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Controversial youth program moves to Venice

Neighbors made issue a sticking point in relocation

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Negotiations between community groups and a nonprofit dedicated to assisting people with HIV jumped a hurdle last week when the organization announced that it would be moving one of its most controversial programs outside of the city.

An unnamed partner organization in neighboring Venice agreed to take in the Homeless Youth Prevention and Education program, or HYPE, which had become a touchstone of neighborhood opposition to the relocation of Common Ground from 2021 Lincoln Blvd. to its new space at 2401 Lincoln Blvd.

The arrangement removes one of the biggest obstacles between Common Ground officials and residents reaching agreement on a "good neighbor" policy, a document required by City Hall of any nonprofit that it funds.

Common Ground receives $90,000 a year from City Hall, but none for the HYPE program, which became central to negotiations when the group's former neighbors said that its clients were disruptive.

Assurances that the program would relocate to Venice was comforting, wrote Zina Josephs, a leader in the Sunset Park neighborhood group, in an e-mail.

"Sunset Park residents are very relieved to hear that Common Ground's HYPE program will be relocating to Venice, as the participants in that program seemed to be the major source of problems at the former Common Ground location," Josephs wrote.

Jeff Goodman, Common Ground's interim executive director, said that the change was a product of years of work, not a knee-jerk reaction to the residents' protestations.

Goodman has held the executive director position for the past five days after former executive director Lisa Fisher left the organization after seven years.

"When this opportunity presented itself to us, it gave us the chance to have a stronger

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DAYS LATER: **A Second Street building that caught fire on Friday sat empty on Monday after inspectors yellow-tagged the structure.**

Cigarette to blame for Friday fire, officials say

Two dozen residents housed in emergency shelter over the weekend

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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DOWNTOWN The fire that displaced elderly and disabled residents of a Downtown apartment complex over the weekend was caused by a lit cigarette, fire officials say.

According to Capt. Judah Mitchell, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Fire Department, an elderly resident fell asleep while smoking a cigarette, which lit the oxygen tubing next to him on fire.

The small blaze spread from the tube to other objects in the apartment, despite the attempts of the resident to put the fire out, Mitchell said.

Although the fire was contained to a single room in the back of the apartment building, inspectors yellow-tagged the building, said City Hall Inspections Supervisor John Guerrero.

That means residents can only go in to gather their personal belongings, and have to find accommodations while they wait for repairs to be finished on the interior.

Much of the damage occurred when firefighters went into the building to evacuate residents.

Firefighters went door-to-door to ensure no one was left in the building. If no one answered, firefighters broke the doors down to verify that the room was empty.

Given the condition of the doors and the fact that fire and safety alarms are not operational yet, residents haven't been allowed to reoccupy the building, Guerrero said.

On Friday, the American Red Cross of Santa Monica stepped in and opened an emergency shelter at the Santa Monica High School cafeteria that served 26 residents on Friday and Saturday nights, said Monica Diaz, spokeswoman for the organization.

Approximately 35 people were at the shelter during the day for meals, and health care and mental health volunteers were on hand, she said.

The shelter closed down on Sunday afternoon, at which point the apartment manager told the Red Cross that the residents would be put up in hotels, Diaz said.

Fire officials responded to a call about the fire at 4:46 p.m. Friday afternoon.

The fire began on a first floor unit, and residents evacuated out of windows and fire escapes.

Eight SMFD units responded, as well as three Los Angeles City fire units and four ambulances.

No residents needed to be transported to the hospital.

The operation went smoothly, in part because firefighters have trained specifically for that building because of its unusual U-shape, Mitchell said.

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Tuesday, April 17, 2012

College tips
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
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This free college planning class helps students and their parents navigate the way to higher education. There will be tips on filling out financial aid forms and making your final college choice. Reservations are required. For more information, call (800) 211-0207.

Jazz it up
Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
The Bobby Matos Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble comes to Typhoon. No cover charge, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

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

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

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

Picking and grinning
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Learn to play the ukulele during this free workshop. The class is led by Lori Apthorp. For more information, call (310) 393-2721 ext. 129.

For your health
Emperor's College Acupuncture Clinic
1807 Wilshire Blvd.,
8 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.
Spring into health with free acupuncture this April. Jump start the season with renewed energy, better sleep, reduced allergies, fewer headaches and a fresh start. For information, call (310) 453-8383, option 1.

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Eat right
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Learn the difference between healthy and emotional eating during this free workshop. Emotional eating can be caused by a variety of things, but is not the best health choice. Psychotherapist Rachel Fintzy will teach you some strategies to avoid eating at the wrong times and for the wrong reasons. For more information, call (310) 393-2721 ext. 129.

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MOVING IT

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A giant earth mover flattens out the site Monday of the tentatively named Palisades Garden Walk in the Civic Center. The work was being done in advance of the installation of artificial hills that will make up the park's landscape design.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Teams back in gear as break ends

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE Now that spring break has broke, local teams return to full slates of games this week.

The baseball and boys' volleyball squads at Santa Monica High School return to Ocean League play today with baseball hosting Inglewood and volleyball traveling to rival Culver City. Both games begin at 3:15 p.m.

Samohi volleyball enters the game ranked fourth in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll, it was announced on Monday. Culver City is unranked.

St. Monica baseball hopes to shake off a rough start against La Salle at Marine Park today. The Del Rey League game begins at 3 p.m. St. Monica is 2-16 overall and 0-6 in league.

Pacifica Christian's baseball team travels to San Pedro today to take on Rolling Hills Prep in Coastal League action. The game begins at 3:30 p.m.

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Hollywood warms to China's new openness

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES There's a new breach in China's great cultural wall and Hollywood is cautiously moving in.

Disney's announcement Monday that it will make "Iron Man 3" in partnership with a Chinese company is the latest sign that movie studios are warming to China's new openness.

For decades, China has capped the number of foreign films it allows into the country. Until recently, the limit was 20, but in February Chinese officials announced that they are increasing the quota to 34.

China said it will also allow foreign studios to garner a greater share of box office revenue. Foreign companies can now expect to earn 25 percent of their movies' ticket sales in China, up from between 13.5 and 17.5 percent.

The changes are a significant move for a bureaucracy that is leery of outside cultural influences and competition from foreign films. The change could affect everyone from action movie fans in Guangzhou to Hollywood's most powerful filmmakers.

The relaxing of China's strict rules comes at a price for U.S. studios. The world's most populous nation wants foreign studios to bring their moviemaking know-how to China by forming joint ventures with Chinese studios.

Still, Hollywood isn't gushing. In recent years, U.S. movie studios have developed a rocky romance with China. Chinese people adore foreign movies, especially 3-D adventures like "Avatar," or more recently "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island." But studios have been jilted when Beijing has promised new openness only to reverse course. In Disney's case, many of its movies have made it into the country, but recent hit "Tangled," for instance, was stopped at the border.

In a recent interview, DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg summed up the industry's attitude: "The goal lines are moving all the time," he said. "Everyone is wondering how it plays out."

China has long kept up a barrier against foreign films — wary of insidious cultural influences while sheltering its own filmmakers. Officials last raised the annual cap on foreign movie imports as a condition of joining the WTO in 2001. The recent increased foreign movie quota is a belated response to a trade dispute the U.S. won nearly three years ago.

Studios are patiently trying to make the relationship work, because of China's enormous potential. Box office revenue in China rose more than a third last year to $2 billion, putting the country on pace to become the world's second largest movie

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Dog who stood guard over friend's body reunited with family

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A loyal Labrador retriever named Maggie, who was videotaped as she guarded the body of a yellow Lab hit and killed by a car in Southern California, was reunited with her family Monday.

A good Samaritan saw what was happening on Hacienda Boulevard in La Puente last Wednesday, called officers, put traffic cones around the dogs and took the video that touched hearts across the country as it made its way around the Internet.

Before Maggie's family claimed her Monday, the dog was spayed and microchipped. The name of the family was

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Scenes don't deserve the space

Editor:

In an April 10 opinion piece, Hunter Jameson, chairman of the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee, makes a case for resuming the display of Christmas scenes in Palisades Park ("Why nativity scenes deserve a place in Palisades Park," Your Column Here). As a Santa Monica native, old enough to recall pre-1953 before this tradition started, I want to represent an opposing view.

Palisades Park is city property, available to all. As a firm believer in the separation of church and state, I have never enjoyed this particular use of public land. Nature's landscape is spectacularly beautiful in this spot and cannot be improved upon by this or any other display. I say disallow them all. Keep the park clean and preserve its natural beauty for the enjoyment of everyone.

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

Exactly.

I was raised and schooled in religious (Christian) tradition, yet from a young age I have found these nativity scenes revolting, boring and disrespectful of God. True religious belief is personal and internal. If such public display is necessary it should be confined to the church's or synagogue's own private property, for the enjoyment of their members. Please leave me out. If I want to see them I will go there.

Here is my evaluation of the scenes:

• Minimal effort is made to make these scenes interesting, realistic, colorful, or enjoyable. The booths are populated by props and repulsive mannequins devoid of expression, emotion or artistic value. These are clothed in rags believed by some to resemble the appearance of people in Palestine circa BC-AD. These scenes are the visual equivalent of someone walking through a crowd carrying a boom-box blaring their musical preferences.

• Such temporary and light-weight content invariably blows over in the strong breezes of December, leaving a disturbing shambles until righted by volunteers. The impression this visual "disaster" must make on small children and the impressionable is worth considering.

• The nativity scenes have been tolerated for nearly 60 years by indifferent, apathetic residents and visitors. The display is a curiosity and an example of pious exuberance. The 14 booths have been endured because it is far easier to let people who wish to promote their world view have their way than it is to challenge them and ask them please, do not clutter up the landscape.

• The Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee is composed of a few pious souls, deluded into believing that they are honoring God and promoting religion through this stunningly hideous display. The rest are 20,000 Christians and others who don't know how to say no. Many of the 1,300 who signed petitions probably did so to please the petition circulator and actually couldn't care less.

• All display costs, including standard fees paid to the city for taking parking meters along the scenes out of service, could be avoided all together if no scenes are installed.

