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THE **WRAPPING IT UP** ISSUE



2013: Year In Review

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Memory favors tragedy and so 2013 will likely be a memorable year for Santa Monicans.

Our two stories that seemed to generate the most interest from our readers were sad ones.

June was marred by gun violence, with a mass shooting, followed by two gang-related shootings.

September ended with a deadly plane crash at Santa Monica Airport.

But there were new installations, too. City Hall opened Tongva Park and Santa Monica got its first new train tracks in decades as the city by the sea moved closer to having three train stations of its own. Parking Structure 6, once tangled up in the redevelopment agency dissolution, opened with its 700 parking spaces and was released from the state's grip.

The echoes of the redevelopment

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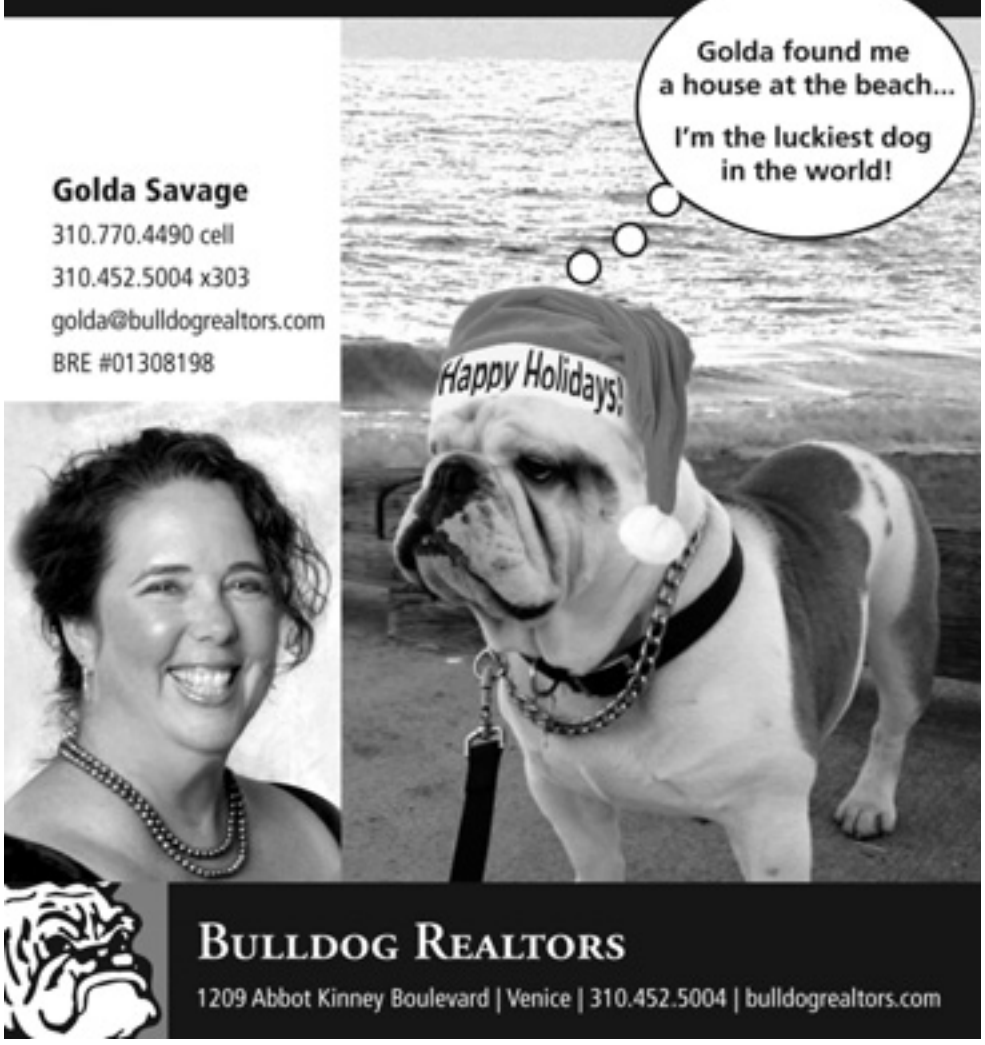
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Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
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New version of classic
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
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Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014

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Home electricity use in U.S. falling to 2001 levels

BY JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK The average amount of electricity consumed in U.S. homes has fallen to levels last seen more than a decade ago, back when the smartest device in people's pockets was a Palm pilot and anyone talking about a tablet was probably an archaeologist or a preacher.

Because of more energy-efficient housing, appliances and gadgets, power usage is on track to decline in 2013 for the third year in a row, to 10,819 kilowatt-hours per household, according to the Energy Information Administration.

That's the lowest level since 2001, when households averaged 10,535 kwh. And the drop has occurred even though our lives are more electrified.

Here's a look at what has changed since the last time consumption was so low.

BETTER HOMES

In the early 2000s, as energy prices rose, more states adopted or toughened building codes to force builders to better seal homes so heat or air-conditioned air doesn't seep out so fast. That means newer homes waste less energy.

Also, insulated windows and other building technologies have dropped in price, making retrofits of existing homes more affordable. In the wake of the financial crisis, billions of dollars in Recovery Act funding was directed toward home-efficiency programs.

BETTER GADGETS

Big appliances such as refrigerators and air conditioners have gotten more efficient thanks to federal energy standards that get stricter ever few years as technology evolves.

A typical room air conditioner — one of the biggest power hogs in the home — uses 20 percent less electricity per hour of full operation than it did in 2001, according to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

Central air conditioners, refrigerators, dishwashers, water heaters, washing machines and dryers also have gotten more efficient.

Other devices are using less juice, too. Some 40-inch LED televisions bought today use 80 percent less power than the cathode ray tube televisions of the past. Some use just $8 worth of electricity over a year when used five hours a day — less than a 60-watt incandescent bulb would use.

Those incandescent light bulbs are being replaced with compact fluorescent bulbs and LEDs that use 70 to 80 percent less power. According to the Energy Department, widespread use of LED bulbs could save output equivalent to that of 44 large power plants by 2027.

The move to mobile also is helping. Desktop computers with big CRT monitors are being replaced with laptops, tablet computers and smart phones, and these mobile devices are specifically designed to sip power to prolong battery life.

It costs $1.36 to power an iPad for a year, compared with $28.21 for a desktop computer, according to the Electric Power Research Institute.

ON THE OTHER HAND...

We are using more devices, and that is offsetting what would otherwise be a more dramatic reduction in power consumption.

DVRs spin at all hours of the day, often under more than one television in a home. Game consoles are getting more sophisticated to process better graphics and connect with other players, and therefore use more power.

More homes have central air conditioners instead of window units. They are more efficient, but people use them more often.

Still, Jennifer Amman, the buildings program director at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, says she is encouraged.

"It's great to see this movement, to see the shift in the national numbers," she says. "I expect we'll see greater improvement over time. There is so much more that can be done."

Back in 1990, before most homes had a personal computer and multiple other gadgets, average consumption totaled 9,447 kilowatt-hours per household. That slowly climbed to a peak of 11,504 in 2010. But since then, usage has been steadily dropping.

The Energy Department predicts average residential electricity use per customer will fall again in 2014, by 1 percent.



EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES

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Two Stanford fans play a basketball game at Pacific Park Monday afternoon before the start of the university's pep rally located on the Santa Monica Pier. The Cardinal will face of New Year's Day against Michigan St. at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. It's the 100th Rose Bowl Game.



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Backing bicycles

Editor:

I wonder if Bill Bauer rides a bike often enough to comprehend why cyclists are sometimes forced on to the sidewalk, especially considering the escalating traffic congestion created by the green light our greedy City Council has given outside developers.

