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THE WELCOME BACK TO THE GRIND ISSUE



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STILL IN THE RED: **The Annenberg Community Beach House is not generating the amount of money City Hall thought it would when it opened last summer, putting a drain on a fund that maintains beach amenities. City Hall expects to earn just $500,000, down from a projected $1.3 million.**

Beach House a drain on city coffers

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH HOUSE Since opening in April, the Annenberg Community Beach House has been a hit with visitors and an in-demand venue for private parties.

But even so, the public beach club has fallen short of revenue projections and is expected to earn $800,000 less this fiscal year from private events than originally estimated, raising questions about the facility's unique business model.

Revenue from private functions is meant to subsidize the facility's $3 million in operating costs and keep general admission fees low on days when the property is open to the public.

City Hall was planning to contribute $1.3 million to the facility this year, but the revenue decline means it will have to spend at least $400,000 more than that, said Barbara Stinchfield, Santa Monica's director of community and cultural services. (Operating costs have been lower than expected, so City Hall won't have to make up the entire $800,000 shortfall, she said.)

City Hall had aimed to raise $1.3 million by renting the site out but is now projecting to earn just $500,000 by the end of the fiscal year, Stinchfield said, in large part because of fewer than expected corporate bookings during weekdays.

She said demand for holding weddings, birthday parties and bar mitzvahs has been steady, with 77 social events booked so far, but the weak economy has meant the property's conference facilities often sit empty.

While she said marketing efforts are paying off, Stinchfield added she now believes City Hall's revenue projection for private events was "probably optimistic" in light of the recession.

"That was a projection that was developed three years ago, before the economic downturn," she said.

At City Hall, some officials downplayed the importance of the beach house's shortfall, noting that the recession has hurt revenues across the board.

"We made our first year estimates before we knew how deeply the recession would affect revenues from private rentals of the property, and we deliberately set rates low to encourage discovery of the site and its amenities," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "Those two factors make inaugural revenues look disappointing, but we anticipate fine-tuning the fees and are hopeful that economic recovery will bring with it greatly increased use of this extraordinary public facility."

Joel Brand, who chairs Friends of 415 PCH, a group formed to advocate for the beach house, said a weak first year of sales is no cause for alarm.

"The beach house is an overwhelming success story from the point of view of the

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Blog aims to boost tourism, love of SM

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITYWIDE The official I Love Santa Monica blog, launched, appropriately, on Valentine's Day, is everything you'd expect from the folks at the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau: shiny, upbeat and, of course, all about Santa Monica.

Promising to be an online forum for sharing "fun, historic, memorable and personally enriching" stories about Santa Monica, the brand new site at www.santamonica.com/love is geared toward boosting tourism while taking advantage of locals' passion for their city.

"Our goal is to keep the Santa Monica community up-to-date with fresh and relevant information for locals and visitors alike, and we look forward to the 'I Love Santa Monica' blog becoming an added resource for locals to share information on Santa Monica tourism with each other and with visitors," Misti Kerns, president of the CVB, said in a press release.

"It is our experience that there is passion about Santa Monica and a desire for an online outlet. The blog's focus will be broad and will spotlight the many positive aspects of our Santa Monica community."

The blog's inaugural entry, by Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., gives a hint of things to come.

He noted some successes from the past year, including the pier's centennial celebration and Cirque du Soleil's residency in town before concluding: "For 2010 we invite you to join the team, bring your support, your ideas and your enthusiasm, together we can continue our winning efforts for one of the best teams around — Team Santa Monica!"

Other Contributors to the blog will include: Laurel Rosen, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Mary Ann Powell, general manager of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier; West Hooker, owner of Locanda del Lago Restaurant, among others.

The blog will publish posts and add more behind-the-scenes detail and resources for

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010

Exploring the line
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Working in film, video, and installation, Diana Thater has been an innovator in her medium for 20 years and is best known for creating complex visual and spatial environments. The exhibit, "Between Science and Magic," is a simple, and beautiful, interpretation of movie magic — a century-old expression that still conjures the mythology of Hollywood filmmaking. Thater's project is conceived as a brief history of cinema.

Write away
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Published and closet writers are welcome to seek inspiration, guidance and support at this weekly writer's group. Call (310) 899-0361 for more information.

Valentine's for seniors
Santa Monica Family YMCA
12 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Interested in having some fun? Bring your favorite dish to this potluck for seniors. There will be dancing and singing. For more information contact Lidia Magarian at (310) 393-2721 ext. 129.

Unite for Haiti
The Lobster
1602 Ocean Ave., 4:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Join the Professionals Emerging as Business Leaders (PeBL) for a happy hour benefit in which 15 percent of proceeds will be directed toward the Red Cross Haitian relief effort. For more information call (310) 393-9825.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010

Get into the act
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St.
Free "Mommy & Me" acting classes at the Acting Studio at Edgemar Children's Classes Edgemar Center for the Arts, a two theater and art gallery complex in Santa Monica that offers fun and challenging acting and musical classes for teens and children of all ages, as well as a summer performing arts program. Create a strong acting foundation through interactive exercises utilizing improv games, theater and scene work on and off the camera.

Live music
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
12:15 p.m. —12:45 p.m.
Enjoy beautiful live musical performances by various artists in the sanctuary most Wednesdays. Shopping the Farmers' Market around noon? We are on Second Street, between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona. Work in the area? Drop in on your lunch break with your coworkers. For more information call (310) 451 —1303.

Seal the deal
Sheraton Delfina, 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual trade show and mixer showcasing the "who's who" in local business and is billed as the perfect opportunity to promote products and services to the broader community. Each year the event draws hundreds of residents with its raffle and product demos. The event is free. For more information go to smchamber.com.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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Liar, liar, car on fire

A Santa Monica man has been convicted on one count of arson and was sentenced to three years in state prison for setting fire to his car last year, authorities said Friday.

Sidney Porter's 2006 Dodge Magnum was found burning at 1:45 a.m. on March 6 in the 1100 block of 9th Street in Santa Monica. Fire fighters extinguished the blaze and determined that it was arson.

An investigation by police detectives concluded that Porter set the car on fire in a bid to collect insurance, according to Sgt. Jay Trisler of the Santa Monica Police Department.

Porter was convicted on Jan. 13.

DAILY PRESS

WASHINGTON AVE

To the rescue

Eight families were rendered temporarily homeless after a fire broke out in a carport at the rear of their 24-unit apartment building on Friday, causing extensive damage.

But they weren't without shelter long. The Santa Monica Chapter of the American Red Cross placed the families in local motels for the weekend until other arrangement could be made for more permanent housing pending repairs, officials with the organization said Monday.

The fire started in the carport around mid-afternoon Friday. Feb. 21 in the 200 block of Washington Avenue at Third Street. Four of the six apartments above the carports were directly involved with some fire damage in addition to smoke, soot and water damage, tenants told the Red Cross. Three cars parked in the carport were completely destroyed. The remaining units in the building all had smoke damage.

The origin of the fire is under investigation.

All utilities – gas, electric and water, were shut off to the building and the two-story structure was "yellow tagged" by City Hall's building and safety division, meaning the apartments were unsuitable for habitation and tenants could enter briefly only for emergencies.

The Red Cross promises to provide additional services on an "as needed" basis for the fire victims.

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GOOD HANDS

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School girls softball coach Debbie Skaggs gives a young girl a high five following practice drills Saturday. It was Skaggs' last softball clinic as head coach. She will be stepping down at the end of the season after 24 years at the high school.

Ex-Clinton prosecutor Starr named Baylor president

ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

WACO, Texas Baylor University named former Clinton White House nemesis Kenneth Starr its new president on Monday, saying the one-time independent prosecutor's Christian ideals and experience heading a law school made him the ideal candidate to lead the world's largest Baptist university.

Starr, whose investigation of the Whitewater land deal and Monica Lewinsky scandal led to Clinton's impeachment in the House of Representatives, has been dean of the law school at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., since 2004. He becomes the 14th president of Baylor and follows John M. Lilley, who was fired from the post in 2008.

"While I look forward to the honor of serving as Baylor's next president, my wife Alice and I know how much we will miss Pepperdine," Starr said in a statement released Monday by Pepperdine. "Working with Pepperdine students, faculty, and the law school's alumni has been one of the most satisfying and rewarding experiences of our lives."

Pepperdine officials said he would begin his new job in Texas on June 1.

Baylor officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment, but the school issued a statement on the appointment, which was first reported by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

R. Dary Stone, who leads the board of regents at Baylor, called Starr an "ideal" choice to lead the school.

"His depth of experience and exceptional record as a university dean and legal scholar, his dedication to the highest ideals of the Christian faith, and his profound commitment to public service and visionary leadership make him the ideal person to lead Baylor at this remarkable time in the university's history," Stone said, according to the news release.

Baylor board of regents member Joseph B. Armes said Starr was "a fifth-generation Texan who, throughout his distinguished career in law, the academy and public service, has been an articulate advocate for Christian ideals in the public square."

Andrew K. Benton, Pepperdine's president, said Starr has had a "tremendous impact" on students, the law school and the Pepperdine community at large.

