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THE MADE TO ORDER ISSUE

SMMUSD projects $96.4M budget

Costs cover more teachers, textbooks and janitors

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS On top of hiring more teachers, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District plans to bring in new custodians, computer technicians and textbooks.

District officials went over predictions for revenues and expenditures with the Board of Education Wednesday afternoon.

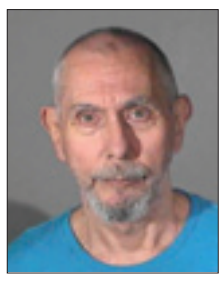
The district will bring in $92.5 million and could spend about $96.4 million next year, said Jan Maez, chief financial officer for the district. The projected $3.9 million deficit would leave the district with about $12.1 million in its coffers at the end of the

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Suspected child molester behind bars

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY After spending nearly six years on the run, a suspected child molester is behind bars thanks to the work of Santa Monica detectives.



CAMP

Former Santa Monica resident Christopher Carrington Camp, 72, is being held on $2.8 million bail and is expected to be arraigned April 2 at the Airport Courthouse, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The alleged molestation occurred in Santa Monica between August 2006 and June 2008, police said.

On March 12, detectives with the SMPD's Juvenile and Missing Person Unit traveled to

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AT WORK: Cook George Ramos busy preparing food at Spitfire Grill on Thursday. The popular eatery is among a group of businesses which are unsure of their futures in light of a recent City Council decision to explore closing the controversial Santa Monica Airport.

SMO turmoil leaves leaseholders in limbo

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Pilots and residents have been vocal about the uncertain future of Santa Monica Airport but changes could also greatly impact the dozens of organizations and businesses that call the airport land home.

All leases expire by or before July of next year and some tenants say that the constant state of flux makes it hard to operate today.

Earlier this week, City Council voted to study options for the airport that include shortening the runway, raising all rents to market rate, and offering five-year leases with five one-year options to tenants.

Several contracts from different years dating back to World War II govern the airport land. The Federal Aviation Administration believes that one key lease expires in 2023 and that another obligates City Hall to operate the land as an airport indefinitely. City Hall maintains that they're out of the deal in July of next year.

Nearby residents have long complained about the noise and pollution caused by jets and propellor planes. Others fear for their safety as homes are located about 300 feet from the runway.

Advocates of the airport point to a City Hall-funded study showing that SMO brings $275 million to the city every year.

Typhoon, a restaurant that sits adjacent to the runway on City Hall-owned airport land, has been there since 1991 and employs 32 people. Jack Griffith, who's been a manager there for 15 years, said that it's hard to make plans for or invest in a property whose lease City Hall could refuse to renew.

"It's very shortsighted of them," he said. "Maybe it's part of their strangulation policy to make the airport irrelevant."

Griffith believes that council's recent decision, along with last year's decision to increase landing fees, is all a part of an attempt to make the airport undesirable for pilots, ultimately leading to its closure.

Many of Typhoon's customers are pilots, he said, and the landing fees have already cut back on restaurant business.

"Not many people are flying in anymore and there's not as much activity from the pilots themselves that are based here so they're only taking off and landing when they absolutely must," Griffith said.

Its proximity to the airport is key for Typhoon, Griffith said, and if they get booted they might not reopen elsewhere.

"I think the owner rather insists on being at an airport," he said. "And I don't

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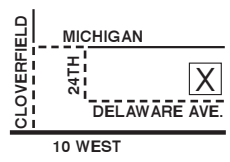
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 28, 2014

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Santa Monica Place
Third Street and Broadway,
1 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Can you "Find the Slime?" Nickelodeon and Toyota dare you to get slimed for a chance to win tickets to the Kids' Choice Awards. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Spring is here
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"Spring Awakening" is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1891 expressionist play about the trials and tribulations, and the exhilaration of the teen years. It's Germany, 1891. The beautiful young Wendla explores her body and asks her mother where babies come from. Elsewhere, the brilliant and fearless young Melchior defends his buddy Moritz — a boy so traumatized by puberty he can't concentrate on anything. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Saturday, March 29, 2014

History on the move
16th Street and Olympic Boulevard
8 a.m.
The historic Shotgun House will be making its way down city streets to its new home at Second Street and Norman Place. The house is the last of its kind. From 16th Street and Olympic Boulevard, it will travel west down Olympic, south on 14th Street, west on Pico Boulevard and south on Main Street. For more information, visit smconservancy.org.

Run and stretch
Santa Monica Pier, West End
8 a.m.
Like to run? Like to strike a pose with yoga? Why not combine them for a morning dedicated to your mind and body. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Grow right
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 12 p.m.
Get ready for spring and summer veggies and herbs with master gardener Emi Carvell. Bring the following: 1. Pots/containers filled with potting soil (plus extra soil just in case). 2. Note pad and marker. 3. Salad bowl, fork, and napkin to taste Emi's organic garden salad. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Big on reading
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Kick off The Big Read with a musical celebration. Alfredo Lopez, leader of the Mexican musical group Quetzalcoat, Isaac Ruben Izquierdo and Jorge Andres Herrera take visitors on a musical tour of Mexico in an outdoor concert. Pick up a copy of "Into the Beautiful North," this year's The Big Read selection, while you're there. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Alice is at it again
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.
Follow Alice in "Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party" as she accepts an invitation to visit the wonderful Wonderland characters of her youth and returns to find her old friends — the Queen of Hearts, the Cards, the Tweedles and some new ones, too, all as silly as ever. Will Alice prevail or are the cards stacked against her? For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2.

Going dark
Citywide
8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Join millions of people across the globe and switch lights off for an hour to raise awareness for the planet. Participants in Santa Monica include the solar-powered Pacific Wheel on the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, visit earthhour.org.

For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Police Department
ON THE RUN: This pig wasn't easy to catch.

NOMA
Running hog wild

A pot belly pig is now back with its owners (presumably living high on the hog) after Animal Control officers found it roaming free north of Montana Avenue.

Officers received several calls early Wednesday evening from residents near 10th Street and Marguerita Avenue about a white-haired pig walking in an alley.

After a few attempts, officers were able to get the pig in a canine carrier and transport it to the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, where it was held overnight. The owner, who lives in Los Angeles, picked up the pet Thursday.

"They provided all the proper paperwork," said Sgt. Mike Graham, Animal Control Unit supervisor.

Hogs are not allowed in Santa Monica without a proper permit, Graham said.

The hog's owner apparently brought the animal to Santa Monica so their daughter could show it to her friends. They left a garage door open and the hog escaped.

"It's a nice pig," Graham said.

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITY HALL
Landlord violates court order

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has found Santa Monica landlord Isaac Gabriel in contempt for violating an injunction prohibiting him from coming within 10 yards of his tenants.

As part of the injunction Gabriel was also required to hire a property management company to oversee his two apartment buildings, something he didn't do since two tenants said he was actively managing the properties and was in frequent contact with his tenants, the City Attorney's Office wrote in a news release.

The court fined Gabriel $24,000 for the contempt and ordered him to serve five days in county jail. Gabriel can avoid the jail time if he proves that he no longer manages the properties.

A tenant testified that Gabriel attacked him with a baseball bat in October 2013. Another tenant documented 36 times in the past several months that Gabriel came within 10 yards of him, in violation of the court order, according to the release.

The original court order, from November 2010, came after a trial in which the City Attorney's Office proved that Gabriel had broken the law in his capacity as landlord by committing:

- Sexual harassment of a female tenant;
- Repeated illegal entries into tenants' units; and
- Illegal renting of uninhabitable space.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit brought the motion for contempt and will continue to monitor Gabriel's compliance with the injunction.

– KH

SAMOHI
Jazz bands shine

Last Saturday, Santa Monica High School's Jazz Band 1, 2, and Combo competed at the Newbury Park High School Jazz Festival and received high marks.

Jazz band 2, under the direction of Sean Pawling, performed in the Novice Division and received straight "Good" ratings. For most students, this was their very first jazz festival and they performed well, said Tom Whaley, Jazz Band director.

Jazz Band 2 student, Frankie Kohn, a junior who plays the guitar, received an Outstanding Soloist Award for his performance.

