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L.A. police hope video leads to ID of BBB attacker

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LOS ANGELES Los Angeles police hope video of a fight earlier this month on a Santa Monica Big Blue Bus will lead to identification of the man who slugged and critically injured a fellow passenger who stepped on his foot.

The attack captured on the vehicle's security video shows punches being thrown between the two men. Victim Luis Contreras then falls backward through the bus door, hitting his head on the curb.

L.A. police Detective Luis Carranza tells City News Service Contreras has been hospitalized in critical condition since the April 5 fight and could die.

Anyone who recognizes the attacker is asked to call LAPD detectives.

Baykeeper says Magic Mountain polluting river

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SANTA CLARITA, Calif. Environmental groups say Southern California's Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park is polluting the Santa Clara River with contaminated water and trash that flows to the ocean.

Santa Monica Baykeeper, Wishtoyo Foundation and Friends of the Santa Clara River sent a letter to the Santa Clarita Valley area theme park saying wildlife and swimmers are at risk.

The Los Angeles Times says Magic Mountain officials say in a statement that it wants to improve the storm water process.

The environmentalists say a lawsuit will be filed within 60 days if Magic Mountain doesn't significantly reduce pollution entering the Santa Clara River, which flows 45 miles downstream from the park before reaching the sea in Ventura County.

Nonprofit cements deal with(out) neighbors

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL City officials accepted a proposal this week from a local nonprofit to help lessen its impacts on the

neighborhoods and businesses around it, but residents remain skeptical that the agreement has any teeth.

Common Ground, an organization relocating to the Sunset Park neighborhood that provides free HIV testing and other

services, promised to increase security and keep open lines of communication with its neighbors, who have expressed fears that the clientele will be disruptive and dangerous.

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BIG BLOCK

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Samohi's Ethan Kahan leaps to block a spike attempt by Culver City's Daniel Feifer on Thursday on campus. Samohi won the match in three straight games 25-19, 25-12, 26-24.

City Council gives \$250K to Ed Foundation

Money needed to take on major fundraising effort

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation got a much-needed injection of cash from the City Council Tuesday night to support its new role as the main fundraiser for programs in the local school district.

The City Council voted unanimously to release \$250,000 it has been holding for the Education Foundation since 2001 to help support its efforts at districtwide fundraising.

The money is the second of two equal installments. The first was doled out in 2001 to spur fundraising to support arts programs in the district.

The remainder was contingent on the Education Foundation raising \$5 million for its endowment for music and arts.

Of that amount, it's only successfully raised half, said City Hall Finance Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes.

According to the staff report, the Education Foundation will have to raise \$4 million every year to support programs through districtwide fundraising.

"Recent events like the economic downturn and the foundation's new role in districtwide fundraising required us to revisit the 11-year-old pledge," she said.

Council members felt that given the difficult economic climate and the new challenge facing the foundation, its failure to reach the

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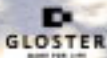
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM PIER

New pier manager selected

A seasoned marketing guru who helped launch the trendy TOMS shoe brand in Santa Monica has been tapped to serve as the administrator for the iconic Santa Monica Pier, it was announced Thursday.

S. Jay Ferrand, who has a master's in business administration from Columbia University, will be charged with expanding the pier's brand so that it can remain a popular destination for those from afar as well as locals. He will also oversee performers on the pier, events like the Twilight Dance Series and filming for movies and television.

"We are thrilled to have Jay join us with his amazing skills and experience," said former Mayor Judy Abdo, chair of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., the non-profit that promotes and manages the pier for City Hall. "We know he will be an innovative force for truly ensuring the pier is as relevant and exciting to the community and the region today and tomorrow as it has been in the past – only far more so."

Ferrand spent the past two and a half years building the TOMS brand and developing all consumer marketing campaigns and outreach. Before that, he was awarded a rare fellowship to consult with top agencies of every discipline, including advertising, public relations, entertainment marketing, market research and brand strategy. After receiving a bachelor's degree in creative writing with minors in economics and cognitive science, he spent several years in New York media and marketing agencies, developing strategies for clients like VISA and HBO.

A new board of directors for the pier was recently installed and there are talks of generating more funding to enhance the pier experience.

"Everything should be better on the pier: eating, listening to music, watching whales or movies, almost anything," he said. "It's the perfect platform for amazing content."

KEVIN HERRERA

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Man found on PCH identified

Police have identified a man who was found dead Saturday morning on the 200 block of Pacific Coast Highway after jumping from the bluffs in Palisades Park, authorities said.

Investigators believe Magilla Ringering, 36, of Santa Monica, took his own life, although no suicide note was found.

The investigation is ongoing and police are awaiting autopsy results from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

It took several days to identify Ringering because he was found with no identification.

Police were forced to close a northbound lane of PCH Saturday.

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SAFE FOR NOW? The post office on Fifth Street in Downtown is one of the locations being considered for closure.

Senate votes to slow closing of post offices

HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Senate offered a lifeline to the nearly bankrupt U.S. Postal Service on Wednesday, voting to give the struggling agency an \$11 billion cash infusion while delaying controversial decisions on closing post offices and ending Saturday delivery.

By a 62-37 vote, senators approved a measure which had divided mostly along rural-urban lines. Over the past several weeks, the bill was modified more than a dozen times, adding new restrictions on closings and cuts to service that rural-state senators said would hurt their communities the most.

The Postal Service is considering consolidating its operations in Santa Monica and closing the location on Fifth Street in Downtown, possibly selling the New Deal-era building.

The issue now goes to the House, which has yet to consider a separate version of the bill.

"The Postal Service is an iconic American institution that still delivers 500 million pieces of mail a day and sustains 8 million jobs," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., a bill co-sponsor. "This legislation will change the USPS so it can stay alive throughout the 21st century."

The mail agency, however, criticized the measure, saying it fell far short in stemming financial losses. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said if the bill became law, he would have to return to Congress in a few years to get emergency help.

