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AS IT WAS: **Shoppers once gathered on the lawn of the California Heritage Museum for sales during the Main Street Farmers' Market.**

Grass is always greener

City Hall, museum, businesses negotiate over lawn use

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET There's a Mexican standoff taking place over the lawn in front of the California Heritage Museum.

The Main Street Business Improvement Association and representatives of the Santa Monica-based museum are poised to begin negotiations over the disputed piece of property, which became a touchstone issue last year when City Hall declared sales taking place on the museum lawn illegal.

In years prior, California Heritage Museum officials sought out artists and other business people to sell items during the Main Street Farmers' Market that takes place adjacent to the lawn on Sundays.

In return for space near the bustling crowds of shoppers, the museum charged rents, which brought in anywhere from $700 to $750 a week, an important sum to an institution that's been running in the red for years.

With the money from the lawn no longer coming in, the museum did the only thing in its power to do — shut down access to the space entirely.

The decision chagrined city officials, who wanted to keep the space open for picnickers and customers of the market to enjoy their newly-bought prepared foods, fresh fruits or vegetables.

The business association got caught in the middle, said Gary Gordon, president of the Main Street Business Improvement Association.

"The only way vending can happen on the lawn is if the [association] decided to administer it, which would be an arrangement between the museum and the association," Gordon said.

It's created a delicate dance between the three institutions to find a solution that benefits everyone, although what that will look like is unclear.

From the point of view of the museum's executive director Tobi Smith, the Sunday constituted an important source of income for the businesses and the museum.

"That's like paying a staff person a salary," she said of the loss since December,

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Not guilty plea entered in Merman murder case

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief



BECERRIL

DOWNTOWN A financial adviser accused of stealing roughly $500,000 from a Santa Monica artist and then stabbing him to death once the scheme was uncovered plead not guilty Monday to murder charges.

Daniel Gilbert

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Rushed bills compromise disclosure

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

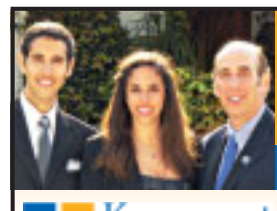
SACRAMENTO, Calif. Among the many bills rushed through when lawmakers passed the state budget last year was one protecting teachers if the state had to resort to automatic spending cuts in the middle of the school year.

The bill prohibited school administrators from furloughing teachers unless their union agreed, and banned them from laying off teachers during the fiscal year, making it virtually impossible for districts to save significant amounts of money. Although it had the potential for severe consequences, the

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7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Kick off your shoes
Santa Monica Beach
South of SM Pier,
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
TOMS invites the community to take off their shoes to help raise awareness for the need in third world countries. Join up for barefoot activities. The event will be held on the beach just south of the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, visit onedaywithoutshoes.com.

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Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop,
8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Something Hot! will take to the stage at Typhoon. No cover, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Acting out
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor Brian Hamill hosts this weekly comedy workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in the workshop, whether you want to be on stage or in the audience. Cost: free for Senior Center members; membership is free for anyone over 50. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Opening of 'In Paris'
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., call for times
This groundbreaking new play based on a Russian short story by Nobel Prize-winner Ivan Bunin and directed by Dmitry Krymov brings Mikhail Baryshnikov, Anna Sinyakina, and the ensemble of the Dmitry Krymov Laboratory to The Broad Stage. Cost: $50-$175. "In Paris" runs through April 21. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Economics of being a woman
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
This event is designed to help women during these tough economic times by learning strategies for financial well-being and wealth-building. For more information, call (310) 452-3881.

Market meet-up
Michael's
1147 Third St.,
8:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
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Computers get top billing at City Council

$1.5 million consent means new machines, BBB schedules

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks City Hall's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Computers have a shelf life before they need to be replaced with a newer model, and City Hall plans to spend approximately $1 million overhauling aging machines used by its employees.

The deal is an extension of an existing agreement with computer company Hewlett Packard, which provided computers for City Hall in 2008.

The machines come with a four-year warranty including replacement and on-site maintenance, and can be had for $1,109,250.

Old machines will be donated to local public schools and qualified community service agencies.

The full consent agenda totals $1,517,240.



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

PARKED: **Buses line the Big Blue Bus yard on Monday. The City Council is seeking an extension regarding the service's schedules.**

FIBER OPTICS

Everything's cheaper if you buy in bulk.

City staff is requesting $200,000 to do mandatory updates on its dark fiber network, an Internet service it provides to local businesses that tops speeds of 10 gigabytes per second.

Required updates are normally done piecemeal, with individual $40,000 contracts. To speed things up, City Hall wants to link all of the smaller project updates into a single, larger contract that would secure faster service and cheaper costs.

The $200,000 contract would cover excavation and installation of fiber optic utilities for dark fiber customers within 90 days of the beginning of their contract.

To be competitive, the work needs to be done faster than can be provided by private members of the telecommunication industry, according to the staff report.

ASPHALT TRUCK

The City Council is likely to approve $147,990 to buy a truck to patch asphalt.

The truck, to be purchased from Reynolds Buick, Inc., would be used by the Street Maintenance Division to patch, repair and maintain streets, alleys, sidewalks and parking lots.

City Hall received three bids on the project. Reynolds Buick offered the lowest price and a model of chassis that best fits the division's needs.

It'll also arrive within 90 days rather than the 330 and 365 days promised by the other competitors.

BBB SCHEDULES

City Hall is requesting an extension on a design contract with Ilium Associates to accommodate changes in store for the Big Blue Bus schedules and routes.

The bus system overhauled certain routes last year, and anticipate more changes to service in the years to come, particularly as the Exposition Light Rail line inches toward Santa Monica.

Officials estimate that they'll need another $60,000 to cover the costs involved in designing new timetables, maps, signage at 1,100 bus stops and on the municipal web sites through June 2014.

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Man injured in fall from overpass

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CIVIC CENTER A 20-year-old man was being treated Monday for minor to moderate injuries he suffered after falling from the Fourth Street bridge and landing on Interstate 10, authorities said.

Santa Monica police and the California Highway Patrol responded to the scene and shut down a portion of the freeway for "about 30 minutes," said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

"He was conscious when officers arrived and was able to give a statement," Lewis said. "He said he fell off."

The incident was reported around 8:30 a.m., Lewis said.

It is unclear if it was a suicide attempt. Police will continue to interview the man and provide more information at a later date.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Entitlement clouds reason at SMC

Editor:

Do the Santa Monica College students and faculty that oppose summer classes realize they have turned a win-win into a lose-lose? Their position that higher-priced summer classes aren't fair because some students can't afford them is not only offensive on its face but detrimental to their own self interests.

With limited public funding and many SMC classes impacted, students are being forced to take longer to complete their degrees or transfer requirements. It seems logical that if some students take summer classes then the classes offered in the fall will be less impacted and more available to all. So more students from all economic strata will be able to complete their requirements sooner – everybody wins.

The fairness notion that "you can't buy whatever I can't afford," is the ultimate sense of entitlement. With the philosophy of let's deny everybody to our lowest capability – everybody loses.

Gary Gossard
San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Don't be indifferent

Editor:

Since your article – "Historic Downtown post office may close" – appeared on March 30, I am appalled that the outcry has been non-existent. The City Council and all of the politicians should be screaming that this is going to cause a hardship for the residents of this city.

Senior citizens will not be able to go to the other end of town in order to do their postal business, and to go by auto will further cause traffic problems and increase pollution.

If this happens what will this building or piece of property be used for? By not fighting this the politicians in this city will certainly whet the appetites of developers and line their pockets as well as the coffers of the city. We need that post office, so tell the politicians to open their mouths and not their pockets.

Come on Santa Monica, fight for our city for a change instead of lying down and letting them step on us. Don't be indifferent because it is you who will lose.

Herb Silverstein
Santa Monica

Some inspiration

Editor:

An open letter to those brothers and sisters of mine who were "pepper" (read: tear gas) sprayed last Tuesday night at SMC.

A line from an old Joni Mitchell song came to mind. I hope it makes you feel a little better. I heard about you out there on the frontline and as an old on-the-couch baby boomer alone on MLK assassination day looking for a little hope, and you give it to me so here you go: "You've got to shake your fists at lightning now/you got to roar like forest fire/ You've got to spread your light like blazes/All across the sky. They're going to aim the hoses on you/Show 'em you won't expire/Not 'til you burn up every passion/not even when you die/come on now/you've got to try … ."

Henry Rosenfeld
Santa Monica



Your column here

Hunter Jameson — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Why nativity scenes deserve a place in Palisades Park

Santa Monicans, their neighbors and countless other people around the world spent their weekend celebrating Passover and Easter.

As they did so, some may think back to two December holidays, Christmas and Chanukah, and the much-loved community displays of the nativity scenes and menorah in Palisades Park. They may wonder whether they will be able to enjoy them again this year, for these Palisades Park traditions are under attack.

This is not a dispute over equal opportunity or equal space to celebrate a different holiday or even to present a dissenting view. This is an assault by a non-resident of Santa Monica with an ideological ax to grind along with a few friends who seek to censor the nativity scenes and menorah and drive them out of the public square.

I'll refer below specifically to the nativity scenes, which are the focus of the committee I represent, but the same attack and defense generally apply also to the menorah erected each Chanukah in Palisades Park by our friends at Chabad of S. Monica.

In word and deed, the leader of the nativity scenes' foes has shown over the past year that his primary goal is to suppress the nativity scenes rather than present a positive message of his own. As recently as February, he indicated he would willingly forgo his meager displays if he can oust the nativity scenes.

