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A LOOK INSIDE

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A work crew was exposing the structure of the 'Chain Reaction' sculpture on Monday. City officials contend that the Paul Conrad-designed sculpture is in need of repair and have ordered a closer examination to determine to what extent it has aged since being placed in the Civic Center in the early 1990s. There is a public movement afoot to raise money for the repairs.

Union seeks to stop hotel over living wage

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Members of the Unite Here! Local 11 union have filed a petition for a referendum to block the construction of a new hotel on Wilshire Boulevard after the City Council voted to allow it to move forward if the developer paid employees a so-called "living wage."

The union representing hotel workers believes the council did not go for enough when it set the wage, arguing that it should have been higher.

The referendum process allows an individual or group to send a legislative decision of a local governing body back to its constituents for a direct up-down vote.

In this case, the target is a development agreement for a 285-room hotel slated for 710 Wilshire Blvd.

The project is both beloved by members of the preservation community for the promised $11 million rehab of the landmarked Santa Monica Professional Building and disliked by unions and local business people for a controversial living wage provision that the business community felt went too far and labor advocates decried for not going far enough.

"I think for us, we see the 710 Wilshire project as the first of many new developments in the city of Santa Monica that set a negative precedent in which future development could follow," said Rachel Torres, a research analyst with Unite Here!.

Development agreements, a process that allows developers to exceed zoning restrictions in return for pre-negotiated community benefits, are both contracts and laws, and as such are subject to referendum.

Unite Here! has used referendums in other cities, but not Santa Monica, Torres said.

The proponents now have until May 20 to gather signatures from 10 percent of Santa Monica's registered voters or approximately 5,820 people.

If they succeed, the City Council will have to decide as early as July whether or not to repeal their decision to allow the hotel or put the matter to the people on the

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Water quality gets top billing

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL The City Council will be asked to make good on its end of a regional water quality effort at its meeting Tuesday night, the cost of which has doubled in the last five years.

City Hall will contribute $4 million to pay for runoff management projects and strategies to help protect the Santa Monica Bay from bacteria that flows into the water after every rain.

The Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet Weather Bacterial Total Maximum Daily Load, established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, constitutes an $86 million investment on the part of Santa Monica, the city of Los Angeles and other agencies.

That's up from the $30 million estimated at the beginning of the process, and Santa Monica's share of the cost has doubled from $2 million to $4 million since the cost was re-evaluated in 2007. An analysis of the project found that a larger drainage area was needed to comply with regional water quality standards.

City Hall has $1 million on hand to contribute to the project. The remaining $3 million will be borrowed from the Wastewater Fund at 4 percent interest over the next 20 years, according to a city staff report.

The payment constitutes the bulk of the $6,921,653 requested on the consent agenda.

PRICE OF GAS

The City Council is expected to sign off on a five-year contract to pay for gasoline for buses, emergency vehicles and other staff-related vehicles on Tuesday night.

The contract with IPC, Inc. covers five years and two months for a total cost of $4,320,334, just over $1 million of which is

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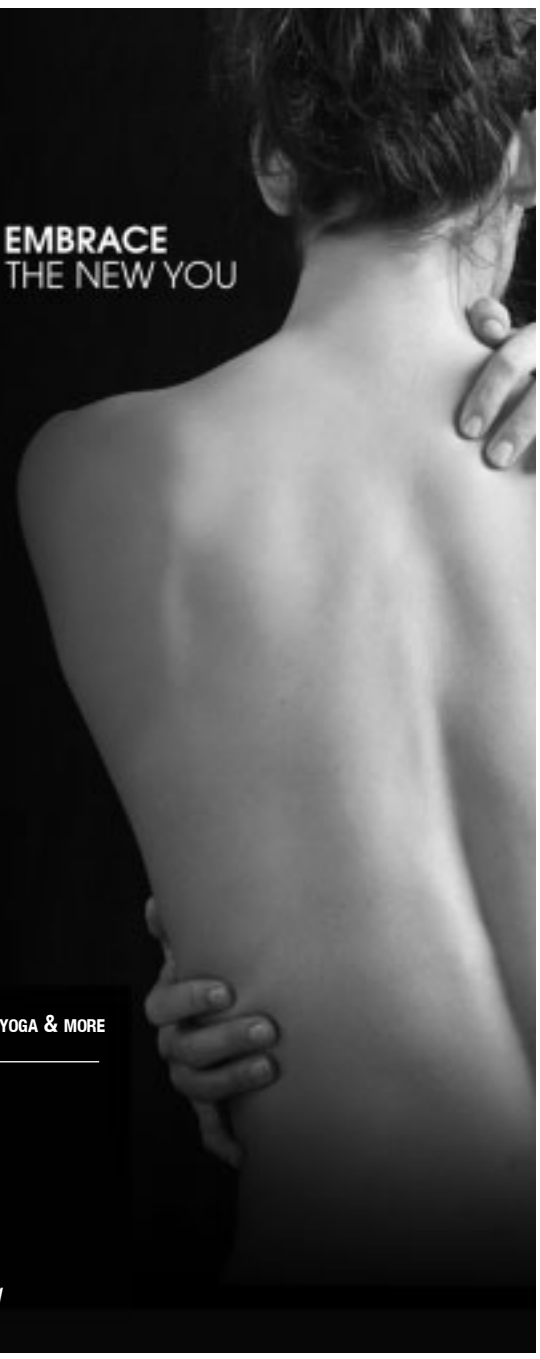




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Green jobs
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Van Jones, author of "Rebuild the Dream," will discuss the new movement growing all across America to reform the economy and improve the lives of middle class Americans and the planet. Jones calls this new wave of energy the "American Dream Movement." For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

In the news
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts Studio Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"The Front Page," a classic hit Broadway comedy, will continue until April 28. The play follows a cocky newspaper reporter who hides an escaped death row inmate to ensure an exclusive interview. Written by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, the original production opened in 1928 on Broadway and has been performed throughout the country and even adapted into several films. Tickets are $10 each. For more information, call (310) 434-4319.

Free acupuncture
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.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Talking toxins
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
How are toxins in the environment impacting your health? This will be the topic of Dr. David Allen's free presentation in the library's MLK Auditorium. You'll be surprised what you learn about the air we breathe and the water we drink. For more information, call (310) 445-6600.

Beer and dinner
West 4th & Jane
1432A Fourth St., 7 p.m.
West 4th & Jane is teaming with New York brewery Ommegang to present a night of unique beer pairings with modern-American cuisine from Chef Ryan Turner. Cost: $65. For more information, call (310) 395-6765.

Tap, tap, tap
Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
The Sole Sisters will tap into Typhoon to entertain diners with their hoofing. They will be performing with the Max Wrightson Trio. There's no cover charge, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Carlin redux
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Kelly Carlin, only child of iconoclastic comedian George Carlin, chronicles over 40 years of her life with her famous father, through storytelling, classic video footage, and family memorabilia in "A Carlin Home Companion." Cost: $20. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

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State prison overhaul would save $1.5B a year

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California prison officials released a wide-ranging reorganization plan Monday that calls for halting a $4 billion prison-construction program and bringing back all inmates held out of state.

The master plan outlines the department's recommendations for ending years of federal court oversight, overcrowding, poor inmate medical and mental health treatment, and soaring budgets.

It came at a time when the nation's largest state prison system is being transformed by ongoing state budget deficits, federal court orders and a realignment ordered by the governor that shifts its focus to the most violent and dangerous offenders.

The changes are possible because of a state law that took effect Oct. 1 that shifts lower-level offenders from state prisons to county jails. That shift is the main consequence of a federal court order requiring the state to reduce its prison population as a way to improve inmate medical care.

"It's a massive change to our system," Corrections Secretary Matthew Cate said at a Capitol news conference.

Lowering the inmate population eliminates the need for $4.1 billion in construction projects and will let the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reduce its annual budget by $1.5 billion, officials said.

The plan calls for returning to state prisons by 2016 about 9,500 inmates who are currently housed in private prisons in other states. That alone would save the state $318 million a year.

But prison officials also acknowledged for the first time that they will not meet a June 2013 deadline ordered by federal judges for reducing the state's prison population to end poor medical and mental health care.

The corrections department said it will ask federal judges to allow the state to keep an additional 6,000 inmates behind bars, exceeding the limit set by a special panel. The court's order was upheld last year by the

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

New Roads lone baseball team on CIF-SS' latest poll

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN New Roads baseball has earned the unique distinction of being the sole Santa Monica-based team in the latest CIF-Southern Section rankings, it was released on Monday.

Ranked No. 7 in the Division 7 poll, New Roads took on Buckley on the road on Monday, but results were not available at presstime.

New Roads is currently second in league at 3-1 and 8-4 overall. The Jaguars face Wildwood today at Clover Park. The league game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

SAMOHI TRIES TO STAY UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE

Samohi softball hosts rival Culver City today as the Vikings try to remain undefeated in Ocean League play.

The game begins at 3:15 p.m. at Memorial Park, Santa Monica High School's home field.

Samohi (4-0) has not lost a league game in recent memory, with the streak spanning at least nine seasons, according to school officials. The Vikings' dominance in league has given them 10 consecutive titles, with nine coming under Head Coach Debbie Skaggs.

Outside of league, Samohi has struggled a bit this season with a 7-11 overall record. But, the Vikings traditionally take on a difficult non-league schedule to prepare for their now annual drive for a league pennant.

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HAVE GLOVE, WILL TRAVEL Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Nobu Suzuki prepares to field a ground ball against Torrance on Monday at home. Samohi would lose, 1-0, in the fourth place game of the Babe Herman Tournament.

