a pair of boots that belonged to the store; her old ones were found discarded in the boot box inside the store. She was also found to have cocaine, methamphetamine and a glass pipe in her possession, police said. She was placed under arrest and booked for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia and burglary. She was identified as Sherrie Richardson, 28, of Los Angeles. No bail information was provided for this arrest.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14, AT 6:40 P.M.,

Officers assigned to a holiday safety detail in Downtown responded to a report of a drunk person refusing to leave the dressing room at Bloomingdale's at Santa Monica Place. Security told officers that he believed the suspect had stolen merchandise from the store. Officers found the suspect to be inebriated. They searched him and said they found a pair of wire cutters as well as damaged security tags in the dressing room. Police said the merchandise found on him was valued at $513. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for burglary and possession of burglary tools. He was identified as Jorge Soto, 28, of Reseda, Calif. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13, AT 8:40 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they saw a person standing in the street near the curb. He was allegedly yelling at a parked car and waving his hands in the air. They stopped to talk to him to see if he was OK and found that he exhibited signs of being under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant. He admitted to using meth, marijuana and alcohol earlier in the day. He was placed under arrest and booked for being under the influence of drugs. The suspect was identified as Johnny David Woodby, 32, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $2,500.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13, AT MIDNIGHT,

Officers saw an individual standing in the area of the 1600 block of Fifth Street with a shopping cart. The shopping cart had a placard on it that indicated it belonged to Costco. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for appropriation of lost or stolen property. The suspect was identified as Levell Maurice Harris, 23, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, AT 6:30 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1100 block of Pico Boulevard — Holiday Motel — regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived they found a man and a woman in a hotel room who said they were "just friends." Officers determined that a simple assault took place and asked the man if he wanted to have his friend arrested. He declined, but a computer check revealed the woman had a restraining order against her. She was placed under arrest and was found to have prescription drugs that did not belong to her. She was ultimately booked for contempt of court and possession of prescription drugs. She was identified as Shelly Nikita James, 36, a transient. Bail was set at $5,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10, AT 12:45 P.M.,

Officers responded to a report of a fight at homeless-services provider OPCC, located at 503 Olympic Blvd. When officers arrived they were met by the alleged victim who said that he was slapped by a woman who was still in the immediate area. Officers detained the female, but not after she allegedly struggled with them and kicked one officer at least twice. The alleged victim decided not to press charges. But officers still booked the suspect for assault on a peace officer. She was identified as Amanda Jean Schwartz, 31, a transient. Her bail was set at $20,000.

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HOTEL
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Miramar -- Palisades Park, Third Street, the pier," Rafael Pelli said in a release. "It is a special place that requires a special vision."

The hotel is financed by billionaire Michael Dell, founder of Dell Inc., the personal computer company.

The public has seen two designs for the building since its float-up meeting in 2011. No sketches were released along with announcement of the hiring of Pelli Clarke Pelli.

The most recent designs released by the hotel owners included 280 hotel rooms and up to 120 luxury condominiums. A 21-story tower would sit where the 10-story building is currently located. They plan to build a subterranean parking garage. The hiring of Pelli Clarke Pelli does not change any of these basic figures.

The Miramar redo is currently in the environmental review stage with city planners.

Some residents have complained that the initial designs are too tall for Santa Monica and have called for a shorter, less dense design that would not include condos.

Pelli Clarke Pelli is responsible for numerous world-renowned designs, including the Petronas Towers, two of the tallest buildings in the world. Located in Kuala Lumpur, they were the tallest buildings in the world from 1998 to 2004, according to ArchDaily, an architecture publication.

The firm also designed the Bloomberg Tower and the Winter Garden at the World Financial Center, both in New York City.

"Our goal has long been to return the Miramar to its rightful place as one of the greatest luxury hotels in Southern California, while increasing open space, protecting ocean views for the community and returning the Moreton Bay Fig tree to public view," Epstein said.

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VENICE
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incident was a tragic accident.

When he asked Zucker on Wednesday if Campbell had been cooperative with investigators, the officer said he was.

"He said he drank vodka after the accident," Zucker testified, adding Campbell denied being on any drugs.

Police Detective Joseph Harris, testified that Campbell's car, a Dodge Avenger, was the subject of a recall but that the defendant had never been notified of that. He didn't say what the problem with the car was, but noted Campbell had bought it used from a dealer in Denver.

