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THE BUSY DAY ISSUE

Schools forced to slash 2% of budget

Changes will decrease, but not completely close, deficit for SMMUSD

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Every school and department in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will have to cut 2 percent from their budgets in order to reduce a persistent deficit, school officials announced last week.

If that happens, the district will cut $2 million in spending from its budget, just as it gains an additional $2 million from the state. That still leaves a deficit of between $1 and $2 million to fight down through the 2016-17 school year, said Jan Maez, chief financial officer for the district.

That remaining balance will be tackled in upcoming years, although school officials are hopeful that the California econo-

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CAUTION: **Santa Monica College Police Chief Albert Vasquez redirects a woman from the quad on Tuesday during a brief bomb threat.**

Officials clear SMC bomb threat

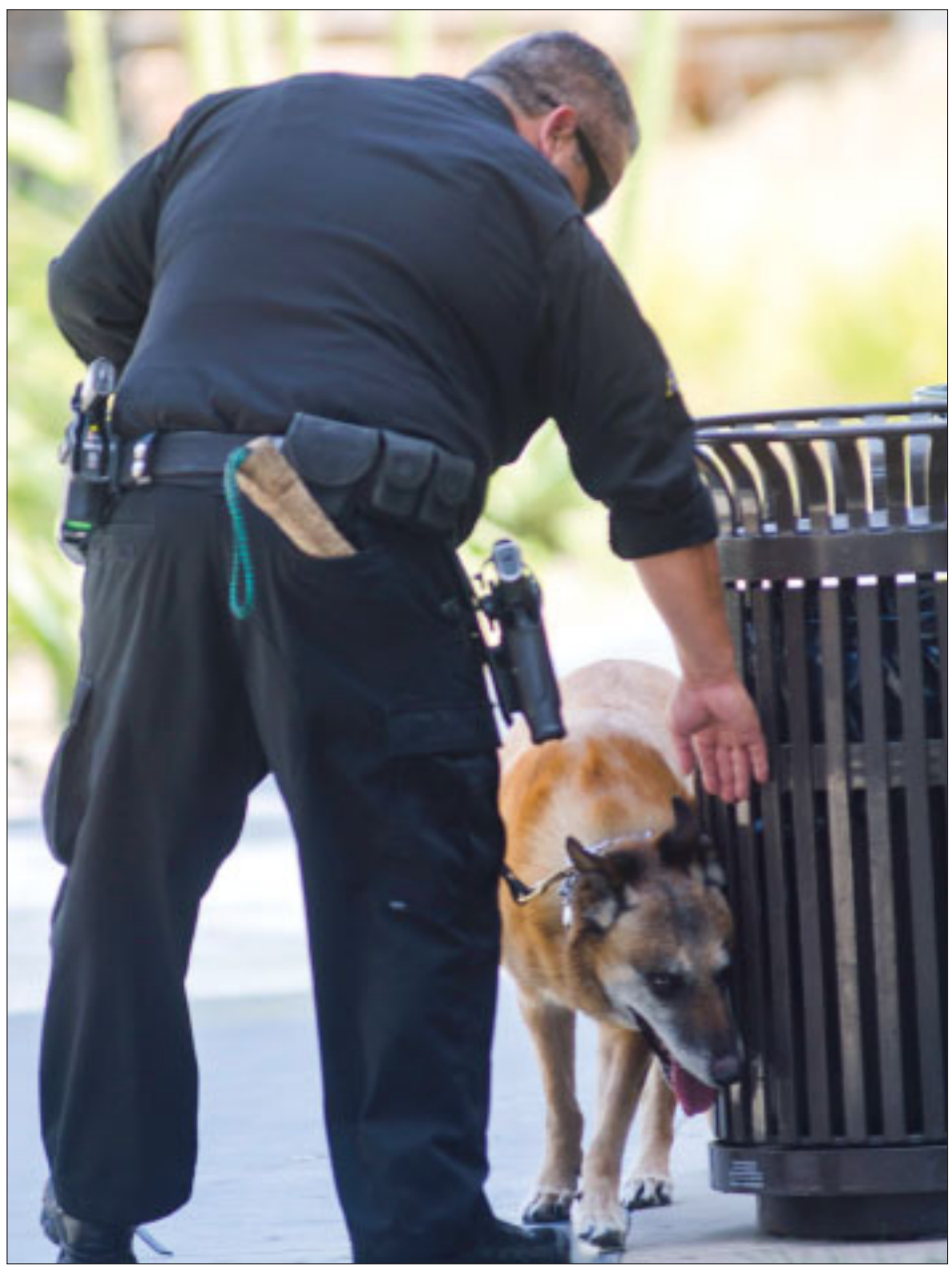
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SMC A bomb threat at Santa Monica College was cleared Tuesday after authorities closed off the campus' quad as a precaution.

SMC police say that a note was found in the college's bathroom specifically targeting the quad, where representatives of 150 colleges and hundreds of others were attending a transfer fair.

Campus police obtained the note at roughly 12:10 p.m., alerted the campus and then cleared the quad. Classes were not cancelled. The incident wrapped up at 1:21 p.m., said Albert Vasquez, dean of campus

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

ON SITE: **SMPD K9 officer Adam Barry leads his companion around the SMC campus Tuesday looking for explosives. The college's quad was evacuated after a threat was discovered.**

Santa Monicans develop app for sports drafts

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN When the lights went down on the Superdome in New Orleans after the Super Bowl this February, football fans across the country went into spare rib-induced hibernation for about a week.

Then speculation about the draft began, and the inevitable arguments about previous rounds of America's most testosterone-packed session of horse trading as teams jostle for top athletes in key positions coming out of universities across the country.

If you want to keep up in conversation but have no idea who was drafted out of USC in 2001, don't worry — two Santa Monicans have an app for that.

Draftpedia, the work of roommates David Rabie and Joe Sarafian, debuted last week, just in time for the National Football

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Bill says homeless have right to be on the streets

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Homeless people would be allowed to sit, sleep and panhandle in public under a bill that passed a legislative committee on Tuesday, even as some lawmakers cited concerns about its potential effect on local governments.

The measure from state Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco, says every person has a right to use public spaces, regardless of housing status.

The bill is partly a reaction to ordinances passed in recent years by several cities concerned about the number of people on the streets. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

It's only a game
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Learn the game of chess and other strategy games. Program is for youth, family and caregivers. Admission is free and no registration is required. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Discuss Japanese farming
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Author Nancy Singleton Hachisu presents a discussion, slide show and sampling from her cookbook, "Japanese Farm Food," in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. There will be a book sale and signing after the discussion. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

They have your back
National Stuttering Association
Colorado Center Community Room
2500 Broadway, 7 a.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A relaxed, accepting and friendly environment is provided for those who stammer to share accomplishments and speak openly about struggles. Family members, speech pathologists and students are welcome. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 859-2265.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Classic film discussion
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.
To finance her husband's career a married woman courts an eccentric millionaire in the screwball comedy "Palm Beach Story," starring Mary Astor and Rudy Vallee.

Checking out art
dnj Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., Suite J1,
11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
In "American Ruins," artist Max MacKenzie pays homage to his Midwestern roots with photographs from three different series, "Abandonings," "American Ruins" and "Markings." "Abandonings" marks MacKenzie's return to Minnesota, the land of his youth, to capture the empty structures that recall the struggles of previous generations. "Transitions" in Gallery II features a combination of images selected from over 20 years of Jody Zellen's work in Southern California. Zellen embraces a multimedia format and has created a wide variety of collages that incorporate photography and drawing. The shows run until June 1. For more information, call (310) 315-3551 or visit www.dnjgallery.net

Rent Control Board meets
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Members of the Rent Control Board will be discussing the impacts of the Ellis Act on rents and look at the 2013 annual rent increase, which landlords can start charging Sept. 1. For more information, call (310) 458-8751. The meetings are also aired live on CityTV cable channel 16.

Pets with purpose
Laemmle Monica 4-Plex
1332 Second St., 7:30 p.m.
Attend the premiere of the uplifting PBS series "Shelter Me: Let's Go Home," which focuses on firefighters as they train shelter dogs for search-and-rescue operations. These teams have been to the World Trade Center and helped look for survivors in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. The series is hosted by actress Jane Lynch. Tickets can be purchased at shelterme.tv.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

City Hall dishes on signs

City Hall announced a new campaign Monday to educate businesses about the kinds of signs allowed in Santa Monica's commercial districts.

Beginning this week, city officials will send out letters and informational flyers to local businesses, business organizations and community partners to let people know what kinds of signs they're allowed to use.

Code Enforcement, the division of City Hall that enforces the Municipal Code, will then begin cracking down on violators, said Joe Trujillo, code compliance manager for City Hall.

