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THE UP THE COAST ISSUE

SMC Malibu satellite campus moves forward

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU Malibu officials gave a thumbs up last week to a proposed $25 million Santa Monica College campus slated for the seaside city's Civic Center, pushing forward plans almost a decade in the making.

As proposed, the two-story, 26,500-square-foot SMC Malibu Center will include five classrooms and labs, a multi-purpose community room that will convert into an Emergency Operations Center for local emergencies, a computer lab and administrative offices.

An interpretive center within the building will support Malibu's Legacy Park, and other programs meant to highlight the city's unique coastal environment and cultural history, said Don Girard, director of governmental and institutional communications with SMC.

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FUTURE SMC MALIBU CENTER



CLEAN-UP ON OLYMPIC

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica Public Works personnel clean-up a hazardous materials spill on Olympic Drive, between Main and Fourth streets. on Tuesday. A truck from the Tongva Park construction site across from City Hall spilled its hydraulic fluid. It does not appear that the fluid reached storm drains.

Locals to take longer trip for parking tickets

Appeals move to Downtown L.A. in court reorganization

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A reorganization of Los Angeles County courthouses is hitting Santa Monicans close to home by making an already unpleasant aspect of car ownership even worse — parking tickets.

As of March 18, Santa Monicans that have had the unfortunate experience of a run-in with local parking enforcement must travel to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown L.A. to appeal a traffic citation.

The courts posted an announcement on its website in early March, but that didn't help Santa Monica resident Eric Cooper, who was caught in a particularly odd set of parking ticket circumstances.

Cooper's citation dates back to 2009.

Normally, the window on appeal would be rusted shut on such a case, but Cooper's ticket was revived as the result of an August 2012 settlement between Santa Monica residents Stanley and Harriet Epstein and City Hall.

The Epsteins sued City Hall, claiming that Santa Monica officials had violated the California Vehicle Code by sending motorists form letters that gave no justifica-

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4 a.m. last call bill already fuels debate

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The last call for drinks is 2 a.m. in California, but one lawmaker believes that's just too early to set down the shot glasses and beer steins.

State Sen. Mark Leno's proposal to let the liquor flow until 4 a.m. as a way to draw more tourists — and with them more revenue and jobs — is already spawning a sharp debate from Sacramento to watering holes in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Leno said the measure would make the state more competitive with other hotspots like New York, Las Vegas and Miami that

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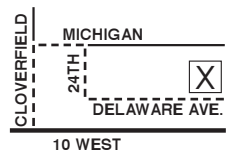
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Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Tween poets
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
4 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
Kids and teens can get creative and make their own magnetic poetry as a part of Tween Scene. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Don't schmooze, ya' lose
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Westside Schmooze is a chance for writers to network, make friends and get connected. Offered in conjunction with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. For more information, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8681.

Books to share
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1:30 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Kids and teens can choose a work of multicultural fiction to share with the Homeschoolers' Book Share group. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Spanish tech
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
In the Computer Classroom on the second floor, a computer class will be conducted in Spanish. Learn the basics of using a computer with emphasis on the new library reservation system. Learn how to reserve, log on to and use the computers in the library. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Family history
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
Author Linda Weaver Clarke will teach you how to turn your family history into a variety of interesting stories by discussing character, plot, conflict and emotion. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Rent Control Board meets
City Hall, Room 202
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
A 2012 report will be presented that discusses the state of rent control in Santa Monica. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Painting with Kim
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., G1
Sign up to explore watercolor techniques, talk about art and paint alongside Kim McCarty in her pop-up studio and exhibition, Kim McCarty Paints! All participants will receive a 10 percent discount on paper purchased at Hiromi Paper International. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first enrolled basis. Limit one session per person. General admission is $25, and $10 for SMMoA members and students with ID. To sign up and for more information, visit smmoa.org/kimmccartypaints.

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

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY YARDS

Textile recycling comes to Santa Monica

City officials announced Tuesday a new recycling program that allows Santa Monicans to drop off old textiles to give them a chance at a new life.

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Division has partnered with a private firm called USAgain to host a drop-box where community members can leave used clothing, shoes and household textiles for reuse and recycling.

USAgain picks up and sorts the materials, delivering reusable clothing to charities and other organizations and other textiles to fabric manufacturers to repurpose, said Kim Braun, manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Division.

Denim jeans, for instance, can be transformed into insulation, much like the type used at Santa Monica's own Annenberg Community Beach House.

The idea for the program was sparked by city employees, who had to ditch orange safety vests and leather gloves on a regular basis as the items wore out, Braun said.

"They kept coming in for gloves and we said, 'What are we doing with these?'" Braun said. "That's how the initiative began."

Although the division has been holding quarterly textile recycling events for some time, it took a while to find a company within the Los Angeles area that could do the job.

It's a big one. The average American throws away 68 pounds of textiles like old rags, bedding, soiled clothing and unflattering designs each year, according to the Resource Recovery and Recycling division.

Officials hope that the program will grow, with another drop-box envisioned for City Hall.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

CITYWIDE

JAMS tops at going car-free

John Adams Middle School won City Hall's March Car Free Contest by logging 352 total car-free miles, it was announced on Tuesday.

Roosevelt Elementary School students came in second with 267 car-free miles, with one second grade student walking 32 miles.

The contest was designed to get kids out of cars and onto their feet or bikes to help preserve the environment and to promote healthy lifestyles. Another benefit of the program is reducing the number of cars on the roads of Santa Monica.

"The goal of this contest is to create a fun environment that encourages families to incorporate bicycling and walking into their daily transportation choice," said David Martin, director of the Planning and Community Development Department.

Participating schools will receive rewards for their participation during car-free events on each campus.

The Car-Free Contest is part of a larger Safe Routes to School pilot project managed by the city of Santa Monica in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Parent Teacher Student Associations.

– DANIEL ARCHULETA



AIR WALK

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Dane Keckin spikes a ball against Beverly Hills at home on Tuesday. Beverly Hills would go on to win in four games.

Virginia, Utah mount joint raid on California's jobs

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California sends tomorrow's technology, Hollywood blockbusters and terrific pinot noir to the world. Now, the governors of Utah and Virginia want the Golden State to export more of something else: jobs.

To make that pitch to California businesses, Utah's Gary Herbert and Virginia's Bob McDonnell, both Republicans, have scheduled joint stops beginning Thursday in Orange County, Silicon Valley and San Francisco.

They intend to position their states as antidotes to California's high taxes, notorious red tape and rollercoaster state finances.

In other words, they want job-rich companies to say goodbye Santa Monica and Palo Alto, hello Provo and Arlington.

Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, won't be around when the governors descend on his state. He's on a previously planned trade mission to China.

The visiting governors say Brown shouldn't be surprised or offended by their trip because competition among states for jobs is so fierce.

"There are people coming to Virginia all the time looking for jobs, too," McDonnell said in an interview. "States competing with each other is a healthy thing."

Governors across the country routinely entice businesses to move or expand into their states. Earlier this year, Texas Gov. Rick Perry spent several days in California trying to lure away companies.

But it's unusual for governors from states with different economic profiles and statehouses 2,100 miles apart to tag-

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More of the same

Editor:

I was shocked, shocked to read that Community Corp of Santa Monica (CCSM) was opening yet another multi-family low-income housing project in the Pico Neighborhood ("Opening day," March 29).