Jazz band 1, under the direction of Whaley, received straight "Superior" ratings in the "Advanced Division," first place in the "Advanced Division," and the highest score of the entire day. The following Jazz Band 1 students received outstanding soloist awards for their performances:

- Julian Apter, junior, guitar
- Glennon Davalos Stanton, sophomore, trombone
- Jake Gold, senior, trumpet
- Zach Gotler, junior, drums
- Kyle McCreight, senior, trombone
- Andres Orellana, junior, tenor saxophone
- Jane Wickline, freshman, piano

Each Jazz 1 solo award winner received a $1,400 scholarship to the Idyllwild Summer Jazz Camp, Whaley said.

Samohi Jazz Combo also earned unanimous "Superior" ratings and placed first out of all combos at the festival with a score of 90 out of 100. The following students received outstanding soloist awards for their performance:

- Julian Apter, junior, guitar
- Kyle McCreight, senior, trombone
- Andres Orellana, junior, tenor saxophone

Samohi's jazz program is a dual enrollment program with Santa Monica College and only meets twice a week after school, while many of the other bands at the Newbury Park High School Jazz Festival meet five days a week as a regular class, Whaley said.

"Samohi's impressive performance is a testament to the fantastic music education the students have received starting from their elementary music years all the way up to the high school," Whaley said. "A special thanks to all the fine music teachers in the district and those who support the Samohi Jazz program."

– KH



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TIME FOR A RIDE: The historic Shotgun House is ready to roll to its new home.

Shotgun House on the move

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

OCEAN PARK This Saturday, get a glimpse of history as the Shotgun House will be moved to its (hopefully) final resting place in Ocean Park, where it will serve as the headquarters for the Santa Monica Conservancy and as a preservation resource center for those who want to know about the benefits of preserving historic structures.

Officials with the conservancy have been waiting for years to move the historic structure. The move will take place at approximately 8 a.m. The permanent location is on Second Street across from the Ocean Park Library. The home will take its place among a cluster of other historic buildings, including the California Heritage Museum, Merle Norman Cosmetics office, the Carnegie branch library, and the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District.

The public is invited to watch as the house, built in the 1890s, is towed on a flatbed trailer from 16th Street and Colorado Avenue down Pico Boulevard and along Main Street. The trip is expected to take 30 minutes.

Fourteen years ago a largely unaltered shotgun house was nearly demolished and with it an important part of Santa Monica history. Due to the combined efforts of concerned residents, the former Ocean Park Community Organization, the Santa Monica Conservancy, and City Hall, the house was saved and designated a landmark.

Originally located at 2712 Second St. in Ocean Park, the 468-square-foot structure is a classic "shotgun" house, members of the conservancy said. Architectural historians believe this type of house was first seen in the Caribbean (resulting from a blend of African and European influences). By the early 19th century this modest type of structure had spread into much of the American South, via New Orleans. Over time, shotgun houses became ubiquitous in the rural South and were particularly common as dwellings for African-Americans.

Inexpensive to build, easy to transport and adaptable to diverse purposes, the shotgun style spread across the country. Shotgun houses found use during the Civil War as field housing, sprung up in mining towns across the West, sheltered railroad workers laying tracks across the nation, and offered economical shelter for people of limited means in many communities.

In Santa Monica and other resort areas, shotgun homes were also useful as vacation cottages, Lemlein said.

Historians debate the origins of the name "shotgun." Some believe the word is a version of the Yoruba (African) word for house — "togun." Others cite the simple floor plan of these dwellings. Shotgun houses are typically one-room wide and two or three rooms deep. Lacking a hallway, the rooms are aligned with connecting doorways so that a bullet fired through the front door would exit cleanly through the back door, according to the conservancy.

This house is also important for its links to local history, harking back to the early days of Santa Monica's Ocean Park neighborhood. In the 1890s, Ocean Park was being subdivided and settled and was growing fast as a resort area. In Ocean Park's first phase of development, shotgun houses were built or brought in by rail to serve as vacation cottages near the beach, according to the conservancy. This house was originally located just two blocks from the Santa Fe railroad depot in Ocean Park and within easy reach of the area's tourist attractions. As such it is linked with one of Santa Monica's oldest and most important industries — tourism.

The now-defunct Ocean Park Community Organization originally purchased the home and saved it from demoli-

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Not-so-friendly skies

Editor:

I'm not sure Joseph Bates ("Santa Monica Airport an asset," Letter to the Editor, March 24) really is in touch with the residents living here on the Westside (Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Venice). His "facts" are untrue and he seems to spin the issue in his foggy reality; this is not "a minority of residents," but many who want the airport closed!

The airport is a health and safety risk to many people who live here.

Not the few.

We do not want the airport operating as it is now.

The increase in huge, unsafe jets, the constant roar and fumes from these aircraft does not fit into what the airport was designed for.

The city of Santa Monica loses money and is costing the tax payers tons of money ever year. I repeat, the airport does not make money.

We living here want the airport to be closed and a park built for the many to use. Not the rich few who use it as their playground at the expense of those living around it. Most of the pilots are not from around here and do not contribute to the well-being of others. These pilots continually skew the facts, scared that their precious pastime is at stake.

We living here love aviation, we just don't love the gunslinger pilots that feel they have the right to change the facts to fit their own personal interests at the expense of others. Namely people that actually live here and pay taxes, breath the toxic fumes and can't hear conversations due to the onslaught of jets taking off every 30 minutes above our heads.

Here is what the majority of residents want:

The airport closed and a new great park built that serves all of the community. We want the land to be used for people actually living here.

Giving children and the elderly a place to walk and play and feel a part of this great area. Make new friends, exercise, enjoy the outdoors free of toxic fumes and loud jets (both are detrimental to one's well-being)

The park will have sports fields, an amphitheater, community gardens, walking trails, bike paths. It can hold concerts, birthday parties, education seminars, yoga classes.

It is time to join the many other urban cities that have realized how important open space and community is to those living in a big city.

And just to cover the emergency safety issues, a landing strip (runway) will be preserved to insure safety just in case we need to use the airport for disaster relief.

I see a whole new era happening for the green city of Santa Monica. The time is now to move ahead with changes that will be serving generations to come.

I'm all for the airport closing and hope the City Council listens to its people who want change and fresh air to breath.

Valerie Davidson
Mar Vista, Calif.



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

From sea to oily sea

SATURDAY IS EARTH HOUR, A WORLDWIDE event to raise environmental awareness. (Only an hour? I guess it's "quality time.")

At 8:30 p.m., our Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier will be dark as Earth Hour is expected to include hundreds of millions of people in 154 countries spanning every continent.

Fittingly perhaps, this past week marked the 25th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez disaster, which spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil into Alaska's previously pristine Prince William Sound. Almost to the day, a quarter century later, there was another tanker spill, this in Galveston, Texas where 168,000 gallons of heavy marine fuel polluted the bay. (So what else is new?)

Remember the Gulf states' tourist commercials which proclaimed the bay all cleaned up after the horrific BP drilling platform spill of 2010? They showed life back to normal and prosperous and bragged about the coastline's wonderful seafood. The only thing upbeat now is when cooking bay seafood one doesn't need to add any oil to the pan.

Almost daily, it seems like we're destroying the planet faster than fixing it, all in the name of corporate profits. For example, I imagine to the executives and stockholders of Exxon, the Valdez catastrophe is long forgotten as last year's Exxon corporate profits were the highest in world history. A little spill here or there (or everywhere) is just the cost of doing business.

Rampant man-made pollution reminds me of a "Twilight Zone" episode. Rod Serling comes out and soberly poses the question, "Imagine a world where the humans seem bent on destroying the very planet on which they need to survive." Then, looking down from outer space, one extra terrestrial says to the other, "Why do you suppose these creatures do it?" The other answers, "I gather it's to accumulate money." The first thinks for a moment and responds, "What's money?" (OK, my apologies to the late Mr. Serling.)