"In the next few months, we will be focusing on unpermitted and prohibited signage, particularly window and internally illuminated signs," Trujillo said. "We look to educate residents and businesses about the requirements of the city's laws and regulations before we enforce them."

Santa Monica has strict regulations about signs, which has caused problems for the business community in the past, particularly on Main Street where businesses in recessed shop spaces have tried to tempt passersby into their stores with A-frame signs.

Non-compliant signs – which include flashing signs, signs that take up more than 20 percent of window space or banner signs, to name a few – can cause blight, according to the release.

Information published on City Hall's website will help guide businesses on what the Municipal Code allows in terms of size, height and placement.

That can be found at smgov.net/business. Once there, click on "Permits and Licenses" in the drop-down menu on the left and then "Sign Guidance for Santa Monica Businesses."

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

WILMONT

Water main struck during construction

A construction crew working on the St. Monica Catholic Church's major building project hit a 16-inch water main Monday, knocking out service to the church and its schools and creating low water flows for nearby residents and businesses, said Gil Borboa, City Hall's water resources manager.

The main, which was installed in 1965, was hit around 3:30 p.m. and was repaired around 2 a.m. Tuesday, Borboa said.

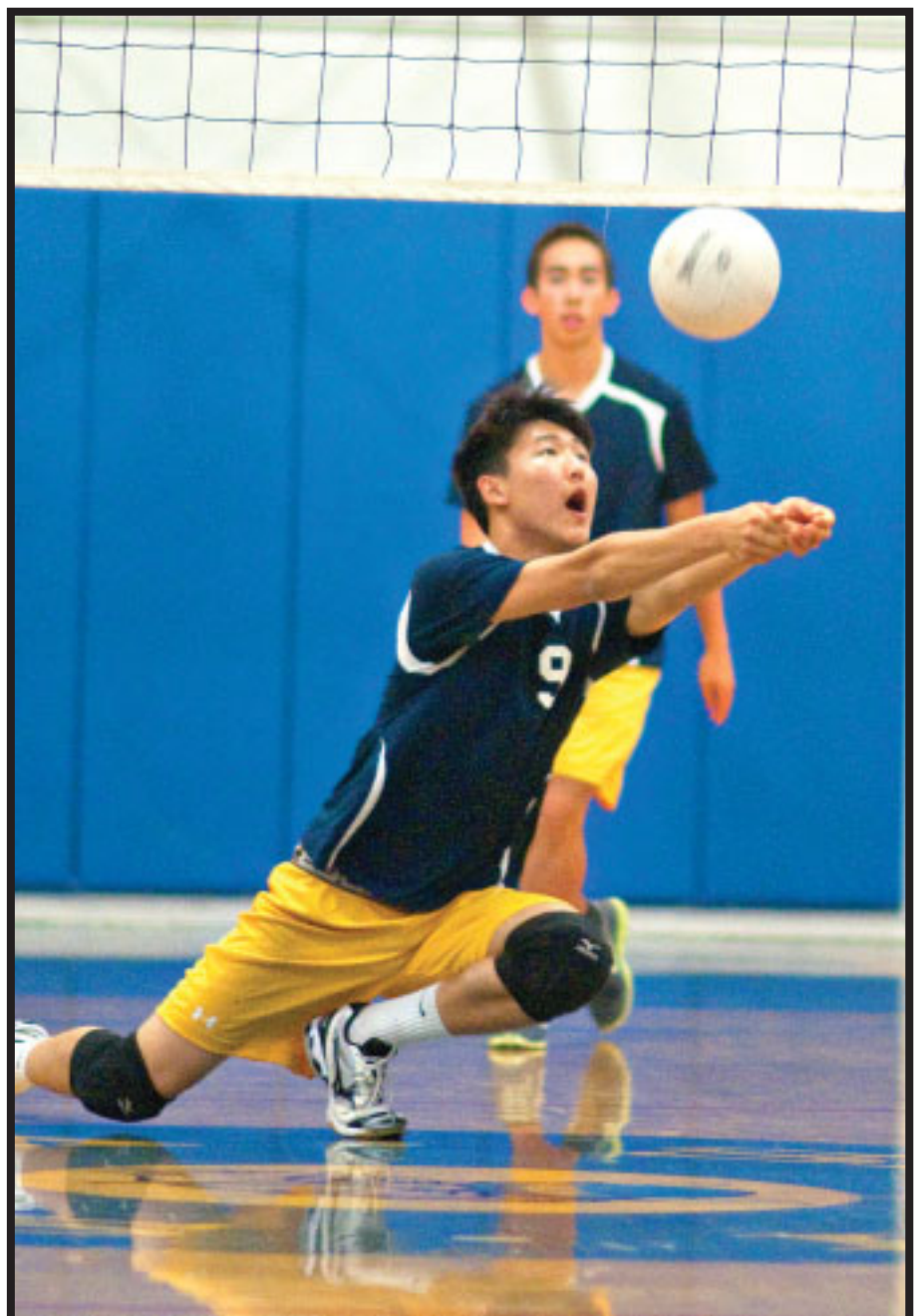
Construction crews are supposed to meet with city officials to identify utilities before digging. Borboa said construction crews working for St. Monica did meet with officials and knew of the pipe.

"It was just an accident," Borboa said.

– KEVIN HERRERA

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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DIGGING DEEP

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Tom Krokovszki gets to a ball just before it hits the court against Inglewood on Tuesday at home. Samohi went on to win the match in three games, 25-5, 25-9, 25-7.

Analyst: State taxes coming in $4B above forecast

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California is on track to collect $4 billion more in personal income taxes than Gov. Jerry Brown had expected, giving a potential boost to education funding, the legislative analyst's office said Tuesday.

The state has been posting strong tax collections so far this fiscal year, which ends June 30. The analyst's office noted that tax collections continue to be robust even after the April 15 tax filing deadline. That comes on top of a strong revenue month in January.

On Tuesday, the state collected $678 million after refunds, an unexpectedly strong figure. Personal income taxes are the state's largest revenue source, and April is generally the biggest revenue month of the year.

Even so, Brown cautioned that the extra money might already be committed, and a state finance official said some could be from early tax withholdings.

The governor and the legislative analyst noted that much or all of the extra revenue will likely be required to go to public schools and community colleges under Proposition 98, the state's educa-

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi's Galvan no-hits Morningside, 13-0

Win keeps Vikings unbeaten in Ocean League play at 5-0

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica's Danny Galvan was feeling it on Tuesday.

The senior starting pitcher threw a no-hitter against Ocean League foe Morningside in a 13-0 blowout at home that was called in the fifth inning.

"It just felt good from the start," Galvan said. "Even if it is a five-inning game, a no-no is a no-no."

The no-hitter was the first in Galvan's career at any level. With the win, Galvan improves to 1-1 as a starter.

Galvan finished the afternoon with 13

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Protect the animals

Editor:

World Week for Animals in Laboratories (April 20 – 28) spotlights the millions of animals who suffer and die each year in research and testing. This is an important time to address the myth that animal experiments are a "necessary evil," essential for medical progress.

In February, the National Academy of Science published an extensive study that revealed how decades of research and billions of dollars spent on mice experiments to study burns, trauma and sepsis were effectively useless, and misdirected treatments in people, because the mice responded in ways that are completely different from people.

This is not the first study to demonstrate that a significant area of animal research has been a costly waste, but if society is paying attention it should be the last. A new era in biomedical science has emerged without the use of animals, using human cell cultures, genomics and digital imaging, to name a few of the many available methods.

Increasingly, scientists are acknowledging that animal research is not producing the results attributed to it, or deserving of billions of taxpayer dollars. Nor does it justify the incredible suffering involved

Deborah Yoo
Los Angeles





Your column here

Barbara Coombs Lee — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Toward death with dignity

TODAY, ALL ACROSS AMERICA, PEOPLE WITH end-stage cancer, ALS (often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease") and other diseases are nearing the end of life. They and their loved ones are struggling to grieve and cope. Enamored by medical wizardry to forestall death, we can barely grasp what's going on when the time comes to say good-bye to a parent or spouse. Yet a time does always come when modern medicine either cannot forestall death, or only at the price of great suffering.

When this happens, one true hope is for an end to suffering and a peaceful passing.

One true dignity is the dignity of acknowledging that hope.

After acknowledgment, the patient's own values, beliefs and preferences come first. We need to say, "You're the boss. I'll support whatever you want." For to die with dignity is to die in accordance with the hallmarks of a life. To die with dignity is to seal a life's meaning.

For many, control is fundamental to dignity as well. For them, ending life in an ICU, amid wires, tubes and machines is not a death with dignity. Nor is ending life in pain, delirium, or coma. Some will want medication they may take in their own time, to die peacefully and escape needless and brutal suffering. We love them, so we want what they want.