"His leadership, his love of scholarship and his devotion to our students helped raise the national stature of our school and

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Concerned about the cemetery

Editor:

I was amused to see the full page advertisement for Woodlawn Cemetery in your Saturday edition. Ever since Virgil County was hired to run the cemetery it has gone downhill fast! He has his own views on what should happen there and, unfortunately, they don't do it any good. I always put a small American flag in the can with the flowers I brought for a friend who had been in the Army, but Mr. County seems to feel that flags are an ornament and he has them removed except when it is Memorial Day and the scouts put them on the grave sites. You have to plow through overgrown grass all over the place and it must have cost the city an absolute fortune to put up those tremendous signs on 14th Street stating that it is Woodlawn.

N.L. Miller
Santa Monica

Moving forward on reform

Editor:

It's taken 100 years to get close to passing health insurance reform legislation in this county. Too many people in Washington are now saying that we need more time for debate or that we should give up reform entirely. However, this problem is so crucial that we really can't afford to wait another decade – or even another year.

First, it is important in human terms. It's shocking that so many people living in the richest country in the world can't afford health insurance. And some of those who can find that their policies are being canceled when they get a serious illness while others can't even obtain insurance because of a pre-existing condition

Second, it is important in financial terms. A new federal study shows that healthcare spending rose to almost $2.5 trillion in 2009 and is now projected to double by 2019. If we don't act soon, this growing burden will result in more debt for our nation, more lost jobs and more families pushed into bankruptcy.

We are so close to passing real health insurance reform. I support President Obama in calling on Congress to finish the job.

Ann Isolde
Santa Monica

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But as the jazz musician of the 20th century, giant leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people. If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at AmericansForTheArts.org. Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Plants with a serious appetite

THE MOST REMARKABLE ASPECT OF nature is how organisms have carved out an existence in the harshest of environments.

Plants, as an example, have adapted to live in soggy and sometimes perpetually saturated soils and ponds that are extremely acidic, very nutrient poor but with lots of bugs buzzing around. They still survive, like all other green plants, from the sun's energy. But they've also learned to supplement nutrient deficient soil from an unusual source. Welcome to the world of green plants that eat ants, grasshoppers, slugs, spiders, mosquitoes, flies and even green tree frogs. These are carnivorous plants!

Carnivorous plants have generally weak and small root systems because they have specialized — and costly — traps that lure and digest their animal prey. They are perennial, shade intolerant plants that live for at least two years and require a cool winter dormancy period. They don't tolerate competition and require frequent low temperature surface fires to burn off dead and dried plant materials, reduce competition and promote seed germination.

Carnivorous plants live in bogs or places in the forest with wet spongy ground often consisting of sphagnum moss and other decomposing vegetation that forms peat. They also live in fens that are flat open sand-based expanses covered with a thin layer of peat with shallow water imperceptibly flowing.

So how exactly do carnivorous plants lure, trap and digest their prey? They produce beautiful flowers that are mellifluous and full of nectar or a sweet fructose sugar that's referred to as "the junk food of the plant kingdom."

The traps are quite attractive and, in fact, can be confused by some as flowers. There are four kinds of traps: closing, suction, adhesive and pitfalls traps.

The Venus flytrap is an example of the closing trap and called by the father of natural selection Charles Darwin "the most wonderful plant in the world." Its leaf blade is modified into two parts or lobes that look like a book open at a 45-degree angle. It relies on specialized plant hairs, usually three per lobe, located on the interior surface of the trap to detect its prey. If the prey brushes against the hairs normally nothing happens (unless air temperatures are very high then it snaps shut). If the prey brushes the hair again or touches another hair within 20 to 40 seconds of the first contact, the trap will snap quickly closed.

The Venus flytrap can only be opened and closed about nine times per day. It's a trigger sensitive trap that will not be activated by either a drop of rain, a blowing plant fragment or a prey that has escaped.

Bladderworts use a suction trap taking advantage of their aquatic habitat. The bladder or trap is a bag-like structure, a few millimeters wide, with an opening or trap door at one end. When the trap is set it pinches inward and contains a negative pressure — much like squeezing the bulb of an eyedropper. There are sensory hairs protruding from the trap door. When an unsuspecting water animal swims by it stimulates a trigger hair, the trapdoor opens inward and the negative interior pressure sucks the helpless prey in as the door closes. This happens so quickly that modern science has yet to accurately measure it.

Sundews and butterworts use adhesive traps. They produce gooey droplets that glisten in the backlighting sun and entangled the prey. Once entrapped the sundew leaf blades slowly fold inward to the center of the leaf. The flat leaves of the butterworts, on the other hand, curl on the margins to form a shallow bowl. It takes from 30 minutes to a couple of hours for the adhesive leaves to fold or curl.

Pitcher plants are the largest of the green-leafed carnivores and they use pitfall traps. At the tip of most pitcher plants is a flattened to slightly curved, flap-like structure called a lid or hood. Beneath the hood the waxy neck is lined with stout downward pointing hairs. The neck or tube funnels into a narrow base at its bottom containing a primordial broth to digest its prey. As an insect stretches down into the pitcher in search of more rich nectar it slips and tumbles to its demise.

Bumblebees, however, are able to move in and out freely from the pitcher plants and gorge on nectar as they are important pollinators. Green tree frogs and yellowish green crab spiders hang just inside the pitcher rim and partake in some of the incoming prey. They don't harm the pitcher but occasionally a frog slips in and becomes a large nutritious meal for the plant. There is some mosquito larva that can actually live in the pitchers digestive juices. The adults enter and exit the pitcher by walking the funneled tube with specially adapted non-slip footpads.

Insects and other small animals are packed with protein and very effective at promoting growth of carnivorous plants. Once the prey is captured, special glands in the leaves release a watery solution made up of fast acting proteins that are able to dissolve the hard outer surface or exoskeleton of insects. The glands also absorb the digestive nutrients and carry them throughout the plants' vascular system (just like veins in the human body).

It takes a Venus flytrap about four days to digest its prey and about another four days before it reopens. Each of its traps are capable of three to four digestive cycles in its lifetime.

Habitat destruction, fire suppression policies, introduction of exotic plants and mass illegal collection for commercial use have all had a disastrous affect on native carnivorous plants.

Carnivorous plants and their extensive habitat in the north country are indeed worthy of protection. Over the past 65 years, Ducks Unlimited Canada has protected and conserved many waterways including magnificent bogs and fens crucial for migratory birds and carnivorous plants.

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The makings of a great politician

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PLAY A CENTRAL role in our lives. They shape our healthcare system, make crucial decisions about the U.S. economy, and represent the hopes and interests of every American in Washington. Given this fact, I'm always surprised that relatively little attention is focused on examining closely whether someone serving in or running for Congress has the personal attributes it takes to be an effective member of the institution. If someone's behavior is shady or unsavory, that will make the news. But the qualities and skills that set good politicians apart should draw more notice.

Chief among those qualities is honesty. The public may believe that politics is a dirty business, but effective members of Congress must be trustworthy. They understand that to work together over the course of years, they must level with their colleagues. The same is true in their dealings with constituents, who are on the lookout for hyperbole and misleading statements.

The best politicians also sustain an unusually high energy level and an ability to focus on the task at hand. They tend to have few hobbies, for the simple reason that public office is all-consuming; there's always another item on the to-do list.

Most good politicians are also ambitious, on fire with the wish to make something of themselves, and though many see this in personal terms, it usually means policy ambitions as well. They want to have a hand in contributing to the success of the nation and in finding ways of making life better for the people they represent.

While most politicians — good and indifferent — are adept at identifying and seizing on issues that will work to their own or their party's benefit, the better ones possess an additional skill: they know how to use the system to achieve results. They understand where in the federal bureaucracy to get help for a constituent, and they think creatively about how to use the congressional process and their colleagues' interests to advance a policy goal.

Perhaps just as important, they also understand the limits of their power — both what a legislator can realistically accomplish, and the fact that legislators might react to events but rarely can control them.

This ability to keep oneself in perspective is crucial to a politician. After years in office, it is supremely tempting to think of a legislative seat as an entitlement, as something held by right. It's not. Good politicians not only understand that they serve in a representative democracy, they embrace the challenges and opportunities this offers them.

The occasional exception notwithstanding — Richard Nixon comes to mind — they are good communicators who genuinely like all kinds of people and are comfortable talking to perfect strangers in all kinds of environments. They are accessible to the grand and the humble alike. They are sensitive to the mood in a room, know how to read an audience, and are quick to respond. They are generally open to other points of view, and know that while they may differ with someone on one issue, they'll likely be working with him or her on another in the future.

And perhaps most important, they understand that politics involves give and take, and the ability to find common ground. A good politician listens very carefully to those on the other side, not only to learn their arguments, but especially to learn how far he or she can move them and how far he or she has to be moved in order to reach consensus.

This is why politics puts a premium on resourcefulness and intelligence, and tends, over time, to discourage ideological blinkers — if you approach a problem by saying that all the good is in your side and all the bad lies with the opposition, then you'll never accomplish anything. Good politicians persist in trying to forge agreement on policy or political goals, and they can take defeat in stride; they know that setbacks and criticism go with the territory, and are quick to learn from them and move forward.

Finally, they never forget where they're from and fight hard not to succumb to Potomac Fever. They understand their districts and states, remain loyal to their constituents, and have an abiding faith in the decency, intelligence and patriotism of the voters. Without that, it's almost impossible to be a true representative, able to express in the halls of the powerful the hopes, dreams, and interests of ordinary Americans. That's what they got sent to Washington to do, and the very best never forget it.

