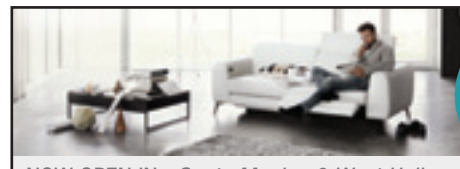
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Group to challenge airport initiative effort

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Everything involving Santa Monica Airport is getting challenged these days.

A group of residents plan on filing a lawsuit contesting the legality of a recently submitted ballot initiative petition that will attempt to put the future of the controversial airport to a vote.

Earlier this month, Santa Monica city officials posted the ballot initiative allowing the airport supporters to begin collecting signatures. They'll need John Hancock's from 15 percent of registered voters living in Santa Monica in order to put the fate of the airport into the hands of the electorate rather than City Council. As of 2012, there were 60,909 register voters in the city.

The filing by three Santa Monica residents came just days after council voted to study options that would chip away at the

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Laemmle looking to add screens, reduce seats

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET Laemmle executives want the Monica 4 movie theater to expand and contract.

The Second Street cinema currently has four screens and about 1,100 seats but a proposed makeover would add two screens and drop the seat total to below 500, said Laemmle CEO Greg Laemmle.

The largest theater would hold about 150, which is about the capacity of the current smallest theater. Two mezzanine-level theaters would seat about 35, Laemmle said.

"The row spacing is better and we believe the sight lines will also be better," Laemmle said. "The added screens provide flexibility to show more movies for longer."

A 3,000-square-foot restaurant is proposed for the front of the theater where the marquee is currently located. Laemmle is talking with several restaurateurs but they haven't selected an operator.

A redesign of the facade would wrap the front in a translucent, metal screen.

The proposed redesign comes amidst a rapidly changing theater environment in Santa Monica.

Next week, City Council will consider the approval of a roughly 1,500-seat, 13 screen ArcLight Cinema for the third level of the

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Photo courtesy Peter Politanoff

BOOM: Boxer Charles Martin (right) is appearing on King Sports Worldwide's promotion at Barker Hangar on Wednesday.

Puncher's chance

New boxing promotion wants in the game

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

BARKER HANGAR The way Michael King sees it, boxing could very well be a growth industry.

Aside from the heavy hitters like Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiáo, the boxing game has fallen on hard times.

While the top tier continues to enjoy record profits from pay-per-view audiences, the middle and lower tiers have languished.

When was the last time you saw boxing on ESPN or one of the other primary sports networks? That's a ques-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Spring break crafts
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3 p.m.
Just in time for spring break, the library is hosting a workshop where participants can make their own board game.

Movie time
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
"Quinceanera" is an ALMA and Independent Spirit Award-winning film that examines the life of a 14-year-old Latina girl, who becomes pregnant just shy of her 15th birthday and gets kicked out of her home by her parents. Taken in by her great grand-uncle and gay cousin, they each struggle to find their way through life in Los Angeles' rapidly-changing Echo Park neighborhood. For more information, visit smpl.org. This screening is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Additional support provided by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library.

Strike a pose
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Come to the library and get the endorphins flowing. You'll be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Good eats
Second Street and Arizona Avenue
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
The weekly Downtown Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the Los Angeles area. Foodies and chefs rub elbows all looking for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Get it write
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 1 p.m.
In this four-week workshop, learn some basic rules, participate in writing exercises, and explore a creative and lively approach to developing your story ideas in an interactive group. Instructor Anna Stramese has years of professional and academic experience in LA, NYC, and Paris.

Step into the ring
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"Boxing At Barker" will showcase Barker Hangar transformed, for the first-time ever, into a boxing venue, featuring ultra-VIP ringside suites, close-to-the-action seating, and the electric atmosphere of a Hollywood movie premiere. Most importantly, the fight card will feature a collection of boxing's most exciting, young professional fighters from countries, including Ireland, United States, South Africa, Cuba, Georgia and more. For more information, visit kingsportsworldwide.com.

Smarten up
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 p.m.
Learn how to get and use apps for the library catalog, eMedia, databases, and more. Bring your own smartphone and tablet devices to the workshop.

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Trend persists of prisons as mental health housing

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A federal judge's objection to what he called the horrific treatment of some mentally ill inmates in California prisons highlights a trend that has been building for decades in the state and across the country: As mental hospitals closed or were scaled back, prisons and county jails have become the de facto housing for many who are mentally ill.

The state is struggling to deal with more than 33,000 mentally ill inmates, accounting for more than a quarter of the population of 120,000 in California's major prisons. By comparison, California's five state psychiatric hospitals combined now serve fewer than 6,000 patients.

Nationwide, 10 times more seriously

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Lionsgate partners with online outfit RocketJump

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Another Hollywood studio is tying up with a video creator that has made it big on YouTube.

Santa Monica-based Lionsgate Entertainment on Monday announced a multi-year partnership with RocketJump Studios, maker of hit online show "Video Game High School," which is now in its third season.

RocketJump was founded by Freddie Wong, Matt Arnold and Dez Dolly four years ago. It has amassed 6.8 million subscribers and nearly a billion views on multiple platforms including its own website.

The companies said the deal will give Lionsgate Corp. access to RocketJump's upcoming slate of digital content while RocketJump can benefit from Lionsgate's global marketing muscle to help it create more long-form content.

The deal gives Lionsgate a so-called "first look" at RocketJump projects that might be made for digital and traditional platforms.

Terms were not disclosed.



TRIBUTE

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A memorial for Walter James, a man who was killed in a collision with a Santa Monica Police Department cruiser last week, has sprung up at the corner of Fourth Street and Pico Boulevard. The 30-year-old was a Highland Park resident.

Top Democratic lawmaker backs off 'carbon tax'

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The state Senate leader on Monday backed off an unpopular proposal for a so-called carbon tax on consumer fuels and instead wants to dedicate billions of dollars generated by California's greenhouse gas reduction law to affordable housing, mass transit and high-speed rail.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg said his willingness to pivot from a higher tax on gasoline, propane and other consumer fuels was driven by the need to fund environmentally friendly infrastructure projects while helping low-income Californians with housing. The Sacramento Democrat also threw his support behind Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal to help finance the $68 billion bullet train with money from the cap-and-trade fund that was established as part of the greenhouse gas law.

"I am a quick learner," Steinberg said at a Capitol news conference surrounded by transit, housing and environmental advocates. "Unlike the last time, I am thrilled to stand with a broad coalition."

Steinberg released his initial proposal in February. It was quickly trounced as a direct hit to Californians even though the current cap-and-trade revenue system is expected to expand next year in a way that could raise the price of gasoline and other fuels. Steinberg said that could produce volatility for consumers and proposed his flat tax on fuels as an alternative.

He is now proposing to use revenue from greenhouse gas emission fees paid by industry as a source of funding for affordable housing and mass transit projects. He also wants the money going toward environmental improvements that include adding bicycle lanes and water efficiency projects.

Steinberg was initially concerned about how Brown's budget would use cap-and-trade revenue for the bullet train. But on Monday he said funding the beleaguered transit project fits nicely with the state's effort to promote clean infrastructure.

"I think it's visionary. I think it's a major job-creator, and I think future generations will be glad that we withstood the controversy," Steinberg said.

Jim Evans, a spokesman for Brown, said the governor's office doesn't comment on pending legislation but "looks forward to working with the Legislature on an overall cap-and-trade funding plan."

The Brown administration wants to spend a total of $850 million on transportation, energy efficiency and water projects in the next budget year under provisions of California's 2006 greenhouse gas emissions law, known as AB32. Within that, Brown wants to direct $250 million to the high-

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Setting the record straight

Editor:

RE: Bob Taylor: "The truth on drones," Letter to the Editor, April 13.

