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Report: Rents on the rise as home ownership drops

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In August 2011, the Santa Monica Housing Authority opened up its affordable housing waiting list for two days.

In under 35 hours, 33,000 applications rushed in from people from Santa Monica and other localities seeking access to a variety of subsidized housing programs available in the city.

The outpouring of need is not only depressingly normal, it's nationwide, said Sheila Crowley, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

The coalition released a report Wednesday entitled "Out of Reach," an analysis that shows the amount of affordable housing and housing assistance dropping even as need and rental prices rise.

According to the report, the poor economy and rising foreclosure rate has forced moderate income households off the home ownership track, instead causing them to enter the rental housing market and vacancy rates to drop.

As more dollars chase fewer apartments, rents begin to rise and housing becomes too expensive for the neediest individuals.

In California, considered the second most expensive state in the nation after Hawaii, a two-bedroom apartment costs around

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SETTING UP: **Workers erect signs Thursday directing drivers to parking for Sunday's L.A. Marathon. City officials expect tens of thousands of people to descend upon Santa Monica for the race that begins at Dodger Stadium and ends on Ocean Avenue.**

Downtown parking pricey for L.A. Marathon

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Tens of thousands of people are expected to flock to Downtown Santa Monica Sunday for the L.A. Marathon and city officials want to remind them that if they can walk, bike or take public transit that would be best.

If driving is the only option, there will be parking available, and it won't come cheap.

The following rates are in effect for all city-owned lots and structures on Sunday for runners who pre-registered at www.lamarathon.com:

- Civic Center Structure and lot: — $20.
- South beach lots: $12.

These lots will be open at midnight to serve the runners. Remaining unreserved spots in the Civic will be sold at $25 per entry before 6 a.m. and $10 per entry after 6 a.m. The South beach lots will return to regular weekend rates of $7 per entry.

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Waxman holds his tongue on Santa Monica Airport

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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WEST L.A. Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) shied away from direct statements about the fate of Santa Monica Airport when he met with potential new constituents Thursday night in a West Los Angeles church.

The congressman, a fixture in the federal government since 1975, fielded questions from the West L.A. Democratic Club on local, national and international issues.

He could be representing the group in 2013 if he wins a seat in the newly-drawn 33rd Congressional District, which scooped up Santa Monica, pieces of West L.A. and much of the south bay region down to the Palos Verdes peninsula.

The election would put Waxman squarely in the middle of a contentious battle over the fate of Santa Monica Airport, which sits in the middle of a populated area on the east side of Santa Monica near West L.A. and Mar Vista.

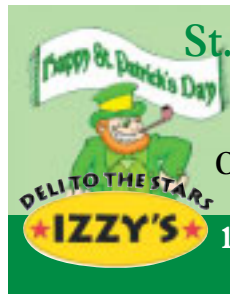
While the airport has admirers and opponents within Santa Monica, most communities immediately around it have formed committees to advocate against SMO.

A common theme in their discussions: Santa Monica gets all of the money from the businesses on the sparsely developed 227-acre parcel, while communities around must deal with the pollution and noise from jet engines and prop planes that frequent the area.

Bill Nuttle, a member of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAPP) who attended the club meeting, lives just outside the new 33rd District, but

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Walk for art
Santa Monica Airport
3223 Donald Douglas Loop South, 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The Sixth Annual ArtWalk gives visitors a glimpse of the artistic community being fostered at Santa Monica Airport. More than 60 artists will open their doors, revealing their work to the world. There will also be activities for kids and tours of the Museum of Flying. Food trucks round out the offerings. For more information, call (310) 434-2630.

Shop around the block
Citywide, times vary
To reward those who shop locally, various merchants across the city will be offering deals and steals as part of Buy Local Weekend, a partnership between City Hall and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. There will be a scavenger hunt with prizes for winners. For a list of deals, go to http://www.buylocalsantamonica.com/ The Santa Monica Daily Press is a Buy Local partner.

Battling it out
Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m..
Are you ready to rock? Watch local teen bands battle it out and cheer for your favorite. Space for this event is limited and is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (310) 458-8621.

Sunday, March 18, 2012

L.A. Marathon
Colorado & Ocean Avenues
Come out and cheer on the runners as they cross the finish line. For more information on street closures, parking, etc., visit www.smgov.net/lamarathon

Making beautiful music
Green Brooms Music Academy
1445 Sixth St.,
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to learn how to play a musical instrument? Well, here's your chance. The Green Brooms Music Academy will be offering 30-minute private or semi-private lessons for $10, with all proceeds going to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica. Instruments range from the cello to the ukulele. Reservations are required. For more information call (310) 310-2623.

Music at the edge
First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica
1220 Second St., 6 p.m.
Jacaranda, the Westside music series known for presenting rarely heard, modern and new classical music, will present two concerts this weekend. Christopher Rouse, just-named the 2012-13 composer-in-residence for the New York Philharmonic, will be performing. For more information or to purchase tickets to the concert series, go to www.jacarandamusic.org or call (213) 483-0216. The cost online for the concert is $35 general/$15 for students, or at the door, $40 general/ $20 for students.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD HDQTRS

School board accepts new permit policy

The Board of Education voted Thursday to allow new permit students into the district, including grandchildren of Santa Monica residents who have lived in the area for more than five years.

Adding 100 new students through interdistrict permits would help increase the district population, which has been slowly slipping downward over the past few years, district officials said.

Officials hope that ending the moratorium on new permits for certain grades will bring in extra cash needed to balance the district's books at a time when the state government is cutting money to schools.

In a report to the school board, district staff said increasing the number of students enrolled by 170 would mean an additional $876,213 from the state. Subtract the costs of four new teaching positions ($80,000), supplies and materials ($8,500) needed to cover those kids, the projected net gain pencils out to $547,713, according to figures provided by the district.

Children of district employees, children of parents who work within the district boundaries and children of City Hall or Santa Monica College employees will get priority, as will international high school students.

Board members added another category — grandchildren of residents who have lived in the district for more than five years.

Board President Ben Allen championed the inclusion, reasoning that those residents also vote for supportive measures like bonds and parcel taxes.

Staff resisted it, saying that it would be complicated for permit applicants to prove, and difficult for staff to enforce.

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

CITYWIDE

Bag ban going strong

Santa Monica's plastic bag ban is going strong one year after the City Council passed an ordinance ending the reign of single use plastic bags in the city.

Businesses have embraced the ban, with no major violators reported thus far, said Josephine Miller, an employee of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, which is in charge of administering the ban.

"Everybody's telling me it's a success," she said. "The goal was to protect the marine environment. In a city of 90,000 people with 200,000 during the day, almost everyone is respecting the ban."

No formal citations have been issued; 76 verbal warnings were given since February 2011.

Twenty-six people have complained to the office that they don't like the ban, Miller said.

The office is considering repositioning the bag and Styrofoam container ban into a single ordinance that would ban single-use materials altogether. No other legislation is on the horizon, however.

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PLAYING DEAD

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The cast of 'Ghosts' – (front to back) Michelle Danner, Lucy Honigman, James Giordano, Paul Stroili, and Nate Golon – runs through a dress rehearsal at the Edgemar Center for the Arts on Thursday. The play opens March 17 and runs through May 6.

SMC moves closer to creating Malibu campus

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MALIBU If all goes according to plan, residents of Malibu will be able to attend Santa Monica College in 2014 without having to fight the traffic on Pacific Coast Highway as they make their way into the city by the sea.

Officials with the college and the city of Malibu announced Friday that a lease agreement with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is in the works, allowing SMC to build a $25-million satellite campus on roughly 3 acres in the Malibu Civic Center.

Officials seem to be pleased with the initial plans and are moving forward with next steps, which include completion and review of documents required by the California Environmental Quality Act, site drawings, parking surveys and utility and telecommunications relocation plans, according to a press release.

The goal is to create a facility that would include "high value classrooms" such as a computer and science lab, an art studio and a community music and lecture hall in addition to two standard classrooms.

The plan also includes a substation for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and a multi-purpose room for the community, which will double as an emergency operations center for Malibu and the county, according to the release.

SMC has been offering a handful of classes at Webster Elementary School for the last two years, but that is a far cry from the 70 general education classes and several non-credit classes offered two decades ago. SMC was forced to scale back classes, in part because of rising rents, said Don Girard, senior director of government relations and institutional communications for SMC.

The lease with the county would be for 25 years at a cost of roughly $4.4 million, money which will be paid up front by SMC to cover costs associated with preparing the site for construction. The college would then have 14, five-year extensions on the lease at a cost of $1 per year, meaning the campus could be there for 95 years.

College officials hope to have the campus up and running by 2014, although that seems optimistic given the regulatory hurdles involved. The project is being funded by Measure S, a $135-million bond measure approved by voters in 2004.

"We're very grateful to Los Angeles County, the Sheriff's Department and the city of Malibu for their outstanding assistance in making this college campus possible," said Rob Rader, Santa Monica College trustee and Malibu Public Facilities Authority chair. "The Malibu campus is a priority for us."

Once the campus is completed, there's still the task of securing enough funding to operate it. As SMC struggles to provide classes with less money from the state, it remains to be seen how college officials will be able to afford the new campus.

Girard said funding from the state is cyclical and there are hopes that finances will improve.

"While this is one of the very worst [funding cycles], what we are building for is a permanent future and we will be able to operate successfully," he said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Misleading

Editor:

Mr. Fordes' letter ("Groupon go away," Letters to the Editor, March 13) about scenic rides offered by Justice Aviation reminds me of the left- and right-wing zealots on TV and radio who try to inflame people with untruths, misinformation or downright lies.

The least bit of research (or, possibly a phone call to Mr. Justice of Justice Aviation to check facts) would have prevented his disseminating those untruths.

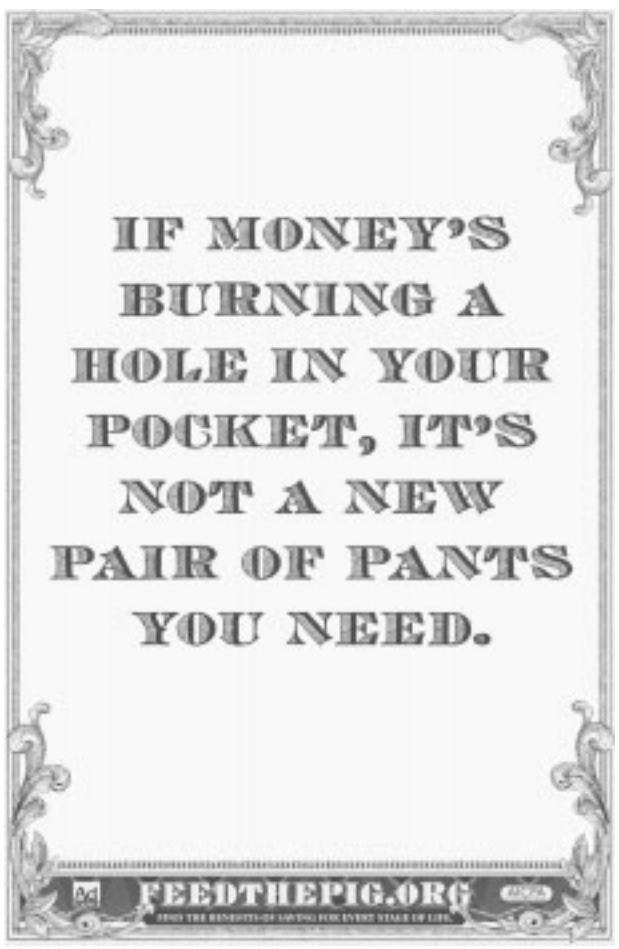
In the case of steep turns, they are entered at maneuvering speed, which, for example, in a Cessna 172 is 90 to 105 knots (about 103 to 120 mph). A small increase of about a hundred RPM (revolutions per minute) is added by the throttle and perhaps a bit of "trim" (an adjustment to the elevator) is used to assist the pilot in remaining at the same altitude. No "huge throttle surges" are used. It is also a fact that steep turns are not "the noisiest maneuvers to make." In fact, from the ground, one can hardly tell that a steep turn is in process. Just a brief phone call to Justice Aviation would have revealed these facts. Mr. Fordes didn't want to confuse people with facts, I guess, only to inflame.