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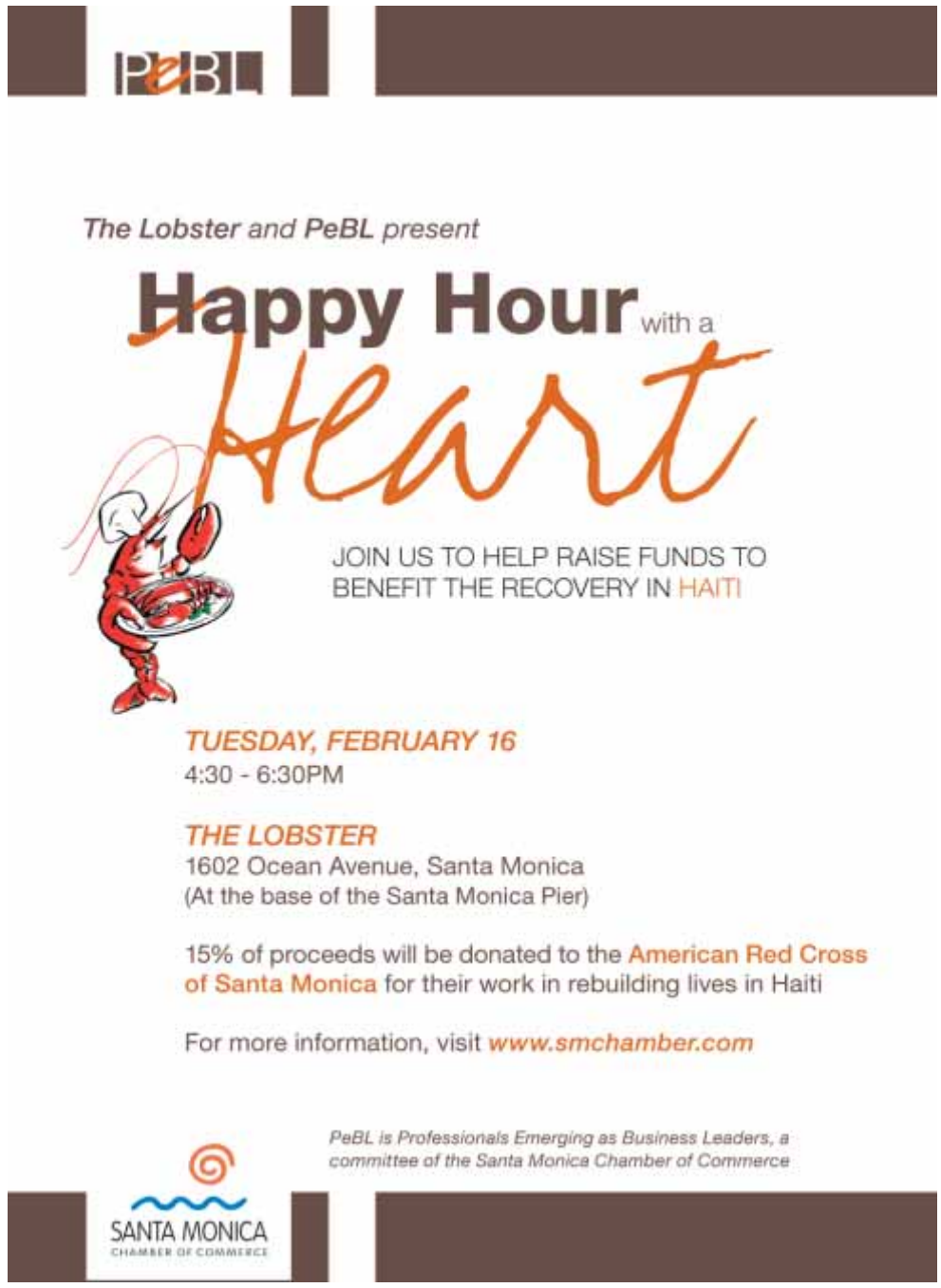
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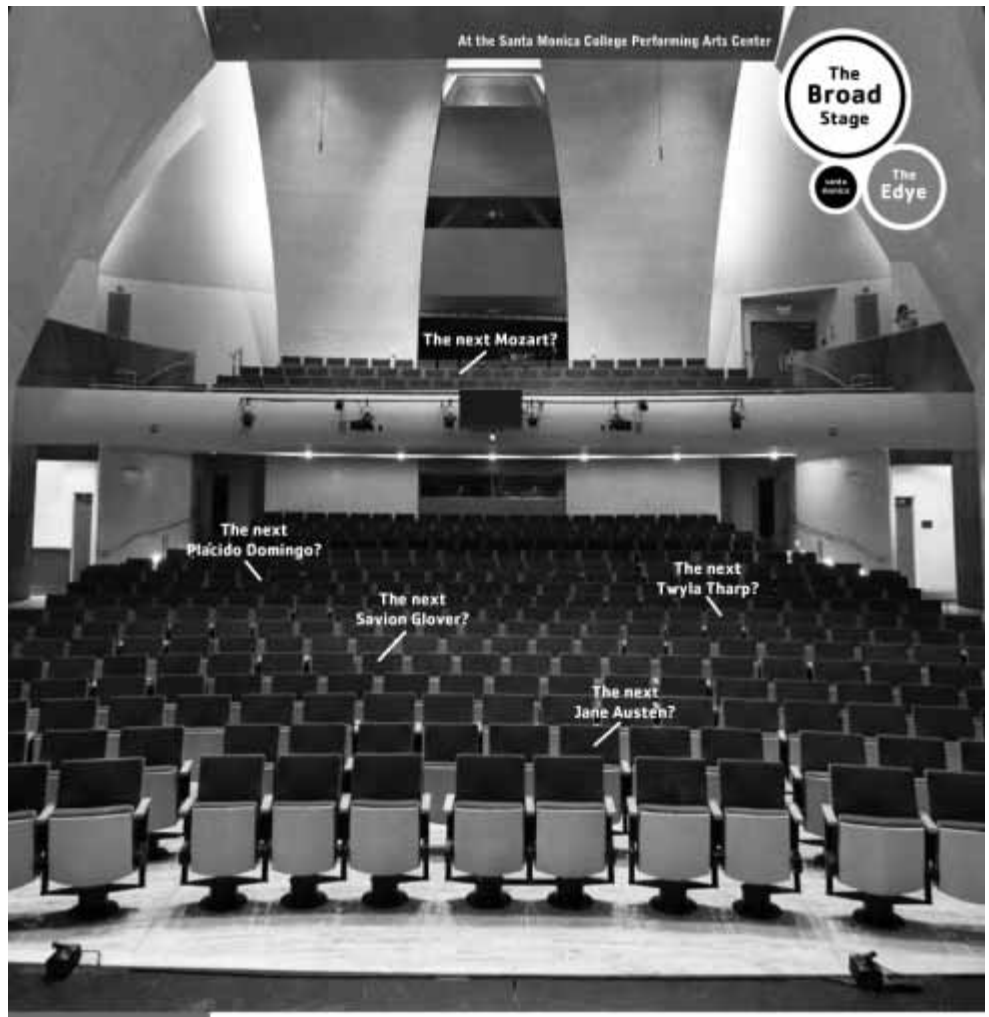
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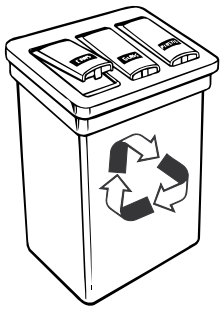
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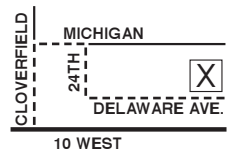


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The Quackers

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Exploring new hobbies

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks – Rusty, Richard and Sydney – from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

THE LAST RAIN DROPS SLID LAZILY across the leaves before dripping to the ground. As the dark clouds raced away patches of sunlight moved in to take their place. The trees stretched their branches higher, eager to bask in the rays of the returning sunlight.

The rain was gone. We were anxious to get back in the ocean even though we knew it would be several more days before it would be safe. When you are used to surfing everyday, waiting 72 hours after a storm because of all the chemicals in the water feels like an eternity.

We needed something to take our minds off surfing and the wait. A game of Monopoly was the only thing all three of us could agree on.

As we played Richard and I felt sorry for Rusty. The "loss" seemed to be affecting him the most. Every few minutes he would sigh and say something like, "Remember the good old days when we would catch waves all morning long? I sure miss those days." Anyone would have thought it had been weeks instead of just days since we last surfed. All of a sudden in the middle of the game he just stopped playing and sat staring into space. We knew it was time to get Rusty moving and out of the house.

Nothing pleased him. He didn't want to skateboard or ride our unicycles. When we suggested a swim at the pool he groaned then whined, "I can't! Don't you know the ripples in the water look like waves and that would make me think of the ocean and that would make me think of surfing? That's just mean."

It was Richard who finally remembered that the best way to reach Rusty was always through his stomach. He coaxed him out of the house with the promise of the largest, ice blended, green tea boba that money could buy … if he took a walk with us.

Rusty clumped along behind us, shoulders sagging and head hanging low. Matter of fact that was exactly what he was doing when he found it. There it sat right in the middle of the sidewalk, a shiny black rock shaped like an egg.

Rusty shouted out with excitement. We ran back hoping it was money he had found.

At first we did not share his excitement. To us it was just a rock, but when we saw how happy it made him it became special for us too.

Rusty continued admiring his rock and happily declared he was starting a rock collection.

For the rest of the walk Rusty kept his eyes wide open and his nose to the ground. It was amazing the number of rocks he found just by walking down the street. They were all shapes, colors, sizes and textures. By the time we reached home all of our pockets bulged with his rocks.