"It is totally inappropriate in these economic times to keep unneeded facilities open. There is simply not enough mail in our system today," the Postal Service's board of governors said in a statement. "It is also inappropriate to delay the implementation of five-day delivery."

The Senate bill would halt the immediate closing of up to 252 mail-processing centers and 3,700 post offices, part of a postal cost-cutting plan to save some \$6.5 billion a year. Donahoe previously said he would begin making cuts after May 15 if Congress didn't act, warning that the agency could run out of money this fall.

The measure would save about half the mail processing centers the Postal Service wants to close, from 252 to 125, allowing more areas to maintain overnight first-class mail delivery for at least three more years. It also would bar any shutdowns before the November elections, protect rural post offices for at least a year, give affected communities new avenues to appeal closing decisions and forbid cuts to Saturday delivery for two years.

At the same time, the Postal Service would get an infusion of roughly \$11 billion, basically a refund of overpayments made in previous years to a federal retirement fund. That would give it immediate liquidity to pay down debt to forestall bankruptcy and finance buyouts to 100,000 postal employees.

The agency could make smaller annual payments into a future retiree health benefits account, gain flexibility in trimming worker compensation benefits and find additional

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Don't export jobs

Editor:

Building a clean, diverse, robust public transportation system is one of the great tasks facing Los Angeles County in the first half of the 21st century. Our failure to accomplish this task will yield consequences that we can't accept, from dramatically worsened congestion, a return to fabled levels of air pollution, as well as economic stagnation.

By contrast, the benefits of investing in public transportation are far-reaching. Health outcomes will improve, transportation choices and our quality of life will be enhanced and our more efficient economy will grow.

One of the most important results of investing in public transportation is regional job creation. When we build our transit system we are putting construction workers, the workforce most hurt by the great recession, back to work. When we buy buses and light rail and subway cars, we are putting people to work in good jobs. In the aftermath of the worst recession in 70 years, we need to create as many good jobs as we can produce.

The L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has a golden opportunity to advance its primary mission of creating public transportation while at the same time bringing quality jobs to our region, our state and our nation. One billion dollars in federal, state and local funds has already been set aside to build railcars. The question before the MTA is which company to choose to do the work.

The two top contenders are Siemens, one of the world's largest rail car manufacturers, and Kinkysharyo, a smaller Japanese company. Both firms have experience building light railcars for government agencies in the U.S., and both have strong records of delivering their products on time and within budget.

But there's one glaring difference: if selected, Siemens has promised to create more than 1,100 jobs in the U.S., with the majority likely to go to workers here in L.A. County. Siemens will also open a factory in our communities. Kinkysharyo, by contrast, will generate less than 500 new American jobs. Most of the high-value and manufacturing work will be in Japan.

Put another way, the MTA can use American tax dollars to create jobs primarily for American workers – many of them here in L.A. – or for Japanese workers. If the board chooses Kinkysharyo, it will miss an important chance to put 1,200 Americans to work, and, importantly, help our nation rebuild its manufacturing base in the course of rebuilding its infrastructure.

Siemens' proposal is also clearly more consistent with the Federal Transit Administration's Buy America law, which smartly stipulates that tax dollars be used to generate jobs here in the U.S.

We cannot afford to lose the opportunity for billions of dollars of investment in public transit also resulting in billions of dollars invested in rebuilding American manufacturing.

The Measure R mandate was clear: voters overwhelmingly supported dramatic new investment in transit in L.A. County. We believe, given the opportunity, voters would also say move L.A. County and its economy forward by choosing a firm that can both deliver high-quality rail cars on time and also help create an American manufacturing capability as well.

Denny Zane

Executive Director

Move LA

Guinea pigs

Editor:

Animal testing of products and medicines will continue. But I wonder if all the people who signed that window ("No cruelty" page 1, April 25) are ready to go volunteer to test the products themselves, despite any risks.

Mike Kirwan

Venice, Calif.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Who didn't let the dogs out?

NOW THAT MITT ROMNEY IS THE presumptive GOP presidential nominee, I must confess that something about him really worries me. And no, it's not his \$250 million net worth, or Swiss accounts, or Cayman Island income making him the poster boy for the 1 percent club. (To be precise, he's in the top .001 percent club.)

And I'm not worried that he's flip-flopped on so many issues I call him "trampoline man." Or that he insists that "corporations are people." (Really? Ever take a corporation to dinner?)

What worries me most about a Romney presidency is that he personally seems incapable of admitting a mistake. (In fact he'd probably bet you \$10,000 he never has.) Just consider the defensive-sounding title of his best-selling book "No Apology."

Given various shameful events in American history, how could we not apologize for slavery, for example? Or for the genocide of the American Indian? How about the Vietnam War? (Which Mitt initially favored but was later against. His first flip flop?)

Here's the kicker. Romney thinks it's fine to say we're sorry, just so long as we don't apologize. One word — cuckoo.

We just had the 70th anniversary of one of the most reprehensible U.S. actions ever, the 1942 internment of 120,000 Japanese-Americans. (The vast majority were legal citizens.) From Venice, Santa Monica and Malibu, approximately 1,000 were "rounded up" at the corner of Lincoln and Venice boulevards and bussed to Manzanar in Inyo County where they were incarcerated without due process for the remainder of WWII.

On Wednesday, a ceremony featuring numerous camp survivors was held as part of a drive to get a permanent "Venice Japanese-American Memorial Marker." I wonder if Mitt would say we owed these Americans an apology or just a simple "sorry."

The folly of Mitt's strange attitude is reflected in the strange saga of the Romney 1983 summer vacation. (If this sounds like a Chevy Chase movie, just wait.) Mitt and Ann, and the five boys, piled into the car for the 12-hour drive from Massachusetts to Canada. It's hard to fathom, but Seamus, an Irish setter, was housed in a kennel strapped to ... the top of the car!