And it's hardly just oil spills. We're tremendously varied in how we're wrecking the planet. Have you ever heard of Duke Energy in North Carolina? In the name of profits, they're seemingly destroying the state with their coal ash dumps. (Toxic waste left after coal combustion.) In any event, Duke has coal ash dumps at 14 power plants, all of which were cited last year for polluting groundwater. (Picky, picky.)

In February, in one of the worst coal ash spills in U.S. history, 27 million gallons of contaminated water and 82,000 tons of coal ash spilled into North Carolina's Dan River after a pipe burst underneath a waste pond. The river turned gray for miles, and arsenic levels were reported 35 times higher than the maximum set by federal regulators. (Is that all?)

Following the Dan River spill, the company has been cited for eight more violations. And yet Duke had the gall to take out full page advertisements in North Carolina newspapers to "regain customer confidence." The company's CEO wrote in the ad, addressed to "The People of North Carolina," that Duke is taking action to "ensure the safety of our ash basins and develop a plan for long-term management, including closure." Well, when you put it that way, certainly all should be forgiven.

The ads came days after state regulators asked a judge to withdraw a proposed settlement that would have allowed Duke Energy to resolve environmental violations by paying a $99,000 fine. I'm sure it's just coincidence that Republican Gov. Pat McCrory worked for Duke for 28 years.

Actually, Duke has no intention of paying for their own malfeasance. Duke Energy's CEO said it is up to customers to pay for the cleanup and it is likely Gov. McCrory will instruct North Carolina Utilities Commission to determine how quickly customers will have to pay to clean up Duke's toxic dumps.

Here in Santa Monica, I actually think ecologically things may be better. (Even if traffic and over development are hideously worse.) When I would chat with my late friend Gussy Moran, the 1950's tennis star born and raised here, she noted that when she was a pre-teen, raw sewage was just dumped directly into the ocean. It was so bad, when she and her friends played on the beach they had to wear booties. So maybe the good old days, in some ways, were not as good as we may remember.

I have a novel idea for when Exxon, BP, Duke Energy and others like them cause environmental disasters. How about until everything is put completely back to what it was before, there are no corporate profits?

And the CEOs, instead of eight-figure salaries, get minimum wage! They could apply for food stamps. Oops, I forgot, instead of Congress closing tax loopholes or cutting bloated defense spending, they've reduced food stamps. And provided 34 percent less for the environment or what's left of it.

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Microsoft's Office apps for iPad ushers in new era

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Microsoft has released an iPad version of its popular Office software suite, a breakthrough heralding a new era under a CEO who promises to focus more on the devices that people are using instead of trying to protect the company's lucrative Windows franchise.

Thursday's unveiling of the much-anticipated iPad apps for Microsoft's bundle of word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software comes nearly four years after Apple Inc. released the tablet computer that has contributed to a steady decline in sales of desktop and laptop machines running on the Windows operating system.

Microsoft's decision to relent to persistent demands to make its top-selling software application available on the world's most popular tablet comes seven weeks after the Redmond, Wash., company anointed Sayta Nadella as its CEO after being led for 14 years by Steve Ballmer.

The change in command gives Microsoft Corp. an opportunity to prove it's a more nimble company adapting to evolution of computing instead of clinging to its old ways.

Nadella, who has been working at Microsoft for 22 years, emphasized that he felt rejuvenated since taking over as CEO.

"You see things from a fresh set of eyes and fresh perspective," Nadella told a crowd of reporters gathered in San Francisco for his first major public appearance as CEO.

Investors seem to have liked what they have seen so far. Microsoft's stock slipped 43 cents to close Thursday at $39.36, but the shares are still up by 8 percent since Nadella took over. The stock lost about one-third of its value under Ballmer's reign.

The Office app for the iPad represents a major step in the right direction for Microsoft, said FBR Capital Markets analyst Daniel Ives. "They finally looked in the mirror and realized they needed to go with the crowd in terms of iPads," Ives said.

Like several other analysts, Ives thinks the Office app for the iPad could generate an additional $1 billion in revenue for Microsoft. Although the Office app is free to anyone who wants to read Office's Word, Excel and PowerPoint programs on the iPad, it will require a subscription to Microsoft's Office 365 to create and edit documents on the device. The Office 365 subscriptions cost $70 or $100 annually, with the lower price placing more restrictions on the number and types of devices that can be used.

The Office 365 subscriptions also have been required to use Office apps built for the iPhone and Android phones last summer, so many iPad owners many already have one.

But millions of other people with iPads probably haven't had a reason to buy an Office 365 until Thursday. Nearly 200 million iPads had been sold through the end of 2013, meaning about 5 percent of those device owners would have to pay for a $100 annual subscription to generate an additional $1 billion in revenue.

Microsoft hasn't said how many Office 365 subscribers it already has, but Nomura analyst Rick Sherlund estimates the number at anywhere between 14 million to 24 million. He estimates that the annual subscription revenue is running at about $2.5 billion.

Office has long been one of Microsoft's gold mines. In the company's last fiscal year ended June 30, the business division that is anchored by Office posted an operating profit of $16.2 billion on revenue of $24.7 billion.

The availability of an Office app also could encourage more people to buy an iPad. That, in turn, could siphon more sales away from laptops running on Windows, which also generates billions in licensing fees for Microsoft each year. This year, Gartner Inc. expects 271 million tablets to be sold, including those running on Windows and Android, versus a total of 277 million desktop and laptop computers. By the end of 2015, tablets should be outselling PCs by a wide margin, Gartner said.

Microsoft hasn't made Office apps for Android tablets yet, though the company has previously said those will be coming. Last year, Office apps for Android phones came out a month after the iPhone versions debuted.

"We are taking great focus and great care that Office on every device shines through," Nadella said.

That marks a change in sentiment for Microsoft.

Even as it became clear iPad was reshaping computing, Ballmer steadfastly resisted making an Office app for the device. He had been hoping that most of the 1 billion worldwide Office users would decide to buy Windows tablets instead of the iPad, but there was little evidence that was happening in significant numbers. Sales of Microsoft's own Windows tablet, Surface, turned out to be a huge letdown.

The Office app for the iPad has so many features designed for the device that Microsoft clearly was working on its design.

The Q Line

High and dry

The Planning Commission last week voted to deny the Palihouse hotel a permit to sell alcohol. A number of residents came out against allowing booze at the hotel, which is located in a residential neighborhood.

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Do you think Palihouse should serve alcohol or are residents right in objecting to the practice?

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Democrats in California capital reel from scandal

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. So far in 2014, each month has brought news of another arrest or conviction of a Democratic California state senator. The latest was Wednesday's arrest of Sen. Leland Yee of San Francisco on federal corruption charges, news that roiled the capital and led one of Yee's opponents in the race for secretary of state to call the Legislature a "corrupt institution."

Democrats hold large majorities in both chambers of the Legislature and should be flying into election season this year, easily passing legislation and setting the agenda after taming California's busted budgets and turning their Republican rivals into a "superminority" in the nation's most populous state.

But now their dominance could be dampened by new revelations of dirty dealings by Democrats in the state Senate. One senator was convicted of voter fraud and perjury, and two others face federal charges for alleged misdeeds that include accepting large financial bribes for friends and family in exchange for legislation and orchestrating weapons and drug trafficking to help pay off campaign debts.

U.S. Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein of California joined a growing list of officials Thursday in distancing themselves by demanding Yee's resignation. The Democratic leader of the state Senate, President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, warned Yee to resign or face suspension by his colleagues, saying "he cannot come back."

Yee has only announced he is dropping out of the secretary of state race.

"I know what people are thinking. This is the third incident the Senate has had to deal with," an emotional Steinberg said. "We are going to do everything in our power to uphold the integrity of the Senate and do the people's business and still have a great and productive year."

Yee's lawyer says the senator plans to plead not guilty to charges of accepting more than $42,000 to influence legislation and introduce an undercover FBI agent to an arms trafficker.

Yee, who sometimes challenged Democratic leaders, had been best known publicly for his efforts to promote government transparency and public records, for which he was celebrated just last week by the Society of Professional Journalists. He also introduced several bills last year to restrict gun possession.

SPJ issued a statement Thursday saying the group will not take any action on the award until the case against Yee is resolved.

