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THE DRAGGING AND DROPPING ISSUE

# One less restaurant in town

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN** Yankee Doodle's is officially not coming back to town.

Restaurant owner Herb Astrow dropped an appeal, allowing the owner of the Third Street Promenade property, Bill Tucker, to continue with plans to convert the space for retail.

In May, the Planning Commission granted Tucker permission to follow through with his plans to convert nearly all of the roughly 15,000 square feet of restaurant space to retail. Two months later, a flash fire broke out behind the broiler, said Astrow, and water pumped in by the Santa Monica Fire Department to knock down the flames ruined the place.

A natural gas leak was the cause of the fire, said Assistant Fire Marshal Eric Binder. Surveillance tape from inside the restaurant caught the start of the fire, he said, and there was nothing suspicious about it.

Astrow appealed the commission's permit, asking to save the restaurant space, which is to be downsized to 1,700 square feet. He dropped the appeal earlier this month.

"Our insurance company is dragging their feet in terms of resolving the claim and because we don't know when that will take place, I can't ask the owner to let the property stay empty," he said. "Our hands our tied. I had to step away."

Property damage amounts to about $1 million, he claims.

"After 23 years I guess you could say you become pretty attached to the place," he said. "We had great plans to do a real renovation and gastro pub concept. Is it disappointing? Sure it is. But you got to make the best of the situation."

For Astrow that means hopefully taking over the remaining restaurant space for a gourmet sandwich shop or a burger joint. Despite the appeal, he and Tucker have a great relationship, he said. The restaurant area retains a liquor license and a small patio space, which Astrow is excited about.

In May, when the commission discussed Tucker's retail proposal, they talked about the mix of restaurants Downtown. Dining establishments are typically less profitable



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**IT'S GONE:** Yankee Doodle's will not be returning to the Third Street Promenade.

# Federal court strikes down L.A. hotel search law

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**LOS ANGELES** A federal appeals court on Tuesday struck down a city law it said wrongly allows police to inspect hotel and motel guest records without a warrant.

In a 5-4 ruling, the appellate panel said the ordinance violates the Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches. It reversed a lower court ruling that sided with the city in a challenge brought by two motel owners.

The city attorney's office did not immediately comment on the ruling but spokesman Frank Mateljan said a statement might be released later in the day.

In its majority opinion, the court said that the law improperly authorized a police officer to inspect guest records at any time without consent or a search warrant and without a chance to let a judge review the demand.

Hotel operators who refused could be charged with a misdemeanor crime carrying a potential six-month jail sentence and a $1,000 fine.

The city defends the ordinance "as a nuisance abatement measure designed to deter drug dealing and prostitution," the court said.

However, the majority opinion said that such inspections "involve both a physical intrusion upon a hotel's papers and an invasion of the hotel's protected privacy interest in those papers."

Such inspections, whether of computerized or paper records, are subject to constitutional search provisions, and whether or not the inspections find anything "of any great personal value" to a hotel is irrelevant, the court said.

In their dissent, four judges said that the majority wrongly assumed that all searches made under the ordinance were unconstitutional.

The dissenters noted that the language of the law never specifically authorizes warrantless searches and argued that even if it did, there could be reasonable exceptions where looking at a hotel register immediately was important, such as when looking for a suicidal person.

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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**Happy Kwanzaa!**

**Take a tour**
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m.
Explore the rich Beach House site history with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free, and last roughly 30 minutes. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

**Friday, Dec. 27, 2013**

**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. 28, 2013**

**Art for kids**
Paint:Lab
1453 14th St., Call for times
Kids 5-12 are invited to a special winter art camp. Cost: ranges from $55-$100. All art materials included in the price. For more information, call (310) 450-9200.

**He is real**
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 3 p.m.
Creating Arts Co. 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.

**Stories at the pier**
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 3:30 p.m.
Visit the Santa Monica Pier every Saturday for a whale of a tale. The aquarium will host story time in the Dorothy Green Room. Children (and adults) love to hear a good story, and the aquarium has a nearly endless supply of books celebrating life of the sea. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

**Time to knit**
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Knitting, conversation, and tea at the library. Everyone welcome. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

**Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013**

**Walk with the plovers**
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 8:30 a.m.
Looking for a new holiday tradition? Join the Santa Monica and L.A. Audubon societies and connect with your inner naturalist! Explore the habitat and life cycles of the federally threatened snowy plover, a small white bird that makes Santa Monica and surrounding beach cities its home.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

### Oh, tannenbaum

Don't toss that Christmas tree in the garbage or leave it in an alley. Recycle it, city officials are urging.

Residents can drop off their Christmas trees at four local parks for recycling beginning Dec. 26. Those with trees will have the entire month of January to drop them off.

"Remember it is unlawful and a serious fire hazard to leave unwanted trees at the curb or in the alleys," city officials warned in a new release.