I'm requesting the City Council to take the broad, non-parochial view and preserve our landscape for everyone. Please do not cater to a few who wish to promote their world view in public. The silent majority deserves consideration here. All too often, matters of governance that affect everyone (or the majority) are determined by a small vocal minority. Please don't oil this squeaky gate.

Linda Morris
Santa Monica

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Your tax dollars at work

THIS IS IT, THE DAY DREADED BY MOST of us. Accountants have the worst of it. I feel for them, especially the newbies who are going through it for the first time. They will be working until midnight filing electronically so that Uncle Sam can continue to do the Constitutionally mandated work that keeps us going. The taxes we pay are about two-thirds of what the government uses to fund its operations.

From the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities website: In fiscal year 2011, the federal government spent $3.6 trillion, amounting to 24 percent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP). Of that, $2.3 trillion was financed by federal tax revenues. The remaining $1.3 trillion was financed by borrowing.

The annual exercise of paying our fair shares is theoretically necessary to the proper working of our government. It's what provides for the many services that we receive as Americans.

Yes, you receive services from the government even if you don't think so, and even if you don't see them easily. For example, the Federal Aviation Administration makes sure that our skies are safe (even for those who believe in the chemtrails theory). It is important to remember that the planes are not crashing into each other; that those metal tubes filled with people are safely landing, well operated and that the pilots are properly trained.

Our tax dollars go for the military, and whether you agree with any individual war or battle is not really the point. The fact that we have a military that is ready to defend our country, that funds research for new materials and applications which have become part of our everyday life, and trains people how to be better, more effective and productive is a good thing. I've thought for years that we would be better off as a country if we had mandatory military training.

When I am fighting for a father's right to see his child, or defending someone in a domestic violence case, my client and I are using the common assets of the courts. When I am in downtown Los Angeles fighting an international child custody case, the judge, his courtroom, and the district attorney are paid for by all of our taxes.

Those media companies that feed messages to America all day long on the airwaves are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission. They set standards, they administer licenses to the giants like Clear Channel about how much of a radio market they can own so that there is some diversity in the airwaves. The hope is that we as listeners wont hear only the message of the marketers.

All Americans are serviced by the federal government on a daily, if not more, basis. The fact that we have a workable society, as crazy as some aspects of it are, is a testament to the value we receive for those tax dollars we pay. You are reading a free paper, but if you think about it for a second, we have a country that allows this paper to print almost anything under the rights of the U.S. Constitution and the First Amendment. I can write anything here (well my editor may disagree, but in theory I can write anything). I can call the president a pariah or a prince and it's protected free speech.

When we drive to work, whether it is across town or across the country, we are using roads that are paid for by tax dollars. They are kept safe by our tax dollars providing for the California Highway Patrol and the National Highway Transportation Safety Board, which is part of the Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT regulates roads and waterways for safe transport of people and goods.

I know it's a lot of regulation, but imagine what it would be like if we didn't have a DOT to set some rules on what companies like Wal-Mart and Dow Chemical Co. can do on our roads? Would you really want a world where companies that ship those big containers had no regulations?

Take for example a fish processor in Half Moon Bay, Calif. — Fujino Enterprises Inc. — doing business as Blue Ocean Smokehouse. They were accused by the Food and Drug Administration of not properly storing or packaging seafood products, creating the possibility of consumers contracting botulism and other food hazards.

"This company has ignored warnings by FDA and the California Department of Public Health by continuing to sell seafood that puts consumers' health at risk," said Dara A. Corrigan, associate commissioner for regulatory affairs. "We are taking this action, in part, as a result of collaborative enforcement actions with our state partner and as part of our joint efforts to protect the public health."

That's state and federal tax dollars at work. It's not fun, it's not glamorous, it's not what you would spend your money on, but that is why we need taxes.

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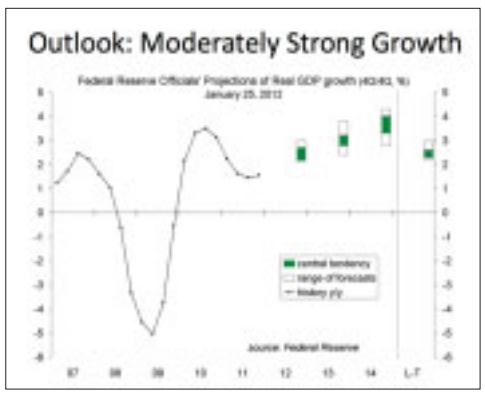
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Predicting the market's future

I OFTEN HEAR PEOPLE SAY THAT YOU CAN'T predict the future. But of course you can, and when you make an investment you are doing just that, even if you aren't thinking of it that way. A more accurate statement would be "you can predict the future, but very often you will be wrong." Or, to put it as Abe Lincoln might have, "you can correctly predict the future some of the time, and you will incorrectly predict the future some of the time, but you can't correctly predict the future all of the time."

The big banks send out future predictions on a weekly basis. Here, for example, is the Federal Reserve's prediction about the state of the U.S. economy and, by implication, the stock market, for the next few years:



What does that tell us? Well, the horizontal numbers are clearly the years. The vertical numbers refer to the percent change in the GDP. So a change from 2 percent to 4 percent looks pretty promising.

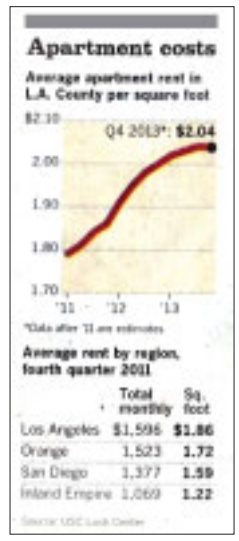
To take advantage of this kind of moderate growth, one might invest in the Standard and Poor index called the "SPY." The SPY is like an exchange-traded fund consisting of a basket of 500 stocks that are representative of the market. Its values usually parallel, at least approximately, the Dow Jones, and usually the S&P number times eight also approximates the Dow Jones. But the first quarter of this year was not typical, and while the Dow Jones went up 6.8 percent, the S&P 500 went up almost 11 percent. And the QQQ, which is the basket of hi-tech stocks, went up even more. Who could have guessed?

I've read that people that invest in the S&P 500 usually do better than those that invest in mutual funds or hedge funds. That makes sense to me because there is no significant fee assessed when you invest directly by buying the SPY.

But of course we all know that investing in the stock market is also a bit like going to the race track. And it should be fun like that. So most of us at least try to pick a sector that we think will go higher than the average.

So a few years ago I predicted that rentals would go up dramatically in Los Angeles County, and in a few other cities, and I invested in low-priced apartments. I have been lucky in that they have paid a pretty solid 8 percent return on my investment. But the rents have not gone up so far. And except for Salt Lake City, my best investment, the values of the buildings have not gone up much either. Salt Lake was out of the ordinary because during the recession the Mormon Church made major investments there.

So I was pleasantly surprised to read in the L.A. Times recently that they predict an increase in rents in the L.A. area. Here is what they predict:



The numbers on the horizontal axis are the years, 2011-14, even though they did not put in the 2014, and the numbers on the left vertical side are rents per square foot. As you can see, the prediction from 2012 to 2013, which is as far out as I would ever want to rely on, shows a projected increase of $.20 on $1.80, or about 11 percent.

You can own an interest in real estate without buying buildings. As with most things, there are ETF's that allow you to participate in the real estate market without the risk of having to get up in the middle of the night to fix a toilet. Many of these are called REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts), a special type of tax entity. I've owned the SSS REIT for many years, and it has done extremely well investing in self storage units. For general real estate consider the Dow Jones REIT; this REIT's symbol is RWR. There are a number of other REITs, many with international holdings, but I don't recommend those at this time.

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The Q Line

Not in public

City officials are considering banning professional trainers and their bulky equipment from city parks and beaches.

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Do you think trainers should be allowed to use these public places or do you believe the city is on to something with a ban?

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Families live at home together longer, designers taking notes

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It's a home within a home — and it could be coming soon to a home near you.

Builders across the country are revamping home designs to meet the needs of a growing number of Americans who are now living with extended family.

The number of so-called multi-generational households — where adults are living with their elderly parents or grown children — has jumped since the Great Recession forced Americans to rethink living on their own. Demographic experts say it's poised to rise further as baby boomers age, so-called "boomerang kids" walloped by the weak job market stay home longer and ethnic groups such as Asians and Hispanics, who are more likely to live with extended family, continue to grow.

The housing industry is trying to keep up with the changes by adding self-contained suites to single-family homes from North Carolina to California to enable families to stay close while retaining a greater degree of independence.

"It's not the nuclear family, the American dream family that we see all the time," said Jerry Messman, a partner in national design firm BSB Design. "The builders are starting to respond to it."

After World War II, Americans were encouraged to move out of their parents' house when they reached adulthood and achieve independence at an earlier age. Over the next few decades, young families ventured out to live on their own, separately from their parents, in traditional single-family homes.

Since 1980, however, the number of families living in multi-generational households has steadily climbed, buoyed by a wave of immigration and delayed marriages. After the onset of the Great Recession, the number jumped even higher — rising 10.5 percent in a two-year period so that nearly 17 percent of Americans lived in multi-generational households by 2009, according to a report by the Pew Research Center.

During the last year, builders and home designers have started to respond to the trend by rolling out layouts for single-family houses that include a semi-independent suite with a separate entry, bathroom and kitchenette. Some suites even include their own laundry areas and outdoor patios for additional privacy, though they maintain a connection to the main house through an inside door.

Reanna Cox, 33, bought a new home earlier this year in San Bernardino with a suite that connects to her kitchen through a hallway. Initially, Cox and her husband planned to have his aging parents live there. But when her sister lost her job, Cox invited her to move into the suite with her young daughter.

"It's somewhere they can live to get themselves back on their feet," said Cox, who moved to the tan, five bedroom house with caramel-colored shutters to shorten her daily commute.

Lennar Corp., based in Miami, is offering 3,400 square-foot homes that include a roughly 700 square-foot suite in Las Vegas. Standard Pacific Homes of Irvine is offering a self-contained "casita" attached to the main house as an option on its new designs.

Both companies say the plans have been popular since they were rolled out last year.

