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Fido

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nationwide will customize a fitness program for a pudgy dog or cat, but only a few facilities have fat camps for large groups.

For golden retriever Ceili, it was easy to fatten up when living with a boy who pushed tasty morsels over the edge of his high chair. The extra weight led Eileen Bowers of Bedminster, N.J., to sign up for the more than 100-pound pooch for a five-day fitness camp last month at Morris Animal Inn.

Besides the "pawlates," the camp was filled with swimming, nature hikes, treadmill trots, facials, massages and healthy treats like organic granola, string beans and carrots. It was designed to give Ceili and 40 other dogs a head start on a healthier life, said Debora Montgomery, the New Jersey facility's spokeswoman.

Wonder how you get a dog to do a downward dog? You wouldn't even recognize that yoga pose in the canine version. "Doga" and "pawlates" are a lot alike — both are about stretching while building strength, balance and flexibility. In "doga," stretches are close to the ground, while "pawlates" uses higher balance equipment like large exercise balls, Montgomery said.

And the "Barko Polo" pool game varies from its human inspiration: A staffer will shout "barko" and whichever dog-paddling pooch yelps first



Associated Press

Staff worker Kelli Quinones walks golden retriever Ceili on a treadmill for dogs at the Morris Animal Inn in Morristown, N.J. Female goldens are supposed to weigh 55 to 70 pounds but Ceili weighs 126 pounds.

gets a toy.

In all activities, "the dogs work for their meals. We praise and make the sessions fun and interactive," Montgomery said. After the cardio come the doggie facials: a cleansing massage that wipes away organic food crumbs and exercise-induced slobber.

Bowers started sending her dog to the Morris facility months ago when Ceili hit 126 pounds. Usually, female golden retrievers weigh between 55 and 70 pounds, Montgomery said. Ceili got down to 118 but went to camp to lose more.

"We want her to be around

for a long time," Bowers said, adding that her 2-year-old son is more interested in running than throwing food these days.

Those extra treats are a culprit in canine obesity rates, besides a lack of exercise, Ward said. Over 80 percent of owners give dogs two or more snacks a day.

He compared the rising problem to the same trend in kids.

"Children and cats and dogs don't feed themselves," Ward said. "We treat our pets like children."

The facilities help pet owners too busy for long walks or unable to afford a swimming

pool or treadmill. Morris Animal Inn charges \$59 a day or \$249 for five days with all the amenities. It has offered two or three camps a year since 2009.

But as programs have cropped up to meet demand, so have slick imitators that compromise safety for quick cash. Before sending a pet to a fat farm or boarding facility, do some research to ensure they are legitimate, Ward warned.

"Safety is more important when you are dealing with an overweight pet because they are more prone to injury and distress than a leaner, fitter pet," he said.

Rentals

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Wednesday at a meeting that will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Edward King House Senior Center, 35 King St.

"In this age of technology, websites have developed whereby property owners list rooms and homes for rent without properly registering with the city of Newport," the resolution says.

The resolution calls on the city administration "to develop a policy to ensure that online

rentals are properly registered with the city and in compliance with all applicable ordinances."

The resolution calls on the administration to report its findings and recommendations to the council at its Oct. 8 meeting.

Many of the homes and apartments online offer prices on a daily basis.

"Daily rentals are prohibited," Neville said in a phone interview.

Short-term rentals by private property owners are supposed to be for at least 30 days, which has been considered to

be overly restrictive.

"Families would like to be able to rent for a week, which we could perhaps consider," Neville said. "But the question is whether that would open up homes to becoming party houses."

The owner of a home, who resides in the home, is allowed to rent one or two rooms, if the home is in a proper district. Renting two rooms regularly requires the payment of a 7 percent sales tax.

"It's not fair to homeowners who register with the city clerk, pay their fees and taxes, and follow all the rules, if there

are others who advertise online and avoid all that," Neville said.

She said there are other resort communities that face the same problem, such as the Hamptons on Long Island.

"The practice is only going to grow," Neville said. "What are we going to do about it? I don't have an answer, but it's something we should be looking at."

"I support the resolution 100 percent," said Mayor Harry Winthrop. "We should be looking at unofficial B&Bs (bed-and-breakfasts) and illegal rentals."

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Storm

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Barring unpleasant weather, the Artillery Company of Newport will lead a march Friday at 9 a.m. to the gravesite of William Ellery in the Common Burying Ground to pay tribute to Ellery, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. A bike parade will depart from the Liberty Tree in Ellery Park to Washington Square, where the Newport Community Band will perform a patriotic concert beginning at 10 a.m.

At the same time, the Colony House and the Museum of Newport History in the Brick Market will be open for visitors to view exhibits.