The new bike lanes only make cycling marginally less dangerous for the cyclist. There are far fewer reckless cyclists than there are reckless drivers and scofflaw pedestrians.

The new police chief should suspend the three-day work week and use the savings in overtime to hire more police on bicycles! See how they fare on dangerous city streets!

Jonathan Mann
Santa Monica





The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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Freedom agenda for Democrats in 2014

THIS HAS BEEN A DISAPPOINTING year for President Obama and the Democrats. One would think that a year that featured a medley of Republican self-inflicted wounds culminating in the pointless government shutdown would end with the Democrats heading into the midterm election year with the wind in their sails. Instead, thanks to missteps on issues like the NSA scandal and the rollout of Obamacare, Republicans are boasting a five point edge in the generic Congressional ballot and Barack Obama's approval rating has fallen to 40 percent (compared to 56 percent for Clinton and 42 percent for George W. Bush at the end of their fifth year).

FREEDOM AGENDA

At his second inaugural, President Obama told supporters that the past election was about "who we are as a nation, what values we cherish [and] how hard we're willing to fight to make sure those values live not just for today but for future generations."

The road to redemption for President Obama in 2014 may very well be in pursuing a freedom agenda that ensures that we preserve our freedoms for future generations. As Nelson Mandela said, freedom is not merely casting "off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

NSA REFORM

From the moment in June when the name Edward Snowden was first published in print around the world, President Obama has acted in a reactive mode as unsettling detail after unsettling detail dripped out from the National Security Agency (NSA) and Snowden. The scandal has come at a great price to U.S. prestige, has hurt U.S. tech companies operating abroad, undermined cyber security since hackers can now exploit NSA-mandated backdoors and led to an erosion of the president's support among the millennials who helped elect him. You know it is a serious problem when both the left and right agree that the NSA is "out of control."

President Obama's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies has called for reforming NSA operations. As the report explains, "[e]xcessive surveillance and unjustified secrecy can threaten civil liberties, public trust and core processes of democratic self-government."

President Obama must embrace the review group's recommendations and take the lead in the fight against "big brother" for the simple reason that it is not who we are as a nation and is precisely the type of government intrusion the Bill of Rights was designed to prevent.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Congress passed the Voting Rights Ac in 1965 in reaction to "Bloody Sunday" when voting rights marchers were blocked and clubbed by the state police on Selma, Ala.'s Edmund Pettus Bridge. The act requires jurisdictions having a history of voting discrimination to submit election law changes for review by the Justice Department pursuant to authority granted Congress under the 15th Amendment (providing that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged … on account of race). The law was last reauthorized in 2006 by a vote of 390-33 in the House and 98-0 in the Senate.

In Shelby County vs. Holder, the Roberts Supreme Court ignored a legislative record that exceeded 15,000 pages and included 21 hearings to invalidate the law by finding that the Congress failed to make the requisite finding that voter protection was still needed. Within hours of the announcement of the Supreme Court decision, Texas and Mississippi pledged to move forward with controversial voter identification requirements.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has responded to the Supreme Court decision by vowing to restore the Voting Rights Act "as an effective tool to prevent discrimination." President Obama and the Democrats must work with Sensenbrenner and get this done first thing in 2014. As President Clinton said in response to the decision, a "great democracy doesn't make it harder to vote than to buy an assault weapon."

IMMIGRATION REFORM

The president's immigration reform package has passed the Senate and is being blocked by the House, where hard-liners oppose any path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States today. One Republican House member said he would do "anything short of shooting illegal immigrants" (while a Republican state legislator in Kansas has advocated shooting immigrants from helicopters like "feral hogs"). These are working members of our society who pay taxes and we cannot pretend they do not exist and perpetuate a multi-generational subclass. The president's proposal creates a procedure by which the aspirations of law-abiding aliens to be part of the American dream can be recognized.

The pursuit of a freedom agenda makes sense politically. Each of these proposals are important to key elements of the Democratic constituency, have widespread support and Republicans would be venturing into perilous waters should they block any of them. In pursuing a freedom agenda, President Obama would not merely be answering the call of history but also reasserting himself as a leader.

More importantly, however, each of these proposals is the right thing to do because it calls upon us to act consistent with who we are as a nation. Pericles said that "[f]reedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it" and in 2014 President Obama must summon us to do just that.

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10 liberal limericks for 2013

IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF OP-ED PROTOCOL, this week I'm suspending prose and having a little good, clean, limericky fun at liberals' expense because — well, because they just make it so darn easy. (Warning: Some are bad and others worse. Side effects may include groaning, nausea, vomiting and involuntary eye-rolling.)

Here they are in no particular order. Happy New Year, and may God bless you in 2014! (Yes, you too, my liberal friends.)

DUCK FLAP
There once was a fella named Phil,
With truisms liberals found shrill,
Though they cried for his head,
They got duck-slapped instead,
As old Phil just continues to chill.

GLAAD TIDINGS
There once was an outfit called GLAAD,
That when faced with the Truth gets real mad,
Though they pout and they fuss,
And they stomp and they cuss,
They alter the Truth not a tad.

LOW RATINGS
MSNBC is on cable,
Spinning news, weaving yarns and tall fables,
With an agenda from Sodom,
And ratings rock bottom,
They have hosts that are questionably stable.

OCCUPY THIS
Occupy Wall Street did sizzle,
But in 2013 it did fizzle,
As we all remained patient,
They returned to mom's basement,
With outrage that proved artificial.

HEALTHCARE.GOV
The Obamacare roll-out disaster,
Made media question their master,
But doubt was short-lived,
As the suck up revived,
To the din of conservative laughter.

FORE!
There once was a man from Chicago,
A golf aficionado,
Who teed off on our freedom,
And caused speech induced tedium,
Empty suit with a hopey-change motto.

THANKS, MICHELLE
There once was a chain-smoking POTUS,
Who gave children a lunch lady FLOTUS,
She swapped meat, sweets and bread,
With beansprouts instead,
Adding tofu and seaweed for bonus.

NEW CONSTITUTION
Of Obama's Amendments least favored,
He finds First, Fourth and Second ill-flavored,
If you'd just shut your mouth,
And disarm there, Deep South,
He could kick in your door most unlabored.

"GAY MARRIAGE"
The Supreme Court did redefine marriage,
And defenders of marriage disparage,
Newfound "right" they pretend,
Has Stephan to wed Sven,
Yet no Sally means no baby carriage.

CRUZ CONTROL
There once was a leader from Texas,
Whom RINOs did label as reckless,
Spoke a day without resting,
All his critics thus besting,
With a smack-down on federal excesses.

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The Q Line

Welcome to the new year

With the new year comes new opportunities to go in a different direction.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think should be Santa Monica's resolutions for 2014 and why?

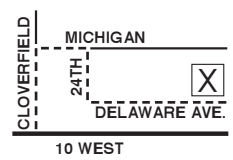
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Family of girl on life support plans to sue

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. The family of a 13-year-old California girl who was declared brain dead after a tonsillectomy said Monday they will sue to keep her on life support.

Family spokesman Omari Sealey, the uncle of Jahi McMath, disclosed the plan to seek a restraining order against the hospital where the girl is on a breathing machine.

Under an order issued on Dec. 24 by a state judge, Jahi could be removed from a ventilator at Children's Hospital of Oakland at 5 p.m. PST.

The family wants to stop the hospital, saying there is hope for recovery.

Sealey said the family took video of Jahi responding when her mother touched and talked to her. He also said a pediatrician examined her and said she was not dead.

A facility in New York state is willing to take Jahi, and arrangements have been made for medical transport with a doctor by her side, the uncle said.