The City Council gave CCSM millions of dollars of our taxpayer money to build 47 units at High Place and Virginia Avenue backing right up to the Santa Monica Freeway. A few years ago UCLA published the results of a study. In summary the report concluded traffic density studies have observed development and increased aggravation of asthma, and decreased lung function in children, and low birth weight and premature births for mothers living near major roadways.

Why would anyone intentionally build multi-family low-income rental housing next to a freeway knowing it puts the health of children at risk?. Well obviously the city housing director and the director of CCSM and their families won't live next to their own buildings. And if some children suffer adverse health effects, their parents will sue the city and the taxpayers will pay, not the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights leadership that pushes these regional social service projects.

This is another example of Santa Monicans for Renters' RIghts-City Council policy of environmental racism. And incredibly, the council gave CCSM millions of taxpayer dollars to build another 48 units right next door to the new projects. Of course, the overwhelming majority of the tenants moving into the project are from all over Southern California. These units are not for low-income Santa Monicans. Then a few days after the grand opening there is another shooting in the Pico Neighborhood at 20th and Delaware, near a concentration of CCSM projects. When the project under construction at High Place and Virginia Avenue is finished CCSM will own two solid city blocks of low-income housing, everything from Cloverfield Boulevard to Frank Street.

We refer to Kevin McKeown as the chairman of the board of the Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY) group. So long as McKeown is on the council we won't see two blocks of low-income housing in his North of Wilshire neighborhood. We know we will never see a council meeting where he makes a motion directing staff to duplicate in his neighborhood, what is happening in the Pico Neighborhood.

Developing low-income rental housing and bringing in tenants and new voters from outside the city increases SMRR's voter base. Consequently the homeowners' tax money is being spent to prevent them from electing non-SMRR's to the City Council.

Steve Keats
Santa Monica

Paying to park

Editor:

I was down at the beach yesterday and noticed the cost to park a car is now $10.

I thought of how elitist this is. What, only the well-to-do can park at the beach? I saw car loads of younger kids turning around because they couldn't afford to park their cars.

Shouldn't everyone be able to afford to use one of our greatest natural resources? When did enjoying a day at the beach become so cost-prohibitive? Is Santa Monica so money strapped that they have to gouge people parking at the beach?

I thought it was outrageous, and wondered if there might be a story here.

Perhaps Jack Neworth could write an article?

Love his weekly column.

Bruno Marcotulli
Ocean Park

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The Taxman

Jon Coupal

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Homeowners locked out

READERS OF THIS COLUMN ARE FULLY aware that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is the leading voice for California's beleaguered homeowners and citizen taxpayers. For that reason, we have frequently confronted situations where California's political elites attempt to silence our voice or limit the access conferred to others in communicating our message to the public at large.

Just last year, you may recall, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg intentionally shut off the camera which was airing what was specifically designated as a "public hearing" at the Capitol just as HJTA's representative was about to testify on the horrible impacts of Proposition 30. Agree with us or not, we had an important message to share with all California voters as to why imposing the highest income tax and sales tax rates in America was a bad idea. Pulling the plug on the public access channel was such an unwarranted act of censorship that even the usually liberal media was outraged.

Well, here we go again.

The Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation held a three-hour hearing on Proposition 13 this week. And yet the organization which is synonymous with Prop 13 and the rights of California homeowners was not invited to participate. Thus, although assorted government analysts, academicians and even those expressing outright hostility to Proposition 13 will be testifying, the voice of homeowners has, once again, been locked out.

Bear in mind, HJTA has a full time lobbyist and we haven't been shut out — not yet anyway — of being able to present testimony on specific bills. This is something our lobbyist, David Wolfe, does several times a day during the legislative session.

The recent hearing is not on a specific bill but, rather, intended to serve as an "informational" hearing on Proposition 13. But how can you have an "informational" hearing on Proposition 13, intended to "inform" members of the Assembly and Revenue Taxation Committee, without having the organization with the most expertise on the subject matter being asked to testify?

Not only are we named for the man who wrote Proposition 13, but we have authored two subsequent initiatives — Propositions 62 and 218 — which closed loopholes in Prop 13 created by the courts and the Legislature itself. Voters approved both measures. Moreover, our attorneys are litigating Proposition 13 issues everyday and the legal journals and casebooks are replete with examples of our unique expertise. Our affiliated foundation has sponsored dozens of studies on the impact of Prop 13, its benefits as well as the efforts to weaken or repeal it.

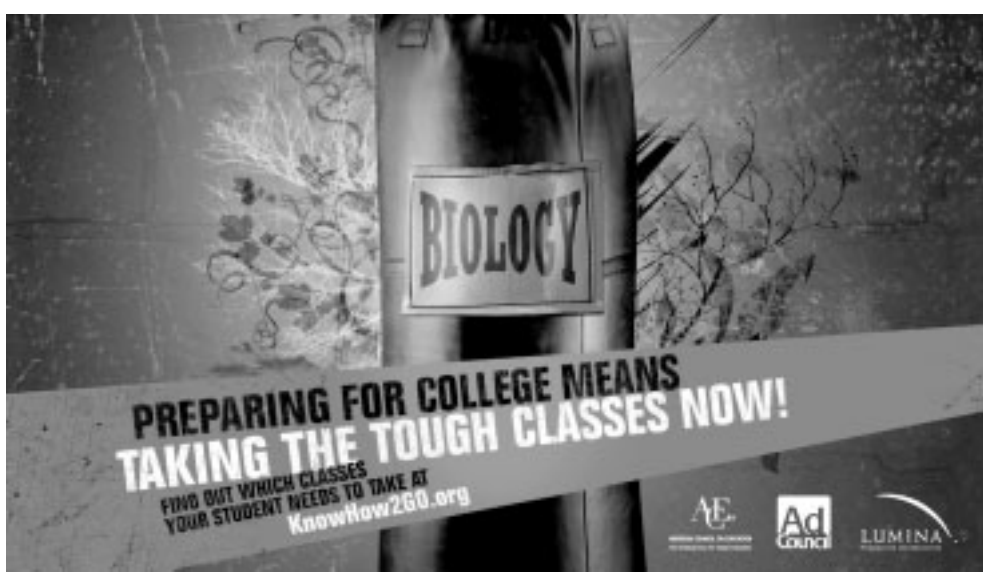
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The failure to include the preeminent Proposition 13 organization in a hearing on Proposition 13 itself is incomprehensible and calls into question whether the hearing is really intended to be helpful or just another Capitol "dog and pony" show.

Perhaps the silver lining here is that Californian's political elites are worried that HJTA is just too effective at what we do. And, at the end of the day, they can talk about weakening Prop 13 all they want; but any changes to this vital homeowner protection will have to go to the voters.

And while they can attempt to limit our voice at the Capitol, the power bosses know that they can't limit the access to our members and all homeowners who wish to preserve Proposition 13. So if they want a fight at the ballot box, we'll be heard loud and clear.

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Experts: Don't attempt to save swept-away pets

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Watching as a beloved dog is swept out to sea is heart-wrenching. Doing nothing seems unthinkable.

But experts say that is exactly what a dog owner should do: nothing.

"The human-animal bond is no joke. Most pet owners are very attached to their pets," said Dr. Lynn Miller, a veterinarian who runs the animal clinic at Travis Air Force Base, north of San Francisco. "But you're not going to save your dog by risking your own life. It does your dog no favors in the end if he comes back and you're dead. Then what is he going to do?"