In December 2011, through exploiting some new rules, he and his group won 1 3/4 of the two blocks of display space. They left one block empty in violation of the rules, which say, "Spaces are intended for the installation of unattended displays" and prescribe a penalty for not using the spaces, albeit a weak one that takes effect a year later.

When we asked in December whether in the spirit of Christmas we could use the empty block to mount the bulk of the nativity scenes, the answer was "no." The block remained empty, demonstrating the foes' preference for suppressing our views rather than celebrating their own.

In contrast to this Grinch-like negativism, sponsors of the nativity scenes, who have never tried to expel anyone from the park, happily point to numerous positive qualities of the scenes.

• The nativity scenes have been a prized community celebration of Christmas for nearly 60 years in Palisades Park, enjoyed by thousands of Santa Monicans and visitors, including multiple generations of many families and people of many religious (or no religious) beliefs.

• The multiple booths (14 of them) make the nativity scenes a uniquely Santa Monica Christmas tradition, having brought many visitors to the city and resulting in Santa Monica's being called the "City of the Christmas Story."

• All display costs, including standard fees paid to the city for taking parking meters along the scenes out of service, are paid by voluntary donations from businesses, churches and individuals.

• The Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee, which organizes the display, is made up of 14 Santa Monica-based organizations that number more than 20,000 members, and more than 1,300 people have signed a petition to the city to preserve the scenes in Palisades Park.

• The event represented by the nativity scenes, the birth of Jesus Christ, is the pivotal event in history that provides the dating of our calendar.

• The Christmas narrative depicted by the scenes is an inspiring, uplifting story of God's love and human love filled with joy, hope, and peace, a part of what has been called "the greatest story ever told."

The nativity scenes belong in Palisades Park. They have been shown there since they began in 1953. Ysidro Reyes, civic leader and co-founder of the display, who was related to the family that had given Palisades Park to the city, said that having the scenes in the park was the kind of use that would have gratified the donors.

To find an alternate location in our built-up city with adequate space to display 14 scenes in sequence with the excellent visibility and pedestrian and auto access of Palisades Park (not to mention its seaside beauty) is virtually impossible. To banish the scenes from Palisades Park could write a death sentence for them in their current format.

Because the nativity scenes are a valued part of Santa Monica's heritage, the Nativity Scenes Committee applauds the City Council for its decision Feb. 28 to postpone consideration of a recommendation to ban the nativity scenes, the menorah and all other December displays from Palisades Park. We are thankful that the council and City Attorney Marsha Moutrie have indicated their fair-minded willingness to consider suggestions on apportioning display space before taking up the subject again at the council meeting May 22.

With the help of legal counsel, the Nativity Scenes Committee is working on a proposal we will present in coming weeks to provide a fair and constitutionally sound way of allotting spaces for December displays in Palisades Park. For now, I would encourage supporters of the scenes who have not yet signed the petition urging their preservation in Palisades Park to do so online at SantaMonicaNativityScenes.org.

As we celebrate the triumphs of Passover and the resurrection, let us hope and pray that come December the full nativity scenes display and menorah will continue their time-honored celebration of Christmas and Chanukah in Palisades Park.

HUNTER JAMESON is chairman of the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee, which organizes the annual nativity scenes display in Palisades Park.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht
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Investing outside of the stock market

A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK Times explained that some large companies are moving into the real estate market, buying hundreds of homes during the current downturn.

But big companies are not the only ones that can do this. Our daughter has been doing it for over a year in the Eugene, Ore. area. And there is no reason that individuals right here in Santa Monica cannot do the same thing.

Although local brokers don't like to talk about it, the prices of homes in many areas around West Los Angeles are down about 30 percent from the peak.

Yet rental prices are not down nearly that much. During the bubble, it did not seem like a good idea to buy and rent out a single-family house because the rent almost never covered the costs of ownership, so there was always a negative cash flow.

But with prices down and rents stable or even up a bit, that scenario has changed. And in the Los Angeles area, outside of Santa Monica (where it is not legally permitted) some folks are able to cash in on short-term rentals at very high prices.

Our daughter Raquel, an immigration lawyer, seems to have figured out the best of all possible scenarios. She has a verbal agreement with a local bank that when they have foreclosed on a property they will notify her. She pays off the amount that was due to the bank on the loan, (or negotiates it), in cash. In the Eugene area this often requires only about $50,000 in cash for many of the homes that go into foreclosure.

A few years ago Raquel set up a construction company and got it licensed as a contractor. The president and equity partner is a young man who had worked for her for some time fixing up her home and some apartments she owned. He fixes up the foreclosed property and they then rent it, usually to a family that Raquel has met through her immigration law firm.

The deal is that the renters get a bargain rent, effectively the cost of owning the property plus the value of the investment dollars at 8 percent, in exchange for which they continue to improve the property under the supervision of the contractor.

One hopes that the value of homes in the Eugene area will, someday, begin a new upward climb. Meanwhile, the rental income is helpful.

The expectation is that the combination of the rental income on the investment plus the appreciation on the property will exceed the return that would be received if the same money were invested in the stock market. But that certainly is not a given.

Here is a projected housing market valuation for the next three years from a prominent financial firm:



Note that a modest increase in value is projected for Portland, Ore., perhaps the same market as Eugene. But Los Angeles is not looking as good.

Averages are not the way to predict investment success, so each potential investment requires individual consideration. But one thing I feel pretty clear about: if you can pick up a good deal on a house and do the work yourself, or with a partner that accepts part of the equity in lieu of cash for services, the chance of very good profit success over the next five years is very high.

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The Q Line

Was it the right call?

Santa Monica College officials voted last week to scrap a plan to create a two-tier class payment system. The vote came after a week that saw a student protest at a Board of Trustees meeting that ended with a pepper spraying incident. The chancellor of community colleges even got involved, saying he didn't agree with the plan.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think SMC made the right decision by ditching the plan, or do you think they caved to pressure?

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Autism research may be about to bear fruit

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA More than $1 billion has been spent over the past decade researching autism. In some ways, the search for its causes looks like a long-running fishing expedition, with a focus on everything from genetics to the age of the father, the weight of the mother, and how close a child lives to a freeway.

That perception may soon change. Some in the field say they are seeing the beginning of a wave of scientific reports that should strengthen some theories, jettison others and perhaps even herald new drugs.

"I do think over the next three to five years we'll be able to paint a much clearer picture of how genes and environmental factors combine" to cause autism, said Geraldine Dawson, a psychologist who is chief science officer for the advocacy group Autism Speaks.

The effort has been infused with new urgency by a recent federal report that found autism disorders are far more common than was previously understood, affecting 1 in 88 U.S. children. Better diagnosis is largely responsible for the new estimate, but health officials said there may actually be more cases of autism, too.

If autism's causes remain a mystery, "you're not going to be able to stop this increase," said Irva Hertz-Picciotto, a researcher at the University of California, Davis who is leading a closely watched study into what sparks autism disorders.

In the past week, a spate of studies released during National Autism Awareness Month has offered tantalizing new information about potential causes. Research published in the journal Nature widened the understanding of the genetic roots of some cases and confirmed the elevated risks for children with older fathers. Another study, released online Monday in Pediatrics, suggested maternal obesity may play a role.

To be sure, finding the causes of autism — an umbrella term for a variety of disorders that delay children socially or intellectually — remains daunting. The causes are believed to be complicated, and not necessarily the same for each child. Some liken autism to cancer — a small word for a wide range of illnesses. In many cases, autism can be blamed on both genetic problems that load the gun and other factors that pull the trigger.

It has been a growing public concern for two decades, as studies have found it to be more and more prevalent. The U.S. government dramatically increased funding for autism research in the last decade, and now budgets about $170 million a year through the National Institutes of Health. That's only about a quarter of what NIH will spend on breast cancer research and $50 million less than what it will spend on asthma.

But more than a half-dozen foundations and autism advocacy groups have been adding to the pot, putting annual research spending in recent years at more than $300 million. About a third of that has been devoted to finding autism's causes.

The lion's share of money for finding a cause has been spent on genetics, which so far experts believe can account for roughly 20 percent of cases. The earliest success was in the early 1990s and involved the discovery of the genetic underpinnings of Fragile X syndrome, a rare condition that accounts for just 2 to 4 percent of autism cases but is the most common form of inherited intellectual disability in boys.

The focus on genetics has been bolstered by dramatic improvements in gene mapping as well as the bioengineering of mice with autism symptoms. Dozens of risk genes have been identified, and a half-dozen drug companies are said to be working on developing new treatments.

"We've made some very significant progress on the genetics end of this search," said Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Scientists have used autistic mice to test new drugs. Among the most promising is a small, white, strawberry-flavored pill that is so experimental it doesn't have a name. Developed by a Massachusetts company called Seaside Therapeutics Inc., the drug is aimed at a problem area in the brains of autistic children, where neurons connect and conduct signals through the nervous system.

It's a bit like the way tree-hopping ants might cross the twig ends of one tree branch to another. In Fragile X syndrome, scientists have noted the branches are thinner and the twigs too numerous. The experimental drug thins the twigs and strengthens the branches, allowing a more solid and centralized bridge.

The same problem hasn't been as visible in other types of autism, but many believe the phenomenon is somewhat similar.

The drug was deemed successful in mice and is now being tested in children and adults. In small, early studies, the drug made a striking difference in small groups of Fragile X children, causing hermit-like youngsters to start hanging out in the kitchen to chat with their mothers, said Dr. Paul Wang, Seaside's vice president of clinical development.