County ordered to review transit service changes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County transportation officials have been ordered to review transit service cuts and changes dating back three years to see if they were unfair to riders.

The Federal Transit Administration made the demand Monday in a stern letter that refers to the "disturbing findings" of a civil rights investigation into policies and practices at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The letter cites a failure by Metro to conduct proper analysis of new changes in service that would ensure that they were implemented in a fair and nondiscriminatory way.

Metro replied in a statement that the FTA order makes no new findings, does not document any civil rights violations and acknowledges that the agency has solved some of its previously cited problems.

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Save the Senior Center

Editor:

Dear Mayor Bloom and City Council members,

This letter is in opposition to closing the Senior Recreation Center at 1450 Ocean Ave. in Palisades Park ('Seniors may lose ocean view," April 20).

I was appalled to hear that you are considering closing the center. What is happening to our "once upon a time" beautiful and accommodating city?

I have always been impressed with the city's concern for our children and seniors – our most vulnerable citizens. How can you even consider doing this? How can you?

Your plan "sounds nice" but it is confining, not inviting, and not conducive to mobility as is the center. There the seniors move from one thing to another very easily: movies, music, exercise, dance, singing, conversation, fellowship with food and drink, or a quiet moment looking at the ocean as the waves softly kiss the shore, or sometimes throw a tantrum like a 2-year old.

The rooms flow into each other and there is no distraction as the seniors move from one room to another. None of this will happen at the Ken Edwards Center due to the way the building is constructed.

My husband and I have spent many happy and energizing times at the center at a dance class. Fifty-six years ago, I moved to Santa Monica next door to Charlotte Schwartz. She was an inspiration to me! She spent a lot of time at the beach and loved the ocean. As a widow, Charlotte continued going to the Senior Recreation Center. She rode the Big Blue Bus and was enrolled in many of the programs. She was active right up to the end. She was 94 when she died, after only six months of illness. Charlotte had no immediate family. The Senior Recreation Center was her lifeline.

The Ken Edwards Center will be like a visit to a convalescent home or a hospice – waiting for the inevitable, reminding them of their limitations. Why would you do this? Why? Seniors need this place. It is their place! It is their only hope to live victoriously.

Think about it.

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Santa Monica

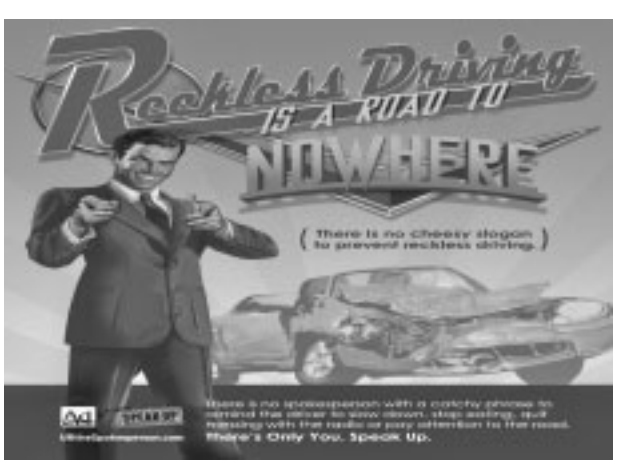
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Editor:

A BAR WORTH KEEPING

Our town is unique, as everyone knows.
The Promenade and mall are where all L.A. goes
To shop near the beach and stroll on our pier,
But if everything's shiny and new, I fear,
We will lose what's left of our storied past,
So one classic place that, for sure, should last
Is where classified papers, they say, were passed
That helped end a war that had people aghast.
A peanut from there made its way into space,
And Frank had his drinks at a booth in this place.
The portholes, the clam, the weathered wheel
Add oceanfront kitsch and beach town appeal.
Folks from all walks of life go there from afar
And are welcomed into this timeless bar.
So the city should honor this treasure, I say,
And grant a long lease to historic Chez Jay.

G.E. Matthews
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

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

The real life of a foodie

LONG BEFORE I WAS A DIVORCE LAWYER, I was in the food and beverage business. My first legal job was at a Jack in the Box, which I realize barely qualifies as food, but hey, I was 16. As a senior in high school I was a cater waiter for a network of little old ladies in my home town. In college I worked in an upscale French restaurant in Annapolis, Ma. It was a tiny 10 table place with an alcoholic chef and was run by his wife/girlfriend. I was never sure what they were, but it was a rocky relationship to be sure. The food was wonderful and I learned a great deal about food preparation and the service industry.

In law school I upgraded to working for a consulting company that was hired by troubled restaurants to come in and fix them. I loved that job because I was allowed to be a secret shopper and try menu items and critique service, and then go fix the problems I saw. I've triaged the full range of restaurants; from taquerias in East Los Angeles, to fine California fusion dining in Orange County, and an old school steakhouse in Pasadena.

This background in food and service has made me a picky customer when it comes to restaurants and waiters. I know what I like and I know what it takes to put out a good product. Which is why I'm very excited to be attending "Live From Loews: California Classics" this coming Friday night.

After a hard week of fighting for child custody for the fathers who hire me, I usually want a relaxing Friday night of dinner with friends, but this Friday I'll be at the Loews hotel on Ocean Avenue enjoying the live music by the John Brown Band. Named one of the "Best Bands in the South Bay," John Brown specializes in classic rock favorites and California dreamin' surf tunes.

The announcement says that Executive Chef Keith Roberts will showcase the best of his contemporary California coastal cuisine, including brick oven flatbreads, inventive sushi rolls, gourmet sliders, grilled fish tacos and pier-inspired desserts. On the menu is hors d'oeuvres of mini lobster pop-tarts, which I can't wait to try. The walnut shrimp and duck taquitos are also going to be heavily scrutinized by me.

As a foodie, I abhor poor quality food, and one of my favorite foods that is easily screwed up is pizza, so I'm going to be especially attentive to the brick oven pizza corner. I love ribs, and Chef Roberts is putting short ribs on pizza and I may just be in heaven.

The event is a monthly concert series that features locally-crafted beer and fine wine for those who imbibe. Personally, I'm saving my calories for the dessert bar with a fresh baked cinnamon bun sundae with homemade caramel sauce and S'more ice cream.

THIS BACKGROUND IN FOOD AND SERVICE HAS MADE ME A PICKY CUSTOMER WHEN IT COMES TO RESTAURANTS AND WAITERS. I KNOW WHAT I LIKE AND I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO PUT OUT A GOOD PRODUCT.

I'm hopeful that this event is going to be a winner, as I spend a lot of time at the Loews and this will just give me one more reason to hang out overlooking the sunset, the pier and the ocean. Rest assured that if there is something that is not up to snuff, the general manager is going to be hearing about it from me next Tuesday morning when I see him in the locker room.

General admission is $45 in advance or $55 at the door, plus service charge, and includes beer, wine, chef tastings and complimentary valet parking. To purchase tickets, visit Ticketfly.com.

This is just one more of the amazing events that we have in Santa Monica and I'm lucky to be able to take advantage of so many of them. As summer comes rolling in, we've got a wide selection of fantastic things to do in this town, and we should jump on as many of them as we can.

I've come a long way from the grease pit of that first job, and I'm very grateful for the opportunities to experience so many of the world's foods without leaving the comforts of our little burg. I hope to see you there on Friday, and if you come join us, please say hello.

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After the Bell

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So many stocks to choose from

CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT parts of investing is the method of selecting a company to invest in. And this is also one of the most controversial areas in the world of investments.

First should come the criteria. By that I mean what it is that you are looking for. For a young person earning extra money, the criteria might be something that is a bit speculative, but has the potential to make a really big hit.

In today's world that might be 3D printing. There are those that think that 3D printing is going to take over big parts of the world. You could print your own auto parts, clothing, and kitchen utensils right at home. That will be even easier than buying from Amazon.com!

A savvy investor I know recently suggested four potential 3D companies for investment. Here is what he wrote to me:

"I have an interest in the 3D printing companies (SSYS and DDD). I have been in them for awhile; long term they are exceptional. SSYS is the better company. Xerox (XRX) is very cheap here. Harman International (HAR) is poised for rapidly expanding earnings growth. Deluxe (DLX) has a good dividend and a very low multiple. This is just a partial list."

So I looked at the statistics on those 5 companies. One of them stood out from the rest, DLX. Here are the statistics from Yahoo Finance that I looked at:

- **52WK RANGE:** 17.50 - 28.22
- **VOLUME:** 443,241
- **AVG VOL (3M):** 416,875
- **MARKET CAP:** 1.15B
- **P/E (TTM):** 8.03
- **EPS (TTM):** 2.80
- **DIV & YIELD:** 1.00 (4.40 PERCENT)

The numbers that made this look good to me were, first of all, the great dividend. Secondly, the low price to earnings ratio, and third, the relatively low price.

So we bought a few hundred shares at $22.40. I did not write calls against them yet, but if the stock doesn't move up in a month or two I will begin to do that, about 10 percent above the market price, even if there isn't much premium.

Right after I bought the stock, of course, SSYS announced that it had purchased one of its competitors, an Israeli company with a lot of hi-tech people on board. So SSYS stock jumped up. And DDD stock moved up nicely. But DLX stayed about the same.

But I'm not complaining: I like that 4.4 percent dividend.

THERE ARE THOSE THAT THINK THAT 3D PRINTING IS GOING TO TAKE OVER BIG PARTS OF THE WORLD. YOU COULD PRINT YOUR OWN AUTO PARTS, CLOTHING, AND KITCHEN UTENSILS RIGHT AT HOME.