But it isn't clear what share of homebuyers will buy these homes — especially since immigrant families from Asia and Latin America who have traditionally lived together have long found ways to do so without this option, said Gary Painter, research director at the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate.

"There certainly is a demand to be close," Painter said. "We just don't have enough in the market to make a definitive statement about whether this sort of kitchenette living or guest house nearby will become a next wave."

But in higher-end markets, Painter said it's more likely such plans could prosper, including among well-to-do immigrant families.

New home sales have struggled as builders face competition from foreclosures and short sales. While sales of previously occupied homes have risen more than 13 percent since July, sales of U.S. new homes fell in February for the second straight month and remain well below levels that economists consider healthy.

Lennar is offering its so-called "Next Gen" designs in states ranging from California to Texas to Florida. Sales of these multi-generational homes account for a very small percentage of the company's sales but are growing quickly, said Jeff Roos, Lennar's western regional president.

Multi-generational homes are expected to account for roughly 30 to 40 percent of new homes in communities where the floor plans are being offered, Roos said.

The Aliso Viejo-based New Home Company is rolling out a range of options for multi-generational living in the affluent Orange County suburb of Irvine, where the Asian population has nearly doubled in the last decade.

The company's floor plans include a self-contained suite attached to a main house or separate homes that share a common yard and pool. The company has reached out to Asian buyers by offering touches such as specially designed wok kitchens and dedicated music rooms, but the homes are also drawing buyers from other ethnic backgrounds, said Joan Marcus-Colvin, the company's vice president of sales, marketing and design.

"Although extremely popular within the Asian culture, (multi-generational living) is also something a lot of other people are having to deal with," she said.

Jim Park, vice chair of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, said he thinks multigenerational designs are a smart move, especially in light of Asian Americans' preference for new construction and the community's rising purchasing power.

"In my experience, people do move toward home products that are going to meet their needs better," said Park, who owns a real estate firm in San Diego.

Builders say the tendency to live together longer comes down to a matter of economics as families of varied ethnic backgrounds cope with the wake of the recession and the needs of aging parents, who may have seen their retirement savings depleted in the downturn.

"We see so many families that are living like this," said Jeremy Parness, Lennar's division president in Las Vegas. "There's so many different reasons, all driven mostly by economics."



Congressional challengers raking in campaign cash

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON Two political challengers in the Central Valley continued to rack up impressive fundraising totals in the first quarter of the year, showing that the region is likely to feature some of the state's most competitive congressional races in November.

Republican Ricky Gill, who is just 24 and not yet old enough to serve in Congress — though he would be by the next Congress — outraised Democratic Rep. Jerry McNerney in the quarter and has slightly more money in the bank than the incumbent. Gill raised nearly $317,000 while McNerney raised about $267,000. The two are running for the state's redrawn 9th Congressional District, a seat that is centered Stockton and stretches from the Sierra foothills to the San Joaquin Delta.

Democrats also have a challenger who is excelling on the fundraising front, former space shuttle astronaut Jose Hernandez. He raised about $313,000 in the first quarter but is still playing catch-up to the incumbent, Republican Rep. Jeff Denham. Denham raised less in the first quarter, $238,000, but also had a big head-start and now has nearly $969,000 in the bank.

California's congressional candidates had to report their fundraising totals for the first three months of the year by midnight Sunday. Over the past couple of decades, there have been few close congressional races in California, a result of political boundaries that were drawn to protect incumbents, but the fundraising totals point to several competitive races.

In 2008, voters approved the creation of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to oversee the once-a-decade process. The new boundaries the commission created were drawn without regard to incumbency, and in a few instances incumbent lawmakers have been thrown into the same congressional district.

The most closely watched of those races features longtime Democratic Reps. Brad Sherman and Howard Berman in the 30th Congressional District. The San Fernando Valley race also promises to be among the most expensive in the state. Berman already has spent $1.7 million, while Sherman has spent nearly $1 million.

Berman has been winning the fundraising and endorsement battles in recent months. He raised nearly three times the amount of money that Sherman raised in the last quarter. Still, Sherman had such a head-start going into the election that he maintains a considerable cash-on-hand advantage. He has more than $4 million in the bank, while Berman's campaign has about $2.5 million.

Another Los Angeles County race also pits incumbent Democrats against each other, with freshman Rep. Janice Hahn taking on Rep. Laura Richardson in the Hispanic-majority 44th Congressional District. Hahn raised nearly $210,000, more than twice what Richardson raised. Richardson's campaign reported that it had less than $12,000 cash-on-hand at the end of the quarter, versus $175,000 for Hahn.

The totals for the quarter also show that a rematch between Democrat Ami Bera and Republican Rep. Dan Lungren in the redrawn 7th Congressional District should be close. Lungren was able to cut into Bera's fundraising edge by collecting more than $500,000 in donations. Still, it's unusual for a challenger to have raised more money than the incumbent at this stage of the race. Bera has about $1.1 million in the bank versus nearly $900,000 for Lungren.

Ex-NASA worker says firing was over intelligent design

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A former computer specialist with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory was laid off because he was combative and didn't keep his skills sharp — not because he advocated for his belief in intelligent design while at work, an attorney said Monday in a case that plays on the tensions over the controversial origins-of-life concept.

David Coppedge, who worked on NASA's Cassini mission exploring Saturn and its many moons, sued JPL for wrongful termination in a case that has generated intense interest among proponents of intelligent design — the idea that life is too complex to have evolved through evolution alone.

Closing arguments ended Monday after a five-week trial. The case will be decided by Superior Court Judge Ernest Hiroshige after both sides agreed to forgo a jury.

The judge must also review written arguments from both sides before making a ruling, a process that could take several weeks.

Coppedge, a self-described evangelical Christian, claims he was demoted then let go for engaging his co-workers in conversations about intelligent design and handing out DVDs on the topic while at work. Coppedge lost his team leader title in 2009 and was let go last year after 15 years on the mission.

Coppedge was a stubborn and disconnected employee who decided not to heed warnings to get additional training, even when it became clear the Cassini mission would be downsized and computer specialist positions eliminated, defense attorney Cameron Fox said.

He often was confrontational and insensitive to customers and colleagues, she said.

"The testimony has shown a stark difference between the way Mr. Coppedge thought he was perceived and how others perceived him. We've heard testimony from David Coppedge's managers ... that he was stubborn and he didn't listen," Fox said.

"What happened to David Coppedge — really what David Coppedge did to himself — had nothing to do with intelligent design or religion but with his own stubbornness."

That interpretation differs dramatically from Coppedge's version of events. His attorney, William Becker, said in closing arguments that Coppedge was told by a supervisor to "stop pushing your religion" and then retaliated against for disputing a written warning and filing a lawsuit against JPL.

The supervisor who made the comment

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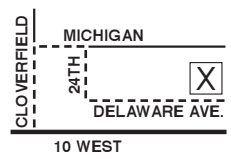

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7 indicted in toy firm's alleged drug money scheme

Five people were arrested Monday in a money laundering scheme that allegedly funneled millions of dollars in Colombian and Mexican drug money through an American toy company, federal officials said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the two owners of Industry-based Woody Toys and three company employees were arrested on charges of evading federal reporting requirements for financial transactions. Two Mexican toy dealers were arrested earlier this month in the case on similar charges, the agency said in a statement.

Woody's co-owner Jia Hui Zhou and toy dealer Luis Ernesto Flores Rivera are also charged with conspiring to launder money in a scheme that officials said channeled at least $6 million to the California toy company between 2005 and 2011.

The case is the second involving a Los Angeles-area toy company accused of laundering drug profits and comes as countries such as Mexico tighten banking regulations, said Claude Arnold, special agent in charge for ICE homeland security investigations in Los Angeles.

"They can't walk up with duffel bags of money and continue with their business," Arnold said. "They have to find creative ways to convert that money into pesos and launder it so it doesn't look like illegal proceeds."

All seven of the defendants were due in federal court in Los Angeles on Monday afternoon. The indictment was handed up last week against the seven defendants and the company.

A message was left for Zhou's attorney, David Elden. Flores Rivera had no attorney listed as of Monday afternoon, ICE officials said.

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LOS ANGELES

15 arrests in international online drug probe

A sophisticated online drug marketplace that sold everything from marijuana to mescaline to some 3,000 people around the world has been cracked with the arrests of 15 people in several countries, U.S. authorities announced Monday.

An indictment unsealed in federal court in Los Angeles claims eight men ran "The Farmer's Market," which allowed suppliers of drugs – including LSD, Ecstasy and ketamine – to anonymously sell their wares online. They hooked up with buyers in 34 countries and accepted various forms of payment, including cash, Western Union and PayPal transactions, the indictment claims.

From 2007 to 2009 alone, the marketplace processed more than 5,000 orders for drugs valued at more than $1 million, federal officials contended. It began operations as far back as March 2006, authorities said.

The market "provided a controlled substances storefront, order forms, online forums, customer service, and payment methods for the different sources of supply" and charged the suppliers a commission based upon the value of the order, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

"For customers, the operators screened all sources of supply and guaranteed delivery of the illegal drugs," the statement said.

The alleged ringleader, Dutch citizen Marc Willems, 42, was arrested Monday at his home in Lelystad in the Netherlands, officials said.

Michael Evron, 42, a United States citizen living in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was taken into custody on Sunday in Bogota, Colombia, authorities said.

The other six men were arrested at their homes. They are identified as Jonathan Colbeck, 51, of Urbana, Iowa; Brian Colbeck, 47, of Coldwater, Mich.; Ryan Rawls, 31, of Alpharetta, Ga.; Jonathan Dugan, 27, of North Babylon, N.Y.; George Matzek, 20, of Secaucus, N.J.; and Charles Bigras, 37, of Melbourne, Fla.

It was not immediately clear whether the men had obtained lawyers.

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SANTA ANA

Torture trial begins for former L.A. deputy

An Orange County prosecutor says a former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy tortured and sexually assaulted his wife and her suspected boyfriend, keeping them both captive for more than two hours because he was upset over the affair.