In 2009, Mitt was asked about the event by Chris Wallace, on Fox News of all places. Mitt couldn't just admit that it was a mistake, which only incensed Wallace, a dog lover. As Mitt tried to laugh the incident off, Wallace interrupted, "I'd no more strap my dog to the roof of my car than I would one of my children." (It went downhill for Willard from there.)

Mitt continued to defend what he had done, saying, "The kennel was completely airtight." Yikes! If it had been airtight poor Seamus would have lasted about five minutes. That wouldn't have been a kennel, it

would have been a coffin.

Wallace also noted that under Massachusetts law what Romney had done was illegal and described in the statute as, "cruel and inhuman." Again Romney laughed, "I wasn't familiar with that," adding that Seamus "enjoyed his ride." Enjoyed?

It turns out that poor Seamus got sick on the trip. (Ann Romney says "he got the runs.") Evidently it was the Romney boys, looking out the window and concerned about their dog, who noticed that he had gotten "sick." (Be thankful I'm parsing my words carefully here.)

Mitt merely pulled the vehicle into a gas station and hosed off Seamus, the kennel and the car. (The gas station attendant must have been thrilled with that.) And then Mitt put Seamus back into the crate and the family drove off merrily on their way.

WHAT WORRIES ME MOST ABOUT A ROMNEY PRESIDENCY IS THAT HE PERSONALLY SEEMS INCAPABLE OF ADMITTING A MISTAKE.

Recently, Ann Romney said to Diane Sawyer that this was the only time Seamus got sick while on the car roof. Meaning there were other times they transported Seamus in that manner? Good grief.

Call me crazy, but I have an off-the-wall idea. Romney's father was once chairman and president of American Motors. Surely Willard must have had connections to get a van for these vacations, a large enough vehicle that could accommodate his family without having to strap the freaking dog to the roof!

Admittedly our view of dog care has changed a great deal since 1983. For example, who would have thought dog owners would be picking up poop in a bag? The point is, if Mitt had simply said it was a mistake, "crate gate" would have been a non-issue. But now there's even a homepage, "Dogs Against Romney" on Facebook with 50,000 "likes." (Actually, now 50,001.)

I suppose some will say, and perhaps rightly so, that I'm making too much of all of this. And yet I can't help but wonder when Seamus got "sick" what the people in the car directly behind the Romney's must have thought. (Sorry about that and I, as opposed to Willard, apologize.)

To learn more about the Venice Japanese-American Memorial Marker go to www.venice-jamm.com. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Taking care of our seniors

It's not easy growing old. Aching knees, blurred vision and slower reflexes are just part of it. Oftentimes it is the mental more than the physical that brings difficulty dealing with the transition. The inability to be independent, the loss of loved ones and the isolation that may come from being home-bound take their toll on the psyche. That, in turn, can accelerate physical ailments, making it critical to remain an active member of the community.

It's no wonder then why so many seniors are outraged by a plan by city officials to shift most services for them to the Ken Edwards Center where WISE & Healthy Aging currently offers meals, rides, counseling and other support. No services are being reduced. What's at the core of their displeasure is, in their eyes, another loss — the loss of the Senior Recreation Center in Palisades Park, and with that the beautiful views of Santa Monica Bay.

City officials have yet to finalize a plan for programming, but the idea is to create an activities center for all segments of the community where the Senior Center currently sits. They recommended the plan, and the City Council approved it Tuesday (Councilmembers Bobby Shriver and Kevin McKeown were opposed), because they felt consolidating services with WISE, and in one location, would make it easier for seniors to access them. While that may prove to be true, it still hasn't softened the blow. It's understandable given that seniors deal with so much loss in such a short period. They cherish the ocean view that comes with the Senior Center, they like the routine and, most of all, they enjoy the camaraderie. In letters to this newspaper, seniors said they now feel marginalized.

But when looking at the list of services approved by the council, it doesn't feel that way. The council expanded on-call transportation by 1,000 hours, which city officials estimate will help keep 50 more seniors in their homes. The council also further strengthened its relationship with WISE & Healthy Aging, a reputable organization that not only helps seniors access benefits, manage their bank accounts and avoid being the victim of scams, but also gives them a voice, empowers them and provides them ample opportunities to remain engaged. In all, City

Hall spends approximately \$16.2 million a year on services for adults 65 and older. Clearly, this community cares about the older and wiser generation.

That said, the transition is going to be difficult for some. City officials and WISE must move slowly and show sensitivity, something that has been lacking in this process. There must also be a detailed road map for the move and a clear idea of what programming will take place at the new activities center. The lack of such a plan was part of the reason why Shriver ultimately voted against the proposal, and rightfully so. It should have been fleshed out more since uncertainty only breeds fear, and with fear comes anger.

It would be ideal if during the days, when those who are younger and theoretically working, the center continues to offer programs for seniors, such as the popular improv and exercise classes and bingo. Take use of those inspiring, uplifting views. Seniors will still be able to socialize, and those who want the lunches or access other vital services can use Dial-a-Ride or take the Big Blue Bus to get to the Ken Edwards Center, which is just a few blocks to the east from Palisades Park. In the evenings, and perhaps on weekends, the activities center could offer programming tailored for a younger crowd.

If that is the plan, the Daily Press supports the consolidation of services and the transition of the Senior Center into an activities center for all. But it must be handled with care and compassion. We do not believe the plan was devised as a means to punish seniors or is a land grab by City Hall, as some letter writers have alleged. That just doesn't make sense given the facts. The plan is meant to help and if done correctly it will and the pain should be minimal. If not, elected officials could feel the pain come election time, a pain that even Ben-Gay won't be able to make go away.

There's no doubt that the Ken Edwards Center isn't the most attractive building in Santa Monica, but it's functional, has ample parking and is centrally located near many bus lines. It makes sense to have a one-stop shop there for seniors. But that view of the bay from Palisades Park means a lot to those who use the Senior Center, and City Hall should keep that in mind.