Republicans, who have been struggling to regain their political footing, have sought to capitalize on the wave of criminal charges as a way to undo Democrats' dominance in the Legislature. Republicans have repeatedly tried to expel Sen. Rod Wright of Inglewood after he was convicted of perjury and voter fraud in January for lying about his legal residence in Los Angeles County. Democratic leaders have blocked those efforts, though.

Wright and Sen. Ron Calderon of Montebello, who was indicted on federal corruption charges in February, are on voluntary paid leave from the Legislature. Prosecutors say Calderon accepted about $100,000 for himself and family members in exchange for promoting legislation to expand Hollywood tax credits and protect the interest of a hospital that benefited from a provision of the workers' compensation law.

Sen. Joel Anderson, a Republican from Alpine who has led the expulsion efforts, blamed Democratic leaders for creating a culture of tolerance for illegal activity.

"If you refuse to act and you shirk your responsibility to act, is it a surprise that senators don't take ethics as seriously as they should?" Anderson said.

John Burton, chairman of the California Democratic Party, said he does not think voters will hold all Democrats accountable for the actions of three rogue operators, but he said the allegations are worrisome.

"It's a concern, one, because they're all Democrats, but more than that, it's a concern for the institution that I was honored to not just serve in but to lead, and nothing even close to that happened under that membership," said Burton, who was Senate President Pro Tem from 1998 until 2004. "But you just don't know."

Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, agreed that the actions reflect poorly on lawmakers of both parties. He prepared a resolution calling for Yee's immediate suspension.

"We all get painted in the same brush," he said. "The problem is manifesting itself, but people hold us all to the same standards."

Yee's arrest also comes at the height of fundraising season as lawmakers are introducing bills and holding hearings on them in the Legislature. On most weeknights at this time of year, lawmakers and lobbyists scuttle between bars and restaurants in downtown Sacramento, where they shake hands and collect checks for their next political race.

Two of Yee's opponents in the race for secretary of state used his arrest to draw attention to their calls for broader political reforms. The secretary of state's office oversees California elections and campaign-finance reporting.

Derek Cressman, a Democrat and former director of the good government group Common Cause who seeks strict limits on contributions and more disclosure about donors, said Yee's arrest is clearly part of a broader pattern in the capital. He called the Legislature corrupt.

"The constant begging for campaign cash clearly has a corrosive effect on a person's soul, and the only solution is to get big money out of our politics once and for all," he said, adding that the bar for public office "should be higher than the bar for staying out of prison."

Dan Schnur, another secretary of state candidate who has called for a ban on fundraising during budget season, said Yee's arrest is a reminder of why Californians have so little trust in their elected officials. He said he hoped it would "prompt the Legislature to take much more aggressive and meaningful action to fix a broken political system than they have been willing to do to date."

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CRIME WATCH
BY KEVIN HERRERA

A drunk, a drug deal and a diner who can't pay the check

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, AT 6:15 P.M.,

Santa Monica Police officers responded to the Santa Monica Pier — Mariasol Restaurant — regarding a report of a customer who refused to pay for a meal. When officers arrived they spoke with an employee at the Mexican restaurant who said that a man went to the bar and ran up a $111 tab. When presented with the bill the man grew agitated and allegedly refused to pay. When officers spoke with the man they determined he was drunk. They searched him and realized he did not have any cash or credit cards. He was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Andres Escobar, 33, of Echo Park, Calif. His bail was set at $500.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, AT 11:30 P.M.,

Officers were driving in a marked police cruiser westbound along the 2300 block of Idaho Avenue when they saw a man riding his bike in an alley without a light. Officers stopped him to issue him a ticket for the violation. While questioning him, the officers asked whether he had anything illegal on him. He allegedly admitted to having some pot. Officers searched a bag and found pot in several different baggies as well as a digital scale. The suspect was arrested for possession of marijuana with the intent to sell. He was identified as Stephen Michael Hughes, 52, of Walnut, Calif. His bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, AT 5:30 P.M.,

Officers received a report of someone disturbing a business located along the 3100 block of Main Street — Espresso Cielo. When officers arrived they found a man slumped over in a chair. The man almost fell when he stood up to provide police his ID. Officers said the man smelled of alcohol. He allegedly admitted to drinking booze all day. He was placed under arrest for being drunk in public. He was identified as Jimmy Charlie Musechuk, 33, of Mission Hills, Calif. His bail was set at $250.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, AT 11 P.M.,

Officers received a report of an assault with a deadly weapon at the 7-Eleven located at 1865 Lincoln Blvd. A guy matching the description of the suspect was detained a block away by responding officers. The alleged victim told officers that the suspect approached him as he stood in the parking lot with his shopping cart full of prized possessions. He tried to ignore the suspect, who allegedly cursed at him and harassed him. The suspect then took a walking stick out of the shopping cart and struck the alleged victim several times before hitting a parked car. He then fled from the parking lot with the stick. The suspect was positively identified by the alleged victim and witnesses. He was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon, felony vandalism and petty theft. He was identified as Anthony Andrew Elby, 32, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, AT 10:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to a report of a burglary at a home located along the 1100 block of San Vicente Boulevard. The homeowners told police they had hired two men, who were recommended by a friend, to help them move. The two helped out for a few days and stayed in a guest house during that time. On that Saturday at around 10 a.m., one of the alleged victims noticed one of the workers leaving the home with a backpack. Suspicious, she checked her jewelry and noticed that six boxes containing jewelry were missing. She called one of the suspects on the phone and asked them to return to the house. Only one of the workers returned. He allegedly told the homeowners to offer a cash reward if they wanted their stuff back. Police arrested the suspect for grand theft. The estimated value of the loss was just over $200,000. The suspect was identified as Ahmed Mousa Alfayyomy, 34, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $45,000. No word on the other suspects or if the jewelry was recovered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, AT 2 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2500 block of 28th Street regarding a report of suspicious activity. When they arrived they spoke to the person who called the cops. She told police that her estranged husband called her on her call phone asking where she was and then showed up at her door unannounced. The woman did not want to meet her husband and was very fearful because he had allegedly been violent with her in the past. Officers found the husband nearby. He consented to a search. Officers found what they believed to be cocaine hidden in one of his socks. The man told officers that he found the baggy and didn't know what was inside. He was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance. He was identified as James Frederick Scally, 27, of San Jose, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, AT 2 P.M.,

Officers in a marked car were parked along the 1500 block of Fifth Street where they had received numerous complaints about drug activity. They saw a woman walking north on Fifth Street into a parking lot behind a local business. She went up to a car with two people inside and put something in the driver's hand. Officers rolled up and detained all three. The driver allegedly admitted to having drugs in his hands. He handed officers two baggies with some kind of white powder inside. The woman was placed under arrest for possession of drugs for sale. The driver was busted for possession. The third suspect was released. Officers identified the two arrested as Daunielle Antoinet Coleman, 25, a transient (her bail was set at $30,000), and Andre Dion Moore, 31, of Sun Valley, Calif. (his bail was set at $10,000).

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Orlando, Fla. to take custody of Camp in connection with a juvenile sexual assault case. Camp had been evading police since July 2008, when he learned that he was under investigation, police said.

His arrest in Florida was the result of an investigation involving the SMPD, U.S. Marshal's Service and local law enforcement in the Orlando area..

Camp waived extradition and was transported back to California on March 14. He was booked into the Santa Monica Jail on multiple charges of lewd and lascivious acts on a child under the age of 14.

Police would not release any further details. They suspect there may be more victims and are asking anyone with information to contact detectives at (310) 458-8931.

Those wishing to report information anonymously may contact We-Tip at (800) 782-7463 (wetip.com) or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 (lacrimestoppers.org).

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2014-15 school year.

If the economy holds, Maez said, the district could be deficit-free in three years.

Last week, district officials announced that they will likely hire the equivalent of 15 new teachers this year in an effort to lower class sizes. The estimated cost of that growth is $1.16 million.

Additionally, the district and the Santa Monica Malibu Teachers Association reached an agreement that gives teachers a 4 percent raise and protects their health benefits, said union President Harry Keiley.

Keiley called the raise "well deserved" and said that, thanks to the recession, he couldn't remember the last time teachers received a bump in pay.