Deputy District Attorney John Christl told jurors Monday during his opening statements that 38-year-old Robert McClain brutally beat his wife and her lover, ordering her to castrate the 23-year-old man, which she fearfully pretended to do.

McClain has pleaded not guilty to multiple counts, including torture and kidnapping. If convicted, he faces a maximum of life in prison.

Jurors will also determine whether McClain was legally sane at the time if they find him guilty during the first phase of the trial.

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LOS ANGELES

Bobby Brown pleads not guilty to DUI

Bobby Brown has pleaded not guilty to drunken driving and other charges stemming from his arrest last month in Los Angeles.

City News Service says an attorney entered pleas Monday on Brown's behalf to misdemeanor counts of DUI, driving with an illegal blood-alcohol content and driving on a suspended license. He could face up to six months in jail if convicted.

Brown didn't attend the Superior Court arraignment in Van Nuys.

The 43-year-old singer is the former husband of the late Whitney Houston. He was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on March 26.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Harbor gives boat residents heave-ho

People who live aboard boats in a Los Angeles Harbor marina are getting the heave-ho.

The Harbor Department says the Colonial Yacht Anchorage docks and 138 slips in Berth 204 are dilapidated and unsafe. The 95 tenants must leave by May 1.

And that's bad news for the 11 boat owners who live aboard their boats at bargain prices.

The Los Angeles Times says 76-year-old Harold Hazelton and his 75-year-old wife Donna have lived aboard their 43-foot boat in the marina for more than 30 years.

The couple pays $636 a month for the boat slip and moving to another marina would more than double that.

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claimed he was trying to help Coppedge after a colleague made a formal complaint about his advocacy for intelligent design, but Becker said the statement smacked of religious intolerance.

"Imagine if employees were told, stop pushing your gay agenda or stop pushing your feminist agenda, your civil rights agenda?" Becker said. "This is just another way that ... shows it's prejudice and it's another shifting explanation to provide cover."

In court papers, lawyers for the California Institute of Technology, which manages JPL for NASA, have said Coppedge received a written warning because his co-workers complained of harassment. They also said Coppedge lost his leader status because of ongoing conflicts with others.

Caltech lawyers also say Coppedge was one of two Cassini technicians and among 246 JPL employees let go last year due to planned budget cuts.

Coppedge, who began working for JPL as a contractor in 1996 and was hired in 2003, is active in the intelligent design sphere and runs a website that interprets scientific discoveries through the lens of intelligent design. His father authored an anti-evolution book and founded a Christian outreach group.

He is also a board member for Illustra Media, a company that produces video documentaries examining the scientific evidence for intelligent design. The company produces the videos that Coppedge was handing out to co-workers, said Becker, his attorney.

His main duties at JPL were to maintain computer networks and troubleshoot technical problems for the mission. In 2000, he was named "team lead," serving as a liaison between technicians and managers for nearly a decade before being demoted in 2009.

He sued in April 2010 alleging religious discrimination, retaliation and harassment and amended his suit to include wrongful termination after losing his job last year.

Coppedge is seeking attorney's fees and costs, damages for wrongful termination and a statement from the judge that his rights were violated.

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program providing additional services to what we provide," Goodman said. "To me it's a slam dunk."

Goodman would not release the name of the nonprofit partner Monday, saying that the group had "been around for a while," but that there was some hesitancy to bring on the controversial program.

In part, that might be a result of the uproar within the Sunset Park community when Common Ground announced that it would be moving four blocks into the neighborhood.

Although the organization promised to ax the needle exchange from its catalogue of services, a sticking point for neighbors, it only agreed to move the program for homeless youth outside of Santa Monica recently.

Residents were fearful that the program would attract homeless youth from outside Santa Monica to congregate on the streets and in neighborhoods, causing a security problem.

Only a few complaints made it to the Community and Cultural Services Department regarding the youth program, but since negotiations on the good neighbor policy began in January, more have surfaced that were directed to the police and Common Ground rather than City Hall, said Robin Davidson, a human services administrator with the department.

HYPE and the needle exchange may no longer be part of the program at Common Ground, but the "good neighbor" policy negotiations are not over.

Residents still hope to limit the hours of the facility. According to the Common Ground website, the community center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Thursday when it's open until 6 p.m.

Common Ground may not be hosting HYPE in Santa Monica, but it's committed to supporting homeless youth on the Westside.

HIV rates amongst youth is skyrocketing, and there's an increased risk that homeless youth will be abused or the victims of crime, Goodman said.

"That's not OK. It's just not OK," he said.

The organization plans to launch a study on homeless youth and assess what organizations are offering services and where groups either overlap or need to fill in the holes.

The study will be done primarily with volunteers in an effort to cut costs.

In the interim, Goodman's primary focus right now is to make sure that Common Ground opens its doors in a timely way.

The organization received all of the permits it needed to do renovations on its new facility and construction is expected to start this week.

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DOG
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not released.

Dozens of people called or visited the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control shelter in Baldwin Park offering to adopt the sweet-natured dog. The good Samaritan was the first to fill out paperwork.

Officers were getting the dogs out of the street at the same time Maggie's family was at the shelter looking for her, said Capt. Aaron Reyes, deputy director of the department.

Maggie is expected to go home Tuesday after shelter workers inspect her home, Reyes said.

No one knows who the yellow Lab belonged to or where Maggie met him, Reyes said. He had no license or microchip.

Maggie's loyalty to the dead dog was so poignant and so risky that shelter workers nicknamed her Grace, as in "Amazing Grace." The video shows traffic speeding by just a few feet from the dogs.

Maggie is about 2 years old and the family's only dog, Reyes said. The family includes children.

Maggie's family wasn't the first to show up at the shelter Monday claiming the dog belonged to them. But it was the first family to have papers to prove it and to call the dog Maggie. Shelter workers remembered the family.

Even though she was groggy from surgery, the dog responded immediately to her name and the family, Reyes said.

The family will be issued citations for having an unregistered dog and allowing it to run loose and will have to pay nominal room and board costs, Reyes said, but the shelter did the surgery and implanted the microchip for free.

The good Samaritan who had hoped to adopt Grace was notified, Reyes said, and his reaction was "understandably bittersweet."

"He had a lot of the same questions we did. How could they not have a license? Had Maggie had an ID tag or microchip, she could have been spayed and been back home last week," Reyes said.

Meanwhile, adoptions are all about foot traffic, he said, so he's hoping some of those drawn in by Maggie might consider leaving with another dog, cat or rabbit.

Baldwin Park is 18 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.





HOLLYWOOD
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market after the combined U.S. and Canadian region this year. It is expected to top $5 billion by 2015. The U.S. and Canadian theatrical market, meanwhile, shrank two years in a row to about $10 billion in 2011. So far this year, however, revenue at U.S. and Canadian theaters is up about 19 percent.

It's only a matter of time before China's movie-going market is the world's biggest, according to some industry-watchers. Whether it is the most profitable for outsiders is another question. In 2006, Warner Bros. pulled out of a two-year-old theater chain joint venture when Beijing changed the rules, suddenly disallowing the studio's majority stake. Late last year, production company Legendary Pictures' joint venture, which is set to make the movie "The Great Wall," hit a stumbling block when its Hong Kong-based partner failed to raise enough capital.

Entertainment lawyer Schuyler Moore says he has warned clients not to be overly optimistic in dealing with the country, and says it will take a year to see how China implements its new movie policy. Moore believes China's new openness is aimed mainly at boosting its own cultural industries.

"In the long term, it's no different than China trying to make aircraft and cars and everything else. Their goal is to have the expertise so they can displace Hollywood," he says.

Against that backdrop, companies like The Walt Disney Co. and Katzenberg's DreamWorks are entering a delicate dance.

Katzenberg traveled to China in mid-March to meet with Chinese officials about how the expanded quota rules would be applied. He also sought to work out details regarding the company's new joint venture in China, Oriental DreamWorks.

"(China) is big, it is the fastest growing and that's what makes it challenging," Katzenberg told The Associated Press prior to his trip.

Disney and its new partner, Beijing-based DMG Entertainment, didn't offer many details about their "Iron Man 3" project, although the companies say the movie will incorporate Chinese elements and be partly funded by DMG.

The DreamWorks' deal, announced in February, is for a joint venture studio based in Shanghai that is 45 percent owned by DreamWorks and 55 percent owned by its Chinese partners, capitalized at $330 million.

Some analysts questioned whether it was worth it for DreamWorks to give up a 55 percent stake in the venture.

"It is not clear how well DreamWorks will do when it has to relinquish creative controls," said Janney analyst Tony Wible. "This just adds to some of the uncertainty with the deal. However, there is a good long-term potential, so the risk goes with the return."

China isn't just waiting for Hollywood to come running.

Last month, a key official in China's movie infrastructure, Yang Buting, appealed to Hollywood's finance community to enter new joint ventures in the country.

He once led the nation's primary distributor of foreign films, China Film Group, and now chairs a co-financing arm of the government, China Mainstream Media National Film Capital Hollywood Group Inc., which set up an office in Beverly Hills, Calif., this year.

"I have a vision of an ideal version of film cooperation between China and the United States: Chinese or American stories, joint investment, co-production, joint cast and credits, distributed globally," he said at a conference in Los Angeles. The formula will "surely be a win-win miracle for both China and the U.S."

So far, co-productions have had mixed success. The 2007 Ang Lee-directed film, "Lust Caution," which paired Hai Sheng Film Production Co. and Universal Pictures' Focus Features group, won critical acclaim but failed to make its money back.

On the other hand, the retelling of the 1984 classic "The Karate Kid" by Sony Pictures and China Film Group in 2010 reinvigorated a franchise. Much of its success can be credited to the charming chemistry between its new star, Will Smith's son Jaden, and martial arts legend Jackie Chan, a well-established Hong Kong-born hit with Chinese audiences. The movie was a global hit. It cast China and kung fu in a positive light and grossed $343 million worldwide.

Still, it is unclear whether new rules favor Chinese co-productions, or movies brought in under the new quota.

Based on a deal announced by Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and U.S. counterpart Joe Biden, China will let in 14 more foreign movies a year as long as they are in 3-D or the Imax format. That lifts the number of foreign films allowed under the quota system each year to 34.