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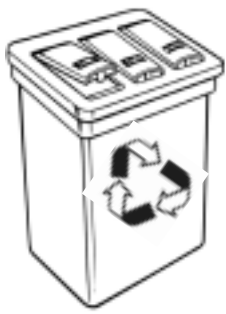
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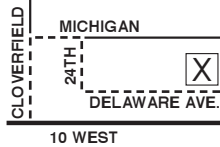


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2012

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit 11-UP-014, 2714 Pico Boulevard. The applicant requests a modification to an existing facility, by replacing nine existing non-parabolic antennas with one (1) GPS antenna, twelve (12) new, non-parabolic antennas and one (1) indoor equipment cabinet. The antennas will be mounted on the roof and located behind a new roof screening. The new screening for the antennas will extend 5.5 feet above the roof parapet and be setback at least 16 feet from the edge of the building. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110 and 9.04.10.06.160. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) and 9.04.10.06.161, the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** AT&T Mobility/Santa Monica Community College District.

Variance 12-004, 237 Palisades Beach Road. The applicant requests a Variance to modify required yard setbacks to allow the construction of outdoor patio areas, including but not limited to, a concrete slab, wood decks, guardrails, and low bench walls to extend into the required side and rear yards. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(2), the applicant may request modifications to yard setbacks on non-rectilinear parcels on which parallel property lines differ in length a minimum of five (5) feet. The subject parcel has parallel property lines that differ in length by ten (10) feet. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Shepphird Associates/Beach Club of Santa Monica.

Fence Wall Hedge Height Modification, 12-FWHM-0003, 1244 1/2 Stanford Street. The applicant requests approval of a fence height modification to allow a front and side yard fence to exceed the maximum allowable height, as measured from the lowest grade. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of forty-two (42) inches within the required front yard setback, and eight (8) feet within the required side yard, measured from the lowest grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) allows a modification to the height limitations in the front and side yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Ben Swett.

Fence Wall Hedge Height Modification, 12-FWHM-0004, 101 California Avenue. The applicant is requesting approval of a fence height modification to construct a two-foot-six-inch (2'-6") glass extension above an existing six-foot (6'-0") stucco-covered block wall along the east, west, and south side property lines. The extension will be clear tempered glass within an aluminum shoe. The overall height of the wall structure will be eight-feet-six-inches (8'-6") at the highest point. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard, measured from the lowest grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a height modification to the height limitations in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Stephen Frew/Santa Monica Bay Towers.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

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We have you covered

More U.S.-born Latin artists win over fans in Spanglish

LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

AP Hispanic Affairs Writer

MIAMI For years, Latin music acts typically had two routes to U.S. success — sing in English, or build a Latin fan base with Spanish-language tunes, then cross over to the English-language market.

Now a growing group of artists like Pitbull, Prince Royce and Romeo Santos are making it big by singing in Spanish and English — sometimes in the same song — and winning over both markets simultaneously. And unlike the majority of artists singing in Spanish in the past, these artists are homegrown; they were born in the continental United States and grew up speaking English.

Royce, born Geoffrey Royce Rojas, earned fame last year with a bilingual version of Ben E. King's classic "Stand by Me." The song has been covered by John Lennon, Otis Redding and even U2, but Royce set it to the beat of bachata, the native folk music of the Dominican Republic.

The 22-year-old son of Dominican parents grew up listening to Michael Jackson, Eminem, Shakira and bachata king Juan Luis Guerra, and his self-titled debut album, released in 2010, was a top seller in the United States, Puerto Rico and Chile. His latest album debuted at No. 1 on the Latin Billboard charts and debuted No. 16 overall.

"I don't sit around going 'Whoa, I'm a bilingual artist,' but there is this new wave where Latinos are catching a lot of interest in mainstream," Royce said. "It's cool. It encourages kids that even though they're born in the U.S., they do have this Latin culture they can use."

In the past, even U.S.-born artists like Marc Anthony gained fame singing mostly in Spanish before recording in English — or, like his soon to be ex-wife Jennifer Lopez, mostly in English before switching to Spanish. Still, most of the biggest Spanish-language artists who made it in the U.S. market were either from Puerto Rico, like Ricky Martin and more recently Wisin y Yandel, or Latin America, like Shakira (Puerto Rico is commonwealth of the United States).

Royce said he started with poetry in English, but a Spanish teacher encouraged him to pen lyrics in his parents' native language. His mother became his toughest critic.

"That was a way for me and her to connect," Royce said.

Leila Cobo, executive director of Latin content and programming for Billboard, said the big labels tried to market these kinds

of bilingual U.S. artists in the past but got little traction. Yet with nearly 50 million Latinos in the United States, demographics are changing the game.

"It's a thing that's been simmering under the surface for a long time, but I think it's finally reached its breaking point," she said.

Nearly a quarter of American youth are Latino, and many want artists they can relate to — not artists who speak Spanish, but musicians who grew up comfortably in a bilingual, bicultural world. At the same time, Cobo believes non-Latinos are more open to bilingual artists.

At the Billboard Latin Music Conference this week in Miami, which ends Thursday with the Billboard Latin Music Awards, several workshops were dedicated to this demographic.

Miami's Armando Christian Perez, better known as Pitbull, has helped pave the way for a whole crop of mostly urban acts, including Royce.

In "Rain Over Me," released last year, he raps: "Latin is the new majority, ya tú sabes (you already know)/Next step la casa blanca (White House)."

The Cuban-American rapper has repeatedly topped the charts in Spanish and English, collaborated with Sean "Diddy" Combs and Lil Jon, and hosts his own Spanish-language show on NBC Universal's bilingual mun2 channel.

Pitbull said Wednesday during the conference that he carefully chooses his words to ensure they are played on both English and Spanish radio and that they can be easily translated.

The Bronx-based group Aventura helped propel a resurgence of bachata mixed with hip-hop and R&B. Now the group's lead singer Romeo Santos has become a solo star in his own right.

The networks have also created more spaces for these artists as they tap into this U.S. Latin market with their own bilingual, bicultural channels like mun2 and MTV's Tr3s.