On another stock, a friend recommended Green Mountain Coffee (GMCR).

His point of view is that first, the stock has come down on rumors from about $92 to $45, so there's a lot of upside, and second, coffee is a commodity that will never go out of style. But, he warned, there are some negatives including some governmental issues with their accounting practices.

The stock certainly has taken a ride, so I looked at an article he recommended about this company. It pointed out the risks, which in addition to rumors of accounting errors included, above all, competition.

The interesting point here, for me, is just how much information one can learn from the Internet in today's world. Just from looking at primary sources I would never have considered all the risks pointed out in this article. After reading it, in spite of the temptation to buy, I've passed. But I'm going to follow the stock, and if the accounting problems disappear and the price is still in the $45 range, I might start to buy a small position.

For information about **MERV HECHT** and more details on the strategies and stocks he writes about in this column, visit his website at DoubleYourYield.com.

The Q Line

To rent or not to rent?

There's a movement afoot to ease City Hall's restrictions on allowing residences to be rented out as vacation homes. City officials are actively trying to shut the practice down, but plenty of owners would like the chance to make some extra money.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think homeowners should be allowed to rent their properties out or should the practice remain illegal?

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In these tough economic times many people are finding themselves out of work, sometimes for the first time in their lives. More than three million Americans are fired each year. After the initial shock of being fired has worn off, the practicalities of having to navigate the unemployment insurance system come into sharp focus.

Generally, you are entitled to unemployment benefits if you are unemployed through no fault of your own, for example, if you were laid off, fired for a reason other than misconduct, or quit your job for good reason. Once the Employment Development Department (EDD) has received your application for benefits, it usually conducts a telephone interview with you, and also with your employer, to find out why you were fired.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous employers challenge their former employee's application for benefits even when that employee was fired through no fault of his or her own. In this case, the employer usually claims that the employee was fired for misconduct.

If your application for benefits is denied, you have 20 days to file an appeal. If you believe that your benefits were unfairly denied, it is very important that you file a timely appeal. You will receive a hearing date about 4-6 weeks later. Sometimes, the employer does not even bother to show up to the appeal hearing; they were counting on the fact that you wouldn't fight the denial of your benefits.

The hearing is your chance to explain your side of the story to an Administrative Law Judge. It is natural to feel nervous before the hearing, but you will feel better if you are properly prepared to present your case. You should ask to review the EDD's file on your case, which will include the interview notes with your employer. This means you will get a chance to see what your employer said about why you were fired. You can also send a written request to your employer asking to inspect your personnel file pursuant to Labor Code Section 1198.5. You can ask witnesses who can corroborate your version of events to come with you to the hearing. If they can't come, you can ask them to give you a written statement to take along with you. You can also ask the EDD to subpoena witnesses for you. Finally, you should familiarize yourself with the law that applies to your case. A good starting place is the "Benefit Determination Guide" on the EDD website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/default.htm.

You don't have to bring an attorney with you to the hearing, although you may feel more confident with the support of an attorney experienced in this area. The Legal Grind can put you in touch with an attorney who can help you through the process, from advice on preparation to representation at your appeal hearing.

Depending on the circumstances of your termination, you may also wish to seek legal advice to determine whether you have any legal claims arising out of your discharge. Although most workers in California are "at will" employees, which means they can be fired for any reason or for no reason at all, even "at will" employees cannot be fired in certain circumstances. For example, an employer cannot fire its employee for a discriminatory reason; or because s/he made a health and safety complaint; or because she took time off to perform jury duty. This is a complex area of the law, and an attorney can advise you on whether you may have grounds for a wrongful discharge suit.

Upon investigation of the circumstances of your termination, an attorney may also identify violations which took place during your employment. For example, you may have an overtime claim if your employer did not pay overtime pay (time and a half) for all hours over eight in a day, and forty in a week, or a claim for meal period premium pay if you were unable to take an uninterrupted 30 minute meal break per five hours worked. Exploring potential claims with an attorney may help to give you some peace of mind in this difficult time.

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LOS ANGELES

Outlook cloudy for DWP solar power program

A Los Angeles program to boost solar power use has a cloudy outlook.

The pilot program approved by the City Council two weeks ago allows owners of warehouses and apartment buildings that have solar panels to sell some extra electricity to the Department of Water and Power.

Supporters say it will help the utility reduce reliance on coal-fired plants.

However, some business owners say they're wary because a previous DWP solar program had long delays for project approvals and frustratingly complex bills.

San Fernando Valley businessman Jack Engel tells the Los Angeles Times that his experience was so bad he won't take part in the new "feed-in-tariff" program.

However, DWP General Manager Ron Nichols says those problems are past and the utility is committed to turning things around.

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LOS ANGELES

Australian woman charged with bribery

An Australian woman suspected of prostitution is facing federal bribery charges in Los Angeles, where authorities allege she tried to pay off a pair of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents if she wasn't deported.

Leyna Le has been charged with one count of bribery and could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. She is expected to make a court appearance Monday.

An affidavit says the 41-year-old woman was stopped Friday at Los Angeles International Airport by customs agents after they learned she had previously been arrested for investigation of prostitution.

The affidavit alleges Le was in the U.S. to visit a few boyfriends and she promised two agents $2,000 each if they would help her remain.

It wasn't immediately known if Le had retained an attorney.

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LOS ANGELES

American flight from Hawaii reports engine trouble

An American Airlines flight from Hawaii has landed safely on one engine at Los Angeles International Airport after the pilot reported engine trouble.

Airline spokesman Matt Miller in Dallas says instruments on Flight 246 showed trouble with the left engine about an hour before its scheduled arrival and the engine was shut down.

He says the aircraft is designed to fly safely on one engine.

The Boeing 757 jetliner landed at 5:19 a.m. from Kona and passengers got off at the terminal gate. The 147 people on board, including the seven crewmembers, were not injured.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says FAA inspectors will work with the airline to determine the cause of the problem and ensure it is fixed before the plane is returned to service.

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LOS ANGELES

Salvadorans want community corridor designation

Boosted by dedication of an intersection to a martyred bishop, the Salvadoran community in Los Angeles is pushing for a community corridor designation like the Koreatown, Chinatown and Little Tokyo neighborhoods.

"We're trying to put a tiny flag saying 'We're here,'" said Wilson Salguero, owner of a Vermont Avenue restaurant.

A bustling Salvadoran population lives south of downtown near the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Vermont Avenue, where the square was dedicated Saturday to a Catholic archbishop killed in 1980 during El Salvador's civil war.

Designation of the intersection as Oscar Romero Square also gives Salvadorans a place in the city.

"Most ethnic groups have their representations — Chinatown, Little Armenia, Little Tokyo. We don't," truck driver Raul Contreras told the Los Angeles Times.

Romero Square should hasten the city's recognition of a Salvadoran corridor, which has been in the works since 2010, community leaders said. The corridor would be next to the Koreatown neighborhood.

Community leaders earlier succeeded in naming an elementary school for Jose Castellanos, a Salvadoran colonel who saved thousands of Jews from Nazi persecution by providing them with false Salvadoran citizenship papers.

Salvadoran community leaders hope a community corridor will awaken Salvadorans to the need for more civic engagement.

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SAN MATEO

Union stickers keep AT&T workers off job

AT&T customers in some parts of Northern California and Nevada may be waiting a bit longer than usual for service calls after a few dozen technicians were not allowed to report to work because managers feared the union stickers they were wearing might offend some people.

The San Mateo County Times reports that phone company workers throughout California were wearing pink stickers with the initials "WTF" and the words "Where's The Fairness?" printed on them.

The decals refer to a labor dispute between AT&T and the technicians, who have been working without a contract since last week. But the initials also are shorthand for a commonly used slang phrase that includes an expletive.

Communications Workers of American spokeswoman Libby Sayre says employees boasting the badges were turned away from offices in San Mateo, San Jose, Sacramento and Reno.

AT&T spokesman John Britton said the company is committed to bargaining in good faith with the union.

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Vermont debates letting parents say no to vaccines

BY DAVE GRAM
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. For Jennifer Stella, it's a question of informed consent. Her son had a seizure after getting childhood vaccinations and her daughter suffered a "head-to-toe" eczema outbreak; she says parents should research the risks and benefits of immunizations and decide which ones are appropriate.

For Jill Olson, a mother of two, it's a matter of trusting the experts. "There's not really any way that as an individual I can do more scientific study and research than the American Academy of Pediatrics or the Centers for Disease Control."

For Vermont House Speaker Shap Smith, the state motto sums it up: "freedom and unity" — individual choice versus the public health benefit of having a high percentage of kids vaccinated.

"It's a balance between individual rights and our obligations to each other in society," the Democratic speaker said.

For much of the legislative session, Vermont has been embroiled in a debate over whether to end the "philosophical exemption" — essentially a right of refusal for parents who want to enroll their children in school or child care without immunizations. The list of shots called for by the state Health Department and the CDC is roughly 20 by the time a child enters kindergarten.

The CDC and state health officials say Vermont is among the states with the highest exemption rates for childhood vaccinations. Some say it's no coincidence that Vermont recently has seen an outbreak of one of the diseases the vaccines target: pertussis, or whooping cough.

In 2010-11, the latest school year for which data is available, an Associated Press analysis of state health department data showed Alaska with nearly 9 percent of kindergarten children exempted. Colorado's rate was 7 percent and Vermont and Washington state each had 6 percent.

As the 2012 legislative session winds down, lawmakers are at loggerheads: The Senate voted 26-4 in early March to eliminate the philosophical exemption; the House voted 93-36 earlier this month to keep it.