National polls consistently show the vast majority of Americans want the right to choose their medical treatment at the end of their life. A 2012 national poll by Republican pollster Frank Luntz showed 84 percent agree that: "How a terminally ill person chooses to end his/her life should be an individual decision and not a government decision."

This widespread support is the driving force behind action to enable end-of-life choice in numerous diverse states, including: Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont.

In February, the New Jersey Assembly Health & Human Services Committee approved an aid in dying bill by a 7-2 vote. The Vermont House soon will consider a similar bill already approved by the Vermont Senate. If successful, Vermont will become the first legislature to pass an end-of-life choice law.

Oregon voters approved the first-in-the nation Death with Dignity Act in 1994 and Washington voters approved a similar law in 2008. In 2009, the Montana Supreme Court ruled in a case brought by Compassion & Choices, Baxter v. Montana, that it does not violate state public policy in Montana for a physician to provide aid in dying to a mentally competent, terminally ill adult. These laws empower patients with a six months prognosis, who are mentally competent and capable of self-administering medication, with an aid-in-dying option.

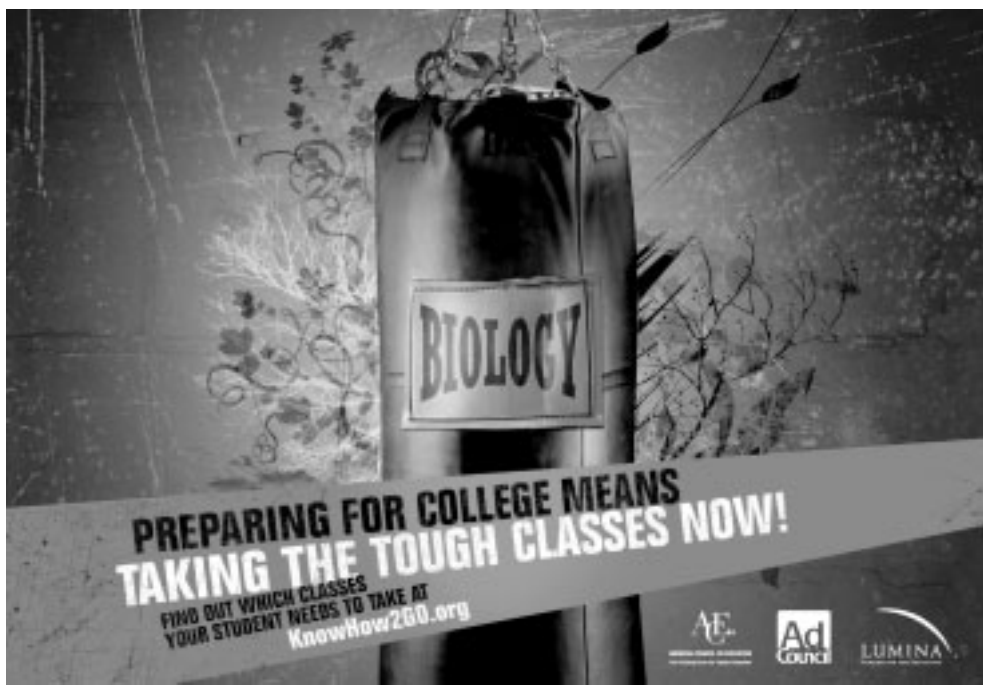
NATIONAL POLLS CONSISTENTLY SHOW THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE END OF THEIR LIFE.

Some question the need for these laws, since few people (1 in 500) in Oregon die with prescribed medication. But many more (1 in 6) consider the option and many complete the eligibility process and never ingest the medication. Thousands achieve comfort and peace of mind, knowing they have choices. Fifteen years of experience reveals no evidence of abuse, coercion or negative impact on hospice care.

Our parents and their loved ones need support for their values and choices. Doctors need assurance the law allows them to honor their patients' wishes.

Death with dignity should not be confused with assisted suicide. Those already dying are not "suicidal" for wanting their life to end in love and peace, not agony and despair.

BARBARA COOMBS Lee is president of the end-of-life choice advocacy and support group, Compassion & Choices. Previously, she was a nurse and physician assistant for 25 years before becoming a private attorney and a chief petitioner of the first-in-the nation Oregon Death with Dignity Act.



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The Taxman

Jon Coupal
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The bill has come due

EXPECT TO HEAR A LOT MORE pronouncements from state and local government officials about the need for tax increases, cuts to public services, or both.

CalPERS, the huge pension fund that serves most California government employees, has announced it is raising its rates, a move that will cost employers — taxpayers that is — up to 50 percent more. For some local governments already on shaky financial footing, this may be the nudge that sends them down the bankruptcy road already traveled by Vallejo, Stockton and San Bernardino.

CalPERS is currently only 70 percent funded and the board justified the increase, which amounts to billions of dollars annually, based on estimates that without increased revenue, there is an even chance that the major pension plans could fall below 50 percent funding in the next 30 years.

CalPERS admits to $87 billion in unfunded liabilities, although some experts say it is actually much higher. Additionally, Joe Nation a scholar with the Hoover Institution, a Democrat and a former member of the California Assembly, has estimated that the entire unfunded pension liability of both state and local government now approaches $500 billion.

As for the CalPERS rate increase, beyond the obvious implications for tightened government budgets, there is bad news and a little bit of good news.

The bad news is that none of this needed to happen. This crisis is no accident.

Going back to the 1990s, the CalPERS board, Gov. Gray Davis, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, and enablers in the Legislature, made a series of conscious decisions that were guaranteed to drive the giant pension fund toward insolvency. Those looking for an excellent overview of what the term "hot mess" may have been created to describe, should read Steven Malanga's article, "The Pension Fund That Ate California" in the winter 2013 edition of City Journal.

Actions by the union controlled CalPERS Board included cynically pressing lawmakers to increase pensions to unsustainable levels using misleading information, bad investment decisions promoted by Angelides, who, as state treasurer, had a seat on the board, and outright criminal activity by some board members and former board members.

Information provided to the governor and the Legislature to justify huge pension increases in 1999 was ludicrous on its face. As David Crane, an economic advisor to Arnold Schwarzenegger, has written, CalPERS estimates for investment return growth relied on the Dow Jones reaching 25,000 by 2009 — it turned out to be about 8,000 — and 28,000,000 by 2099. It was as if the return would be so great it would be hard to spend all the money rushing in, and that taxpayers — average Californians that is — would never be on the hook for a shortfall. That the governor and members of the Legislature were so anxious to accept CalPERS version of the future can only be explained by gullibility, incompetence and stupidity, or by a conceit that caused some of them to ignore the public good in return for support from the powerful government employee union forces that would guarantee their reelection, or advancement to higher office.

AS FOR THE CALPERS RATE INCREASE, BEYOND THE OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR TIGHTENED GOVERNMENT BUDGETS, THERE IS BAD NEWS AND A LITTLE BIT OF GOOD NEWS.

Oh, and the good news? Well, think of the current situation with regard to the unfunded pension liability as like being in debt to a loan shark. The more protracted the repayment the more protracted and intense the misery. So even though we Californians have been abused by corrupt Sacramento politicians and bureaucrats, the debt genie is out of the bottle, and the sooner we pay off our liability, the more likely we can look forward to more stable state and local budgets and a reduction in the pressure for new taxes.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

A place to rest

City Hall and the Elks club are battling over burial plots at Woodlawn Cemetery that the club says rightfully belong to them. The city disagrees as legal proceedings continue.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the Elks have the right to the burial plots or is City Hall right in denying them ownership?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.


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Cruz and Palo Alto are among the municipalities that have banned people from sitting and lying on streets and sidewalks.

Ammiano's so-called "Homeless Bill of Rights" prohibits police from enforcing ordinances on resting in public places unless a county has provided sufficient support to homeless people. It also includes a right to an attorney during court proceedings that involve minor offenses.

"Citations, arrests and jail time do not solve homelessness," Ammiano told the Assembly Judiciary Committee. "They just route crucial public dollars that could be spent on housing to an already impacted court and corrections system."

AB5 also would require state government to pay for creating local "hygiene centers" with restrooms and showers open 24 hours a day.

The bill has been revised several times since its introduction. A reference allowing people to urinate in public spaces was stricken, and it now says the rights listed apply in public spaces but not on private property.

Local governments and business groups oppose the legislation, saying it would lead to costly mandates and lawsuits. In particular, opponents said the provision limiting whether police could enforce ordinances was unfair to cities because it's county governments that are responsible for managing public housing waiting lists and providing cash assistance.

"We have no control over what services the county does or does not provide," said Kirstin Kolpitcke of the League of California Cities.

Dozens of homeless people and representatives of organizations that provide assistance joined Ammiano on Tuesday in support of the bill.

Long-term shelters have done little to help solve homelessness, a problem that has grown worse amid the recession, said Paul Boden, organizing director of the San Francisco-based Western Regional Advocacy Project.