Drop off trees at the following parks:

- Douglas Park: Chelsea Avenue at Wilshire Boulevard
- Reed Park: Lincoln Boulevard at California Avenue
- Hotchkiss Park: Fourth and Strand streets
- Clover Park: 25th Street at Ocean Park Boulevard

For more information call (310) 458-2223, e-mail recycling@smgov.net or visit www.smgov.net/r3

Those living outside Santa Monica city limits may call the city of Los Angeles Christmas Tree Recycling Hotline: (800) 5-TREE-56 for information about recycling in their neighborhoods.

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### Fire captain promoted

Santa Monica Fire Chief Scott Ferguson has promoted a two-time Firefighter of the Year award recipient to battalion chief.

Jeff Furrows joined the SMFD in July 1986 after serving two-years as a paramedic in Glendale, Calif.

A battalion chief is a key member of the management staff for a fire department or fire agency. The battalion chief is responsible for managing day to day operations. When on shift, she or he coordinates emergency responses and manages fire crews large and small, supervising the fire captains who handle individual groups of firefighters.

During his 27-year tenure with SMFD, Furrows served as the department's paramedic coordinator and led the fire department's medical response to the very first Stadium to the Sea LA Marathon in 2010.

Furrows has been awarded Firefighter of the Year twice while with the department, in 1994 and 1997.

"Captain Furrows epitomizes the kind of discipline, energy, and compassion necessary to be a successful battalion chief," Ferguson said. "Perhaps his greatest gift is that of a teacher. Given our department's large number of recent retirements and subsequent new hires, this characteristic may become our greatest asset."

SMFD protects more than 92,000 residents in an area of 8.3 square miles, and consists of over 110 civilian staff and firefighters.

Furrows will begin his new duties Christmas day.

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## BIG GIVERS

Photo courtesy Nina Furukawa

**The Pretenders Studio dancers made their annual donation to the Westside Animal Shelter on Monday. The private Santa Monica studio sponsors the 'Dance for a Difference' program, where dancers ages 4-18 give back to local charities.**

# Lawrence beats Cyrus, Netflix for top entertainer

**SANDY COHEN**
AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES** The battle for AP entertainer of the year came down to the Girl on Fire and the Queen of Twerk.

Jennifer Lawrence edged out Miley Cyrus by one vote in The Associated Press' annual survey of its newspaper and broadcast members and subscribers for Entertainer of the Year.

There were 70 ballots submitted by U.S. editors and news directors. Voters were asked to consider who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in 2013.

Lawrence won 15 votes. Cyrus had 14. Netflix was a close third, earning 13 votes for altering the TV landscape with its on-demand format and hit original series.

But Lawrence — who started the year with an Academy Award for best actress, fueled a box-office franchise as "The Hunger Games" heroine Katniss Everdeen, and wrapped 2013 with a critically acclaimed performance in "American Hustle" that just earned Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award nominations — charmed fans everywhere with her candid sincerity.

She was also a fashion darling — a muse for Dior — who made headlines with her pixie haircut. ("That was the weirdest thing that ever happened to me," she recently told Jon Stewart.)

Lawrence declined comment for this story.

The 23-year-old actress "is not only talented and beautiful, but comes off as incredibly intelligent, genuine, funny and well-spoken in her public appearances and interviews," writes Kristi Runyan of The Derrick and The News-Herald Newspapers in Oil City, Pa. "It's refreshing to see a young woman not squandering her talent and success by succumbing to the temptations many do in Hollywood and who actively speaks about the ridiculous behavior of some of her peers."

Speaking of ridiculous behavior, Cyrus raised eyebrows throughout 2013 with her embrace of twerking, nudity and public pot smoking. The 21-year-old "Wrecking Ball" singer also made news with her pixie chop, but her breakup with fiance Liam Hemsworth and highly sexualized (and scrutinized) performances made her water-cooler chatter all year.

"She made the biggest splash, without comment on whether I thought it was a good thing," said Jim Turpin of KMPH-TV in Fresno, Calif.

Netflix commanded votes for changing viewing habits (binge-watch "Breaking Bad," anyone?) and challenging the traditional TV-release concept with its original series. The outlet eschewed typical TV pilots and released a season's worth of episodes at once of its acclaimed series "House of Cards" and "Orange Is the New Black."

"In a divided entertainment landscape that includes the fans of pop princesses like Miley as well as high-minded devotees of cutting-edge filmmaking, Netflix is the one common denominator," said Sean Stangland of Paddock Publications in suburban Chicago.

The beloved, Emmy-winning series "Breaking Bad" was in fourth place with 10 votes.




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### Killing secondhand

**Editor:**

Last year at this time the Daily Press wrote about my living next door to a smoker. The article was strong enough to move him to another floor.

Well, unbelievable as it may be (or my destiny), I now have another smoker on the other side of my room (studio). Last night, to my dismay, I actually witnessed a drifting cloud of smoke come through the wall I share with my neighbor! With my one big window, the stench of cigarette smoke was so strong that two fans and an air purifier took 45 minutes to rid the area of the smell.

At 81 years old, I never expected to live in such suffocating conditions in a senior citizen building with this silent killer! It's easy to say, "Why don't you move?" But my rent is affordable and I have been very happy, up to the time my neighbor moved in and started smoking.

I am aware, after talking to many people about the smoking issue, that it is, in fact, an issue: secondhand smoke.