Five people have died in attempted dog rescues in Northern California since November, said Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Pamela Boehland, based in Alameda, Calif. A couple of months ago, Boehland teamed up with the National Park Service and the East Bay SPCA on a campaign to keep people on dry land if their dogs get caught up in the surf.

The average dog is a better swimmer than the average human. Dogs such as Labrador retrievers, German shepherds and pit bull terriers are built like boats, the vet said. Their heads are above water, they have a low center of gravity, they have four legs for propulsion, their lungs have a higher capacity than a human's, their fur keeps them warm in cold water — and many have waterproof undercoats — and some dog breeds have webbed feet.

Using their namesake swim stroke, dogs can find their way back to shore using currents and their fight-or flight-instinct, Miller said.

Dogs are single-minded, focusing on finding safety, while humans panic or become distracted, Miller said. Owners who try to make a rescue also may go into shock from the cold water, try to fight the current and get tumbled around, or tire easily, she said.

People also don't think about what will happen if they do follow a dog and manage to reach it alive, Miller said.

"A Coast Guard dude in a boat's got a better chance of snatching him up than you do of swimming out and grabbing him and hauling him back. Fifty pounds of wet dog is absolutely no fun to drag anywhere, much less back to shore," Miller said. "You sure can't put him on your back."

Currents might cause a dog to come out of the water some distance from the spot where it went into the sea, so a microchip and collar with identification can speed up a reunion, said Allison Lindquist, president of the East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The recent California deaths occurred during sunnier weather, when seas were churned up by storms from Alaska. But such storms, with their sneaker or rogue waves, are possible any time of the year, especially when seasons change, Lindquist said.

In Southern California, where pleasant weather year-round draws visitors to the shore, many patrolled beaches do not allow dogs. That includes Los Angeles County, home to famous beaches in Malibu and Venice, said Dan Murphy, an ocean lifeguard specialist.

Some breeds, Miller said, shouldn't be on a beach without a life vest. Those include pugs, bulldogs and others that "can barely breathe when they are walking;" dachshunds and corgis with legs too short to swim; and Chihuahuas and other toy dogs, Boehland said.

It is rare that a dog will be swept away by a rip current, but lifeguards' message to pet owners is the same as Boehland's, Murphy said.

"They should let a lifeguard know and if we have personnel available, we will attempt a rescue. Upon reaching the dogs, they are usually more than happy to climb aboard our rescue board or Baywatch rescue boat," he said.

"If you're not a trained rescue person, you might be doing more harm than good," added Petty Officer 3rd Class Ross Ruddell, based in Boston.

Boehland said that sometimes, even trained officers can make that mistake, citing the example of a Coast Guard officer who died four or five years ago while trying to rescue her dog.

"Everyone is susceptible. The Pacific Ocean is cold and can be cruel," she said.

The Q Line

Park it

The Planning Commission asked city planners last week to go back to the drawing board on a parking policy that would have reduced the amount of parking needed for future development.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Should parking spots be reduced for new buildings? If so, why?

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Long lines form as Powerball comes to California

Hopeful Californians with $2 to spare waited in long lines as Powerball lottery tickets went on sale for the first time in the state.

They weren't concerned about the long odds of one in about 175 million.

Bluebird Liquor in Hawthorne started selling Powerball tickets at 7 a.m. Monday. By noon about 8,000 had been purchased, employee Eduardo Duran told the Los Angeles Times.

A line snaked outside the store for much of the day, and Duran credited the new lottery game with an uptick in overall sales.

John Apodaca of Hawthorne, who waited to buy a ticket, said he had played Powerball in New York while visiting his daughter. He's happy now that he doesn't have to leave the state.

"The Powerball came to me," Apodaca, 62, told the Times. "I didn't go to the Powerball this time."

The first drawing in the twice-a-week multi-state game is scheduled for Wednesday. As of Tuesday morning, the jackpot was estimated at about $60 million.

The prize increases at least $10 million after every drawing without a winner. Powerball jackpots regularly swell to over $100 million.

Powerball has a starting prize that's more than three times as large as Mega Millions, a best-selling game in California. Lottery officials expect Powerball to be more popular.

"It sounds ridiculous to say, but if the jackpot is $56 million, it just doesn't motivate people the way a $656-million jackpot does," Alex Traverso, a spokesman for the state lottery, told the newspaper.

In the multi-state game, players choose five numbers from 1 to 59 and one red Powerball number from 1 to 35.

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Brown trip gives Newsom a chance to shine

As Jerry Brown begins his first trip out of the country as governor, the man who might someday seek to replace him finds himself overseeing the affairs of the nation's most populous state — if only temporarily.

Brown's 10-day trip to China gives Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom his most extensive time in the chief executive's chair, although his office says he has no plans beyond his normal engagements.

Newsom's schedule this week includes an announcement about online education at San Jose State University, a speech on economics in San Diego, and attending the weekend California Democratic Party convention in Sacramento, said his spokeswoman, Dierdre Hussey.

In China, Brown will promote investment in California and open a trade office in Shanghai, leaving Newsom, the telegenic former mayor of San Francisco, in charge should an emergency arise.

Newsom, who sought the Democratic nomination for governor before Brown entered the race in 2010, has not hidden his aspirations for higher office and recently has been on a book tour.

"The best thing he can do as acting governor is nothing," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College.

As long as nothing goes wrong, Newsom can add the time served as a positive footnote on his resume, Pitney said.

"He needs to be on call to respond in case there's a sudden crisis, a natural disaster here in California, such as an earthquake. Given his experience as mayor of San Francisco, he could probably handle that quite well," Pitney said.

The opportunity can hold both promise and peril for those with aspirations for higher office.

The last time a lieutenant governor was in charge for an extended period was 2010, when then-Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado found himself responding to a deadly pipeline explosion in San Bruno as then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was on his own trip to Asia.

Maldonado, a Republican who was running for lieutenant governor against Newsom at the time, was criticized as an opportunist for holding several news conferences at the scene and tweeting photos of himself talking to President Barack Obama.

A spokesman for Brown, Gareth Lacey, said the governor's office is focused on the China trip and is not aware of any special instructions left for Newsom.

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LOS ANGELES

Southern California to get mild Santa Ana winds

After a blustery start to the week, Southern Californians can expect to trade the cold winds blowing in from the Pacific for warmer, drier Santa Ana winds blowing down from the mountains, weather forecasters said.

After a chilly storm system that left the state by early Tuesday, most of Los Angeles and parts of eastern Ventura County can expect Santa Ana winds to roll in Wednesday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

Highs in the valleys could reach the mid-80s.

Mountains and valleys could experience frequent wind gusts of up to 65 mph, but nothing like Monday's blast of cold air that swept through much of the state from the northwest.

The cold front Monday left streets littered with trees, knocked out power to thousands of people, and whipped up waves and wildfires as gusts topped 80 mph in some areas.

The calmer weather Tuesday, accompanied by higher humidity, helped firefighters contain a wind-whipped wildfire in Fillmore, about 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

That blaze destroyed two homes Monday and had threatened about 160 others before being brought under control by noon Tuesday, Ventura County fire Capt. Mike Lindbery said.

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A critical component of the design is a substation for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, providing a nearby point of contact for Malibu residents who might otherwise have to go to the station in Lost Hills.