Now it is being tried in a preliminary study of about 150 children with a range of other autism disorders, including Asperger's. The results are expected to be presented at a scientific conference in the next year.

"It's going to be an exciting time, we hope," when those results come in, said Dawson, from Autism Speaks.

But even genetics enthusiasts acknowledge that genes are only part of the answer. Studies of identical twins have shown that autism can occur in one and not the other, meaning something outside a child's DNA is triggering the disorder in many cases. Some cases may be entirely due to other causes, Dawson said.

That broad "other" category means "environmental" influences — not necessarily chemicals, but a grab bag of outside factors that include things like the age of the father at conception and illnesses and medications the mother had while pregnant.

For years, the best-known environmental theory involved childhood vaccines, prompted by a flawed 1998 British study that has been thoroughly discredited. Dozens of later studies have found no link between vaccines and autism.



Damage from freeway tanker fire put at $250K

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LOS ANGELES Highway and bridge damage from a fiery gasoline tanker crash over the weekend was estimated at $250,000, officials said Monday.

The crash caused damage to asphalt, guard and bridge rails at the junction of Interstate 5 and State Highway 134 near Griffith Park, said Lauren Wonder, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Transportation.

Concrete core samples show no damage to blackened overhead freeway ramps, she said.

Investigators said a car driven by Hakop Maghakyan, 25, of Glendale struck the double-tanker rig from behind on Saturday night, splitting open the rear tank containing 6,000 gallons of gas.

Flaming rivers of gas flooded freeway gutters. About 150 firefighters aided by two water-dropping helicopters put out the fire.

No one was hurt, but portions of the roadway were shut down for nearly 24 hours.

Cleanup crews unloaded about 3,000 gallons of gasoline left in the front tank of the big-rig.

Maghakyan was arrested and booked for investigation of misdemeanor drunken driving. County jail records show he was released on $5,000 bail Sunday with a Tuesday court date.

A phone listing for Maghakyan wasn't found.

Pressure washing and replacement of about 1,000 feet of scorched shoulder asphalt and charred timber and metal guard rail will be done at night, forcing closure of one or two lanes. The repairs were expected to be completed Saturday.

A similar tanker crash at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge interchange in 2007 forced closure of several transition road bridges for 10 days because of structural damage.

In December, a tanker truck fire severely damaged an overpass along State Route 60 in Montebello, east of Los Angeles. . Most of that overpass had to be demolished.

Study: Fungus behind bat die-off came from Europe

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LOS ANGELES The mysterious deaths of millions of bats in the United States and Canada over the past several years were caused by a fungus that hitchhiked from Europe, scientists reported Monday.

Experts had suspected that an invasive species was to blame for the die-off from "white nose syndrome." Now there's direct evidence the culprit was not native to North America.

The fungal illness has not caused widespread deaths among European bats unlike in the U.S. and Canada. In North America more than 5.7 million bats have died since 2006 when white nose syndrome was first detected in a cave in upstate New York. The disease does not pose a threat to humans, but people can carry fungal spores.

It's unclear exactly how the fungus crossed the Atlantic, but one possibility is that it was accidentally introduced by tourists. Spores are known to stick to people's clothes, boots and caving gear.

White nose syndrome has killed bats in four Canadian provinces and 19 U.S. states, mostly in the Northeast and South. Last week, the illness marched west of the Mississippi River, infecting bats in Missouri.

Now that scientists have pinpointed the apparent origin of the epidemic, what can be done to protect bats? They play a crucial role in the ecological food chain by devouring insects.

"There is still not much we can do beyond making absolutely sure we don't make things worse by accidentally spreading the fungus," said biologist Craig Willis of the University of Winnipeg in Canada.

Willis and a team of U.S.-Canadian scientists set out to determine whether the fungus behind white nose syndrome was native to this continent or invaded from abroad. To do this, they collected 54 little brown bats from an uninfected cave in Manitoba.

The bats were divided into three groups: One group was infected with spores collected from Europe; another group was sickened with spores from North America. A third group was not infected. Researchers used infrared cameras to monitor the bats' behavior and disease progression over several months.

Both infected groups developed symptoms, including the telltale trace of white powder on the nose that gives the disease its name and scarring on the wings. Compared with uninfected bats, infected bats were roused more often from hibernation. This depletes their fat reserves and ultimately leads to death.

The findings were reported online Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Since the infected groups showed similarly severe symptoms, scientists concluded the fungus originated in Europe. Had the pathogen been native to North America but with a mutation that made it more deadly, scientists would have expected to see milder symptoms in the group infected with the European fungus.

The team planned to repeat the experiment next year with European bats and compare results.

Why European bats have not died off en masse is unknown. It's possible they developed immunity to the fungus or learned to avoid places that favor the spread of the disease. North American bats have shown little protection against white nose syndrome and there's active research into whether populations can rebound.

"We are still working to understand if it is possible for bats to develop resilience or resistance to the fungus," said Jeremy Coleman of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who had no role in the latest work.

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Police say shooters of dad who saved son are sought

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The family of a Southern California man who died shielding his 8-year-old son from gunfire announced a $10,000 reward Monday for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

"We're looking for anyone to come forward with information," police homicide Detective Scott Collins said at a news conference.

Fredrick Martin Jr., his son and a friend were cleaning his grandmother's garage in a Los Angeles suburb on Tuesday night when they heard gunfire nearby.

Martin, 28, pushed his son to the ground and shielded him from bullets but was himself struck in the chest and abdomen, authorities said. He died in surgery that night.

His son, Fredrick "Tre" Martin III, was grazed. The boy's godfather, Joey Hickman, was shot in the ankle.

Gary Lee, a cousin of Martin, told the Los Angeles Times that after the attack, the boy told him: "My dad saved me."

Police said they believe at least two gunmen were involved, but they had no suspects and no motive for the attack.

"We don't have anything to suggest that this was gang-related," Collins said.

A family friend put up a $10,000 reward for information leading to arrests, said Micharri Pratts, Martin's half-sister.

"I'm sad, I'm angry, I'm heartbroken, I'm confused but at the same time...focused on bringing justice," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press after the news conference.

Relatives are caring for Martin's son.

"We forget that he is a child. He's only 8 years old," Pratts said. "He's taken this really hard, as expected. But as a family, we're trying to provide him with all the love and support that his father gave him."

Friends and family said Martin, a college graduate who worked as an analyst at a Kaiser Permanente facility in Pasadena, had never been involved in gangs. They said he stayed away from gangs by not wearing certain colors and avoiding certain streets.

"I just don't want Fred to be seen as a statistic because he was not a statistic," his sister said. "He wasn't your average minority male growing up in this primarily minority neighborhood. He represented everything that anyone from this neighborhood has aspired to be."

"He saw the world through rose-colored lenses. He saw the good in everyone, and he acted in a way that he felt everyone else should act," she said. "And he put his heart and his soul in everything he did and that includes, first and foremost, being a father."



BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Bullet train consultant's ties questioned

A $400-an-hour consultant who was hired to judge the accuracy of ridership estimates for California's proposed bullet train once worked for the company that prepares them.

Frank S. Koppelman worked for Massachusetts-based Cambridge Systematics Inc. on two projects before taking his job with the California High-Speed Rail Authority in 2010, the Los Angeles Times reported. He also has a close relationship with Kimon Proussaloglou, a Cambridge executive vice president in charge of forecasting services.

Koppelman, a professor emeritus of civil engineering at Northwestern University, heads the five-member ridership review panel that assesses Cambridge's estimates. Ridership figures are crucial in helping determine revenues from the line and thus whether it can operate without government subsidies.

The rail project, which spans the Bay Area to Southern California, was approved by state voters in 2008. It stalled last fall after a draft plan said the project's cost had more than doubled, from $45 billion to $98 billion.

A revised plan released last week gave a new price tag of $68.4 billion, a cost Brown and other backers hope will be more palatable to lawmakers. He is expected to ask lawmakers in the coming weeks to appropriate $2.3 billion in voter-approved bonds. If the Legislature approves the borrowing, construction could begin later this year.

Cambridge's projections have dropped sharply over the years. The latest low-end estimate is around 20 million passengers a year by 2040.

Critics have called Cambridge's figures unreliable but Koppelman's panel concluded last fall that the projections are reasonable.

Koppelman worked for Cambridge advising transit agencies in Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul. He told the Times that his work for the company ended in 2009. His work and his friendship with Proussaloglou have not compromised his ability to judge Cambridge's work, he said.

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LOS ANGELES

Man dead when gunfire erupts at suspected gang party

Police say a man is dead and a woman is wounded after gunfire erupted at a suspected Los Angeles gang party.

The shooting was reported at 8:20 p.m. Sunday in a Hyde Park home in South Los Angeles.

There were about 200 partygoers at the house when police arrived.

A man believed to be 27 years old was taken to a hospital where he died of gunshot wounds to the head and chest. The woman, who is believed to be 25 years old, is hospitalized with a shoulder wound.

Names haven't been released.

Sgt. Donni Ellison says investigators haven't determined if more than one gunman fired and what led to the shooting.

The sergeant tells City News Service that witnesses aren't cooperating with investigators.

AP

Pet lovers face deadline on license plate sales

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES In a state where people wear their hearts on their bumpers, a specialty license plate campaign by California pet lovers to save animal lives needs saving.