My two great grandchildren (1 and 2 years old) live in a Community Corp. apartment here in Santa Monica. A very nice place! I now hear that there is a smoker nearby and the smoke seeps into their bedroom like the commercial on TV.

In Santa Monica, where smoking has to be a certain distance from a building, why is it OK for babies to suffer when it seeps through walls?

To all smokers out there, isn't it enough you are hurting yourself? Do you have to hurt babies, too? Make your New Year's resolution to stop air pollution and stop hurting yourselves as well.

**Natalie Lewis**
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## The Taxman

Jon Coupal

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# Follow the money down the drain

**WHAT IF YOU WERE TOLD THERE IS A** corrupt dictatorship on the other side of the world where government officials are using U.S. foreign aid to build palatial mansions for themselves, diverting money intended to feed poor children and spending billions with no oversight or accountability?

Unfortunately, these examples are not from a remote foreign land, but from right here in California. And you, California taxpayers, are footing the bill.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation has just released "Follow the Money 2013," a report chronicling some of the highest profile government waste, fraud and abuse uncovered this year. Added together, the examples in this document amount to tens of billions of dollars.

There seems to be no limit on the irresponsible behavior of some politicians and bureaucrats when it comes to spending OPM (Other People's Money). "Follow the Money 2013" shows they are paying millions to drug rehab clinics with histories of questionable billing practices, giving elected officials bonuses just for being reelected, spending hundreds of millions of dollars on outside consultants, and much, much more.

While the report profiles numerous high profile scandals discovered in 2013, it also raises an even more compelling question: if these examples were all exposed in the course of the last year, how much additional waste is still hiding in the shadows? Could the billions that we know were squandered just be the tip of an even larger iceberg of titanic waste?

Taxpayers can expect 2014 to bring new efforts by the Sacramento politicians to saddle our high-unemployment economy with billions in tax increases, including proposals to repeal portions of Prop. 13 to satisfy their insatiable hunger for more revenue.

They will say regular citizens need to sacrifice so that the state can afford to provide quality services we all care about, such as education and public safety. That's why now is the right time to ask whether they've spent the money we've already given them responsibly.

In fact, over the last 40 years spending has doubled on a per capita, inflation adjusted basis. But 40 years ago, we had a thriving economy and some of the nation's best schools and roads. People came to California from all over the country, drawn by warm weather, affordable homes and plentiful jobs.

Now, we're spending more and getting less in return. Billions are being flushed down the drain, lost forever to waste, fraud and abuse. Misguided policies have hobbled the state's economy, sent energy costs through the roof and prevented the construction of important infrastructure such as roads, refineries and ports.

It doesn't have to be this way, but the first step to restoring a more fiscally responsible government and a more prosperous economy is to start a conversation about whether the current state of affairs is acceptable. We can and must do better.

Concerned citizens can read the "Follow the Money 2013" report for themselves by visitingwww.hjta.org.

**JON COUPAL** is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

## The Q Line

### For art's sake

City Hall has theoretically left millions of dollars on the table by subsidizing artists' studios at the Santa Monica Airport. A Daily Press report found that a lease negotiated by city officials included a base rent of 37 cents per month, per square foot. That lease now generates $9,885 a month.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Do you believe taxpayers should be subsidizing artists? What's the value in doing so?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.







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## Culture Watch

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# Different joys of singing



Photo courtesy Ayana Haviv

**LOCAL MUSIC MAKER: Santa Monica resident Ayana Haviv is a professional singer whose voice has appeared in several films.**

**AYANA HAVIV HAS MULTIPLE MUSICAL** personalities. The Grammy Award winner works as an ensemble singer and soloist with the Los Angeles Master Chorale, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

But she's also a session singer who's recorded countless film and TV soundtracks, from "Avatar" to "The Lorax" to "Wreck It Ralph," moving easily from ethereal solo and background tracks to klezmer, Jewish traditional music and Middle Eastern melodies, as well as South African and Bulgarian women's folk music, jazz, Baroque and Renaissance stylings. She's even been a pop singer who's written her own music.

A Santa Monica resident, Ayana's eclectic career wasn't exactly what her parents had in mind for her. "In my family, you became a doctor, a lawyer or a teacher; being a singer was not on the radar," she told me in an interview that took place in October this year.

Ayana was born in Jerusalem and spent half her youth traveling between the U.S. and Israel. She always "sang along with the radio, like everyone else," but she decided on an academic career, pursuing a Ph.D. in anthropology at UCLA after undergrad work at Cal Berkeley.

"I thought the only way to have a career singing was in a rock band or as an opera singer, never being able to live in just one place, which wasn't compatible with having children, which is something I'd always wanted. So I just kind of ruled out the idea of becoming a professional singer. I never realized it was possible to sing in a lot of different places but still live in just one."

Marrying her high school sweetheart, before the kids came along they tried their hand at creating a pop band, and "we had fun but that didn't work out. We didn't work quickly enough in our songwriting and it became clear we'd need day jobs."

Her husband became a lawyer, and she went on to grad school.