"We are hopeful one of these (court) actions will forestall the hospital's effort to extinguish Jahi's life," Sealey said.

The teen suffered cardiac arrest after bleeding profusely following her operation earlier this month.

The hospital has declined to comment on its possible actions.

Jahi underwent a tonsillectomy at the hospital on Dec. 9 to treat sleep apnea and other issues. After she awoke from the operation, her family said, she started bleeding heavily and went into cardiac arrest. She was declared brain dead three days later.

The family said on its fundraising website that it had raised more than $25,000 for a possible transfer.

Doctors at Children's Hospital and an independent pediatric neurologist from Stanford University have concluded the girl is brain dead.

On Monday, Sam Singer, a hospital spokesman, reiterated the position of the doctors.

"This is one of the most tragic situations imaginable," Singer said. "A family has long their young daughter. But unfortunately, Jahi is deceased. No amount of hope, prayer or medical procedures will bring her back."

Singer said patient privacy laws require that any updates about the girl's status must come from the family.

"It is in their hands now," Singer said.

Cynthia Chiarappa, a hospital spokeswoman, has said officials would have to understand the capabilities of the New York facility before allowing a possible transfer.

The hospital also said it would need to confirm there is lawful transportation included in any transfer plan and there is written permission from the coroner.

Doctors at Children's Hospital have refused to perform a tracheotomy for breathing and to insert a feeding tube — procedures that would be necessary to transfer Jahi. The hospital has said it's unethical to perform surgery on a person legally declared dead.

Agency: No investigation of Latino Caucus donation

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's political watchdog agency said Monday it has declined to open an investigation into a lawmaker whose name surfaced in an ongoing federal investigation of a state senator.

The Fair Political Practices Commission told Sen. Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, that it will not investigate whether he was involved in the transfer of a $25,000 contribution from a Latino political action committee to a nonprofit.

The nonprofit, Californians for Diversity, is run by former Assemblyman Tom Calderon. FBI agents raided the offices of Calderon's brother, state Sen. Ron Calderon, D-Montebello, in June as part of an investigation.

The commission asked de Leon earlier this month for more information about the contribution but said in a letter dated Monday that he would not be the subject of an investigation.

Instead, the agency has initiated an investigation into whether any elected officer of the Latino Caucus' political action committee, Yes We Can, might have directed the donation from the group to the nonprofit.

If so, the parties would have been required to report the contribution as a behested payment under California's campaign finance laws, said Gary Winuk, chief of the FPPC's enforcement division. A letter announcing the investigation does not name any specific target.

Ron Calderon was in line to become chairman of the legislative Latino Caucus this year, but state Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, did not want to give up the job. A few weeks after the caucus voted to keep Lara as chairman, Yes We Can gave $25,000 to Californians for Diversity, the nonprofit run by Ron Calderon's brother.

In a letter to the FPPC denying de Leon's involvement in the donation, his attorney, Stephen Kaufman, said the lawmaker "did not request the contribution, did not recommend the contribution, and was not part of any vote or decision to make the contribution."

In an emailed statement Monday, de Leon said "I had nothing to do with the contribution and am pleased that after reviewing the evidence the FPPC quickly closed this matter."

Calderon has not been charged in the federal probe, but he said in documents filed in federal court that the raid on his office occurred after he refused FBI requests to wear a recording device and act as an informant against de Leon and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento.

De Leon, a top candidate to succeed Steinberg as Senate leader, produced a letter from federal prosecutors saying he is considered a potential witness in that investigation and is not a target at this time. Steinberg has also said through a spokesman that he has a similar letter.



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agency dissolution, which occurred in 2011, were heard throughout the year. City Hall settled a lawsuit with the California Department of Finance for nearly $57 million but did win the transfer of six disputed Downtown parking structures. Transfer of Tongva Park and the extension of Olympic Drive will likely follow, city officials said.

The Civic Auditorium was not so lucky. The RDA cash, meant to fund a much-needed $51 million upgrade, was not salvaged. The auditorium closed in July while the community decides what to do next.

And of course, with over 30 commercial and residential projects currently pending City Council review, development remained one of the most hotly debated topics of 2013.

LONE GUNMAN TERRORIZES CITY

Six people were killed and four wounded as a result of a killing spree that ended in a shoot-out with police in the Santa Monica College library.

On June 7, John Zawahri, 23, armed with a semiautomatic rifle and 1,300 rounds of ammunition, shot his father and brother, torched their home on Yorkshire Avenue, and car-jacked a vehicle, holding the driver at gunpoint. He shot at a Big Blue Bus and then into an SUV, killing the driver and mortally wounding the driver's daughter. He exchanged fire with police on the Santa Monica College campus and shot a woman outside of the library. She later died.

Zawahri then entered the library, where he fired about 70 rounds, killing no one. Two SMPD officers and an SMC officer gunned him down inside the library. He was taken outside where he later died.

The shooting once again raised questions about gun control and the need for more services to treat the mentally ill as Zawahri, who showed signs of being unstable while as a student at Olympic High School, was able to assembly his weapon using parts he ordered from out of state and received by mail.

Two days after the shooting rampage, a man in his 30s was injured by gunfire while riding a bike in the Pico neighborhood and two days after that a 29-year-old man was shot and killed in an alley off of Michigan Avenue near 15th Street. Both shootings were gang-related.

Vigils and discussions about gun violence were held throughout the city in the following weeks.

PLANE CRASH

A jet crash at Santa Monica Airport left all four passengers dead including Mark Benjamin, CEO of Morley Builders. The plane, which was landing at the airport on the evening of Sept. 30, veered into a hangar. The hangar caught fire and the roof collapsed.

The crash fanned the flames of the already contentious debate over the future of the airport, with neighbors complaining that SMO presents a threat to their homes. Advocates of the airport called the politicization of the crash insensitive.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation by the National Transportation and Safety Board.

SMO LAWSUIT

Not long after the crash, City Hall filed a lawsuit against the Federal Aviation

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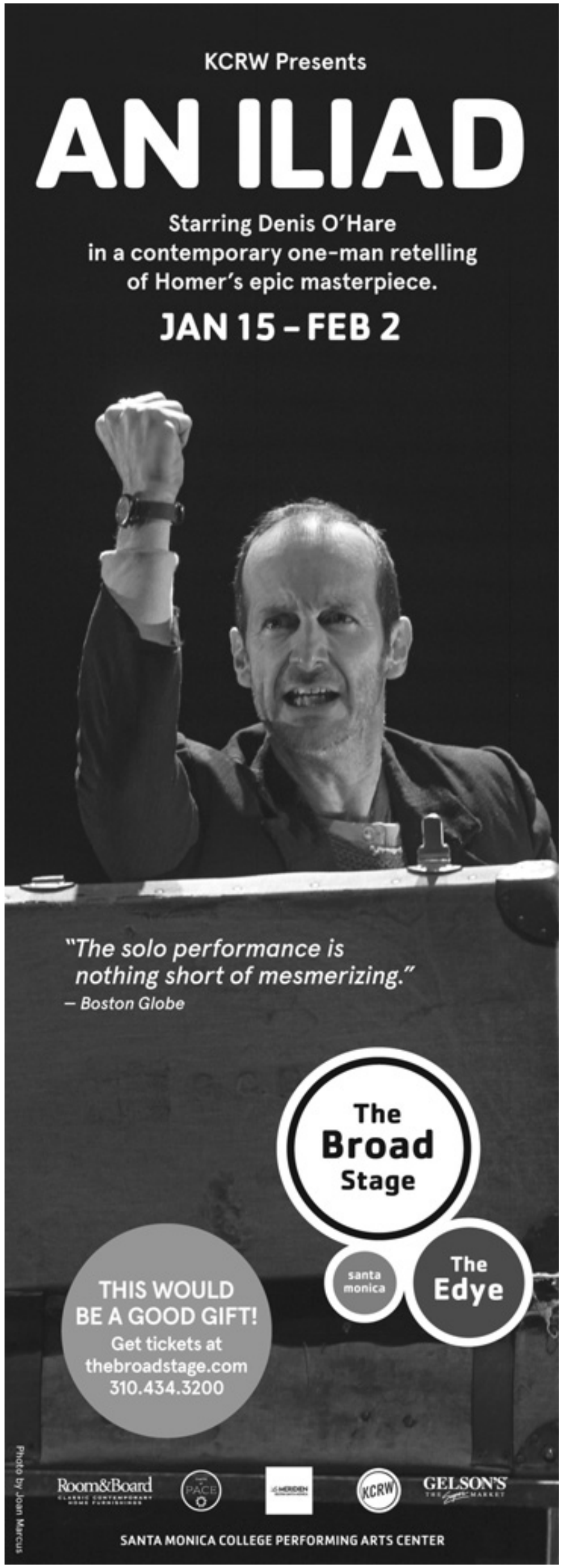
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Administration hoping to settle, once and for all, who controls the future of the Santa Monica Airport and its 227 acres.