With more dogs, cats and cars than any other state, it would seem pet lovers could rally enough support for a plan to end pet overpopulation and cut euthanasia. But with three months to go, they are struggling to get the support they need.

The Department of Consumer Affairs Veterinary Medical Board is the campaign's sponsor and the California Spay & Neuter License Plate Fund, Inc. was set up to pre-sell 7,500 plates before June 2012.

That target must be hit for the plates to go into production or the program could collapse, with the money being refunded.

Volunteers, using donations for fliers and brochures, pre-sold 4,000 plates, said Judie Mancuso of Laguna Beach, president of the fund and member of the veterinary board.

In 2010, nearly 868,000 dogs and cats entered animal shelters in California. More than half were euthanized.

Spay and neuter is the best way to stop overpopulation and cut the euthanasia rate, Mancuso said. In these economic times, she said there is no better way to pay for surgeries than license plates because "it is not a tax and not a fee."

Can pet lovers sell 3,500 plates in three months when it took 21 months to sell 4,000?

Representatives from Petco Animal Supplies Inc. promised two weeks ago to put fliers in all their California stores, Mancuso said.

And Assembly Bill 610, by Assemblyman Jose Solorio, D-Anaheim, has been amended by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee to extend the deadline another year. It still has to go back through some committees and faces floor votes, but Mancuso is optimistic if they need more time they will have it.

One of the biggest problems, Mancuso said, is that people don't see anything for their money for up to three years.

It takes up to 10 months after all the conditions are met to get the prison-made plates into production, Department of Motor Vehicles spokeswoman Jessica Gonzalez said.

If the campaign does fail, pets will be in good company. Girl Scouts, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the San Francisco 49ers have been unable to sell enough plates.

But no state seems a better fit for a pet plate. There are nearly 32 million registered vehicles. There are more than 37.7 million people. With six of 10 Americans having pets, there could be at least 23 million pet owners in the state.

Actor, artist and animal activist Pierce Brosnan created and donated the artwork for the plate — using his own rescues Shilo and Angel Baby as models.

It costs $50 to reserve a sequentially numbered specialty plate. A new or transferred vanity plate is $98. Annual renewal fees are $40 for standard plates and $78 for vanity plates. These costs are in addition to regular DMV license fees.

Money will be refunded if the campaign collapses. But if it succeeds, Mancuso said history shows them they can expect sales to double or triple in the year after the plates become available and people see them on the road.

California has 10 specialty plates, benefiting among others firefighters and veterans' organizations.

The plates have been a boon for the causes they support. The most popular (kids) has brought in $41 million since 1994.

In 2001, the state increased the number of pre-paid applications required from 5,000 to 7,500, Gonzalez said, because it costs almost $400,000, including $270,000 for programming, to put a plate into production. Fees from the initial 7,500 applications cover those costs, she said.

In 2002, a Senate bill supporting a "choose life" plate was rejected. An anti-abortion group filed a lawsuit and in 2003, a federal judge ordered the state to stop allowing specialty plates until it fixed the selection process, which he said gave the Legislature too much authority to suppress a point of view.

Requiring a sponsor answered the court's concerns and became part of the law in 2006.

But there still hasn't been a new plate in California since 2002.

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bill was made public just one hour before the vote was taken and passed at 11 p.m.

Dead-of-night votes on rushed legislation such as the teacher-protection bill are common during budget season and toward the end of the legislative session, forcing lawmakers to vote on major issues with little or no time to read the substance of the legislation. Many Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, defend the practice as a necessary evil, but others say the process needs to be changed.

Several attempts to give the public at least 24 hours to examine bills before lawmakers vote have failed, but a Republican lawmaker is trying again this year.

"A bill to let sunshine in has been kept in the dark since 2007," said Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, R-Lake Elsinore, who has proposed similar constitutional amendments twice previously. "Whether you agree or not with the policies that are being voted on, it's simply good government to have the opportunity for everybody who's interested to read a bill."

Assembly and Senate rules already require that bills be read on three different days before either house can take a final vote. But lawmakers use parliamentary maneuvers, including hollowing out existing bills and filling them with new legislation, to get around the requirement.

Almost every floor rule can be waived by a simple majority vote, another loophole that can be used for developing bills on the fly.

The practices in the Legislature differ from those required of city councils, county boards of supervisors and local school districts in California.

The state's Brown Act requires local governments to post agendas 72 hours before meetings. Elected officials are allowed to add items only if a two-thirds majority approves and the matter is urgent.

By comparison, the Assembly took its first vote on the 2010-11 budget before the full 800-page bill was posted online or made public at the Assembly clerk's office.

Lawmakers rushed through several hastily written bills last year. Among these were bills that banned future initiatives from being placed on the June primary ballot, accelerated development plans for an NFL stadium in downtown Los Angeles and protected farmworker unions against election misconduct.

Many Democrats say last-minute legislation is sometimes necessary to address issues that develop after the February deadline for introducing bills and to pass bills they consider important but politically unpopular.

Assemblyman Charles Calderon, D-Whittier, said Republicans are stoking the debate over rushed bills to create a smoke screen about the legislative process when what they really oppose are the Democrats' policies.

He said Republicans are not thinking of the public in trying to require a 24-hour waiting period. Instead, Calderon said they would only use that time to gin up opposition and punish lawmakers who approve good but politically risky policies.

"A 24-hour reading period often gets used for mischief," said Calderon, the longest-serving lawmaker in the Capitol. "Democrats are the majority party, and they have the responsibility to vote for things sometimes that are not popular with the public."

Jeffries' proposal, ACA1, would require lawmakers to give three-days' notice before taking up any legislation and make bills public at least 24 hours before voting. A related measure, ACA2, would ban late-night legislative sessions except in cases of natural disaster.

Republican minority leaders in both houses support mandatory consideration periods. In March, Republicans orchestrated a protest of a parliamentary gimmick that allows lawmakers to introduce shell bills that will be used later in the year for budget provisions and other matters.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, defended the practice of developing some budget bills at the last minute. He said lawmakers sometimes need to take quick action to prevent interest groups from mobilizing to defeat legislation they oppose.

Democrats also say Republicans are still angry about the passage of Proposition 25 in 2010, which largely made them irrelevant to the budget process by reducing the legislative vote requirement for budgets from two-thirds to a simple majority.

"I think they're scrambling for more leverage," Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Bob Blumenfield, D-Sherman Oaks, said of the attempt to prohibit last-minute bills.

A few other states have passed constitutionally-mandated reading periods for all bills, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In Hawaii, the Legislature must make bills available in their final form for at least 48 hours before voting. Michigan prohibits lawmakers from voting on bills that have not been public for at least five days. And in Florida, lawmakers must give the public 72 hours to consider all general appropriation bills.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, said he supports the concept of requiring more time for lawmakers to consider bills, saying it would allow for more thoughtful consideration of last-minute amendments. He declined to comment on Jeffries' bill.

Policy experts and good government groups have long called for these kinds of transparency measures. Like Jeffries, they argue that bills that cannot withstand a day of debate should not be made law.

The bipartisan group California Forward has gathered more than half the signatures it needs to place a 72-hour reading period for bills on the November ballot, said the group's executive director, Jim Mayer. He said lawmakers are unlikely to pass such a measure on their own.

"Many of them know that it's good policy, but it would make their lives harder," he said.



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Becerril II, 35, is being held at Men's Central Jail on $2.4 million bail and is expected back in court on May 15, said Jane Robison, spokesperson for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Becerril's attorneys declined to comment as they are still poring over what they said were more than 600 pages of court documents.

Becerril was charged in March with murder, money laundering and grand theft in connection with an alleged financial scheme that led to the 2008 fatal stabbing of Alexander Merman, a Russian-born artist who was working as a teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District when he was killed in his Santa Monica condo.

Merman, 35, was found by his building manager who had been asked by Merman's mother to check in on him after she had not heard from her son for several days.

Santa Monica police said Merman loaned $250,000 to Becerril, the owner of a company called AP Financial Group. Following the murder, investigators learned that an additional $300,000 had also been stolen from Merman's investment accounts and deposited into accounts belonging to Becerril and AP Financial.

Detectives also found evidence of a conspiracy involving employees of AP Financial Group in which the home of an unrelated victim was acquired by fraudulent means and was sold to a third party, resulting in the victim being evicted, police said.

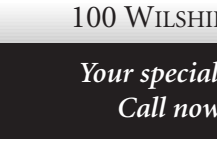
Proceeds from the sale allegedly were received by Becerril and his associates.

Becerril's wife, 33-year-old Sandra Raya Becerril; sister Rebekah Becerril, 25; and a third defendant, Abram Guajardo, 38, were charged with grand theft, money laundering and forgery for allegedly taking part in the scheme to defraud the homeowner, forcing her out of her Covina home. According to the District Attorney's Office, victims were swindled out of about $1.4 million.

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MUSEUM
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when Code Enforcement laid down the law and put an end to the sales.

Now more than ever the museum needs the extra income.

According to tax documents, the nonprofit has run a $7,000 to $20,000 deficit between its revenues and expenses since at least 2007, right before the nationwide financial collapse.

That was a double whammy for nonprofits like the museum, which saw donations and attendance decrease at the same time that government stopped offering funds for the arts.

The museum has had a great deal of success with its food truck fundraisers on Tuesday nights, but it's not enough to keep the museum in the black, Smith said.

"Because we're all having difficulty, we're all looking for alternative means of bringing in funds," she said, referencing other museums that find themselves in the same position. "We cannot survive on traditional admission."