The district will spend significantly more on textbooks in the coming years, dropping a million dollars next year rather than this year's total of $214,000. In 2015-16, the budget for books will jump to $1.3 million, Maez said.

Five years ago the district cut spending on textbooks and now, officials said, they have about $7.5 million worth in need of replacement. The replacement will take place over the next few years.

Board member Oscar de la Torre asked if providing e-textbooks would be cheaper in the long run, to which Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of Educational Services, responded that it would not.

"It's worth noting that there's virtually no difference between a paper copy and an electronic copy," she said. "That's because textbook companies have to be able to pay for all the research and efforts that go into creating a quality textbook."

The state is introducing a new funding formula that allots cash for every pupil and gives bonuses for low-income students and students for whom English is a second language. About 28 percent of all SMMUSD students fall under one or both of those categories.

With the boost in funding, districts also get more freedom in the way it's spent. Previously, the state tied its funding to particular categories. The state gave a certain amount to the district every year that had to be spent on, for example, textbooks. Now, the district gets to decide exactly how much it wants to spend on textbooks.

The district will also have to set its own goals to be approved by the state. The state's priorities for these goals include parental involvement, pupil achievement on tests and high-quality teachers.

As the importance of technology continues to rise along with the amount of computers in the district, the board plans to add four computer technicians to its current total of 10.

Currently, SMMUSD has the equivalent of 53 full-time custodians but next year they'll jump to 65 and add a night crew.

"I think we're a little ahead of the game because as we've worked through some of the questions that we've had around the environmental issues, one of the things that's a big component of that is going to be the best management practices of our custodial staff and cleaning," Maez said.

Last year, samples taken from some rooms at Malibu High School were found to have high enough levels of PCBs to trigger involvement from the Environmental Protection Agency. The district will be responsible for cleaning those rooms.

As the district's finances find more stable footing, Maez pointed to some of the areas that have been neglected in recent years. The library collections haven't received significant funding in a few years, she said. Utility expenses, like gas, electricity, and water, will need to be addressed soon as well.

As the district receives more funding in coming years some of it will likely go toward retirement benefits, Maez said. State retirement benefits are not fully funded and contributions from employees as well as the district are expected to rise.

The board will discuss a preliminary budget in May and adopt it at the end of June.

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MOVING? The Ruskin Group Theatre Co. is among the non-aviation businesses at SMO.

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think there would be enough capital available at this point with the state of the economy and our business being seriously affected by that so I think we'd probably have to just close up."

Michael Myers, associate director at the Ruskin School of Acting, also noted that it can be hard for tenants to invest in the influx properties. Still, he has faith in City Hall.

"If you look at what City Hall has done with creative capital, it's clearly a priority," he said. "It'd be nice to have some clarity but I believe that eventually we will."

Myers is not overly concerned with the possibility of market rate rents because, he said, as the rents have risen with inflation the artists are already getting close.

In 2000, most of the artists got subsidized rates from City Hall but, Myers said, they were all World War II-era hangars without heat or water.

"All of the artists here at the airport are of course concerned because everyone has put in a lot of sweat equity and personal time and they don't want to lose all of that," he said.

Angel Flight West, a nonprofit that flies patients in need of medical transport to and from airports near hospitals, has overseen the entire western operation of the organization from a nine-employee office on the SMO grounds. They've been at the airport for 31 years.

Josh Olson, incoming executive director, said that Santa Monica is a key location for them.

"We operate a virtual office, so we could theoretically move elsewhere, but we like to have direct contact with our pilots who are often coming in and out of the airport," he said.

About 500 of the 4,000 annual flights that Angel Flight West oversees come in through SMO.

UCLA's medical centers are some of the biggest partners for Angel Flight West. LAX is prohibitive for private flights, he said. Other airports, like Hawthorne Municipal Airport, are too far from the Westside's medical hub.

If they had to switch offices, he said, they could lose their roughly 50 local volunteers.

Eric Hanson, who owns xRez Studio, a creative imaging and visual effects production house located on airport property, said he knew the space was temporary when he moved in.

"We were given fair warning," he said. "We intend to stay as long as possible but it's not like we have expectations."

Hanson also owns property next to the airport and said he'd like to see the jets go but doesn't mind the propellor planes.

"The noise and the fumes rolling over our house are the big issue," he said. "Weirdly enough we experience less noise here than we do at home. We're real happy to be here and have had nothing but great experiences with the airport."

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HOUSE
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tion. But when that neighborhood group folded after its chairman was accused of mishandling funds, the house was left without an owner at the Santa Monica Airport. City Hall took ownership and moved it a second time to a storage facility adjacent to Memorial Park to make way for construction of Airport Park.

In 2007, city officials settled on a permanent location, a parking lot next to the Ocean Park Library, also an historic structure. The conservancy was selected in 2010 by the City Council to manage it, agreeing to a 20-year lease.

The transformation of the Shotgun House into a Preservation Resource Center is supported by a $1.6 million fundraising campaign that includes hiring the conservancy's first executive director and expanding programming and community education.

The conservancy still needs donations to reach its fundraising goal and is asking for those with building materials like sheetrock to consider donating them so that as much cash as possible can be saved and spent on programming and hiring staff. Skilled labor is also needed.

Those interested can learn more by visiting www.smconservancy.org

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APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

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Introduce for first reading an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica amending Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2439 (CCS) to extend the Interim Zoning Ordinance to December 31, 2014.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014, AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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Tech companies, Citigroup tug U.S. stocks lower

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK It was a bad day to be an investor in Citigroup or tech stocks.

U.S. stock indexes edged lower for a second day Thursday as investors continued to retreat from technology stocks. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index closed at its lowest level in six weeks.

Bank stocks were also in focus. Citigroup fell 5 percent after the Federal Reserve denied the bank's plan to raise its dividend and buy back more stock. Most other major banks won approval to raise their dividends.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.52 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,849.04 and the Nasdaq dropped 22.35 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,151.23.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell a modest 4.76 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to end at 16,264.23. The blue-chip index benefited from a gain in Exxon Mobil, which rose $1.54, or 1.6 percent, to $96.24 as the price of oil increased 1 percent to just over $101 a barrel.

Once again, the high-flying technology stocks that soared in 2013 were among the hardest hit. Tesla Motors fell nearly 3 percent, Netflix lost 2.2 percent and Google fell 1.6 percent.

The sell-off continues what has already been a tough month for technology stocks. Netflix is down 18 percent this month, and Twitter and Tesla have fallen 16 and 15 percent, respectively.

Investors say it's reassuring to see some of the air come out of these speculative technology stocks. Netflix is still is trading at 90 times its expected 2014 earnings; the average for companies in the S&P 500 index is 17. Tesla is worth 119 times its expected earnings and Twitter, which hasn't even made a profit, is trading at more than 3,000 times what analysts expect the company to earn this year.

Most investors believe that while Netflix, Tesla and Facebook have bright futures, the stocks may have gotten ahead of themselves in recent months.

"The real story in the market is this valuation correction and risk-off trade," said Steve Massocca, a fund manager for the Wedbush Hedged Dividend Fund. "The more speculative areas have seen money come out of them in a hurry."

Citigroup was the second-biggest decliner in the S&P 500 after the Federal Reserve denied the bank's plan to raise its dividend and buy back more stock. The bank was one of only five to have plans rejected by the Fed. Citi was the only large U.S.-based commercial bank to face a rebuke from the Fed.

Investors had been bidding up the big banks' stock prices in the weeks heading into the announcement, in anticipation that the Fed would allow the banks, five years after the financial crisis, to return more money to investors. The nation's biggest banks have proposed $22.79 billion in dividends this year, a 23 percent increase from a year ago, according to data provided by Thomson Reuters.

"While there's going to be some winners and losers, these 'stress test' results will be an overall positive for the banks because it removes some of uncertainty in the sector," said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global market strategist for J.P. Morgan Funds.

"From a long-term perspective, they're all in a great place competitively," Massocca said.

As they have often done in recent weeks, investors looked past the latest positive reports on the U.S. economy.