City Hall claims a contract obligating them to operate the airport in exchange for federal funding expires in 2015. The FAA maintains that it expires in 2023, and could even go beyond that.

"They believe that (City Hall) is legally obligated to continue operating the airport as it now operates and to keep operating it forever because of the post-war transfers," City Manager Rod Gould said earlier this year.

Morrison & Foerster, the law firm hired to represent City Hall in the case, is charging $575 per hour.

That's not a high price to pay for some residents who have complained for decades that the airport is dangerous since more jets are using it and it lacks proper runway safety areas. Some homes are located as close as 300 feet from the end of the runway.

Neighbors to the east are concerned about toxic fumes coming from the older planes and jets, some saying their lemon trees have turned blacked from the exhaust. A recent study by UCLA researchers shows more potentially toxic ultrafine particles are found in the air around SMO, raising more concerns about health impacts.

Supporters of the airport say it is an economic engine that attracts people to the city by the sea and will be critical in a natural disaster or terrorist attack.

SANTA MONICA ICONS SHUTTERED

Two Santa Monica buildings, with a combined 130 years of existence, closed their doors this year.

The Civic Auditorium is shuttered, perhaps temporarily, as City Hall tries to figure out what to do with it. The 55-year-old building, which has hosted the Academy Awards and Bob Dylan, has its own council-appointed advisory group. The Civic Working Group is charged with finding ways to finance the seismic upgrades and modernization.

The Fifth Street post office, a 75-year-old historical building, was also closed. The post office relocated to Seventh Street and the old building is up for sale. Federal officials made the decision to close the New Deal-era building and sell it to help close a multi-billion-dollar shortfall caused by a mandate to pay future retirement costs today and a significant drop off in people using snail mail.

Several tenured restaurants closed this year, including Norms (49 years), Omelette Parlor (37 years), Renee's (33 years), and Yankee Doodle's (22 years).

OUTDOOR FITNESS RESTRICTIONS

The City Council voted to restrict and charge trainers holding fitness classes in public parks.

All seven neighborhood groups and three council members supported an all out ban of training in Palisades Park, but council settled on a one-year pilot program that imposes higher fees for the park.

Advocates of the trainers said that the fees, particularly group fees, are too high. As of last check only six trainers had applied for group licenses in Palisades Park.

NEW PARK

Despite heavy reliance on RDA money, Tongva Park was finished this year.

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The 6.2 acre park built at a cost of $42.3 million, $7 million under budget, opened to the public in September.

The fountain in the newly opened Ken Genser Square across the street opened briefly but has since been closed and is under repair.

Council members decided to name the park after a Native American tribe, although there were some who claim Tongva wasn't the tribe's name at all, but rather a tool the natives used. City officials surveyed residents to find out what they would like to call it. One suggestion: New Bum Park.

MALIBU SCHOOL CANCER SCARE

Three teachers from the Malibu High School campus reported that they had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer in October, sparking demands for sampling and cleaning of the buildings.

Results from air tests for PCBs, a cancer causing substance, came back safe, according to Environmental Protection Agency standards, but PCB levels recorded in caulk and dust in several rooms were high enough to trigger EPA involvement.

The schools are undergoing an EPA-approved cleaning over winter break and will be tested again before school starts on Jan. 6. They will undergo further testing, with EPA oversight, next year.

CHAIN GANG

The clock started ticking in January for "Chain Reaction," the sculpture given to City Hall in the early 1990s by Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad.

Council agreed on a deadline of Feb. 1, 2014 for advocates to the raise the necessary scratch to repair the sculpture. Estimates range from $85,000 to $555,000. Council promised to match the donations up to $50,000 and thus far just over $40,000 has been raised.

DEVELOPMENT ABOUNDS

A Frank Gehry-designed 22-story luxury hotel was proposed for Ocean Avenue at Santa Monica Boulevard.

New designs for the proposed 21-story Fairmont-Miramar Hotel were released in February and earlier this month Cesar Pelli, known for building one of the world's largest structures, was brought on as the architect.

Two six-story affordable hotels were approved for the corners of Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue.

Council selected a developer to pursue designs for a massive mixed-use project on a 112,000-square-foot plot of city-owned land on Arizona Boulevard between Fourth and Fifth streets.

A 737,000 square foot Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street project, which includes creative office space, apartments, restaurant and retail, passed the Planning Commission and will be heard by council next year.

There are 33 development applications pending currently as the Planning Commission is wrestling with the Zoning Ordinance Update, which will regulate the uses of different areas of the city and various types of businesses. Council will likely approve the ordinance next year.

Many residents have been vocal in their opposition to all the development. Even native actor Robert Redford got in on the action, criticizing Santa Monica's recent boom. Others support development, acknowledging that it brings in additional cash for City Hall to use to provide public services. We have a feeling traffic is playing a major part in fueling the opposition.

SPORTS: SAMOHI BOYS' BASKETBALL WINS REGIONALS

Jordan Mathews led the Santa Monica High School boys basketball team to the state championship game in Sacramento this year.

The team won the Southern California regional finals but lost at the state level in its first appearance since 1928.

Mathews, who is now in his first year playing ball at Cal State, put up 19 for the Vikings to beat Loyola in the regionals.

In other sports news, the Los Angeles Marathon returned to Santa Monica for the fourth year. This year it stayed dry.