Much of Wednesday's testimony described how a typically colorful summer day on the Venice boardwalk, a place filled with peddlers, artists, musicians and tourists from around the world, quickly turned tragic with the sound of an approaching car.

Los Angeles police Detective Robert Riske testified that he interviewed the husband of an Italian woman who was killed by the car when it roared through the crowded area.

"He told me they were newlyweds and were on their honeymoon," Riske said.

He said the man told him he heard the car coming up behind him and grabbed his wife and tried to run but became separated from her when he fell to the ground.

Minutes later, Riske said the man told him, he saw his wife down the boardwalk, lying gravely injured.

Alice Gruppioni died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck, and multiple skull fractures, according to a coroner's report entered into evidence. Gruppioni, 32, was from Bologna, Italy.

Sixteen others were injured, including Nancy Martinez, who sat in a wheelchair and wore a back brace Tuesday as she tearfully recounted the rampage through a Spanish interpreter. She said the car slammed into her back.

Most witnesses said they couldn't see the car's driver, but Kevin Salveson testified Tuesday that it was Campbell.

"I saw part of his face and he was smiling," Salveson said. "I saw that he didn't have any remorse — smiling like he enjoyed what he had done."

Campbell's attorney noted that his client has no teeth, suggesting it was unlikely he was smiling.

Police Detective Kevin Pierce testified Wednesday that he interviewed a boardwalk fortune teller who was hit and who told him she thought Campbell's act was deliberate. The judge expressed skepticism.

"I guess she's really a fortune teller and is able to read everyone's mind," Barretto said. "We don't have that advantage."

Prosecutors contend that Campbell, a transient from Colorado, intentionally drove onto a sidewalk to bypass barrier posts and targeted vendor booths and pedestrians, plowing into them at speeds of up to 35 mph.

Harris testified that Campbell had been fired in June from his job as manager of a sober living residence after he had abused alcohol and drugs.

Dube has said Campbell was "profoundly depressed" after the incident and did not intentionally try to hit anybody.

DEVELOPMENT
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zoned areas.

City planners are recommending a jump to 20,000 square feet for Tier 1 projects in commercial areas. Anything smaller could be approved by the planning director without review by council or the commission. Tier 1 projects are less dense and tall than Tier 2 and 3 projects. Anything above a Tier 1 project would require a review from the commission and council.

Commissioners said that the planners' recommended mark was too high. Several of them pointed to currently existing Walgreens and Staples when explaining why they would want more control in the process.

"I wouldn't want to come back in two years and find that Lincoln [Boulevard] is lined by big-box retailers," Commissioner Richard McKinnon said.

One side effect of the 20,000-square-foot mark, Commissioner Amy Anderson said, is that it may incentivize Tier 1 projects.

"If someone is building something that is less than 20,000 square feet, and in doing so I don't have to take the time, or the risk, or the money to go through a discretionary process, then I think that might make sense for a lot of people," she said. "If they have to go through a discretionary process, they might just go to a Tier 2 level and develop more."

The Land Use and Circulation Element, a document that gives broad outlines to the development of Santa Monica through 2030, describes Tier 1 projects as being ministerial, Planning Director David Martin explained.

"There was a time when projects up to 30,000 square feet could be approved by administrative approval," he said. "That was taken down to 7,500. Once we have the LUCE and the Zoning Ordinance in place we feel it's appropriate to go higher than 7,500 but where that number is up to the commission to recommend."

Commissioner Gerda Newbold expressed concern about the uniformity of the number required to trigger a review.

Residential, neighborhood commercial, and oceanfront zoning districts would require review at 10,000 square feet or above. All other districts require review above the aforementioned 20,000-square-foot mark.

"I think Montana is very different than Wilshire and I think Pico and Lincoln are different than Santa Monica Boulevard but it doesn't sounds like we know what the number is," she said.

Commissioners agreed that the right number falls somewhere between 7,500 and 20,000 square feet.

Martin said city planners would study the limits and come back with a recommendation.

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FROG
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National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey calculate there are approximately 100 adult frogs in a small section of Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (formerly known as Ahmanson Ranch). The federally listed threatened species has disappeared from 24 of the 46 California counties within its original range.