Tr3s helped propel Royce's career through its digital platforms, and it is now promoting the career of up-and-coming Manhattan-born Eli Jas, whose family has roots in Chile, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Jas grew up listening to Mary J. Blige, Mexico's Mana and Lauryn Hill.

"These artists swim in both worlds — Romeo comfortably singing a duet with Usher, and Usher singing a duet with Romeo, and neither of the audiences is confused," said Marc Zimet, Tr3s vice president of music and talent.

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Uncle Daddy, led by Los Angeles’s leading alternative strings teachers, Robert Anderson and Jacob Szekely, performs a benefit concert for Elemental Strings, a non-profit that provides young string players the opportunity to develop and strengthen their musical skills and love for music. Anderson and Szekely are co-founders of String Project L.A., southern California’s premiere creative strings program that teaches students to play music of all styles, from jazz to hip hop, and everything in between. Uncle Daddy offers a musical experience that will surely delight and expand your ideas of what string playing can be. Uncle Daddy originally came together to perform a one-time show for a charity event. The energy and magic of that single performance launched a prolific band that breaks molds and creates a unique stir in the L.A. music scene. Their live performances have captivated sold out audiences all over Los Angeles, including the Nokia Theater, the Troubadour and Hotel Cafe. Tickets: Advanced: \$20 general, \$10 students. On-site: \$25 general, \$15 students. For more information: (800) 595-4TIX.

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Zynga reports net loss, higher revenue

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Online games company Zynga reported a net loss in the first quarter because of stock-compensation expenses, but adjusted earnings were better than Wall Street expected.

Zynga Inc. said Thursday that net loss was \$85.4 million, or 12 cents per share, in the January-March period. It had earnings of \$16.8 million a year earlier when it was still a private company. Zynga went public in December.

The company’s adjusted earnings of 6 cents per share beat Wall Street’s expectations by a penny. This figure excludes one-time items such as nearly \$134 million in stock-compensation expenses.

Revenue grew 32 percent to \$321 million from \$243 million. Analysts, on average, were expecting revenue of \$318 million, according to a survey by FactSet.

Zynga’s games include “CityVille” and “Words With Friends.” It recently bought OMGPop, the maker of the mobile game “Draw Something.” This helped boost the number of monthly active users to 292 million, from 236 million a year earlier.

Though its mobile games are popular, Zynga relies on Facebook for the bulk of its revenue. That’s not necessarily a bad thing. Its dependence on Facebook explains how Zynga got big in the first place. As it grows, though, Zynga may need to diversify its revenue sources so it’s not overly dependent on the world’s largest online social network. Facebook takes a 30-cent cut out of every dollar that people spend on Zynga’s games.

For all of 2012, Zynga expects adjusted earnings of between 23 cents and 29 cents per share. Analysts were forecasting 27 cents.

The San Francisco-based company’s stock fell 32 cents, or 3.4 percent, to \$9.10 in after-hours trading.

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Homeowner surprised by naked intruder

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, AT 4:55 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to a home on the 1800 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of a naked stranger in one of the bedrooms. When officers arrived, they made contact with the owner of the home who said she had just returned from the beach when she saw a naked man in one of her bedrooms. She yelled for the man to leave the home. He did, but remained in the backyard until police arrived. He told officers that he had made friends with the homeowner’s father many years ago and had done odd jobs at the property. Police said the suspect was in possession of property from the home and placed him under arrest for burglary. He was identified as Jeffrey Glenn Cooke, 44, a transient. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, AT 1:45 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1300 block of Second Street –Parking Structure 4 – regarding a report of an auto burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with an on-site security guard who said he saw three men break into a car parked in the structure. The guard said one of the men ran north on Second Street while two others went to the top of the structure. Armed with a description of the suspects, officers detained a man walking on Arizona Avenue. They searched him and said they found burglary tools in his possession. While placing him into the police car, officers noticed a suspicious vehicle circling the area. Other officers ordered the driver of that vehicle to pull over. That’s when he allegedly gunned it. Police said the driver then crashed into two cars parked on the 200 block of Montana Avenue. Two men in the car were seen running away from the scene. A perimeter was established and both suspects were found hiding in a backyard. They were taken into custody without incident. All three suspects were booked for various crimes. Ulices Malfavon, 19, of Simi Valley, Calif. was booked for burglary, leaving the scene of a traffic accident and resisting arrest. Eduardo Ocampo, 29, of Canoga Park, Calif. was booked for burglary, resisting arrest and a probation violation. No bail was set. Alberto Carlos Rodriguez, 19, of Canoga Park, Calif. was booked for burglary and possession of burglary tools. His bail was set at \$20,000.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, AT 3:05 A.M.,
Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress on the 700 block of Grant Street. When officers arrived, they saw a man who appeared to be hiding behind some bushes. Officers made contact with the man and learned that he was on parole for burglary. Officers then spoke with the person who called the police. Officers said she was crying and scared. She told them that she was awakened by the sound of an animal scratching on the window in her home office. When she went into her office she immediately saw a man standing outside of her window. She screamed and yelled that she was calling the police. The stranger was startled and ran off. Officers looked at the window and said the screen had been removed. Because the suspect was hiding in bushes and admitted to being at the scene of the crime, officers placed him under arrest for burglary and a parole violation. The suspect was identified as Freddie Leslie III, 24, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, AT 7:24 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2300 block of Pico Boulevard where they made contact with a security guard from Rite-Aid who said that a man in a nearby alley was drinking wine that he stole from the store. Officers placed the man under arrest for shoplifting. Police said the suspect admitted to stealing the wine and apologized for it. He was identified as Fatu Fatu, 39, a transient. \$1,000. His bail was set at \$1,000.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, AT 11:15 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite-Aid – regarding a shoplifter in custody. Officers made contact with store security who said the suspect entered the store and concealed a tablet computer in between two black gym bags he was carrying. He then allegedly discarded the packaging and left the store without offering to pay for the tablet. Security confronted the suspect and detained him without incident. Police searched the suspect and said they found two baggies containing methamphetamine. The suspect was booked for theft and possession of narcotics. He was identified as John Allen Green, 46, of Torrance, Calif. His bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AT 9:34 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol were stopped at the corner of 11th Street and Pico Boulevard when they said they saw a man enter the crosswalk against the light. A van turned onto 11th Street and almost hit the man. The man then ran across the street and out of traffic. Officers stopped him to talk with him. He was apologetic for jaywalking and asked for a break. Police said the man had an outstanding warrant for narcotics and another for driving under the influence. After being placed under arrest, officers patted him down and allegedly found several containers filled with opiates. The suspect was eventually booked for the warrants, drug possession and jaywalking. He was identified as Vincent Michael Verr, 49, a transient. His bail was set at \$95,000.