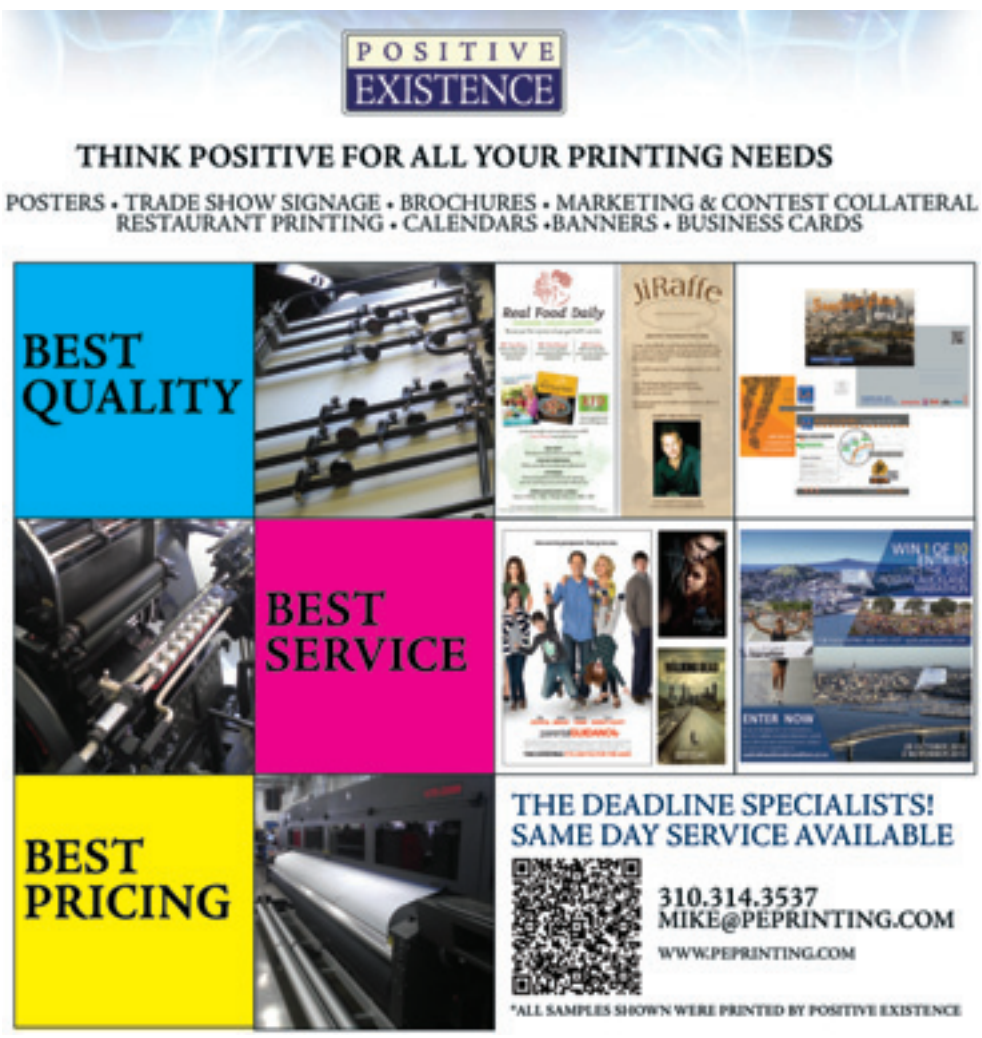
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Legal pot sales begin amid uncertainty in Colo.

BY KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER A gleaming white Apple store of weed is how Andy Williams sees his new Denver marijuana dispensary.

Two floors of pot-growing rooms will have windows showing the shopping public how the mind-altering plant is grown. Shoppers will be able to peruse drying marijuana buds and see pot trimmers at work separating the valuable flowers from the less-prized stems and leaves.

"It's going to be all white and beautiful," the 45-year-old ex-industrial engineer explains, excitedly gesturing around what just a few weeks ago was an empty warehouse space that will eventually house 40,000 square feet of cannabis strains.

As Colorado prepares to be the first in the nation to allow recreational pot sales, opening Jan. 1, hopeful retailers like Williams are investing their fortunes into the legal recreational pot world — all for a chance to build even bigger ones in a fledgling industry that faces an uncertain future.

Officials in Colorado and Washington, the other state where recreational pot goes on sale in mid-2014, as well as activists, policymakers and governments from around the U.S. and across the world will not be the only ones watching the experiment unfold.

So too will the U.S. Department of Justice, which for now is not fighting to shut down the industries.

"We are building an impressive showcase for the world, to show them this is an industry," Williams says, as the scent of marijuana competes with the smell of sawdust and wet paint in the cavernous store where he hopes to sell pot just like a bottle of wine.

Will it be a showcase for a safe, regulated pot industry that generates hundreds of millions of dollars each year and saves money on locking up drug criminals, or one that will prove, once and for all, that the federal government has been right to ban pot since 1937?

Cannabis was grown legally in the U.S. for centuries, even by George Washington. After Prohibition's end in the 1930s, federal authorities turned their sights on pot. The 1936 propaganda film "Reefer Madness" warned the public about a plant capable of turning people into mindless criminals.

Over the years, pot activists and state governments managed to chip away at the ban, their first big victory coming in 1996 when California allowed medical marijuana. Today, 19 other states, including Colorado and Washington, and the District of Columbia have similar laws.

Those in the business were nervous, fearing that federal agents would raid their shops.

"It was scary," recalls Williams, who along with his brother borrowed some $630,000 from parents and relatives to open Medicine Man in 2009. "I literally had dreams multiple times a week where I was in prison and couldn't see my wife or my child. Lot of sleepless nights."

That same year, the Justice Department told federal prosecutors they should not focus investigative resources on patients and caregivers complying with state medical marijuana laws — but the department reserved the right to step in if there was abuse.

In Colorado, the industry took off. Shops advertised on billboards and radio. Pot-growing warehouses along Interstate 70 in Denver grew so big that motorists started calling one stretch the "Green Zone" for its frequent skunky odor of pot.

The city at one point had more marijuana dispensaries than Starbucks coffee shops, with some neighborhoods crowded with dispensary sign-wavers and banners offering free joints for new customers. Local officials have since ratcheted back such in-your-face ads.

But the marijuana movement didn't stop. Voters in Colorado and Washington approved recreational pot in 2012, sold in part on spending less to lock up drug criminals and the potential for new tax dollars to fund state programs.

The votes raised new questions about whether the federal government would sue to block laws flouting federal drug law. Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper famously warned residents not to "break out the Cheetos or Goldfish too quickly," and activists predicated a legal showdown.

That didn't happen. In August, the DOJ said it wouldn't sue so long as the states met an eight-point standard that includes keeping pot out of other states and away from children, criminal cartels and federal property.

Colorado law allows adults 21 and older to buy pot at state-sanctioned pot retail stories, and state regulations forbid businesses from advertising in places where children are likely see their pitches.

Only existing medical dispensaries were allowed to apply for licenses, an effort to prevent another proliferation of pot shops. Only a few dozen shops statewide are expected to be open for recreational sales on New Year's Day.

Legal pot's potential has spawned businesses beyond retail shops. Marijuana-testing companies have popped up, checking regulated weed for potency and screening for harmful molds. Gardening courses charge hundreds to show people how to grow weed at home.

Tourism companies take curious tourists to glass-blowing shops where elaborate smoking pipes are made. One has clients willing to spend up to $10,000 for a week in a luxury ski resort and a private concierge to show them the state's pot industry.

Dixie Elixirs & Edibles, maker of pot-infused foods and drinks, is making new labels for the recreational market and expanding production on everything from crispy rice treats to fruit lozenges.

"The genie is out of the bottle," says company president Tripp Keber. "I think it's going to be an exciting time over the next 24 to 48 months."

It's easy to see why the industry is attracting so many people. A Colorado State University study estimates the state will ring up $606 million in sales next year, and the market will grow from 105,000 medical pot users to 643,000 adult users overnight — and that's not counting tourists.

Toni Fox, owner of 3D Cannabis Center in Denver, anticipates shoppers camping overnight to await her first-day 8 a.m. opening. She's thinking of using airport-security-line-style ropes to corral shoppers, and suspects she's going to run out of pot.

A longtime marijuana legalization advocate, she knows it's a crucial moment for the movement.

"We have to show that this can work," she says. "It has to."

The challenges, activists and regulators say, are daunting in Colorado and Washington.

One of the biggest questions is whether they have built an industry that will not only draw in tens of millions of dollars in revenue but also make a significant dent in the illegal market. Another is whether the regulatory system is up to the task of controlling a drug that's never been regulated.