He immediately jumped on the computer to learn more about rocks. Soon he said, "Did you guys know the whole Earth is made of rock?" Actually we didn't. Then he told us there are three types of rock, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. That was news to us too. The rock he found turned out to be sedimentary.

As Rusty studied he came across a recent article on a rock called peridotite. Recently scientists discovered it has the amazing ability to absorb carbon dioxide, our main greenhouse gas! They found that when carbon dioxide comes into contact with peridotite it changes from a gas to a solid mineral, such as calcite. When Rusty read that it had the potential to become a significant tool in the fight against global warming, he really became excited.

With more research Rusty found that peridotite was the most common rock found in the Earth's mantle, the layer directly below the Earth's crust. In some places it can also be found on the surface of the Earth. One of those places where a vast amount can be found is in the Middle East in Oman. It also shows up in the Pacific Islands of Papua and Caledonia and along the coast of the Adriatic Sea.

When Rusty read that California had surface peridotite but in smaller amounts, a funny look crossed his face. He thought for a while and said, "What if we had more surface peridotite in California? Wouldn't that take care of all our greenhouse gases?" Before we could say anything he jumped up and ran outside.

The next thing we knew Rusty was dragging miner's lamps, pick axes and shovels in from the garage. He grabbed the phone as he yelled, "Do we have enough money in the checking account to rent a hydraulic excavator? Let's get a move on!"

In theory it was a wonderful plan but we had to tell him no. It took some doing but we finally convinced him that the plan was too big, even for us but watch out, now he is recruiting volunteers.

PHYLLIS and the Quackers can be reached at phyllis@phyllischavez.com. The Quackers have a new, amazing Web site! Stories, pictures and a blog at www.thequackers.com.



Santa Monica From A to Z

Alisandra Rand and Melissa Rader
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City slickers meet Old McDonald

I LOVED VISITING MY GRANDPARENTS' 5-acre farm during the summers of my childhood. My grandfather kept a menagerie of animals in his big red barn, including a cow that tried to eat my little brother's straw-colored hair. My cousins, brother and I played outside all day with the horses, donkeys, ponies, dogs, and scores of barn cats. A flock of geese living on a minuscule pond used to honk at my brother and chase him around the fields. Oddly enough, I don't think the farm was his favorite place.

On Sundays, Giddy Up Ranch hosts a mini farm in the parking lot of the Brentwood Country Mart, featuring a petting zoo and pony rides. The family-owned-and-operated ranch brings animals to events and parties from their stock of over 100 farm animals and exotics.

We tried to set Zora on a tiny pony that was just her size, but, no, only the biggest pony would suit her. I worried that she might become frightened with all the bouncing and swaying several feet off the ground, but she had a huge smile on her face the entire time. Dash and Zora looked so adorable as they bounced along in their saddles, clutching the horns for dear life, although they were securely strapped in. The ponies were escorted around the parking lot, which was so much more fun than trotting in a circle at the Sunday Farmers' Market on Main Street. The line was also a lot shorter!

Dash and Zora love the small petting zoo, which seems to have different animals depending upon the day. A parent can accompany small children to "supervise" and pet all the little fluffies. We pet a duck, chicken, sheep, rabbit, and llama. Dash enjoyed feeding the animals a cup of hay and carrots, which also required a game of keep away with the very aggressive goat. Two baby goats wrestled around the enclosure, enchanting the kids, and me too — I admit it. Marie Girouard, owner of the Giddy Up Ranch said, "Lots of baby animals are being born right now and will be coming to the Country Mart." Girouard also said she may bring the zebra and other exotic animals, which would thrill Zora to no end.

When the kids had their fill of real animals, we headed inside the Country Mart for the coin-op plastic animals inside one of the courtyards. They never seem to tire of riding the lion carousel round and round until we run out of quarters. Next up, we entered the adjacent courtyard for lunch. We chose from Mexican food, fried eats, and Barney's Burgers. Patrons eat outside on picnic tables or around the enclosed outdoor fireplace, so we didn't have to worry that the kids might be too noisy or run around too much. Variations in weather usually aren't a problem. Umbrellas cover the tables from the sun, the fire heats up a chilly afternoon, and the courtyard is fairly shielded from the wind.

We opted for Barney's Burgers because their kids' meals come with corn on the cob instead of fries and we can choose juice instead of soda. While waiting for our food (lunchtime can be crowded) we visited Diesel Bookstore, which has a tiny children's nook. When our meal of a burger for Rob, salad for me, and hot dogs for the kids was ready, everyone was happy. Pigeons immediately scarfed up any food dropped from the table, and then had to run from Zora who wanted to hug the birdies.

After lunch, Dash and Zora begged to visit Toy Crazy, which has so many toys crammed into their shop you almost have to walk sideways through the aisle. We always find something wonderful for Hanukkah or a birthday or when grandpa and grandma come, or whatever event to which we can try to delay their gratification. We distracted them from their toy-less devastation with a delicious chocolate dessert from Edelweiss Chocolates. We skipped the other stores, which are boutiques and not very suitable for kids. Unbelievable, but we managed to occupy Dash and Zora until nap-time!

The Brentwood Country Mart is located at 225 26th St. (near San Vicente). The animals are there from 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. on Sunday. Pony rides $5, petting zoo $3, food to feed the animals $1. www.brentwoodcountrymart.com. The Web site for the Giddy Up Ranch is www.giddyupponies.com.

Are you lucky, lively and brave? You must have been born during the year of the Tiger. Chinese New Year started on Sunday. Traditionally celebrated for two weeks, most events will be happening this weekend.

• Golden Dragon Parade, Chinatown. Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. The parade begins at the intersection of Cesar Chavez and Broadway, www.lagoldendragonparade.com.

• New Year Family Festival at the Huntington Library. Saturday. Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Some highlights include lion dancers, brush-painting, calligraphy, and floral arranging demonstrations, shadow puppet theater, string and bamboo orchestra, and children's book readings and signings, www.huntington.org.

• Chinese Lunar New Year Festival, Broadway and Cesar Chavez, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 — Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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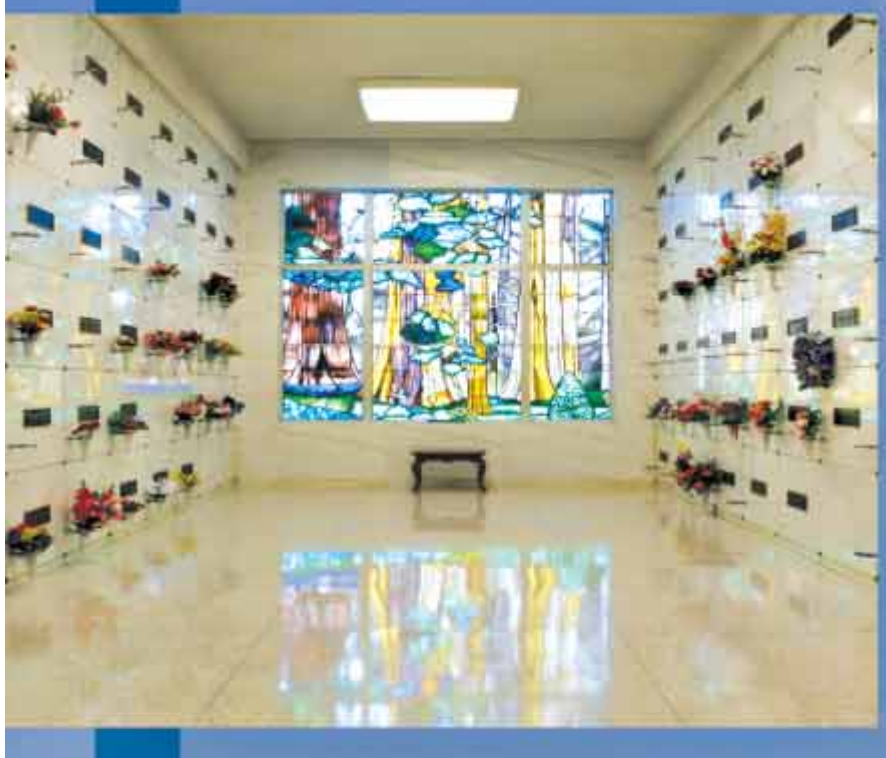
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Blog hopes to boost tourism

FROM **BLOG** PAGE 1

travelers, the local community and residents alike. Topics will feature content relevant to everyone interested in tourism and will address key topics relating to travel news, economic impact of the hospitality industry, as well as expanded information on local events, city programs, and other happenings.

"For those that live or work in Santa Monica and feel pride in being a part of this progressive community, we hope they will feel encouraged to represent their city with great experiences and help us build our stories," said Alison Best, the CVB's vice president sales and services.

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PARTY TIME

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

The King (Wayne Von Der Mehden, 38) and his Queen (City Hall's Rachel Waugh, 32) lead the Ninth Annual Mardi Gras Parade along the Venice boardwalk on Saturday, Feb. 13. Mardi Gras goes into high gear today, Fat Tuesday, which has roots in Catholic tradition. People celebrate with great festivity before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the somber season of Lent.

Corporate bookings continue to lag

FROM **BEACH HOUSE** PAGE 1

public," he said.

On days the facility was open to the public reservations usually sold out the first hour they were made available, Brand said. Keeping general admission prices low while earning money through private events, he said, remains a good business model despite the lower-than expected sales.

"That doesn't mean that the model is broken, it just means that we have challenging economic times and we need to get through this," he said.