In his letter to the editor regarding my earlier comments on drones, Bob Taylor engaged in a personal attack making a number of completely false statements about me. He claimed I was an airport commissioner, I'm not. He claimed I was a realtor, I'm not. He claimed I was a recent arrival intent on increasing my property value, I'm not – I've lived in the area over 20 years. He claimed I know nothing of aviation technology, I most certainly do. The list goes on, but I have already addressed his errors in my comments online.

Bob has now apologized for his statements and I have accepted that apology. However, in this letter I would like to address the mindset behind making up and publishing such falsehoods.

Regrettably, the debate over the future of [Santa Monica Airport] has shown over and again that aviation advocates are willing to play fast and loose with the facts to quash opposition. Bob's letter is simply one more in that tradition. The deceptive ballot initiative being backed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is yet another. For this reason it is critical that the community check into any and all statements made by aviation advocates rather than accepting them at face value.

More important in this case is the payload in the rest of Bob's letter. To summarize: he attacks the Airport Commission and "those in positions of trust" for not representing the community they serve, with regards to airport policy.

As a board member of the Ocean Park Association (OPA), Mr. Taylor is of course aware of the survey that OPA conducted in early 2012 to determine what the residents of the area felt about the airport. He is also aware that the results of that survey showed approximately 85 percent in favor of mitigating or eliminating the airport entirely.

Why is it then that OPA alone of all the surrounding neighborhood associations has failed to back Airport2Park? Indeed the OPA organization has not officially backed any efforts to oppose the airport, despite Ocean Park residents being some of the most adversely impacted, and despite some very active airport opponents in Ocean Park, some of them also on the OPA board.

I would contend that failure to represent the community starts a lot closer to home than Mr. Taylor alleges, and that to an outsider it appears that at least one influential member of the OPA board may have allowed his enthusiasm for aviation to override his responsibility to represent the community.

By comparison, what the Airport Commission does is fully responsive to wishes of the community as revealed by three independent surveys involving over 2,000 respondents. All showed opposition levels close to the 85 percent measured by OPA. The Airport Commission and the City Council are to be applauded for listening to the people in this matter. Perhaps Mr. Taylor should consider doing likewise in his official OPA capacity.

Enthusiasm for aviation is not cause to disregard the wishes of the community, and it is not cause for falsifying facts.

John Fairweather
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Captain America's bigger message

THE CROCUS HAVE CROAKED. THE TULIPS have formed six lips, and the pre-teens have invaded the Loews Hotel swimming pool. The hordes of children have attacked the rides at the Santa Monica Pier and there are lines everywhere with families on vacation enjoying spring break.

I was made quite aware of this as I waited in line to see "Captain America." The blockbuster has landed in theaters and no I don't mean former Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld and the documentary about him that is playing at the Laemmle on Second Street titled "The Unknown Known." This action movie has Chris Evans in the title role saving us from the world that was written about by George Orwell and most recently discussed by Edward Snowden at the TED conference where he appeared by video robot.

Snowden spoke to the large TED audience, and now to a larger global audience about why he did what he did and the dangers we face as a "free society" that is grappling with the reach and breadth of technology, which encroaches ever further into our lives. Snowden by some measures is a patriot. He is standing up and saying that our government is wrong, acting badly and that the bright light of awareness is necessary to stop it. By another measure he is a traitor, an evildoer who should be excoriated for his breach of national security.

In some ways he's saying to the government, what they say to us; "If you're not doing anything wrong, you've got nothing to worry about." What is the government so concerned about if they are not violating our constitutional rights? If all they are doing is looking for terrorists in a legal way, they shouldn't be upset. It's not like the terrorists are all that concerned about their rights.

And if the government is violating our rights, shouldn't we know about it? Don't we as a "free and open" society deserve to know if our government is overstepping? Or at least branches or departments of it?

The Declaration of Independence was written because the British government became unresponsive, and oppressive. If we want to maintain our constitutional democracy we need the light of truth shone into the corners where the dirt of oppression begins to collect.

The Tea Party and Fox News made much ado about the Internal Revenue Service overly scrutinizing 501c applications, frankly as repulsive as they are to my tastes, the fact that they were at least taking the government to task, however they did it, is at least some effort at accountability.

As a columnist who thoroughly enjoys the benefits of the First Amendment to our Constitution I lean toward Edward Snowden as a patriot. Maybe I'm being taken in by his impassioned presentation at TED. Maybe I'm not. In any case, the fact that someone is pointing out that our privacy is being invaded, that our government is snooping into areas that it may not need to, that agencies of the government have access to information without oversight, is crucial to the healthy growth and maintenance of our freedoms.

Does it come at a price? Yes it does. We may be tipping off the terrorists that we know where they are. We may be letting them know how we collect data and track their actions. It is possible that as a result of this openness a tragedy could occur. Honestly I'm not that concerned that they know, that we know, that they know how to get around the Internet. They're outlaws, and they will always be outlaws. We can't let the fact that we want to stop them, make us prisoners in our own society.

I liken it to the argument about criminal law. It's better for a guilty man to go free, than for an innocent man to be wrongfully convicted.

I know that in our current societal bent of "nothing bad should ever happen to anyone" mode of protection, what I am saying is contraindicated. But ask yourself, how much personal privacy and which freedoms are you willing to give up for a totally safe world? I'd rather live in a world with risks and have my freedoms than live in a velvet lined cage.

I know the other movie, that one about Donald Rumsfeld, makes an argument for a "safe society," as if I should be willing to give up all my rights to protect my freedoms. If you stop and think about that statement, you'll see the logical fallacy within it. If you can't see the fallacy, take me to lunch and I'll explain it to you.

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Victorian garden style lives on

KIM COOK
Associated Press

Those drawn to 19th century style may be pleased to learn that vintage garden decor is a trend this spring and summer.

The look involves florals, weathered wood, wire, period typography, bird motifs and accessories, and other elements with a Victorian vibe, says Tom Mirabile, a trend watcher for Lifetime Brands.

The appeal lies largely in the era's garden-as-haven aesthetic, he says.

"We look at the Victorian age as an era when there was just a lot of time," he said at an industry trends seminar earlier this year at the NY Now trade show.

Conservatories, greenhouses and aviaries were popular in stately Victorian-era homes, but even modest residences might have a little birdcage. Fashionable too were ferns, palms and terrariums.

Pottery Barn's got miniature greenhouses this season made of white-painted distressed pine and glass, perfect terrariums for small plants. A replica of a vintage birdcage is made of wire painted hunter green; it's tall enough to house an elegant orchid, but would also work as a tabletop accent.

On a grander scale is the retailer's Conservatory bird cage, a nearly 5-foot-long mahogany and wire piece that would fit on a console table or atop a long shelf. While it's dramatic in and of itself, a collection of objects would look amazing inside it. (www.potterybarn.com)

Floral motifs — and roses in particular — were all the rage during the Victorian era. Art and textiles featured illustrated flora and fauna from home and exotic parts of the world.

Bradbury & Bradbury now offers a couple of art wallpapers derived from illustrations by period artists William Morris and Walter Crane. Fenway has an Art Nouveau-style pattern with irises at its heart, while Woodland showcases the artistry of both Morris and Crane — winsome rabbits and long-legged deer cavort across a leafy landscape. (www.bradbury.com)

Designer Voytek Brylowski offers prints of works by Victorian illustrators Mary and Elizabeth Kirby. Parrots, toucans, lilies and hummingbirds are hand-colored, vibrant examples that can be mounted in simple frames and placed near a patio door — or anywhere the gentility and charm of the period might be appreciated.