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ous.

Residents were frustrated in their efforts to make the informal agreement legally binding, adding to the mistrust that built out of years of complaints about Common Ground that they felt were never dealt with.

The "good neighbor agreement" is one of the strongest that exists in the city, said Julie Rusk, human services manager with City Hall.

"The commitments that have been added are sound, reasonable, good faith efforts on the part of Common Ground," Rusk said. "We think they've entered into that in good faith and have demonstrated a willingness to be flexible."

Any nonprofit that receives funds from City Hall and works with homeless individuals is required to have a good neighbor agreement, Rusk said.

The stick behind it is the \$90,000 the center receives from City Hall on an annual basis. If Common Ground violates its agreement, City Hall can shut off funding.

"If we don't live up to what we say in terms of monitoring, we will probably lose our funding, and we don't want that," said Jeff Goodman, the interim executive director of Common Ground.

The document, called GNA 2.0, includes promises to install new security cameras, put the main entrance on the front of the building, add lighting, adjust its hours of operation and to keep an ongoing log of complaints.

Those complaints would then be acknowledged and addressed by a Neighborhood Advisory Council, the first of its kind in Santa Monica.

The group, to be composed of people living within Sunset Park and Ocean Park, will meet for the first time a month after Common Ground's new location on Lincoln Boulevard opens, and then once a month after.

Residents, however, felt betrayed when the group refused to make the agreement binding or guarantee that two of its most controversial programs — a county-funded needle exchange and drop-in center for homeless youth — would not be brought back to the facility.

An announcement two weeks ago that the Homeless Youth Prevention and Education program, or HYPE, would be moving to an undisclosed location in Venice

was met with enthusiasm by residents, and seemed to be paving the way to an improved working relationship between Common Ground and its neighbors.

Common Ground has no intention of bringing either the needle exchange or HYPE to its new location at 2401 Lincoln Blvd. any time soon, but it couldn't rule out the option, Goodman said.

"As a provider, you can't just pick up a program and move it in a day," he said. "This was a long process. What if something happens to that other partner or the other facility? We're not going to abandon the program."

The organization is haunted by a reputation for being unable to manage the homeless teens and other clients that use its services.

Residents and neighboring businesses have reported fights at its previous location on the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard, as well as human waste, used condoms and discarded needles.

Problems continued despite complaints from neighbors, and residents lost trust that either the organization or city officials would fix the situation.

At a final meeting about the group on Wednesday night, no residents spoke in favor of the agreement, said Zina Josephs of the Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood group.

"There is a lack of trust that the new agreement will be upheld," said The Rev. Stephanie Jaeger of the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

Jaeger facilitated the three public meetings held between Common Ground officials and concerned residents, and felt that the sometimes-contentious process was positive for all involved.

"Through this process, Common Ground has been held to task for past problems and responded by developing better business practices," Jaeger said.

It will take time for residents to believe that the organization will stand by its promises, Jaeger acknowledged.

"My hope is that when Common Ground reopens and the more problematic programs have been relocated and by coming to monthly meetings and the open house that Common Ground is hoping to hold, people will begin to get to know Common Ground's work better and will discover how important it is within our community," Jaeger said.

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ways to raise postal revenue under a new chief innovation officer.

Other bill provisions would:

—Place a one-year moratorium on closing rural post offices and then require the mail agency to take rural issues into special consideration. Post offices generally would be protected from closure if the closest mail facility was more than 10 miles away. The exception would be cases in which there was no significant community opposition.

—Shut five of the seven post offices on the Capitol grounds.

—Take into account the impact on small businesses before closing mail facilities.

—Cap postal executive pay through 2015 at \$199,000, the same level as a Cabinet secretary, and create a system under which the top people at the Postal Service are paid based on performance.

The Senate bill faces an uncertain future. The House version, approved in committee last year, would create a national commission with the power to scrap no-layoff clauses in employee contracts and make other wide-ranging cuts.

"This of course kicks the can down the road," complained Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who unsuccessfully pushed for a commission in the Senate bill. He said the current proposal failed to address longer-term fixes and delayed major decisions. "We'll be on the floor in two years addressing this issue again, because it is not a solution."

Noting that more people every year are switching to the Internet to send letters and pay bills, Donahoe called the Postal Service's business model "broken." The agency has estimated that the Senate bill would only

provide it enough liquidity to continue operating for two years or three years.

At stake are more than 100,000 jobs. The agency, \$12 billion in debt, says it could run out of money for day-to-day operations as soon as this fall, forcing it to shut down some of its services. The mail agency forecasts a record \$14.1 billion loss by the end of this year; without changes, it says annual losses will exceed \$21 billion by 2016.

On Tuesday, the Postal Service circulated a smaller list of mail processing centers that probably would close under the Senate bill; many in more rural or small states would be spared. For instance, centers would survive in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Missouri and Vermont, whose senators were sponsors of the postal bill or pushed amendments, according to the preliminary list obtained by The Associated Press. A facility in Easton, Md., also would stay open. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., previously attempted to block the postal bill in protest of that specific closure.

Also surviving were all four mail processing centers in Nevada, home to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, as well as all eight centers in Colorado and all five centers in Utah.