All along, she'd been singing in choirs and studying voice and music history. Through UCLA's ethnomusicology department she studied with one of the top Bulgarian singers in the world and joined the Bulgarian Women's Choir. Eventually this training would lead to her Grammy.

After UC Berkeley, she thought it would be fun to audition for Los Angeles Master Chorale, then under the musical direction of Paul Salamunovich. But she'd not yet mastered the art of sight reading, the ability to look at any piece of music and sing it at first sight. "I always cheated my way through the choirs," she laughed. "I'm a soprano, there's a melody; I used my ear."

But when Salamunovich showed her different key signatures, she had no idea what they were. He told her she had a really good voice, and should come back and audition for him once she learned to sight read. He

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The following are summaries of Ordinances No. 2450 and 2451, which were adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of December 10, 2013.

Ordinance Number 2450 amends the Municipal Code to give the Finance Director limited authority to waive delinquent debts and taxes that have been deemed uncollectible and to make available to the public a list of the largest delinquencies and the names of unlicensed businesses.

Ordinance Number 2451 amends Municipal Code provisions governing street performance by authorizing the revocation of a permit after one violation of law if the violation is severe, such as a violation risking public safety. The ordinance addresses effectuation of the lottery system for allocating performance spaces on the Pier by prohibiting the selling of spaces allocated by the lottery and by imposing a legal requirement that performers abide by lottery results.

Ordinances 2450 and 2451 will become effective 30 days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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also told her to get the book, "Melodia."

"It's a fantastic sight reading book," she said, "which has lessons from easy to hard, and you just keep going and going until you master it. When I decided to audition again seriously, I got the book, went through it cover to cover for several hours a day before the two kids came along. After another audition I got into LAMC."

It wasn't until she became a "ringer," a singer hired to join a choir for special occasions, that she learned about session singing, which requires sight singing. "Churches do this for Sunday services if they have the budget and on the high holidays, Jewish temples also hire singers."

Wondering whether the other high holiday ringers made a living singing, they shared their experience as studio session singers. "They told me how to record a demo with my different styles, how to get it to the right people," and because of her vocal flexibility, she's received a wide array of studio work.

Among her long list of credits are two Little Mermaid character voice solos on the album "Disney on Broadway," and she's recorded with prolific film and television composers like Grammy winner Danny Elfman and Oscar winner Michael Giacchino.

Ayana's grateful she's based in Santa Monica. "My live music career is centered around downtown L.A., but there are actually a lot of film composers who have studios in Santa Monica, so I do a fair amount of recording work around here."

And her children benefit too. "One of the things that attracted me to this area was the reputation of the arts in the school system here. I'm very happy to be sending my kids to a public school system with such a great arts and music program."

Her many different vocal capabilities make her an in-demand solo singer. But there is an art to singing in a group.

"When I get into a choral situation, I tend to sing a bit more quietly and usually tame the vibrato, although Grant (Gershon, the music director of LAMC) really lets us sing, he doesn't make us get completely swallowed up. Still, you're trying to match tones, match vowels and timbres to the people around you, and trying to align phrasing while looking at the conductor. It's a very different skill from solo singing."

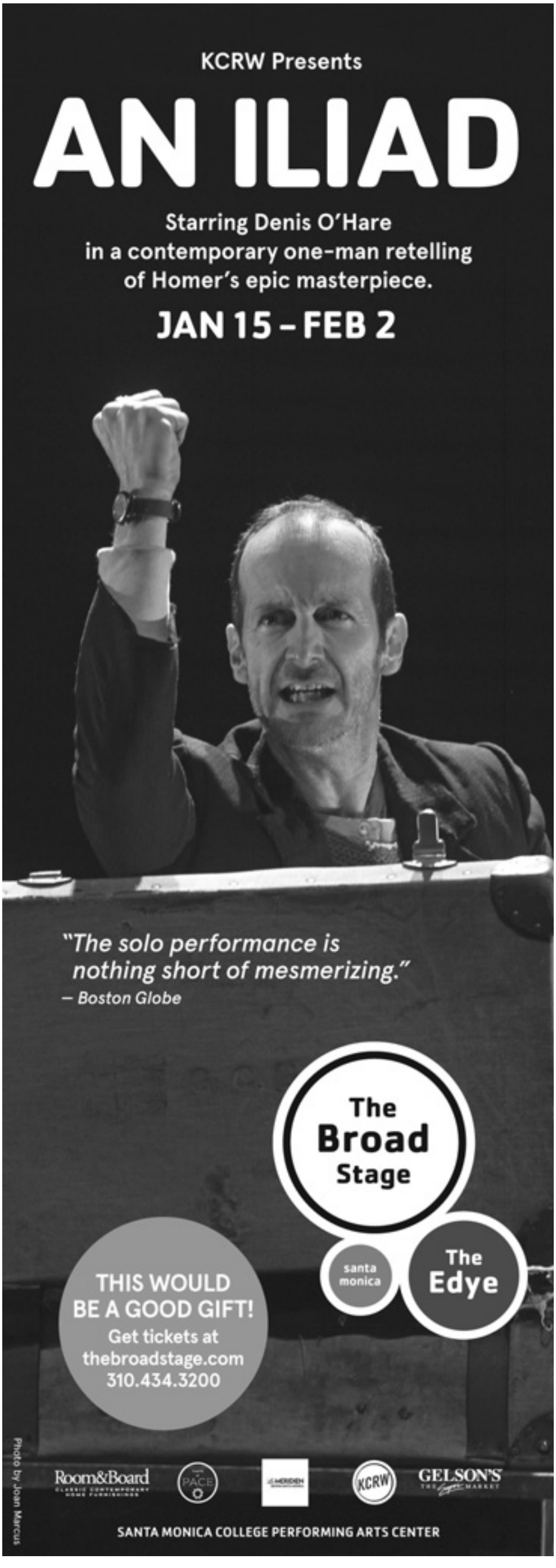
The beauty, of course, is that when blended, a chorus of human voices, perfectly tuned, can sound like an instrument all its own.