If no agreement is reached, the legislation will die and Vermont will remain among the 20 states that allow some form of philosophical exemption from required childhood immunizations. All but a handful of states offer religious exemptions, and all allow medical exemptions for kids.

Many of Vermont's more vocal vaccine skeptics are active in alternative health and natural food movements and are critical of what they see as a profit-driven pharmaceutical industry. Stella, a homeopathic health practitioner, works at a clinic that also offers massage and herbal medicine.

Critics of the philosophical exemption say Vermont's immunization rates have been dropping, a slide that must be halted to preserve what public health officials call "herd immunity." That's when most of the population is immunized against a specific disease to keep outbreaks from occurring.

Christine Finley, immunization program manager at the state Health Department, said the percentage of Vermont kindergarteners with all their required immunizations dropped from 93 percent in 2005 to 83 percent in 2010.

Aside from pertussis, Finley said, Vermont has not seen big increases in other vaccine-preventable diseases, but she argued prevention is necessary. "Do you want to wait until you've got a measles outbreak?" she asked.

Stella's group, the Vermont Coalition for Vaccine Choice, says the rate of vaccination decline is exaggerated, since kids are counted as unvaccinated if they miss just one of the required shots.

Finley said Vermont and other states with high exemption rates have seen recent outbreaks of pertussis, or whooping cough, a sometimes fatal bacterial infection of the upper respiratory tract. Pertussis vaccine is part of the required childhood immunization schedule. And because the immunity wears off over time, the CDC advises everyone 11 and older to get a booster shot, Finley said.

Vermont saw 102 pertussis cases between January and the first week of April, Finley said, more than were reported in the state all last year. Washington state had 640 cases of pertussis from January through March, up from 94 for the same period last year.

One of the most vocal Vermont lawmakers pushing to end the philosophical exemption has been Rep. George Till, D-Jericho, an obstetrician-gynecologist. He has complained bitterly of parents failing to get their children immunized and putting other children at risk.

"The question is whether they have the right to endanger other children in the school setting," he said during a recent House debate on ending the philosophical exemption.

Stella dismissed that criticism, saying vaccines aren't always effective in all children and that some who have received shots are as susceptible to disease as those who have not.

One hot spot for the immunization debate in Vermont has been Middlesex, just outside the capital of Montpelier, where 41 of 157 elementary children at Rumney Memorial School come from families filling out a state form and exempting them from vaccines.

Rumney school nurse Martha Israel — who was quick to say she was speaking only for herself and not for the school — said she does not want to see kids kicked out of school because their parents won't have them vaccinated.

"I don't think we deny our children in Vermont a public school education because we don't agree with the medical choices their parents make, when we're not in a public health crisis," said Israel, a school nurse since 1989.

Gov. Peter Shumlin has sided with the House's push for more education on immunizations over the Senate's push to remove the philosophical exemption — a 180-degree turn from the position his health commissioner, Dr. Harry Chen, pushed for earlier in this year's legislative session.

"I do not believe that in the end the government should dictate to parents what inoculations their kids have to get in order to get a public education in Vermont," the governor said. He said he wants Vermont to "start with more education, to separate the myths that you read about on the Internet with the facts that health care providers will give you on this."

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After NYC boy vanished, era of anxiety was born

BY MEGHAN BARR
Associated Press

NEW YORK A generation of sheltered American children grew up in the shadow of anxiety that fell over this country one day in 1979, when a little boy with a charming grin vanished from a Manhattan street corner.

They never knew his name or saw that angelic-looking face. But their parents would never forget it.

For some, their caution was simply a result of what they read in news reports. Others, including Jim Stratton, had an immediate and very personal reason to be afraid.

"It sent a chill through everybody," said Stratton, 73, whose son was in the same neighborhood play group as Etan Patz, the 6-year-old who never boarded his school bus on May 25, 1979. "You could not leave your child for a minute. Anywhere. It was like a dark cloud had come over the neighborhood."

Before Etan disappeared, the notion that a child could be abducted right off the street, in broad daylight, was not familiar. Children roamed their hometowns freely, unencumbered by fear. They could walk to school and the bus stop and just about anywhere they pleased all by themselves. That all changed after Etan set off for school in his favorite pilot's cap and corduroy jacket and did not return.

A new age of paranoia had grabbed hold of the national psyche. And so many years later, that paralyzing sense of fear has yet to fully release its grip.

"In many ways, it was the end of an era of innocence," said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children. "And parents suddenly became much more protective and much more hovering over their children."

Etan was one of the first missing children whose face would appear on a milk carton. In the coming years more faces would follow, mutely appealing for help from a public that began, for the first time, to mobilize on a grand scale in its efforts to find them. Even now, after more than 30 years, we still haven't given up hope for a resolution, for answers to every parent's worst nightmare.

Last week, authorities began ripping up an old basement near Etan's SoHo loft with the aim of finding his remains, spurred on by a cadaver-sniffing dog that picked up a scent there.

"He was here the whole time for all of us," said Cass Collins, Stratton's wife, who has been haunted by the boy's disappearance ever since. "He was always in our thoughts."

The ones who never made it home are painfully seared in the nation's collective memory. There was 6-year-old Adam Walsh, kidnapped and killed in 1981 when he wandered away from his mother at a department store in Hollywood, Fla.

There was 12-year-old paperboy Johnny Gosch, never again seen after vanishing on his newspaper route in 1982 in West Des Moines, Iowa.

There was Jacob Wetterling, abducted by a masked gunman in 1989 while riding his bicycle home from a convenience store in St. Joseph, Minn.

"There were some kids who biked around with a switchblade in their basket after it happened," said Alison Feigh, 34, who grew up with Wetterling and sat next to him in sixth-grade math class. "There was a change of our innocence at that time. In sixth grade, I didn't even have the word abduction — that wasn't even part of my vocabulary."

Now a program coordinator for the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, which teaches parents and children how to build safer communities, Feigh is fighting for a world in which children can explore beyond the edge of their driveways in this era of helicopter parenting.

"We want kids to walk around smart and not scared," she said.

But how to shake the fear? Collins, a writer, has two grown sons, one of whom was a rather anxious kid, often fretting about venturing off on his own, she said. Last week, when she read about the renewed search for Etan and felt that old familiar gut punch to her stomach, Collins decided to apologize to her son.

"I said to him, 'If you got a sense from us that the world is a scary place, it came from Etan Patz,'" she said, her voice choked with tears. "That's where it came from. And I'm sorry if we did do that. Because it's not a good thing to imbue in a child."

Yukie Ohta, now 43, was 10 years old when Etan disappeared from SoHo, where she grew up. They used to play in the same basement that is now being torn up by investigators. She remembers making necklaces out of dry macaroni down there. And she vividly recalls the search for her playmate that went on for weeks.

The posters, the neighborhood meetings, the milk cartons. The police officers knocking on her door.

"I would never let my child take the bus alone at age 8 or 10, but we all did when we were kids," Ohta said. "I think it was just a different time and place."

Ohta's mother brought her up with the rose-colored idea that Etan was still out there somewhere, alive. She has clung to this story, all the while knowing it was probably not true.

"That idea sort of has been shattered," she said last week after the latest search for his remains began. "And it's a little hard to take. You try to cope with something the best you can. And if you don't know, you can make up stories."

With each lost child came improvements in the way law enforcement agencies handle reports of missing children. In 1982, Congress passed the Missing Children Act, which established a toll-free missing children's hotline. Two years later, the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children came into existence.

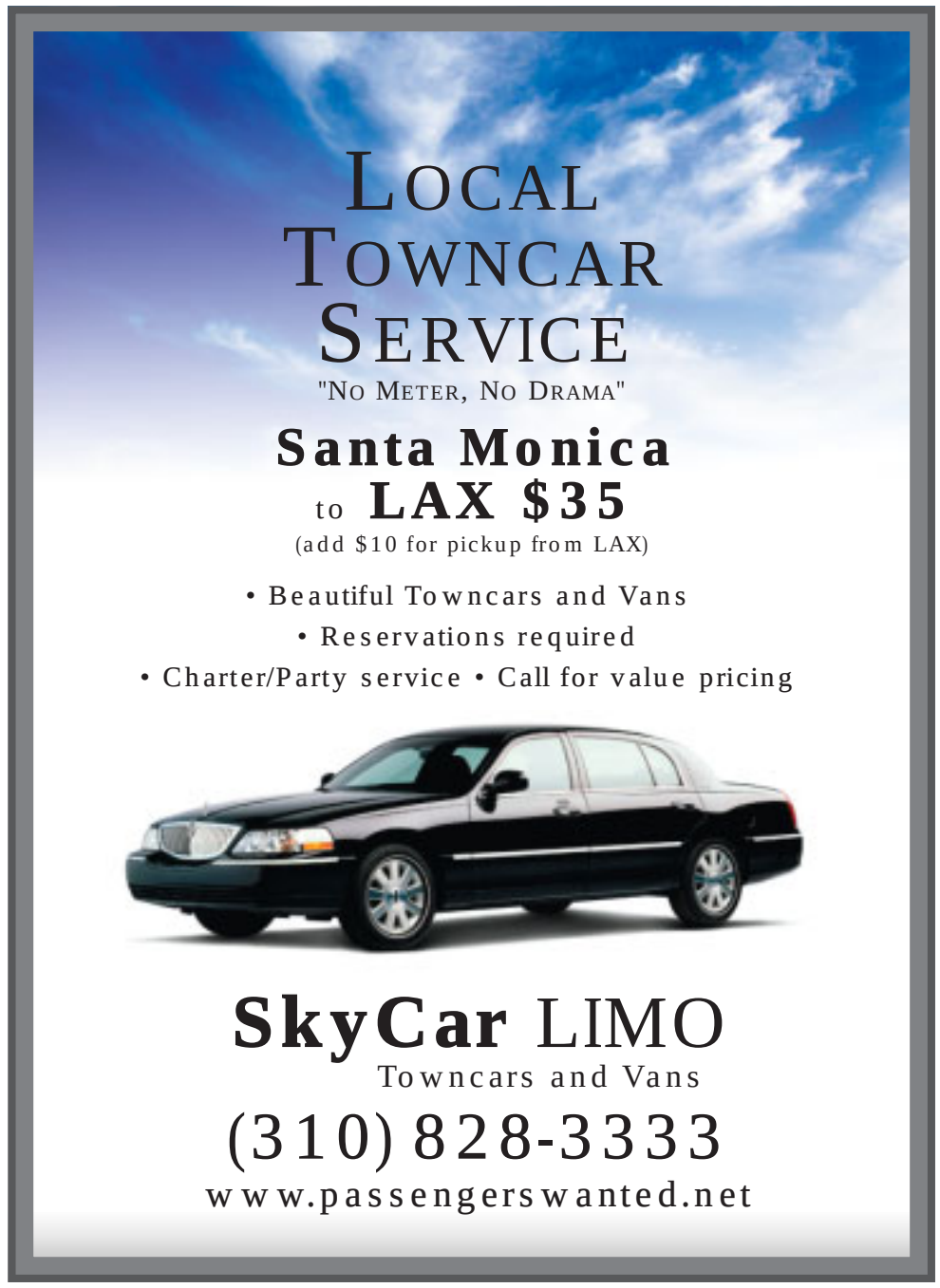
After 9-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted and murdered in Arlington, Texas, in 1996, the Amber Alert was created to broadcast news of a missing child through radio and television stations and on billboards.