But, more importantly, no instructor (and I am aware of the abilities of the instructors at Justice Aviation) would permit a sightseer to handle the aircraft in a steep turn, and never over a built-up area. Even new student pilots do not do them because a high level of familiarity with the controls (elevator, rudder, aileron and trim) is a must. Steep turns come later on in a pilot's training. If steep turns are ever done during a scenic flight (and I doubt it) they would be done by the professional pilot. By taking "over the controls" is no doubt meant that the sightseer would hold the controls while in level flight or, possibly, in a very easy turn. No flight school would ever trust a sightseer with a complex task and no novice would be comfortable with doing it either.

First, Mr. Fordes needs to calm down and, secondly, to get his facts straight. Perhaps he needs to get a Groupon coupon and take a calming scenic flight (with, perhaps, Mr. Justice as the pilot) to see what the real situation is.

I understand that the Groupon ads have received a very positive response. There are a lot of people in Santa Monica who are interested in aviation and who value the airport. We need to listen to them and not to a small group of airport haters.

Reynold Dacon
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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Playing safe in the sand

Q: SPRING BREAK IS RIGHT AROUND THE corner. I heard several reports from the news media indicating Frisbee and ball throwing was being banned completely on all Los Angeles County beaches. Is this true?

A: Some media reports on the county's beach ordinance were misleading. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors actually lifted a 42 year old, all-out ban on playing football, Frisbee tossing, and throwing other sports balls on the beach. Its intention is not to preclude football or Frisbee tossing. Rather, its purpose is to allow ball playing without disturbing other beachgoers, while providing reasonable safety measures that lifeguards may impose on a crowded beach day, when the throwing of footballs or Frisbees could cause injuries to uninvolved bystanders.

The ordinance allows football play, Frisbee and other ball play during the off-peak beach season. In the summer months, when millions of visitors come to L.A. County beaches (which includes Santa Monica beach), lifeguards have the authority to stop a game if it threatens safety in crowded areas of the beach. If necessary, a citation may be issued by law enforcement or code enforcement officers to individuals who ignore the lifeguards' directives on ball playing, or any other lifeguard directive pertaining to beach or water safety.

Even during the peak season, the rule does allow for games in specially designated parts of the beach.

The newly revised beach ordinance does not ban footballs, soccer balls, or Frisbees on L.A. County beaches. Instead, the ordinance provides a set of guidelines for safe ball playing at the beach.

Beachgoers may throw, kick, or roll any ball or light object on L.A. County beaches during the off-peak season between Labor Day and Memorial Day as long as persons or property are not endangered, and may do so year-round in established and/or designated areas or if they receive permission from the Department of Beaches and Harbors or a lifeguard.

If the ball-playing code section is violated, the violation is an infraction punishable by a fine in accordance with California Government Code section 25132 as follows:

(b) "Every violation determined to be an infraction is punishable by (1) a fine not exceeding $100 for a first violation; (2) a fine not exceeding $200 for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year; (3) a fine not exceeding $500 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year."

Q: I'm down at the Santa Monica beach a lot. I've heard there are lots of rules and regulations, but am not sure what they are. Can you provide some of the violations for me to share with my friends/family so we can enjoy the beach and not worry about breaking the law?

A: We must all remember that there are many laws that are enacted to balance the enjoyment of the beachgoers, the rights of the residents who live in the area, and the visitors who come to beautiful Santa Monica all year long. I have listed several of the most common issues we come across, but please know that it is not a comprehensive list.

• 21966 — No pedestrian shall walk, jog, etc. along a bicycle path or lane where there is an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility. Generally speaking, this means, if there is a pedestrian walking path, promenade, or Ocean Front Walk, which parallels the bike path, you shall not walk on the bike path, and may be cited. Please be courteous to the bicyclists. After all, it's called a "bike path" for a reason. If you really want to be on the bike path, dig your bike out of the garage and ride on it all you want. Please, refrain from walking on the bike path; it's not safe.

• 4.44.020 — Smoking is prohibited on Santa Monica beach, on the Santa Monica Pier, in waiting areas for public services (i.e. bus stops) and within 20 feet of an entrance to a public facility (i.e. restaurants, hotels, other storefronts). This also includes the Chess Park.

• 4.55.100 — No fires or fireworks are allowed in any public park or beach. No fire pits of any kind, using a fire, barbecue or portable stove, or burning charcoal, except upon a masonry or concrete hearth, barbecue grills, or fire circle provided by the city for such purpose. The prohibition contained in this subsection shall not apply to city-produced events that receive a community event permit.

• 4.08.210 — No person shall possess or use any glass container upon any public beach, any public beach parking lot, the promenade, the beach bike-path, any picnic area or playground area on or adjacent to the beach, and on any public area of the Santa Monica Pier.

• 4.08.080 — No person shall erect, place or maintain any tent, easy-up shade canopy, or other temporary housing or shelter which is closed or capable of being closed more than 50 percent from the ground up on any Santa Monica beach.

• 4.08.096 — No person shall use the equipment/apparatus at Muscle Beach or the chess tables/chess pieces at Chess Park after sunset and before sunrise. This municipal code is enforced discretionarily. As mentioned before, there is a constant balance between maintaining peace for the residents nearby and locals who are working out or just enjoying the beach. As it gets late in the evening, be conscientious of the noise level for the people trying to rest in their homes nearby. With this in mind, the next municipal code must be adhered to.

• 4.12.100 — No playing of audio or electronic devices after 10 p.m., or before 8 a.m. No person shall play any audio or electronic device, radio, or any other musical instrument in or upon any public park, beach, or recreational facility owned or maintained by City Hall. Once again, neighbors live along the beach and their desire for peace and quiet must be respected.

L.A. MARATHON

A reminder, the Los Angeles Marathon will be in town this Sunday, March 18. San Vicente Boulevard, from Wilshire Boulevard to Ocean Avenue is expected to be closed from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Ocean Avenue, from San Vicente to Pico Boulevard is expected to be closed from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please plan your routes accordingly. For further information visit www.lamarathon.com

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The Q Line

Worth the fight?

The residents of Village Trailer Park have reached out to the Environmental Protection Agency to try to stop the demolition of trailers by an owner that wants to ultimately redevelop the property. This protracted fight has even included an attempt to landmark the park to stop the project from moving forward.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think that it's worth fighting for or should residents just accept the property owner's intentions and move on quietly?

Here are your responses:

"EVEN THOUGH I DO BELIEVE IN people's property rights, with the trailer park it all depends. It depends on what the lease agreement says. I do believe property owners should be able to do with their properties what they wish to do. But one has to be aware of the common good, so I think we are in a bit of a conundrum here."

"I THINK THAT THE VILLAGE TRAILER Park should be saved, that the residents should be allowed to live there as they have been and want to. I think Santa Monica has been waging a war on the poor consistently and effectively. I think it should be stopped. I think whoever is in charge seems to want to annihilate any old trace of Santa Monica that ever was. I don't like the new look of it. It is an ugly, faceless, nameless place with a lot of corporate money behind it. Santa Monica has sold its soul to the devil and it's a tragic loss."

"I LIVE AROUND THE CORNER FROM the park — and have for 19 years — and what the city has allowed and is allowing is a travesty. Their own consultant found that the park should be landmarked, but they voted against that finding. What a bunch of losers. They aren't interested in the people of Santa Monica. They don't listen at meetings or to letters. They only listen to the money. This city is no longer fun, home, affordable or sensible. Now more intrusive developments, impassable traffic and losing our history. Village Trailer Park [residents] should fight with all their might."

"THIS FIGHT IS ABOUT MUCH MORE than some seniors and young families at Village Trailer Park who do not want to move from their homes. This fight is about how the entire Eastside will look; it is about whether our streets will forever be choked with traffic gridlock; it is about homeowners protecting their homes' values; it is about the city enforcing the vision of the LUCE; and, last but not least, it is about our community experiencing the value of networking for a common cause — the environmental and social goals valued by all citizens of Santa Monica."

"THE VILLAGE TRAILER PARK IS A UNIQUE neighborhood of homeowners. It's been a peaceful, park-like Santa Monica oasis since 1950. The residents should definitely fight to save their homes. And the rest of us should help them."

"THE VILLAGE TRAILER PARK IS WORTH fighting for! Who among us would like being kicked out of our homes! Minimally, the owner should pay for mobile homes and transport to an alternative trailer park."

"VILLAGE TRAILER PARK WAS WORTH fighting for when that was possible. The council, however, did not care about these older people enough, to let them live out their lives as they had all of their adult lives. Despite Kevin McKeown's correct assertion that vacating older people was not the Santa Monica way, the other members and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights were largely indifferent to their fate."

"THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS RIGHTS TOO, and he chooses to develop the trailer park into an assortment of other types of dwellings. I think the fight is over and the people of Village Trailer Park ought to take the offer of the choices set out for them, even though it will be a difficult adjustment. They still have the opportunity to remain in Santa Monica as they wish to do. The Q-Line is asking the right question here."

"THIS TRAILER PARK WOULD NOT BE AN issue if Santa Monica were in Kansas, as the whole place would have already been destroyed by a tornado by now."

"AS USUAL THE CITY PLANNERS AND CITY Council ignored the zoning requirements of this city. The property is zoned only for a residential trailer park. By giving the owners a special perk these long-term residents are forced to move from their homes and lose the investment in their trailers. Some of these residents are veterans of WW II. If this is done any residential area could be rezoned by pressure of a favored developer. This is a beautiful site, filled with city history so don't think your home is safe from greed in this city."

"HOW CAN A RESIDENT OF THE PARK, who purchased his home with the assurance that he could either live in his home or sell it, "move on quietly" without first being fairly compensated so he can buy another home? Previously I could have sold my home and "moved on" but because of the threatened park closure, I can no longer sell it but am forced to endure the present turmoil in the park."

"THE DEVELOPERS SHOULD JUST MOVE on quietly. A protracted fight is exactly what they will have otherwise, just as the proposed developers of Lincoln Place had and finally lost. Ultimately the developers and the city may be bankrupted by this fight. Remember Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. People fighting for their homes are committed. Proposed developers of trailer parks throughout the state have been bankrupted by treating this type of low-cost housing as their playgrounds."