The government estimated that the U.S. economy expanded at a 2.6 percent rate between October and December, slightly better than previously thought. Consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in three years. The government also said the number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits fell 10,000 last week to 311,000, the lowest since late November. Both reports were better than economists were expecting.

Economic data has had less of an impact on the stock market recently as many investors assume that the unusually harsh winter weather this year has skewed the data. Extremely cold and stormy weather is widely believed to have suppressed sales, hiring, construction and other potential growth in the economy in January and February. At the same time, many investors attribute improvements in economic indicators this month to a temporary bounce because of pent-up demand.

"We are not likely to get 'pure' data until the summer," Garcia-Amaya said. "Investors can't have it both ways, complaining that any bad data was impacted by the weather while at the same time saying any better-than-expected data was not impacted by the weather. We'll need to take the good and the bad with a grain of salt for a couple more months."

In company news:

— GameStop fell $1.57, or 4 percent, to $37.33. The video game retail chain reported higher fourth-quarter earnings, thanks to the recent debut of Microsoft's Xbox One and Sony's PlayStation 4, but its earnings missed estimates. The company also announced it would close 2 percent of its stores.

— King Entertainment, producer of the "Candy Crush Saga" video game, continued to slide a day after flopping in its stock market debut. The stock fell 51 cents, or 2.7 percent, to $18.49. It plunged 16 percent the day before.



Australia: 'Credible lead' shifts plane search area

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PERTH, Australia The search zone for the Malaysian airliner that crashed in the Indian Ocean nearly three weeks ago has shifted 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) to the northeast after new analysis of radar data suggested the plane flew faster than thought and used more fuel, which may have reduced the distance it traveled, Australia said Friday.

The revised search area comes as the weather cleared enough Friday to allow planes to hunt for fresh clues to the fate of the plane carrying 239 people that went missing March 8.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority said the change was based on new analysis provided by the international investigative team in Malaysia.

"This is a credible new lead and will be thoroughly investigated today," Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Friday.

"This is an extraordinarily difficult search, and an agonizing wait for family and friends of the passengers and crew," he said. "We owe it to them to follow every credible lead and to keep the public informed of significant new developments. That is what we are doing."

According to continuing analysis of radar data between the South China Sea and the Strait of Malacca before contact was lost with the Boeing 777, the aircraft was traveling faster than previously estimated, resulting in increased fuel use and reducing the possible distance the aircraft could have flown into the Indian Ocean.

The new area is 319,000 square kilometers (123,000 square miles) and about 1,850 kilometers (1,250 miles) west of Perth, Australia, the launching area for the search. The pervious search area was more southwest and about 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) from Perth.

The shift in search areas comes after searchers in planes and ships had scoured parts of the southern Indian Ocean for objects spotted bobbing in sea.

But strong winds and fast currents have made it difficult to pinpoint them, and the search for the plane has yet to produce a single piece of debris — not to mention its so-called black boxes, which could solve the mystery of why the jet, en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur, flew so far off-course.

For relatives of the 239 people aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, the various clues and failed searches so far have just added to their agonizing waits.

Wang Zhen, whose parents were aboard the missing plane, said in a telephone interview in Beijing that he was becoming exasperated.

"There is nothing I can do but to wait, and wait," he said. "I'm also furious, but what is the use of getting furious?"

In the last week, Japan, Thailand and France have all said their satellites had picked up images of objects that could be debris from the plane. Most of the objects have measured from about 1 meter (3 feet) to about 20 meters (65 feet). Those sightings were in an area southwest of the new zone, and none have been found yet.

Japan's Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office said the objects its satellite spotted were located about 2,500 kilometers (1,560 miles) southwest of Perth, which would place them in the same general area as the 122 objects spotted by a French satellite on Sunday.

A Thai satellite revealed about 300 objects about 200 kilometers (125 miles) to the southwest of the items seen by the Japanese and French satellites. The photos were taken Monday, one day after the French and two days before the Japanese.

A Pentagon spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said the U.S. has also been "sharing imagery as appropriate" with investigators, but he declined to say what it entailed.

It's unknown whether any of the objects detected by the various satellites were the same. Currents in the ocean can run a meter per second (about 2.2 mph) and wind also could move material.

If and when any bit of wreckage from Flight 370 is recovered and identified, searchers will be able to narrow their hunt for the rest of the Boeing 777 and its flight data and cockpit voice recorders. The plane was supposed to fly from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing but turned away from its route soon after takeoff and flew for several hours before crashing.

Malaysian officials said earlier this week that satellite data confirmed the plane crashed into the southern Indian Ocean. On Thursday, Malaysia Airlines ran a full-page condolence advertisement with a black background in a major Malaysian newspaper.

"Our sincerest condolences go out to the loved ones of the 239 passengers, friends and colleagues. Words alone cannot express our enormous sorrow and pain," read the advertisement in the New Straits Times.

Officials still don't know why Flight 370 disappeared. Investigators have ruled out nothing — including mechanical or electrical failure, hijacking, sabotage, terrorism or issues related to the mental health of the pilots or someone else on board.

Some speculation has focused on the pilot, Capt. Zaharie Ahmad Shah, but his son, in an interview published Thursday in the New Straits Times, rejected the idea that his father might be to blame.

"I've read everything online, but I've ignored all the speculation," Ahmad Seth said. "I know my father better."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

USE PERMIT 14UP-001, 401 21st Place. A Use Permit to relocate an existing curb cut providing street access to an on-site parking garage on a parcel with an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is requested in conjunction with the construction of a new single family residence with an attached garage. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicular access onto the property from 21st Place, whereas the existing curb cut is located on Carlyle Avenue. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage or legal parking space on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. This item was scheduled on the March 11, 2014 Zoning Administrator meeting and continued to the April 8, 204 meeting. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: Michelle Cardiel/Jeff Brush and Victoria Strouse.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.





L.A. Galaxy's Riley has knee surgery, out six months

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON, Calif. L.A. Galaxy defender James Riley will be out for at least six months after having surgery on his left knee.

The Galaxy made the announcement Thursday.

Riley's lateral meniscus was injured in the 32nd minute of the Galaxy's game at Real Salt Lake last Saturday.

The Galaxy are the sixth team in 10 MLS seasons for Riley, who signed with the club last month after a preseason trial.

The Wake Forest product has scored just two goals in his decade in MLS, but Riley provided defensive depth for the Galaxy behind A.J. De La Garza and Todd Dunivant, who had a hamstring injury during the preseason.

The Galaxy (0-1-1) are off this week before facing Chivas USA on April 6.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.8°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading WNW swell; Leftover SSW swell; more favorable conditions

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Trace WNW/SSW swells - New S swell creeps in late

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New WNW swell builds - more size out west; small S swell blend in

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Small S/SSW swell; potential WNW swell continues...stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 19, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 6
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 22
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 18

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	B	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

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

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

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

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

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

City of Santa Monica

REVISED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

This is the eleventh hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This hearing will continue to address Chapter 9.28 in Division III (Parking, Loading and Circulation) and Chapter 9.53 in Division VI (Transportation Demand Management). The Commission heard public testimony on these Chapters at its meetings on March 12 and March 26, 2014, and closed the public hearing on these Chapters at its March 26, 2014 meeting. The hearing on April 2, 2014 will be limited to consideration of Chapter 9.28 in Division III (Parking, Loading and Circulation) and Chapter 9.53 in Division VI (Transportation Demand Management). Future Commission meetings will address other Divisions and Chapters of the Draft Zoning Ordinance and amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and Districting Map, particularly as these relate to Division III. The Commission may also have further discussion relating to divisions of the draft document that were the subject of prior Commission public hearings – Divisions I, II, IV and V. A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see **www.smgov.net/pcd**.