These are just a few of the many protections enacted throughout the years. As a result, experts say, it's never been safer to be a child growing up in America.

Try telling that to parents like Jodi Halkin, of Palm Beach, Fla., who grew up around the corner from Adam Walsh. The mall where he was abducted stood across the street from her father's office. Halkin won't even write her children's names on their T-shirts or backpacks out of fear that a stranger might be able to call one of them by name.

"Though I realize that the likelihood of any one of my own three children being abducted is likely less than them being struck by lightning," she wrote in an e-mail, "that doesn't mean that it's not a real, albeit slightly irrational, fear."





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HOTEL
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November ballot.

The petitioners began gathering signatures over the weekend, according to the City Clerk's Office.

The team behind the hotel, led by local property owner Alexander Gorby, was "puzzled" to hear about the referendum, said Ken Kutcher, a land-use attorney shepherding the project through the approval process.

"The project is not controversial," Kutcher said. "It's a good project, it will bring tax revenue and employment opportunities. It's the first project of its kind to have a living wage requirement."

The living wage requirement was one of the only portions of the development agreement that drew fire at City Council hearings on March 20 and 27. Members of the business community and Unite Here! filled the Council Chambers for the first reading of the law that would signal the council's acceptance of the terms of the development agreement for the hotel.

Council members wrangled over the living wage, going through several motions before arriving at a wage rate between Gorby's original proposal and that advocated by the unions.

The final vote — which promised a wage of either $11.29 or $12.54 per hour depending on whether workers received benefits — fell far short of the $15 per hour union representatives were hoping for and looked like an overstep to members of the business community.

The union decided that more dramatic action had to be taken after the ordinance passed on its second reading on March 27, Torres said.

"We knew that the vote on the second reading required immediate response," Torres said. "There was no time to delay and contemplate how things are going to go."

If the development agreement is discarded by the council in July or goes to the ballot box in November, it will not guarantee the union a higher living wage at the hotel, but it will have farther-reaching implications.

The development agreement for 710 Wilshire Blvd. required that at least two other future hotels be saddled with some kind of living wage provision. If they didn't, hotel workers at the 710 Wilshire project would no longer be promised the higher wage rates.

Those agreements will be coming before officials in coming months. If the 710 Wilshire development agreement does not survive, the other hotels could have a living wage provision that their competitor does not have.

If it does not fail but the other hotels negotiate without a living wage provision, the question with 710 Wilshire's living wage is moot.

Furthermore, City Hall could lose the chance at an $11 million restoration of the landmarked Santa Monica Professional Building.

That kind of opportunity doesn't come along every day, said Carol Lemlein of the Santa Monica Conservancy, which has come out in support of the project at recent meetings.

"Over time, it was growing rather shabby," Lemlein said. "One has to be worried about these buildings if they're not put into an active use. They can be up for demolition."

Although the process is complicated, landmarked buildings can be demolished. To date, at least four landmarked buildings have been demolished or substantially demolished in Santa Monica.

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HOW IT WORKS

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Brian Brown, an employee of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, demonstrates to PS1 Pluralistic School students on Sunday how pollution makes its way into the the world's oceans.

PRISON

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U.S. Supreme Court, but the high court also gave the state leeway to negotiate the final inmate count.

The state will have difficulty demonstrating why the judicial panel and the nation's high court were wrong in setting a lower population cap, said Rebekah Evenson, an attorney with the Berkeley-based nonprofit Prison Law Office that plans to oppose the move.

Prison officials likely would have to continue housing inmates in private prisons out of state if the court rejects the state's higher goal for its inmate population and orders it to meet next year's deadline.

The federal courts had ordered the state to reduce its inmate population by 40,000 from the record high of 173,479 in 2006, ruling that jamming inmates into triple bunks, day rooms, gyms and other areas was preventing the rapid and efficient delivery of medical care. The corrections department has shed a little more than 20,000 prisoners so far.

While it argues against building new prisons, the corrections department is going with a separate plan to build medical and mental health facilities to accommodate the mandates of a federal receivership that has been in place since 2006. That includes a new prison hospital in Stockton to treat inmates requiring long-term medical care and intensive mental health treatment.

The state and attorneys representing inmates have a deadline next week to recommend to a federal judge how and when to end the receivership.

"It's our goal to get out of all of our health care-related court oversight by the end of 2013," Cate said.

Complying with the court oversight of inmate medical and mental health treatment is just one of the challenges facing the state prison system. Equally problematic is California's ongoing budget crisis.

The Legislature has cut tens of billions of dollars from higher education, health care, social services, state parks and other core functions during the recession, a time when state prison costs have soared.

California's prison costs rose from 3 percent of general fund spending in 1980 to 11 percent in 2009. If the master plan released Monday is implemented, that would fall to 7.5 percent.

County officials have expressed concern over the realignment plan because the state has not guaranteed them the money to pay for it. Gov. Jerry Brown wants to place that guarantee in the state Constitution as part of a tax-hike initiative he is proposing for the November ballot.

The master plan released Monday also calls for closing the California Rehabilitation Center, a 3,900-inmate medium security prison in the Riverside County community of Norco, a building that opened in 1928 as a luxury hotel and served as a Naval hospital before the state took it over.

Closing the prison would save about $160 million a year in operating costs.

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available in the current fiscal year.

Staff selected IPC, Inc. out of a pool of five bidders. The company offered the lowest cost and came with positive feedback, according to a staff report.

The purchase constitutes a change in past policy because emergency response vehicles have used premium gasoline in the past. The new contract with IPC, Inc. only covers regular gasoline.

BBB SERVICES

City officials are asking the council to sign off on three contracts totaling $1,036,921 covering detailing services and replacement parts for city buses and extra security for the Big Blue Bus campus.

The first is a three-year contract with Uniserve Facilities Service, Inc., a California-based company, for cleaning services for the Big Blue Bus system.

City Hall has $292,000 set aside for the first two years of the contract. The remaining money will have to be approved at a future date.

The second is a $300,000 contract for replacement parts for the diesel transit buses.

Staff selected Ironman Inc., a California-based company, to provide "particulate traps" for the buses. The components remove soot and other materials from engine exhaust.

The total contract is for $450,000, but only $300,000 is requested for approval on Tuesday night.

The last matter is a $126,500 addition to a security contract with ABM Security Inc. to pay for extra security needed at a fuel station near the Fifth Street exit off Interstate 10.

SCRUB A DUB

Council is likely to approve a $480,000 contract to purchase eco-friendly cleaning chemicals from California-based Hillyard, Inc.

Hillyard, Inc.'s products were recommended by in-house and contract custodial staff because they performed better than the products of two other competitors for the contract.

Hillyard's products have been approved by the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for use throughout the city.

The contract would run through June 30, 2016.

INSPECTION SERVICES

City Hall is looking to contract with Willdan Geotechnical for inspection and testing services on the rebuilt Parking Structure 6.

The company beat out four other firms because of its experience, references and competitive prices, according to a staff report.

The $285,500 contract will pay for material testing and inspection to ensure that the concrete, masonry, steel, welding work and bolts that go into the newly-constructed parking structure meet City Hall's requirements.

The parking structure is currently being demolished. The new building is expected to be finished in late 2013.

BROADCAST SERVICES

Because no one wants to be deprived of their bi-weekly Tuesday night entertainment, City Hall is renewing a contract with the Santa Monica Community College District to broadcast City Council meetings over its radiowaves.

The $152,520 contract pays for another year of live radio broadcasts of the council meetings from 8 p.m. to midnight on public radio station 89.9 FM KCRW.

City Hall plans to renegotiate the contract for the 2014 fiscal year.

The broadcasts cover a 150-mile radius throughout Southern California and KCRW claims a weekly listenership of 550,000.