Councilman Bobby Shriver, though, called the latest revenue projection for the facility "a worrying number" and said beach house operations may need more scrutiny.

"If it continues at that low level we'll [have to] study alternatives to the way we're managing it now," he said.

Located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, the beach house is believed to be the only public beach club in the country. The property was once the site of a 110-room mansion that newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst built for the silent film star Marion Davies, who hosted lavish parties at the estate.

In 2005 the Annenberg Foundation donated $27.5 million to redevelop the property into a public beach house that today includes tennis courts, an event house, a pool, gardens and a picnic area.

Stinchfield said there is work underway to boost revenues.

Last month, the City Council approved an amended contract with Hospitality Atelier, the firm that has been marketing the beach house, to expand the scope of its work to include pitching the property to corporate clients and Hollywood producers, who are being encouraged to book the site for film shoots. City Hall is paying the firm $129,000 to market the venue this fiscal year.

One major reason for this year's shortfall, Stinchfield said, had nothing to do with lack of demand. The facility didn't begin hosting private events until October, she said, three months into the fiscal year.

While City Hall is contributing an extra $400,000 to the beach house this year, that amount won't come from the general fund, but from City Hall's beach fund, a roughly $8 million account dedicated to beach upkeep and operations.

The beach fund gets revenue from fees charged at beach parking lots, not from tax dollars raised by the city, Stinchfield said. So tax payers aren't bailing out a money-losing pet project approved by the City Council.

And while the beach house is running more in the red than expected, she said for now the beach fund is self sustaining and won't require a cash infusion from City Hall.

Stinchfield and other beach house supporters said they're optimistic the facility's financial picture will improve, but it's unclear whether the public club will be able to meet its revenue target next year.

"Our hope is that we can continue to increase the bookings," Stinchfield said. Though as she puts together projections for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, she said, "we going to be as realistic and conservative as possible."

While the phone is ringing off the hook for weekend bookings, she said demand for weekday events continues to lag.

"Corporations are very sensitive about going off-site to have their meetings," she said. "It's starting to build, but with any new business it takes time to fully meet your long-term projections."

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Expectations high for Starr

FROM **STARR** PAGE 3

we will benefit from the good he accomplished here for many years to come," Benton said Monday in a statement.

Starr was born in Vernon, near the Oklahoma border, and grew up in San Antonio. He has taught at New York University School of Law, George Mason University School of Law in Fairfax, Va., and Chapman Law School in Orange, Calif. He served as a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge for the District of Columbia for six years, was the solicitor general for four years and conducted five investigations as independent counsel, according to Baylor.

His office spent millions of dollars in the 1990s investigating Clinton's affair with Lewinsky, a White House intern, and efforts to cover it up. The House approved two articles of impeachment against Clinton, but the Senate fell short of the votes necessary to convict him.

Starr's five-year probe also investigated the Clintons' Whitewater business dealings, the suicide of deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster, firing of White travel office workers and charges that White House officials misused FBI files.

In its announcement, Baylor said its board of regents unanimously hired Starr on Friday after unanimous recommendations by the school's presidential search committee and presidential search advisory committee.

Starr is the second person hired to lead Baylor in the last five years.

John M. Lilley was fired as Baylor's president in 2008, less than three years after he was hired. Regents said he failed to unite students, faculty and alumni, but they declined to elaborate.

A few months before Lilley was hired in 2005, Robert Sloan stepped down as Baylor's president and became the school's chancellor in a deal worked out with regents. Sloan, who had been president since 1995, had been blamed for rising tuition costs and rifts among professors who had been calling for his ouster.





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Public power backers cry foul over utility effort

JASON DEAREN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is funding a June ballot initiative that would amend California's constitution to make it much harder for cities and counties to offer residents another choice for buying their power.

The investor-owned utility, which has about 15 million customers in northern and central California, has already spent $6.5 million on Proposition 16, according to state campaign records. The company is the sole source of the initiative's funding.

The initiative would require a two-thirds, or super-majority, vote before local governments could create a new form of public power called "community choice aggregation," or CCA. These public power entities, made possible by state legislation passed in 2002 after the state's energy crisis, allow cities or counties to buy energy on the wholesale market to sell to residents.

PG&E says a constitutional amendment is needed to protect taxpayers and ratepayers from possible losses incurred by inexperienced local governments entering the risky power wholesaling business.

Opponents say PG&E is abusing the state's initiative process to protect its business interests.

"This is a complex and risky business and we believe taxpayers should have a voice in determining whether local governments take on that risk," Andrew Souvall, a PG&E spokesman, said. "If things don't work out, the local governments and taxpayers are on the hook for what could be millions of dollars."

The initiative would also force existing public power entitites — such as Los Angeles' Department of Water and Power and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District — to obtain a two-thirds vote from customers before expanding into new territory.

"Our constitution in California for many decades preserved a right for citizens to create their own electric district systems," said Bill Slaton, a member of SMUD's board, whose seven members unanimously oppose the initiative. "This initiative would effectively make it impossible for other communities to do what we've done in Sacramento."

Public power advocates said CCA gives communities the power to buy larger portions of their energy from renewable sources than is currently available from PG&E or other investor-owned utilities.

In May, the first CCA in California will begin providing an alternative to PG&E for about 10,000 customers in Marin County, north of San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge. Four other states — Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Ohio — also have laws allowing towns and cities to create a CCA.

When up and running fully, Marin Clean Energy would give almost 200,000 current PG&E customers in seven cities the choice of buying energy derived from 100-percent renewable sources for a higher cost, or a 25-percent renewable energy plan for rates mirroring PG&E's.

Energy will still be delivered over PG&E transmission lines, and the company would still handle billing. The company has launched an aggressive campaign in Marin County, warning customers of the "costly energy scheme being proposed by a new government entity."

"It's an absolute canard that city officials aren't qualified to do this sort of thing," said Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan, who also chairs the Marin Energy Authority, which oversees Marin Clean Energy. "One out of four Californians already get their power from their City Council today, and they pay less than we as PG&E customers do," he said.

Marin and San Francisco counties are two of about a dozen CCA plans in various stages of developement. San Francisco's public power plan is currently before the California Public Utilities Commission, and if approved would also cut into PG&E territory.

While CCA is a more recent public power arrangement, more than 2,000 cities and towns in the U.S. already provide energy to 45 million people, according to the American Public Power Association. In California, dozens of local governments are providing renewable and traditional sources of energy throughout the state.

Prop. 16 proponents say the initiative is not a criticism of public power, but an effort to give residents more voice in investment decisions made by their communities.

But officials in Marin and San Francisco, communities that want to offer residents far more renewable energy than PG&E, say it is simply about protecting PG&E's monopoly in their cities.

"Prop. 16 takes self-interest in a ballot initiative to a new level, by rewriting the constitution to protect a private corporation from competition from public entities," said Mark Toney, executive director of The Utility Reform Network, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

In contrast to PG&E's heavy spending, public power advocates have so far netted only $15,500 to battle Prop. 16, nearly all from TURN. City and county governments are not allowed to donate funds.

Severin Borenstein, co-director of the Energy Institute at the University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business, said it would be wise to require more public input than currently exists when local governments choose to enter a complicated new business venture. However, Borenstein thinks changing the state's constitution to require a two-thirds vote goes too far.

"There should be a very high bar for amending our constitution, and we should ask 'Does this rise to the level of a constitutional amendment?' It's hard to see how this clears that bar," Borenstein said.

W. Hollywood to consider ban pet store cats, dogs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. The city of West Hollywood is poised to outlaw the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores because of concerns about commercial animal-breeding facilities.

The City Council is expected to vote Tuesday on the ordinance.

Existing pet stores would be grandfathered in when the law goes into effect March 19 to allow them to adjust to the new restrictions.

Councilman Jeffrey Prang says the goal of the new law is to eliminate the demand for commercially bred dogs and cats and reduce inhumane conditions in the breeding industry, which relies on retail pet stores for profit.

He says people should instead consider adopting from municipal shelters or nonprofit rescue agencies.

NY man recants story about killing, burning wife

JIM FITZGERALD
Associated Press Writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. Werner Lippe knows a lot about fire.

The 68-year-old jeweler, on trial on charges of killing and incinerating his wife, used a propane-and-oxygen torch to melt platinum and gold in his home workshop. He kept a 55-gallon oil drum as a burn barrel to get rid of trash, tomato plants, even the carcass of a deer he shot to protect his vegetable garden. When his mother died and her body was being prepared for cremation, Lippe testified that he asked a mortician, "By the way, how do you burn people?"

Prosecutors believe Lippe mastered that skill, using the barrel in 2008 to burn up the body of his 49-year-old wife, Faith Lippe, who was divorcing him. The drum disappeared soon after Faith Lippe did; her body hasn't been found.

Westchester County jurors have heard more than two weeks of testimony at Lippe's murder trial. They are expected to hear closing arguments and begin deliberating Tuesday. He faces 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors presented jurors with multiple confessions. The jury has repeatedly heard a recording of him saying, "I hit her with a piece of wood. ... I dumped her in the barrel and burned her" and details like the color of the ash that Faith Lippe's body was reduced to.

Lippe now insists the confessions were made-up stories concocted to get dogged investigators off his back until he could make his case to a judge.

During two days of testimony last week, he spoke coolly and confidently about the intricacies of jewelry making, dangerous acids and high-temperature flames. He said it was just his curiosity that prompted him to talk to the mortician and to ask a friend, after his wife disappeared, how deep a body would have to be buried to fool cadaver dogs.