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about Zoning Ordinance update, please contact the Project Planner Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Chaplin's Little Tramp
7:30pm

A selection of Charlie Chaplin's short films will be featured during this special screening.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
2:30pm, 8:00pm

Sabotage (R) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
5:00pm, 10:30pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
11:00am, 12:15pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Noah (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
11:10am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Need for Speed (PG-13) 2hr 10min
5:00pm, 10:55pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:45pm, 11:00pm

Bad Words (R) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, 10:10pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Le Week-end (R) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Enemy (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

AT HOME TONIGHT, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your intuition might cloud what normally would appear as a straightforward issue. You seem to be picking up the nuances of the situation. Understand what is happening around you, but try not to put yourself in any difficult situations. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will move forward with clarity and direction. You know what is doable under the present circumstances. You'll want to make a difference where it counts. Recognize what you can do to prevent an escalating, tense situation. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be exhausted by the neediness of someone who is close to you. Perhaps it is time for a mini-vacation or a weekend away. Take off as soon as you can -- you will feel the difference. Tonight: Recognize that you have an audience observing you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Realize what a weekend away could do for you. You might want to mellow out to great music. Others simply might need to find themselves surrounded by nature. Tonight: Let stress fly away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have strong ideas, especially when it comes to maximizing the good times. It appears as though someone close to you also has a great idea, perhaps for tonight. There is no reason to say anything negative; try it this person's way. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might feel as if you have lost control of a situation and want to regain it. Unfortunately, the best you can do at the moment is to let others do what they need to do. Be direct with a loved one, as you might not understand his or her choices. Tonight: Be playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ An associate cares far more about a joint effort or project than you realize. This person might not understand what is happening within you, but you both could be developing strong feelings for each other. Stay aware. Tonight: Take a break with some friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll have a better chance of discovering what is happening with a loved one by saying less and not being so stern or withdrawn. You could be taken aback by how much you care about this person. Feelings abound. Tonight: A conversation takes a swift turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Focus on your domestic life, know what you want and move past a difficult situation. Take it one day at a time and express more enthusiasm for a project than you have in the past. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might consider taking some time off with a friend, close relative or neighbor. Others will seek you out for various reasons, but make a point of scheduling time with a person of importance. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your ability to move past what others often resist might need to emerge with a money matter. You'll see this situation as being far more profitable than others do. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by what is happening, as your imagination seems to come up with one creative idea after the other. Realize that you have a lot to accomplish. A child or loved one might become effusive in expressing his or her caring. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

Friday, March 28, 2014

This year you will be open to a changing situation that could affect your daily life. You feel more in touch with your creativity than you have in a while. Understand what is happening within your immediate circle. If you are single, use caution around any new person who enters your life. He or she could be emotionally unavailable. Unless you are, too, relating could become stressful at best. If you are attached, the two of you have a way of changing directions when you need to. No matter what age you are, summer triggers even more romance. PISCES makes a great healer for you.

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

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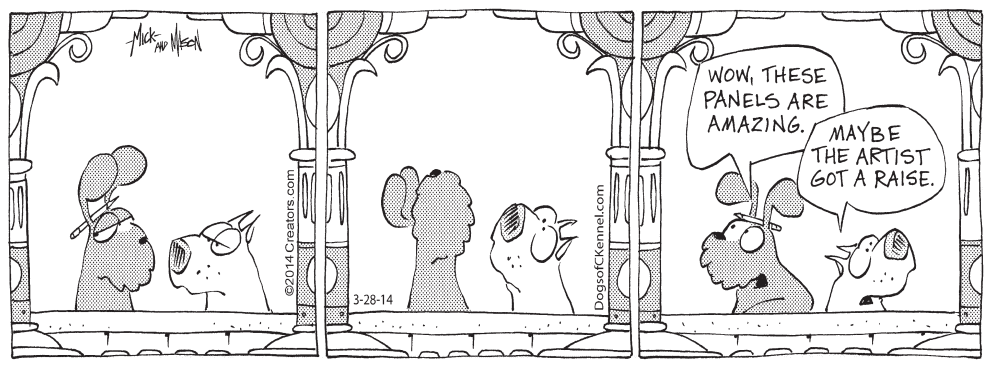
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By Dave Coverly



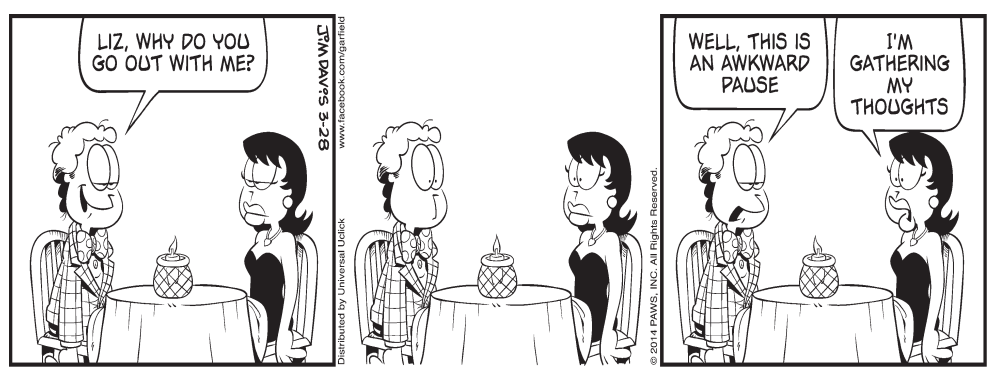
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By John Deering



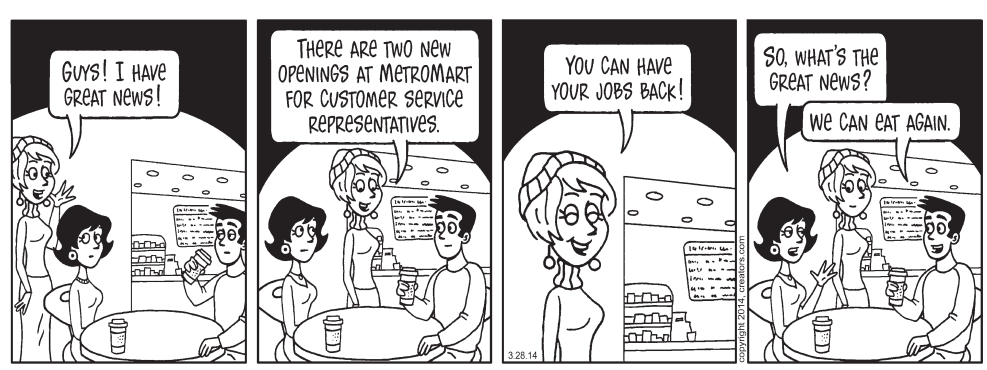
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

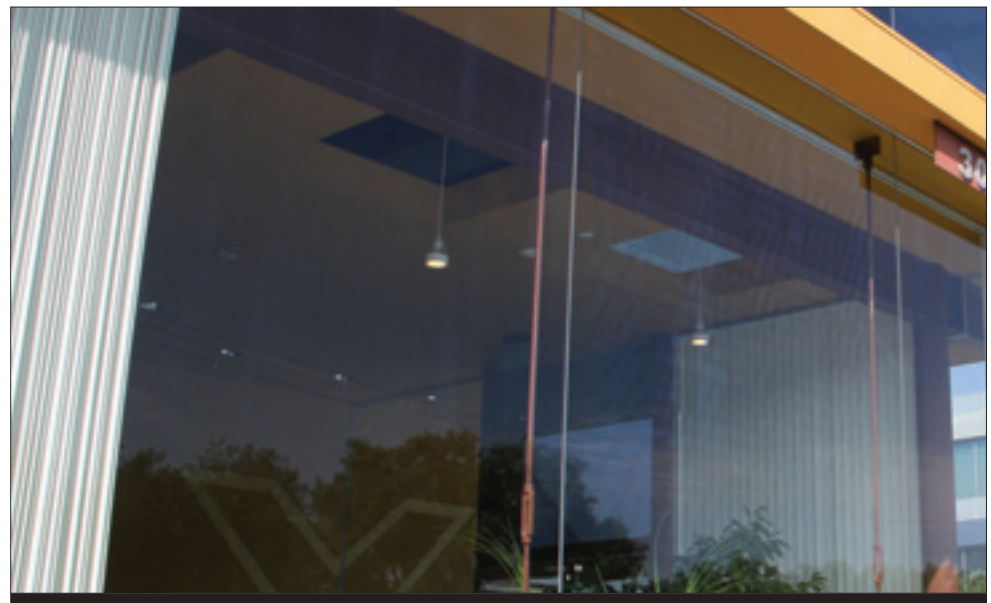
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