City Hall has no issue with the museum making money on the side, but it has to abide by the municipal code, said Miriam Mack, economic development manager with City Hall.

Sales on the lawn would need to be included in the museum's permit and then administered by the business association, a change which the Planning Commission could approve.

"They make money by sponsoring booths on the lawn and we're kind of OK with that, but the whole effort got away," Mack said.

At this point, Gordon isn't sure what the association will get out of the deal, except assurances that vendors operating at the market will all belong to businesses that have brick-and-mortar store fronts somewhere on Main Street.

It's the same as for "little Main Street," the official retail arm of the Farmers' Market, Gordon said.

"In terms of the number of vendors or the placement of the vendors, none of that has been decided from our point of view," Gordon said.

City Hall will wait in the eaves until the two organizations have hashed out a plan, and then will move on changing the permit to include the sales, assuming that the arrangement leaves space for Farmers' Market customers.

The Planning Commission would then have to amend the museum's permit, a time-consuming process that could determine the exact number and placement of vendors allowed on the property.

In the meantime, officials hope that the museum will relent and open up the lawn for everyone's use.

"We're hopeful that perhaps with the initiation of discussions the Heritage Museum will, in anticipation of a positive outcome, allow our customers to enjoy the lawn," Mack said.

Minimally, the museum is looking at reopening the lawn for their ever-popular food truck nights, a fundraiser that's garnered over $75,000 for the museum in the last 18 months and is perfectly legal.

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Romney faces lengthy to-do list as likely Republican pick

THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa Mitt Romney faces a daunting to-do list as he transitions into the role of likely Republican presidential nominee.

Among the tasks: Raise as much money as possible for the general election campaign against President Barack Obama. Hire more people and send them to the most critical states in the fall race. Hone his message to appeal to voters across the political spectrum.

And do it all quickly while fending off challenges from GOP rivals who refuse to quit the primary race.

Obama, with the advantages of an incumbent, is well ahead of Romney on fundraising, organization and broad pitches to voters. So Romney can be expected to spend part of his time over the next three weeks trying to catch up. There's a break in the primaries lasting until April 24, when several Northeastern states vote.

Romney also must start thinking about a running mate and strategy to amass the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House on Nov. 6.

The former Massachusetts governor must prepare to put his imprint on the Republican National Committee and figure out how to achieve unity with a conservative base that has resisted his candidacy. In the general election, party loyalists will be counted on to raise money and get out the vote.

"I do think the Romney team is thinking about how they put in place their fall campaign," said Terry Nelson, a former top aide to President George W. Bush. "But they clearly have some contests to get through, so they won't be able to turn their eyes entirely to that."

There's little question that Romney will clinch the nomination in June, if not earlier. He has a wide lead in the race for the 1,144 delegates required to secure the GOP nomination. But chief rival Rick Santorum says he'll press on at least through the end of the month. Pennsylvania, which he represented in the House and Senate, votes April 24, along with Connecticut, Delaware, New York and Rhode Island.

In hopes of convincing Republicans it's time to rally behind Romney, leading Republicans such as Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin have endorsed him recently; both are viewed as potential running mates. Former Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri has said he would back Romney and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad may announce his support soon.

After a break for the Easter holiday, Romney is expected to plunge back into fundraising in New York and South Florida. That's none too soon for Republicans, given Obama's fundraising advantage.

"Ultimately, the thing we have to focus on is getting the general election money raised," said Brian Ballard, of Florida, one of Romney's top fundraisers.

Obama, without a Democratic challenger, has been free to raise money strictly for the general election. He's so far raised more than $300 million for his re-election campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Romney can't raise cash for the Republicans until he clinches the nomination, but he's brought in more than $75 million for his campaign.

Romney aides said solicitations for general election donations were starting to go out.

Obama showed his fundraising clout recently by spending about $1.4 million on TV ads in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Nevada and Virginia that criticize Romney. An outside group that supports Obama also is running ads attacking Romney in those states, as well as in Michigan and New Mexico.

Illustrating the disparity, Romney's team responded to the Obama ad with a statement promoting an Internet attack video.

It's not just money where Romney lags.

The president's re-election team has opened offices and assembled teams of workers in Ohio, Florida and other critical states. The campaign has mapped out the combination of states it will compete in as it works to reach the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

"No question Mitt Romney is the best-organized Republican I've seen in a long time, but that's not the question," said Florida Republican campaign strategist Susie Wiles, a senior Romney adviser in the state.

Romney's team is tight-lipped about how he can get to 270. It also won't discuss when and where staff will go in the coming weeks or when it will run ads in the most contested states.

That's probably because there isn't a definitive plan — or maybe even a tentative one.

Republicans expect Romney will compete most vigorously in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Nevada, Virginia, Michigan and New Mexico, states considered among the most contested in the general election.

Obama won all eight in 2008 against Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. In 2004, all but Michigan were carried by Bush during the Republican president's re-election. Republicans say Romney sees Ohio, Michigan, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado as fertile ground this year.

Romney aides say they've lined up staff to send out to states once Romney secures the nomination, and the campaign is preparing the first floor of its three-story Boston headquarters for the influx.

Some key players have returned to states, such as Romney's Florida director Matthew Parker. And, aides point out, Romney has loyal activists and a network of supporters in key battleground states where he won primaries such as Florida and Ohio.

At the same time, the RNC is opening coordinated campaign offices in Florida and other battleground states, and has spent more than a year raising millions to support the eventual nominee. But Romney and the RNC are barred from coordinating until the nomination is in hand. Even so, the candidate and the party are entering a joint fundraising agreement to get ready for that day.

Once Romney seizes the nomination, he's expected to have little trouble taking over the party, considering his campaign manager, communication director and political director all are RNC veterans.

But an alliance with the RNC doesn't mean the party's rank-and-file will automatically rally behind Romney.

Veteran GOP presidential campaign strategist Mary Matalin said Romney needs to anchor his schedule with "unifying events" that focus on the conservative establishment.

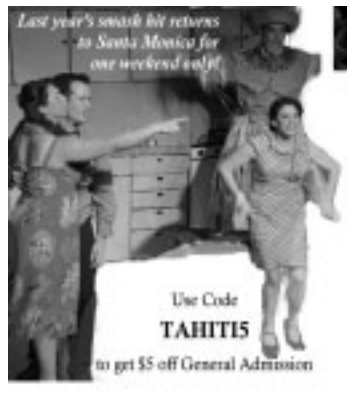
In a sign that Romney knows he has work to do on this front, he has scheduled an appearance before the National Rifle Association's annual meeting on April 13.

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An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

If the landlord does not make the required repairs, a tenant may file a petition for rent decrease. The petition is filed with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, located in Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401; (310) 458-8751. The petition for rent decrease may be filed 30 to 180 days after service of the written notice to the landlord of items which need repair.

If the petition is granted, the rent will be reduced. But, the rent reduction is prospective (from that point forward). The Rent Control Board does not have the authority to award any money to compensate the tenant for past conditions or reduced services.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a fulltime basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

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Facebook buying photo-share app Instagram for $1 billion

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Facebook is spending $1 billion to buy the photo-sharing company Instagram in the social network's largest acquisition ever.

On the surface, that's a huge sum for a tiny startup that has a handful of employees and no way to make money.

But the lack of a business model rarely dampens excitement about hot tech upshots these days. As Facebook has shown, itself without ads or revenue in its early days, money goes where the users are.

Instagram lets people share photos they snap with their mobile devices. The app has filters that can make photos look as if they've been taken in the 1970s or on Polaroid cameras. Its users take photos of everything from their breakfast egg sandwiches to sunsets to the smiling faces of their girlfriends.

In a little more than a year, Instagram attracted a loyal and loving user base of more than 30 million people. Apple picked it as the iPhone App of the Year in 2011.

Instagram's fans, brand recognition and its potential are difficult to put a price tag on. Yet Facebook has — and can afford it. The company is preparing for an initial public offering of stock that could value the company at as much as $100 billion in a few weeks. What's $1 billion? A drop in the bucket, really.

"Facebook after this IPO is going to be in a position to be predatory. They can make sure no one steps in their way and buy anyone who gets in their way," said Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter, who follows social media.

Buying Instagram, he added, not only eliminates a rival but gives Facebook the technology "that is gaining crazy traction."

Facebook is paying cash and stock for San Francisco-based Instagram and hiring its dozen or so employees. The deal is expected to close by the end of June.

It's a windfall not just for Instagram's employees, but the venture capital firms backing the company. Last week, Sequoia Capital led an investment round that valued Instagram at $500 million, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Going by the $1 billion price tag, Facebook is paying about $33 for each Instagram user. That's a fraction of the $118 that Facebook investors will be paying per Facebook user if the company gets its expected $100 billion valuation after going public. By that math, Pachter said, $1 billon "doesn't sound crazy."

Getting Instagram is a big win for Facebook as it works to harness people's growing obsession with their mobile devices and sharing every moment of their life. The company's own mobile application is not as easy to use as Instagram, and sharing photos can be downright clunky. Facebook's way, noted Pachter, has always been to buy technology if it's better than what it can build on its own.

Facebook, which is based in Menlo Park, Calif., said it plans to keep Instagram running independently. That's a departure from its tendency to buy small startups and integrate the technology — or shut them down altogether just so it can hire talented engineers and developers.

"This is an important milestone for Facebook because it's the first time we've ever acquired a product and company with so many users," CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page Monday announcing the deal. "We don't plan on doing many more of these, if any at all."