"It's a significant addition to the meaning of a Civic Center," Girard said. "It will provide a meaningful set of experiences to the families of Malibu."

The physical footprint of the project will only take up 2.94 acres, and the square footage is roughly equivalent to that of the Emeritus College in Downtown Santa Monica.

While not huge, the design is "thoughtful," Girard said, and provides for flexibility so art, science and general education classes serving roughly 200 students at a time will be available at the site.

To accomplish that goal, the campus will feature two general education classrooms, each with a capacity of 45 students, as well as a 100-seat formal lecture hall that can transform into an event space for art, film, music appreciation or panel discussions.

A computer classroom with at least 25 computers will allow for normal classes, but can also be used by community groups, much like an art studio and multipurpose room, an open space that can accommodate yoga or dance classes.

The multipurpose room can also transform into an emergency operations center for use by the Sheriff's Office in the event of an emergency.

The project will be funded by Measure S, a $135 million bond passed by Santa Monica and Malibu voters in 2004.

It's taken 10 years for the project to get to this point, largely because of the complexity of negotiations involved in securing the 9.18-acre site from Los Angeles County, said Laura Rosenthal, member of the Malibu City Council and Malibu Public Facilities Authority that saw the plans last week.

The results have been worth it, she said.

"I was very impressed by the presentation and the design. I like all of the sustainability parts of it," Rosenthal said.

The campus will feature bicycle parking, draught-tolerant landscaping and natural day lighting as well as a permeable paving and a stormwater retention basin to protect the natural environment of the site.

The building will also be outfitted with dual-pane glazing, a recycling area and access to public transportation.

The addition of the Sheriff's substation at so central a location was a real benefit to the community, Rosenthal said.

While officials will still have to some work out of the Lost Hills Station, which is located almost 10 miles away in Agoura, the physical presence in Malibu will allow deputies to serve the Malibu community directly and keep a handle on persistent problems like drivers on Pacific Coast Highway, she said.

"The added presence will have a big impact," she said. "We don't have a lot of people, but the longer an officer can be in the city the better."

With the 10-year anniversary of Measure S fast approaching, Rosenthal hoped that construction on the new campus would get rolling quickly.

SMC officials believe that could be as soon as summer or fall of 2014. They will turn in a set of planning documents to Malibu City Hall within the next month, and hope to get the final piece of the environmental impact report together shortly, Girard said.

When built, the campus will provide a physical presence for the college that was lost decades before when economics forced classes out of a commercial space near the future site.

The college began teaching night classes at Webster Elementary School three years ago to test the waters in Malibu before embarking on the major construction project now looming on the horizon, Girard said.

The program showed wide community acceptance of the concept, he said.

"There's a demand. It's possible to run it, possible to get people to staff it and teachers to teach it," he said.

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tion to those who wanted to contest the citations why they have received the ticket.

The settlement awarded the Epsteins $12,500 from ACS — now called Xerox, the company that processes tickets issued in Santa Monica — and the Epsteins' attorney received $65,000 from City Hall.

Additionally, City Hall had to send out letters to people who received a citation and requested only an informal review, as well as those who did that and went to an administrative hearing when contesting a ticket.

Cooper was one of those who got a new chance at an appeal. A hearing administrator shot down his argument in late February, but gave him 30 days to appeal her decision in court.

The address provided was the Santa Monica Courthouse, which would have been the right place to go up until March 15, the last day on which a ticket could be appealed at the site.

Cooper went on the last day he could appeal the decision, March 22.

Court officials were confused, bouncing him around to a variety of courtrooms before ultimately telling him that they could not help him, Cooper said.

When he contacted City Hall, Cooper only found more surprise.

That's because no one at City Hall knew that the Santa Monica Courthouse had lost its capacity to hear ticket appeals, said Jeanette Schachtner, deputy city attorney for City Hall.

"The courts neglected to tell their law enforcement agencies who have parking ticket appeals that they were making the change," Schachtner said.

City officials received mixed information about the parking ticket appeals, and didn't change the address of the courthouse to

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serve alcohol later into the wee hours of the morning or 24 hours a day.

Night-spot owners say a later last call will be good for business, but law enforcement officials argue that it increases the chances that cities will see more public drunkenness, violence, drunken driving and possibly fatalities.

Leno's proposal, however, wouldn't set a uniform standard across the state. Instead, it would give each municipality the option to push their last call back to 4 a.m.

"It will be up to the cities whether they want to participate or not," said the San Francisco Democrat, whose district encompasses clubs in the trendy South of Market district. His bill is expected to get its first public committee hearing on April 23.

At Steff's, a sports bar near the San Francisco Giants' AT&T Park, patron Armand Gaerlan liked the idea of a 4 a.m. last call. "I've lived in New York City. If it's working there, it can definitely happen here," said Gaerlan, who thinks the move would allow for making later dinner reservations.

At nearby Nova Bar and Restaurant, customer Kendra Chrysler said it was a bad idea. "I'll pass. I feel like nothing good happens after 2 a.m.," she said.

In Los Angeles, there is a buzz about a later last call, said Barbara Jacobs, chief operating officer at a 1920's-themed downtown nightspot, The Edison. She said the bar is making plans for a midnight breakfast and cocktail menu in case the proposal passes.

"We're creatively driven and so we're going to take advantage of it," she said.

Industry groups such as the California Restaurant Association and the Hollywood Hospitality Coalition are endorsing the 4 a.m. last call.

Los Angeles hosted a record 41.4 million visitors last year, one million more than in 2011. And, the city said, guests spent more than $16 billion in 2012. The San Francisco Travel Association said the city drew 16.5 million tourists who spent nearly $9 billion in 2012, up from the previous year.

Jim Lazarus, a senior vice president for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, said he believes it will be especially appealing to businesses already with after-hours permits to stay open past 2 a.m. — without serving alcohol.

"There's clearly a demand," he said. "I think the younger population, especially the young tech workers — they're working hours that are different from the traditional 9 to 5. They work later, so they party later."

However, law enforcement officials argue that establishments serving alcohol past 2 a.m. will produce significant problems.

John Lovell, a lobbyist for the Sacramento-based California Police Chiefs Association, said an extended last call will further stretch many depleted law enforcement agencies that will be forced to monitor inebriated patrons when the bars close.

"That will be a whole new dynamic with those leaving a bar at 4 a.m. hitting the road when the early commute is in progress," Lovell said. "That brings a whole new danger."

Although San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr said he thinks the extended hours are a bad idea, Leno's bill has the support of Mayor Ed Lee, who said that if the bill becomes law he would seek input from police, local bar owners and neighborhood leaders before the city opts for a late last call.

Leno said he authored a last call bill geared for San Francisco in 2004, which was rejected by the state Assembly. But he expects this one to fare better because it leaves the ultimate decisions with the cities.

Ludwig Chincarini, an associate economics professor at the University of San Francisco, said recent studies in the U.S. and abroad do not provide very clear links between longer last calls and impacts on crime and local economies.

Extended drinking hours may add more tax revenue, particularly from tourists, Chincarini said, but they are unlikely to bring a windfall to major California cities.

"The tourists who already come here could take advantage of possibly drinking for an extra couple of hours, that's all," he said. "I don't think people are going to be traveling to San Francisco and Los Angeles to get the ... Las Vegas experience in terms of extensive drinking and partying."

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team another state. Not coincidentally, the visits come a few months after Utah and Virginia were ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in Forbes magazine's annual list of the best states for conducting business.