Delaney hopes to transfer eggs from Upper Las Virgenes Canyon to two streams in the Santa Monica Mountains. Although the frogs seem to be thriving, they are limited to only a few hundred yards of stream and could be easily wiped out in a severe drought or other catastrophic event, such as disease, she said.

The healthy population of breeding adults, along with the abundance of tadpoles spotted by biologists, bode well for the relocation of the egg masses.

California red-legged frogs require deep pools of year-round water, which are not easy to find in the arid climate of the Santa Monica Mountains. Delaney and her team have been surveying area streams to determine where the frogs will have the best chance of survival. Many of the streams in the Santa Monica Mountains are infested with non-native species like crayfish, which can prey on frog eggs and tadpoles.

Beginning in the spring of 2014, the project team, which is composed of California State Parks, the National Park Service, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USGS Western Ecological Research Center, will begin transferring hundreds of eggs to streams in Ramirez and Solstice canyons.

If the public sees mesh containers suspended above the water, Delaney asks curious visitors to keep their distance and not disrupt the fragile re-introduction effort.

Because frogs have permeable skin that easily absorbs contaminants, they are considered an indicator species that provides important information about habitat health. Nationwide, USGS has documented precipitous declines among amphibians, which some speculate may be linked to habitat loss, invasive species and pollution.

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SANTA
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the reservations on the Pacific Northwest.

Santa Claus may be popularly known as a white-bearded benefactor with Dutch-English origins, but multiethnic versions of Santa are making the rounds out there too — illustrating that in an increasingly diverse United States, Santa takes on whatever color you imagine him to be.

"Kids don't see color. They see a fat guy in a red suit giving toys," said Dee Sinclair, 50, of Atlanta, who bills himself as the "Real Black Santa" and sports a very real, very white beard to prove it. He said in his 12 years of Santa-dom, he has posed with children and adults of all backgrounds during appearances at art centers, private parties and the occasional suburban Christmas tree lighting.

"The character to me is all about the spirit of Christmas," Sinclair said. "If we leave Christmas to ourselves, we'd be all right."

This holiday season, however, not all reactions to non-white Santas have been jolly.

At Indiana University in Bloomington earlier this month, a dormitory bulletin board posed the question, "Can Santa Claus be a black man?" in hopes of generating fruitful discussion about racial stereotypes. Instead, it generated outrage on social media because it also asked other questions that played to stereotypes, such as whether a black Santa would only visit the ghetto. The display, which a university spokesman described as well-intended but "misguided," was taken down.

Last week, a high school teacher in Rio Rancho, N.M., was disciplined, and apologized, for telling a black student who dressed as Santa Claus, "Don't you know Santa Claus is white? Why are you wearing that?" The teacher has since been placed on paid administrative leave.

Also last week, Fox News host Megyn Kelly sparked a heated debate when she declared on air, "And by the way, for all you kids watching at home, Santa just is white," during a panel discussion about a blogger's essay arguing that children of other races could feel alienated by constantly seeing Santa as white. Kelly later said her comments were motivated by humor, not "by any racial fear or loathing."

That situation was promptly skewered by comics such as Comedy Central's Jon Stewart and Kenan Thompson of NBC's Saturday Night Live, who, clad in a full Santa suit and beard, joked about Kelly's comments and quipped: "You heard of secret Santa? Well, here's a secret for you: I'm black as hell!"

Richard Reyes, 62, of Houston, who has portrayed "Pancho Claus" for 32 years, found this year's debate over Santa's race surprising. He has seen Santa transformed into many images for years, he said; In his version, Pancho Claus has a goatee, and accessorizes his zoot suit with sunglasses and a fedora.

"For these diverse times, it's important for children to see Santa in all these different forms," Reyes said.

Andrew Chesnut, the Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Chair in Catholic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, said depictions of Santa Claus as a white man came about mainly because he was a European import, a blend of the Dutch Sinterklaas and British folklore character Father Christmas, with elements of Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century Greek bishop in modern-day Turkey.

"But there is no reason he can't be portrayed as black or Latino," Chesnut said. "We live in the most pluralist, diverse society on earth and this is going to happen."

Chesnut compared Santa's evolution to that of La Virgen de Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico. That image came from a black Virgin Mary from Spain who transformed into an indigenous icon in the Americas to relate to the population, he said.