He said Facebook plans to keep allowing people to post from Instagram to other social networks, including Twitter. Users will also be able to keep their Instagrams off of Facebook if they want to.

"We think the fact that Instagram is connected to other services beyond Facebook is an important part of the experience," Zuckerberg said.

Tech bloggers and analysts immediately began wondering whether Facebook's commitment will be eternal.

"There's a long history of companies acquiring other companies and saying that they are going to continue to support the service — and then not," said Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst with research firm eMarketer.

One relatively recent example is Cisco Systems Inc., which killed off the much-loved Flip video camera less than two years after buying the company behind it.

There were some mutterings online about users leaving Instagram now that Facebook has bought it, though in reality Facebook will probably make it more popular.

There's a good reason for Facebook to keep Instagram going as a separate product, even if Facebook integrates some of its technology into its own service so that mobile photo sharing becomes easier. Google, for example, has kept YouTube separate even as it integrated some of its features into other products.

"Look at who Facebook is competing with — the Googles, Apples, Microsofts of the world. They have to build a strong brand and strong consumer platform," Gartner analyst Brian Blau said. "Having a separate social network ... is something they needed to do a long time ago."

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Dow closes below 13,000 for first time in a month

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NEW YORK Investors had a three-day weekend to brood over disappointing job growth in March. When they got back to work Monday and delivered their verdict, it wasn't good.

Stocks closed sharply lower, sending the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index to only their second four-day losing streak this year.

The Dow finished down 130.55 points at 12,929.59, its first close below 13,000 since March 12. The S&P ended the day off 15.88 points at 1,382.20. The Nasdaq composite closed down 33.42 at 3,047.08.

The Dow and S&P had four consecutive trading days of declines at the end of January, but the losses then were smaller. The Dow lost 124 points over that stretch. It has lost about 330 this time.

Stocks had their best first quarter since 1998 but have stumbled in April. Last week, the Federal Reserve suggested that it is disinclined to take further steps to help the economy, and the European debt crisis flared in Spain.

Then on Friday, with the stock market closed for Good Friday, the government said the country added just 120,000 jobs in March, half the pace from December through February.

After a long weekend to think it over, investors sold stocks broadly. All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 fell on Monday, with financial stocks the worst performers. Bank of America fell 3.2 percent, and Citigroup was off 2.4 percent.

Of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow, only two, McDonald's and Hewlett-Packard, finished higher. Traders at least didn't sell in great numbers: Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was 3.1 billion shares, the lightest in almost a month. Most school districts in New York and New Jersey are closed this week for spring week.

Investors bought bonds, sending the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note to 2.04 percent, down 0.02 percentage point from Friday. Yields also fell for longer-term U.S. bonds.

Rex Macey, chief investment officer at Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors, cautioned that the jobs report reflected only one disappointing month. Like a doctor, he said, "I'd order up more tests before declaring this as a trend."

The next test will come quickly. Alcoa, the aluminum company, reports its first-quarter earnings Tuesday, the first of the Dow 30 to weigh in. Two major banks, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo, report Friday.

Analysts are expecting quarterly earnings to decline slightly compared with a year earlier. That would break a streak of nine quarters of earnings growth since 2009.

Elsewhere Monday, the price of crude oil fell 1.9 percent, and gold and platinum rose a little less than 1 percent. The euro rose to $1.3116 late Monday, up about two-tenths of a penny from Friday.

Among other stocks making moves:

• AOL shot up 43 percent after the company agreed to sell hundreds of patents and patent applications to Microsoft for a little more than $1 billion. The company plans to return some of the cash to shareholders.

• Avon fell 3.1 percent after the struggling beauty products company named a former executive at Johnson & Johnson, Sherilyn McCoy, to be its CEO. Investors read it as a signal that Avon will fend off acquisition overtures.

• Sherwin-Williams Co. gained 1 percent after the company raised its forecast for first-quarter profit following a 20 percent surge in sales at its paint stores.

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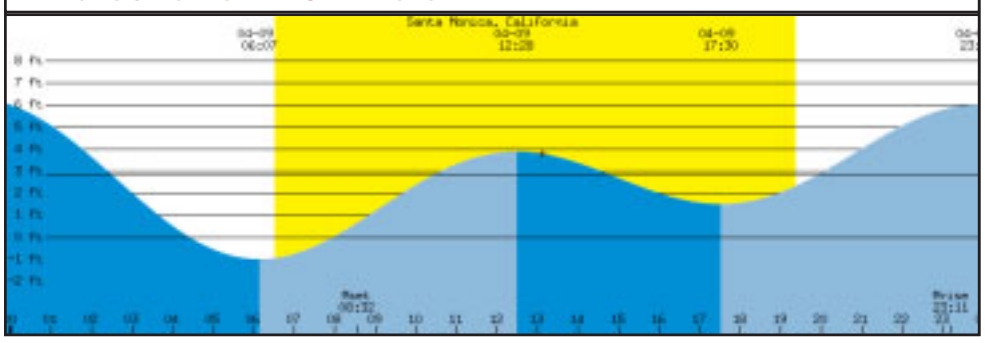
SWELL FORECAST

South facing breaks should remain at waist to chest, and some wind swell is due as well, around chest max at west facing spots.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LOOKS SIMILAR, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CHANCE FOR RAIN AND SOUTHERLY WINDS THEN.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **April 4, 2012**

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

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 -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SBBA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
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+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	A
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	C
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 CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

LEGEND

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

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MLB

Dodgers celebrate 50 years of stadium on opening day

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Opening day at Dodger Stadium is uncommonly important in Southern California, standing for generations as a daylong celebration of the franchise that put Los Angeles on the national sports map back in 1958.

It's also among the few team traditions that didn't lose luster during Frank McCourt's rocky ownership tenure.

The Los Angeles Dodgers' opener against Pittsburgh today is doubly special this year: Their venerable ballpark is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and a guy named Magic just bought the team.

Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw is grateful to be on the mound 50 years to the day after Dodger Stadium opened when Los Angeles looks to build on a 3-1 start to the season against Kevin Correia and the Pirates.

"I definitely think there's some renewed excitement," Kershaw said. "With change comes a little bit of excitement, and with some unknown comes a little bit of enthusiasm and everything like that. But opening day is opening day. Last year we had a sellout, and it was an unbelievable crowd. It was awesome. This year I don't expect any different."

After two of the most depressing years in franchise history while McCourt vainly attempted to keep control of the team, the Dodgers' fans can't wait to air out the smell of the McCourt era on what's expected to be another beautiful day in L.A.

After Angel Stadium drew more fans than Dodger Stadium for the first time in their 46 years of shared history last season, fans have rallied back to the Dodgers since the ownership group featuring beloved former Lakers guard Magic Johnson reached a deal for the team last month.

Optimism is always the fuel of spring baseball, and Magic's move into the owners' box seats has sparked a wealth of good feelings around a team that had little in recent years.

The players are simply grateful to be back at work in beautiful Chavez Ravine without hearing about uncertainty in the front office.

"I hope our fans come out and support us like they have in the past years," said Matt Kemp, the NL MVP runner-up who already won the league's first player of the week award this season. "I think it's going to be a special year for our guys, and we're going to really need our fan support ... a lot of fans, a lot of screaming. It's going to be exciting."

The majors' third-oldest ballpark is still a sparkling example of preservation and judicious modernization, and the Dodgers are honoring its golden jubilee year in style.

The franchise will hold a pregame ceremony Tuesday honoring at least 12 members of the 1962 team that opened the park, including Maury Wills, Tommy Davis, Wally Moon, Larry Burright and Norm Sherry — along with broadcaster Vin Scully, who had already been the Dodgers' voice for 13 years before the stadium opened.

The Beach Boys, who are also in their 50th anniversary year, will sing the national anthem. Before Kershaw makes his second straight opening-day start, the first pitch will be thrown out by Terry Seidler — whose mother, Kay O'Malley wife of then-owner Walter O'Malley, threw out the park's first pitch 50 years ago.

"I got to do it last year, and it's exciting at home," said Kershaw, who thinks he's feeling better after leaving last week's opener in San Diego after three innings with the flu. "The fans are awesome. It's a sellout. Just the excitement that they have and being home for the first time, getting to have that home-crowd energy, it's a fun environment."

Even the Pirates realize they're walking into a big party, and former Dodgers catcher Rod Barajas doesn't mind at all.

"Having Magic involved is unbelievable," said Barajas, a Los Angeles-area native who spent the past two seasons in Dodger Blue. "He's an icon down there. Everybody loves him. I loved him growing up. Just to have stability there, to know there's not going to be any more questions."

The Pirates are heading out on their first road trip of the season in good shape after consecutive victories over vaunted Philadelphia in their final at-bat.

"I think (last) weekend helps with some confidence going out there (when) we've got two more opening days, which is kind of difficult when you're on the road," Pirates second baseman Neil Walker said. "It doesn't change our mentality. We have to pace ourselves, but typically the way we played last year was better earlier on than it was later on. Let's bring on the big dogs early and see where we go from there."