It also follows a period in which California — by itself the world's ninth largest economy — lost luster. The 9.6 percent unemployment rate remains among the nation's worst, vestiges of the housing crash linger, and its credit rating is one of the shakiest among states. Stockton, with a population of nearly 300,000, recently became the largest city in the country to file for bankruptcy protection.

In addition, California businesses are sounding a common refrain: Heavy-handed regulation and weighty taxes slow growth and profit.

Forbes lumps California among the worst states for doing business.

California "is the low-hanging fruit. This is where you go to expand the economy in other states," lamented state Assemblyman Dan Logue, a Republican who is friendly with Perry and supported his 2012 presidential run. "Even 'The Tonight Show' is moving back to New York."

Herbert and McDonnell became friendly at governors conventions, and Virginia officials hatched the idea of doing a joint recruiting trip in California. There's a practical side: They believe their double bill will attract more attention.

The two states don't see each other as direct rivals, in part because of the distance between them.

McDonnell says Virginia's relatively low taxes and welcoming regulatory climate have made the state a great spot for a wide range of businesses, including technology, aerospace, even film. Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" was filmed entirely in Virginia, and the state claims the highest percentage of U.S. high-tech jobs among all states.

McDonnell also touts the Washington, D.C., area as a draw for firms that need to stay close to Capitol Hill.

Utah's economy is one of the most diverse in the country, ranging from tourism to mining and manufacturing. Energy costs are well below the national average, and Forbes noted that a review of the state's nearly 2,000 administrative rules ended with 368 being

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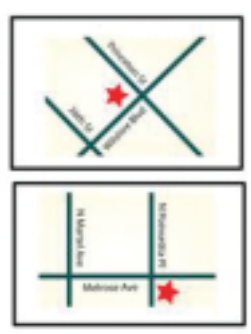

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which a parking ticket could be appealed on formal notices until March 26.

That wasn't soon enough for Stanley Epstein, who reentered the fray when Cooper reached out to him for help on his ticket.

City Hall should have known about the reorganization and fixed the notices at least by March 3, because attorneys received notice about the consolidation in late February, Epstein said.

That left 23 days in which people received incorrect information, and potentially lost their day in court.

He takes that as a violation of the settlement agreement between himself and City Hall, and has informed the City Attorney's Office of such.

"My prediction is that this is going to be settled in a manner that will protect everybody," Epstein said. "The only thing that is going to stop that is if the court system takes the position that the 30 days cannot be extended. If they take that position, a lot of people are going to be denied their day in court because of the actions of the city and Xerox."

Nobody has complained about the mix-up except Cooper, Schachtner said, but City Hall will send out new notices to roughly 119 people who received an administrative hearing decision letter that contained the Santa Monica Courthouse address within the last 30 days.

As of Monday, Cooper's ticket had been dismissed.

He's still unhappy with the thought that a Santa Monica resident would have to travel to Downtown L.A. at least twice to contest a basic parking ticket. The cost of the trip quickly ramps up when travel expenses, particularly parking, are factored in, he said.

"Nobody should have to pay $40 in parking to fight a $50 ticket," Cooper said. "Even if I win my ticket, I'm a loser."

Those outside of the parking ticket community agree wholeheartedly.

The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Disability Rights Legal Center and Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County filed a lawsuit in March alleging that the court consolidation — which moved certain court services into "hubs" — violated the rights of people with disabilities who could not reasonably travel long distances to fight critical battles like an eviction notice.

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slashed or modified after being judged a drag on the economy.

Helped by a jump in leisure and hospitality jobs, Utah's unemployment rate dropped to 5.2 percent in February. Virginia's unemployment rate — 5.6 percent in February — has been trending down since joblessness peaked at 7.4 percent from December 2009 until March 2010.

Utah's personal income tax rate is 5 percent. In Virginia, it's 5.75 percent for people making more than $17,000. California's is staggered depending on income, from a low of 1 percent to 12.3 percent on income over $1 million.

Despite its recent troubles, California's economy has showed encouraging signs. It added more than 300,000 jobs in the past year. That's a 2.1 percent gain, outpacing national job growth of 1.5 percent. Google Inc., Apple Inc. and Facebook Inc. all call the state home, along with a massive consumer market of 38 million people.

Los Angeles County alone has more people than Virginia's 8.2 million residents. Utah's population stands at just 2.8 million.

Riley Ray Robbins, deputy director of Brown's Office of Business and Economic Development, pointed to a 2010 study by the Public Policy Institute of California that found that no more than 2.3 percent of all jobs left the state in any one year between 1992 and 2006.

As for the two visiting governors, "We'll be happy to take their double-occupancy contribution to California's No. 1 tourism industry," Robbins said in a statement.

That was echoed by economist Christopher Thornberg, who thinks talk about the state's demise is wildly exaggerated. There are plenty of problems for businesses, but California's job growth was more than double the rate in Virginia for the year that ended in February, he said.

"It's no wonder they are coming here," Thornberg said.

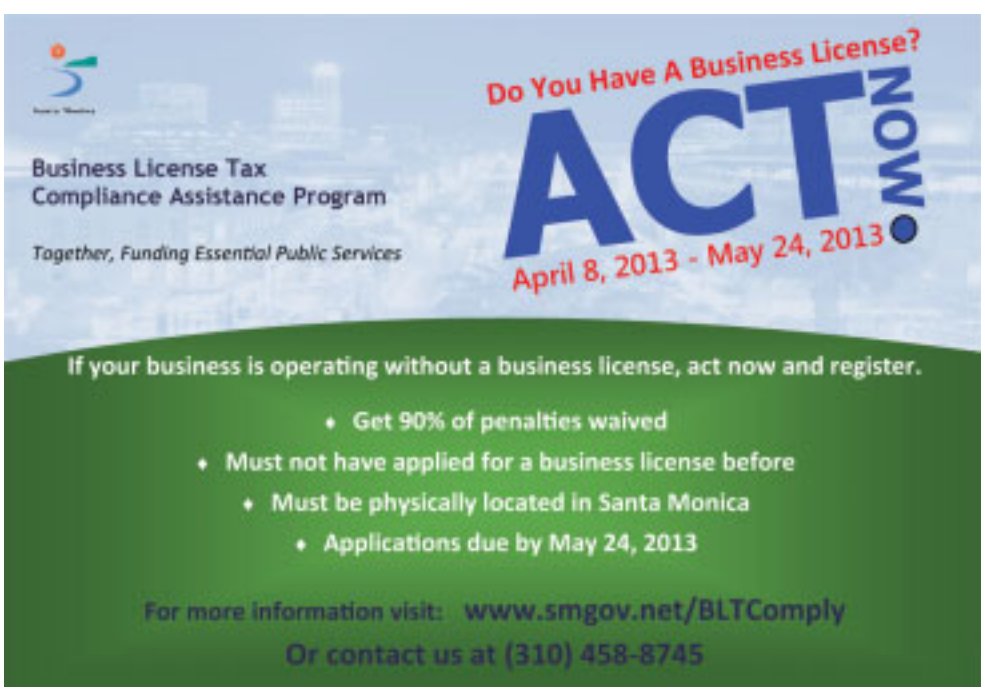
Job numbers alone don't persuade business owners, said Jeff Miller, a prominent Republican fundraiser who moved from California to Austin, Texas. His firm works to assist companies that want to move to Texas, including poaching jobs from his former home state.