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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'Pink slime' sounds gross, but how does it taste?

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AP Food Editor

All this angst over "pink slime" has made one thing clear: We don't always know what we're getting when we bite into a big juicy burger.

Which leaves unanswered some of the most basic questions in the debate over what the meat industry calls lean finely textured beef, a processed meat filler that experts say has found its way into much of the ground beef consumed in the United States.

But as a professional eater, I needed to know two things: What does this stuff do to the taste and texture of ground beef? And how can consumers know when they're eating it?

Neither answer came easily, the former because of the sheer volume of beef I needed to eat, the latter because of the rather opaque way ground beef is made.

'SLIME' IN THE NEWS

For schools, that opacity began to clear Thursday, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that as of the fall the National School Lunch Program will allow districts to choose ground beef that does not contain the product. Previously, it was difficult for schools to know whether the beef they bought from the feds had it or not.

That's because pink slime — no matter what you call it or what you think of it — really is made from beef and therefore doesn't need to be listed as a separate ingredient.

But Thursday's announcement doesn't do much for the average consumer.

At the grocer, a steak is a steak, and it is nearly always labeled by the cut of beef it's from. There was a time when ground beef was similarly labeled and you knew at least roughly what part of the animal you were getting. And though some packages still indicate "ground chuck" or "ground sirloin," today most is labeled simply as "ground beef."

Most consumers don't care. They'd rather focus on another part of the label — the fat percentage. And producers don't care. It has made it easier for them to take a more amalgamated approach to ground beef, using whatever cuts they want or have without worrying about spelling it out.

Now introduce lean finely textured beef, and the meat picture is further muddied.

The product is made from bits of meat left over from other cuts. It's heated and spun to remove the fat, then compressed into blocks for mixing into conventional ground beef. Because it's so lean and inexpensive, producers often mix it into fattier meat to produce an overall leaner product.

That means two packages labeled "ground beef 80 percent lean" may look and sound the same but be composed of different meats. One could be unadulterated ground beef made from cuts of meat containing 20 percent fat. The other could be made from poorer quality — much fattier — meat but cut with and made leaner by pink slime, a term coined by a federal microbiologist grossed out by it and now widely used by critics and food activists.

How do you tell the difference? For the most part, you don't.

"You can't differentiate beef from beef," said Jeremy Russell, a spokesman for the National Meat Association, which represents processors, suppliers and exporters. "Talking to your retailer would be the only way."

So that's what I did. But it got me only partial answers.

THE FIELD RESEARCH

At grocer No. 1, the folks behind the butcher counter were able to show me one brand, a pricy "all-natural" ground beef that did not contain the meat filler. But for the many other and far less expensive varieties of ground beef? They had no way of knowing.

Grocer No. 2 presented the opposite problem. The workers there found one brand that definitely did have the pink stuff, but they couldn't say whether any others did or didn't.

And don't be fooled by the "all-natural" beef label at store No. 1. That term is unregulated, so it doesn't really mean anything. At another store, another brand of ground beef could be similarly labeled but still contain the meat filler.

But the term "organic" is regulated, and that provides a clue. If you can find it — and are willing to pay the price — ground beef labeled organic cannot contain lean finely textured beef.

Despite the odds, I had lucked out. Between the two grocers, I'd managed to identify two packages of 85 percent lean ground beef, one with pink slime and one without. Time to taste.

By label alone, it was clear we were talking different beef demographics. The pink slime-free product bragged that it was minimally processed and that the cows had been raised without antibiotics, growth hormones or animal byproducts in their food. Price — $5.99 per pound. The pink slime version? Just a minimalist "compare and save." Price — $3.09 per pound.

Outwardly, they seemed the same: They smelled the same, and they looked basically the same, though the pink slime sample was slightly lighter in color. Until you touched them. The all-natural sample was slightly fattier to touch. That seemed odd, since both products should have the same fat content.

INTO THE MOUTH

For the taste test, I kept it simple and pure. I formed a half-pound of each ground beef into a thick burger patty, adding nothing to the meat. And though I prefer my burgers on the grill, I decided to fry these in a skillet because it's easier to control the cooking, ensuring both would be cooked to the same degree and under the same conditions.

I added nothing to the pan. Meat this fatty generally bleeds out a robust amount of grease, so I wasn't concerned with sticking. That was my second surprise. The pink slime patty released very little fat during cooking. The other patty gave off two or three times as much.

About 5 minutes per side, and I declared them medium-rare. After giving them a few minutes to rest, I seasoned them lightly with salt and pepper, then cut in.

First, the unadulterated burger. The aroma was luscious. The meat was juicy, tender and nicely seared. Where I'd cut, juices slowly dribbled out onto the plate, collecting in a pool. The taste was savory and meaty, with big beefy flavor. The chew had just the right texture, substantial but giving. Basically, everything you would want in a burger.

The pink slime burger also was perfectly seared and drew me in with an equally alluring aroma. But no juices collected on the plate. Or dribbled out. Or were apparent in

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The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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It's not French, but it will do

WHILE WALKING DOWN THE THIRD Street Promenade with my friend Michel, we were lamenting about the absence of French restaurants when we saw George's Bistro. Well, a bistro is French, and George is a common French name, so in we went.

George's bistro is not French. It's eclectic American, which means Italian dishes and a lot of fried foods. But, that being said, what we ate was pretty good.

We tried the meat lasagna, which came in a hot baking dish, and consisted of well made pasta, a tomato-based sauce, and ground beef. At $15 it's a bargain, and enough for two. The salad that went with it was pretty much like back in the Midwest: lettuce, croutons and bottled dressing.

Having been saturated with ads for McDonald's hot wings while watching my favorite sports events, I noticed hot wings on this menu. I actually tried the McDonald's version a few weeks ago, and found their version a bit dry, and the only thing hot was the attractive young woman taking the orders. But the hot wings at George's were really good: they were not over-fried, and the chicken was moist and tender. The hot sauce, on the side, had a bit too much vinegar taste for me, but was in fact hot, and the cool white sauce was just right. At $11 for six pieces it seemed reasonable, although it cost a lot more than the $.50 per wing offered at McDonald's.

Having seen their prowess in frying, we felt compelled to try an order of fried calamari. Often these come overcooked and taste like cardboard. To George's credit, these were as good as I've had anywhere. They were very lightly fried, and had perfect texture. The dipping sauce was a bit heavy on the tomato flavor, but that's probably how most people like it. I prefer a bit more spicy sauce. At $13 this dish might be a bit more than charged in most places, but I found it well worth it, especially in a tourist area with a view of the promenade.

According to the wait staff, the favorite dish at George's is the pasta with chicken and pieces of tomato. And, in the evenings many customers order a 12-ounce rib eye at $32. The staff is very competent, and the head waiter and chef have been on board for almost 20 years.

To go with my coffee I decided to try the cheesecake. Now cheesecake is a subject on which one could write a book. It's been around for over 2,000 years and was quite a delicacy in ancient Greece and Rome. A good feature about cheesecake is that it relies on cheese, cream and egg yokes for thickening, not flour.

There are many different kinds of cheesecakes, and they vary both in the kind of cheese used (cream cheese, cottage cheese, ricotta, quark), if it is baked or not, and what region it is made. There are at least 12 different regional types of cheesecake.

But when all is said and done, there are two distinct types found in almost all American restaurants: one comes with the cheesecake layer on a crust and a layer of lighter, creamier cheese on top, and the other is more like a baked cake, but of course much lighter because of the absence of flour. Personally I like the one with two layers, the creamy layer of soft cream cheese on top, and the more dense cheese filling over a graham cracker crust.

At George's Bistro the cheesecake fails the Merv Test. It's the baked cake type, over a forgettable crust, and too heavy. There is little, if any, cream cheese taste. For $8 we can do better.

There's a lot more to be said about cheesecake, and Michel and I are going to visit some delis around town to get more information for you. Meanwhile, I'm going back to George's soon for more fried calamari and a rib-eye steak.

If you go

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the meat in really any way. The taste was — OK. I took another taste of the first burger, then back to the pink slime burger.

It was not bad. But nor was it good. It was flat. I added more salt. No. It was simply one-dimensional.

And then there was the texture. Unpleasantly chewy bits of what I can only describe as gristle, though they were not visible, seemed to stud the meat of the pink slime burger. The result was a mealy chew that, while not overtly unpleasant, didn't leave me wanting another bite.

Of course, I did take another bite. In the interest of good journalism, I ate both burgers entirely. And then I felt sick. I'm confident that has nothing to do with slime of any sort.

Freelance food writer **MICHELE KAYAL** in Washington contributed to this report.





HOUSING
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$1,353 per month, including basic utilities.

In order to afford that level of rent without paying more than 30 percent of income on housing, the federal standard of affordability, a household would have to bring in $54,127 per year, or $26.02 per hour assuming a 40-hour work week.

The average wage for a renter in California is only $17.68 per hour. That gap is reflected in almost every community throughout the report.

"The numbers in 'Out of Reach' demonstrate that this year, in every community across the country, there are renters working full-time who are unable to afford the rents where they live," the report reads.

The dearth of affordable housing is particularly apparent in Los Angeles, where a previous study by the coalition showed that there are only 18 units that are both affordable and available for every 100 low-income individuals, said Megan Bolton, the senior research analyst with NLIHC.

"There's more demand and less desire to own a home," Bolton said. "Rental vacancy rates are going down and rents are going up."

Jim Clarke, the executive director of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, isn't sure that recent figures have shown the demand described in the report, which looked at figures that showed a dropping home ownership rate as of the fourth quarter of 2011.

"Probably in the last six months, there's been no spike in tenant screening services," Clarke said, describing the current situation as a renters market.

In Santa Monica, where roughly 70 percent of households rent, officials have long pursued policies to build affordable housing, including an affordable housing trust fund, an inclusionary ordinance that requires market-rate construction to provide either affordable units or in-lieu fees and considerable development through the Redevelopment Agency.

Redevelopment agencies, which were dissolved by an act of the Legislature upheld by the California Supreme Court in February, were required to put 20 percent of their funds toward affordable housing.

Santa Monica's contributed considerably more, accounting for 75 percent of the funding in the affordable housing trust fund.

With that gone, officials are looking at other policies, including expanding the affordable housing fee to other kinds of development that don't have to pay it, like creative office space and hotels.

On the other side of the coin, a development agreement up for consideration by the City Council on March 20 includes living wage and local hiring provisions for its employees.

It was an attempt on the part of the Planning Commission to ensure that those who work in Santa Monica can also afford to live in the city, despite the landowner's protestations that the requirements could hurt the financial viability of the project — a hotel.

Finding ways to support those kinds of workers is an obligation, even in a place with land values like those in Santa Monica, Crowley said.

"They're not people from Mars, they're the people who do the jobs every day," Crowley said. "That's an important thing that needs to be considered."

Although the loss of redevelopment money has made it more difficult to provide housing for people of all income levels, it's still a responsibility that Santa Monica is committed to, City Councilmember Kevin McKeown wrote in an e-mail.

"Our core values call on us to remain a complete community, not exclusively a beachside bastion of the exceptionally well-to-do, and to practice policies of economic justice that let both homeowner and rental households enjoy Santa Monica, adequately supported by workers who earn fair wages," McKeown wrote.