In response, he said, cities and towns have increased policing efforts aimed at removing homeless people from streets.

"Not only is the criminalization of poverty and homelessness wrong, it is incredibly expensive," said Boden, estimating that California counties spend $300 million a year incarcerating homeless people.

The bill passed the committee on a 7-2 vote, with Republican Assemblymen Donald Wagner and Brian Maienschein opposing.

Maienschien, who served as San Diego's first commissioner on homelessness, said the bill does not give cities enough flexibility in trying to assist the homeless.

"What would work in San Diego, what might work in L.A. isn't going to work in other places, and particularly in smaller towns, maybe more rural areas, it's going to be different," Maienschein said.

Several Democrats on the committee said they support the goal of preventing discrimination against homeless people but have concerns about the potential cost of the bill's requirements, including creating hygiene centers, and its restrictions on police officers.

Ammiano's bill now awaits review by the Appropriations Committee before possibly going to the full Assembly.

Similar legislation was approved last year in Rhode Island.

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tion funding formula.

"We have a very complicated mechanism called Prop. 98, and depending upon how the money flows, it may not be as available as many people are now thinking," Brown told reporters Tuesday.

The Brown administration is interpreting the state's rules in a way that would require as much as 90 percent of extra revenue go toward public education, said Edgar Cabral, an education expert with the legislative analyst's office.

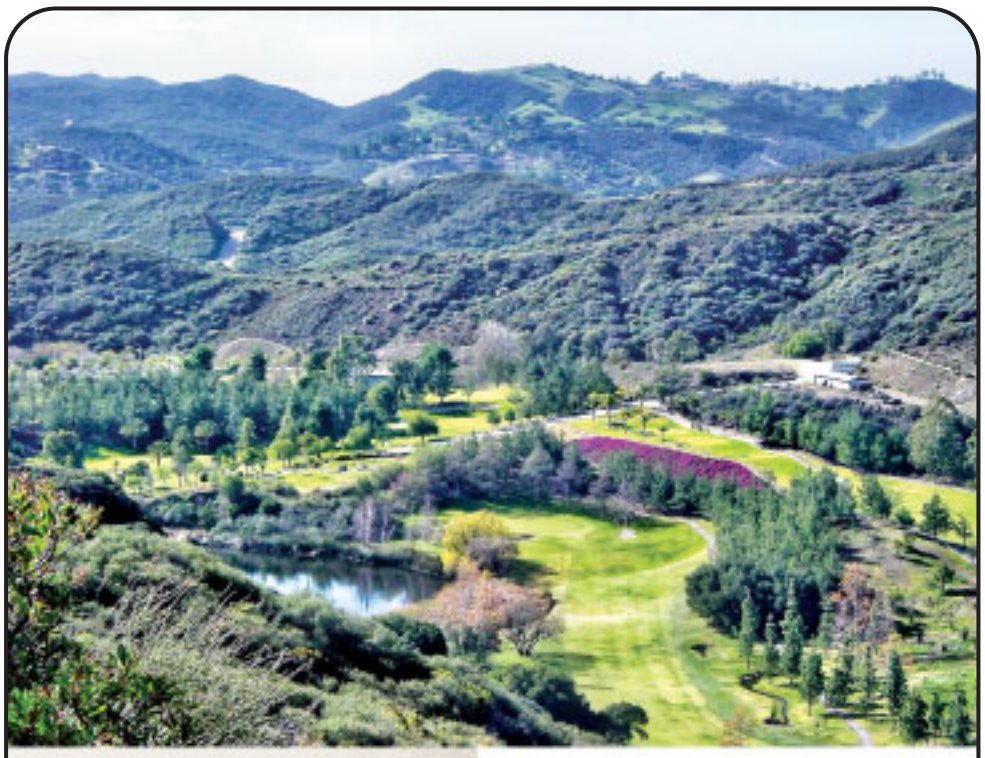
"You're looking at $3.5 billion or more would be required to be allocated to schools and community colleges to meet this higher Prop. 98 requirement," Cabral said in an interview.

The analyst's office also cautioned lawmakers not to spend the extra money on ongoing education programs. Instead, it is recommending the state pay down education debt and past obligations to schools.

"It will be additional money for schools, but it may not necessarily mean that schools are going to go right ahead and then start hiring additional teachers, because it could be one-time in nature," Cabral said.

In January, Brown included additional revenue from Proposition 30, the tax initiative approved by voters last fall, in his proposed $97.6 billion general fund budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. His upcoming budget wipes out years of deficits and even includes a modest surplus.

That compares with a deficit of $25 billion when Brown took office two years ago.



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my will recover before any more major cuts must be made, Maez said.

Departments throughout the school system have already identified just under the required 2 percent in cuts or revenue increases. All will have to find the full amount, however, because it's already been budgeted into projections beginning in the upcoming school year.

One department that has not yet finished its analysis is the Special Education Department, which would need to find $493,516 in reductions to meet its required 2 percent.

That comes at a time when the department has seen increased expenses because the state was no longer picking up the full bill for some mental health services, said Sara Woolverton, director of Special Education with the district.

The situation also presents a special challenge to schools, where almost 90 percent of the money spent goes to employee costs, Maez said.

"We are talking to the sites, but because we are not changing staffing ratios, it becomes difficult," she said.

The term "staffing ratio" refers to the number of children in a class per teacher.

Those ratios had been raised, increasing the number of students in class without a commensurate rise in the number of teaching staff, in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years in an attempt to cut costs, according to a handout released at the meeting.

Those increases were one of a series of actions taken by the Board of Education since the 2008-09 school year to reduce spending as funding from the state began to drop.

That year signaled the last raise in teacher salaries, a 3 percent increase.

The following year, the board approved $4.6 million in reductions, including five furlough days and the removal of one of the "houses" at Santa Monica High School, subdivisions of the 3,041-student school that made it easier for students to access administration.

In 2010-11, the board approved another $7.2 million in reductions, although $3 million was restored in one-time funds, a mixture of money raised through the local Save Our Schools campaign and federal dollars.

Finally, in 2012-13, the district axed another $2.2 million from the budget by increasing class sizes and reducing the number of assistant principals and other staff.

The existing projections do not include recent changes to two pension funds — the California State Teachers' Retirement System and California Public Employee's Retirement System — that will force the district to pay more for both teachers' and other workers' pensions.

Those impacts will not be felt until the 2014-15 fiscal year, and potentially later, Maez said, but they have not been factored into the existing projections.

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security and chief of the Santa Monica College Police Department.

Santa Monica Police Department personnel were dispatched to the scene along with canine units to look for an explosive, but nothing was found, Vasquez said.

SMC police would not release further details because the investigation was just beginning.

"A note was found. We think we can find the person who put it there," Vasquez said.

Even false bomb threats constitute a crime, he said.

Campus officials already had such an incident "on their radar" in light of the bombing at the Boston Marathon finish line last week that killed three people and injured over 150 more.

CSU Los Angeles evacuated its entire campus last Thursday because of a bomb threat. UC Berkeley, threatened with a bomb at almost the same time, did not, reported the Washington Post.

Social media at SMC was immediately active with tweets and posts detailing the situation, including some false reports that SMC was being completely evacuated.

College officials warned the campus community with phone calls and e-mails and kept the community up-to-date as the threat unfolded.

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Paul Alvarez Jr. contributed to this report.

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strikeouts and three walks.

Samohi head coach Kurt Schwengel was impressed with Galvan's resolve on the mound. Galvan has closed a number of games that highly-recruited Conner Greene has started and has attracted the attention of scouts, who were there to see Greene.

While no Major League team has intimated their interest in drafting Galvan, Schwengel believes that he will play college baseball somewhere next year.

Galvan has already attracted the likes of Washington and Maryland and Schwengel expects more teams to join the pursuit for his services if he isn't drafted in June.

When Galvan wasn't punching out Morningside hitters, he was busy at the plate.

Galvan drove in the first run of the game when he singled to right field, pushing Alex Turner across the plate in the first inning with what would prove to be all the Vikings needed en route to improving to 15-9 overall and 5-0 in the Ocean League. At the plate, Galvan was 1-for-1 with a walk, a run batted in and two runs. He also reached base on an error.

"I'm happy for Danny and his no-hitter," Schwengel said. "It's the ultimate."