There are public health and law enforcement concerns, including whether wide availability of a drug with a generations-old stigma of ruining lives will lead to more underage drug use, more cases of driving while high and more crime.

As state officials watch for signs of trouble, they will also have to make sure they don't run afoul of the DOJ's conditions.

To stop the drug from getting smuggled out of state, regulators in both states are using a radio-frequency surveillance system developed to track pot from the greenhouses to the stores and have set low purchasing limits for non-residents.

Officials concede that there's little they can do to prevent marijuana from ending up in suitcases on the next flight out. The sheriff in the Colorado county where Aspen is located has suggested placing an "amnesty box" at the city's small airport to encourage visitors to drop off their extra bud.

To prevent the criminal element from getting a foothold, regulators have enacted residency requirements for business owners, banned out-of-state investment and run background checks on every applicant for a license to sell or grow the plant.

Whether the systems are enough is anyone's guess.

For now, all the focus is on 2014. This being Colorado, there will be more than a few joints lit up on New Year's Eve. Pot fans plan to don 1920s-era attire for a "Prohibition Is Over!" party and take turns using concentrated pot inside the "dab bus."

Williams says he's done everything he can, including hiring seven additional staffers to handle customers. All he has to do is open the doors.

"Are we ready to go? Yes," he says. "What's going to happen? I don't know."

Signed contracts to buy U.S. homes level off

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The number of Americans who signed contracts to buy existing homes in November was essentially unchanged from October, suggesting sales are stabilizing after several months of declines.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index ticked up to 101.7 from 101.5 in October. The October figure was revised lower from an initial reading of 102.1.

Higher mortgage rates and strong price gains over the past two years have slowed sales. The pending home sales index had fallen for five straight months before November. And completed sales of existing homes fell for three straight months, the Realtors said earlier this month.

There is generally a one- to two-month lag between a signed contract and a completed sale.

The average interest rate on a 30-year mortgage edged higher to 4.48 percent last week, from 4.47 percent the previous week. Rates jumped about 1.25 percentage points from May through September, peaking at 4.6 percent. That increase occurred after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke indicated that the Fed would start to slow its bond-buying program before the end of the year.

Earlier this month, the Fed announced it will reduce its $85 billion in monthly bond purchases by $10 billion a month starting in January. The bond purchases are intended to push down longer-term interest rates and encourage more borrowing and spending.

Robert Kavcic, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said that recent housing market indicators have been mixed. Applications for mortgages to purchase homes fell to a nearly two-year low last week, he said.

Still, "we continue to believe that the U.S. housing market will absorb the upward move in mortgage rates and push higher in 2014, helped by still-attractive affordability, better job growth and improved confidence in the recovery," Kavcic said.

Despite the recent declines, home re-sales should reach 5.1 million in 2013, the best total in seven years, the Realtors forecast. That's 10 percent higher than 2012's total of almost 4.7 million. But it's still below the 5.5 million that is consistent with a healthy housing market.

The Realtors forecast that sales will remain largely flat in 2014 and then rise to 5.3 million in 2015. Steady job gains should make it easier for more people to buy homes. And mortgage rates remain low by historical standards.

Signed contracts rose in the South and West last month, while falling in the Northeast and Midwest.

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Feds announce test sites for drone aircraft

BY MICHELLE RINDELS
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Six states were named Monday by federal officials to develop test sites for drones — a critical next step for the burgeoning industry that could one day produce thousands of unmanned aircraft for use by businesses, farmers and researchers.

Alaska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Texas and Virginia will host the research sites, providing diverse climates, geography and air traffic environments as the Federal Aviation Administration seeks to safely introduce commercial drones into U.S. airspace.

Members of Congress and other politicians lobbied intensely to bring the work to their states. Representatives were jubilant about the likelihood that the testing will draw companies interested in cashing in on the fledgling industry.

An industry-commissioned study has predicted more than 70,000 jobs would develop in the first three years after Congress loosens drone restrictions on U.S. skies. The same study projects an average salary range for a drone pilot between $85,000 and $115,000.

"This is wonderful news for Nevada that creates a huge opportunity for our economy," said U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada. In New York, Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat, called the announcement a boon for his state.

Drones have been mainly used by the military, but governments, businesses, farmers and others are making plans to join the market. Many universities are starting or expanding curriculum involving drones.

The FAA does not currently allow commercial use of drones, but it is working to develop operational guidelines by the end of 2015, although officials concede the project may take longer than expected.

The FAA projects some 7,500 commercial drones could be aloft within five years of getting widespread access to the skies above America.

"Today was an important step," said attorney Ben Gielow of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, noting the announcement came after months of delays and data gathering. "I think we're all anxious to get this moving."

The competition for a test site was robust, with 25 entities in 24 states submitting proposals, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said during a conference call with reporters.

At least one of the six sites chosen by the FAA will be up and running within 180 days, while the others are expected to come online in quick succession, he said. However, the designation as a test site doesn't come with a financial award from the government.

In choosing Alaska, the FAA cited a diverse set of test site locations in seven climatic zones. New York's site at Griffiss International Airport will look into integrating drones into the congested northeast airspace. And Nevada offered proximity to military aircraft from several bases, Huerta said.

The extent that lobbying influenced the selection of the sites was unclear.

"Politics likely always plays a role in some level in this, but I couldn't tell you specifically what the politics were," said Brendan M. Schulman, part of a New York City-based law group focused on drone issues. "Part of the selection ... is an evaluation of the dedication and seriousness the sites were showing in pursuing this."

The testing will determine whether drones can detect and avoid aircraft and other obstacles, and if they can operate safety when contact is lost with operators.

The growing use of drones has sparked criticism among conservatives and liberals who fear the creation of a surveillance state in which authorities track and scrutinize every move of citizens.

"I just don't like the concept of drones flying over barbecues in New York to see whether you have a Big Gulp in your backyard or whether you are separating out your recyclables according to the city mandates," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., referring to a New York City ban on supersized soft drinks.

Paul has introduced a bill that would prohibit drones from checking for criminal or regulatory violations without a warrant.

Huerta said his agency is sensitive to privacy concerns involving drones. Test sites must have a written plan for data use and retention, and will be required to conduct an annual review of privacy practices that involves public comment.

That policy provided little comfort for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Someday drones will be commonplace in U.S. skies and, before that happens, it's imperative that Congress enact strong, nationwide privacy rules," ACLU attorney Catherine Crump said in a statement.



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	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	F
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+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	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.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	C
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.	A	F
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 DBW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	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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MLB

Raul Ibanez eager for fresh start with LA Angels

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. Although most visiting hitters have little love for Angel Stadium, Raul Ibanez can't wait to suit up for the home team.

Ibanez agreed to a one-year, $2.75 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels earlier this month. The 41-year-old veteran proclaimed his excitement Monday to play in the Angels' pitcher-friendly ballpark with its big outfield, high right-field wall and ever-present marine layer.

"I just feel very comfortable there," said Ibanez, a career .349 hitter at the Big A. "It goes back to '97, '98 ... and I just loved the background. I see the ball really well there. I like the fact it's got nice wide-open gaps. The ball moves well on the grass. I really enjoy hitting there, and I always have. I've always said it's my favorite city to spend time (in) on the road."

The Angels intend to get more than civic cheerleading from the personable Ibanez, whose steady power stroke hasn't vanished in his 40s. Even with a second-half swoon, Ibanez hit 29 homers last season for the Seattle Mariners — including the 300th of his career at the Big A in September.