"By digitally enhancing old images, I feel that I give them new life, and preserve historically significant illustrations and drawings by these famous naturalists," says Brylowski, who is based in Wroclaw, Poland. (www.etsy.com/shop/VictorianWallArt)

Jennifer Stuart, an artist in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has designed a collection of plates depicting damask and floral prints of the 19th century on patio-friendly melamine. (www.zazzle.com)

And Pier 1's Floria collection has a vintage damask pattern in garnet, soft blue and grass-green in a collection of indoor/outdoor rugs and throw pillows. (www.pier1.com)

Cast-iron and wicker furniture and containers were used both indoors and out in the late 19th century, just as today we use rattan chairs in the family room and the garden, or iron plant stands in the kitchen as well as the patio. Restoration Hardware's Hampshire and Bar Harbor all-weather wicker collections include chairs and sofas in restful shades of cream, gray and mocha. (www.restorationhardware.com)

Early visitors to resorts in New York's Adirondack Mountains discovered the eponymous big wooden chair that's withstood hundreds of years of style changes. A good selection in both real wood and Polywood, a recycled plastic resembling wood, is at hayneedle.com.

West Elm's collection of soft yet sturdy braided baskets, woven of bankuan grass, evoke French laundry bins. Use them as storage in any room; the natural color makes them versatile. (www.westelm.com)

Turquoise chicken-wire baskets and cloches can be found at www.farmhousewares.com , which also has a vintage-style garden supply shop sign in the form of a hand. Galvanized planter pots in sets of six would make great receptacles for herbs or miniature blooms.

The Q Line

Back to work

Santa Monica High teacher and wrestling coach Mark Black was recently put on leave following an altercation with students. One of the students has been charged in the case.

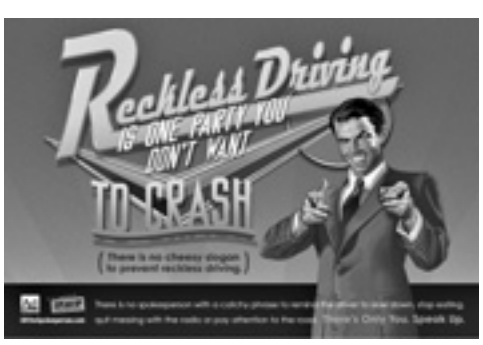
So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Should Black be reinstated or does the school district have to look into the incident to determine who was at fault?

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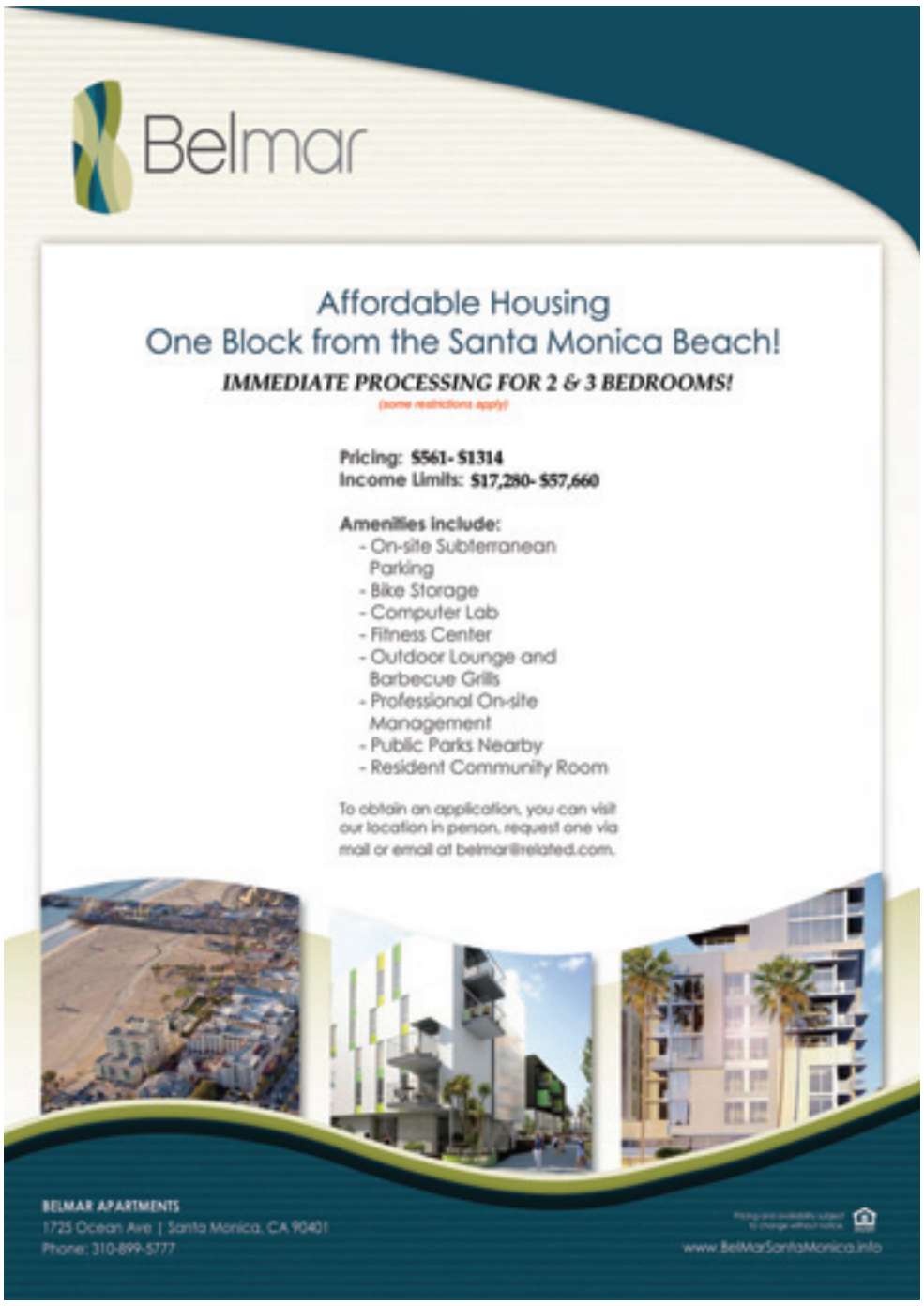
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$26 billion budget proposed for county

Los Angeles County's chief executive officer has proposed a budget of just over $26 billion for fiscal year 2014-15.

CEO William T. Fujioka noted in his announcement Monday that the proposal is a fully balanced budget although the county continues to emerge from an extremely difficult economic period.

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Murder suspects were sex offenders under scrutiny

Two registered sex offenders arrested over the weekend on suspicion of killing four Southern California women over a five-month span have known each other since at least 2012, when they both cut their ankle bracelets and boarded a Greyhound bus to Las Vegas together using fake names.

Steven Dean Gordon, 45, and Franc Cano, 27, were arrested by federal agents on May 8, 2012, after a two-week stay at the Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, according to court documents in U.S. District Court in Nevada. Both were wanted fugitives: Gordon traveled using the alias Dexter McCoy and Cano chose Joseph Madrid.

Gordon and Cano were arrested Saturday in California on suspicion of killing four women beginning in October. They have not yet been formally charged. Police in Anaheim were to hold a news conference Monday to release more details on the investigation.

Police believe there could be more victims and the department has contacted other places with missing persons cases across the country, said Anaheim Police Department Lt. Bob Dunn.

The investigation started after the naked body of Jarrae Nykkole Estepp, 21, was found March 14 on a conveyor belt used to separate recyclables from trash at an Anaheim facility. Detectives connected the men to her slaying, and to the disappearances last fall of three women who frequented a Santa Ana neighborhood known for drug dealing and prostitution.

Cano and Gordon were ordered to register as sex offenders after being convicted in separate cases of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

Gordon was sentenced to three years in state prison in a 1992 case, according to court records, and Cano was also sentenced to three years in 2007.

– AP

Rizzo, accused in Bell fraud, gets prison

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The man authorities say masterminded a scheme that fleeced the small Los Angeles suburb of Bell out of millions of dollars was sentenced in federal court Monday to 33 months in prison for income tax evasion.

U.S. District Judge George H. King sentenced Robert Rizzo just two days before the former city manager of Bell is to report to state court to be sentenced on 69 counts of fraud, misappropriation of public funds, falsification of public records and other charges for his role in the corruption case.