Defense lawyer Andrew Rubin says Lippe was neither strong enough nor clever enough to pull off the murder.

Born in Poland, Lippe grew up in Austria and went to Germany to study jewelry-making. He came to New York in 1979 and became a topflight craftsman and goldsmith, with his own business in Manhattan's diamond district 40 miles from his Cortlandt home.

He considers his client list confidential, but grudgingly admitted on the stand that he made pieces for Donald Trump and Yoko Ono. An employee said some of Lippe's pieces sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Lippe was married twice in Europe. The first marriage lasted two years, the second eight weeks, he said.

He met his third wife, Faith, in New York. About 17 years younger than him, she had been in the fashion business but concentrated on home and children after they married in 1990, he said. At the time of her death at age 49, she was a part-time nutrition consultant to the Ossining schools.

In recent years, the marriage became contentious. Lippe told prosecutor Christine O'Connor that the couple argued constantly.

He had his son Andrew, now 15, secretly tape arguments for ammunition in the divorce.

"Your control-freakness has to stop. I will stop this. I guarantee it," Lippe told his wife in one recording played at trial.

It seemed both spouses wanted out. Werner Lippe, an accomplished skier, said he wanted to move to a log cabin near the slopes in Utah. His wife wanted no part of it, he said.

She served divorce papers, and he was fighting her claims for child support and maintenance. He envisioned that Andrew would go off with him, while their daughter Stephanie, now 13, would stay with her mother.

A meeting about the divorce between the Lippes, their lawyers, their children and their law guardians was scheduled for Oct. 7, 2008.

On Oct. 3, Faith Lippe missed several appointments. Her husband said he saw her being driven away in an SUV but could not see who was at the wheel. Her handbag was still at home.

Lippe said he became concerned when she did not return that night, but he did not call her cell phone.

The next day, he said, he drove an hour to ask a friend in Connecticut about the rules for filing a missing-person report. He had lunch and checked on his boat at a marina before coming home and calling 911.

Within a few days, state police with dogs searched the grounds of Lippe's home looking for his wife. They noticed, but did not confiscate, the burn barrel.

Later that month, Lippe confessed to a friend, James Learnihan, that he burned his wife's body. Learnihan was wearing a wire at the behest of investigators.

"She doesn't exist anymore," Lippe said in one taped conversation. "They cannot find her. It's impossible. ... I burned her in a barrel."

He said he hit his wife in the head with a piece of wood to knock her out, then shoved her into the barrel. "She burned for close to 24 hours," he said.

State police surprised Lippe with Learnihan's recording and he confessed again, describing to them the silver-gray color of the ash.

But he recanted his confessions after he was arrested. He said he made up the story because he was afraid of Learnihan and feared he was being framed. He said he repeated the story to police because they weren't listening to his claims of innocence.

Lippe testified that he thought he would eventually be able to explain to a prosecutor or judge and be let off. They would have more education and a "higher IQ" than police officers, he testified.

When police went to find the burn barrel, it was gone. Lippe said he had innocently thrown it out.

Prosecutors displayed photos that showed the barrel would have fit into Lippe's Audi.

Democrat Bayh of Ind. to retire from Senate

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WASHINGTON Sen. Evan Bayh, a centrist Democrat from Indiana, announced Monday that he won't seek a third term in Congress, giving Republicans a chance to pick up a Senate seat.

"To put it in words I think most people can understand: I love working for the people of Indiana, I love helping our citizens make the most of their lives, but I do not love Congress," Bayh said at a news conference Indianapolis, where he was joined by his wife and two sons.

The departure of Bayh, who was on President Barack Obama's short list of vice presidential candidate prospects in 2008, continues a recent exodus from Congress among both Democrats and Republicans, including veteran Democrats Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island.

The announcements have sprung up in rapid-fire fashion amid polls showing a rising anti-incumbent fervor and voter anger over Washington partisanship, high unemployment, federal deficits and lucrative banking industry bonuses.

Obama thanked Bayh for his years of public service.

"During that time, he has fought tirelessly for Indiana's working families, reaching across the aisle on issues ranging from job creation and economic growth to fiscal responsibility and national security," Obama said in a written statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him on these critical challenges throughout the rest of the year."

Bayh, who won the seat to the Senate in 1998, attributed his decision to the bitter partisan divides that have dominated Congress in recent years, though he praised his colleagues as hard workers devoting to serving the public.

"My decision should not be interpreted for more than it is, a very difficult, deeply personal one," he said. "I am an executive at heart. I value my independence. I am not motivated by strident partisanship or ideology."

Bayh, 54, said he believed he would have been re-elected this November, despite "the current challenging environment." He said it was time for him to "contribute to society in another way," either by creating jobs with a business, leading a college or university, or running a charity.

His retirement from a Senate seat from Republican-leaning Indiana also adds to the struggle Democrats will face this fall to prevent an erosion of the 59 votes they have in the chamber.

"After all these years, my passion for service to our fellow citizens is undiminished, but my desire to do so by serving in Congress has waned," Bayh said at the news conference.

The Democrats will have to scramble to find a replacement candidate for Bayh's seat. Friday is the filing deadline for the May primary, although the party would have until June 30 to select a replacement candidate.

Bayh declined to say whether he would back anyone as his replacement but said he would support whoever was the Democratic nominee.

State Democratic Chairman Dan Parker, who was Bayh's campaign manager, said he learned of Bayh's decision over the weekend and also declined to discuss possible candidates.

Bayh's name was among a handful of well-known Democrats prominently mentioned as possible vice presidential candidates in both Sen. John Kerry's 2004 run for the presidency and Obama's successful run for the White House. He was believed to have been on Obama's short list. Obama settled on then-Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware.

Astronauts struggle with Space Station addition

MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Jammed bolts and wayward wires made for a trying night at the International Space Station as astronauts struggled to relocate the station's fancy new observation deck early Monday.

Astronauts used a giant robotic arm to move the $27 million domed lookout from one side of a newly installed room at the station, called Tranquility, to the other. The lookout had to be launched in a temporary position to fit inside shuttle Endeavour's payload bay.

Space station commander Jeffrey Williams was loosening a series of bolts to release the lookout when several jammed late Sunday. With commands from Mission Control, astronauts were able to adjust the torque and fix the problem — but then they saw an electrical connector popping out from the dome.

Pilot Terry Virts informed Mission Control of the new problem, and flight director Bob Dempsey grabbed his head at the unwelcome news. Experts on the ground studied pictures that were beamed down from orbit to determine if the wiring would interfere with the relocation. Williams assured everyone that it would not, saying he had seen the wire like that before.

On Saturday, a different set of bolts prevented the astronauts from attaching a thermal cover between Tranquility and the observation deck. Williams removed those bolts and managed to secure the hatch cover over Tranquility's docking mechanisms early Sunday.

After hours of review, NASA concluded there would be no clearance problem when it came time to install the observation deck in its final position.

The lookout — described as a bay window — is 5 feet tall and nearly 10 feet in diameter at its base. It sports seven windows, including the biggest one ever in space.

Because the port was going to be empty once the observation deck was moved, NASA wanted a cover there to keep Tranquility's docking mechanisms from getting too cold. That port wasn't going to be vacated for long. The astronauts planned to move a docking adaptor into that slot Monday night.

During the third and final spacewalk of the mission Tuesday night, astronauts will unlock the window shutters on the observation deck. Then their colleagues inside will crank open the shutters and soak in the views of Earth, outer space and the space station itself. NASA sees the dome as a huge improvement to the quality of life 220 miles up.

The first two spacewalks focused on the installation of Tranquility, a 23-foot chamber that was powered up early Sunday.

Both the dome and Tranquility are European contributions to the space station and represent the last of the major building blocks. NASA's part of space station construction will end with the retirement of the space shuttle fleet, scheduled for this fall.



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

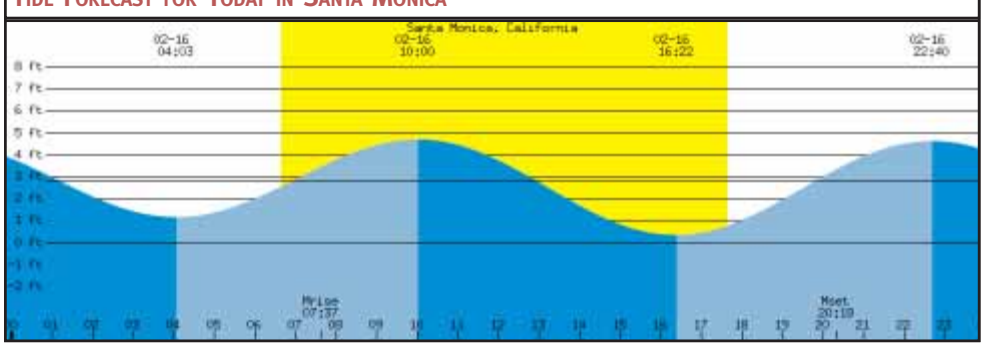
Swell Forecast

Should see a bit more decline, but swell running 1-3 feet overhead is still expected. Periods will likely though shorten to 13-14 seconds max, so look for less oomph.

Long Range Synopsis

Looking like chest to maybe head high (max) for west facing breaks, with periods shorter (13 seconds), resulting in weaker waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 9, 2010**

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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 -- 22
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 15
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 28

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
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).	B	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
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.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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Defago restores downhill gold to Switzerland

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AP Sports Writer

WHISTLER, British Columbia Didier Defago broke a two-decade Swiss drought with gold in the Olympic downhill Monday and American Bode Miller broke his personal streak of major championship failures by taking the bronze.