"That is what we are striving for," she said, "to create the sound of our own instrument and the transcendent moment that transforms the emotional state of someone in the audience. That's the goal of every single performance."

To learn more, visit www.ayanahaviv.com.

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# RESTAURANT

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than women's retail spaces. But restaurants add activity and interest to a retail-heavy area, said Rob York, a consultant for Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the public-private nonprofit that manages and promotes Downtown on behalf of City Hall.

The fact that the patio space was preserved is important, he said, because of the area's particularly wide right-of-way. Additionally, the restaurant mix Downtown is in good shape these days.

"Restaurants, which suffered mightily in the recession, have come back with a vengeance," York said.

Yankee Doodle's was in a tough spot for a big restaurant, he said. Many of the new restaurants, some of which are national chains, are popping up off the promenade, he said, and that helps spread out the restaurant mix.

"We want to keep some restaurants on the promenade but it's very good to have dining throughout the Downtown area," he said. "We don't want to be a street, we a want a to be a Downtown."

Balance and economic diversity is the most important thing, he said, and for now the balance is good.

"It keeps you relevant," he said. "And a little less susceptible to these economic swings."

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Water Temp: **60.3°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

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## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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

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

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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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# Dodgers work on bullpen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LOS ANGELES** The Los Angeles Dodgers bolstered their bullpen on Tuesday, announcing deals with J.P. Howell, Chris Perez and Jamey Wright.

Howell returns to Los Angeles for a two-year contract that includes a third-year vesting option. He held opponents to a .193 batting average last season and had a 2.03 ERA, both career bests.

Howell, who went 4-1 in 67 appearances in his first year with the team, was especially tough on left-handed hitters, holding them to a .164 batting average.

General manager Ned Colletti said Howell's demeanor and competitiveness were "real positives" in the clubhouse.

Chris Perez signed a one-year deal two months after the five-time All-Star was released by Cleveland. Colletti said Perez expressed interest in joining the Dodgers and pitching in any role that is asked of him.

Perez's addition doesn't change the Dodgers' plans to have Kenley Jansen and Brian Wilson serve as the primary closers. Colletti said he couldn't pass up the chance to add another reliever who has had success late in games.

Perez became a full-time closer in 2010, and he has 132 career saves. The right-hander was 5-3 with a 4.33 ERA and 25 saves in 30 chances for the Indians. The 28-year-old's first major league save came against the Dodgers in 2008.

Perez's time in Cleveland was at times overshadowed by turmoil. He angered Indians fans last season for saying they didn't support the team like they should, and he rankled Cleveland's front office by criticizing trades and stating the Indians weren't spending enough to win.

Last June, Perez was arrested after drug agents followed a package containing marijuana to his Ohio home. He and his wife pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Jamey Wright signed a one-year deal to return to the Dodgers after pitching for them in 2012.

The right-hander was 2-2 with a 3.09 ERA in 66 games for Tampa Bay last season. In 2012, Wright made the Dodgers after he was a non-roster invitee to spring training and went 5-3 with a 3.72 ERA in 66 games.

Wright, who turns 39 on Wednesday, was mostly a starter for the first 10 seasons of his 18-year major league career. He's made 22 relief appearances of at least two innings during the last three seasons. He is 9-4 with a 2.50 ERA in 42 games at Dodger Stadium.

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

**Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) 1hr 20min**
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12:15pm

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

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10:10am, 4:50pm

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

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**Philomena (R) 1hr 34min**
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# ENJOY THE MOMENT, SAG