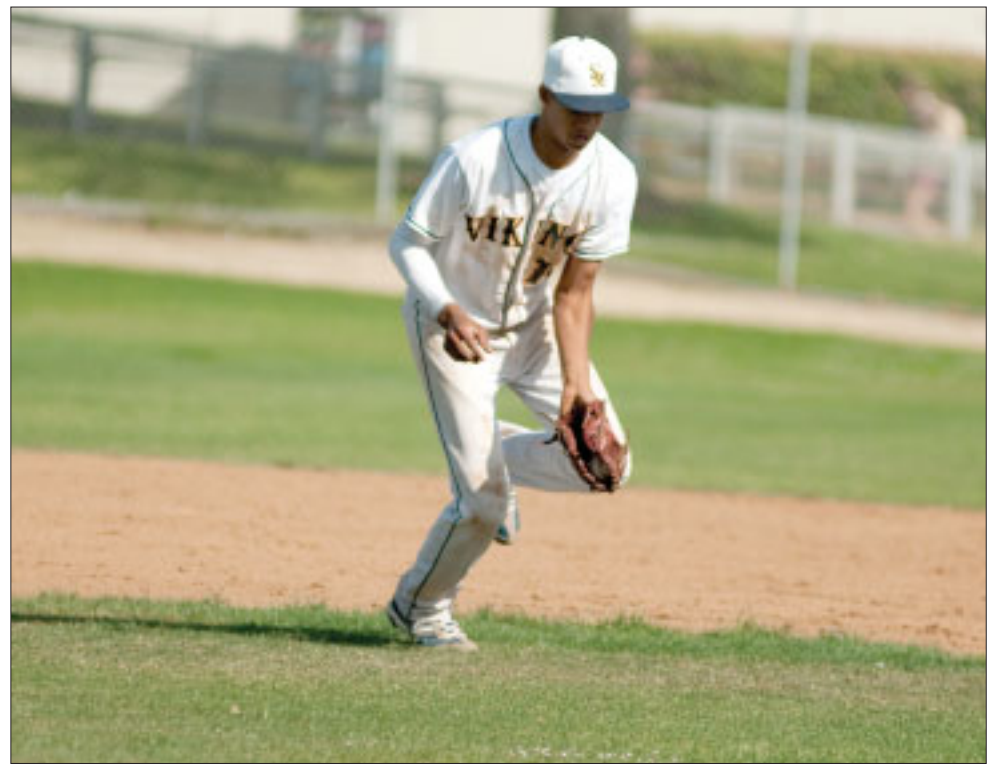
After scratching for a run in the first inning, Samohi added a pair in the second and another two in the third — all off of Morningside starter Cipriano Martinez.

Things weren't much better for reliever Miguel Rivas. He entered the game in the bottom of the fourth down 8-0 with the bases loaded and promptly walked Rudy Gonzalez, allowing Galvan to score the game's seventh run.

The wheels really fell off for Morningside in the fifth inning. Rivas issued three walks, hit a batter and let a man reach on an error as Samohi added five runs to their tally making it 13-0. That's when Morningside head coach Doug Otteson had enough and invoked the mercy rule in the fifth inning with the bases loaded with Vikings.

The two teams will face each other again on Thursday at Morningside. The game begins at 3:15 p.m.

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GOTCHA: **Samohi's Ryan Barbarin makes a play on a ground ball against Morningside on Tuesday.**

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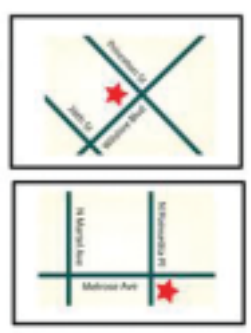

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HIGH TECH: **Joe Sarafian and David Rabie show off their Draftpedia app for the iPhone.**

APP

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League draft, which begins Thursday.

The free iPhone app — sorry, Android users — contains information on every NFL draft since 1970, allowing users to scroll through specific draft years, universities that athletes came from and teams that they went to.

The information displays in a format familiar to anyone who has played fantasy football, and easily accessible to those who have not. It offers the same benefits to National Basketball Association fans, who can go one year further back to 1969.

Draftpedia evolved as a solution to a problem.

Both Rabie and Sarafian are sports fans, and they look up draft information regularly — where players went to college, who was part of their draft class, where they went in the draft and what team they ended up with all came up on a regular basis.

It takes effort to find that information, which is spread through various corners of the Internet, and that's not convenient in the heat of the draft.

"When you're watching the draft, there are tons of allusions to older drafts, and comparisons to older players," Rabie said.

Draftpedia is the only place to access all of that information in one go. The app stores the information internally, meaning no matter what dank, WiFi-less sports bar a dedicated fan may find themselves in on Thursday, the app will still be able to serve up information instantly.

When the pair came up with the concept for their new creation, they were actually arguing about basketball, specifically player Kenyon Martin, now a forward for the New York Knicks.

He came out of what they say was one of the worst drafts in recent NBA history, and they wanted to look up other players picked that year, but their laptops were far away.

"Joe threw out an idea, why is there not an app for this?" Rabie said.

Neither Rabie nor Sarafian knew the first thing about app development when this ball started rolling.

Rabie graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in history, and Sarafian left the same school as a global studies major.

"Both are very relevant to what we're doing right now," Sarafian quipped.

Each knew that they wanted to start a business just as their fathers, both immigrants to the United States, had done in the past. Sports, with intensely loyal fan bases, seemed like a good place to start.

PREPARING FOR KICK-OFF

Draftpedia took 13 months to build, with a few hiccups.

"Everyone assumes that it's simple," Rabie said. "You have an idea, hire a developer and build it. It's so much more complicated than that … It's a foreign language. Unless you know the right questions to ask, you make mistakes."

Would the app be built native to one kind of smartphone, or would it need to work across all platforms? Would the data — compiled across many spreadsheets after great effort by the team — be hosted on servers, or right there on the app?

These are questions that Mike Alto, owner of Santa Monica app development firm W2MD, grapples with all of the time.

W2MD launched in October 2008, three months after Apple debuted its App Store, making finding and purchasing apps a simple experience characteristic of the giant tech company.

Hiring a developer is tricky work, which Alto compares to hiring an actor — everyone says they know what to do, and you only discover the problems after you throw them up on stage.

"I've realized with this industry, you really need someone who has an understanding of the industry, can develop the app and who's going to be with you through the whole process," Alto said.

Alto will sit down with a client and explore what they need their app to do and design it completely before sending it to one of three development teams he has already vetted during his years in the industry.

Relatively few people get all the way from that interview to actual development, Alto said.

Simple apps may take two or three months to build. More complicated ones will require eight to 12 months to complete.

"It's all across the board on timing, what we're building and how much design is involved," Alto said.

Rabie and Sarafian went through a couple of developers and two versions of their app before settling on a route forward.

Now that the pair of entrepreneurs have survived their crash course in the world of tech, they're already envisioning something a bit more ambitious — taking Draftpedia and turning it into a centralized sports database that expands beyond the basic statistics.

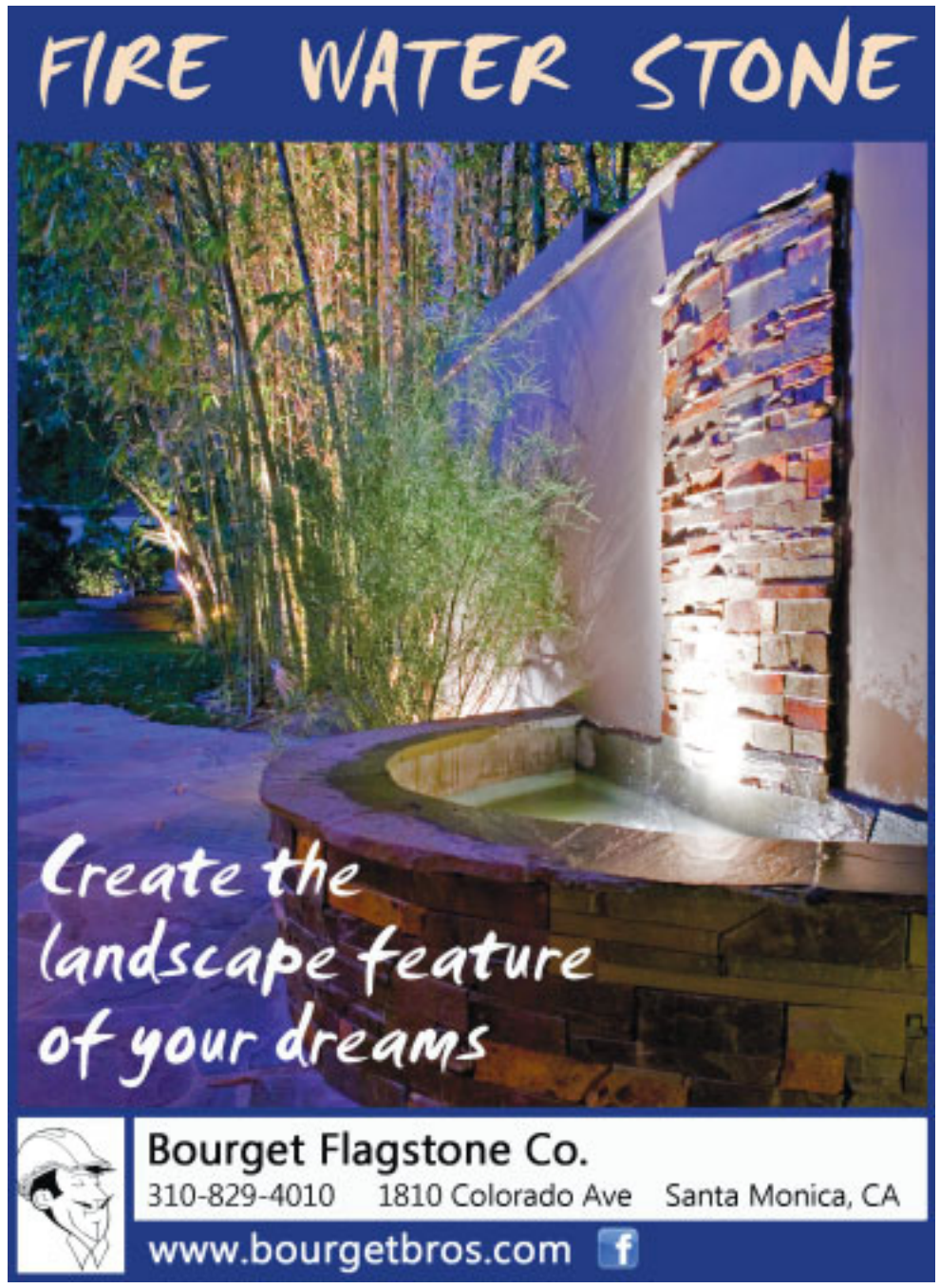
That will take outside investors, and the pair will have to prove their app's worth now that it's officially launched.