He pleaded no contest to those charges in October and faces as long as 12 years in prison.

U.S. attorney spokesman Thom Mrozek said King ordered Rizzo to repay $255,984 in back taxes and to serve his federal sentence consecutively with whatever term he is given in state court.

Rizzo, 60, was given until May 30 to surrender to federal authorities.

He pleaded guilty in January to single counts of conspiracy and filing a false federal income tax return.

Rizzo acknowledged creating a corporation specifically to claim phony financial losses so he could reduce his tax liability on the $1.5 million salary and benefits package he was receiving as Bell's city manager.

He and other top Bell officials were arrested in 2010 after it was discovered they were illegally diverting millions of taxpayer dollars to pay themselves huge salaries. Rizzo's base salary alone was double that of the president of the United States.

An audit by the state controller's office found Bell had illegally raised property taxes, business license fees, had illegally diverted state gas funds and illegally tapped other sources of revenue to fund the salaries.

At one point homeowners in Bell, where the median annual household income is $36,000, were paying higher property taxes than people in Beverly Hills.

Rizzo's chief assistant, Angela Spaccia, was sentenced last week to 11 years and eight 8 months in prison for her role.

Also last week, five former members of the Bell City Council pleaded no contest to misappropriation of public funds. They face terms ranging from probation to four years in prison when they are sentenced in June and July.

Spaccia was making $564,000 a year when she was arrested, and most of Bell's City Council members were getting about $100,000 a year. Several other officials had salaries well above $100,000.

Prosecutors said the scam cost Bell more than $5.5 million dollars and drove a city where more than a quarter of the residents live below the federal poverty line to the brink of bankruptcy.

When residents learned of the scam they angrily denounced the officials, complaining at public meetings that they had turned their hard-working, blue-collar town into the laughingstock of the nation.

Residents quickly organized a recall and subsequently voted the entire City Council out of office.

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airport. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association quickly announced its support for the petition.

But advocates of closing the airport say the petition is based on "reckless and lawless allegations."

"Only a thorough, thoughtful and careful reading divulges that it seeks to preserve fuel sales, existing below-market aviation leases, and the supernormal profits of leasing (City Hall's) land at 30-year-old rates to subtenants who pay today's fair market rates," said Jonathan Stein, an attorney who plans to represent the plaintiffs. "The (petition) will be challenged in the court action and its petitioners named as the real parties in interest."

Calls to Flora Yin, who was listed as the contact person on the ballot initiative documents filed with City Hall, were not returned by press time.

Neighbors have long complained about the pollution and noise caused by aircraft taking off and landing at the airport. They also fear for their safety as the runway is located about 300 feet from homes.

Advocates point to the need for an airport in the case of a major disaster and also the $275 million it generates annually for the local economy.

Three residents signed the petition documents — Yin, along with Lauren McCollum and Nikos Kokotakis — but have not yet made any kind of public announcement as to their plans for signature gathering. They will have about six months to gather the necessary signatures for the November ballot.

In their filing, one claim put forward is that, if vacant, the airport land will be used for large development projects.

"This political game by politicians and special interests who hope to profit from redeveloping 227 acres of Santa Monica has gone on too long," they said. "It is clear from their statements and their actions that the politicians can't be trusted to maintain a low-density land use and therefore it is left to the people to express their vote before the city of Santa Monica takes any action to redevelop airport land."

Stein pointed out that numerous council members have denied this claim several times. The lawsuit, he said, will seek to stop signatures from being gathered.

Stein called the technicalities surrounding his coming lawsuit "mind-numbing" and noted with reluctance that though he believes city officials have the public's best interest in mind when it comes to the airport, for legal reasons, some city staff members will have to be named in the suit.

"We believe the (petition) seeks the signatures only by demonizing the City Council (and Santa Monica residents whom it represents) as vicious special interests, curried lapdogs, voracious consumers, and seekers after supernormal profits," he said. "We refuse to see our community riven in twain by this broadsword of deceit."

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speed rail project from the cap-and-trade fund, which raises money from California industries in a sort of emissions marketplace that is designed to reduce air pollution.

Steinberg, however, said California is expected to receive a windfall of up to $5 billion a year. He would rather see the state adopt a long-term spending plan.

The cap-and-trade program currently applies only to industrial plants and allows companies with higher emissions of greenhouse gases to buy pollution credits from companies that have found a way to lower their emissions below a certain threshold.

But next year, consumers will start to see the impact as the program is extended to the producers of carbon-based consumer fuels, which will raise prices at the pump by an uncertain level.

Republicans were pleased to see Steinberg backing off an estimated 15-cents-a-gallon carbon tax on fuel starting next year. They said they look forward to discussing California's long-term infrastructure needs.

"Glad that the pro tem wisely backed away from a gas tax that would have unfairly punished lower-income working families," said Peter DeMarco, a spokesman for Senate Republicans.

But DeMarco said the decision to "double down on high speed rail is a losing proposition." The Legislative Analyst's Office has said it is legally risky to link the bullet train to the cap-and-trade fund.

Under Steinberg's latest plan, about 40 percent of the cap-and-trade fund would go toward affordable housing projects, 30 percent to transit, 20 percent to high-speed rail, and the remaining amount to other environmental and climate projects. He also wants a requirement that 25 percent of funding go toward disadvantaged communities.

"My larger concern then and now is the economic impact on low- and moderate-income people, and preserving and strengthening our essential climate goals," Steinberg said.

Speaker-elect Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, said she looks forward to discussing the proposal with her colleagues in the Assembly as they formulate their budget priorities.

"Addressing climate change, finding a new source of funding for affordable housing, and encouraging mass transit are all key goals for our state," Atkins said in a statement.

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mentally ill individuals are in state prisons and jails than in state mental hospitals, the Arlington, Va.-based Treatment Advocacy Center and the National Sheriffs' Association said last week in what it called the first national study of how mentally ill inmates receive treatment. It estimated there are 356,000 mentally ill inmates nationwide, compared with 35,000 patients in public mental hospitals.

"Prison and jail officials are being asked to assume responsibility for the nation's most seriously mentally ill individuals, despite the fact that the officials did not sign up to do this job; are not trained to do it; face severe legal restrictions in their ability to provide treatment for such individuals; and yet are held responsible when things go wrong, as they inevitably do under such circumstances," the study said.

In 44 states, including California, the largest institution housing those with severe psychiatric problems is now a prison or jail, according to the study.

In California, inadequate treatment has led to more than two decades of federal court oversight of mental health operations in prisons. More recent lawsuits allege that some California counties have similar deficiencies in their jails.

State corrections officials did not comment despite repeated requests since Friday.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton of Sacramento ruled last week that excessive use of force and isolation of mentally ill inmates continues, violating their constitutional rights against cruel and unusual punishment. In his ruling, the judge said that has led to the potential for more severe psychosis and even suicide.

"Unfortunately, in California, we have turned the prisons into mental health institutions," Karlton said as he heard arguments in the case in December.

The veteran judge ordered the state to further restrict its use of pepper spray and prolonged solitary confinement when dealing with mentally ill inmates.

Over the last decade, the number of mentally ill inmates in California prisons nearly doubled — from about 20,000 in 2000 to a peak of about 37,000 in 2011 — before the overall prison population was dramatically reduced under a three-year-old law that keeps most of the less-serious offenders in county jails.

But the number of mentally ill inmates began climbing steadily again in mid-2012 and rose by more than 300 inmates in just three months last year, the judge noted.

"California has been on a helter-skelter schedule to close down its psychiatric beds since the 1970s," said Carla Jacobs of Orange County, a founding board member of the Treatment Advocacy Center.

Housing and treating the growing number of mentally ill inmates has been difficult and expensive for California's prison system, which has spent more than $2 billion on new mental health facilities while sharply increasing salaries for mental health professionals in the last decade. The state expects to spend $400 million on prison mental health services in the next fiscal year alone.