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, a mall in the center of black Los Angeles, has operated a diversity Santa program for more than 10 years, where two Santas — one black, one Latino — share time taking photos with families. "It's been great," said Rachel Erickson, the mall's marketing director. "The Santas have developed relationships with families and they come back year after year."

"(Santa Claus) reflects whatever region he resides. He belongs to everyone," said Xavier Garza, author of "Charro Claus and the Tejas Kid," a bilingual children's book based on Santa Claus' "Mexican cousin" along the Texas-Mexico border. In Garza's book, Charro Claus refuses to let "rain, wind or border fences" prevent him from delivering toys to kids in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Magic dust transforms an old mariachi outfit into a gold-and-silver sequined marvel and old burros into lucha libre-masked Flying Burritos to help Charro Claus deliver toys.

The short film and book "The Native American Night Before Christmas" by Gary Robinson has "Old Red Shirt," or the American Indian Santa Claus, visiting children with a team of flying white buffalo to deliver commodities, fry bread and other goodies.

American stocks mostly lower a day after surge

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks are mostly lower Thursday after surging a day earlier to their latest record highs. The market gained the most in more than two months Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said it was trimming its stimulus efforts. Investors saw the decision as a vote of confidence in the economy.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell two points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,808, as of 2:53 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average was essentially flat at 16,167. The Nasdaq composite fell 12 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,057.

BACK IN THE GREEN: The S&P 500 is up 0.1 percent for the month after moving into the green for the first time in December following Wednesday's big rally. If the gains hold, the index will have advanced for 10 of the 12 months this year.

THE ECONOMY: The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits rose 10,000 last week to 379,000, the highest since March. The increase may reflect volatility around the Thanksgiving holidays.

FED ACTION: Investors were happy to get more reassurance Wednesday from the Fed that interest rates would stay low after the stimulus was removed, said Eric Weigand, a senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank.

The pace of the reduction in the Fed's bond purchases, from $85 billion to $75 billion a month, was also encouraging. "It was not too hot and not too cold," Weigand said.

TARGET TARGETED: Target fell $1.39, or 2 percent, to $62.16 after the company said that about 40 million credit and debit card accounts may have been compromised by a data breach that happened just as shoppers flooded into stores for Black Friday. Customers who used credit cards between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 at the store may be exposed. The Secret Service is investigating.

ZUCKERBERG SALE: Facebook fell 52 cents, or 1 percent, to $55.05 after the company said it will sell 70 million shares, including more than 41 million held by founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The social media's stock has surged since the summer, more than doubling since the end of July on optimism that the company's mobile strategy is working.

BIGGEST WINNER: Business software company Oracle jumped $2.32, or 7 percent, $36.92 after its earnings beat Wall Street forecasts. The business software maker earned $2.55 billion, or 56 cents per share. Revenue rose 2 percent to $9.28 billion from $9.09 billion. Oracle rose the most of any stock in the S&P 500.

BIGGEST LOSER: Darden Restaurants slumped after the restaurant company said it will spin off its Red Lobster chain and not open any new Olive Gardens. Darden dropped $2.50, or 5 percent, to $50.42, making it the biggest loser in the S&P 500.

TARNISHED GOLD:

The price of gold dropped $41.40, or 3.4 percent, to close at $1,193.60 an ounce. Gold hadn't settled below $1,200 an ounce in more than three years. Interest rates are rising and the dollar is gaining after the Fed said it would pare back its bond purchases. Traders are selling gold because they see less risk of inflation from the Fed's stimulus program.