California legislators are working to fill the $1 billion gap left by redevelopment.

Senate Bill 1220, the Homes Act, would provide between $400 and $900 million a year for affordable housing by levying a fee on real estate transactions.

Shamus Roller, executive director of Housing California, an advocacy group for affordable housing and the prevention of homelessness, calls it a "significant step in the right direction."

"One piece I would like to point out is how important a stable and affordable home is to people's health in the broadest sense," Roller said. "It's important for kids' educational outcomes, their health outcomes and making sure they have a safe and stable place. It's a baseline service in making sure that we have a healthy community."

The fight is too much for cities, counties and even states to win alone, Crowley said.

National policies like a federal housing trust fund or other dedicated sources of revenue to expand the supply of rental housing for the extremely low-income bracket would help the problem considerably, she said.

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• Central Beach Zone: $15 flat rate.

• North and south beach zones: regular weekend rates ($7 per entry).

No free Main Street Farmers' Market parking in the beach lots in Sunday.

Need help finding a car? Tickets will be color-coded to correspond to the lot or structure where the car is parked.

Taxis will be available in the valet and bus pull-outs on Second and Fourth streets between Colorado Avenue and Broadway, near Santa Monica Place. Those taking cabs are reminded to only accept rides from those cab companies with a franchise to operate in Santa Monica. They are: Bell Cab, Independent Taxi, Metro Cab, Taxi! Taxi! and Yellow Cab.

Parking in Downtown will be extremely challenging, city officials warn. To help navigate, go to City Hall's real-time parking map for your mobile phone at www.smgov.net/mobileparkingmaps.

Additional parking is available at meters and private lots throughout the city. Remember that Santa Monica has numerous preferential parking zones which set time limits or prohibit parking in residential neighborhoods. All meter, time limit, preferential parking and other parking restrictions will be strictly enforced.

Those who bike (if brave enough to face the rain) can take advantage of complimentary bike valet service from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the new Bike Center at the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue and on Washington and Ocean avenues. The Main Street Farmers' Market bike valet at 2640 Ocean Ave. will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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within the influence of the airport.

"These big jets are coming in and they don't have adequate runoff space at the end of the runway," Nuttle said. "If it should overshoot, and end up on Walgrove (Avenue) or beyond, it would be very nasty."

Some of the concerns were familiar, Waxman told the Daily Press Friday, like the length of the runway and worries about toxic fumes.

What he doesn't understand is the position of the Federal Aviation Administration, which has steadfastly held that the airport must be operated in perpetuity despite short runways and lack of crash protection at the end of the runways.

"They are very supportive of that airport, which is why I don't understand their unwillingness to make accommodations with regard to safety, air and sound pollution," Waxman said.

Waxman was also unaware of the disagreement between the FAA and City Hall about when local government gains more latitude over the operations at the airport.

An agreement penned in 1984, the last time City Hall received federal money for improvements at the site, gave the FAA control over aspects of the airport operations.

That's typical at most airports, which take money frequently from the FAA and therefore are continuously living under those contract terms.

Santa Monica city officials hold that their obligations under the 1984 agreement expire in 2015, a date which has been receiving increasing attention from activists and residents who would like to see the airport shut down or at least have its operations curtailed.

The FAA, however, believes that City Hall last received money in 2003, which pushes the obligation date to 2023.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and State Sen. Ted Lieu have come out strongly against the airport.

Waxman has met with Rosendahl on the issue, and says that should they both be reelected, he will sit down with Rosendahl and Lieu to work on a solution.

He was unwilling to make definitive statements on Thursday night about the policies he might pursue regarding the airport except to say that he'd already sent letters and expressed concerns to the FAA.

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Culture Watch

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Leveling the playing field for purchasing works of art

INCOGNITO, NOW IN ITS EIGHTH YEAR AT Santa Monica Museum of Art (SMMOA), is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful museum fundraiser/art sales anywhere in the art world.

The concept — show the art without artist's signature, so people make decisions based on their taste, not an artist's name — was imported from London's Royal College of Art by SMMOA director Elsa Longhauser. Over the years Longhauser has honed and refined the concept, and Incognito 2012 tops all previous incarnations, with a record number of 697 artworks donated by 500 artists.

Incognito starts at 7 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 17. Don't be late — there's always a line and people rush to get in.

On Thursday night, SMMOA introduced the PreCognito Gala, a new awards dinner honoring Bergamot Station founder Wayne Blank (Shoshana Wayne Gallery) and art collector/patron Eileen Norton. The museum's top donors dined in the gallery where they were privileged to preview the artworks.

The room was filled end to end with tables with seats assigned by name, printed on small covered paint cans containing pencils and a blank map of the room's layout, the 500 artists' names printed on the other side. The 300 collectors, artists, patrons and celebrities crowded along the gallery's edges, cocktails and maps in hand, marking an X on the spots where the unsigned and unnumbered works they want are located along the walls.

This will help guide their buying. But like everyone else, they'll have to wait until Saturday night.

Each work of art is no larger than 8-by-10 inches. For the price of admission plus $350 per artwork, anyone fast enough to stake their claim could walk away with a mini-masterpiece by living legends like Ed Moses and Ed Ruscha, or new talents such as emerging artist Jake Kean Mayman or mid-career Tofer Chin.

"It's the most democratic way imaginable to buy art," Blank said. "I mean, I'm the landlord here, but I've got the same chance as anyone else of getting one of these artworks."

Moving to Bergamot Station and bringing in Longhauser as SMMOA's director has proven the winning combination for a museum whose roots are in conceptual art. How do you exhibit temporal art in a permanent space and make it interesting? Under Longhauser's aegis, the museum's mission has expanded, with important exhibits, educational outreach and smart programming contributing to SMMOA's staying power and its value to southern California and beyond.

Robert Berman of Santa Monica Art Auctions, who has operated galleries in Santa Monica since 1979 and was one of Bergamot's first tenants in 1994, said: "The museum is an anchor. It's a cutting edge cultural and community destination marked by a deep intelligence, especially in a multi-gallery setting like Bergamot. I could have a show at my gallery for six weeks and not sell a single piece, then another that sells out. But SMMOA is never about selling. It's about enriching the art experience for the public."

Incognito art is packed edge to edge along three long, narrow shelves — the width of a yard from top to bottom — that line the length of the gallery's walls. Each row is filled with a deliriously giddy array of works in countless artistic styles enveloping the room.

To keep artists' identities secret, signatures are placed on the backs of the paintings. Numbered tags hang below, and once you grab one, you own that piece. Decide fast or someone will beat you to it! Then cashiers tally up the tags, send them off to their matching numbered artworks, and only after they've paid will buyers discover whose work he or she has purchased.

It's as close to a level playing field as the art world can offer. With Incognito 2012, Santa Monica Museum of Art has demonstrated that it has perfected the art of fundraising.

Tickets are still available, visit www.smmoa.org for details.

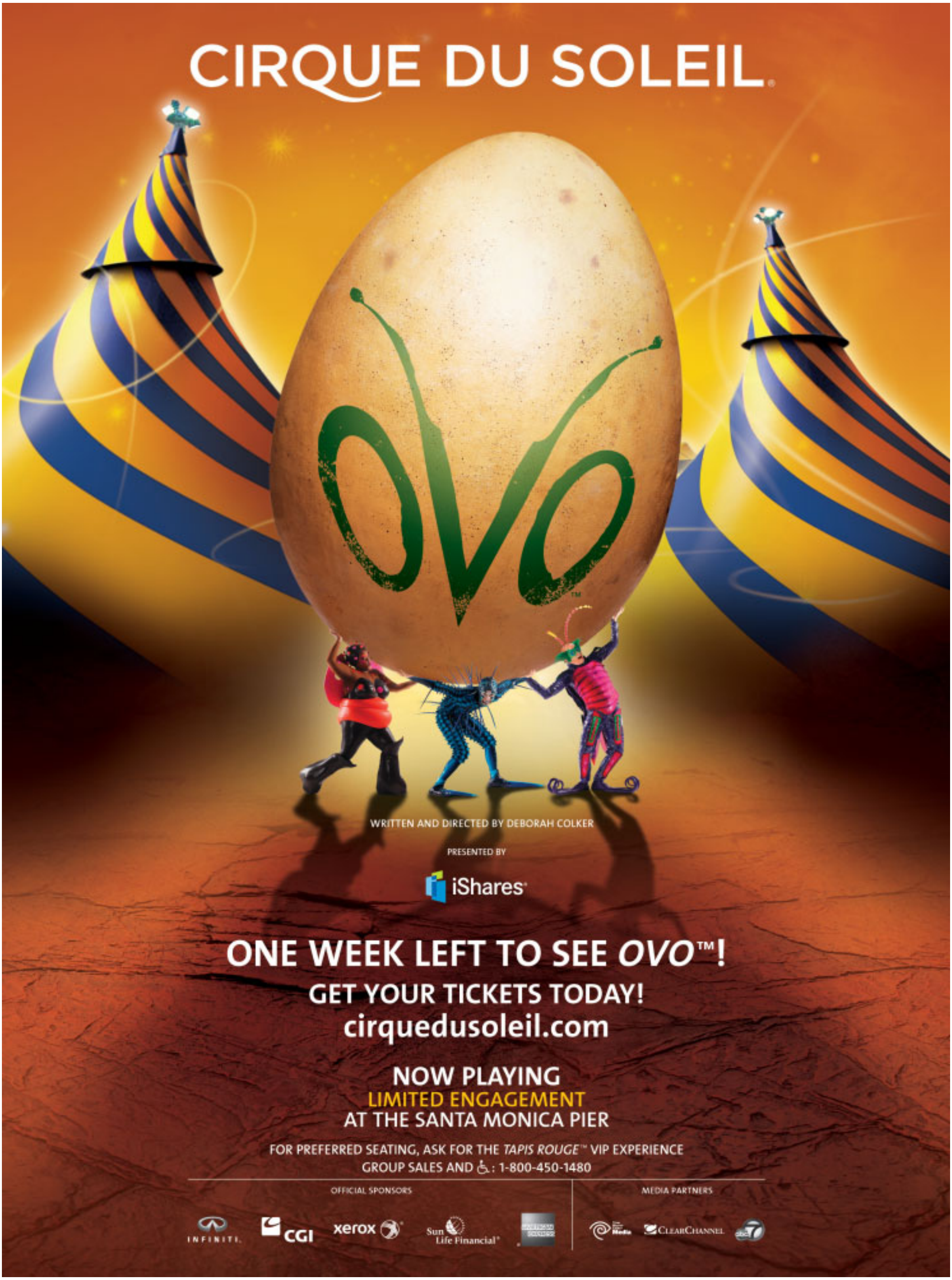


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PLANNING: **Gail Katz previewing the Incognito artwork and mapping her strategy at the Precognito Gala and Preview on Thursday.**

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Analyst expects lower revenue from Brown tax deal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The Legislative Analyst's Office on Friday estimated that a compromise tax measure for the November ballot would generate about $2.2 billion less in the first year than estimates from Gov. Jerry Brown's Department of Finance.