"We as a society have failed to set up appropriate outpatient mental health services so people who maybe could function in the community have not been able to," said Michael Bien, one of the attorneys suing the state on behalf of mentally ill inmates.

The problem was aggravated when states and the federal government increased penalties for drug use, because the mentally ill are more likely to "self-medicate" if they don't receive proper care, Bien said.

His San Francisco-based law firm is suing Monterey County, alleging that the county jail offers inadequate facilities and programs for inmates who are mentally ill or have other disabilities. It also sued Sutter County over the deaths of two jail inmates, one of whom committed suicide.

The seriously mentally ill often are less able to follow rules in prison, making it more likely they will be pepper sprayed or placed in solitary confinement, the problems the federal judge addressed in his ruling.

"All these things make people with mental illness get sicker," Bien said. "So we have a vicious cycle."

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Santa Monica Place mall. At the same meeting council could approve an agreement that would set a second, larger ArcLight into motion for the land currently occupied by Parking Structure 3. This theater could hold as many 2,500 seats with a large IMAX screen.

"The cinema environment is about to get more competitive in Santa Monica," Laemmle told the Architectural Review Board (ARB) in February. "And we feel the enhancements that need to be made to our location here will allow us to present a modern and competitive film center which will show the foreign and independent films we're known for but also allow a flexible space for festivals and screenings."

The ARB was largely complementary of the designs and asked that they be moved forward with the exception of the metallic screen element, which will come back before the board once it is more defined.

Laemmle is shooting to complete the changes by Nov. 1, before the start of AFM, the world's largest independent film market.

"We're also adding some flexible public space, indoor and outdoor," Laemmle said. "We hope the space will be really great for festivals that need not just auditoriums but gathering spaces as well."

Its unclear what the next moves will be for AMC, which owns two theaters in the city. In 2012, they dropped a bid to place a large theater on the Parking Structure 3 property, where the second ArcLight is proposed.

Andy Agle, director of economic development for City Hall, has suggested that AMC may opt for an approach similar to Laemmle's — lowering capacity so that all the seats are good ones.

The AMC Criterion closed last year and the property is being turned into a retail space.

"With all the conversations about theaters in Santa Monica we want people to know the good old Monica's going to be upgraded as well," Leammle said.

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tion King has asked himself for some time now.

"The way things are going, it makes it difficult to develop fighters," said King, who made his fortune distributing shows like "Jeopardy" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show." "If you're not on TV, you have to pay."

And pay he has.

King decided to take the long route to Wednesday's promotion at Santa Monica Airport's Barker Hangar. He slowly recruited trainers and other support staff and attracted young fighters from around the globe.

To create even more buzz, King has hired funny man and actor Kevin Pollak to be the master of ceremonies.

Now the only thing left to hash out are the winners and the viability of this endeavor.

"We love the sport," King said. "We have some really great young pros, some of the best in the world that we've locked up for King Sports [Worldwide]."

One of those young pros is heavyweight Charles Martin and his impressive 15-0 record.

The effort to organize this first in what King hopes will be a string of boxing cards began years ago.

Martin first came to King Sports Worldwide in 2012, during the early days of the new venture's development of young fighters.

At 27, Martin has been boxing since his late teens, but didn't get serious about the sport until he signed with King.

Now, with the help of trainers, nutritionists and even a sports psychologist, Martin has begun to make a name for himself and could very well anchor this promotion.

"I didn't believe it at first," Martin said of the project. "But, I gave it a try and it was real.

"From there, I've just been working toward this day."

One of the men who helped mold Martin has been trainer and gym owner Henry Tilman.

Tilman joined King's promotion five years ago with what was then called American Heavy Weights. Slowly, King recruited boxers to his effort and the nexus was born.

The Carson-based gym has been home to a number of the 10 boxers slated for Wednesday's card.

In addition to Martin is his opponent, Alex Flores, who is also undefeated, sporting a 14-0 record. The pair are the only heavyweights scheduled to fight.

Tilman expects a good fight, but said that Martin is "ready to blow up any day now."

"This is the first [promotion] and we've been waiting on it," Tilman said. "It has finally arrived and we're all excited."

Doors open at Barker Hangar at 5:30 p.m. with the first bout beginning at 7 p.m.

"This promotion in Santa Monica is our coming out party," King said. "We see good things in our future."

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Retail sales up strong 1.1 percent in March

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WASHINGTON U.S. retail sales in March rose by the largest amount in 18 months, led by strong gains in sales of autos, furniture and a number of other products.

The 1.1 percent jump reported by the Commerce Department on Monday was the best showing since September 2012. The government also revised February to a 0.7 percent gain, more than double its previous estimate.

Sales had fallen in January and December.

Sales of autos climbed 3.1 percent while sales at general merchandise stores, a category that covers retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target and department stores, increased 1.9 percent, the strongest one-month gain since March 2007, before the country fell into recession.

The strong March gain provides more evidence that the economy is emerging from a harsh winter with some momentum.

Economists believe that warmer weather will encourage people to make purchases that they had not during a wave of winter storms. Consumers account for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity, so spending on that front is critical in fueling a stronger recovery.

"Rising wealth, shrinking debt burdens and improving labor markets are helping American shoppers shake off the winter blahs," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Guatieri said he believed overall economic growth slowed to a 1.2 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter but will rebound to growth of 3.3 percent in the second quarter.

Many analysts believe a strong rebound in the current quarter will last through the rest of the year with growth averaging around 3 percent in the second half of 2014.

For March, sales in a core category of products that feed into the government's calculations of overall growth rose by 0.9 percent, more than double the 0.5 percent gain in February.

In addition to the strong showing for auto dealers and general merchandise stores, sales increased by solid amounts at furniture stores, hardware stores and clothing stores.

Stronger growth is expected to translate into more hiring and an improving labor market.

In March, the economy reached a milestone that was a long time coming. All of the private-sector jobs lost during the recession were recovered. Private businesses shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-2009 economic downturn. With the March gains, they have now hired 8.9 million workers. Government jobs are still below prerecession levels.

In March, employers added 192,000 jobs, just below February's gain of 1972,000 jobs. Going forward, some economists believe the stronger economy will lift average monthly job gains to around 225,000. That will mean more income earners and more consumer spending.

A more optimistic outlook for this year in which the economy gains momentum is the reason that the Federal Reserve has been trimming its monthly bond purchases and is expected to keep doing so throughout 2014. The bond purchases were designed to keep long-term interest rates low to give the economy a boost. But with the economy gaining strength, Fed officials have come to believe that the level of government support should be removed gradually.

U.S. stocks recover some ground on retail sales gain

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U.S. stocks mounted a modest rally on Monday, helping investors recover some of the ground lost after a rough finish last week.

Investors were bracing for another round of discouraging earnings and a third consecutive loss for the stock market. But the market pushed higher from the get-go Monday, receiving a boost from solid earnings from Citigroup and a strong pickup in retail sales last month.

Among the stocks that rose sharply were WebMD, Edwards Lifesciences and Goodrich Petroleum.

Stocks rose after the Commerce Department reported that retail sales increased 1.1 percent in March, the best gain since September 2012. The government also revised February's figure to a 0.7 percent gain, more than double its previous estimate.

Sales improved particularly in the second half of March, as unusually cold weather that gripped much of the country this winter began to ease, motivating more people to go out and spend money.

"As we look forward, the consumer may continue to (spend) and may continue to drive the economy overall," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade.

Citigroup helped stoke the rally. The bank reported a 2.5 percent jump in first-quarter profit as both income and revenue beat Wall Street's expectations. That was a welcome surprise following an earnings miss last week by JPMorgan Chase. A positive earnings outlook from health information portal WebMd also helped.

The gains faded somewhat late in the afternoon. The Nasdaq composite slipped briefly into negative territory, harking back to last week's sharp drop in Internet and biotechnology stocks.