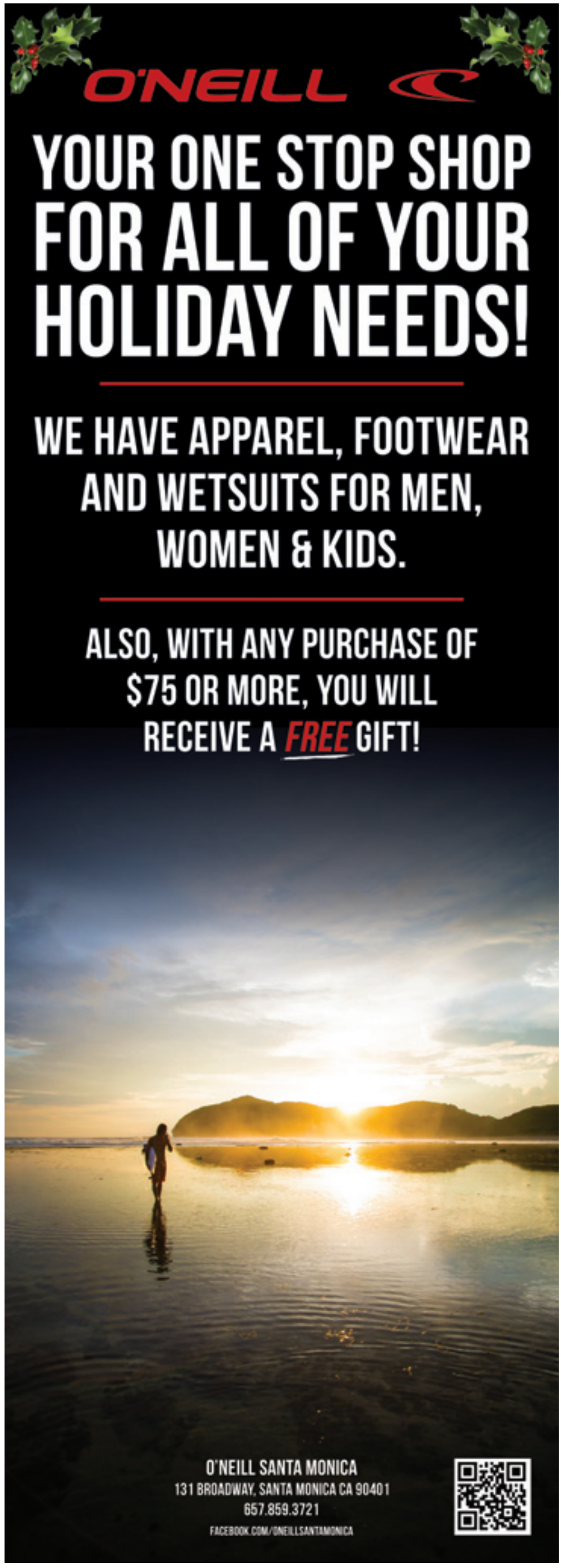
BONDS:

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.92 percent from 2.89 percent late Wednesday. The yield climbs when bond prices fall. Demand for bonds was lower Thursday as traders anticipated less buying from the Fed.

FADING POWER: The stocks of power companies fell the most of the 10 industry sectors that make up the S&P 500. Investors buy utility stocks because they pay big dividends. As bond yields rise, those stocks become less attractive.

GLOBAL MARKETS: In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares rose 1.4 percent to 6,584 while Germany's DAX rose 1.7 percent to 9,335. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index increased 1.7 percent to 15,859.





Kobe likely to miss six weeks with fracture in knee

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Kobe Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee.

The Lakers said Thursday that an MRI showed Bryant has a fracture of the lateral tibial plateau of his knee.

The team said Bryant had hyperextended the knee in Tuesday night's game at Memphis.

The injury is the latest setback for the Lakers star, who had only returned to the court on Dec. 8 after nearly eight months away because of a torn Achilles tendon.

Los Angeles had signed the fourth-leading scoring in NBA history to a two-year contract extension last month. Bryant's new deal is reportedly worth $48.5 million and takes him into his 20th season with the Lakers.

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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	C	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	B	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

LEGEND
- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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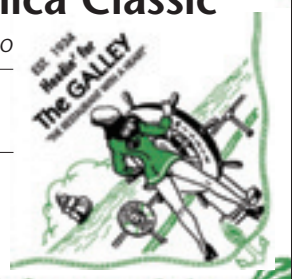
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MOVIE TIMES

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

It's a Wonderful Life (G) 2hrs 10min
7:30pm

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

Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 20min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (PG-13)
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 11:00pm

Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) 1hr 20min
11:15am, 4:15pm, 9:45pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
11:15am, 5:10pm, 10:40pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)
10:00am, 1:20pm, 4:50pm, 8:20pm, 11:30pm

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (NR)
10:30am, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:40pm, 10:30pm, 11:30pm

Frozen 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
2:15pm, 8:00pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
10:10am, 5:00pm

Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
9:45am, 1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

American Hustle (R) 2hrs 09min
10:00am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:45pm, 11:15pm

Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug in HFR 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 41min
2:45pm, 9:45pm

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

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

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

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

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

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DRINKS AND MUNCHIES WITH FRIENDS, CANCER

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others will note that they ran into an unstoppable force when they get a glimpse of you and your attitude today. Remain confident, but don't hesitate to walk away from complications that are of no interest to you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to your instincts, and acknowledge them as well. How you handle a situation could change unexpectedly. Plans involving a holiday happening might be tossed out at the last minute, which will throw several people off. Tonight: Do what you must first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use your high energy to complete what must be done before the holidays. The whirlwind of festivities will start this coming weekend. Tonight: Get together with friends; perhaps you will decide to start swapping gifts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity will emerge. Rethink the rest of your purchases, and make adjustments while you can. Get into the spirit of Christmas, and let go of your gift-giving concerns. Tonight: Treat a friend to drinks and munchies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You attract people who have a similar energy. A friend might shake up the status quo. Enjoy the excitement, but avoid being controlling -- it won't help. Make adjustments for this person. Tonight: The world is your oyster. Finish up your errands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Much information comes in that you need to consider. In order to free up some time, you will want to rearrange your schedule. A loved one could be difficult when he or she discovers that plans might need to be adjusted. Tonight: Head home. Be with family. Make peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your friends, associates and family might become childlike at the thought of Christmas. You will want to visit with many people before the actual holiday. Start now. Tonight: Get together with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pressure comes in once more from a boss or someone else you need to answer to. You might want to avoid an issue, but any attempt to ward off a discussion could be seen as manipulation. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make plans to see a Christmas pageant during the weekend. Break out of your routine and enjoy some music or dancing. If you can, take off for a day and get involved in some kind of winter sport. Tonight: Make sure you've mailed all your packages before you meet a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A loved one or special friend might approach you and offer much more of what you want and desire. The two of you often disengage from stress when you're together. Catch up on each other's news. Tonight: Continue the theme of deferring. Let someone else choose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Schedule some time with friends and loved ones. Someone might go out on a limb for you. Be gracious, and avoid taking him or her for granted. This individual not only loves you, but he or she will do whatever it takes to make your life easier. Tonight: Make merry.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ People seem to show up and want to have a quality conversation with you. You are aware of how much is on your plate, so make it a point to honor your limitations and say "no" if need be. A meeting provides a lot of food for thought. Tonight: Head home early.

Friday, December 20, 2013

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

This year you open doors and let go of the status quo. Your life takes on a new vibrance that you love, and others notice. If you are single, you attract potential suitors with ease; however, it forces you to sort through your feelings. You will have to decide what you want from a relationship as well. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy traveling together. Schedule at least one trip or adventure together this year. LEO is a source of endless laughter and fun.

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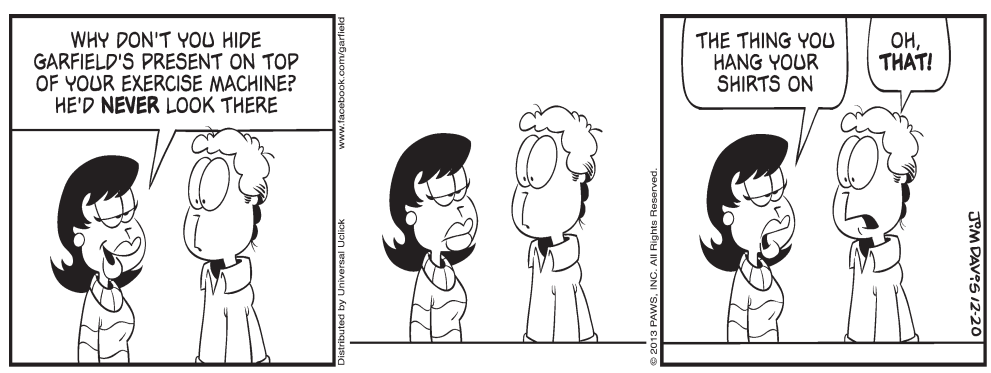
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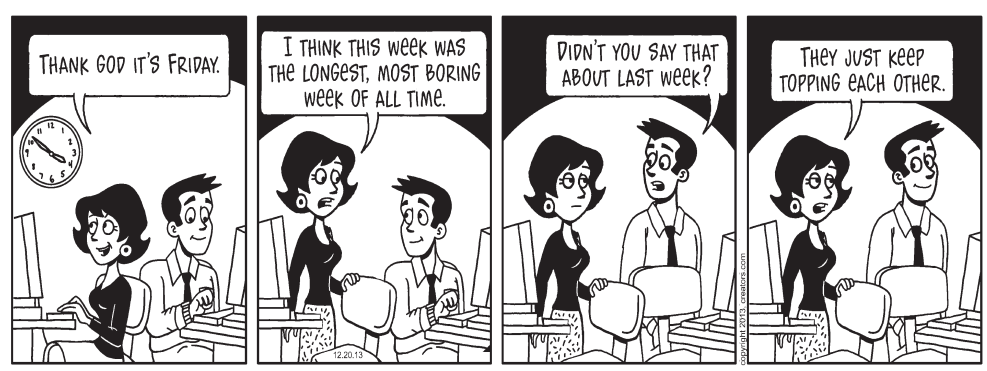
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Turning tool
6 One-time capital of Alaska
11 Orange shade
12 Pasty
13 Iron output
14 General direction
15 Seize
17 Bar man?: Abbr.
18 Edinburgh native
20 Finished
22 Unlucky
23 Not in time
26 Skier's spot
28 Woods with woods
29 Run
31 "Give — rest!"
32 Newborn's need
33 Great serves
34 Bar bills
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40 Wake
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44 School paper
45 Pinochle scores
46 Message from the boss