"We're pretty nervous," Rabie said. The two funded the app's development themselves. "But we're very confident in the idea and the vision that we're painting. We know there's a market for that."

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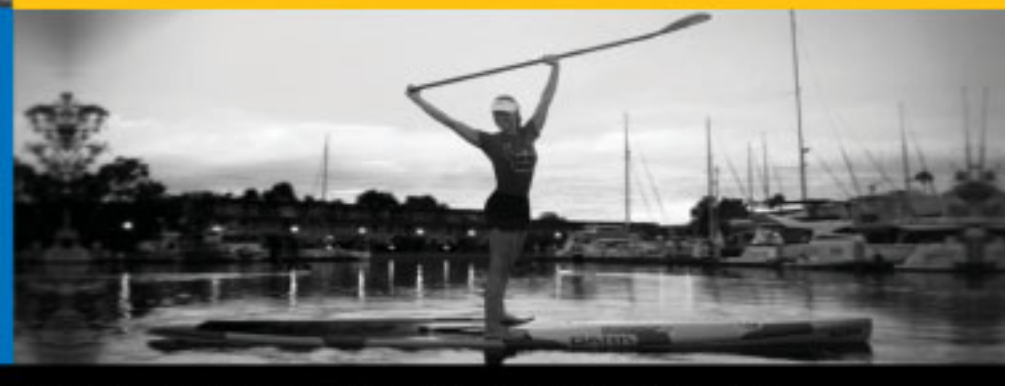


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Stocks gain on earnings; fake tweet shakes stocks

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NEW YORK Companies that do the best when the economy is improving led the market higher Tuesday after several of them reported strong quarterly earnings.

Coach, a maker of luxury handbags, and Netflix, which streams TV shows and movies over the Internet, were winners after announcing profits that impressed investors. Financial stocks rose after Travelers' earnings beat the expectations of financial analysts who follow the company.

That's a change from earlier this year. The stock market's surge in 2013 has been led by so-called defensive industries such as health care, consumer staples and utilities. Investors buy those stocks when they're unsure about the direction of the economy and want to own companies that make products people buy in bad times as well as good. Until now, they've been less enthusiastic about stocks of companies that provide discretionary goods and services and do best in good times.

"For a change we are actually seeing more cyclical parts of the economy lead the market," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index both rose 1 percent, and for a third straight day.

Stocks closed higher even after financial markets were shaken in the early afternoon when a fake tweet on The Associated Press Twitter account prompted a sudden sell-off.

A posting saying that there had been explosions at the White House and that President Barack Obama had been injured was sent at 1:08 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow plunged 143 points, from 14,697 to 14,554, over the next two minutes. The AP put out a statement at 1:12 p.m. saying that its Twitter account had been hacked and the posting was fake. By 1:19 p.m. the index had recovered all of its losses.

AP spokesman Paul Colford said the news cooperative is working with Twitter to investigate the issue. The AP disabled its other Twitter accounts following the attack, Colford added.

Joe Fox, chairman and co-founder of online brokerage Ditto Trade, was at work in Los Angeles when he got a call from his Chicago brokerage offices telling him what had happened. Fox watched the market tanking, and its quick bounce back.

"It was a topsy-turvy rollercoaster for a few minutes there," Fox said.

After the brief sell-off, investors turned their focus back to earnings.

Netflix soared $42.62, or 24 percent, to $216.99 after reporting a big gain in subscribers in the first quarter. Coach jumped $4.96, or 11 percent, to $55.55, after it announced higher sales in North America, better-than-expected earnings and an increased dividend. Travelers rose $1.77, or 2.1 percent, to $86.35. The insurer paid out less in claims compared with the premiums it took in.

While the shift today was encouraging for the longer-term economic outlook, it may still be too early to form a complete picture.

Even though 69 percent of companies that have reported earnings for the first quarter have beaten analysts' expectations, profits are expected to rise just 2.3 percent. That is slower than the 7.7 percent growth in the fourth quarter, according to data from S&P Capital IQ.

And there are still plenty of earnings for investors to get through this week.

Consumer goods giant Procter & Gamble, drugmaker Eli Lilly and Boeing are among companies that will release earnings on Wednesday. United Parcel Service, Exxon Mobil and Amazon are among the corporations that will give updates on Thursday.

The Dow closed up 152.29 points at 14,719.46. The S&P 500 ended 16.28 points higher at 1,578.78. Both indexes are about 1 percent below their record highs.

The Nasdaq composite rose 35.78 points, or 1 percent, to 3,269.33.

A weaker quarterly earnings outlook from Apple pushed shares down $2.2, or 0.5 percent, to $404.20 in trading after the market closed. Still, the company reported earnings that beat expectations from financial analysts who follow the company.

Tuesday's upturn in stock markets put both indexes back in the black for April and closer to the record highs they reached on April 11. It was a sharp change of tone from last week, when the market had its worst weekly drop since November. That sell-off started after economic growth in China, the world's second-largest economy, slowed.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.71 percent, from 1.70 percent late Monday.



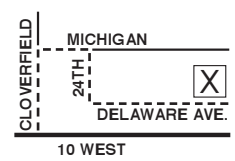
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S swell fades

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
S swell fades

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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NCAA FOOTBALL

College Football Playoff to replace BCS format in '14

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PASADENA, Calif. The Bowl Championship Series will be replaced by the College Football Playoff.

The BCS conference commissioners announced the name of the new postseason system that starts in 2014 on Tuesday, the first of three days of meetings at a resort hotel in the Rose Bowl's backyard.

They also will choose the remaining three sites for the six-bowl semifinal rotation in the new system and the site of the first championship game to be held Jan. 12, 2015, this week.

The website www.collegefootballplayoff.com is already up and running and allowing fans to vote on a new logo. It also has a Twitter handle: (at)cfbplayoff.

"It's really simple. It gets right to the point," BCS executive director Bill Hancock, who will hold the same position in the playoff system, said at a short news conference with the 10 commissioners of the FCS conferences.

"Nothing cute. Nothing fancy. We decided it would be best to call it what it is."

Premiere Sports Management in Overland Park, Kan., was hired to help come up with a name and brand the new system. A committee of commissioners handled the naming of the new system. Hancock said they ran through "in the neighborhood of three dozen" names.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said, "We're clearly trying to make a clear break from the BCS."

Before the news was reported, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said he'd be happy with whatever was selected.

"I'm am not good with names — obviously," Delany said during a break in the meetings, referring to the Big Ten's division names, Legends and Leaders, that produced so much negative feedback the conference has already decided to change them.

The new postseason format will create two national semifinals to be played New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, with the winners advancing. The six bowls in the playoff rotation will host marquee, BCS-type games on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day during the seasons they do not host a semifinal.

"I don't think you can ever go too wrong calling something what it is," Scott said. "Things that make sense tend to stand the test of time."

Three semifinal spots have already been decided: the Rose, Orange and Sugar bowls.

Four other bowls have bid for the final three spots. The clear front-runners are the Cotton, Chick-fil-A and Fiesta. The Holiday Bowl in San Diego also put in a bid, but even its organizers have acknowledged they are a long shot at best to land the game.