A wave of buying in the last half-hour of trading pushed the Nasdaq and other indexes to solid gains for the day. It was the market's first finish in the green since April 9.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 14.92 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 1,830.61. All ten industry sectors in the S&P 500 increased, led by energy stocks, which rose 1.3 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 146.49 points, or 0.9 percent, to 16,173.24. The Nasdaq composite rose 22.96 points, or 0.6 percent, to 4,022.69.

While they recovered some of their losses from last week, all three indexes remain down for the month and the year.

Monday's rally was a positive start for the market in a week that promises to provide investors with plenty of insight into the health of Corporate America and the U.S. consumer.

"For the rest of the week I would actually expect a little bit of volatility," said Kinahan. "You have some big names coming out this week that will really set the trend of not only the U.S. but what's going on worldwide."

Investors will hear from several members of the Federal Reserve, including Fed Chair Janet Yellen.

Among the major companies due to report earnings this week are Johnson & Johnson, Google, General Electric and UnitedHealth.

Analysts still expect first-quarter earnings for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 to decline 1.6 percent from a year earlier, according to FactSet, a financial data provider. If profits do fall, it would be only the second quarterly drop in three years.

"The expectations have been set so low that there are upside surprises out there," said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading at Schwab Center for Financial Research. "If they are big enough stocks and they're a big component of an index then they may well push that index up shortly. But the question is will people just buy them and hang on to them or will they take profits?"

Among the stocks making news Monday:

— Medical device maker Edwards Lifesciences rose the most of any stock in the S&P 500 index. A federal judge on Friday reaffirmed an earlier ruling that Medtronic's CoreValve system infringes on Edwards' patent for a replacement heart valve. Edwards soared $8.03, or 11 percent, to $81. Medtronic fell $1.12, or 1.9 percent, to $58.08.

— Intuitive Surgical was the S&P 500 index's biggest decliner. It shed $14.63, or 3.3 percent, to $425.

— Citigroup surged $1.99, or 4.4 percent, to $47.67.

— Health website operator WebMD jumped $6.20, or 16.5 percent, to $43.87.

Bond prices fell slightly. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note inched up to 2.65 percent from 2.63 percent late Friday.

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Questions linger year after Boston Marathon bombs

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BOSTON A surveillance video shows a man prosecutors say is Dzhokhar Tsarnaev placing a bomb near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, just yards from where an 8-year-old boy was killed when it exploded.

A hand-scrawled confession condemning U.S. actions in Muslim countries was found on the inside wall of the boat where Tsarnaev was captured four frantic days later.

A year after twin pressure-cooker bombs shattered the marathon and paralyzed the area for days, federal prosecutors say they have a trove of evidence ready to use against the surviving suspect, but many questions remain.

What roles did Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, play in planning and orchestrating the attack? Would they really have launched a second attack in New York? Did federal authorities underreact to a warning from Russia that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was becoming radicalized?

With Tamerlan Tsarnaev killed in a police shootout days after the attack, some of those questions may never be fully answered.

"The obvious one is the motivation and how could two young men who were in a country that, from all appearances, was very good to them end up this radical," said former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis, who helped lead the investigation.

The bombings last April 15 killed three people and injured more than 260 near the finish line of one of the world's most famous marathons. At least 16 people lost limbs.

Dzhokhar has pleaded not guilty to a 30-count federal indictment that carries the possibility of the death penalty.

The brothers, ethnic Chechens who lived in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Dagestan region of Russia, settled in Cambridge, outside Boston, after moving to the U.S. as children with their family more than a decade ago.

Dzhokhar's defense team, which includes two of the nation's top anti-death penalty lawyers, appear to be building a case that Tamerlan, 26, was the driving force behind the bombings. In court documents, they've focused on Dzhokhar's young age — 19 at the time of the bombings — and the influence his older brother had on him.

A congressional report released last month said U.S. intelligence agencies missed a chance to detain Tamerlan when he returned from a trip to Dagestan in July 2012.

Russian authorities had warned the FBI in 2011 about Tsarnaev becoming radicalized. The FBI investigated, and his name was added to a terrorism watch list. But he was still able to fly to Dagestan — an area that has become the center of an Islamic insurgency — spend six months there, and return to the United States.

"There was not sufficient weight put on the information we got from Russia," said U.S. Rep. William Keating, D-Mass., a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

A separate report found that Russia was unresponsive when pressed by the FBI for more details.

Three days after the bombings, the FBI released photos of the Tsarnaevs from surveillance video near the bombing sites. Hours later, authorities say, the brothers shot and killed a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer in an attempt to steal his gun, then carjacked a Cambridge man.

"'Where's your money?'" carjacking victim Danny Meng said Tamerlan Tsarnaev demanded of him after jumping into his car and showing him a gun.

What Meng thought would be a quick robbery became more terrifying when the man asked him whether he knew about the marathon bombings.

"He said, 'Do you know who did that? I did that.'"

Meng said Tamerlan asked him, "Can your car drive out of state, like to New York?"

A week later, former New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told investigators from his hospital bed that he and his brother decided that night to drive to New York City and launch a second attack.

Meng escaped by running when the Tsarnaevs stopped at a gas station. Authorities said the brothers drove to nearby Watertown, where a wild gun battle with police erupted on a quiet side street, with the brothers shooting at officers and throwing three pipe bombs and one pressure-cooker bomb.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed, but Dzhokhar escaped on foot, leading to an unprecedented lockdown of Greater Boston. Dzhokhar, wounded from gunfire, was found later that day hiding in a dry-docked boat in a backyard.

Authorities said Dzhokhar wrote in pen on the inside wall of the boat explaining that the bombing was meant to punish America for its actions overseas.

"The U.S. Government is killing our innocent civilians," authorities say he wrote, and "Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop."

A federal grand jury continued to investigate months after Dzhokhar was arrested.

The parents and sisters of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's widow, Katherine Russell, were called to testify. Russell has a 3-year-old daughter with Tsarnaev.

Russell's lawyer, Amato DeLuca, said that she did not suspect her husband of anything and that nothing seemed amiss after the bombing. He said Russell was told last year she was not a target of the investigation.

"It really saddens me to think the people, obviously innocent victims, are going to carry the wounds from this craziness the rest of their life," DeLuca said. "That includes Katie and her daughter."

People who knew Dzhokhar say they still struggle to reconcile the seemingly Americanized young man they knew with the one accused of planting the bomb that killed Martin Richard, 8, and Lu Lingzi, 23, a Boston University graduate student from China. The first bomb, allegedly planted by Tamerlan, killed Krystle Campbell, 29.

Luis Vasquez, who helped coach Dzhokhar's soccer team in high school, said both brothers appeared to be good people when he knew them. The death penalty, he said, would be the easy way out.

"That event should eat at him," Vasquez said. "If we kill him, he will take those answers with him."

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Applications for a grant must be submitted in accordance with the requirements and procedures outlined in the Request for Grant Applications issued April 14, 2014.

Submission Deadline: April 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm PDT

To request a copy of the Request for Grant Application, send an email to:

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RFP: PLASTIC ONE YARD BINS

Submission Deadline Is April 29, 2014 at 4:00 PM Pacific Time.

The RFP documents can be downloaded at:
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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.8°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
SSW swell builds; steep-angled NW swell continues; rising NW windswell late;
deep AM high tide - larger chest high+ sets for SSW standouts

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW swell holds; leftover NW swell; NW windswell potentially rises up;
deep am high tide - largest waves off the combo out west

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
SSW swell eases; potential NW windswell fades; watching the winds for the morning

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Reinforcing SSW swell builds; NW traces; watching the winds for the morning

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 9, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 26
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 14

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

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

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

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

Kings-Sharks rivalry resumes in first round

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. The rivalry between the Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks has grown so intense in recent years that even newcomers take little time to acclimate themselves to the animosity.