A pie eating contest in front of the statue of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Eisenhower Park. The Declaration of Independence will be read at 11 a.m. at the steps of the Colony House. The Artillery Company will render a cannon salute at noon and ring the Bells of Independence in the park.

Spectators are urged to wear patriotic clothes or uniforms and to bring American flags to wave and bells to ring.

The Jane Pickens Theater will offer a free screening of "1776 The Musical" at 12:30 p.m.

The Newport 375th Committee will offer a series of free concerts before and, in some cases, during the fireworks. Scheduled to perform are the Lois Vaughan Jazz Ensemble with vocalist Jimmy Winters at the King Park bandstand on Wellington Avenue at 8:30 p.m.; the John Monillos Trio with Joanne Rodino and Art Manchester in Queen Anne Square on Thames Street from 8-9 p.m.; and the Tom Pasquarelli Trio in Storer Park on Washington Street at 8:30 p.m. The concerts in King and Storer parks will continue during the fireworks display.

The annual Fourth of July Barbecue on Rose Island will run from 5:30-10:30 p.m. and feature music by Becky Chase and Mark Cutler. Tickets cost \$75 for Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation members and \$85 for nonmembers. For more

information, visit www.roseisland.org or call 847-4242.

Readings of the Declaration of Independence are scheduled at 9 a.m. at the Dough Boy statue next to Grinnell's Beach in Tiverton, and at 9:30 a.m. at the Blue Star Memorial at the Portsmouth Free Public Library on West Main Road, Portsmouth.

Some musical performances are scheduled over the long Fourth of July weekend that are not directly related to the holiday.

The Shops at Long Wharf will offer concerts Friday and Saturday from 1-5 p.m. as part of its concert series. Inca Son will perform Friday, and Ben Knight is scheduled on Saturday.

St. John the Evangelist Church on Washington Street will present a series of short musical meditations titled, "Bach and Friends: Music on the Point." Performances are slated on Saturday and Sunday at 8:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. A 25-cent donation is requested.

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Arthur

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Forecasters, who called off a tropical storm watch for parts of Florida on Wednesday, predicted Arthur would stay on course to come perilously close to North Carolina.

Hurricane warnings were issued for much of North Carolina's Outer Banks. A hurricane watch also extended just over the state line into South Carolina.

While Arthur barely affected South Florida, bands of rain that lashed the area early in

the week continued Wednesday. With the most persistent storms trailing Arthur's south side, some thunderstorms may have packed 50 mph wind gusts, the National Weather Service said. The messy weather should clear out Thursday, with normal afternoon storms and showers resuming just in time for the holiday weekend.

"It's still close enough where we'll feel the effects," said National Weather Service meteorologist Chuck Caracozza. Holiday and weekend storms should be primarily inland, he said.

As the storm cruises north

into the Carolinas, a combination of storm surge and high tide could trigger coastal flooding, hurricane forecasters warned. If the surge rides a high tide, flooding in parts of Florida's coast near Fernandina Beach could reach three feet. Isolated spots near Amelia Island may have more.

In North Carolina, areas could get as much as 2 to 4 feet of water, accompanied by damaging waves, forecasters said. Flooding may reach 1 to 3 feet in parts of South Carolina and 1 to 2 feet in southern Virginia. Rip currents will also follow the storm north.

Manager

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Besides serving as city solicitor, he has a private law practice, Joseph J. Nicholson Law Offices at 35 Powel Ave., with attorney Craig Samson.

"Our main areas of concentration are in Probate, Estate Planning, Wills, Municipal Law, Real Estate, Personal Injury, & Securities Litigation," the law office says on its website.

Serving as city solicitor is not a full-time job, but serving as city manager is expected to

be. Winthrop said the council has not discussed the issue of extra compensation for Nicholson yet.

"I fully anticipate his compensation will be adjusted," the mayor said.

When Nicholson previously served as interim city manager, Christopher J. Behan, the assistant city solicitor, assumed the duties of the city solicitor until Nicholson returned to the position. Behan continues to serve as assistant city solicitor.

Winthrop said the council would not act to fill the city manager's position until after

the Nov. 4 general election, when all seven council members are up for re-election. Five potential challengers for council seats filed declarations of candidacy earlier this month. They all will be on the ballot, assuming they return their nomination papers with the required signatures this month.

"We fully expect Joe Nicholson will serve until after a new council is elected and appoints a new city manager," Winthrop said.

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Internet spying by NSA given endorsement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Endorsement of the NSA's Internet surveillance programs by a bipartisan privacy board deeply disappointed civil liberties activists Wednesday while providing a measure of vindication for beleaguered U.S. intelligence officials.