City Hall and the district have contracted to broadcast the meetings for over 20 years.

BIKE FUNDS

Sometimes you have to spend money to make money.

City officials want $120,000 to compete for a $1.2 million grant from the California Department of Transportation to pay for design and construction of a bike center on 17th Street.

The money equates to a 10 percent matching requirement for the grant, which would be used to build facilities to support bicyclists who use the Exposition Light Rail line at the planned 17th Street station.

The $1.08 million facility will include bike parking, lockers, showers, bike sharing and information for visitors. It's expected to serve those Santa Monica College students who use the station.

MORE INSPECTION

If approved by the council on Tuesday, the Smith-Emery Co. will get $113,212 to test structural concrete, masonry and grout elements at two parks being built adjacent to City Hall.

The firm beat out 20 others for the staff recommendation to perform testing services on the Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square Park, according to the report.

The firm will supply a deputy inspector, 275 concrete cylinder tests and 75 masonry, mortar and grout tests.

The inspector will be on the project for 140 days from April 2012 to July 2013.

MARIA, MARIA!

City staff are requesting $15,000 to keep on the retiring city clerk until a replacement can be found.

According to a staff report, the head hunting firm Alliance Resource Consulting will bring forward candidates in enough time for the City Council to select a new clerk by June or July.

Rather than allow a lapse in services, Maria Stewart, who is expected to retire in May, will be kept on for election-related tasks.

All other clerk duties will be assigned to the assistant city clerk during the interim period.

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Supreme Court hears Arizona immigration dispute

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court will referee another major clash between the Obama administration and the states, this one over Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigrants. The case could add fuel to the partisan split over tough state immigration laws backed by Republicans but challenged by the administration.

Like last month's arguments over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the immigration case is expected to be decided at the end of June.

Wednesday's arguments will focus on whether states can adopt their own immigration measures to deal with an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants, or whether the federal government has almost exclusive authority in the area of immigration.

Arizona was the first of a half-dozen states to enact laws intended to drive illegal immigrants elsewhere, a policy known as "attrition by enforcement." Even where blocked by courts, these laws have already had an impact on farm fields and school classrooms as fewer immigrants showed up.

"If the federal government had been doing and would continue to do its job in securing the border here in southern Arizona, this would not be an issue. Unfortunately, they failed to do that so Arizona stepped up and said, 'We want to be partners. Here's a role we think we can play,'" said Sheriff Larry Dever of Cochise County, which shares an 83.5-mile border with Mexico in the state's southeastern corner.

The administration says it has both increased border enforcement to keep people from entering illegally in the first place and picked up the pace of deportations. In its first two years, the administration deported nearly 800,000 people, far higher on a yearly basis than President George W. Bush's administration.

The Obama administration sued to block the Arizona law soon after its enactment two years ago. Federal courts have refused to let four key provisions take effect: requiring police, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if officers suspect he is in the country illegally; requiring all immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers; making it a state criminal offense for an illegal immigrant to seek work or hold a job and allowing police to arrest suspected illegal immigrants without warrants.

Five states — Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah — have adopted variations on Arizona's law. Parts of those laws also are on hold pending the outcome of the Supreme Court case.

Civil rights groups that mounted legal challenges independent of the administration's say the laws encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping. "It blurs what used to be a very bright line, that you can't stop someone and ask for papers based just on how they look," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "But the impact is on citizens as much as immigrants. It's a dragnet approach that sweeps up law-abiding American citizens based on the color of their skin or ethnic origins."

And the state laws already have had a marked effect on people's behavior, whether or not the laws ever went into force, the groups say.

In some states, crops rotted in fields for want of workers to pick them. In Alabama, where a provision required schools to check student's citizenship status, more than 2,000 students stayed home the first week the law was in effect, said Karen Tumlin, managing attorney for the National Immigration Law Center. Foreign employees, including a German Mercedes-Benz executive, have been detained or ticketed for not carrying immigration documents.

In Arizona, around the time Gov. Jan Brewer signed the immigration law, lifelong Arizona resident Jim Shee twice confronted police officers who came to his car window asking to see his "papers."

Shee, 72, is of Chinese and Spanish descent. "I'm not blond-haired and blue-eyed. My grandkids aren't blond-haired and blue-eyed. I don't want to see this happening to them," Shee said.

He has joined a lawsuit filed by a coalition of civil rights groups. The suit is on hold until the high court renders a decision.

Shee said he carries his passport in case he gets stopped again.

The number of illegal immigrants in Arizona has declined by about a third in recent years, from 530,000 in 2007 to 360,000 in 2011, according to federal government estimates.

Experts have attributed the decrease to several factors, including the economic downturn, tighter border security and state immigration laws. A 2007 Arizona law, allowed to take effect last year by the Supreme Court, prohibits employers from knowingly hiring illegal immigrants.

But in Arizona and elsewhere, the appetite for new immigration measures appears to have waned, in part because business leaders have objected. Arizona voters ousted Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce, the architect of the 2010 law and the driving force behind other Arizona immigration laws, in a November recall election.

"There has been a great deal of buyer's remorse in those states that have enacted Arizona-type legislation," the ACLU's Romero said.

The high court decision will land in the middle of a presidential campaign in which Obama has been heavily courting Latino voters and presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney has been struggling to win Latino support after a drawn-out primary campaign in which he and the other GOP candidates mostly embraced a hard line to avoid accusations that they support any kind of "amnesty" for illegal immigrants living in the U.S.

Justice Elena Kagan sat out last year's case and also will not take part in the new immigration case, presumably because of her work in the Obama administration. The court's conservative majority held sway in last year's 5-3 decision.

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Now out of jail, Zimmerman fades from sight while waiting

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. George Zimmerman, who slipped out of jail on $150,000 bail in the early morning darkness, went back into hiding Monday and likely fled to another state to avoid threats as he awaits his second-degree murder trial for the killing of Trayvon Martin.

Even though authorities can pinpoint his location with a GPS ankle bracelet Zimmerman must wear 24-7, the public may not see him again for some time. Zimmerman has waived his appearance at his upcoming arraignment next month, so he can stay underground if he wants.

His release from jail came less than a day before the city commission was to vote to approve the permanent resignation of Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee, who was roundly criticized for not initially charging Zimmerman in the case.

Zimmerman already has experience laying low: For more than a month before his arrest, he eluded the media and his whereabouts were not known. His attorney has suggested he had several options for where Zimmerman can stay this time, and a judge indicated he was willing to let Zimmerman leave the state.

Until the next time he must come before a judge, Zimmerman will have to skip such routine pleasures as eating in a restaurant or taking a long stroll outside, said Jose Baez, a former attorney for Casey Anthony. Anthony, acquitted last summer of killing her 2-year-old daughter, went into hiding after her release from jail.

"He may be free, but he's not free," Baez said.

First, Zimmerman must limit who knows his whereabouts to avoid the risk someone will give the secret away, Baez said.

"Unfortunately, the people you think you trust, sometimes you find you just really can't," Baez said.

To throw off curious onlookers and the media, Zimmerman could change his look. Anthony went from a long-haired brunette to a bobbed blonde while serving a year of probation on an unrelated charge at an undisclosed location in Florida.

Next, Zimmerman needs to go someplace where he knows few people and they don't know him, said Evan Ratliff, who wrote the book (or at least the magazine article) on how to vanish in the 21st century. In 2009, Wired magazine challenged its readers to try to find Ratcliff, who deliberately vanished with the help of disguises, prepaid phones, fake business cards and software that protected his Internet identity, at least for a while. Ratliff eventually was caught because readers were able to trace him through the IP address of a computer he had used.

"He needs to be where he is not around people who are known to be close to him," Ratliff said. "Not a friend's house. Not a relative's house."

Zimmerman needs to refrain from making any public statements, whether via social media sites like Facebook or Twitter or his own website, www.therealgeorgezimmerman.com, both Baez and Ratliff said. Zimmerman is using his website to help raise money for his legal defense.

Early indications are that will be tough for Zimmerman to resist. After a judge agreed to release him on bond, a statement placed on his website said, "GZ hopes to be able to update the site in the next day or two, God willing. He sends his thanks for your thoughts and support."

If he just can't resist getting messages out to his supporters, Zimmerman may be better off using Facebook and Twitter instead of his website because it probably has much weaker security than the social media sites, Ratliff said. Someone could find out where he is by hacking his website or an email account, he said.

"Anytime you are on the Internet, you are potentially traceable," Ratliff said. "The best way to not be found by anyone is to not use any technology at all."

Whatever means Zimmerman uses to hide, it could get expensive.

Zimmerman has limited resources. He was working at a mortgage risk management firm but stopped working there after the confrontation with Martin because of the public attention. His wife, Shellie, is in nursing school and doesn't work.

His attorney, Mark O'Mara, did not return phone calls Monday but has ruled out Zimmerman getting a job while he is out on bail. And O'Mara wrote in court papers that Zimmerman "has no significant financial assets or savings."

Zimmerman at least has some experience hiding. He went underground after the Feb. 26 confrontation with Martin at the Sanford, Fla., gated community of townhomes where Zimmerman lived.

Martin was unarmed and was walking back to the home of his father's fiancee when the neighborhood watch volunteer saw him, called police and began following him. A fight broke out — investigators say it is unknown who started it.

Zimmerman says Martin, who was visiting from Miami, attacked him. Zimmerman says he shot Martin in self-defense, citing Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives broad legal protection to anyone who says they used deadly force because they feared death or great bodily harm.