Rookie Tomas Hertl has spent less than a year in California but managed to sum up most of his San Jose teammates' feelings toward the Kings when he recently proclaimed that he doesn't "much like L.A."

The sentiment from the Kings toward the Sharks is quite similar, stemming from 34 hard-fought meetings over the past four seasons, including a pair of grueling playoff series that the teams have split.

The teams will meet again in a best-of-seven first-round series beginning Thursday night in San Jose with many of the scars from those previous meetings still fresh, including Kings captain Dustin Brown's illegal knee-on-knee hit that sidelined Hertl for more than three months this season and last year's seven-game series won by Los Angeles in the second round.

"In order to get revenge, you've got to win this series," Sharks defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic said Monday. "That's the way you get revenge for what happened to Hertl. Hopefully, he can help us win. We've played each other enough in the last couple of years — twice in playoffs in the last (three) years. It will be a very, very good series."

The home team has won 16 of the past 17 games in this series, including all seven in last year's playoffs won by Los Angeles. This time it's the Sharks who have the home-ice advantage although the Kings did win 1-0 in San Jose on Jan. 27.

"It's a tough building," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said. "That's a big part of their identity is their home ice, their crowd and their building, so obviously it's a big challenge."

The previous two series have not been without heated moments. In 2011, Kings center Jarret Stoll was suspended one game for hitting Sharks defenseman Ian White into the boards in Game 1 in a ruling disputed by Los Angeles.

The Sharks were the ones angered by a suspension last year when Raffi Torres was banned for the final six games for a hit to the head against Stoll in Game 1.

The absence of Torres and injured forward Marty Havlat sapped San Jose's depth, forced Joe Pavelski to move from third-line center to a top six wing and contributed to Los Angeles' series win even though Stoll missed the remainder of the series as well.

The Kings likely feel the result may have been different in the 2011 series that San Jose won in six games if star center Anze Kopitar hadn't broken his ankle late in the regular season.

"Rivalries are created in the playoffs more than in the regular season. Having seen them twice certainly elevates that," Sharks defenseman Dan Boyle said. "There's going to be some sort of underlying story line to every series. I'm sure this one, Brown hurting Tomas is going to be talked about, them taking us out last time around will be talked about. But every series is fun."

Both teams are close to full strength heading into this meeting, with Hertl having returned for the final two regular season games. Torres could return from a knee injury that has sidelined him for all but five games this season.

Los Angeles defenseman Drew Doughty is also expected back after missing the final four games of the regular season after hurting his shoulder on a check against San Jose's Tyler Kennedy earlier this month.

"It will be an intense series. It always has been," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "We've had a rivalry going now for four or five years where they have really played well and hard against us and vice versa. I don't think that is going to change at all."

NOTES: McLellan said he has picked a starting goalie for the series but has not told Antti Niemi or Alex Stalock who is getting the call. ... D Scott Hannan said he is ready to play after missing the regular season finale with an upper-body injury.



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10:30pm

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1:00pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm

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Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
1:30pm, 4:35pm, 7:45pm, 10:55pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
12:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:45pm, 11:00pm

Rio 2 in 3D (G) 1hr 41min
2:10pm, 7:30pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 1hr 40min
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Ilo Ilo (NR) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Joe (R) 1hr 57min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Unknown Known (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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ENJOY DINNER EARLY TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The Full Moon triggers some high drama. Normally, you would choose not to get involved, but right now you might feel cornered. A friend will come to the rescue.Tonight: Enjoy dinner together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Focus on getting the job done and accomplishing whatever you want. Pressure could come from a touchy situation that is not being resolved easily. You would be wise to go with the flow and not get caught up in someone else's issue. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your playful personality draws in many different results. You might want to manipulate a situation involving a financial matter. You could have difficulty coming to an agreement with others, as they seem to think they have a better route. Tonight: Relax all you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be in for quite a surprise. Where you might have anticipated a level-headed interaction with a boss or supervisor, you could run into a last-minute problem. Your imagination will help you find the right path through this present maze. Tonight: Add in some naughtiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You are full of energy and ready to meet a challenge head on; however, someone else likely won't be willing to do the same. Be careful, as words could be exchanged and a full-blown argument might ensue. Tonight: Do not allow a rift to continue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You suddenly might be more willing to take a risk. You could feel pressured to go one way or the other with a financial situation. Allow someone else to share more of what he or she desires. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Use the morning for pursuing any matter that is close to your heart. You might not be getting the exact results you desire, but the Force is with you. A partner could trigger you in an argument. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might have difficulty getting going, but once you do, you could be a force to behold. Delay an important decision until later in the afternoon, when your imagination and creativity merge. Tonight: Add more romance to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A meeting in the morning will provide you with more than one great idea to get you to a specific end. Honor a change, but know that you don't need to commit to that course. If you relax, you will be able to tell the trees from the forest. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others naturally gravitate toward you. You might be in a situation where you will want to assume a bigger role. Evaluate the time and cost of taking on another commitment. Clearly, you know what you want. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Make a point to take the high road. Misunderstandings seem to be happening out of the blue. You might be facing some extreme feelings when trying to decide which way to go. Excitement seems to arrive in the most unexpected manner. Tonight: Could be a late one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a unique ability to work through any problem. A discussion needs to happen on a one-on-one level. Try to make time in the morning, when you tend to be more relaxed. By late afternoon, detach and take an overview of recent events. Tonight: Use your imagination.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

This year you often get into situations where you encounter a conflict of ideas and actions. You will learn how to handle this type of collision, and you'll come up with compromises as a result. You often wonder which voice to listen to. Whether your impulsiveness or your logic dominates will be your call. If you are single, you could meet someone of interest after June. Do not rush out to meet someone; rather, be yourself and trust that the right person will come along. If you are attached, the two of you seem to get each other fired up. You also act as if you were newlyweds. You will smile when you look back at this year. SCORPIO is as intense as you are, but he or she is more secretive.

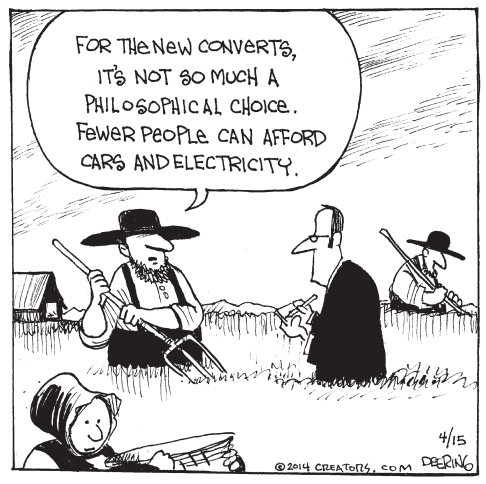
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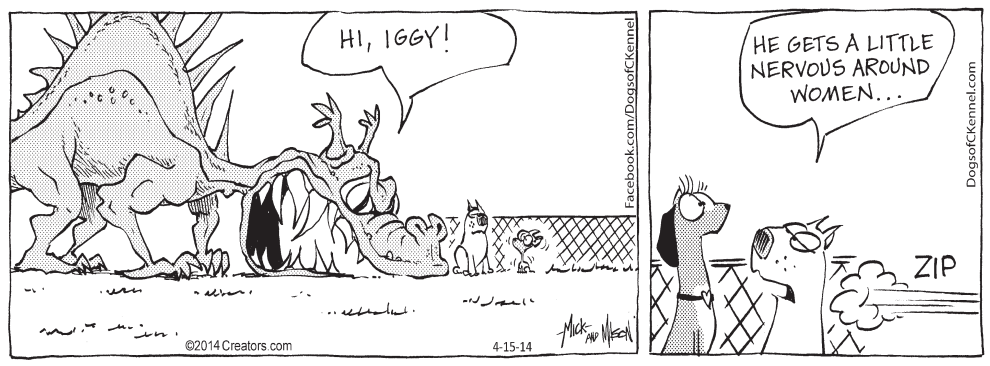
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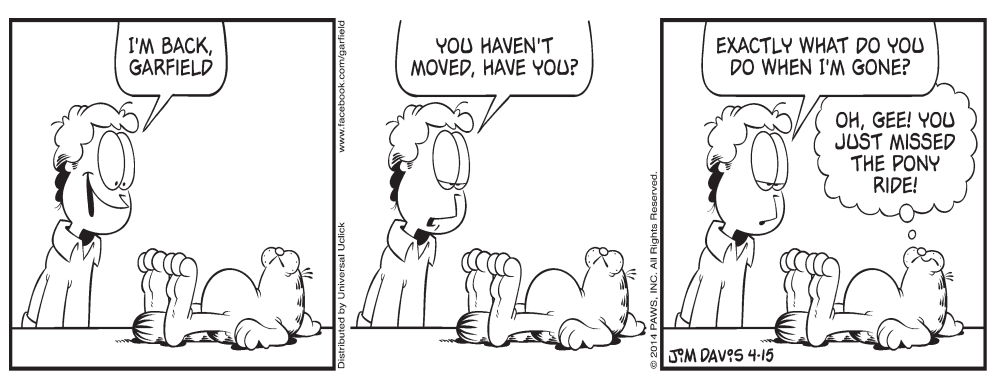
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Sudoku