He hasn't closed any deals since his recent move, but predicts he will help thousands of jobs come to Texas this year.

In California, "the cost of business is just too high," said Miller, who is a close with Perry and has raised political dollars for him. "They want to go to a place where it's more affordable to grow their business."











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Dow Jones average closes at another record number

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NEW YORK Materials and energy companies led the stock market higher Tuesday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average to its second all-time high in a week.

The Dow closed at 14,673.46, a gain of 59.98 points, or 0.4 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index also rose 0.4 percent, closing less than two points below its own all-time high set April 2.

The prices of metals like copper, gold and silver have rebounded this week after slumping for the first three months of the year on waning demand. Oil is also rising following a sharp decline last week.

"You're seeing some pretty decent action in the overall market, with today's leadership coming from the basic materials sector," said Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners. "It's an area of the market that does represent some value because it's underperformed."

The rise in basic materials such as precious metals was caused by a weakening of the dollar against other currencies, HSBC analyst Howard Wen said. Commodities are typically priced in dollars and a decline in the currency allows overseas buyers to purchase materials at lower prices.

Materials companies were the biggest gainers of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500, rising 1.1 percent. Energy companies posted the second best return, increasing 0.8 percent. Those two groups have been among the weakest in the market this year.

On Tuesday the S&P 500 rose 5.54 points to 1,568.61. The index closed at a record high of 1,570.25 on April 2. The Nasdaq composite gained 15.61 points, or 0.5 percent, to 3,237.86.

The gains suggested that the Dow and S&P 500 may be poised to break out of a trading pattern they've followed for the last three weeks.

Stocks have mostly moved sideways since the middle of March. The Dow has alternated between small gains and losses after starting the year on a tear. Signs of slowing growth and concerns about the outlook for Europe had checked investors' confidence.

As companies report results this week, investors will be looking to see whether they are feeling any impact from government spending cuts that kicked in recently, said Jim Russell, investment director at U.S. Bank. They will also want to know what effect there will might from the ongoing debt crisis in Europe.

"The market is looking for companies to fill in those blanks," said Russell.

Alcoa, traditionally the first company in the Dow to report results, was flat at $8.39 after the company posted its earnings late Monday. Online auto retailer CarMax, home goods retailer Bed Bath & Beyond and the banks Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase report later this week.

On Tuesday, Cliff's Natural Resources, an iron ore mining company, rose $1.66, or 8.8 percent, to $20.45. The company's stock is still down 47 percent this year. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, another mining company, was up $1.34, or 4.1 percent, at $33.76.

First Solar soared after the solar panel maker issued a better-than-expected forecast for its 2013 results and solid predictions for the following two years, helped by continued growth in shipments. The stock price rose $12.31, or 46 percent, to $39.35.

Small company stocks lagged the market. The Russell 2000 index two points, or 0.2 percent, to 929.34. The index has slumped this month after rising 12 percent in the first quarter and performing better than both the Dow and S&P 500.

While stocks are struggling to extend their gains from the start of the year, bonds have rallied.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged at 1.75 percent Tuesday. However, the benchmark rate has fallen from a high of 2.06 percent reached March 11 as demand for low-risk assets increases.

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Republicans debate message, battle recent bad messengers

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ATLANTA National Republican leaders made waves recently with a dim view of the party's future if it fails to expand its core support beyond white males and social conservatives. But weeks after GOP Chairman Reince Priebus unveiled the "Growth and Opportunity Project" report, many party players maintain that the problem often is more about flawed messengers saying the wrong things at the wrong times than the policy positions at issue.

The distinction between policy flaws and communication problems is at the crux of the GOP's soul-searching as the Republican National Committee convenes this week in Los Angeles for the first time since the report's release. And it's a discussion that won't end anytime soon as conservatives, moderates and pragmatists struggle for control of the GOP megaphone. The dynamic has been highlighted in the weeks since the chairman's call for outreach, with succession of conservative party figures voicing positions that may alienate the very voters national party leaders want to capture.

Alaska Rep. Don Young was forced to apologize after referring to Hispanic migrant workers as "wetbacks." Media titan Donald Trump, who flirted with a presidential run in 2012, warned against compromising with President Barack Obama on a citizenship path for anyone already in the country illegally, saying they'll just become Democratic voters.

Using social media, Republican National Committee member Dave Agema of Michigan redistributed controversial writings that were harshly critical of gay Americans. Agema dug in after many Michigan Republicans called for his resignation.

Days later, the head of the Georgia state party, Sue Everhart, said that if same-sex marriage were "natural," then gay couples "would have the equipment to have a sexual relationship." She predicted that if the Supreme Court allows federal employee benefits for gay couples, then individuals who are "straight as an arrow" will enter same-sex unions just for financial perks.

Comments like those have some Republicans reeling.

"It's extremely, extremely frustrating," said Gregory Steele, a University of North Carolina senior who leads his state's college Republican organization. "We want the party to have a serious policy discussion about all of these issues going forward, but it's hard to get to that point with all of these mistakes."

Former U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, who retired in January as one of the GOP's last elected New England moderates, deplored the "intolerance" that she says has driven a "slow and steady erosion of a strong political base."

"It's very exclusionary," Snowe said. "For anyone who isn't already a Republican, how are they going to be drawn in right now?"

At Log Cabin Republicans, a national group of gay GOP loyalists, Gregory Angelo said the flaps reinforce the image of an inflexible organization. But he also noted Ohio Sen. Rob Portman's recent embrace of same-sex marriage, and described the party right now as going through "growing pains."

"We are no longer walking in lock-step on these (social) issues," he said.

White House losing streaks — like the one Republicans are in nationally — aren't new. Democrats lost four out of five presidential elections — all by wide margins — from 1972 to 1988, before then-Arkansas Bill Clinton styled himself as a "New Democrat" to win the presidency in 1992 and 1996.

But current trends are foreboding for Republicans. They've lost the popular vote in five out of the last six presidential elections. In the last two, Obama has won overwhelming majorities of non-white voters and younger voters, while the anchors of Republican support — older white voters — have become an increasingly smaller share of the electorate. Neither Clinton nor Jimmy Carter ever drew popular vote majorities. Obama has twice cleared 51 percent.

Republicans also lost several winnable Senate races in 2012 after conservative nominees made controversial statements about women and abortion.

Top Republicans both acknowledge the damage such comments have caused and remain careful to defend the party's official positions as they call for a wider tent.

Republican Governors Association Chairman Bobby Jindal memorably called for the GOP to "stop being the stupid party," but the potential 2016 presidential candidate from Louisiana said in the same January speech to the RNC, "We do not need to change what we believe ... our principles are timeless."

Henry Barbour, a Mississippian who helped write the post-election analysis for Priebus, emphasizes that the document shouldn't be read as a call to change the Republican position on abortion, same-sex marriage or immigration. "In politics, you need to be what you're for," he said.

Louisiana Republican Chairman Roger Villere, a conservative who is also national party vice chairman, said, "To be Democrat-light will not win us elections."

Both Villere and Barbour said fixing the party starts with softening the way that Republicans talk about hot-button issues and emphasizing economic and fiscal policy.

In Georgia, Everhart makes the conundrum clear. She says the party should emphasize the economy, but added: "I don't like to refer to 'social issues' as much as I say that they're just my beliefs, and I'm going to talk about them," she said. "If you change your views for one group, you just lose another."