Zimmerman was not charged for more than six weeks, sparking nationwide protests. Martin was black; Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is from Peru. A special prosecutor appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to investigate filed a second-degree murder charge earlier this month.

Martin's parents have a "heavy heart" now that Zimmerman has been released from jail, said Benjamin Crump, an attorney for the 17-year-old's parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton.

"They hope his freedom is temporary because the pain he has caused this family is permanent," Crump said Monday.

The shooting led to the local prosecutor recusing himself from the case, and the Sanford City Commission was to vote Monday to approve police Chief Bill Lee's permanent resignation. Lee, who had gotten a vote of "no confidence" from commissioners, stepped aside temporarily in March to let emotions cool.

As a condition of his release, Zimmerman cannot have any guns and must observe a 7 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew. He surrendered his passport and will have to contact his monitors every three days.

Given his success at eluding searchers before his arrest, Baez said he is confident Zimmerman will keep out of public view.

"Based on his prior actions, he seems to be a very careful guy," Baez said. "Based on his prior ability to lay low, he will be fine. He is going to do exactly what is required of him."

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The Performing Arts Center – East Wing project consists of a new two-story facility that would include a multi-purpose room, additional instructional space, offices, lighting, utility and signage improvements. A tentative Project budget has been set at $11,000,000.

The Information & Technology project consists of approximately 14,000 s.f. of new construction and 11,000 s.f. of renovation housing the programming, technical staff and the main server room. A tentative Project budget has been set at $11,000,000.

The Business Services Building project consists of seismic retrofit and renovations of two stories of office over a mixed parking and office use at grade level over one level of subterranean parking. A tentative Project budget has been set at $5,000,000.

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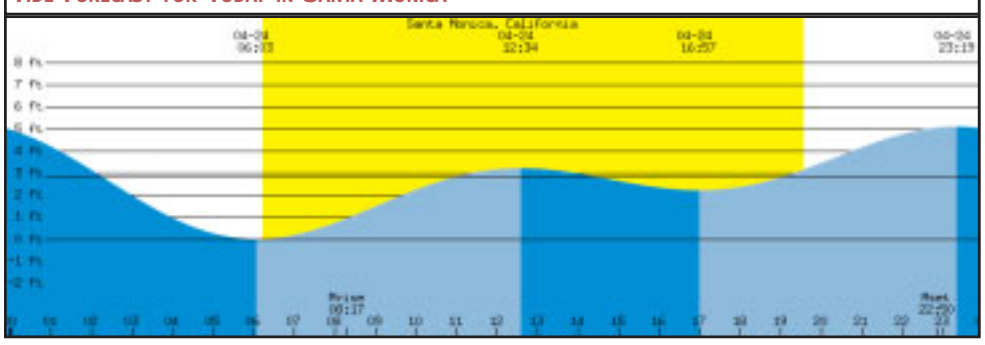
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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 18, 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 -- 9
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 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+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
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.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	B	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	C
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

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

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

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NFL

Raiders approach draft with no Davis

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. For nearly a half-century, Al Davis ran the Oakland Raiders' draft room in his own unique way. He coveted speed and size, seemingly ahead of almost all other attributes.

His picks often baffled so-called experts and other teams, with some turning into surprising successes and others into notable flops.

Now there's a new man in charge in Oakland. General manager Reggie McKenzie began overhauling the organization after being hired in January and now is preparing for the team's first draft since Davis died last October. This will be the first Raiders draft that Davis has not run since 1962.

"It's an exciting time," McKenzie said. "Coach Davis, this has been his deal since the Raiders were the Raiders. So, I am the new guy. This is my first time drafting after a legend has been drafting for the Raiders for so long. So, it's huge. But I am excited about it and I am looking forward to it. There are still so many people in the organization, so I get to hear everything about how he used to do it."

McKenzie will likely have to wait a while to make his first pick, which won't be until the final selection on Day 2 with the 95th overall pick at the end of the third round — the first of the team's three compensatory picks.

The Raiders traded their first-round pick last October for quarterback Carson Palmer, a second-rounder during last year's draft for backup running back Taiwan Jones and offensive lineman Joe Barksdale, and spent a third-rounder to take quarterback project Terrelle Pryor in the supplemental draft.

Oakland also dealt a fourth-rounder to Washington in 2010 for former starting quarterback Jason Campbell and a seventh-rounder last year for starting outside linebacker Aaron Curry.

That leaves McKenzie with compensatory picks at the end of the third, fourth and fifth rounds and Oakland's original picks in the fifth and sixth. With McKenzie unable to trade compensatory picks and unwilling to give up future high picks, it seems unlikely the Raiders will be able to pick before 95th.

"We need some depth to compete and hopefully win jobs," he said. "That's what we're targeting. When we say best player, whether it's D-line, linebacker, O-line, tight end ... it doesn't matter. We want to get a good player. We've got five picks. We need to make them all count."

Davis' drafting acumen helped build championship teams in the 1970s and 80s. He got Super Bowl-winning quarterback Ken Stabler and Hall of Fame offensive lineman Art Shell in the second and third rounds in 1968; big-play receiver Cliff Branch in the fourth round in 1972; Hall of Fame tight end Dave Casper in the second round in 1974; star cornerback Lester Hayes in the fifth round in 1977 and Hall of Fame defensive end Howie Long in the second round in 1981.

But there were more misses than hits in recent years, contributing to a run of nine straight seasons without a winning record or playoff berth.

Of the 12 first-round picks since 2001, including six players in the top 10, Nnamdi Asomugha is the only one to make a Pro Bowl. More notable were busts like quarterback JaMarcus Russell in 2007 or taking offensive lineman Robert Gallery over Larry Fitzgerald in 2004.

There was also the constant obsession with speed, most notably when Davis drafted Darrius Heyward-Bey seventh overall in 2009, ahead of far more accomplished receivers. Heyward-Bey had a breakthrough season last year but still has fewer receptions, yards and touchdowns than the five receivers taken after him in the first round that year.

The infatuation with speed got to the point that as soon as a player clocked in at under 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the NFL combine, jokes immediately started that the Raiders will draft him no matter what he's done on the football field.

Last year's Raiders roster featured the fastest players at the last three combines and five other players clocked at 4.36 seconds or better in the 40 at the combine or their pro days.



MOVIE TIMES

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1:30pm, 9:40pm

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Three Stooges (PG) 1hr 32min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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

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11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

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11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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My Way (NR) 1hr 30min
1:30pm, 9:40pm

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1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Hit So Hard (NR) 1hr 43min
9:45pm

Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) 1hr 27min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm

Royal Opera House's Rigoletto ENCORE (NR)
7:30pm

Hunter (R) 1hr 40min
4:40pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:45pm

Lockout (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Lucky One (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

Simple Life (Tao jie) (NR) 1hr 59min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Be among friends tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Take a serious look at your talents and potential. Use these abilities rather than put them on the back burner. Do not hesitate to get feedback from respected authorities; listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Impulsiveness could set in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your insight tosses plans into the blender once more. You know what works and what doesn't. Regroup and help others make better decisions. Tonight: Share more of yourself, including a favorite pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Sudden actions from others demonstrate that certain people are not sharing as much as you thought. Recognize that other factors determine their choices. Tonight: You are the action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Listen to news, even if you are uncomfortable with what you are hearing. Try not to be in denial, because ultimately you'll only hurt yourself. Test out your observations and sensitivities on a trusted friend at a later point during the day. Tonight: Do what feels good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ New ideas cause you to adjust your plans or a project. You'll gain a lot of insight if you remain open to this information. You might not encourage change, but ultimately the end results will be better if you let it happen. Tonight: Where you most want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand if a partner or close associate continues his or her pattern of wreaking havoc in your life. Though you cannot change this person, you can establish stronger boundaries. Do just that, if need be. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot risk myopic vision. Step back to gain a better and more complete perspective. Avoid nitpicking over details right now. Tonight: Choose a mind-relaxing activity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to relate directly and with clarity emerges. A person who you often see acts in an unusual manner. Perhaps you need to accept that behavior. You might not like the muck that you could land in otherwise. Tonight: Special time with a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Rather than make a decision, sit back on your haunches and relax. Observe more. Others will make the first move, which allows greater possibilities and adds a new dimension to your one-on-one relating. Tonight: Be among friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Accomplish as much as you can. You might need to block a personal situation or detach temporarily in order to clear up other more urgent matters. Someone has good intentions, but his or her actions and/or thoughts could interfere with your agenda. Tonight: Lose your stress. Hop into a hot tub or go to the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity allows you to be more whimsical than many other people. You gain understanding and are able to convey a more complete vision to listeners. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Remain centered, even if it means not answering calls. You have much to do and do not need any distractions. A situation suddenly could take on another perspective, and yet another. Go with the flow with this matter rather than interfere. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

Happy birthday

This year you'll survey your assets, talents and financial well-being. If you feel unfulfilled or insecure, look to an unused talent or asset you possess. This trait might need to be developed, and the result could delight you. Learn to convey your caring in an appropriate manner that the listener can hear and accept. If you are single, use good sense as to how much you'll share before getting to know a potential sweetie. If you are attached, curb your criticism and increase your appreciation. Accept your significant other as he or she is. GEMINI knows how to spend your money; however, do not count on his or her moneymaking abilities!