Ibanez, who could make another $2.25 million in incentives, is likely to be a regular designated hitter for the Angels, who traded slugger Mark Trumbo to Arizona to fill the holes in their starting rotation with young left-handers Tyler Skaggs, a Santa Monica High School alumnus, and Hector Santiago.

After playing extensively in the outfield last season for Seattle, Ibanez also believes he can still help out in the field for the Angels, who traded Peter Bourjos to St. Louis for third baseman David Freese. Josh Hamilton, Mike Trout and Kole Calhoun are slated to be the everyday outfield for the Angels in 2014 when they return from their worst season in a decade.

"If I didn't know I could perform at a high level, then I wouldn't even play the game," said Ibanez, who will turn 42 on June 2. "I fully expect to contribute to this team and contribute to the winning tradition here."

Ibanez and his wife are so eager to get started in Orange County that they're planning to pull their kids out of school in Seattle, home-schooling them while they get situated down south.

Ibanez batted .242 — albeit just .203 in the second half — with 65 RBIs last season for the Mariners. His 29 homers tied Ted Williams for the most in baseball history by a player in his 40s, and he is seven shy of his 2,000th hit.

Los Angeles general manager Jerry Dipoto fleshed out his starting rotation and filled a long-standing hole at third base in the offseason, but sacrificed two young offensive talents in the process. He's hopeful the new additions will combine with bounce-back seasons from Hamilton and Albert Pujols to push another postseason run by the Angels, who have missed the playoffs for four straight years.

"We had a pretty clear idea of what we wanted to accomplish coming into this offseason, and obviously adding Raul helps out our offense," Dipoto said. "We're as talented as anybody out there. Obviously, as Raul said, in any baseball season you've got to go out and put your cards on the table ... but we're very confident in the quality of the player and the people we're going to send out there, and we'll see how it goes."

NBA

Lakers G Henry out another week with knee injury

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. Los Angeles Lakers guard Xavier Henry will be out for at least a week after bruising his right knee during a loss to Philadelphia on Sunday night.

The Lakers announced the results of Henry's MRI exam on Monday.

Henry has a bone bruise and an "abnormality" in his lateral meniscus, according to team doctor Steve Lombardo. He will be re-evaluated in 7-10 days.

Henry has been a consistent contributor in his first season with the Lakers, averaging 10.4 points and 2.8 rebounds. He has provided scoring off the bench, and he filled in at point guard while Los Angeles' top three point guards and Kobe Bryant all were sidelined by injuries recently.

Bryant, Steve Nash and Steve Blake are all still sidelined for the near future, but Jordan Farmar is back.



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LIVE FOR THE MOMENT, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might not want your priorities to change, but a situation will force you to adjust them. Anger could dress up as sarcasm. Be aware of that fact, whether you are on the receiving or giving end. Tonight: Others depend on you leading the celebrations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll relax as you take a look at the big picture. You could be overserious and not realize it. A quarrel could ensue if someone tries to lighten you up. In any case, avoid angry moments, and curb sarcasm. Tonight: Surround the New Year with great music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be very social, but a loved one will manage to rein you in. You might be quite angry at this person's actions, but try not to show your distaste. Trust that you are communicating your feelings nonverbally. Tonight: A problem could ensue around plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You finally will relax enough to enjoy others, especially a close friend or loved one. This person's tone might be hard to hear, but behind his or her words and attitude are feelings. Remember to think before you speak. Tonight: Unexpected developments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand where someone is coming from. Your ability to look past the obvious will emerge. You might be angry at someone without this person knowing why. Tonight: Live for the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges with someone's sarcasm. You might decide to play dumb in order to defuse the moment. Be careful, as you put this person on a pedestal. Unexpected developments could encourage you to hit the "pause" button. Tonight: In the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be more anchored than usual, if possible. You could fly off the handle out of the blue and cause quite a scene with someone. When you want to make peace, the other person might be too offended to forgive you. Give him or her some time to cool down. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you have been suppressing hurt, which has evolved to anger, you might be more surprised than others at the rage in your voice. Seize the moment for an important discussion. Tonight: Make peace, not war.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to treat a friend or loved one to lunch, only to get attitude from out of the blue. It is possible that you could be the recipient of someone else's anger or sarcasm, too. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deep thinking might be appropriate for the new year. Avoid getting into a tit-for-tat situation at all costs. You neither need nor really want the pettiness. Expect the unexpected, especially around your home and family. Tonight: Christen the new year in style.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Take your time thinking through a decision. You might not appreciate some of the opinions that are being offered. Keep seeking out the right solution, yet try to detach and take in a bigger view. Tonight: Make it a private celebration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Focus on the long term and on your desires. Making appropriate resolutions fits the moment. An angry partner could offend one of your close friends or family members. Use special caution with your finances. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a great party going on.

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

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

This year you demand depth in your self-expression and values. Demand this high-caliber communication from yourself before you request the same from others. Otherwise, you could get a lot of negative feedback. Whether you like it or not, you are entering a new phase in relating. If you are single, the people you choose to date could be very different from your present "type." If you are attached, you might throw your sweetie for quite a loop, as you seem to transform right in front of his or her eyes. Be understanding. A fellow CAPRICORN might be overly intense.

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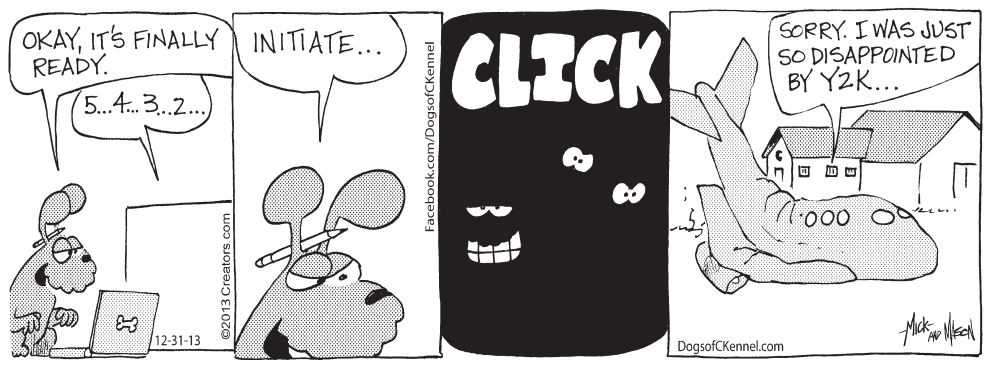
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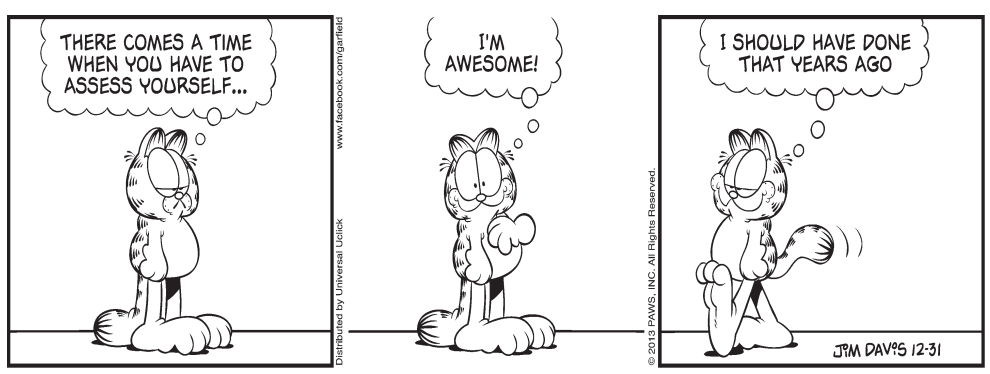
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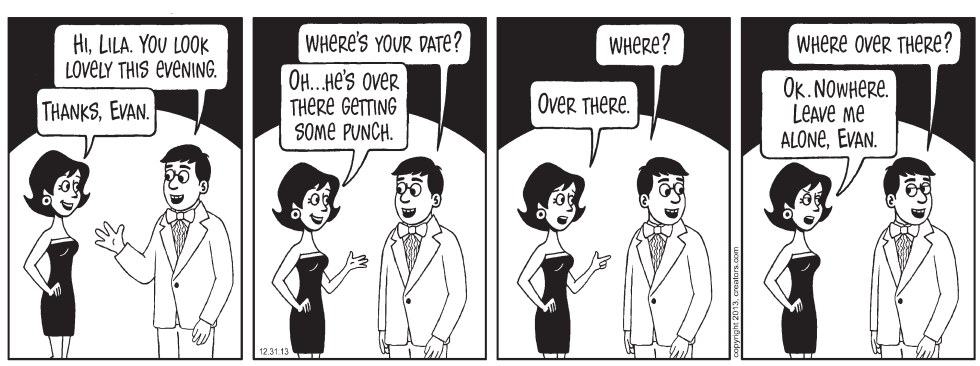
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Sudoku