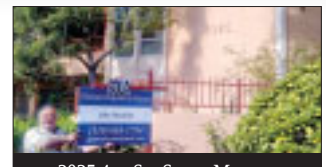
The one policy position where many Republicans are eager to give ground is immigration, where Senate Republicans are negotiating with Democrats on a comprehensive overhaul. Yet, they couch these policy shifts on immigration as more of a shift in message. Over the weekend, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina went so far as to call Romney's arch-conservative position on immigration "impractical" and "offensive." He was referring specifically to Romney urging immigrants in the country illegally to "self-deport."

Perhaps the strongest call for policy shifts — as opposed to tweaking the message — comes from New England Republicans.

Snowe said that conservatives in Congress, she said, have gone from "original Republican principles (of) fiscal responsibility and economic opportunity" to "eviscerating government."

"That scares people," Snowe said.

Steve Duprey, a Republican National Committeeman from New Hampshire, said any meaningful shift on policy issues ultimately must come from Republican presidential candidates. Nominees always have that power, he said, noting that Romney's march to the right on immigration and other issues helped define the party in 2012.

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Notice of Public Hearing-Measure R Parcel Tax

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2013-14 Special Parcel Tax (Measure R) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265. Subsequent to the public hearing on May 2, 2013 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of $374.51 per parcel, which includes a 2.2% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February, 2012 through February, 2013, was used to calculate the adjustment. Measure R 2013-14 Senior Exemption renewal forms are being mailed in April to prior applicants; the forms must be completed, signed and returned by June 30, 2013. To be added to the mailing list, please call 310/450-8338, ext. 70263.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FY 2013-14 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed FY 2013-14 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2010-15) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2010. The City is seeking community comments on the Proposed One-Year Action Plan.

Copies of the Proposed FY 2013-14 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending April 30, 2013. Copies are available at City Hall and on the web at http://www.smgov.net/hsd or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to the above address by April 30, 2013, or you may present your comments verbally at the City Council public hearing on April 23, 2013.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.9°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Fading old NW-WNW swell-mix; modest reinforcing SSW swell; lingering sets up to shoulder high for combo breaks; Peaky for exposed beach breaks;

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Small new WNW swell; minor SSW swell; peaky for exposed beach breaks; slightly larger sets for standouts

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 3, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rem).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17338 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

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

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

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Pac-12 to commission review of its officiating program

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Pac-12 announced plans Tuesday to commission an independent review of officiating during the league tournament after comments by the conference's coordinator of officials raised questions about its integrity.

The review will be done by "experts who are entirely independent of the Pac-12 Conference," the league said. The investigation is expected to be completed by June.

Ed Rush resigned as the conference's coordinator of officials Thursday. He told The Associated Press he was just trying to "lighten the mood" in a tense locker room when he "jokingly" made offers of $5,000 or a trip to Mexico for any referee who disciplined Arizona coach Sean Miller during the league tournament.

The Pac-12's officiating program has endured a swarm of public criticism since the incident became public and questions about whether Rush was joking persist. Some reports also have accused Rush of creating a culture of bullying.

"Nothing is more important to the Pac-12, or to me personally, than maintaining confidence in our integrity," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said in a statement. "Given the conflicting media reports, it is important that we do whatever we can to understand all the facts, not only to resolve the questions about officiating during the tournament but also to learn lessons that will help us make changes and improvements to our overall program."

Oregon State President Edward J. Ray, also the Pac-12 CEO Group chairman, agreed with Scott's decision.

"I agree that an independent review is important to maintain the confidence of our members, and of the public, in the integrity of our competition," Ray said. "While the review will focus primarily on the tournament, we expect that it will inform a broader examination of our men's basketball officiating and help us provide the best possible program."

On March 15, officials whistled Miller for a technical foul in the semifinals against UCLA for arguing a late double-dribble call against Wildcats guard Mark Lyons. Arizona lost 66-64.

Miller went on a memorable postgame rant about the technical foul, waving his arms while repeating "he touched the ball" five times in a row. He was later handed a $25,000 fine from the Pac-12 for what the conference said was confronting an official on the floor and acting inappropriately toward a staff member in the hallway.

Scott said last week that Arizona officials alerted him to Rush's remarks the night of March 17, a day after Oregon won the league tournament. He said he launched an internal investigation into the matter the next day and he concluded that it was not a "fireable offense," just a bad joke that stained the Pac-12's official program.



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Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Host (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:35pm, 10:15pm

Admission (PG-13) 1hr 57min
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Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:45pm, 7:15pm

Evil Dead (R) 1hr 31min
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
9:45pm

Spring Breakers (R) 1hr 34min
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Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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No (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have a lot going on. Take your time deciphering your feelings, as they could change rapidly. Rather than act aggressively or get into a fight, stop to see what is happening within yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A friendship could take a sudden new twist or turn. You have worked so hard to get to a certain point that you hardly have had any time to relax. Stop and look around. Your feelings very likely will float to the surface, so take some time to deal with them. Tonight: Greet a change positively.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pressure builds. You might be on the verge of a professional change, or perhaps you are heading in a new direction with a relationship where you look up to the person. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about who is not easily accessible. You have an opportunity for a new beginning here. You might want to rethink what has happened and what you want to happen. Tonight: Let your imagination play out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Work with an associate or a dear friend as a duo -- you might feel more empowered that way. This person often seems to share and act on the same feelings that you experience. Work on communication in order to strengthen your bond. Tonight: Chat over a lengthy dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to someone else. You might feel like you have little choice right now. Your sense of humor makes others feel more relaxed, but sometimes you have to honor your needs. Others can be touchy. Tonight: Choose from many options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue discussion with an associate or someone who could be instrumental in your day-to-day life. You don't always have the control you desire. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Answers come forward once you focus. Be open to brainstorming. Though you might vent some anger, you also will see the way around a hassle. Others share opinions more than new ideas, but their different perspectives still are helpful. Tonight: Take a long-overdue break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are open to change and are willing to let go of a need to have certain matters go your way. In any case, a family member might be on the warpath. To calm down the situation, you might want to let go of being right. Make and return important calls. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You speak your mind, and others stop to listen. You might have a tone that comes off as angry when expressing your feelings to someone. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Invite friends over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be aware of what you are offering. You might be overspending. Avoid taking a financial risk, no matter how logical it might seem. Tonight: Balance your checkbook first.

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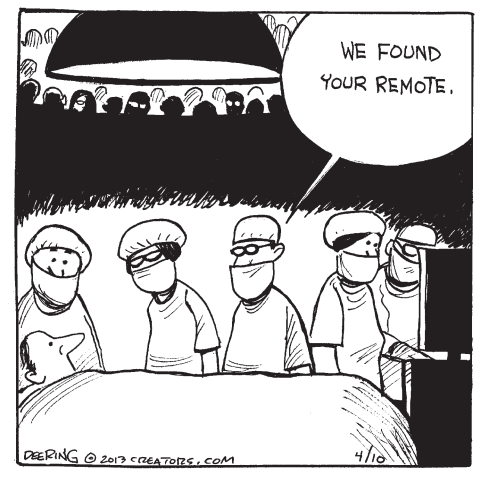
This year, you experience a new beginning in a significant area of your life. To others, you will seem as if you have endless energy and creativity, and they will be right. Take advantage of this special year; use it well, but do not step on others' feet. If you are single, you might choose a relationship in which someone puts you on a pedestal. Be careful -- there is only one way to go, and that is down. Go for a more realistic bond. If you are attached, make sure that you share the limelight and/or dote on your sweetie, or he or she might become very uncomfortable and difficult. TAURUS knows how to spend his or her money, and maybe even yours, too!