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.

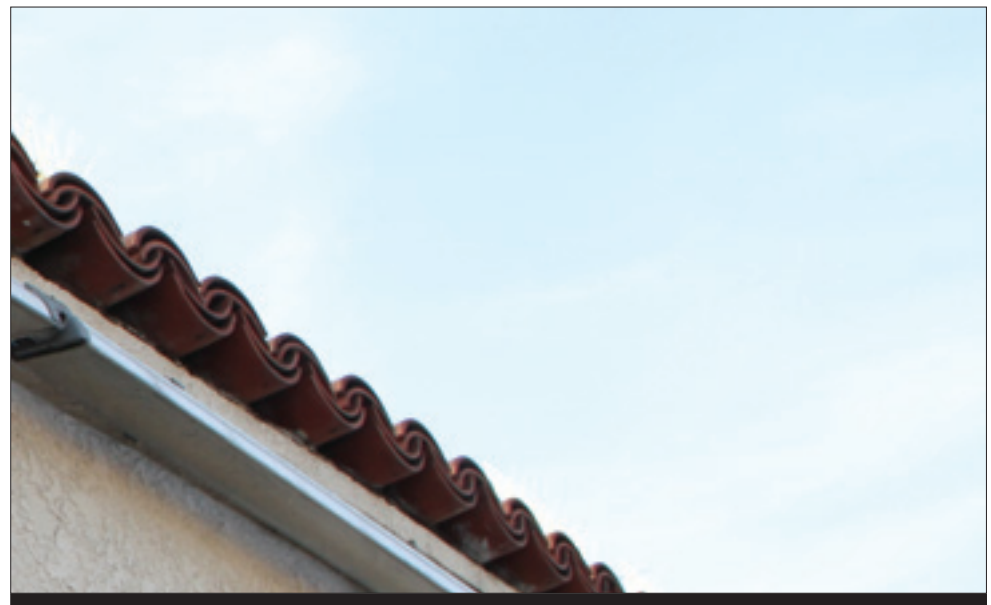
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

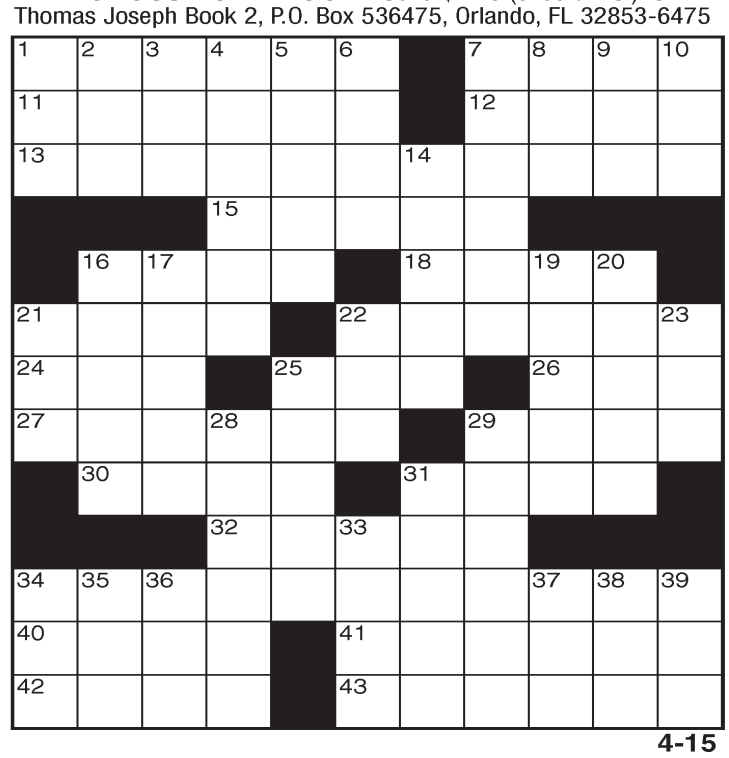
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7 Coffee, in slang
11 Asimov classic
12 Looked over
13 Filing levels
15 Contest form
16 Radiator part
18 Shade trees
21 Feature of some '50s cars
22 Parking attendants
24 Louvre fill
25 Toast spread
26 Carnival city
27 Brewing need
29 Formal salutation
30 Take turns
31 "West Side Story" gang
32 Full range
34 Accountant's arrangements
40 Aid in crime
41 Cotton pest
42 Hard at work
43 Swift

DOWN
1 First aid case
2 Important age
3 Carton
4 Convent head
5 Carried
6 RBI or ERA
7 Hyde's counterpart
8 Seaman's answer
9 Old hand
10 TV spots
14 Coffee add-in
16 Employs
17 Like some beer
19 Deserve
20 Mixes up
21 Dieter's no-no
22 Brewery sight
23 Sinking signal
25 He was swallowed by a great fish
28 Messy room
29 Sofa's cousin
31 Minty drink
33 Cat comments
34 Bar bill
35 — Dhabi
36 Marks a ballot
37 Second person
38 Relieve
39 Cunning

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14 26 45 54 55
Power#: 20
Jackpot: $M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/11
3 42 44 47 57
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/12
2 12 20 27 38
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/14
4 10 13 29 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/14
MIDDAY: 6 6 6
EVENING:

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Draw Date: 4/14
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Most Commandments Violated: James Chatten, 46, pleaded guilty in January to several Commandment violations stemming from a July incident at the Christian Horizons church in Peterborough, Ontario. Chatten brought a prostitute inside the church, for sex, after hours, and stole money to pay her from a church drawer, then lied to police about being forced to raid the drawer.

■ Prodigious Criminality: (1) John Bidmead, 65, was convicted in November at Britain's Exeter Crown Court of possession of child pornography images that totaled, according to police count, 600,000 files -- a low number because detectives said they got tired of counting and that the final number was easily over a million. The prosecutor called it "certainly the largest find in this part of the world." (2) Jason Bourcier, 33, reached a deal with the Virginia Department of Transportation in November to eventually pay down the $200,000 in highway tolls he had ignored for more than three years. He told a judge that, originally, a friend had told him that traveling the Dulles Toll Road to Washington, D.C., was free if the toll collectors had gone home for the evening (not true). (Bourcier told the judge he is now working as a "financial consultant" -- surely after rehabilitating his attention to detail.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1965 - The first Ford Mustang rolls off the show room floor, two days before it is set to go on sale nationwide.

1969 - The EC-121 shootdown incident: North Korea shoots down a United States Navy aircraft over the Sea of Japan, killing all 31 on board.

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