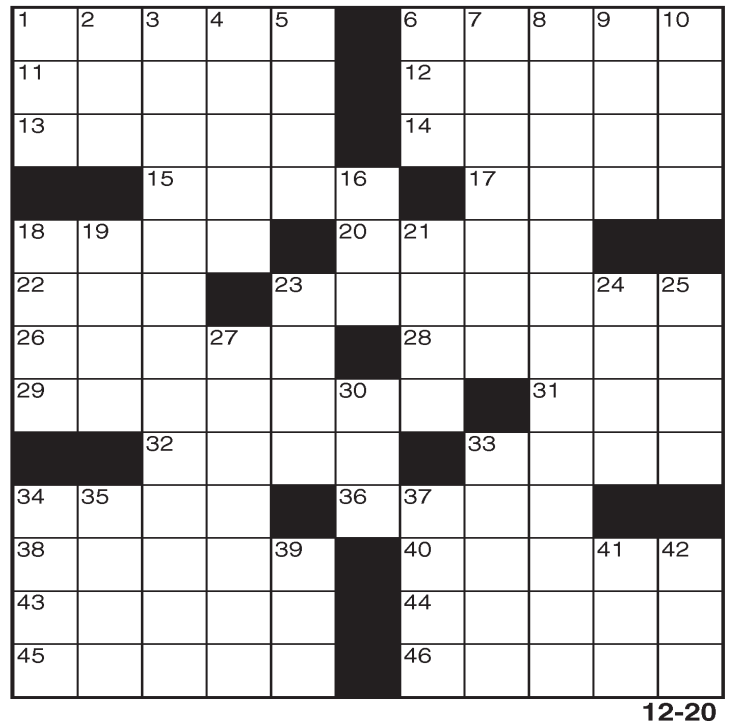
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2 Do something
3 Henry James book
4 Center
5 Writer Bombeck
6 Was inactive
7 Tel Aviv native
8 Henry James book
9 English county
10 Mayberry sheriff
16 Scary cry
18 Farm sight
19 Hoof sound
21 Pick a candidate
23 Jazz, for one
24 Henri's head
25 Historic times
27 Understood
30 Decimal base
33 Happened
34 Time in office
35 Away from the wind
37 Valuable rocks
39 Mag. workers
41 Rick's pianist
42 Pupil's place



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Conscience-Cleansing: Greg Gulbransen of Oyster Bay, N.Y., announced in September that he was about to sue the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for dragging its feet in implementing the Gulbransen-inspired 2007 federal legislation that he said would save lives, especially those of toddlers. The unimplemented law would force car manufacturers to install rear-facing cameras as standard equipment, a cause Gulbransen embraced after accidentally, fatally, backing over his own toddler in the family's BMW SUV.