Defago sped down the Dave Murray course in 1 minute, 54.31 seconds to match countryman Pirmin Zurbriggen's feat in the downhill at the 1988 Calgary Games — the last time a Swiss man had won an Olympic medal in any Alpine event.

Married with two young children whom he often brings along to races, Defago had never won a medal at an Olympics or world championship. His lone World Cup victory came in a super-G in Val Gardena, Italy, way back in 2002 before he won the two most prestigious downhills of the World Cup season on back-to-back weekends last year in Wengen, Switzerland, and Kitzbuehel, Austria.

"The conditions were perfect for me," Defago said. "I knew I would do well, but I never expected to do this well. I had a great year with Wengen and Kitzbuehel. A medal had to come eventually for me."

While teammate and pre-race favorite Didier Cuche was still to ski, Defago was already aware he had laid down a special run and nearly fell over backward into the padding lining the finish area as he celebrated with both arms in the air.

"He just nailed it right there. He didn't have an easy year because of the other guys who were taking the glory all the time," said Marco Buechel, the Liechtenstein skier who trains with the Swiss team. "Everybody on our team is really happy for him."

Defending overall World Cup champion Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway took silver, a slim 0.07 seconds behind, and Miller was only 0.09 behind Defago.

"It was a huge relief to execute and ski well," Miller said. "Obviously it would've been great to be a little faster. I was psyched. I skied hard."

Having won two silvers at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, Miller becomes the first American to win three medals in Alpine skiing at the Olympics. Phil Mahre, Tommy Moe, Picabo Street and Diann Roffe each won two medals.

Miller's medal is also the first for the U.S. in the men's downhill at the Olympics since Moe took a surprise gold at the 1994 Lillehammer Games.

At 32 years and 4 months, Defago became the oldest man to win the Olympic downhill, three months older than Frenchman Jean-Luc Cretier when he won at the 1998 Nagano Games.

Mario Scheiber of Austria finished fourth, local favorite Erik Guay of Canada placed fifth and Cuche was sixth.

Cuche, who leads the World Cup downhill standings and was skiing with a broken right thumb, was only 0.06 behind Defago through the final checkpoint, with the crowd turning silent at how tight it was, but Cuche inexplicably lost three-tenths through the final turns.

"It was really close and I can't really understand why I was slow on the finish part," Cuche said. "Normally, I'm a good finisher. But when I saw the crowd really quiet down here, I knew that was not like I wanted. I'm going to enjoy the night with Didier. He deserved it and it's good for the Swiss nation."

In addition to his performance in Salt Lake City in 2002, Miller won a full load of world championship medals before he went bust in Turin four years ago, making more headlines for his late-night partying than his skiing.

Miller also failed to win a medal at the 2007 and 2009 world championships and considered retiring over the summer before the Olympics lured him back for a shot at redeeming himself.

Miller was the eighth starter and set the pace for the other race favorites, who started between 16th and 22nd. He said the course was darker when he skied than for the other favorites later on.

"That's what ski racing is about," he said. "It's always a mix. There definitely was light changing in the very beginning. It got progressively better, but definitely when I went the middle part was dark. That's where Aksel pulled eight-tenths back on me. That's the way ski racing goes. But I was happy with the way I skied."

Miller started his run a little earlier than planned because the previous skier, Andrej Sporn of Slovenia, missed a gate early on.

Rocking back and forth as a team member psyched him up with screams and yells in the starting house, Miller began his run solidly, tucking at every opportunity on the upper gliding sections.

Miller was nearly a full second — 0.97 — faster than the previous leader, David Poisson of France, at the second checkpoint.

Always one of the most exciting skiers to watch, Miller flailed his arms out to maintain his balance on the turns and jumps, drawing "oohs" and "ahs" from the crowd, and pulled himself back into his aerodynamic tuck for the straightaways.

Perhaps still not 100 percent physically after skipping summer training while he debated his future, Miller lost nearly half a second on the bottom of the course, and appeared on the verge of exhaustion as he had a bit of a tough time landing the final jump leading into the finish line.

In the finish area, Miller's mouth curled up into a smile as he pumped his head on his fists in satisfaction or — perhaps more likely — frustration, since he probably already knew it wouldn't be enough for victory.

Starting 16th, Svindal trailed Miller through each checkpoint and landed the final jump just inside the blue line painted on the snow to outline the course. Somehow, the big Norwegian managed to shift his weight back onto the race line and crossed two-hundredths ahead of Miller.

Defago was the 18th man on course and was significantly faster than Svindal and Miller on the top. Then he fell behind before posting one of the fastest speeds — 117.2 kph (72.83 mph) — on the bottom and maintaining a slim advantage through coaches' corner, a sweeping 180-degree right turn before the finish that is the run's most challenging section.

While Guay performed admirably, two other Canadians with high hopes struggled.

Manuel Osborne-Paradis was even with Svindal before he got a little wild halfway down and lost a big chunk of time. Robbie Dixon — who has a house in Whistler — fell on the bottom.

U.S. downhill captain Marco Sullivan of Squaw Valley, Calif., also fell after losing his balance in midair through a jump on the bottom section. He placed his right ski nearly perpendicular to the snow and then sat back as he landed and slid through a gate.

The other American finishers were Steven Nyman of Sundance, Utah, in 20th and Andrew Weibrecht of Lake Placid, N.Y., in 21st.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Double Feature / An evening with Colin Firth
A Single Man (R) 1hr 41min
Another Country (NA) 1hr 30min
7:30 p.m.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Edge of Darkness (R) 1hr 48min
1:15, 6:55

Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 4:10, 7:00

Legion (R) 1hr 40min
9:50

Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
4:05, 9:35

Tooth Fairy (PG) 1hr 42min
2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

Up in the Air (R) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:15

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hr 40 min
2:15, 6:00, 9:30

The Wolfman (R) 1hr 42min
1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:25,10:05

When in Rome (PG-13) 1hr 31min
2:00, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35

Dear John (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Dear John - Digital Presentation (PG-13) 1hr 48min
3:00, 6:15, 9:00

From Paris With Love (R) 1hr 35min
1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00

Crazy Heart (R) 2hr 07min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Last Station (Ein Russischer Sommer) (R) 1hr 52min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

Single Man (R) 1hr 39min
1:10, 7:20

Broken Embraces (R) 2hrs 23min
4:00, 9:50

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

The Book of Eli (R) 1hr 58min
11:30 a.m., 9:50

Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2 hrs
11:10 a.m., 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00

Valentine's Day (PG-13) 1hr 57min
12:30, 1:20, 2:20, 3:30, 4:10, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Treat yourself, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The unexpected could set you back and encourage a better response or a more direct inquiry. If you are willing to back off and do something totally different, everyone will gain. You might have a secret that you choose to enjoy but not share. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Being goal-oriented is perfectly OK, especially if you get a lot done and create as much good will as possible. Acknowledge others for their support, especially as they easily could have been instrumental in your success. Tonight: Make it just for you!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You must take charge and take the lead if anything is going to get done. Investigate alternatives surrounding a long-term goal. Give up monovision, and you will see the path. Someone demonstrates his or her caring in a way that counts. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching for the impossible dream. Consider alternatives that surround this wish. News from a distance is full of facts and important information. Stay open, but know when you must take the lead. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Unexpected developments could turn out well, as long as you don't push one way or the other. You'll find answers when you least expect it. Trust yourself and be willing to break out of a pattern. A new approach pays off. Tonight: Put on music and leave work way behind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are in a position in which you might want to defer to others. How you make what you want happen often is surreptitious, truth be told, but it works. Just remember not to lose your authenticity on the way. Tonight: Deal with a loved one directly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ All work really doesn't work well. You need to loosen up some and take a break. You look at all the mounds of work and cannot see how taking a break would help. You will recharge, be more creative and more effective. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might have difficulty settling in and getting ahead. You might want to rethink a decision with more care. Investigate possibilities more openly, and don't negate a risk. It could be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Do for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be hard-pressed to come up with the right answer, especially as you could be surprised by the nature of the question. Give yourself time to think and come up with appropriate answers. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Keep communication open and flowing. Realize what might be happening within your immediate circle. You might not like the answers you come up with. If you can call it an early day and work from home, please do. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be sensitive to spending, and make decisions accordingly. Realize that you cannot always take a risk and trust that you will be lucky. Don't push, and understand your limits. A late-day discussion proves to be powerful, if nothing else. Tonight: Keep a conversation going.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner, and others respond, even if you do something unexpected or quirky. Your vision of what works might not be in accordance with someone else's. Understand the power of magnetism. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