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You'll move forward with relief. You might need to deal with someone who has more than his or her share of clout. Your instincts will guide you in what you choose to say. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be too busy handling remaining tasks from the holidays. Take care of all your thank-you cards today. You and a friend might come up with a plan to revamp this New Year's Eve celebration. Tonight: It is about to get hectic again, so get as much sleep as possible.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make an effort to let others know how you really feel, as they often might equate a lack of your time or attention with a lack of caring. You could have a difficult time convincing others that this is not the case. Tonight: Togetherness works.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to anchor in and get some extra R and R. You also might feel the need to take care of unfinished post-holiday tasks. Some of you might run out the door to catch a sale or two, only to decide later that it was a mistake. Tonight: Finally, some peace and quiet.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are likely to express exactly what you think and feel. You might attempt to draw others into having a conversation. You could create a lot of chatter but little else at the moment. Take some time for yourself and relax. Tonight: Hang out with a few friends.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Kick back, catch a sale or two and start writing your thank-you notes. Don't make a big deal of any meal preparations; just nibble on any leftovers, or make a point of starting a new diet. Play it low-key. Tonight: Indulge yourself and relax.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are on a roll. Others seek you out, perhaps to give you a belated gift or to say "thank you." Indulge a loved one. The two of you could get into a fun hobby or pastime if you can't make it outside to enjoy the winter air. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You will want to maintain a low profile. Some of you could experience a Scrooge attack, whereas others simply might be exhausted. Use today for you, either to sleep or to do whatever you need to do in order to feel up to snuff. Tonight: Play it low-key.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be pushing your own limits, but you might not care. Get out with family and friends, and enjoy some of the post-holiday sales and events. Touch base with a friend whom you really care about. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might need to handle a problem or go into work, whether you want to or not. Others value your intuitive understanding and creativity. You are able to handle a problem with finesse and speed. Tonight: Sort through the many calls and invitations.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Take an overview and decide what the possibilities are surrounding a trip. Play around with travel fees and different methods of getting to your destination. Meanwhile, relax to a great piece of music. Tonight: Answer emails and return calls.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out to the important people in your life whom you may have been too busy to visit on account of all the holiday celebrations. Everyone enjoys some quiet time, so head off to a movie or catch a late brunch. Tonight: Keep it on a one-on-one level.

**Thursday, December 26, 2013**

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

This year your sixth sense kicks in frequently. If your intuition tells you to head in a certain direction, do. You often sense people's feelings even before they are able to recognize them. Relax, and be a good listener. If you are single, you could be meeting a lot of people. Stay unattached until you meet someone who knocks your socks off. This encounter could occur in the next nine months. If you are attached, the two of you seem to be instinctive with each other this year. You will benefit from scheduling more one-on-one time together. LIBRA knows how to draw others in and have them agree with his or her ideas.

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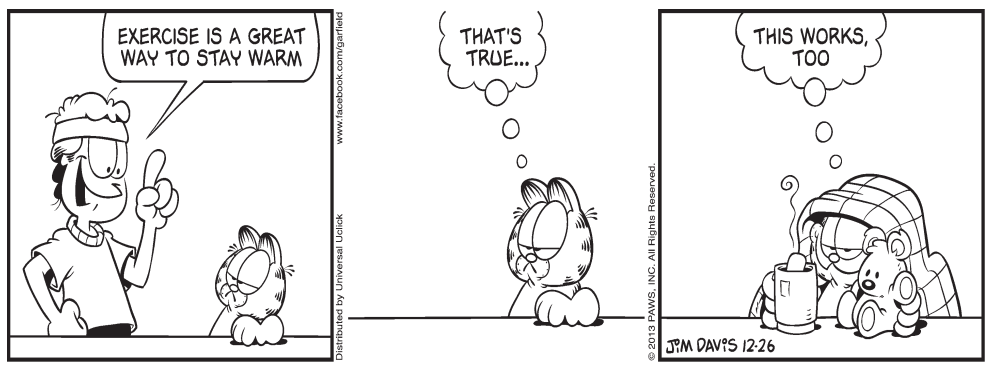

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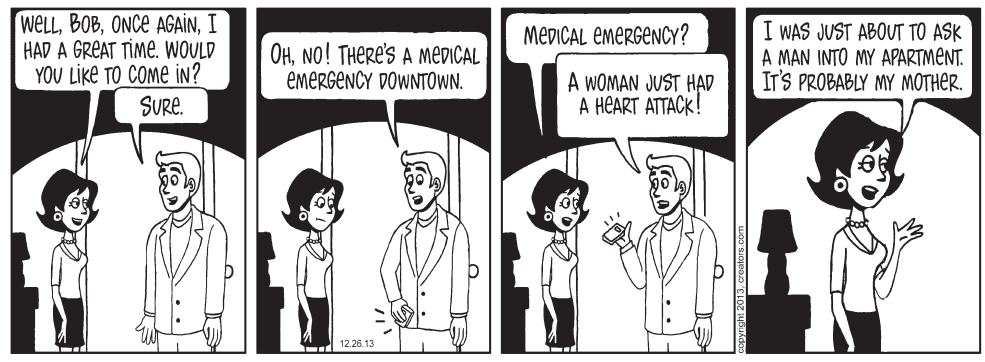