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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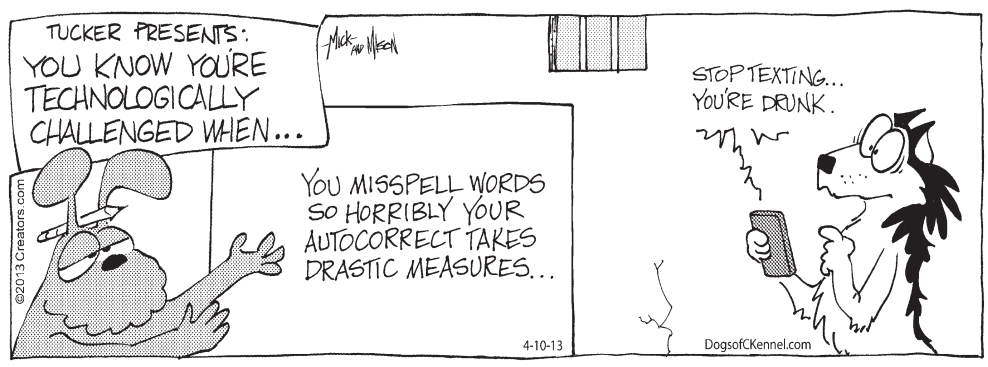
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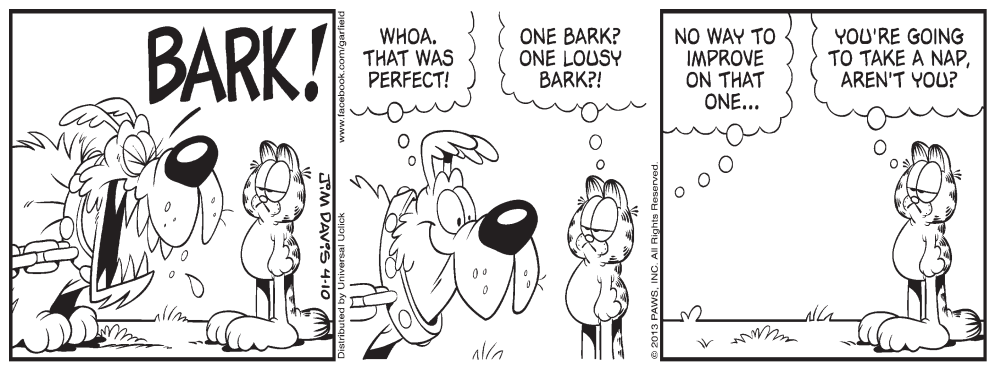
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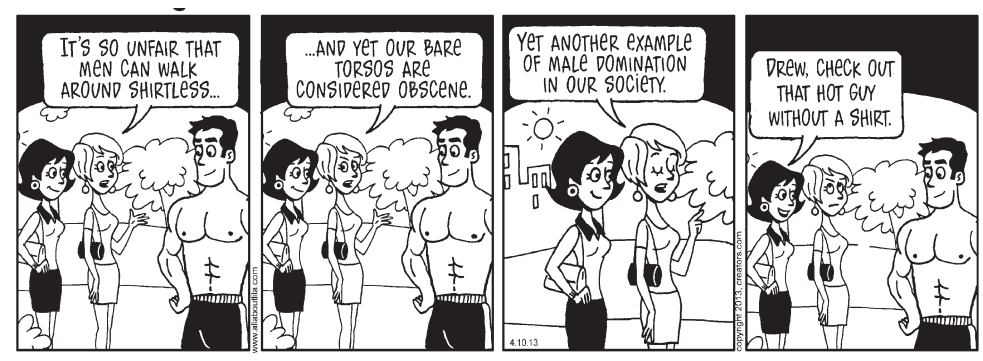
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Sudoku

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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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Years gone by
5 Depth charge, in slang
11 Trade fair
12 Town center
13 Modeling stuff
14 Backed
15 Beer bash need
16 Nanny or billy
17 Got wind of
19 Tourist's aid
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24 Play part
26 Liberal study
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30 Silences, as a show
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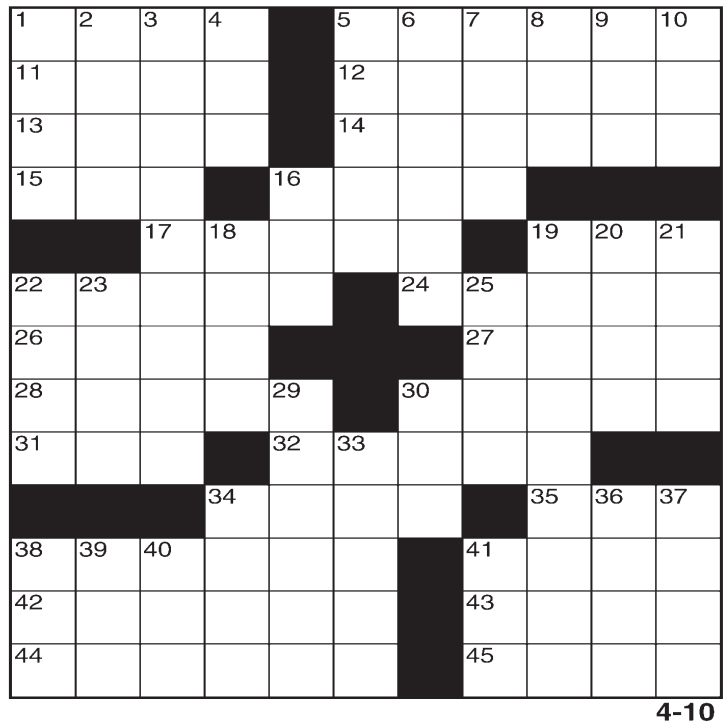
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18 Otherwise
19 The other half of the Italian entree
20 Writer Rice
21 Cribbage markers
22 Grow dim
23 River of Russia
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29 Like tears
30 Cut, as hay
33 Ring combatant
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Draw Date: 4/9
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3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Research Hurts: Between 2002 and 2010, according to the March BJU International (formerly British Journal of Urology), an estimated 17,600 patients came to U.S. hospital emergency rooms reporting genital injuries from trouser zippers (presumably by accident, but researchers took no position on that). Seven authors (six from University of California, San Francisco) took credit for the report, funded by a National Institutes of Health grant, and found that "zip" wounds were only about one-fifth of emergency penile injuries.

■ Rachel Hope and Parker Williams, both apparently intelligent and attractive, decided to procreate and fully raise a child together -- even though neither has romantic intentions toward the other. Their relationship is likened to a business one, according to a February New York Times profile, in which they do their respective biological duties, separately, and then each basically outsources half the subsequent child-rearing to the other. Said another parent in a similar relationship: "When you think about the concept of the village, and how the village was part of child-rearing for so many cultures ... it makes total sense."

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1919 - Mexican Revolution leader Emiliano Zapata is ambushed and shot dead by government forces in Morelos.

1925 - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald is first published in New York City, by Charles Scribner's Sons.

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