The Democratic governor this week reached a deal with supporters of a rival tax plan known as the millionaires tax. The revised initiative would raise the state sales tax by a quarter-cent for five years. It also would raise taxes on a sliding scale from 1 percent to 3 percent on incomes over $250,000 a year for seven years.

A review released Friday by the nonpartisan analyst's office estimates revenue of $6.8 billion in 2012-13, which is $2.2 billion less than Brown's projection. Revenue for the following year would be $5.1 billion, according to the LAO, which would be about $2 billion below the finance department forecast.

The two agencies previously differed in their revenue forecasts for Brown's original initiative, which sought to raise the sales tax by a half-cent and raise income taxes on the wealthy for five years. The difference in the two projections is partly because the governor's finance department estimates higher revenue from capital gains taxes.

Both forecasts include revenue from an expected Facebook initial public offering later this year. The legislative analyst predicts that will bring in about $408 million in 2013-14 from the sale of stock.

Brown forged the compromise with the California Federation of Teachers, the Courage Campaign and other supporters of a higher tax on millionaires this week, after polls showed his measure slipping in public opinion.

The coalition of Democratically aligned interests faces a short time frame to qualify the new initiative in time for November's general election. The secretary of state's office must certify all measures by June 28.

Both sides say their desire for a unified initiative to temporarily raise the state's sales and income taxes ultimately came down to a shared interest to generate more revenue for schools and to help close the state's $9.2 billion deficit. They also wanted to avoid a messy political fight that would have confused and turned off voters.

They still face competition for votes with a separate initiative being promoted by wealthy Los Angeles attorney Molly Munger.

Her proposal would raise income taxes on a sliding scale for nearly all wage-earners to help fund schools. She signaled her commitment to continuing with the initiative by contributing an additional $1.5 million to her campaign on Thursday, a day after Brown and his allies announced their compromise.

Co-founder of 'Kony' video group detained in So. Calif.

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO A co-founder of the group behind a viral video about a brutal African warlord was detained by police and hospitalized after witnesses saw him running through streets in his underwear, screaming and banging his fists on the pavement.

Jason Russell of Invisible Children was hospitalized for exhaustion less than two weeks after the release of the 30-minute video he narrated about warlord Joseph Kony, said Ben Keesey, the group's chief executive officer.

"Jason Russell was unfortunately hospitalized yesterday suffering from exhaustion, dehydration and malnutrition," Keesey said. "He is now receiving medical care and is focused on getting better. The past two weeks have taken a severe emotional toll on all of us, Jason especially, and that toll manifested itself in an unfortunate incident yesterday."

"Jason's passion and his work have done so much to help so many, and we are devastated to see him dealing with this personal health issue," the statement read.

San Diego police dispatcher transcripts show neighbors began calling around 11:30 a.m. Thursday to report that a man was running around in his underwear in the city's Pacific Beach neighborhood.

"(Subject) is at the corner, banging his hands on the ground, screaming, incoherent," the transcript continues. "People are trying to calm him down, he's been stopping traffic."

Police Lt. Andra Brown said a 33-year-old man was detained and taken to a hospital for medical evaluation. He was never arrested, and no charges are planned.

"At this point, the police department's involvement in the matter is done," Brown said.

Russell, a San Diego native and graduate of the University of Southern California's film school, narrates the video, which has been viewed more than 80 million times on YouTube. In the video, Russell talks to his young son, Gavin, about Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army.

Gavin's birth is shown at the beginning of the film. At one point, the boy sums up what his dad does for a living.

"You stop the bad guys from being mean," he says.

At the video's conclusion Russell says, "At the end of my life I want to say that the world we left behind is one Gavin can be proud of, one that doesn't allow Joseph Konys and child soldiers."

Gavin replies: "I'm going to be like you dad. I'm going to come with you to Africa."

The video's overnight success has brought heightened scrutiny to the San Diego-based nonprofit over its tactics and spending practices.



4 more tubes fail in tests at San Onofre nuclear plant

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Four more tubes that carry radioactive water at a Southern California nuclear power plant failed pressure tests, prompting new safety concerns, officials disclosed Friday.

The four tubes in a massive steam generator failed Thursday in the Unit 3 reactor at the San Onofre coastal plant in northern San Diego County, Southern California Edison said. Three other tubes failed earlier tests, the company said Wednesday, bringing the total to seven.

The utility shut down Unit 3 and began testing samples from thousands of tubes on Jan. 31 after a leak was found. Traces of radiation escaped during the leak, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Thursday it was sending a special team of inspectors to try to determine why the metal tubes, which were installed in Unit 3 in 2010, have become frail enough to pose a risk of leaks.

"This is a significant issue," said NRC spokeswoman Lara Uselding. "A tube rupture is really the concern."

Investigators have been looking into excessive wear on tubes in Unit 3 and its twin, Unit 2, which has been off line for maintenance and refueling. In a $670 million overhaul, two huge steam generators, each containing 9,700 tubes, were replaced in Unit 2 in fall 2009 and a year later in Unit 3.

Nineteen percent of all power used by SCE customers comes from nuclear generation.

A spokeswoman for the agency that operates the state's wholesale power system, the California Independent System Operator, said the San Diego and Los Angeles areas could see rotating power outages this summer if both reactors remain off line. The agency is taking steps to prevent those shortages.

"It's all about balancing supply and demand," said ISO spokeswoman Stephanie McCorkle. "You have to have a certain amount of plant (power) generation where the heavily populated areas of California are."

Inside a steam generator, hot, pressurized water flowing through bundles of tubes heats non-radioactive water surrounding them. The resulting steam is used to turn turbines to make electricity.

The tubes are one of the primary barriers between the radioactive and non-radioactive sides of the plant, according to the NRC. If a tube breaks, there is the potential that radioactivity from the system that pumps water through the reactor could escape into the atmosphere.

Serious leaks also can drain cooling water from a reactor, said David Lochbaum, director of the nuclear safety project for Union of Concerned Scientists.

An Edison statement said the utility welcomes the NRC inspection team, which is expected to begin work Monday.

The plant is owned by Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside. Southern California Edison serves nearly 14 million residents with electricity in Central and Southern California.

Jury finds man sane in Carlsbad school shooting

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VISTA, Calif. A gunman who opened fire on a crowded playground at a San Diego County elementary school, wounding two girls, was legally sane during the attack, a jury ruled Friday.

The Superior Court panel decided that Brendan O'Rourke, 42, understood right from wrong during the Oct. 8, 2010, attack at Kelly Elementary School in Carlsbad. Instead of confinement to a mental hospital, he now faces more than 100 years to life in prison when he is sentenced in April.

The telecommunications technician from Oceanside was convicted earlier this month of seven counts of attempted murder with premeditation and deliberation, and seven counts of assault with a firearm.

Jurors began deliberations in the sanity phase of his trial Wednesday. They told the judge they were deadlocked Thursday but were ordered to continue discussions, said Steve Walker, a spokesman for the county district attorney's office.

Prosecutors said O'Rourke had a .357 Magnum revolver, extra ammunition, a gas can and matches when he drove to the school, jumped a fence and opened fire.

He fired at least six shots on playgrounds packed with more than 200 children and then tried to reload but a round jammed in the gun, authorities said.

Two girls, ages 6 and 7, were each shot in an arm.

O'Rourke was captured when a construction worker building a school cafeteria hit him with a truck and two others wrestled away the gun.

At trial, prosecutor Summer Stephan argued that O'Rourke had planned a terrorist attack. The prosecutor did not offer a specific motive for the attack but said O'Rourke had made statements indicating he was angry with President Barack Obama, several insurance companies and others.

Carlsbad police said the walls of O'Rourke's apartment in Oceanside had been painted with the words "destroy" and "Christian," and other writing indicated he was angry with the insurance companies AIG and State Farm.

The shooting shocked the school, which serves one of the wealthiest communities in the United States, a generally crime-free area about a 30-minute drive north of San Diego noted for its scenic beaches and luxury resorts.

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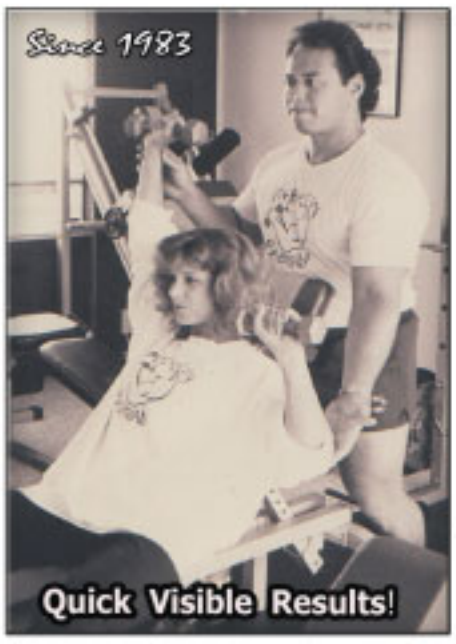
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Ex-Rutgers student guilty in webcam suicide case

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. A former Rutgers University student accused of using a webcam to spy on his gay roommate's love life was convicted Friday of invasion of privacy and anti-gay intimidation in a case that exploded into the headlines when the victim threw himself to his death off a bridge.

Dharun Ravi, 20, shook his head slightly after hearing guilty verdicts on all 15 counts against him. He and his lawyers left the courthouse without comment, his father's arm around his shoulders.

He could get up to 10 years in prison by some estimates — and could be deported to his native India, even though he has lived legally in the U.S. since he was a little boy — for an act that cast a spotlight on teen suicide and anti-gay bullying and illustrated the Internet's potential for tormenting others.

Prosecutors said Ravi set up a webcam in his dorm room in September 2010 and captured roommate Tyler Clementi kissing another man, then tweeted about it and excitedly tried to catch Clementi in the act again two days later. A half-dozen students were believed to have seen the live video of the kissing.

Within days, Clementi realized he had been watched and leaped from the George Washington Bridge after posting one last status update on Facebook: "Jumping off the gw bridge, sorry."

At a courthouse news conference after the verdict, Clementi's father, Joe, addressed himself to college students and other young people, saying: "You're going to meet a lot of people in your life. Some of these people you may not like. Just because you don't like them doesn't mean you have to work against them."

Rutgers said in a statement: "This sad incident should make us all pause to recognize the importance of civility and mutual respect in the way we live, work and communicate with others."

During the trial, Ravi's lawyer argued that the college freshman was not motivated by any hostility toward gays and that his actions were just those of an immature "kid." The defense also contended Ravi initially set up the camera because he was afraid Clementi's older, "sketchy"-looking visitor might steal his belongings.

The jury found Ravi not guilty on some subparts of some of the charges, but guilty of all 15 counts as a whole.

The most serious charges — bias intimidation based on sexual orientation, a hate crime — carry up to 10 years behind bars each. But legal experts said the most Ravi would probably get all together at sentencing May 21 would be 10 years.

Before the trial, Ravi and his lawyers had rejected a plea bargain that would have spared him from prison. He would have gotten probation and community service and would have been given help in avoiding deportation.

Ravi was not charged with causing Clementi's death, and the suicide remained largely in the background at the trial, though some witnesses mentioned it and the jury was told Clementi had taken his life.

Prosecutors were not allowed to argue directly that the spying led to his death; defense lawyers were barred from saying there were other reasons he killed himself.