Those decisions will be announced Wednesday.

The coaches on the Big 12's spring teleconference were already talking about the Cotton Bowl having a spot in the rotation as if it was a done deal.

"I think it's really exciting for this region, for everybody, and I think all of the schools in this region, to have Dallas as one of those sites is great for everybody in this region, and exciting for everybody," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "Obviously, everybody knows what a great and quality, what an awesome stadium it is, then the location for us is an advantage, or should be."

The first semifinals will be played at the Rose and Sugar bowls.

The site of the first national championship game in the new system will also be determined at these meetings and the finalists are Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, the billion dollar home of the NFL team and the Cotton Bowl, and Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., home of the Buccaneers.

Arlington is the favorite to land that first championship game, but the competition from Tampa has been serious.

"I'm glad it has," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Tuesday. "I think it will give us a better outcome."

Also on the agenda this week for the commissioners will be the composition of the selection committee that will set the field for the playoff. They have said they would like the committee to be similar to the one that picks the teams for the NCAA basketball tournament, made up of conference commissioners and athletic directors.

Bowlsby said he expected both current and former administrators to have a spot on the committee.

"The hardest thing is making sure we're arming whoever is on the committee with the tools that it takes to differentiate among closely proximal teams," Bowlsby said. "You have to have some metrics available to differentiate between three, four, five, six and seven."

"You can't just say we like blue uniforms and not gold uniforms. You've got to arm the committee with the tools that it takes to do their job."

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RETURN CALLS TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be juggling a bit more than you want to. Honor your priorities, and eliminate anything that is insignificant and/or futile. You could find this process to be difficult, as it is not easy for you to admit that your efforts fall short. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You pull the wild card financially. You are more likely to encounter extremes, so remain focused when dealing with money. You will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: Get to the gym or take a walk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one. A solution emerges, no matter what you have to deal with or what choices you have to make. Push comes to shove in a difficult situation. Tonight: Have fun!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You come from an anchored point of view. Sometimes others see you as a stick in the mud when it comes to taking risks. You will have one opportunity to jump on an offer. Tonight: Have a discussion with a family member.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Listen to news with focus and determination. Though everything might seem fine, you could become aware of someone's suppressed anger. Try to address this issue, but understand that this person might not be cognizant of his or her deeper feelings. Tonight: Visit with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of the possibilities surrounding an offer. Look at alternative options -- they might be more numerous than you had originally thought. Know that you can reach a goal without disturbing the angry sleeping tiger within. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your smile and positive approach allows greater give-and-take. You know what is happening below the surface, and you will choose to boycott it. Your intensity makes all the difference. Tonight: Go with the flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Know that something is going on within you. Before erupting with angry words or behavior, evaluate what is really bothering you. You could be uncomfortable with the process, but you need to root out what is going on. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's while you can!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A meeting provides direction as well as feedback. You'll see someone's anger, perhaps for the first time. A change in how you discuss certain personal matters might be appropriate. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are changing -- and quickly, at that. Your belief that you gain as a result of resolving a problem is worth exploring. You are capable of enormous growth and change. Consider your options more openly. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you genuinely care about. The unexpected often occurs. You'll need to pull back and rethink a personal matter. Be careful when dealing with mechanical equipment. Use care with spending. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might not understand everything that is happening around you, but you have a theory about the different elements involved. Unfortunately, you could have your rose-colored shades on. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

This year you focus on your ability to communicate your feelings. You often express your anger in such a way that others are shocked and could distance themselves. This type of behavior could become an issue in a relationship. If you are single, do not be surprised if a bond could be difficult to get off the ground, especially through spring. If you are attached, make sure you are not blaming your sweetie for something that really is your fault. You find LIBRA particularly desirable.

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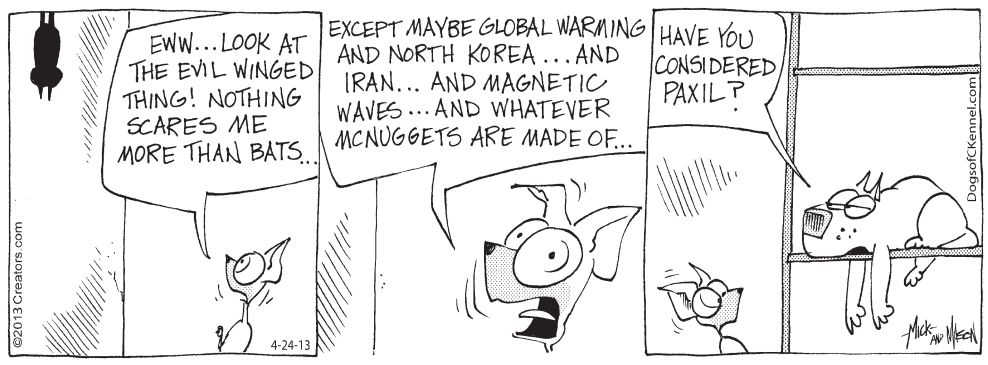
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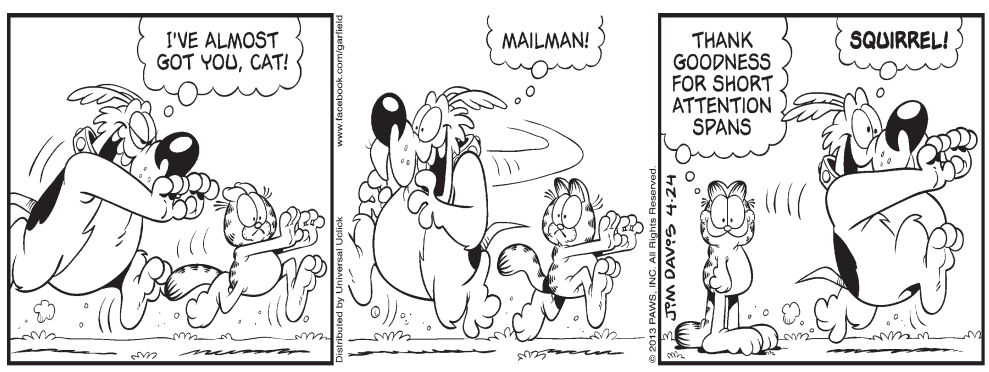
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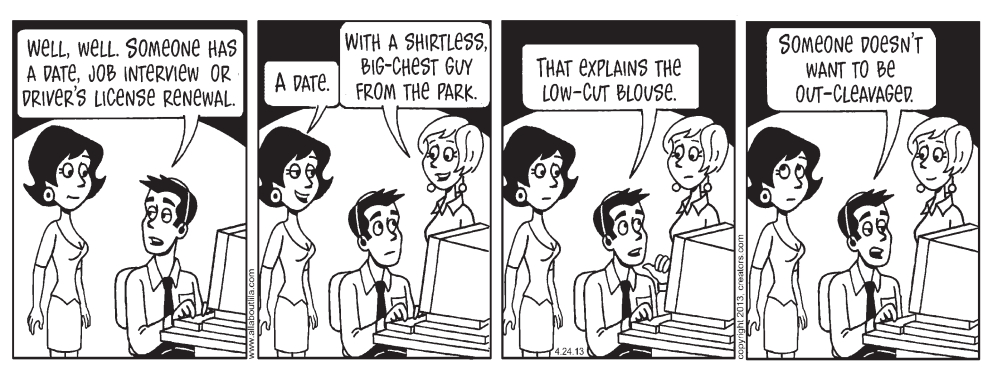
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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2	6			1	7	4		8
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9								5
	3			9			6	
		2	5	8	4	1		