■ Recurring Themes: (1) Lawrence Briggs, 18, was arrested in Marshalltown, Iowa, in November after he walked out of a Sports Page store with $153 worth of merchandise he did not pay for. Moments earlier, he had filled out an application to work at Sports Page, and when surveillance cameras exposed him, managers called him in for an "interview," and police made the arrest. (2) Troy Mitchell, 47, was arrested after allegedly robbing the Valley First Credit Union in Modesto, Calif., on May 14th. While he was standing at the teller's window, another employee of Valley First saluted him ("Hi, Troy") because he remembered Mitchell from April 3rd, when he had applied for a car loan.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1959 – Unknown attackers murder the Walker family in Osprey, Florida.

1967 – A Pennsylvania Railroad Metroliner reaches over the limit of 155 mph on their New York Division, also present day Amtrak's Northeast Corridor.

1968 – The Zodiac Killer kills Betty Lou Jenson and David Faraday in Vallejo, California.

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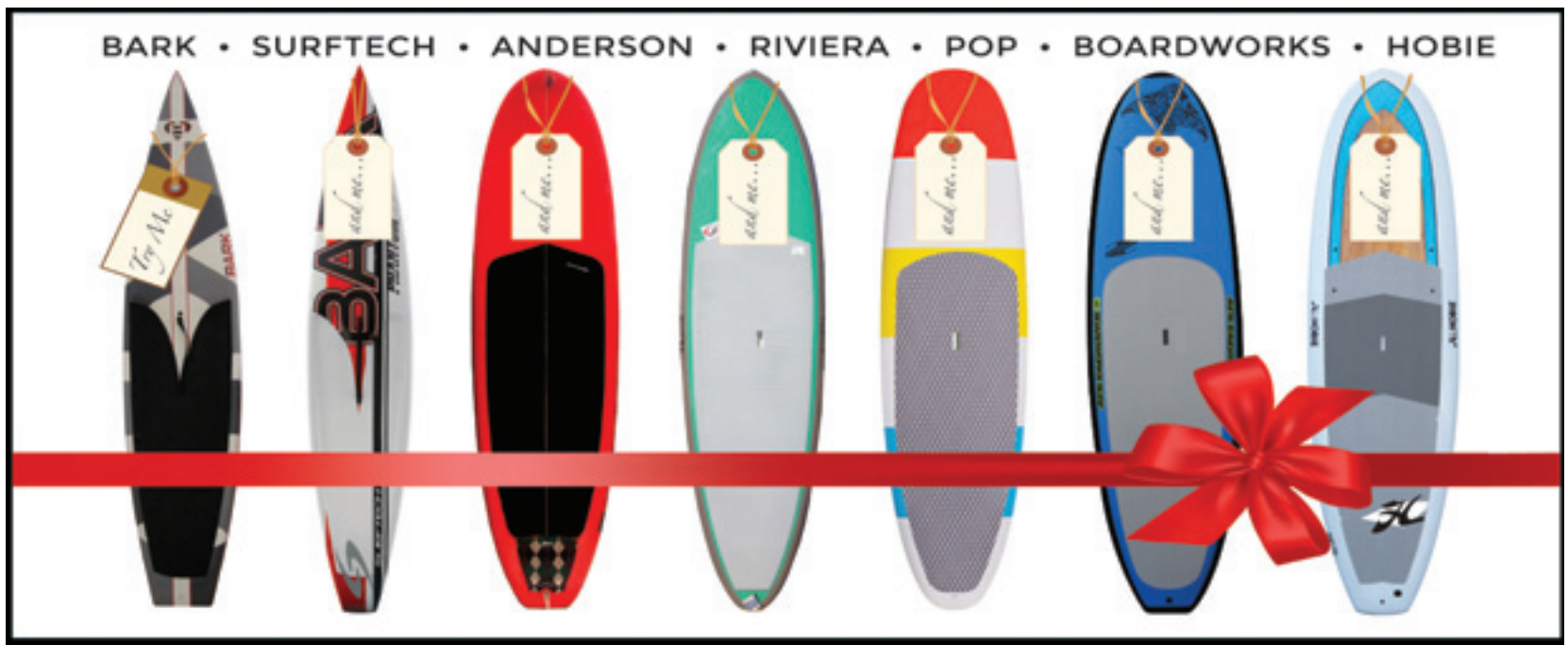
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