Each bias intimidation charge included five questions. A finding of guilty on any of them made Ravi guilty of the entire charge. The jury issued a split verdict on those subquestions.

It found, for example, that Ravi did not try to intimidate Clementi's romantic partner, identified in court only as M.B., and that Clementi reasonably believed Ravi was trying to intimidate him because of his sexual orientation. It split on questions of whether Ravi knowingly or willfully intimidated Clementi because of his sexuality.

Clementi's death was one in a string of suicides by young gays around the country in September 2010. President Barack Obama commented on it, as did talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

New Jersey lawmakers hastened passage of an anti-bullying law because of the case, and Rutgers changed its housing policies to allow people of the opposite sex to room together in an effort to make gay, bisexual and transgender students feel more comfortable.

"The verdict today demonstrates that the jurors understood that bias crimes do not require physical weapons like a knife in one's hand," said Hayley Gorenberg, deputy legal director of the gay rights organization Lambda Legal.

Testimony came from about 30 witnesses over 12 days, including 32-year-old M.B. Ravi himself did not testify, though the jury watched a video of his interrogation by police.

Ravi and Clementi, both 18-year-old freshmen from comfortable New Jersey suburbs, had been randomly assigned to room together, and Clementi had arrived at college just a few days after coming out to his parents as gay.

A string of students testified they never heard Ravi say anything bad about gays in general or Clementi in particular. But students did say Ravi expressed some concern about sharing a room with a gay man.

On Sept. 19, according to testimony, Clementi asked Ravi to leave their room so that he could have a guest. Later, Ravi posted on Twitter: "Roommate asked for the room till midnight. I went into molly's room and turned on my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay."

Ravi told police that he watched only seconds of the encounter via computer.

His friend Molly Wei testified that she and a few other students also watched the live stream of the men kissing. (Wei was initially charged in the case but was later accepted into a pretrial program that will allow her to keep her record clean.)

Two nights later, Clementi asked for the room alone again. This time, Ravi tweeted: "I dare you to video chat me between the hours of 9:30 and 12. Yes, it's happening again." He also texted a friend about a planned "viewing party" and allegedly went to friends' rooms to show them how to access the feed.

However, there was no evidence the webcam was turned on that night. Ravi told police he had put his computer to sleep. Prosecutors argued Clementi himself unplugged the computer.

According to testimony, Clementi submitted a room-change request form and talked to a resident assistant about what happened. He also used his laptop to view Ravi's Twitter site 38 times in the last two days of his life. He killed himself Sept. 22.

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Bill in Arizona could require reason for birth control drugs

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press

PHOENIX Women in Arizona trying to get reimbursed for birth control drugs through their employer-provided health plan could be required to prove that they are taking it for a medical reason such as acne, rather than to prevent pregnancy.

A bill nearing passage in the Republican-led Legislature allows all employers, not just religious institutions, to opt out of providing contraceptive coverage when doing so would violate their religious or moral beliefs.

When a female worker uses birth control pills, which can be used to treat a number of medical conditions, the bill would allow an employer who opted out to require her to reveal what she was taking it for in order to get reimbursed.

The bill thrusts the state into a raging national debate about religious freedom and birth control, sparked after the Obama administration required that employers must provide contraception coverage under the federal health care overhaul.

After objections from religious groups, the administration changed course, ordering that insurers, not employers, would have to pay for the coverage. Republicans, social conservatives and some religious groups believe the new order still violates their beliefs.

"We don't live in the Soviet Union," said the Arizona bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Debbie Lesko. "And so government shouldn't be telling employers, Catholic organizations and mom and pop (businesses) to do something that's against their moral beliefs."

Critics say the bill allows employers to violate their worker's privacy.

"Leave the care of medicine to women and their doctors," said Democratic state Rep. Lela Alston.

Arizona is among at least 26 states that generally require that health plans cover contraceptives, though it's also among those that let churches and other religious entities opt out of providing the coverage, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Under the Arizona bill, employers who opt out could make women provide documentation from their health care provider.

Liza Love, a mental health worker, testified Monday before a Senate committee to oppose the bill, saying she would be required to disclose that she needed contraceptives to treat endometriosis, which is excessive growth of the uterine lining.

"That's nothing that you as my employer ... have a right to know," she said.

Opponents of the legislation suggested that the application process might violate a federal law on privacy of medical information. A supporter, Republican Rep. Edie Farnsworth, said it wouldn't because seeking reimbursements is voluntary.

However, a legislative staff lawyer said it's not clear whether the current opt-out or the expanded one violates other federal law, including the new contraception coverage mandate being implemented by the Obama administration.

House Rules Attorney Tim Fleming noted that attorneys general for seven states sued to challenge the mandate on First Amendment grounds.

A national advocacy group for social conservatives, the Alliance Defense Fund, said the current opt-out provision is too restrictive.

The bill would end uncertainty about "who is sufficiently religious to have their rights of conscience protected," said Gary McCaleb, a lawyer for the Arizona-based group.

McCaleb also said in a letter to Lesko that enactment of her bill could help state officials fight against federal mandates. Another attorney for the group, Matt Bowman, declined to say how that might work. But he noted the existence of the lawsuit by the other states.

Other states that have considered legislation this year to broaden their opt-out provisions on required coverage for contraceptives include Missouri and New Hampshire. Bills in those two states remain alive but appear to have stalled.

The Arizona bill would also erase a law that bans religion-based employers from punishing or firing workers who get contraceptives from a source other than through their employers' health plans.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona opposes the bill, and Public Policy Director Anjali Abraham said supporters shouldn't entangle the state's current coverage requirement with the national debate.

"If they're looking for some sort of tussle with the federal government, I just wish they would keep in mind the consequences for Arizona women and families because they're the ones that are ultimately hurt by this bill," she said.

Citing a policy against commenting on bills, a spokesman for Republican Gov. Jan Brewer declined to say whether she had a position on it.

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US: N. Korea planned rocket launch a 'deal-breaker'

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PYONGYANG, North Korea North Korea plans to blast a satellite into space next month to mark the centenary of the birth of its founder, Kim Il Sung, which the U.S. quickly called a "deal-breaker" for a new agreement where the U.S. would exchange food aid for nuclear concessions.

After Friday's surprise announcement, the United States warned it would not send food aid to North Korea if it goes ahead with the long-range rocket launch, and U.N. Security Council members said it may violate sanctions.

The North agreed to a moratorium on long-range launches as part of the food deal with Washington, but argues that satellite launches are part of a peaceful space program that is exempt from international disarmament obligations. The U.S., South Korea and other critics say the rocket technology overlaps with belligerent uses and condemn the satellite program as a disguised test of military missiles in defiance of a U.N. ban.

The launch is to take place three years after a similar launch in April 2009 drew widespread censure.

State Department spokesman Victoria Nuland said the U.S. now had "grave concerns" about the Feb. 29 agreement under which the North agreed with the U.S. to nuclear concessions and a moratorium on long-range missile tests in return for 240,000 tons of food aid.

Nuland said a rocket launch would call into question North Korea's good faith. She said that during the negotiations for the U.S.-North Korea agreement, "we made clear unequivocally that we considered that any satellite launch would be a deal-breaker."

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant, the current Security Council president, said the rocket launch would violate U.N. sanctions.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged North Korea to reconsider its decision "in line with its recent undertaking to refrain from long-range missile launches," U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

Japan and Russia also urged Pyongyang to abandon the launch, calling it a violation of a U.N. resolution restricting the North's use of ballistic missile technology, and South Korea's Foreign Ministry called the plans a "grave provocation."

"We call on Pyongyang not to put itself in opposition to the international community," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a a statement.

Liftoff will take between April 12 and 16 from a west coast launch pad in North Phyongan province, a spokesman for the Korean Committee for Space Technology said in a statement carried by state media.

He said the launch would be part of celebrations marking the April 15 centenary of the birth of North Korea's founder, Kim Il Sung.

"This is a grand event that shows off our national power," Pyongyang officer worker Choe Myong Suk told The Associated Press as rain fell in the North Korean capital Friday. "We can say that our country has proudly joined the ranks of developed countries."

North Koreans often repeat official state slogans when asked their views of current events.

Pyongyang's announcement comes as North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong Un, seeks to solidify his rule of the nation of 24 million people in the wake of father Kim Jong Il's death in December.

"The window for the launch is important in terms of the domestic politics of the North," said Daniel Pinkston, an expert on North Korea's weapons programs at the International Crisis Group. He said the launch serves to underline North Korea's military capabilities and reinforce Kim's fledgling rule.

Kim Jong Il began grooming the son to take over as leader after suffering a stroke in 2008. Footage aired Friday on state-run TV showed Kim Jong Un observing the 2009 rocket launch.

Such a launch aims to reinforce unity at home by provoking new tensions that will allow its leadership to portray the country as beset by hostile forces. A third nuclear test could be next, Pinkston said.

The launch also jeopardizes the recent food aid deal with the U.S., he said.

"I can't see how the U.S. is going to deliver this food aid," he said. "I think this is going to kill it."

North Korea agreed last month to suspend uranium enrichment, place a moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests, and to allow back U.N. weapons inspectors in exchange for much-needed food aid. Uranium enrichment is one way to make atomic bombs. In the past North Korea has also weaponized plutonium for nuclear devices.

The U.S. comments on Friday did leave the door open for the agreement to go ahead if the North did not conduct the launch.

Nuland said the U.S. envoy on North Korea, Glyn Davies, spoke overnight to other partners in the ongoing six-nation talks on North Korea — China, Japan, Russia and South Korea. She said they all agreed to "use their influence" to encourage the North "not to violate their international obligations and to recommit to the leap day agreement. We'll see if that is the way this goes."

North Korea called the April 2009 launch a bid to send a communications satellite into space, but it was widely viewed in the West as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibiting North Korea from engaging in nuclear and ballistic missile activity.

Shortly after the 2009 launch from an east coast station, Pyongyang declared that it would abandon six-nation negotiations on offering the North aid and concessions in exchange for nuclear disarmament. And weeks later, North Korea tested a nuclear device, the second in three years — earning the regime tightened U.N. sanctions.

Japan's Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba said going ahead with the launch would harm peace and stability in the region. Japan has set up a crisis management task force to monitor the situation and is cooperating with the U.S. and South Korea.

North Korea is proud of its nuclear and missile programs, which it claims are necessary to protect itself against the United States, which stations more than 28,000 troops in South Korea and has more troops as well as nuclear-powered warships in the region.

"This is an event that shows how strong our self-reliant economy is," Pyongyang resident Song Jong Chol told AP. "This is the happiest of happy occasions."

North Korea and the United States fought on opposite sides of the three-year Korean War, which ended in a truce in 1953. They have never signed a peace treaty.

North Korea is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for four to eight "primitive" atomic bombs, according to scientist Siegfried Hecker of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. Pyongyang also announced in 2009 that it would begin enriching uranium, and revealed the facility to Hecker in November 2010.

Scientists believe North Korea is working toward building a device small enough to mount on a rocket capable of reaching the United States. The same rocket used for a satellite could be used for a long-range missile.

The North Korean space committee spokesman said a Kwangmyongsong-3 satellite designed to orbit the earth will be mounted on an Unha-3 rocket from the Sohae station in Cholsan County. He called it a "working" satellite that was an improvement over two previous "experimental" satellites.