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# Sudoku

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 ★★★

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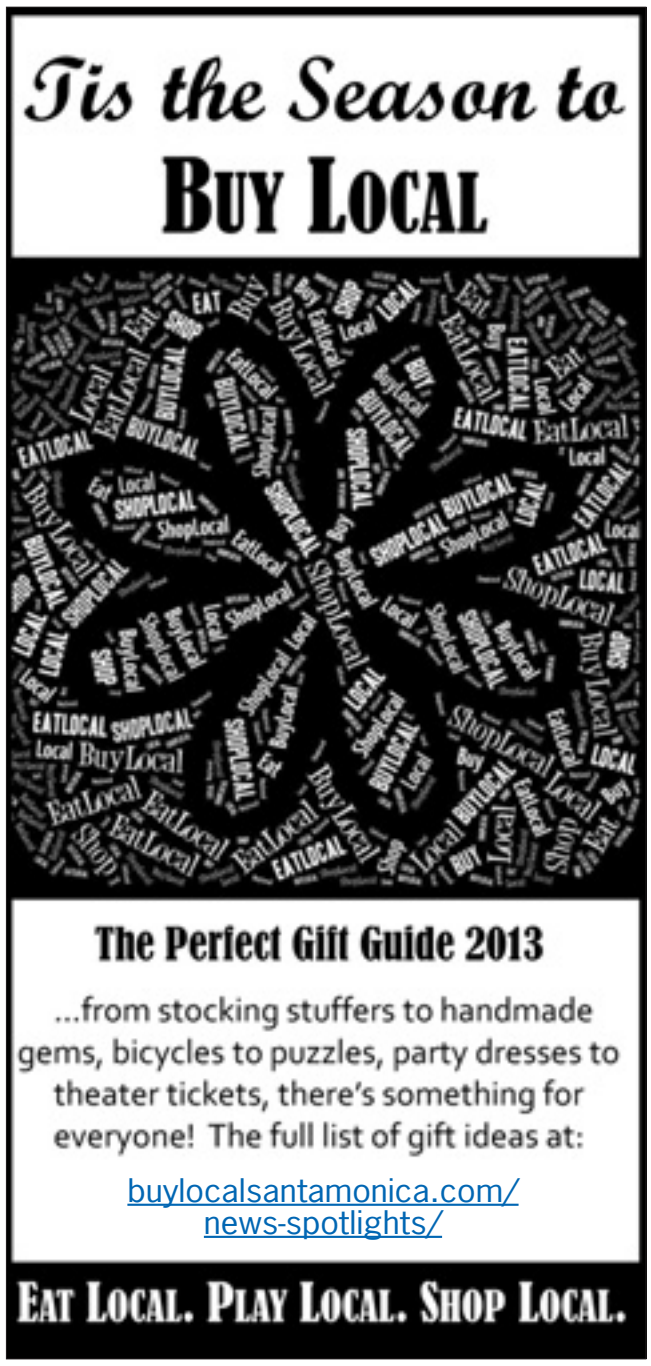
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## GETTING STARTED

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

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## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Dealer's need
**5** Book makeup
**10** Massage target
**11** Good name
**12** Scuffle
**13** Right away
**14** Bakery pastry
**16** Reverse, as a ruling
**20** Defeated
**23** Sturgeon eggs
**24** Burns' partner
**25** Radio divisions
**27** Espionage org.
**28** Comes up
**29** Post-party woe
**32** Roof eave, e.g.
**36** Film set on Pandora
**39** War of 1812 port
**40** Rise up
**41** Writer Rice
**42** Where-withal
**43** Female rabbits

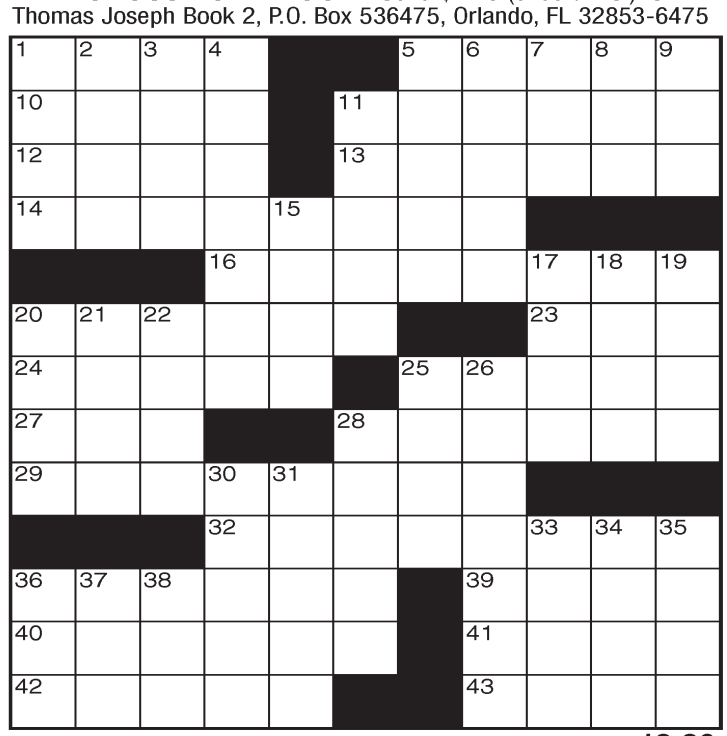
**DOWN**

**1** Silly
**2** Stocking shade
**3** Burn a bit
**4** Convention highlight
**5** Friend of Wendy
**6** Left at sea
**7** Colt creation
**8** List-ending abbr.
**9** Spot
**11** Ominous bird
**15** Kitchen sight
**17** Fancy planters
**18** Took the trolley
**19** Capone's foe
**20** "Art of the Fugue" composer
**21** Lamb's alias
**22** Astronaut Shepard
**25** — Rabbit
**26** Ditz
**28** Turn aside
**30** Boarded
**31** Squashed circles
**33** Florence's river
**34** Inverted six
**35** Turns right
**36** Pitcher's pride
**37** Geese formation
**38** Gardner of movies