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

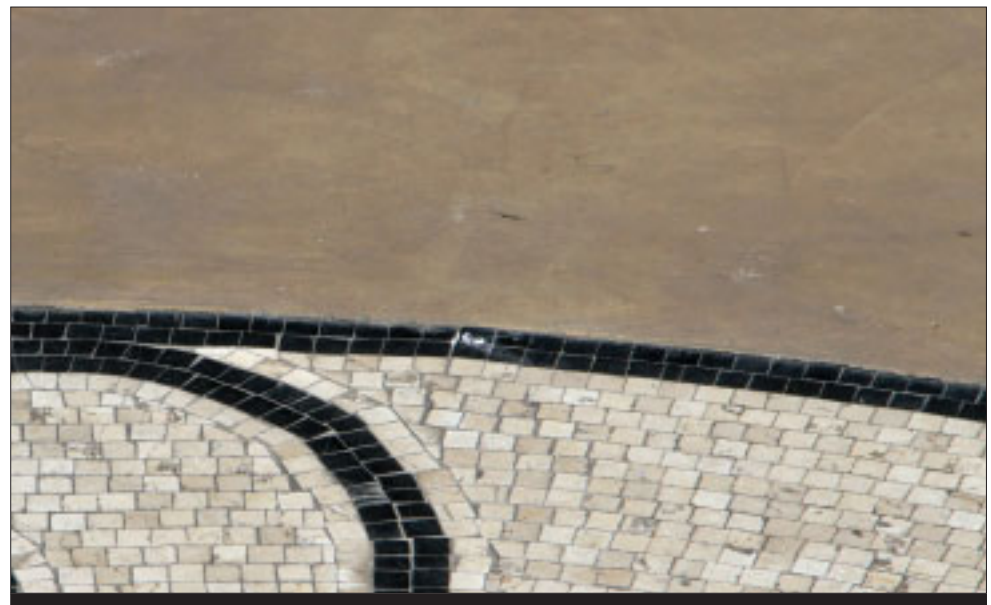
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 It's removed for a fill-up
7 Flag feature
11 "The Stunt Man" star
12 Columbus setting
13 Campaign event
14 Quite uncommon
15 Icy dessert
17 Ludicrous
20 Useful skill
23 Writer Levin
24 Easily broken
26 Enjoy the slopes
27 Unconscious
28 Wheel part
29 Rings
31 Commotion
32 Beginning
33 Crockpot contents
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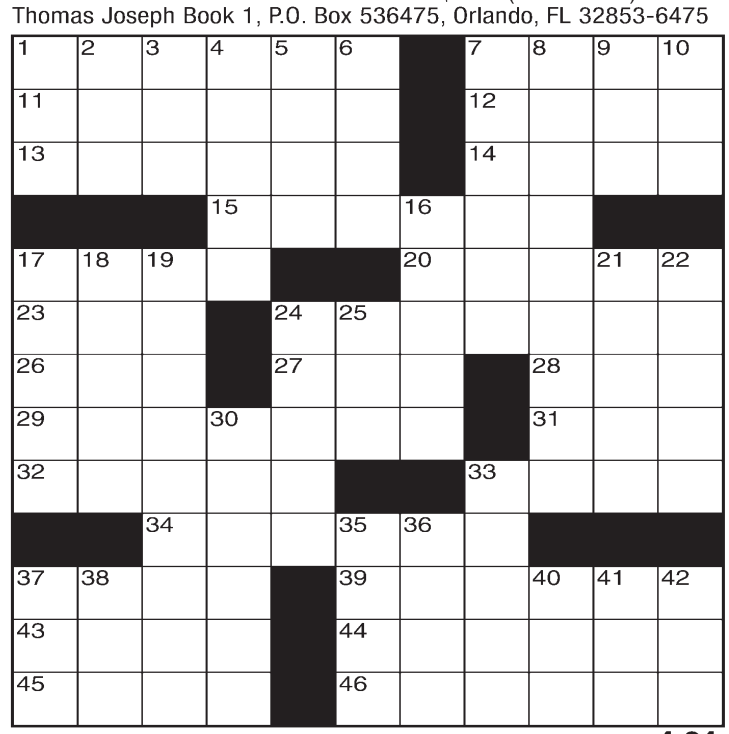
DOWN

1 Mercury or Mars
2 Pigged out
3 Blubber
4 Resort spot
5 Singing voice
6 Gaze
7 Most in need of massage
8 Remark of finality
9 Vacuum lack
10 Fish eggs
16 Prepares the hook
17 Dance music
18 Alan of "Argo"
19 Plea for equity
21 Steer clear of
22 Quarterback Tim
24 Hardware items
25 Regret
30 Halted
33 Mongrel's warning
35 Final, for one
36 Trade show
37 Sunday seat
38 Memorable time
40 Baseball's Ripken
41 Even score
42 What's more

S	A	L	V	E	■	C	R	O	N	Y
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9 21 22 32 50
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SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/20
3 15 26 32 39
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: $M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/23
1 17 22 25 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/23
MIDDAY: 8 2 8
EVENING: 4 2 2

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 4/23
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2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Aspiring rap music bigshot Bernard Bey, 32, filed a $200,000 lawsuit in February in New York City against his parents, alleging that they owe him because they have been unloving and "indifferent" to his homelessness and refuse even to take him back in to get a shower. Bey, who raps as "Brooklyn Streets," said everything would be forgiven if they would just buy him two Domino's Pizza franchises so that he could eventually earn enough to become "a force to be reckoned with in the hip-hop industry." (His mother's solution, as told to a New York Daily News reporter: "[G]o get a job. He's never had job a day in his life.")

■ Police in Knoxville, Tenn., confiscated five venomous snakes during a February traffic stop, and Pastor Jamie Coots of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name (of Middlesboro, Ky.) is demanding them back. Coots said he possesses them openly during his services in Kentucky, but Knoxville police said they are illegal to own in Tennessee. Said Coots, "If I don't have them, then I'm not obeying the word of God."

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1926 – The Treaty of Berlin is signed. Germany and the Soviet Union each pledge neutrality in the event of an attack on the other by a third party for the next five years.

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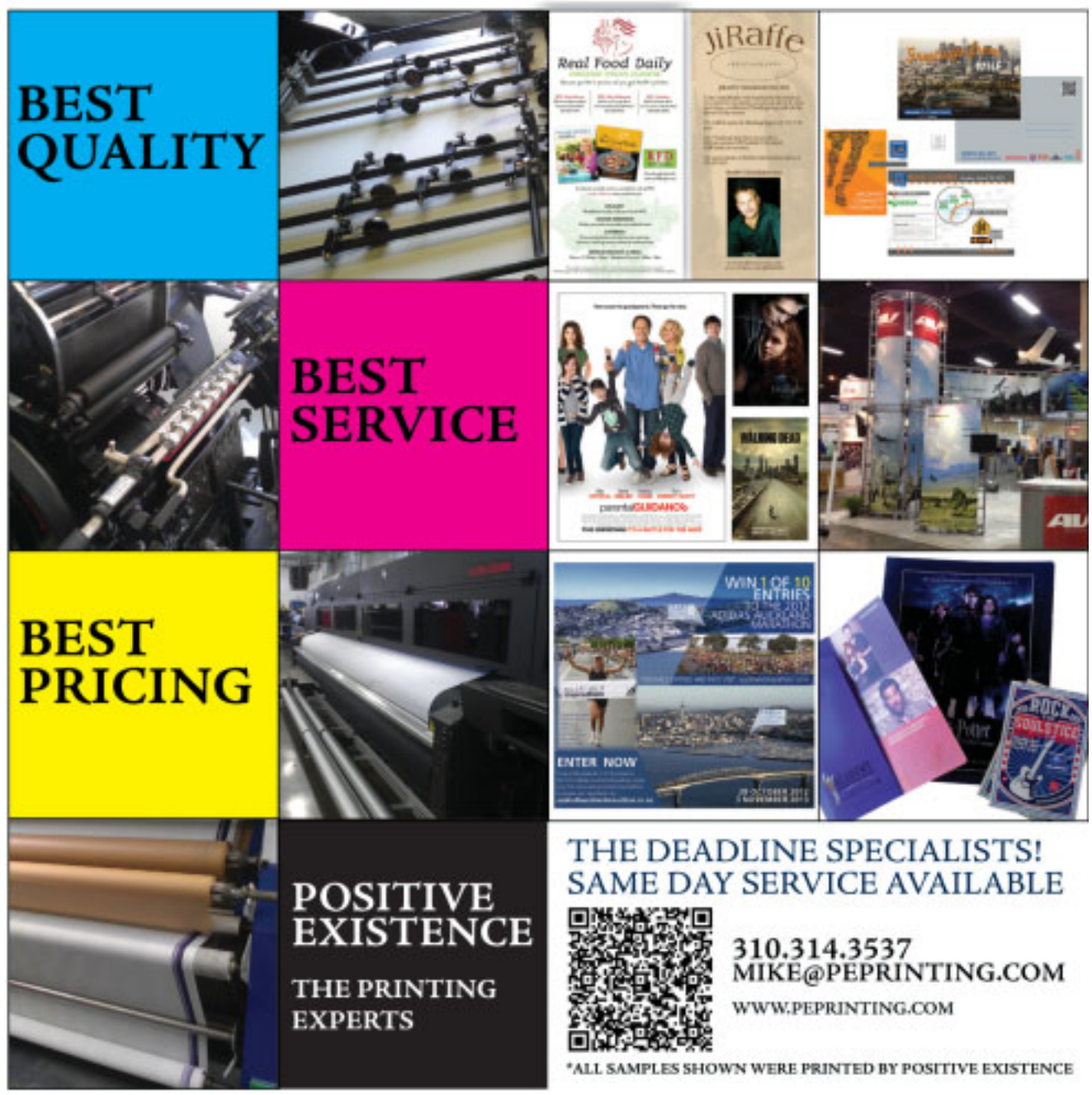
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