These foreign films will also share 25 percent of the box office receipts, up from 13.5 percent to 17.5 percent now. The rest goes to theater owners and the government.

While the new, higher cut is less than the 43 percent share China offers domestic movie studios, it still could be a better deal for Hollywood than being the junior member of a joint venture.

Meanwhile China's home movie market is dominated by pirated films. The fledgling market for legitimate online movie rentals is tiny.

One of the clearest beneficiaries of the rule change is Imax Corp., the big-screen movie company that licenses its technology for a share of ticket sales. Imax is hugely popular with Chinese movie fans. It receives about half of the studios' share of the box office for movies that end up on its screens in China. As more Imax-format movies are let in, more films will contribute to its Chinese revenue going forward.

Still, CEO Rich Gelfond treads carefully.

"I'd say there's always country risk wherever you do business in the world," he says. "But by creating a win-win scenario where it's good for the Chinese partners, it's good for the Chinese consumer, and it works for Imax, we think we can minimize that risk."





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Judges, journalists clash over courtroom tweets

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CHICAGO Getting news from a big trial once took days, moving at the speed of a carrier pigeon or an express pony. The telegraph and telephone cut that time dramatically, as did live television broadcasts.

Now comes Twitter with more changes, breaking up courtroom journalism into bite-size reports that take shape as fast as a reporter can tap 140 characters into a smartphone. But the micro-blogging site is increasingly putting reporters on a collision course with judges who fear it could threaten a defendant's right to a fair trial.

The tension was highlighted recently by a Chicago court's decision to ban anyone from tweeting or using other social media at the upcoming trial of a man accused of killing Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson's family. Reporters and their advocates insist the practice is essential to providing a play-by-play for the public as justice unfolds.

"We're troubled by this ban," said Ed Yohnka, Chicago spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union. Tweeting and social media are "merely the 21st century version of what reporters have always done — gather information and disseminate it."

Judges, he said, should embrace Twitter as a way to shed light on the judicial process, which, for many Americans, remains shrouded in mysterious ritual.

The judge in the Illinois case fears that feverish tweeting on smartphones could distract jurors and witnesses when testimony begins April 23.

"Tweeting takes away from the dignity of a courtroom," said Irv Miller, media liaison for Cook County Judge Charles Burns. "The judge doesn't want the trial to turn into a circus."

Burns is allowing reporters to bring cellphones and to send e-mails periodically, a notable concession in a state that has only recently announced it will begin experimenting with cameras in court and where cellphones are often barred from courtrooms altogether.

There's also an overflow courtroom where reporters can tweet freely. But there will be no audio or video of proceedings in the room, just live transcripts scrolling across a screen.

The issue extends beyond journalists to jurors, whose tweets have raised issues of their own across the country.

Last year, the Arkansas Supreme Court threw out a death row inmate's murder conviction after one juror tweeted during proceedings and another slept. Juror Randy Franco's tweets ranged from the philosophical to the mundane. One read, "The coffee sucks here." Less than an hour before the jury returned with a verdict, he tweeted, "It's all over."

There's little gray area regarding jurors tweeting. The Arkansas trial judge had warned jurors, "Don't Twitter anybody" about the case. Burns was similarly explicit during jury selection in Chicago.

But there's no consensus among either state or federal judges about the propriety of in-court tweets, so individual judges are often left to craft their own rules.

For instance, the judge in the child sexual abuse case of former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky has allowed reporters to tweet from pretrial hearings but not to transmit verbatim accounts or to take photographs. Judge John Cleland hasn't indicated whether he will change that policy for the June trial.

In some ways, Judge Burns has gone further than others.

To ensure his ban is respected, he's assigned a member of the sheriff's department to track reporters' Twitter accounts while court is in session. To get accreditation to cover the trial, reporters had to disclose their Twitter handles.

If there appears to be a tweet from inside the courtroom, Penny Mateck will report it to the judge. "He'll decide what action to take," she said. Penalties could include contempt-of-court sanctions.

Peter Scheer, director of the California-based First Amendment Coalition, said having a sheriff's employee monitor tweets makes him uneasy, but it doesn't seem to violate anyone's rights because most Twitter feeds are already open for anyone to see.

Still, some observers are puzzled why e-mails would be OK, but tweets are out of order.

The judge, Miller explained, believes that having reporters constantly hunched over their phones pecking out tweets is more disruptive than sending an email every 10 or 15 minutes.

"We have been dealing with this issue of tweeting in court a lot these days — but this is an approach I have never heard of before. It's weird," said Lucy Dalglish, director of the Virginia-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

She wondered if there wasn't a greater risk of inaccuracies when reporters at the scene e-mailed colleagues at news bureaus, who then put their own interpretation on emailed text and published it on websites or their own Twitter accounts.

Radio journalist Jennifer Fuller is equally perplexed.

"We've been taking notes in courts for years," said Fuller, president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association. "If a dozen reporters put their heads down to start writing at the same time, couldn't you say that's as disruptive as tweeting?"

It's not just Twitter's potential to distract. Other judges worry that tweets about evidence could pop up uninvited on jurors' cellphones, possibly tainting the panel.

In their request for a new trial, attorneys for Texas financier R. Allen Stanford, who was convicted of fraud last month, argued that tweeting by reporters distracted jurors and created other risks. The federal judge denied the request without explanation.

And a Kansas judge last week declared a mistrial after a Topeka Capital-Journal reporter tweeted a photo that included the grainy profile of a juror hearing a murder case. The judge had permitted camera phones in court but said no photos were to be taken of jurors.

Reporter Ann Marie Bush hadn't realized one juror was in view, Publisher Gregg Ireland said, adding that the company "regrets the error and loss of the court's time."

Journalists understand judges' concerns, Dalglish said. But the better solution is for courts to do what they have done for decades — tell jurors not to follow news on their case, including by switching off their Twitter feeds.

One obstacle to reaching a consensus is that no one can agree on just what Twitter is or does. Some judges say it's broadcasting, like TV, which is banned from courtrooms in some states. Fuller says tweets are more like notes that get shared.

Because Twitter has become the medium through which some consumers get most of their news, it's all the more urgent for judges and journalists to come to an accommodation, Fuller said.

Apple weighs on Nasdaq

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NEW YORK For most of the year, Apple has propelled the Nasdaq composite index forward. The stock climbed from $405 at the start of the year to more than $630 last week, and the Nasdaq easily beat the gains of other indexes.

Now Apple is sliding the other way and taking the Nasdaq with it.

Apple stock dropped more than $25 on Monday, its fifth straight day of declines. The losing streak has wiped out about $60 billion of Apple's market value. That's more than the most optimistic projections of the value of Facebook.

Apple helped push the Nasdaq composite index down 22.93 points on Monday to 2,988.40. The index is now up about 15 percent for the year after almost reaching 20 percent by the end of March.

"It's been a very quirky market because it's been a few companies that have delivered most of the rally this year," said Mark Lamkin, CEO of Lamkin Wealth Management in Louisville, Ky. "It's not been a broad-based rally."

Apple, still the most valuable company in the world, accounts for 12 percent of the Nasdaq, more than any other stock. It has been on an almost uninterrupted climb for three years, powered by its hot iPhones and iPads.

But last week, a veteran technology analyst boldly issued a downgrade for Apple. He predicted that cellphone companies would probably stop offering such generous subsidies for customers to adopt the iPhone.

Investors may also be locking in profits and getting out before Apple reports earnings April 24. Even after the five-day decline, Apple stock is up 43 percent for the year.

"It's had a huge run," said Burt White, chief investment officer of LPL Financial in Boston. "Some investors probably said, 'Might as well take some profits.'"

The broader stock market was flat, helped by strong March retail sales but hurt by continuing concerns about rising borrowing costs for debt-troubled Spain. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 0.69 point to 1,369.57.

Apple dragged down other technology stocks, which fell more than any other industry group in the S&P. Google, which went to trial Monday against Oracle in a copyright case over the Android phone, dropped for the second day in a row.

Utility stocks and banks rose, while energy companies and so-called consumer discretionary stocks fell.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 71.82 points to 12,921.41, a gain of 0.6 percent. All but six of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow rose for the day, explaining why it rose while the S&P was flat. Apple is not part of the Dow.

The government reported that retail sales rose 0.8 percent compared to the previous month, twice what analysts had been expecting. Skeptics noted that was less than February's 1 percent increase.

They also wondered whether the buying was just a result of the mild winter, rather than a sign of recovery: If people are buying lawn mowers and other warm-weather goods now, then they probably won't be later in the year. Building materials and garden equipment enjoyed the biggest jump in March.

"It's nice to see the retail sales were strong, but it's one month and it's one data point and it's not even the biggest data point," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "Honestly, jobs are much more important."

Earlier this month, the government reported that the U.S. added 120,000 jobs in March, about half the pace of the previous three months.

Spain's borrowing costs climbed above the closely watched 6 percent mark as investors grew more worried about the country's ability to pay its debts. Seven percent is the rate at which other European countries have been forced to seek bailouts. Sweden cut its economic forecast for the year, saying that problems elsewhere in Europe were spreading its way.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was steady at 1.98 percent.

Among stocks making moves:

• Mattel plummeted more than 9 percent after reporting a 53 percent drop in first-quarter earnings. The country's largest toy maker is wrestling with lower sales of Hot Wheels and Barbies. It just bought HIT Entertainment, the company behind Thomas the Tank Engine and Bob the Builder.

• Endocyte doubled to $7.62 after reporting that Merck, the world's second-largest drugmaker, will develop and market its experimental cancer drug. Endocyte, based in West Lafayette, Ind., has no products on the market.

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Measure R 2012-13 Senior Exemption renewal forms are being mailed in April to prior applicants; the forms must be completed, signed and returned by June 30, 2012. To be added to the mailing list, please call 310/450-8338, ext. 70263.

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Seven seats are available for three-year terms ending on June 30, 2015.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Monica or persons who do business or are employed in the City of Santa Monica. No City of Santa Monica employee may serve as a member of the Urban Forest Task Force.

Applications due by 5:30pm, Thursday, May 17, 2012.

Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main St., Rm. 102 (submit applications at this same location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at **http://www01.smgov.net/communication/cityforms/Board_Comm/uftf.asp**.

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- Publication schedule (weekly, daily)
- Percentage of local news carried
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In no case shall the contract prices for such publication exceed the customary rates charged by such newspaper for the publication of other comparable legal notices. The City reserves the right to reject all bids.

Bids should be submitted in writing to the **Office of the City Manager, Attn: Newspaper Advertising Bid, 1685 Main Street Room 209, PO Box 2200, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200** and must be received no later than **Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**

Space shuttle Discovery ready for voyage to museum

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Space shuttle Discovery has one last mission to complete.

At daybreak Tuesday, the oldest of NASA's retired shuttle fleet will leave its home at Kennedy Space Center for the final time, riding on top a modified jumbo jet.

Its destination: the Smithsonian Institution's hangar outside Washington, D.C.

The plane and jet will make a farewell flight over Cape Canaveral before heading north. The pair also will swoop over the nation's capital, including the National Mall, before landing in Virginia.

Space center workers arrived by the busloads Monday at the old shuttle landing strip, where the jet was parked with Discovery bolted on top. Security officers, firefighters, former shuttle workers and even astronauts all posed for pictures in front of Discovery.

The six astronauts who flew Discovery's final space trip a year ago were on hand to bid Discovery goodbye.

Discovery first launched in 1984 and flew 39 times in space, more than any other shuttle. It is the oldest of NASA's three surviving space shuttles and the first to head to a museum.

It will go on display at the Smithsonian's hangar at Dulles International Airport in Virginia, replacing Enterprise, the shuttle prototype that never made it to space but was used in landing tests in the late 1970s. Enterprise is bound for New York City's Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

"It's good to see her one more time, and it's great that Discovery is going to a good home. Hopefully, millions of people for many, many years to come will go see Discovery," said Steven Lindsey, the last astronaut to command Discovery. "It's also sad ... it's sad to see that the program is over."

NASA ended the shuttle program last summer after 30 years to focus on destinations beyond low-Earth orbit. Lindsey, no longer with NASA, now works in the commercial space industry, helping to develop a successor for launching American astronauts to the International Space Station.

Stephanie Stilson, a NASA manager who is heading up the transition and retirement of the three remaining shuttles, said Discovery looked as though it had just arrived from a ferry trip from the backup landing site in California, as it did so many times in years past.

"To see her like this is quite an amazing sight," Stilson said. "We're finally here" almost an exact year since Discovery launched and landed for good, she noted.

Discovery's list of achievements include delivering the Hubble Space Telescope to orbit, carrying the first Russian cosmonaut to launch on a U.S. spaceship, performing the first rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir with the first female shuttle pilot in the cockpit, returning Mercury astronaut John Glenn to orbit, and bringing shuttle flights back to life after the Challenger and Columbia accidents.

A white tail cone covers the three replica main engines at the back end of Discovery, to keep them safe during the ferry flight and provide for better aerodynamics. (Only the nozzles are there, no massive power assemblies.)

The original air lock is on board that spacewalking astronauts used to step out into the vacuum; Discovery is the only shuttle keeping one because it's considered the spacecraft of historic record. The robot arm is already in Virginia and will be placed on side-by-side display.

NASA spent the past year draining all toxic fuels from Discovery and removing unnecessary plumbing.

Stilson said she's managed to keep her emotions in check by staying busy. She's one of the luckier ones; thousands of shuttle workers have lost their jobs.

Astronaut Nicole Stott had "mixed feelings" as she gazed up at Discovery. "There's no denying the sadness associated with it," said Stott, who was on Discovery's last crew.

The newer shuttle Endeavour is promised to the California Science Center in Los Angeles; it ships out in September. Shuttle Atlantis will remain at Kennedy; a huge display area is in works at the visitor complex.

With the shuttles retired, U.S. astronauts are hitching big-bucks rides on Russian Soyuz rockets to get to the space station. A variety of private American companies are vying for astronaut transportation rights. Officials expect it to be another five years or so before the new spacecraft will be ready to carry passengers.

One of the main competitors, Space Exploration Technologies Corp. or SpaceX, is due to launch its Falcon rocket and Dragon capsule from Cape Canaveral on April 30, on an unprecedented trip to the space station. It will be the first time a private company makes such a cargo run.

After reviewing the status of the flight, NASA officials said Monday there is a good chance that SpaceX can make the April 30 launch date. More software testing is needed, however, over the next two weeks.



Militaries scramble to claim Arctic edge

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YOKOSUKA, Japan To the world's military leaders, the debate over climate change is long over. They are preparing for a new kind of Cold War in the Arctic, anticipating that rising temperatures there will open up a treasure trove of resources, long-dreamed-of sea lanes and a slew of potential conflicts.

By Arctic standards, the region is already buzzing with military activity, and experts believe that will increase significantly in the years ahead.

Last month, Norway wrapped up one of the largest Arctic maneuvers ever — Exercise Cold Response — with 16,300 troops from 14 countries training on the ice for everything from high intensity warfare to terror threats. Attesting to the harsh conditions, five Norwegian troops were killed when their C-130 Hercules aircraft crashed near the summit of Kebnekaise, Sweden's highest mountain.

The U.S., Canada and Denmark held major exercises two months ago, and in an unprecedented move, the military chiefs of the eight main Arctic powers — Canada, the U.S., Russia, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland — gathered at a Canadian military base last week to specifically discuss regional security issues.

None of this means a shooting war is likely at the North Pole any time soon. But as the number of workers and ships increases in the High North to exploit oil and gas reserves, so will the need for policing, border patrols and — if push comes to shove — military muscle to enforce rival claims.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates that 13 percent of the world's undiscovered oil and 30 percent of its untapped natural gas is in the Arctic. Shipping lanes could be regularly open across the Arctic by 2030 as rising temperatures continue to melt the sea ice, according to a National Research Council analysis commissioned by the U.S. Navy last year.

What countries should do about climate change remains a heated political debate. But that has not stopped north-looking militaries from moving ahead with strategies that assume current trends will continue.

Russia, Canada and the United States have the biggest stakes in the Arctic. With its military budget stretched thin by Iraq, Afghanistan and more pressing issues elsewhere, the United States has been something of a reluctant northern power, though its nuclear-powered submarine fleet, which can navigate for months underwater and below the ice cap, remains second to none.

Russia — one-third of which lies within the Arctic Circle — has been the most aggressive in establishing itself as the emerging region's superpower.

Rob Huebert, an associate political science professor at the University of Calgary in Canada, said Russia has recovered enough from its economic troubles of the 1990s to significantly rebuild its Arctic military capabilities, which were a key to the overall Cold War strategy of the Soviet Union, and has increased its bomber patrols and submarine activity.

He said that has in turn led other Arctic countries — Norway, Denmark and Canada — to resume regional military exercises that they had abandoned or cut back on after the Soviet collapse. Even non-Arctic nations such as France have expressed interest in deploying their militaries to the Arctic.

"We have an entire ocean region that had previously been closed to the world now opening up," Huebert said. "There are numerous factors now coming together that are mutually reinforcing themselves, causing a buildup of military capabilities in the region. This is only going to increase as time goes on."

Noting that the Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the globe, the U.S. Navy in 2009 announced a beefed-up Arctic Roadmap by its own task force on climate change that called for a three-stage strategy to increase readiness, build cooperative relations with Arctic nations and identify areas of potential conflict.

"We want to maintain our edge up there," said Cmdr. Ian Johnson, the captain of the USS Connecticut, which is one of the U.S. Navy's most Arctic-capable nuclear submarines and was deployed to the North Pole last year. "Our interest in the Arctic has never really waned. It remains very important."

But the U.S. remains ill-equipped for large-scale Arctic missions, according to a simulation conducted by the U.S. Naval War College. A summary released last month found the Navy is "inadequately prepared to conduct sustained maritime operations in the Arctic" because it lacks ships able to operate in or near Arctic ice, support facilities and adequate communications.

"The findings indicate the Navy is entering a new realm in the Arctic," said Walter Berbrick, a War College professor who participated in the simulation. "Instead of other nations relying on the U.S. Navy for capabilities and resources, sustained operations in the Arctic region will require the Navy to rely on other nations for capabilities and resources."

He added that although the U.S. nuclear submarine fleet is a major asset, the Navy has severe gaps elsewhere — it doesn't have any icebreakers, for example. The only one in operation belongs to the Coast Guard. The U.S. is currently mulling whether to add more icebreakers.

Acknowledging the need to keep apace in the Arctic, the United States is pouring funds into figuring out what climate change will bring, and has been working closely with the scientific community to calibrate its response.

"The Navy seems to be very on board regarding the reality of climate change and the especially large changes we are seeing in the Arctic," said Mark C. Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center at the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences University of Colorado. "There is already considerable collaboration between the Navy and civilian scientists and I see this collaboration growing in the future."

The most immediate challenge may not be war — both military and commercial assets are sparse enough to give all countries elbow room for a while — but whether militaries can respond to a disaster.

Heather Conley, director of the Europe program at the London-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, said militaries probably will have to rescue their own citizens in the Arctic before any confrontations arise there.

"Catastrophic events, like a cruise ship suddenly sinking or an environmental accident related to the region's oil and gas exploration, would have a profound impact in the Arctic," she said. "The risk is not militarization; it is the lack of capabilities while economic development and human activity dramatically increases that is the real risk."

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drivel: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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4:00–5:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
5:00–6:00pm	(1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Tenant Rights, Auto accidents, Products Liability, Insurance & Business Disputes, Personal Injury & Small Claims with Attorney Mark Palmer
TUESDAY	
9:00-12:00noon	Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)
1:00-4:00pm	Employment Law: Wrongful Termination, Sexual harassment, Disability Accommodation, Leave Law, Discrimination, Retaliation, Whistle Blower, Wage & Hour disputes with Attorney Sara Eliot at Lulu's Beehive, 13203 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604.
4:00-5:00pm	(1st and 3rd Tuesday/Month): Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, fraud, personal injury and employment law.
WEDNESDAY	
5:00-6:30pm	Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields at the Novel Café located at 2901 Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica, 90405.
THURSDAY	
12:00-2:00pm	Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment Only)
5:00-6:00pm	Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy Filings, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injury cases with Attorneys Paul Mankin and/or Jeff Hughes (By appointment Only)
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Thursday/Month) Landlord/Tenant Rights & Obligations, Small Claims, Restraining Orders/Domestic Violence & General Practice Law with Attorney John Wittig
FRIDAY	
4:00-5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with former Deputy D.A. and Attorney Jacob Glucksman
4:00–5:00pm	(2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.
SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman
10am-11:30am	(2nd & 4th Sat/Month) Employment/Labor Law including wrongful termination, sexual harassment, wage & hour claims, severance issues; and Family Law/Divorce including support, custody, & prenuptial agreements with Attorney Todd Smilovitz.