MOVIE TIMES

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1441 Third Street Promenade
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Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
1:15pm, 5:30pm, 9:30pm

We the Party (R) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

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

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
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Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:05pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
11:50am, 4:15pm, 8:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Attenberg (NR) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 4:20pm

Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00 pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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

Delicacy (PG-13) 11min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Royal Opera House's Romeo and Juliet ENCORE (NR)
7:30pm

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
2:25pm, 7:40pm

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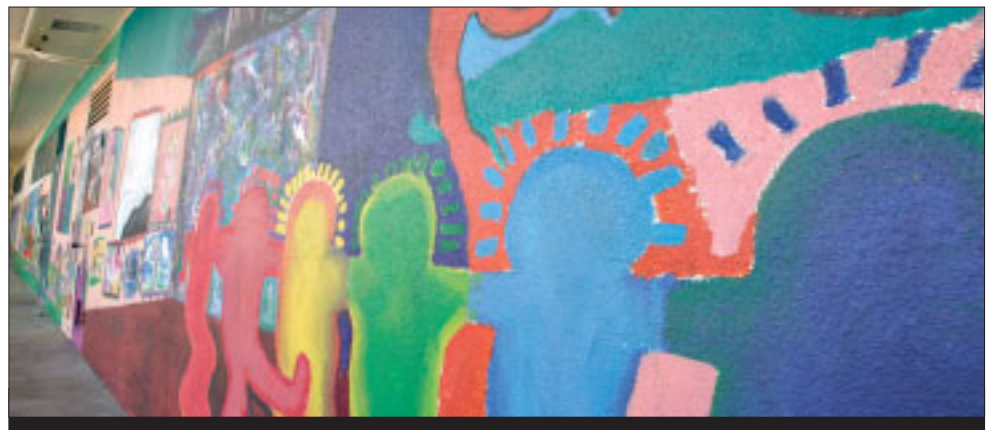
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Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
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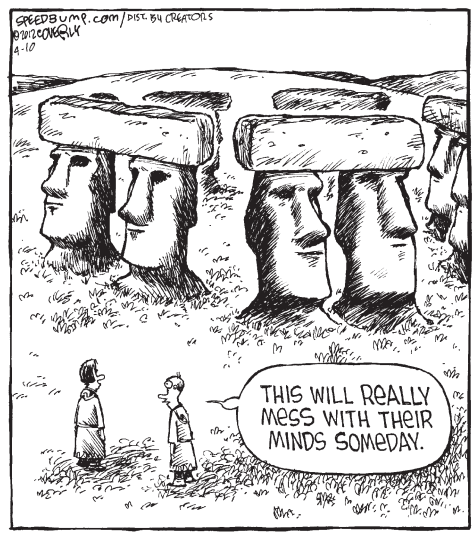
MYSTERY REVEALED!

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Reader Kimberly Shine correctly guessed that the mystery photo was taken of a mural at Roosevelt Elementary School. She will receive a prize from the Daily Press. Check out Wednesday's edition for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



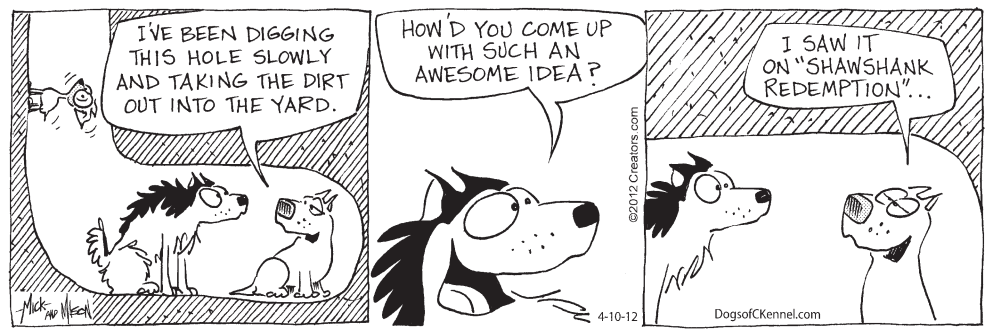
Strange Brew

By John Deering



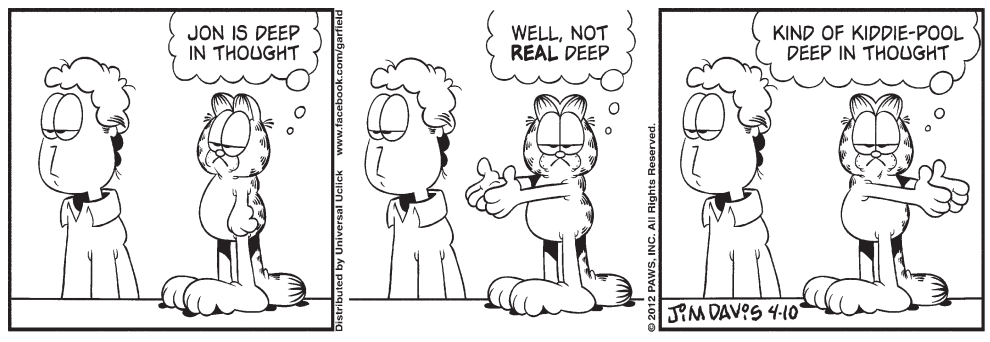
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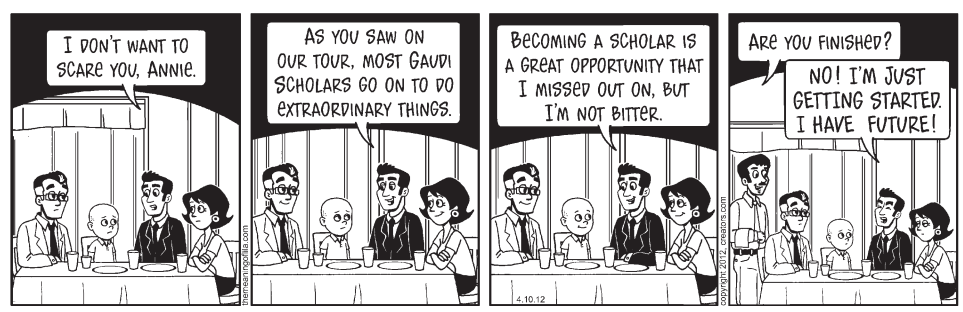
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Go with the moment, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Rethink your stance with a community- or work-related matter. You might see a situation as one that takes away from your power base. Stop. The only power you have is over yourself. Now take another look at the situation. Has it changed? Tonight: Let your imagination decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Success follows individual conversations, when others grasp what you are thinking. You could be overwhelmed by what is dropped on your plate. Ask others why they think you should honor their requests. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others often test your patience and flood you with their ideas. It will serve you to listen well right now, as someone drops a nugget of wisdom that could impact you and your choices. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Someone who is a key player in your actions and thoughts could do a total reversal out of the blue. As a result, you might need to take on more responsibility than you want. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your sense of humor kicks in when you need it. A change involving your schedule and daily life could be frustrating. You still are committed to follow that path. Your playful manner allows you to go in a new direction. Tonight: Fun and playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ A loved one or potential new love could be turning your life upside down. Clearly you have no choice, at least in your mind. A key person could make a decision that you feel is yours. You might not even have a chance to verbalize what you are thinking. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be profoundly thrown off by events. Fighting city hall could be futile. Adjust to a present situation, and look to more positive interactions. A good friend or partner eases your path. Tonight: Chat the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your words easily could be misunderstood and vice versa. Rather than taking a comment personally, give the situation some space. You might discover that the other party meant something totally different than you thought. Tonight: Buy that item you have been eyeing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are strong and full of energy. Know that you can deal with what comes down your path; expect a surprise or two. A sense of understanding occurs between you and someone else. Tonight: Download music or go somewhere you can enjoy the tunes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You finally decide to take action. You believe you need a change. What you are responding to is an inner transformation, and you want your outside world to reflect that change. You are more in tune with yourself and also those around you. Tonight: Be easy on yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Zero in on what is going on with a friend. You might be more concerned than you need to be. Loosen up and work with this person without revealing all the potential negatives you see. Tonight: Not alone. Anything else works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Stay on top of a situation at work or within your family circle. You can no longer put a matter on the back burner if you want a certain outcome. Loosen up with a friend who seems very erratic at the moment. Tonight: A must appearance.

Happy birthday

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

This year you will want to strengthen your communication, as you might experience a difficulty in being heard. Others are often preoccupied. Updating your style and learning a tip or two can never hurt. Others will be receptive to you. If you are single, you go after an exotic type. You crave learning, understanding different cultures and bridging barriers. If you are attached, you could become an armchair traveler. Your significant other will become more and more interested in your mental process. SAGITTARIUS makes you laugh and helps you see the big picture.