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Elephant Whisperer: Nirmala Toppo, 14, is apparently the one to call if wild elephants overrun your village, especially in India's Orissa and Jharkhand states, which are still home to hundreds of marauding pachyderms. Her latest pied-piper act, in June, emptied a herd of 11 out of the industrial city of Rourkela. Said Toppo: "First I pray and then talk to the herd. I tell them this is not your home. You should return where you belong." Somehow, the elephants followed her for miles away from the town, according to an October BBC News dispatch. [BBC News, 10-29-2013]

■ The daunting problems that faced the launch of the HealthCare.gov website in October were merely symptoms of the federal government's often snail-like pace at integrating digital innovations common to everyday America. A December New York Times report revealed that The Federal Register (the daily journal of the U.S. government) still receives original content from some agencies on virtually obsolete 3.5-inch floppy disks -- and (because of unamended legal requirements) its work-order authorizations from some agencies on disks hand-delivered inside the Washington Beltway by courier. Contractors can be frustrated as well since, though they operate with top-of-the-line digital efficiency internally, they must sometimes downgrade to interface with their government clients. [New York Times, 12-6-2013]

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**1870** - The 12.8-km long Fréjus Rail Tunnel through the Alps is completed.

**1871** - Gilbert and Sullivan collaborate for the first time, on their lost opera, Thespis. It does modestly well, but the two would not collaborate again for four years.

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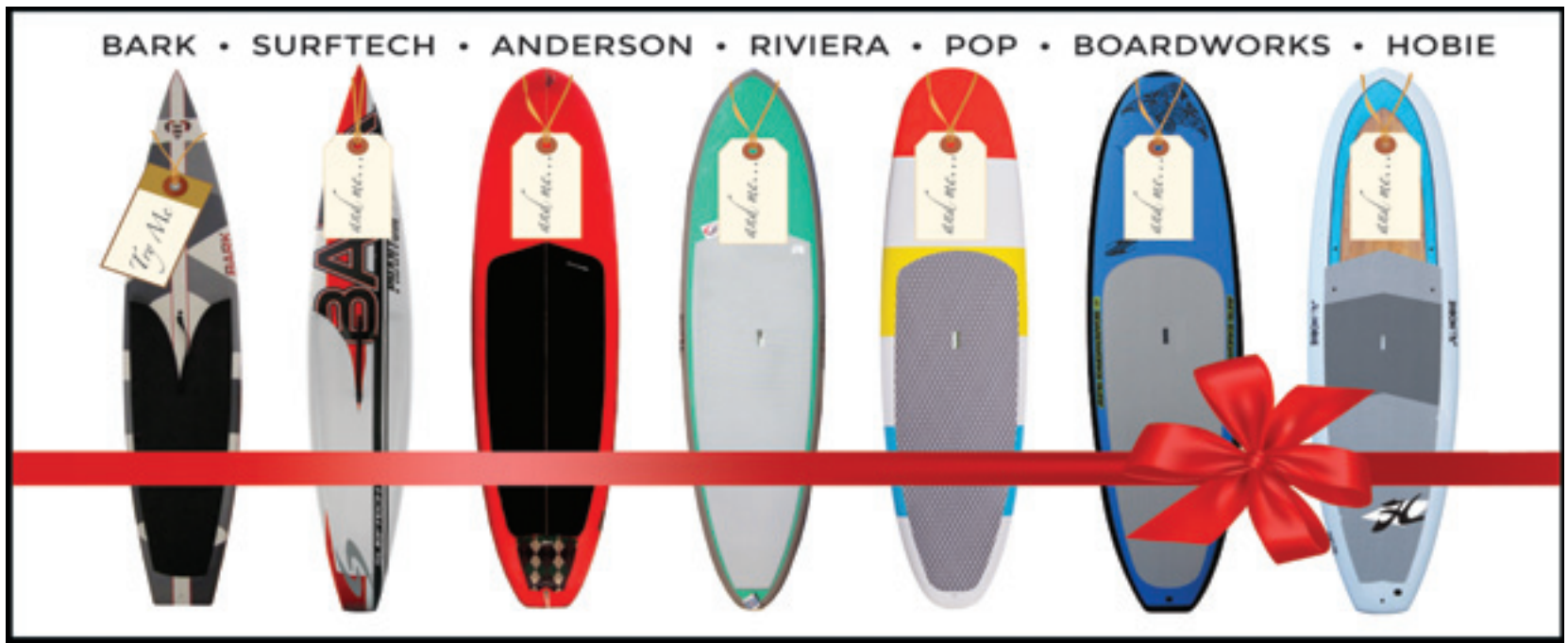
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