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

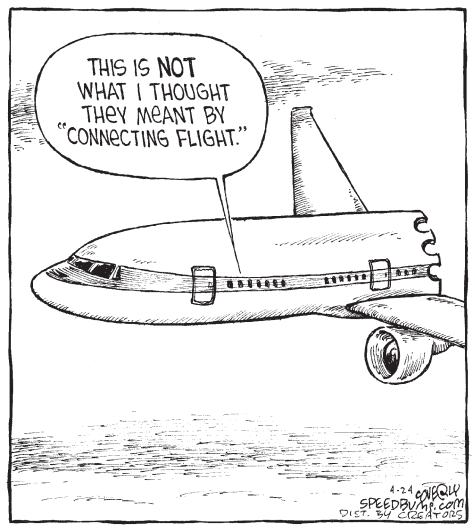


MYSTERY REVEALED!

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Reader Jim Gannon correctly identified this photo as Chez Jay, the iconic restaurant located on Ocean Avenue. He will receive a gift from the Daily Press. Check out Wednesday's edition for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



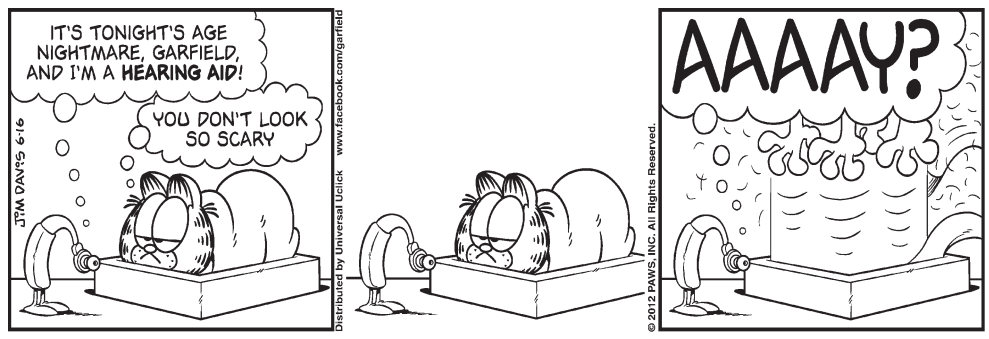
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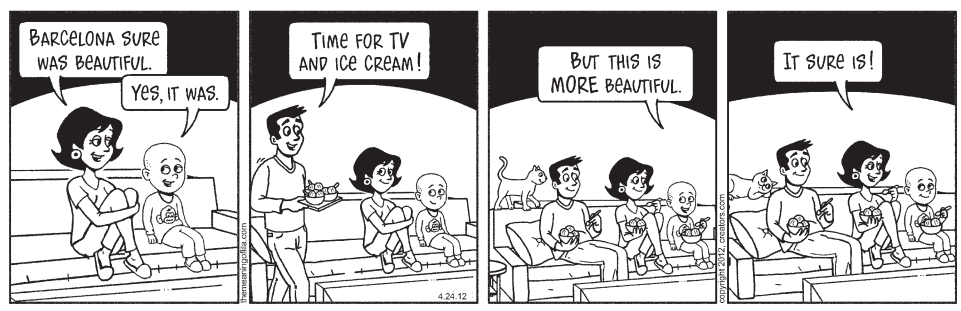
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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	3			4	5		6	2
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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

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

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1 Purple hue
6 Printer's need
11 Sports spot
12 Heart outlet
13 Don't, e.g.
15 Last part
16 Kipling work
17 Ram's mate
18 Car rental choice
20 Petulant
23 "Forget it!"
27 Not to mention
28 Foal's mother
29 Lusty looks
31 Targets
32 "Sorry, I did it"
34 Be inquisitive
37 Wine choice
38 Hit show letters
41 But, for one
44 Scout unit
45 Horrible
46 Sides in an ongoing battle
47 A bit daft

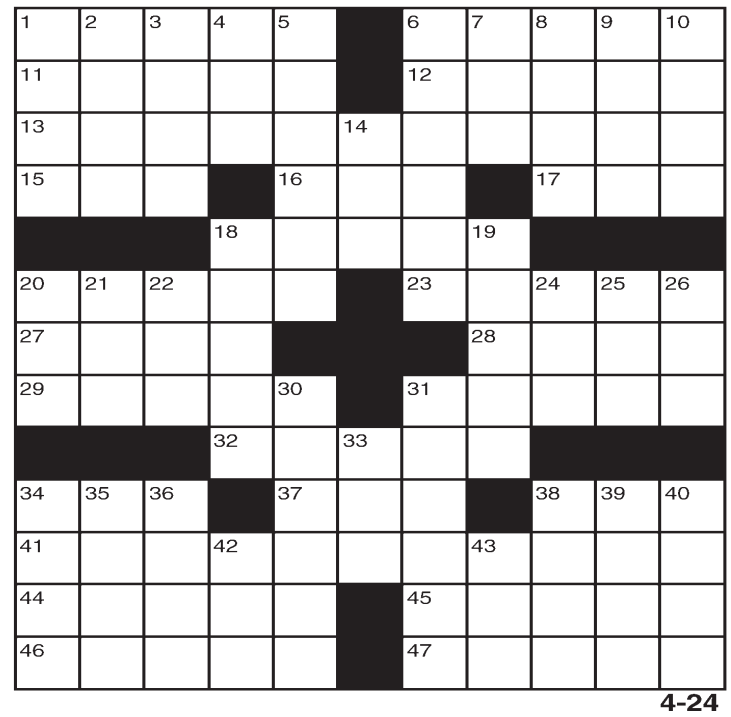
DOWN

1 Valentine trim
2 Press
3 Advance
4 Six-legged worker
5 Ignition insert
6 Arcade chomper
7 Turn bad
8 Great Lakes port
9 Put in the overhead rack
10 Rational
14 Lend a hand
18 Tempest
19 Wanderer
20 Buddy
21 Bullfight cry
22 Employ
24 Kids' card game
25 Bible boat
26 "You bet!"
30 Pancake house choices
31 Reckless
33 Poor Richard, really
34 Does something
35 Ticked off
36 Gold-filled Fort
38 Make finer
39 One-sided victory
40 Just
42 Coffee, in slang
43 Binary base

■	F	R	E	D	■	B	O	M	B	■
R	E	E	V	E	■	A	K	E	L	A
A	L	I	A	S	■	A	S	T	E	R
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Yesterday's answer

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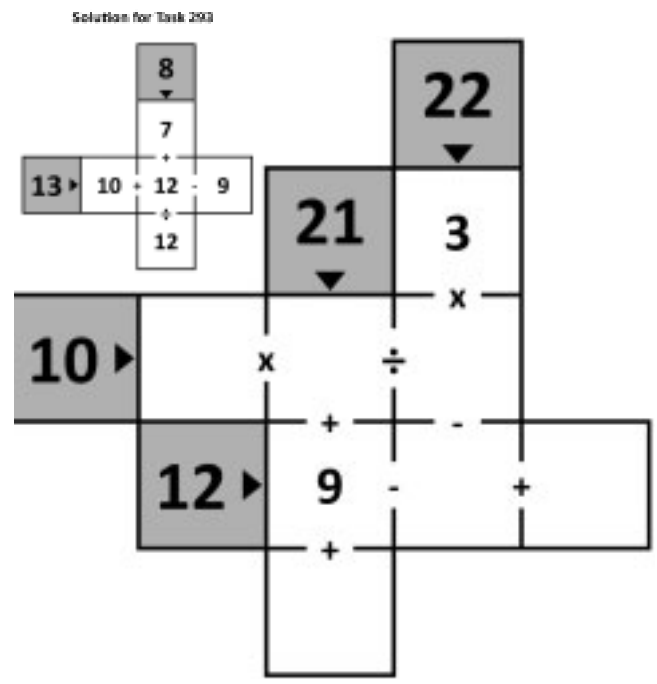
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/23
5 17 34 35 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/23
MIDDAY: 3 2 9
EVENING: 9 7 9

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Draw Date: 4/23
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2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When workers at the Carlsberg Beer plant in Vilnius, Lithuania, decided to walk out over poor pay and conditions, the company went to court to block them, and in March, a judge ruled for the company, temporarily halting a strike as not in the national interest because Carlsberg Beer is "vitally essential," thus placing the brew in the same legal category as medical supplies. (Said a British labor union official, "This is probably the most ridiculous decision in the world.") [Daily Telegraph, 3-5-2012]

■ Recurring Theme: In March, a new peak was reached in New York City's ongoing search for the most preposterously underpriced (because of rent control) apartment in the city. The Gothamist website identified a one-bedroom apartment at 5 Spring Street in Manhattan's SoHo district renting for $55 a month even though, according to a real estate agent, it should be drawing $2,500. The tenant's parents moved in upon immigrating from Italy in the 1940s, and since the tenant, now in his 70s, has a much younger wife, the apartment could remain under rent control for decades. (New York City rent controls were imposed to meet an "emergency" in housing during World War II, but the law gets routinely renewed.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1996 – In the United States, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 is introduced.

2004 – The United States lifts economic sanctions imposed on Libya 18 years previously, as a reward for its cooperation in eliminating weapons of mass destruction.

2005 – Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is inaugurated as the 265th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church taking the name Pope Benedict XVI.

WORD UP!

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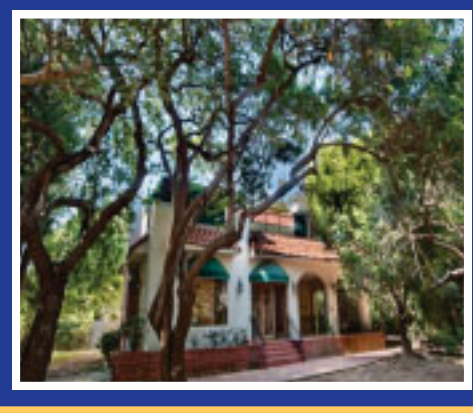
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