"This bill is a vital first step in pulling the Postal Service back from the edge of a fiscal abyss," said Art Sackler, coordinator of the Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service, a group representing the private sector mailing industry.

"It's now critical that the House follow suit quickly or we risk a shutdown of the Postal Service and an ensuing economic calamity," he said.

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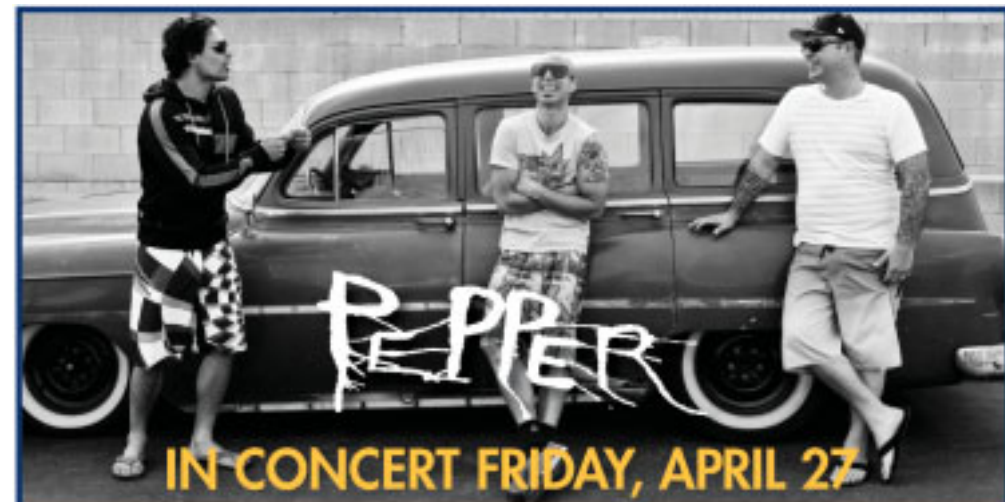
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\$5 million goal could be forgiven.

"I think that it's completely appropriate that we repurpose this money," said Mayor Richard Bloom.

The money will be used to help fund education, arts, academic and athletic programs at all of the public schools and support the foundation's work by hiring additional staff to get ready for its expanded fundraising role, according to a release by the Education Foundation Thursday.

"We are very grateful to the city of Santa Monica for this contribution and for its long-standing commitment to supporting the Ed Foundation's work on behalf of all students," said Linda Greenberg Gross, executive director of the SMMEF, in the release.

The foundation's new role comes from a policy set down by the Board of Education in November 2011 that restricts fundraising at school sites in an attempt to promote

equity of programming between the campuses in the district.

Previously, parent organizations raised money to hire staff, send children on field trips and buy materials to augment their children's education.

Officials felt that this created a disparity in education in the public school setting that gave an advantage to students in wealthier neighborhoods.

The policy was opposed by many in the community that felt they should be able to give directly to their children's schools and also doubted the ability of the Education Foundation to meet the ambitious new fundraising goals.

Traditionally, the foundation has only raised approximately \$400,000 per year to support programs in the district.

A group convened by Superintendent Sandra Lyon is expected to present a plan to the board in June about how the policy will work.

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Religious leaders endorse Gov. Brown's tax proposal

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. About 200 religious leaders from numerous denominations endorsed Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed November tax initiative on Thursday, saying they believe those who are blessed with riches should share them with the less fortunate.

Brown met with leaders from PICO California at the downtown Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, the regional Catholic diocese headquarters a block from the state Capitol. The nonprofit group's ministers and rabbis were lobbying lawmakers for policies they say reflect their values of social justice and caring for the needy.

"Our vision of California as a land of opportunity for all cannot be achieved if our youth, elders, families and communities are starved of the resources they need," said the Rev. George Cummings, founding pastor of Imani Community Church in Oakland.

The religious leaders say they will work to register voters in their congregations and urge them to support Brown's proposal. His initiative, which has not yet qualified for the ballot, would raise income taxes by 1 percent to 3 percent for seven years on people who make more than \$250,000 annually and raise the sales tax from 7.25 percent to 7.5 percent for four years, starting in January.

Brown told the group his initiative promotes fairness because it asks everyone to contribute, while generating the most revenue from those who make more than \$1 million a year.

"It's something that represents our best spirits. Those who have made \$1 million or \$500,000 or \$250,000, they've been blessed

and they must join with us in blessing those that have not been so fortunate," Brown, a Catholic and former seminary student, said to raucous applause. "At the same time, this initiative does ask a quarter-cent sales tax from every Californian, no matter how rich or how poor. We're all in it together."

The church leaders then poured soil they brought from around the state into a jar they gave to the governor, meant to represent the state's diversity.

Churches are prohibited by law from endorsing candidates or political parties but are free to advocate for and against issues and legislation, including ballot initiatives.

PICO California, a nonprofit that represents 480 congregations statewide, intends to register 100,000 new voters this year as part of a 10-state civil engagement project by its national branch.

Rabbi Ron Stern of the Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles said his congregation of 8,000 is comprised of people who would be affected by Brown's proposed tax increase. He said Hebrew scriptures call upon Jews to give back to their communities.

"The tradition doesn't say we have to make the rich richer," Stern said in an interview. "No religious tradition says that. Traditions say that the rich have to care for the poor. And if you've been blessed with bounty, then you have to make sure that every other person has dignity in their lives."

The ballot initiatives PICO affiliates have taken a position on this year include a proposal to cap payday loans in Missouri, a budget cap in Florida and a voting-rights bill in Minnesota.

Student researcher spies odd lava spirals on Mars

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES A researcher has spotted lava flows shaped like coils of rope near the equator of Mars, the first time such geologic features have been discovered outside of Earth.

These twisty volcanic patterns can be found on Hawaii's Big Island and in the Pacific seafloor on our planet. While evidence for lava flows is present in many places on Mars, none are shaped like this latest find.