The spokesman said North Korea would abide by international regulations governing the launch of satellites for "peaceful" scientific purposes and that an orbit was chosen to avoid showering debris on neighboring nations.

North Korea provided similar notice in 2009, but launched the rocket over Japan despite warnings from world leaders that it would set the nation on a path of isolation.

In 2009, North Korea said an experimental communications satellite mounted on a rocket was sent into space playing "Song of Gen. Kim Il Sung" and "Song of Gen. Kim Jong Il."

The U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command and South Korea's Defense Ministry said no satellite made it into orbit.

South Korea is due to host the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul in two weeks, and North Korea's nuclear program was expected to be discussed on the sidelines of the gathering.

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Skydiver to jump from 23 miles, go supersonic

BY MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

"Fearless Felix" Baumgartner has jumped 2,500 times from planes and helicopters, as well as some of the highest landmarks and skyscrapers on the planet — the Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro, the Millau Viaduct in southern France, the 101-story Taipei 101 in Taiwan.

He's also leapt face-first into a pitch-dark, 620-foot-deep cave in Croatia — his most dangerous feat yet, he says, but soon to be outdone.

This summer, Baumgartner hopes to hurtle toward Earth at supersonic speed from a record 23 miles up, breaking the sound barrier with only his body.

He made it more than halfway there during a critical dress rehearsal Thursday, ascending from the New Mexico desert in a helium balloon and jumping from more than 13 miles up. He is believed to be only the third person to leap from such a high altitude and free fall to a safe landing — and the first to do so in 50 years. The record is Air Force test pilot Joe Kittinger's jump from 102,800 feet — 19.5 miles — in 1960.

"I'm now a member of a pretty small club," Baumgartner said in remarks provided by representatives.

Baumgartner tested the same pressurized capsule and full-pressure suit that he will use in a few months for a record-setting free fall from 120,000 feet. The extra protection is needed because there's virtually no atmosphere at such heights.

That's nowhere near space, but high enough to grab NASA's attention. Engineers working on astronaut escape systems for future spacecraft have their eyes on this Austrian skydiver, former military parachutist, extreme athlete and, yes, daredevil known as "Fearless Felix."

"I like to challenge myself," Baumgartner, 42, explained in a recent interview, "and this is the ultimate skydive. I think there's nothing bigger than that."

Thursday's test run provided the boost Baumgartner was hoping for. "That was the momentum we needed for the whole team. Now we are ready for the 90,000 jump," Baumgartner said, referring to the next trial run.

"I could not really feel my hands in free fall as it was so cold. We have to work on this," he added.

Baumgartner's 100-foot helium balloon and pressurized capsule lifted off from Roswell, N.M., on Thursday morning. He jumped at 71,581 feet — 13.6 miles — and landed safely eight minutes and eight seconds later, according to spokeswoman Trish Medalen. He reached speeds of up to 364.4 mph and was in free fall for three minutes and 43 seconds, before pulling his parachute cords, Medalen said.

"The view is amazing, way better than I thought," Baumgartner said after the practice jump.

(Commercial jets generally cruise at just over 30,000 feet.)

After one more trial run, he'll attempt 120,000 feet, or 22.8 miles. The launch window opens in July and extends until the beginning of October; it's based on optimal weather at the Roswell site.

"Keep in mind that at 120,000 feet ... there is no atmosphere to sustain human life," said Dustin Gohmert, manager of NASA's crew survival engineering office at Johnson Space Center in Houston. "To the body, it's no different than being in deep space, save from possibly more radiation shielding from the little atmosphere you have. You need the full protection of the pressure suit."

The record-holder Kittinger was in free fall for four minutes, 36 seconds, and accelerated to 614 mph, equivalent to Mach 0.9, just shy of the sound barrier. For his grand finale, Baumgartner expects to be in free fall for five minutes, 35 seconds, and achieve Mach 1, or 690 mph. All told, the descent should take 15 to 20 minutes.

Dr. Jonathan Clark, a former NASA flight surgeon who heads Baumgartner's medical team, puts the chance of survival as "very high." Injury is possible.

"Sure, I fear" for Baumgartner's life, said Clark, whose astronaut wife, Laurel, died aboard space shuttle Columbia in 2003. "I mean, this is high-risk stuff."

Baumgartner is a perfectionist with a test pilot's personality and drive, according to Clark, and definitely not a flamboyant risk taker. He's survived as a BASE jumper, Clark noted, referring to the sport of jumping off fixed structures and using parachutes to break the fall. "They don't live long if they're not good."

The project, called Red Bull Stratos, is sponsored by the energy drink maker. (Stratos refers to the stratosphere.) The project costs have not been disclosed.

Kittinger's Excelsior mission was Air Force; he was a test pilot when he made his record-setting jump from an open, unpressurized gondola, long before anyone had rocketed into space.

Now 83, Kittinger lives near Orlando, Fla., and has been working with Baumgartner for three years. He took part in Thursday's test, as did Clark.

Kittinger is amazed no one has broken his free-falling record, after so many decades.

"In the 52 years since I did it, there have been a lot of improvements in pressure suits, in communications and life-support systems. But the only thing that really has not changed is how hostile it is at that altitude," Kittinger said. "It's almost a complete vacuum."

That's why NASA is so interested, even though space officially begins considerably higher at an even 100 kilometers, 328,084 feet or 62 miles.

In the nine years since the Columbia tragedy, emergency escape has been a top priority for NASA. The seven astronauts were killed during re-entry at just over 200,000 feet, nearly double Baumgartner's targeted altitude.

Granted, NASA's retired space shuttles will never fly again. But with so many different types of spacecraft in development by so many different companies, NASA wants to keep astronauts as safe as possible and provide a means for escape in the decades ahead.

Baumgartner's experience is sure to provide important lessons, Gohmert said.

Indeed, Baumgartner considers himself a pioneer — and a cautious one. He's following Kittinger's example of jumping in incrementally higher stages.

"We're not going from zero to hero," Baumgartner said last month.

Like NASA, he's put together a big what-if list: What if this goes wrong? What if that does?

What scares him most, Baumgartner said, sounding like so many astronauts, are the things he hasn't thought of yet.

Simply put, the unknown unknown.



SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 56.7°

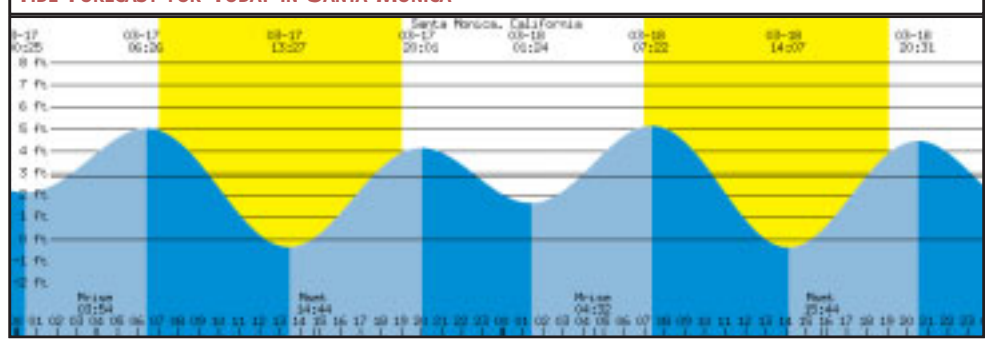
SWELL FORECAST

Looking at NW swell filling into west facing breaks, around chest high. Conditions are questionable.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LOOKING AT SURF TO DOH AROUND WEST FACING BREAKS, WITH THOUGH STORMY AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. STANDOUT WEST FACING BREAKS MAY SEE FACE HEIGHTS AROUND 15' AT TIMES.

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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, March 17
If ... (R) 1hr 51min
Evilenko (NR) 1hr 51min
Discussion with actor Malcolm McDowell and director David Grieco.
7:30pm

Sunday, March 18
O Lucky Man! (R) 2hr 58min
Discussion before the film with actor Malcolm McDowell.
7:30pm

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Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

Wanderlust (R) 1hr 38min
11:55am, 5:20pm, 10:30pm

Seeking Justice (R) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Being Flynn (R) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Silent House (R) 1hr 28min
11:50am, 2:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Thousand Words (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:50am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:25pm, 10:45pm

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 7:55pm, 11:00pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm, 11:15pm

Safe House (R) 1hr 57min
11:15am, 2:20pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

Project X (R) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Boy (NR) 1hr 27min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Salt of Life (Gianni e le donne) (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 3:35pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:00pm, 10:10pm

Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

This is Not a Film (In Film Nist) (NR) 1hr 15min
11:00am

Decoy Bride (NR) 1hr 29min
11:00am, 1:10pm, 3:15pm, 5:25pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

John Carter (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1hr 23min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Friends With Kids (R) 1hr 40min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Casa de mi Padre (R) 1hr 24min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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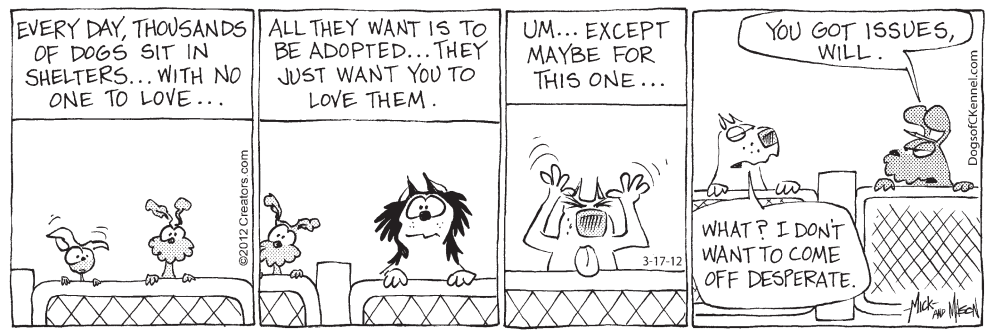
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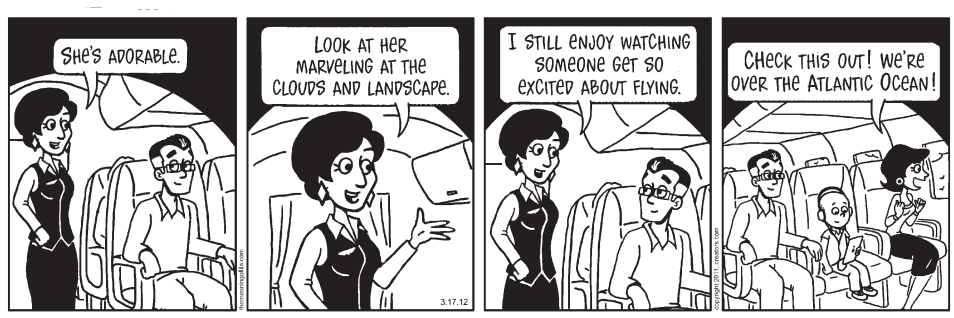
Garfield