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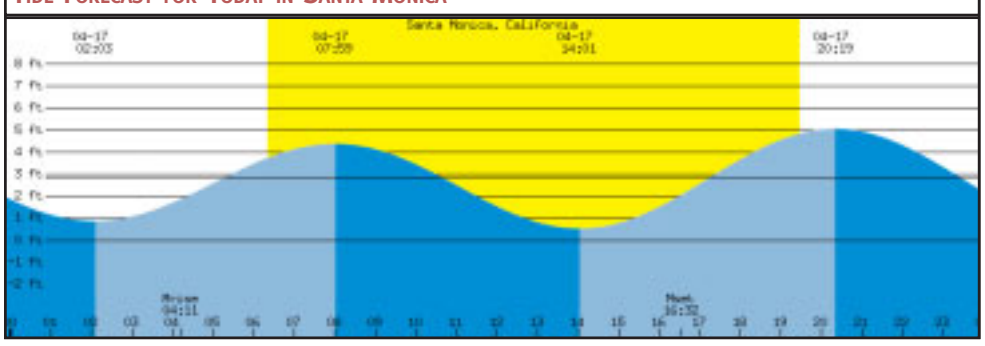
RIPCURL LIVE THE SEARCH
1451 THIRD STREET PROMENADE • SANTA MONICA, CA • 310-656-2875

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 56.8°

Swell Forecast
Chest high day most everywhere.

Long Range Synopsis
NW swell is due to bring chest to head high sets to west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

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

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

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MLB

Dodgers riding high behind Kemp, Ethier

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES At 9-1, the Los Angeles Dodgers own the top record in the majors and are off to their best start since 1981, when they won their last World Series title. With new ownership and Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier piling up hits, the bad feelings from the Frank McCourt era are beginning to fade.

The Dodgers spent the first two weeks of the season beating up on San Diego and Pittsburgh, two of the NL's weakest teams. They're 6-0 at home and are the lone remaining team in the majors with one loss for the first time since 1955, when the Dodgers won their first World Series in Brooklyn.

Kemp earned his second consecutive NL player of the week honor Monday, having led the majors with a .545 average in six games last week.

"It's very early, a long season," he said. "Guys are gunning for you, so I have to work just as hard as the next guy who is trying to get me out."

Kemp hasn't missed a beat in picking up where he left off last season, when he was runner-up to Milwaukee's Ryan Braun as NL MVP. He leads the majors in eight offensive categories, including average (.487), home runs (six), runs (13) and RBIs (16).

Ethier is batting .289, with three homers and 15 RBIs. Both he and Kemp are known for their strong April numbers.

"We can definitely get higher," Kemp said about the team. "Right now we're really confident in ourselves. It's a long season and we just have to keep pushing."

The sale of the Dodgers to a group fronted by retired Lakers superstar Magic Johnson has been approved by a federal bankruptcy court, with the deal set to close by April 30.

Fans are showing up to games again after staying away in droves last season, when off-field developments involving McCourt taking the franchise into bankruptcy and his fights with ex-wife Jamie, baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and his creditors overshadowed anything the team did.

"Winning changes everything," Kemp said. "It changes the atmosphere in the ballpark, the atmosphere in the clubhouse."

The Dodgers have started the season healthy. Among the regulars, only James Loney is slumping. The first baseman is hitting .148, with 2 RBIs and one run scored. Loney took a long time to get going last season, too. Eventually, he hit .388 with seven homers in his last 35 games to retain his starting job.

NL Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw has yet to earn a decision in three starts, while Chad Billingsley is 2-0. Javy Guerra has settled in as the closer, and he leads the majors with five saves.

The team has benefited from some breaks early on.

Two of its wins at home against the Padres came in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Dodgers turned a bizarre triple play on Sunday to keep the game tied going into the bottom half of the ninth.

"There's no notation or asterisk that tells how you won the game," catcher A.J. Ellis said. "This wave won't ride forever. We're going to be on the end of some heartbreakers."

The Dodgers open a six-game trip to Milwaukee and Houston today.

"I'm proud of our guys," Kemp said. "We're finding ways to win. Whatever it is, we're getting it done."

MLB

Bonds given extension to appeal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds has been given an extension until May 4 to file written arguments in his appeal to overturn his obstruction of justice conviction.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday granted a second extension request by Bonds' lawyers, which had been filed Friday. The original deadline had been March 21 before the court granted an extension last month to April 20

Under the new schedule, the government will have until June 4 to respond. After that, Bonds' lawyers will have another 14 days to file a reply brief if they so choose.

Dennis Riordan, Bonds' appeals lawyer, said in a filing to the court that his office could not meet the April 20 deadline because of several other cases in which it was involved.

Bonds' appeal will be randomly assigned to a three-judge panel that will hear oral arguments this year. A decision is not likely until 2013 at the earliest.

The home run king was sentenced Dec. 16 by U.S. District Judge Susan Illston for his April conviction on a charge of giving an evasive answer to a federal grand jury in 2003 that was investigating steroids distribution.

The seven-time NL MVP was sentenced to 30 days of home confinement, two years of probation, 250 hours of community service in youth-related activities and a $4,000 fine.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Shame (NC-17) 1hr 41min
7:30pm
Panel discussion on sex addiction following the film.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

L!fe Happens (R) 1hr 41min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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

Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min
11:15am, 1:35pm, 3:55pm, 6:15pm, 8:40pm, 9:45pm

Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
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21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:55am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
11:45am, 4:10pm, 8:30pm

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm

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

Lady (R) 2hrs 25min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Royal Opera House's Rigoletto (NR) 2hrs 50min
11:30am

Hunter (R) 1hr 40min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope (PG-13) 1hr 28min
4:40pm, 9:45pm

Delicacy (La delicatesse) (PG-13) 1hr 48min
7:10pm

All In (NR) 1hr 47min
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Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
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Lockout (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

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Invite friends over tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your intuition lets you know that much is going on behind the scenes. If you tune in, making the right decision is easy. Others rejoice once they understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Indulge a little more than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A meeting sets the stage for you to find out more information. You might want to get the opinions of key friends and associates. When the day is done, you'll realize that others are with you on the right side of the tracks. Tonight: Express your happiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You often wonder about someone you regularly deal with, and now you will get answers. The decision remains: How much do you want to be involved with this person? Do you need or want more responsibility? No one says you must decide immediately. Tonight: Deal with an older relative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Some people are just lucky. Whether you usually fit into this category or not, you do today if you detach and don't get triggered. Taking risks is emotional for you, yet you are likely to be on the winning side. Tonight: In the whirlwind of your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone wants to share some uncomfortably intimate details about a situation. Your attitude says "no," so don't worry; this person probably will catch on and get a case of lockjaw. Mobilize others' energy toward a key cause or commitment. Tonight: Respond to a request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by someone's behavior. Take the high road; rather than judge, be understanding. Detach from triggering situations, and you will be far more content. Tonight: Go along with a friend's idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You plunge into whatever you are doing, but be aware that this activity is not a solo venture. Let a partner or associate let you know exactly what is going on with him or her. Tonight: You need some relaxation. Choose a favorite activity

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have your own way of saying "yes" or "no." Sometimes this comes across through your willingness to listen. You delight others when you decide to toss your energy into their activities. Tonight: Don't try to tell anyone that you are networking as you party away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation in broader terms. Listen to a friend or associate who is dealing with a comparable situation. You might choose to revise your stance. Tonight: Have a reflective chat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might start a conversation, but ending it could be a little more difficult. Apparently, you caught this person on a ranting day, where he or she needs to talk and clear his or her chest. Tonight: Return calls and emails, then decide.

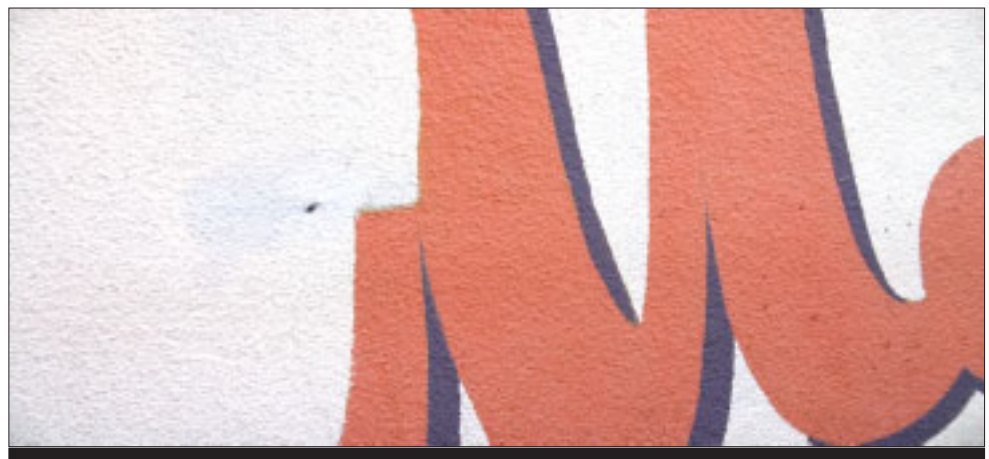
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ How you handle your finances will have implications on others. Even if you are alone, you will see the impact of your actions. A lifestyle change could make you smile. Tonight: Decide to invite friends over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to say what you mean while also lightening up the moment is a tremendous asset. You might note that someone is observing and trying to replicate your style. Pitch in, and help this person learn to be more diplomatic. Tonight: Reach out for a favorite person.