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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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.

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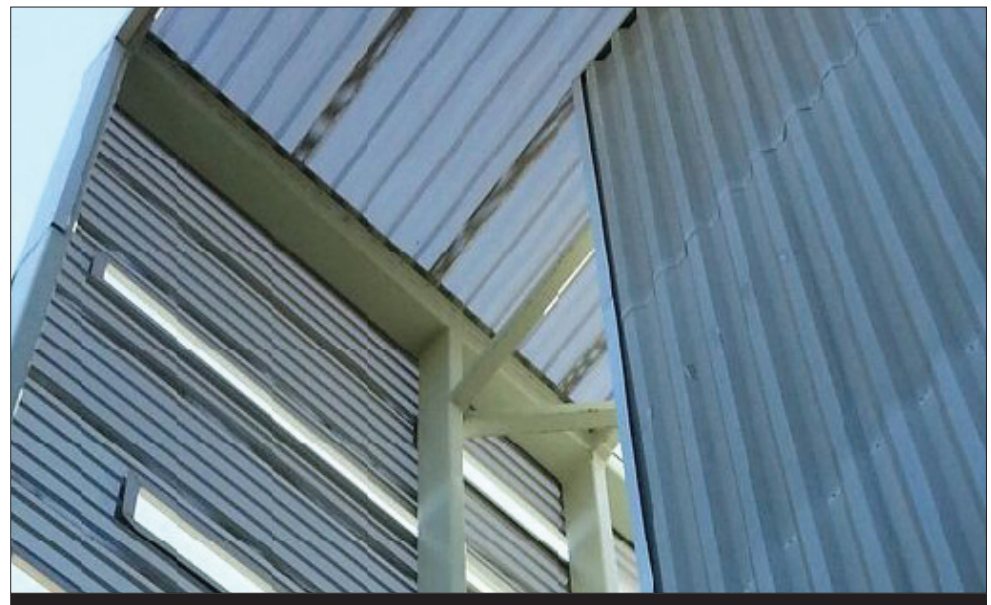
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Champagne poppers
6 Glass-raised salute
11 Mighty as —
12 Big name in TV talk
13 Annual celebration
15 Mountain road shape
16 Light metal
17 Behold
18 Wash vigorously
20 Bar in a canary's cage
23 Lasagna and linguine
27 Noted lab assistant
28 Map line
29 Spoil
31 Small drum
32 Heathen
34 Relaxing spot
37 Fellow
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46 Bike part
47 Without letup

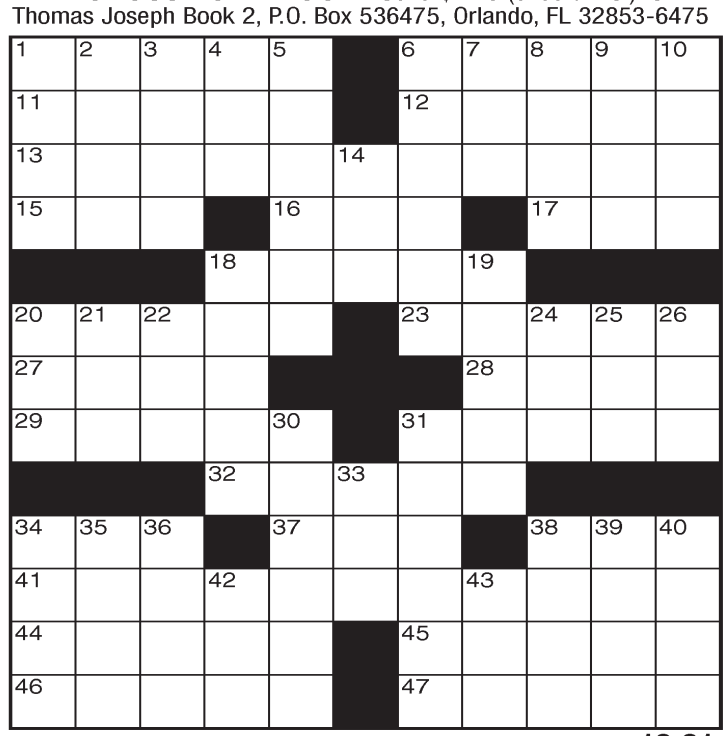
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1 Walking aid
2 Wallet bills
3 Uses oars
4 Band-leader Kyser
5 Rough drawing
6 Distraught
7 Harvest goddess
8 War god
9 Be thrifty
10 "Of — I Sing"
14 Vacuum lack
18 Throw away
19 British nobleman
20 Sty resident
21 Sense of self
22 Hold up
24 Bart, to Homer
25 Price place
26 Hoopla
30 Oft-distressed one
31 "Macbeth" ghost
33 Methane, for one
34 Halt
35 Carpet feature
36 In the center of
38 Paul Bunyan's ox
39 Turkey neighbor
40 Watch over
42 Longoria of TV
43 Coffee dispenser

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Draw Date: 12/27
4 15 35 48 49
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: $40M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 12/28
4 23 27 28 33
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/29
4 27 29 32 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/29
MIDDAY: 0 7 4
EVENING: 5 9 7

DAILY DERBY
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ America's foremost advocate for frontal lobotomies as "treatment" for mental disorder, the late Dr. Walter Freeman, performed an estimated 3,500 lobotomies during the 1940s and 1950s before opposition finally solidified against him, according to a December 2013 investigation by The Wall Street Journal. At the peak of his influence, he was so confident that he demonstrated the procedure to skeptics by hammering an icepick ("from his own kitchen," the Journal reported) into both eye sockets of an electrical-shocked patient and "toggling" the picks around the brain tissue, certain that he was severing "correctly." For years, Freeman (a neurologist untrained in surgery) marshaled positive feedback from enough patients and families for the procedure to survive criticism, and he spent his final years (until his death in 1972) securing patient testimonials to "prove" the validity of lobotomies.

■ Each Nov. 1 is a day (or two) of craziness in the isolated mountain village of Todos Santos Cuchumatanes, Guatemala, where Mayan tradition commands continuous horse races through town, jockeyed by increasingly drunk riders, until only a sober-enough winner remains. Collisions occur in the Race of the Souls, and occasionally someone dies, but the misfortune is met with a collective shrug and regarded as a spiritual offering for fertile crops during the coming year, according to an eyewitness this year reporting for Vice.com. Ironically, for the rest of the year, the village is largely alcohol-free except for that on hand to sell to tourists.

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