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Be spontaneous and Irish, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Join friends, whether it be at a ballgame or participating in an Irish pastime. Your innate spontaneity comes out. Before you know it, you are off on an adventure. Others listen to a suggestion. Soon, you are deep in a conversation. Tonight: Where people are painting the town green.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Your instincts are to honor an older friend or relative. You might make choices with this person in mind. Invite him or her out for a movie or lunch. Listen to this person's perspective. Tonight: Be spontaneous and Irish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Decide to take a friend up on an invitation. Whether you are exploring a new area or going to visit this person, you will have a great time. Tonight: Listen to what is not being shared.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner is very sure of him- or herself. You see a situation differently. You might suddenly change the conversation to avoid a problem. Imagine where this person is coming from without bringing in your personal prejudices. Tonight: Chat with a loved one, even if you are at a St. Patty's Day happening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Hopefully you left a window open for the unexpected. People suddenly seek you out. A key person involved with your plans surprises you with a quirky decision or idea. Tonight: Drop in on several St. Patty's Day gatherings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Let's talk about the project you have on the back burner. Give some thought to completing it, and it could bring you satisfaction. A loved one or dear friend has a strong sense of what he or she wants, and lets you know it. Tonight: Remember, you are a nurturing sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You think you know what is on someone's mind. Surprise! Even if you are dealing with a child or loved one, this person might manifest a spunky, spontaneous side. Get into being Irish. Tonight: Only what pleases you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Honor a need for some solitude. You might want to read a good book, watch a certain movie or just daydream. Remember that everyone needs time off from the world. Tonight: Be open to a friend or loved one, even if you decide not to go out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ No one would ever question whether you are a people person. Communication flourishes, despite someone who likes to rain on your parade. Unexpected behavior only adds to the excitement. Demonstrate your ability to flex. Tonight: Off being Irish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Realize what is happening in your domestic life or at home. You might be focused on making these areas of your life more rewarding. Expect the unexpected, and you will not be disappointed. Tonight: Entertain at your pad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You beam onto the scene, a force to be dealt with. Your personality and ability to accept the unexpected bloom. At the same time, others seek you out. Planning to have a good time seems only natural, especially today. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Use good sense. You are on a financial roller-coaster ride and could be up or down. Your intuition will guide you as to when to back out of an agreement. Someone clearly is drawn to you. Tonight: Quietly take a little private time.

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

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This year you tend to emphasize your friendships, even in a loving bond. You enjoy group situations and could become involved in some form of commitment. Your immediate circle changes. You pull the wild card financially. You could see some wild swings with your money. If you are single, a friendship could become more; let it evolve naturally. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy spending more time together. AQUARIUS makes a great healer for you.

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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1 Police trap
6 Irish county
11 Track horse
12 Tough puzzle
13 Past plump
14 Showy flower
15 Irish area
17 Luau strings
18 Pot brew
19 Annulled
22 Compass pt.
23 Sculpted
24 Tyler Perry persona
25 "Heavens!"
27 "— been real"
30 Intermingled
31 Ran into
32 "— had it!"
33 Irish city
35 Dark times, informally
38 Speak
39 Furtive fellow
40 Playful mammal
41 Irish county
42 Mike of "Shrek"

DOWN

1 Gas can parts
2 Restaurant fixtures
3 Winter fisherman's tool
4 High home
5 Immigrant's ID
6 1040 filer's asst.
7 — Lobos
8 Crafty
9 Smelled really bad
10 Goofed
16 Let in again
20 Backstage waiting spot
21 Gardner of movies
24 Writer Rita — Brown
25 Heavenly
26 New Hampshire town
27 White Rabbit cry
28 Seesaw
29 Ranch group
30 Capital of Belarus
34 Pretentious
36 Corn unit
37 Blue shade

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E	L	S	A	■	A	S	I	S	■	■
R	A	T	■	A	R	I	E	T	T	A
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S	H	E	R	P	A	S	■	E	Y	E
■	■	S	A	S	S	■	S	H	E	D
G	A	T	S	■	S	U	L	U	■	■
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Z	O	R	R	O	■	P	E	R	L	E
A	S	Y	E	T	■	S	T	Y	L	E

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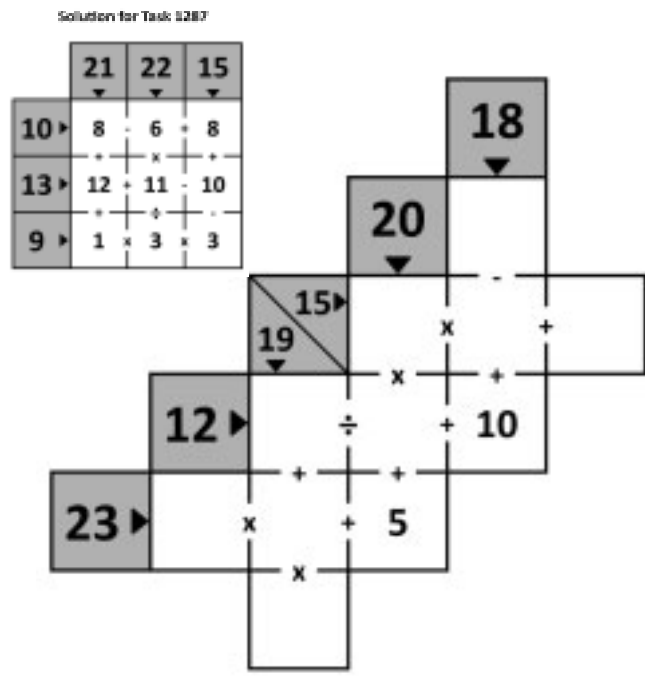
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Solution for Task 1287



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Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 3/16
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In February, a jury in Thousand Oaks, Calif., acquitted Charles Hersel, 41, of molesting children. Though Hersel admitted through his lawyer that he paid high school students to spit in his face and yell profanities at him, and had offered to pay them money to urinate and defecate on him, jurors found that he must have done those things for reasons other than "sexual gratification" and therefore, technically, did not violate the statute under which he was charged.

■ According to prosecutors in Camden, S.C., in November, Christopher Hutto, 30, needed money badly to buy crack cocaine, but the best plan he could devise was getting a friend to telephone Hutto's mother and demand a ransom. Though Hutto, according to the phone call, supposedly had been beaten up by kidnappers and dumped in a secret location and was "near death," the "kidnapper" asked only for $100. The uneager mother dawdled a bit until she and the caller had negotiated the ransom down to $60. (The money drop was made, and sheriff's deputies arrested Hutto running from the site with the booty.)

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1988 – Eritrean War of Independence: The Nadew Command, an Ethiopian army corps in Eritrea, is attacked on three sides by military units of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front in the opening action of the Battle of Afabet.

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DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: CORELSUN, LLC, et al.
Upon reading and filing evidence consisting of a declaration as provided in Section 415.50 CCP by JIMMY LIZAMA REGISTERED CA PROCESS SERVER, and a satisfactorily appearing therefrom that the defendant, respondent or citee CORELSUN, LLC , cannot be served with reasonable diligence in any other manner specified in Article 3, Chapter 4, Title 5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and it also appearing froom the verified complaint or petition that a good cause of action exists in this action in favor of the plaintiff, petitioner, or citee therein and against the defendant, respondent, or citee and that the said defendant, respondent, or citee is a necessary and proper party to the action or that the party to be served has or claims an interest in, real or personal property in this state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court or the relief demanded in the action consists wholly or in part in excluding such party from any interest in such property: NOW, on motion of STEPHEN L. BELGUM Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff(s), Petitioner(s), or contestant(s), IT IS ORDERED that the service of said summons or citation in this action be made upon said defendan,t respondent, or citee by publication thereof in SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS a newspaper of general circulation published at SANTA MONICA, California, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to said defendant, that said publication be made at least once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of said summons or citation and of said complaint or petition in this action be forthwith deposited in the United States Post Office, post-paid, directed to said defendant, resopondent, or citee if his address is ascertained before expiration of the time prescribed for the publication of this summons or citation and a declaration of this mailing or of the fact that the address was not ascertained be filed at the expiration of the time prescribed for the publication.
JANUARY 17, 2012

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SUMMONS
(Citacion Judicial)
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
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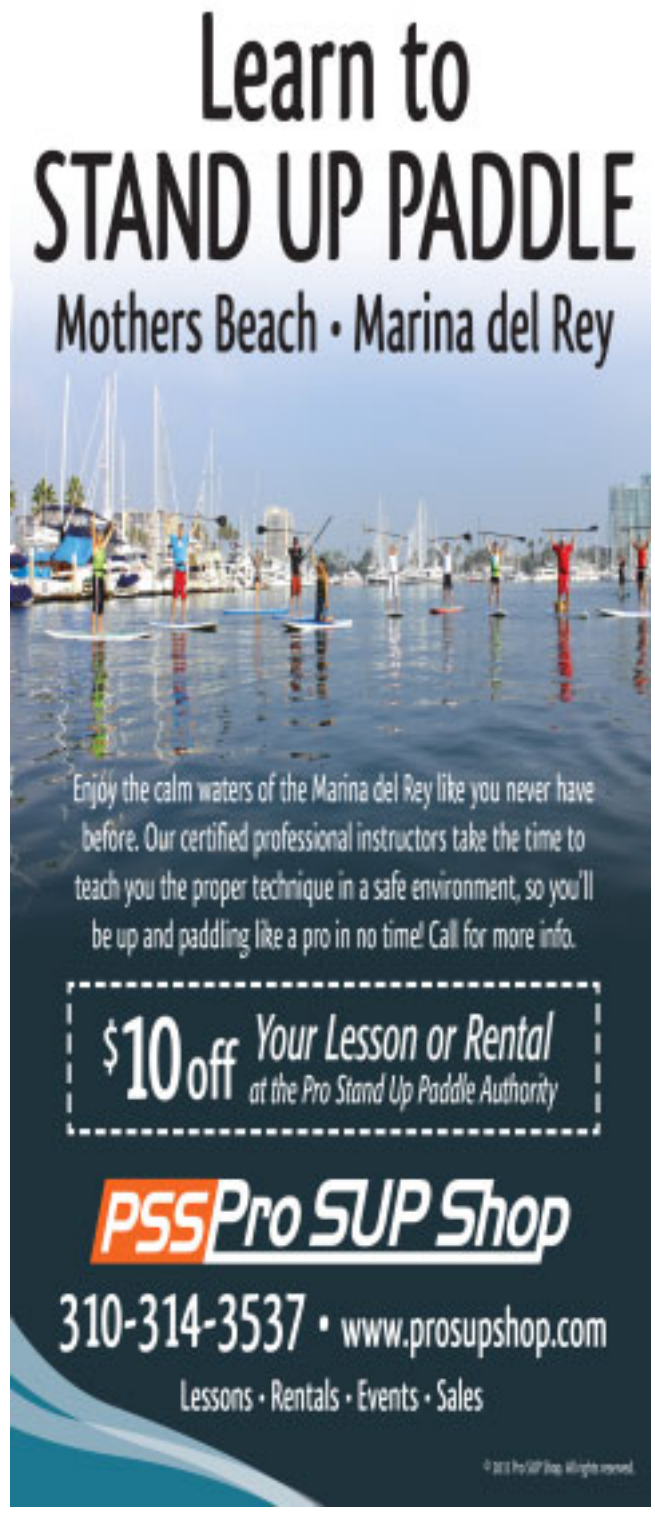
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