Happy birthday

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

You act and feel lucky this year. As a result, you'll attract all sorts of experiences -- some of which you will like more than others. You'll also take more risks. Your finances could be the first area of your life to be affected by this new expansiveness. If you are single, you are the apple of many people's eyes. You can afford to take your time getting to know someone. If you are attached, you will indulge each other more. In a sense, you are like a new couple. TAURUS tends to make you more fiscally aware.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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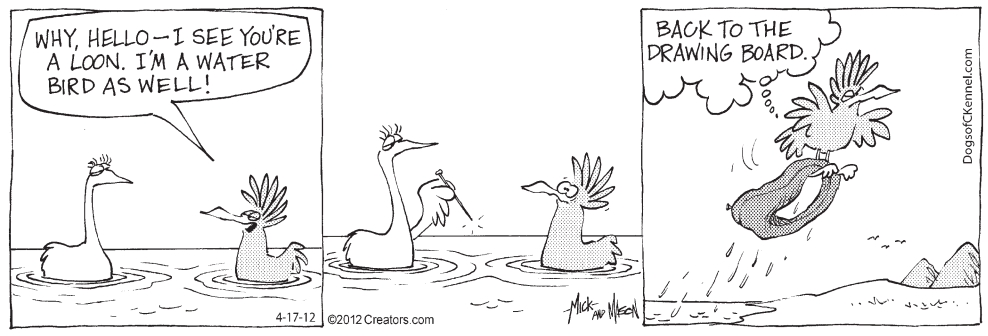
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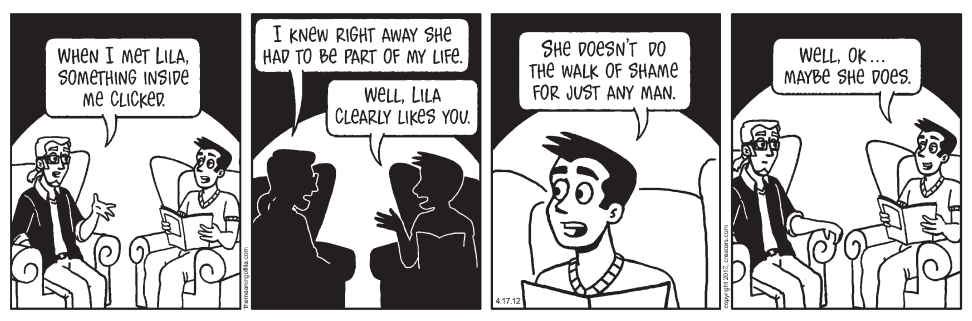
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Sudoku

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

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

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1 Let up
7 Historian's subject
11 Temperament
12 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
13 2012 Zac Efron movie
15 Left on a boat
16 Crazy talk
18 Charged particles
21 Programming output
22 Climate-affecting current
24 In the past
25 Buddy
26 Overly
27 Real brat
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41 Lose
42 "This round's —!"
43 Promise

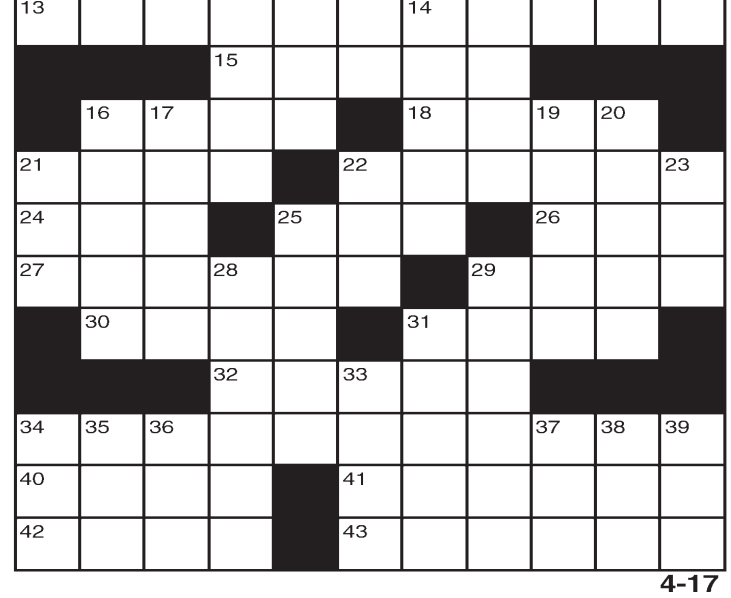
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1 Wee worker
2 Scrooge cry
3 Finished off
4 Louisiana school
5 Blow one's top
6 1920s art style
7 Eli's brother
8 Bustle
9 Immoral act
10 Kicker's aid
14 Whale's diet
16 "Message received"
17 Love to pieces
19 Explosive stuff
20 Inquisitive sort
21 Purr producer
22 Corn unit
23 Alley —
25 Arctic
28 Wander aimlessly
29 Pizzeria need
31 Polite
33 Stairs alternative
34 Binary base
35 Brood watcher
36 Shade source
37 Hoary
38 Pester
39 Look over

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Yesterday's answer

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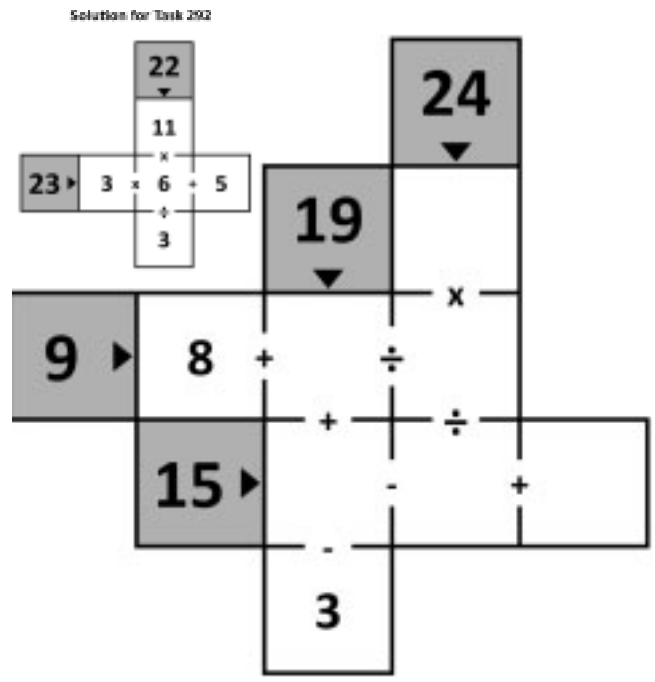
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Solution for Task 292



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Jackpot: $53M

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Draw Date: 4/14
1 3 19 36 45
Meganumber: 8
Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/16
11 14 16 32 33

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/16
MIDDAY: 5 2 7
EVENING: 2 3 7

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 4/16
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3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:48.80

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ As the U.S. government's role in health care is debated, the French government's role was highlighted in February with a report on Slate.com about France's guarantee to new mothers of "10 to 20" free sessions of "la reeducation perineale" (vaginal re-toning to restore the pre-pregnancy condition, a "cornerstone of French post- natal care," according to Slate). The sessions involve yoga-like calisthenics to rebuild muscles and improve genital flexibility. Similar procedures in the U.S. not only are not government entitlements, but are almost never covered by private insurance, and besides, say surgeons, the patients who request them do so almost entirely for aesthetic reasons. The French program, by contrast, is said to be designed not only for general health but to strengthen women for bearing more children, to raise the birth rate.

■ Drill, Baby, Drill: U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas may have been joking, but according to a February Washington Post story, he seemed serious at a Natural Resources Committee hearing when searching for yet more reasons why the U.S. should support oil drilling in Alaska. Caribou, he said, are fond of the warmth of the Alaskan pipeline. "So when they want to go on a date, they invite each other to head over to the pipeline." That mating ritual, Rep. Gohmert concluded, is surely responsible for a recent tenfold increase in the local caribou population.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1970 – Apollo program: The ill-fated Apollo 13 spacecraft returns to Earth safely.

1971 – The People's Republic of Bangladesh forms, under Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Mujibnagor.

WORD UP!

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3. An outline or summary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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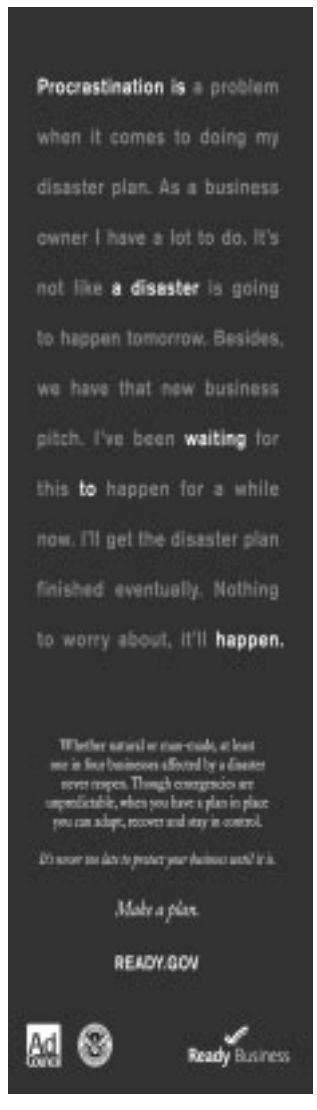
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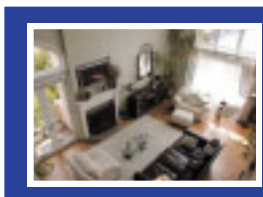


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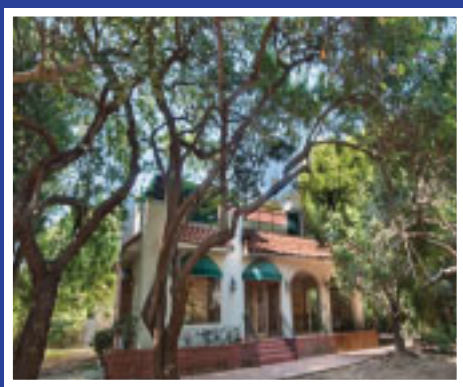
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