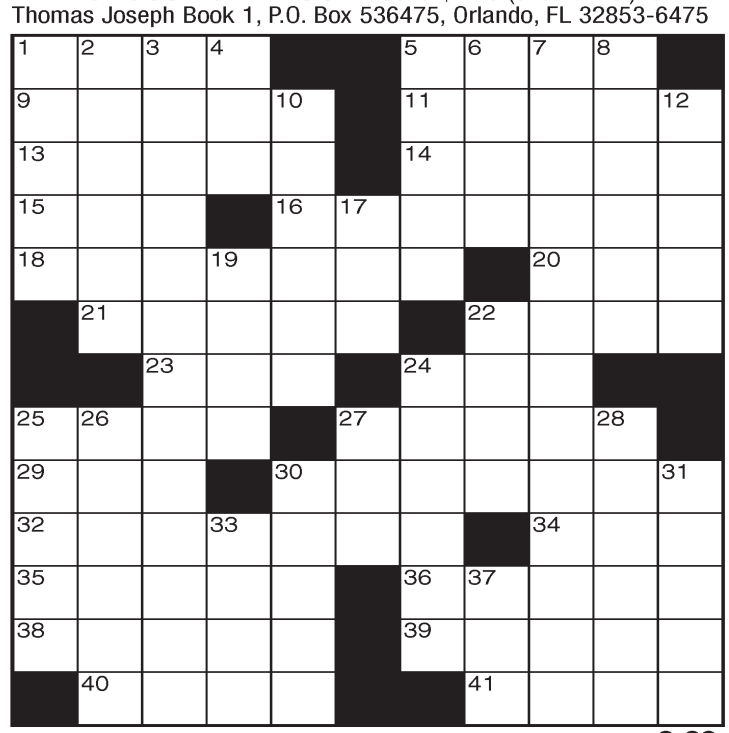
ACROSS
1 "Yeah, right!"
5 Alley prowlers
9 Tier
11 Grate stuff
13 Dancer Castle
14 Fine flour maker
15 In the past
16 Fear-inducing
18 Mars
20 Work unit
21 Bra part
22 Diamond corner
23 Holster's place
24 Young one
25 Like the piper
27 Wood strips
29 "— Not Unusual"
30 Pizza slices, often
32 Indigenous group
34 Join the crew
35 In proximity
36 Grammar topic
38 Personnel worker
39 Petruchio's town
40 Iowa city
41 Departed

DOWN
1 Homer work
2 River boats
3 Jack Higgins book
4 Kayo count
5 Lawyer's workload
6 Seoul setting
7 Jack Higgins book
8 Cuts off
10 Station worker
12 Grassy plant
17 Gym unit
19 Parched
22 One and the other
24 Touches base
25 Recipe amount
26 Venezia setting
27 Golf position
28 James Clavell novel
30 Civil rights leader Medgar
31 Worry
33 Understanding words
37 Carpentry tool

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Yesterday's answer

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3-28

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/26
28 33 41 44 59
Power#: 21
Jackpot: $50M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/25
19 26 51 57 73
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $15M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/26
3 8 26 37 46
Mega#: 18
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Technological Know-How at Work: Hard-core pornography fans are split (according to a January report on Salon.com) on whether they want male actors to use condoms, but California's Falcon Studios has the technology to serve both audiences. Falcon's actors wear them, but in some movies those condoms might be digitally "removed" during post-production. The major downside, said one renowned director, is the prohibitive cost -- about $100,000 to re-digitize the estimated 90,000 frames in a typical "low-budget" porno film. The Falcon president said he is trying an alternative -- using clever lighting during filming to de-emphasize the condom's presence.

■ News of the Weird has reported recently on the staggeringly large amounts of money to be made by financial trading firms that can execute buys and sells even a split-second before another firm. The Wall Street Journal reported in January that the "race to zero" ("zero" being trades executed at the speed of light) now involves sophisticated lasers beamed between trading hubs (initially, East Coast data centers, but eventually linking nearly all U.S. stock exchanges) so that a firm's automatically enacted trades (by self-actuating computer programs) can be further reduced from the current 0.004-second "lag" time.

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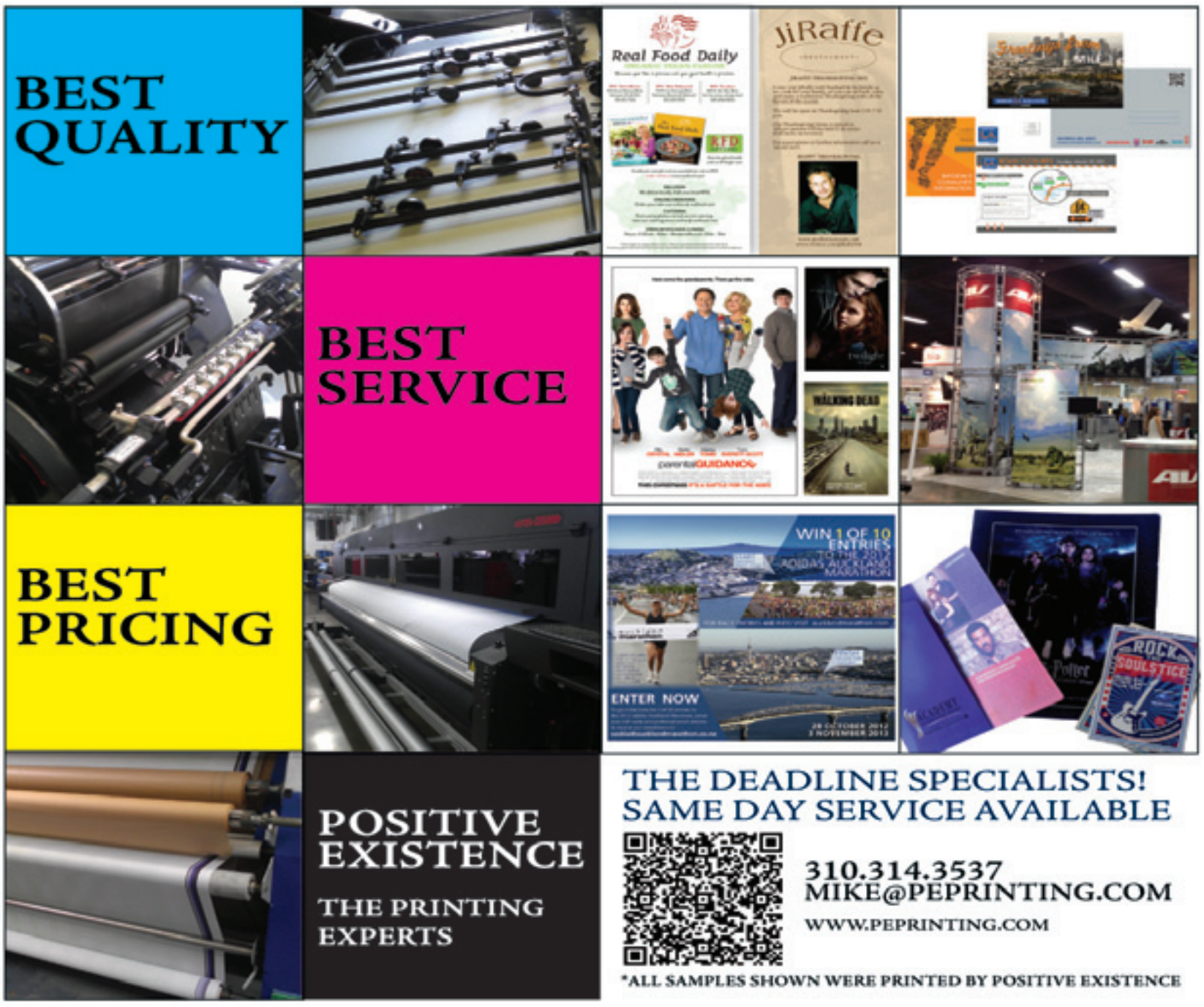
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