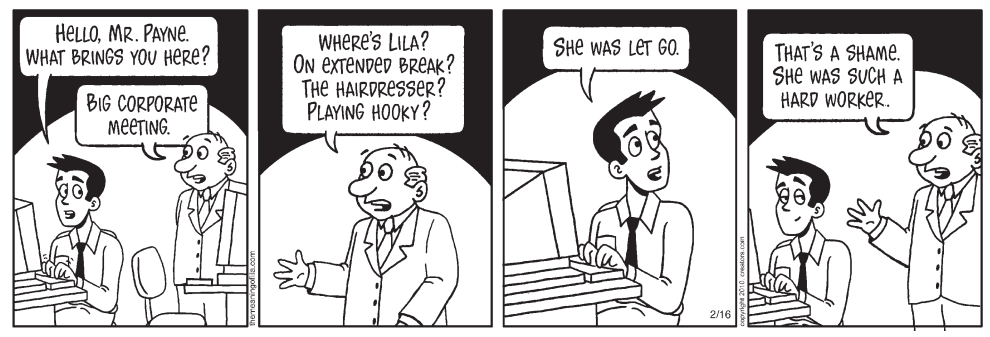
This year, you have an opportunity to stabilize your finances and create greater monetary flow and security. Your understanding of those in your immediate environment comes out frequently. Others will tend to confide in you; learn to keep a secret. If you are single, you will want to impress a new sweetie. Be careful. You want someone to care for the real you. If you are attached, dote on your significant other a little more often. You will witness a change. Enjoy the new warmth. ARIES adds wit to any conversation.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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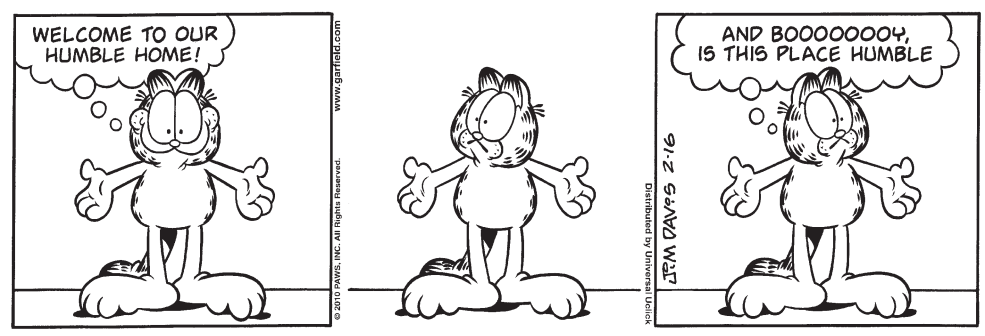
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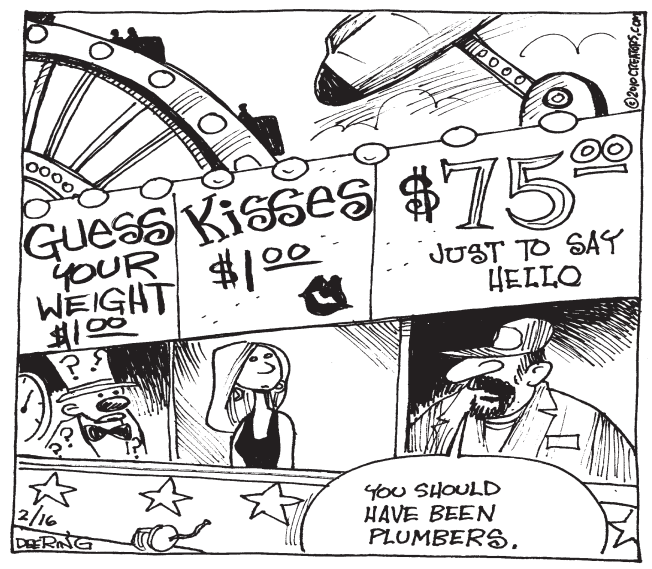
The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



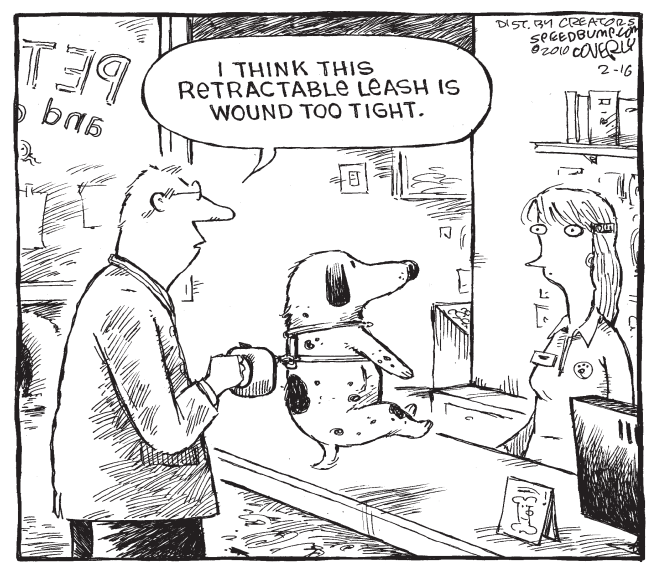
Garfield
By Jim Davis



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By John Deering



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Difficulty Level ★★

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

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Edinburgh native
5 Intolerant sort
10 Fad
12 Carried
13 "The Four of Hearts" writer
15 Boxing great
16 — Moines
17 Drs.' org.
18 Frees of suds
20 Strong — ox
21 Vegas lights
22 Circus structure
23 "Once upon —"
25 Overturn
28 Sunday entree
31 Ages and ages
32 Bits of gossip
34 Cabinet wood
35 According to
36 Pilot-policing org.
37 "Hearts in Atlantis" writer
40 Ready for bed
41 Following
42 Dance moves
43 Casual tops

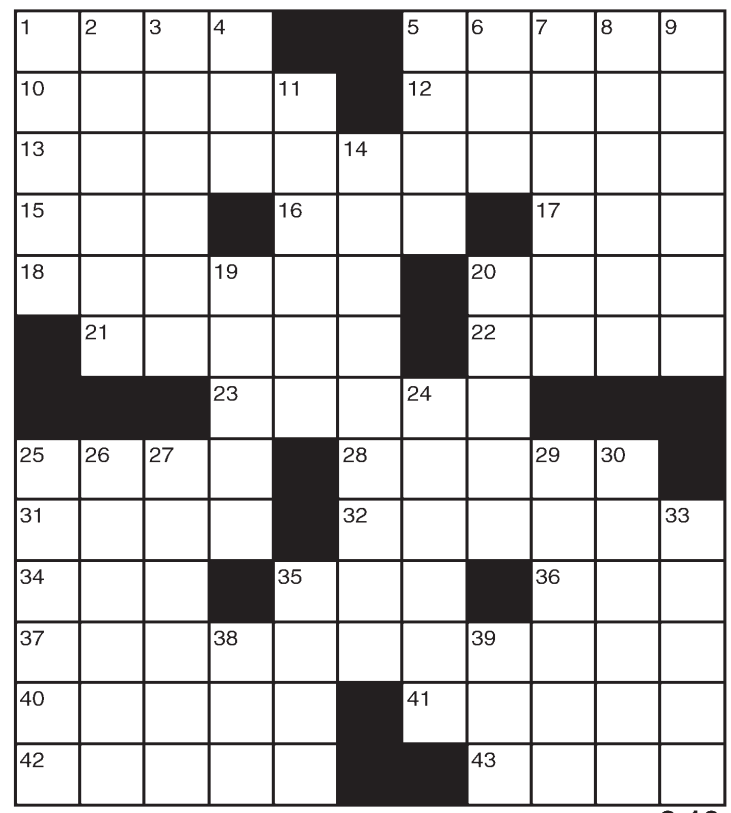
DOWN

1 Campaign tactic
2 Summon
3 Using the Internet
4 Father's Day gift
5 Cookouts, for short
6 Debtor's letters
7 Axle gunk
8 Kind of band or show
9 Lease signer
11 Impassioned
14 "You betcha!"
19 Bath bars
20 Top players
24 Laments
25 Banquets
26 Blew one's top
27 Belong naturally
29 1959 hit for The Fiestas
30 Stupor
33 Wise ones
35 Doctorate degrees
38 Energy
39 Young fox

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I	D	L	E	■	R	A	C	H	E	L
D	O	O	R	■	A	T	T	I	R	E
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S	T	E	A	M	E	D	■	P	I	G
■	■	■	P	I	N	■	K	A	N	E
L	I	C	I	T	■	C	E	D	E	S
E	V	A	N	■	S	A	Y	■	■	■
T	O	Y	■	D	I	S	B	A	R	S
O	R	E	■	I	N	T	O	T	A	L
F	I	N	I	N	G	■	A	S	I	A
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EVENING: 7 0 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The French performance artist Orlan made News of the Weird in 1993 when she underwent surgery in a New York City art gallery as part of a multiple-surgery transformation of her face according to five icons of Renaissance and post-Renaissance beauty (at that time, implanting small horns to simulate the bumpy forehead of Mona Lisa). During a Chicago show in December 1998, Orlan raised money for further operations by selling posters and videos of her surgeries and digitally enhanced portraits of her face incorporating features that ancient Mayans had found attractive but which are ugly in this society (huge noses, crossed-eyes). She also sold souvenir tubes of her liposuctioned fat.

■ White People in Turmoil: (1) April Gaede, who four years ago guided her teenage daughters, Lynx and Lamb (performing as "Prussian Blue"), to a brief music career singing neo-Nazi songs, announced a new project recently on the white nationalist Web site Stormfront.org. She offers a no-fee matchmaking service to fertile Aryans, hoping to encourage marriage and baby-making -- to help white people keep up with rapidly procreating minorities. (2) Don "Moose" Lewis announced plans in January for a 12-city pro basketball league composed only of white players (natural-born U.S. citizens, whose parents are both Caucasian). Lewis denied any "racism," explaining to the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle that whites simply like "fundamental" basketball and not "street ball" ("flipping you off or attacking you in the stands or grabbing their crotch").

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