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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8	9			7				4

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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

2	6	8	3	7	1	9	5	4
1	4	5	8	6	9	2	7	3
9	7	3	4	5	2	6	8	1
4	2	9	7	3	8	1	6	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Airspeed ratio
5 In the know
10 German sub
12 Ends of the earth
13 She voices Audrey in "The Lorax"
15 Inner: Prefix
16 Regret
17 Langley org.
18 Begins
20 Trapper's item
21 Rat's home
22 Land in the sea
23 Japanese port
25 — Domini
28 Heredity units
31 Person, place, or thing
32 Dwarflike creatures
34 Words before tear or dare
35 Bear's lair
36 Contrived
37 He voices the Lorax in "The Lorax"
40 Game-show host
41 Filmdom's Sophia
42 Bun toppers
43 Used to be

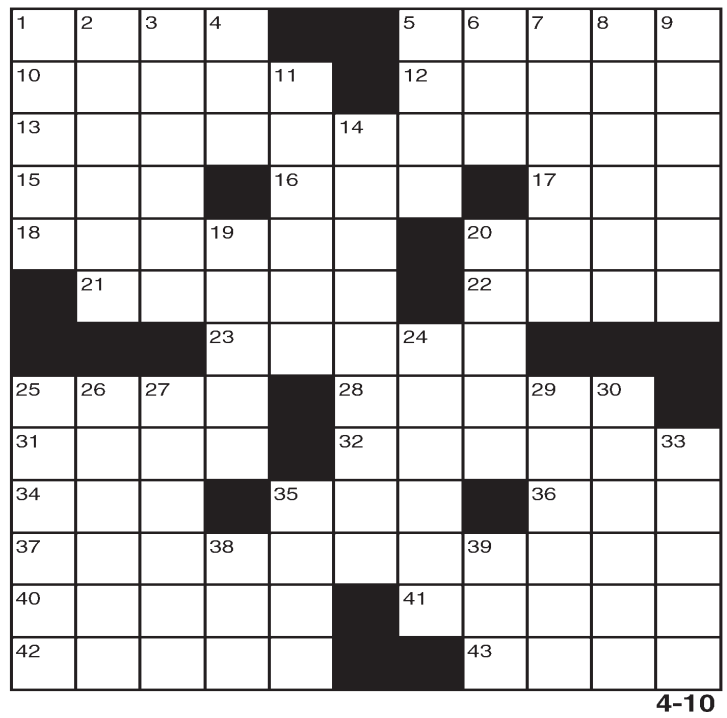
DOWN

1 Trumpet accessories
2 Lowers
3 Western critter
4 Movie computer
5 Church area
6 Impress greatly
7 "— Restaurant"
8 Second drink
9 Will topic
11 British party
14 Wear out
19 Feel faint
20 Organ's kin
24 Dogs' digs
25 Battery ends
26 Generic
27 Subtlety
29 Dominion
30 Usher, at times
33 Boulder
35 Salon jobs
38 Homer's neighbor
39 Promise

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Yesterday's answer

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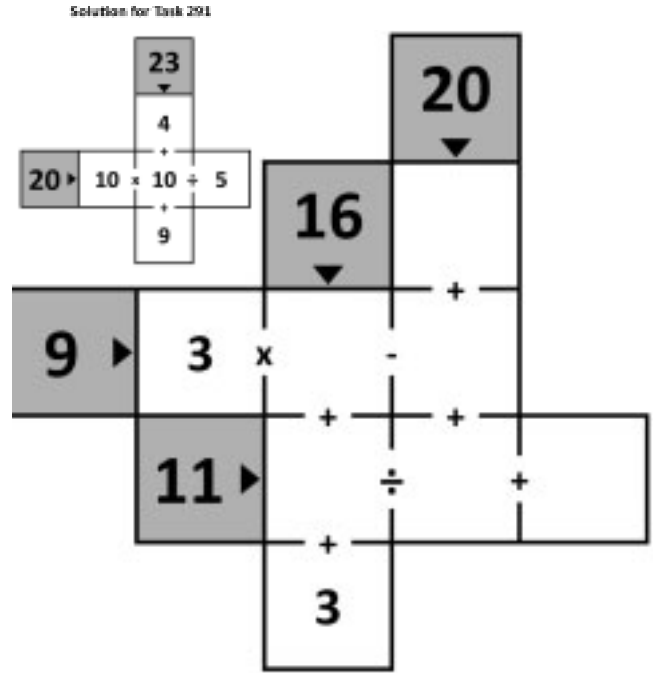
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 8, 9, 9, 10

Solution for Task 291



DAILY LOTTERY

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Jackpot: $31M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/7
9 16 25 45 47
Meganumber: 5
Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/9
9 14 20 22 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/9
MIDDAY: 8 9 6
EVENING: 5 5 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 4/9
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:44.34

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ News of the Weird reported in 2006 and 2008 on precocious 5-year-old boys who, according to their parents, were certain they wanted to live the rest of their lives as girls (that is, were not just "going through a phase"). In Essex, England, recently, Zach Avery, then 4, made British medical history when the National Health Service diagnosed him with gender identity disorder and endorsed his desire to live as a girl. Zach was so unhappy as a boy that he once tried to dismember himself. [Daily Telegraph (London), 2-20-2012]

■ Like most states with active trade associations of barbers and beauticians, Iowa strictly regulates those professions, requiring 2,100 hours of training plus continuing education -- but also like many other states, Iowa does not regulate body piercers at all (though it forbids minors from getting tattoos). Thus, the puncturing of body parts and insertion of jewelry or other objects under the skin can be done by anyone, with or without formal training, under no one's watchful eye except the customer's. (A few cities' ordinances require a minimum age to get pierced.) Said one professional piercer to the Des Moines Register for a March report, "The lack of education in this industry is scary."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1856 – The Theta Chi fraternity is founded at Norwich University.

1858 – The original Big Ben, a 14.5 tonne bell for the Palace of Westminster is cast in Stockton-on-Tees by Warner's of Cripplegate. This however cracked during testing and is recast into the 13.76 tonne bell by Whitechapel Bell Foundry and is still in use to date.

1864 – Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg is elected emperor of Mexico.

WORD UP!

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\ KUHM-shaw \ , noun;
1.
A present; gratuity; tip.

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This notice is intended to preserve an interest in real property from extinguishment pursuant to Section 880.020 et seq of the Civil Code of the State of California (Marketable Record Title).

I, Erik Rothenberg, as claimant, mailing address, 8333 Zitola Terrace, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, claim the following described interest in lawfully acquired real property from CONNIE J. RODRIGUEZ, and ERIK ROTHENBERG, A Single Man herein on 29th December 1998. Deed Of Trust(s) and any Assignments thereto dated after 29th December 1998 Recorders No.(s) 98 2351077 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as their Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 99 1109766 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA NT&SA pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and/or its successors in interest and/or assigns, 00-0858213 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 01-2061622 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 0457608 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 1746486 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 03 3309074 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 04-0036858 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., 04 1856204 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA pursuant to a presumed contract listing EQUITABLE DEED COMPANY as Trustee, 04 2163639 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, 05 2778812 on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. pursuant to a presumed contract listing PRLAP, INC. as Trustee and their successor and/or assigns, and/or any other assigns have been Cancelled for Cause of Fraud: Breach on 2nd November 2011. Said Cancellation as right of claimant is asserted pursuant to California Commercial Code Section 2106(4) and California Civil Code §1700 and claimant retains remedy for breach of the whole contract or any unperformed balance.

The above described interest is claimed based on that certain GRANT DEED recorded on 29th December 1998, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California as Recorder's No. 98 2351076.

The real property upon which the above described interest is claimed is described as follows:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

LOT 59 OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 60 IN BLOCK 36 OF TRACT NO. 9809, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 145 PAGES 91 TO 96 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY

APN 4115-002-011

Original document, including balance exhibits Verified Claim in Support of Notice of Interest, Grantor's Affidavit of Cancellation, Owner's Affidavit, Verified Bonded Durable Notice of Interest, Verified Claim/Complaint, Property Description on file with California Secretary of State as UCC-3 Addendum to filing statement file #: 1273017882599 or may be viewed at 322 Culver Blvd. #365, Playa del Rey, CA 90293 during business hours until 60 days from the date of this notice.

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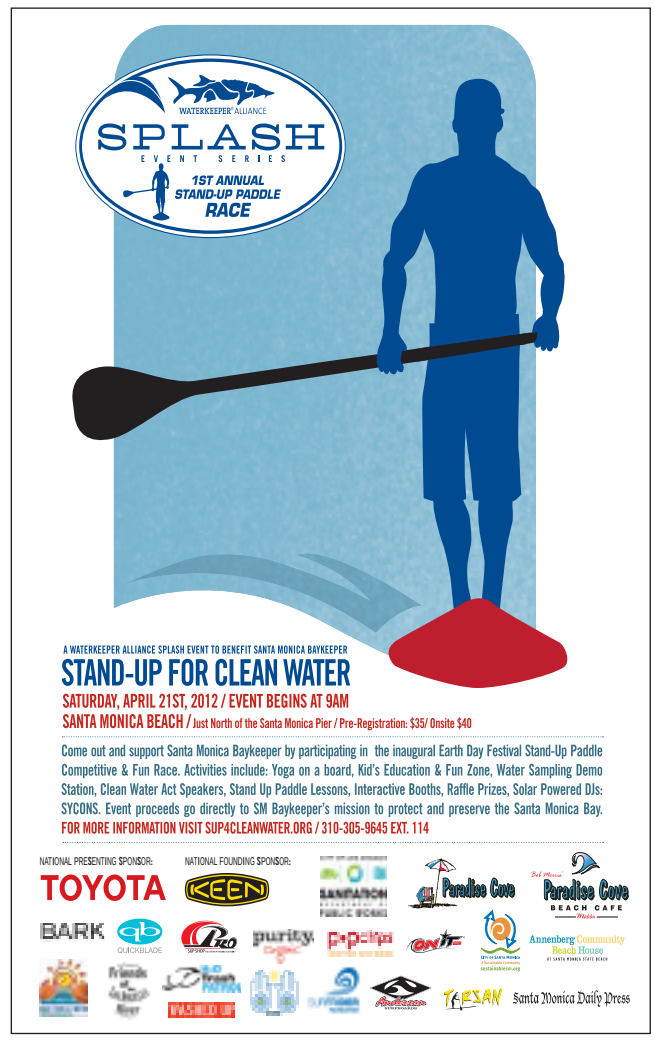
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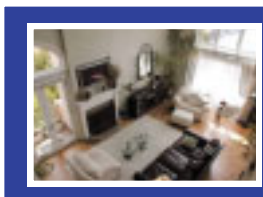
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