James Clapper, director of national intelligence, welcomed the conclusion by the independent Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board that the National Security Agency's Internet spying on foreign targets in the U.S. has been legal, effective and subject to rigorous oversight to protect the rights of Americans.

Activist groups panned the report as a dud.

It was a dizzying turnabout for a privacy board that in January drew criticism in the other direction for branding the NSA's collection of domestic calling records unconstitutional.

As they unanimously adopted their 190-page report on Wednesday, the five board members — all appointed by President Barack Obama — sought to explain their largely favorable conclusions about surveillance programs that have provoked worldwide outrage since former NSA systems administrator Edward Snowden revealed them last year.

At issue is a spying regime, first definitively disclosed in Snowden documents last year, under which the NSA is using court orders to obtain foreign customers' emails, chats, videos and texts from Google, Facebook and other U.S. tech companies under a program known as PRISM. The documents also showed that the agency is intercepting foreign data as it transits fiber optic lines in the U.S.

Yahoo, Apple, Microsoft, Twitter and Facebook did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Google and LinkedIn declined to comment.

The reputations of American technology companies have suffered abroad over the perception that they cannot protect customer data from U.S. spy agencies. Last week, the German government said it would end a contract with Verizon over concerns about network security.

European and other foreign intelligence agencies routinely demand cooperation from their national companies, U.S. officials say, but those operations have not been leaked to the news media.

The targets of the surveillance the U.S. privacy board was looking at this time must be foreigners living abroad, but the NSA also collects some American communications — either by mistake, or because the Americans were talking to or about foreign targets. The programs come under Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which legalized programs launched after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Last week, the Obama administration disclosed for the first time that it targeted nearly 90,000 people or groups under the programs last year. There are 2.4 billion Internet users worldwide.

In January, the privacy board criticized a different program authorized under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, through which the NSA had been collecting billions of American telephone records and searching through them in terrorism investigations. Obama has since called for ending NSA's collection of those records.

For the Section 702 probe, board members noted that they spent hours in classified briefings with intelligence officials, learning the details of how the NSA programs operate. And they came away convinced that the public debate about the programs had been rife with misconceptions.

For example, said board chairman David Medine, a former government privacy lawyer, the Internet surveillance "is not a bulk collection program" but instead targets specific foreigners living abroad for terrorism or intelligence purposes. And, he said, contrary to media reports, it is not true that the NSA will monitor a person if the evidence shows just a 51 percent probability that he or she is a foreigner living abroad. The agency is barred from targeting an American without a warrant.

"We concluded that the program is legal, valuable and subject to intense oversight," said board member Elisebeth Collins Cook, a former Republican staff member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Some activists strongly disagreed.

"The board's recommendations would leave in place the government's ability to spy on its citizens — along with their friends, family members and business partners overseas — without any suspicion of wrongdoing," complained Elizabeth Goitein of the Brennan Center for Justice in New York.

WEATHER

COASTAL RHODE ISLAND

Today, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce hail, heavy rain and gusty winds. High near 78. Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce hail, heavy rain and gusty winds. Low around 68.

Independence Day, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. High near 74. Friday night, tropical storm conditions possible. Mostly cloudy with showers likely. Low around 64.

EXTENDED

Saturday, mostly sunny with a chance of morning showers. High near 75. Saturday night, mostly clear. Low around 63.

Sunday, sunny. High near 77. Sunday night, mostly clear. Low around 65.

Monday, mostly sunny. High near 78.

MARINE

Today, south wind 5-10 knots. Waves around 2 feet. Tonight, southwest wind 5-10 knots. Waves around 2 feet.

Independence Day, southwest wind 5-10 knots. Waves around 2 feet. Friday night, tropical storm conditions possible. Northwest wind 5-10 knots, becoming north 10-15 knots with gusts up to 20 knots after midnight. Waves 3-4 feet.

TIDES

Today's sunrise 5:16, sunset 8:23. High tides: 12:04 a.m., 12:44 p.m. Low tides: 5:42 a.m., 6:04 p.m. Friday's sunrise 5:17, sunset 8:22. High tides: 12:46 a.m., 1:26 p.m. Low tides: 6:23 a.m., 6:57 p.m. Wednesday's temperatures: high 80, low 70.

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MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2014
Courtyard Marriott, Middletown
9 Commerce Drive, Middletown, RI
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**

You can meet fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and you can help plan studies and restorations of cleanup sites.

For additional information and our schedule, go to the RAB Internet Web Site at www.rabnewportri.org. Additional information is available at the Navy's Internet Web Site at <http://www.navfac.navy.mil>.

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