"I was quite surprised and puzzled when I first saw the coils," Andrew Ryan, a graduate student at Arizona State University, said in an email. He reported the discovery in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

The biggest surprise? The largest Martian lava spiral measured 100 feet across — bigger than any on Earth. It is further evidence that Mars was volcanically active recently — geologically speaking within the past 20 million years.

For more than a decade, scientists debated whether this maze of valleys near the Martian equator was sculpted by ice or volcanic processes.

As part of a class project last year, Ryan analyzed about 100 high-resolution photos of the region snapped by the Mars

Reconnaissance Orbiter, which has been photographing the Martian surface since 2006. One evening, while taking a second look at the images, Ryan zoomed in and noticed the lava coils. He counted 269 spirals ranging from 16 feet to 100 feet across.

Ryan said he was not surprised the features were overlooked in the past since they blended in with the terrain. The coils looked strikingly similar to Hawaiian lava flows, leading Ryan to conclude that lava — not ice — was the driving force.

Planetary scientist David Paige of the University of California, Los Angeles, said the new work provides convincing evidence that the curious patterns were forged from volcanic activity.

This "illustrates just how complicated Mars' geologic history appears to really be," Paige wrote in an email. He was not part of the research team.

It's believed that rivers of molten lava flowed through the Martian valleys into a broad basin where they settled and formed the coil shapes. The spiral shapes were preserved as the lava cooled.

There are no clear signs that the region today is volcanically active. With more observations, Ryan said it is possible lava coils may exist elsewhere on the red planet.

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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Subway honor system could end

A vote to end the unusual honor system used on the Los Angeles subway and light-rail system has been put off.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Marc Littman says the vote that was scheduled for Thursday has been postponed until a May meeting while further details of implementing the new system are developed.

Most board members have expressed support for the plan, saying that the practice of only occasionally checking riders for tickets costs the system as much as \$7 million annually.

The plan outlined by Metro officials had gate locking beginning with subway stations in July, then moving on to the larger light rail system.

Gate-locking experiments at 10 stations last year showed many passengers weren't bothering to pay. Ticket purchases rose by 68 percent during the tests.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Governor signs bill extending pet license sales

California came to the rescue Thursday of animal lovers who need more time to sell license plates to raise money to reduce pet overpopulation and cut euthanasia rates.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a measure giving the California Spay & Neuter License Plate Fund an extra year for the sales.

Money generated by the effort will pay for spay and neuter surgeries throughout the state.

Under the state's program, 7,500 plates have to be sold before they can be printed.

The group, sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs Veterinary Medical Board, pre-sold 4,530 plates and needs to sell 2,970 more, said campaign president and vet board member Judie Mancuso.

Without a flurry of sales or an extension, the campaign would have had to refund money to everyone who paid so far.

Assemblyman Jose Solorio, D-Santa Ana, said California spends more than \$290 million a year to house and euthanize 1 million homeless dogs and cats.

"The sooner those pre-orders are collected and the Department of Motor Vehicles can get those plates on the road, the sooner city and county animal shelters will reap the benefits," he said.

The bill received unanimous House and Senate approval.

The program is being promoted on a Facebook page set up for Brown's Welsh corgi, Sutter.

California has 10 specialty plates, benefiting groups such as firefighters and veterans.

The plates have been a boon for the causes. The most popular benefits children and has brought in \$41 million since 1994.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Federal judge files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy

A federal judge in Los Angeles has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy because he's unable to pay his existing debts.

Court records show U.S. District Judge Otis Wright and his wife lodged their bankruptcy filing in Los Angeles four months ago. Their assets were worth more than \$833,000 but liabilities totaled more than \$895,000.

Last week, a trustee filed an application to hire a real estate agent to put their home in Rancho Palos Verdes up for sale for nearly \$1.2 million.

The couple's income has steadily declined from just over \$271,000 in 2009 to \$171,366 last year.

An email message left for Wright's attorney, Raymond Aver, was not immediately returned Thursday.

Wright, a former Marine and Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, has been on the federal bench since 2007.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Sheriff's deputy charged with sex with teen

Prosecutors have charged a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy with sex crimes against a girl he met through the Explorer program for youth interested in law enforcement careers.

The district attorney's office said Thursday that 36-year-old Manuel Enrique Perallon Jr. is charged with one felony count of oral copulation of a person under 18 and misdemeanor child molesting.

Prosecutors say Perallon oversaw the Explorer program at the Cerritos Station and met the victim when she was 16. The crimes allegedly occurred a year ago.

The deputy was arrested Wednesday and has been released on \$70,000 bond. Arraignment is scheduled for May 16.

If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison.

A telephone message left for Perallon wasn't immediately returned.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Geithner calls on China to push ahead with reforms

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is calling on China to move forward with economic reforms ahead of a meeting with Chinese leaders in Beijing next week.

Geithner spoke Thursday about the importance of the China-U.S. relationship in a speech in San Francisco to the Commonwealth Club of California.

The treasury secretary says the Obama administration welcomes recent changes to China's exchange rate system but believes the Chinese currency needs to appreciate further against the dollar.

Geithner says China should continue reforming its financial system, which is dominated by state-owned banks that channel resources to state-owned enterprises at the expense of private companies.

He says many Americans overestimate China's strengths and the country faces formidable challenges, including an aging population, rising labor costs and an inefficient banking system.

AP

Google fires back at FCC over Wi-Fi investigation

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO After being spanked by the Federal Communications Commission, Google is scolding the agency for its handling of a recently concluded investigation into the company's collection of emails, passwords and other personal information transmitted over wireless networks.

The rebuke came in a Thursday letter that disputed the FCC's reasons for fining Google Inc. \$25,000 earlier this month.

Despite its misgivings, the company isn't trying to overturn the fine. The 14-page letter instead tried to debunk the idea that Google did anything wrong — a high priority for a company whose motto is "Don't Be Evil."

The FCC contends Google "deliberately impeded and delayed" a privacy probe focused on the company's collection of sensitive data sent through unsecured Wi-Fi systems while photographing for the Street View feature on its online mapping service.

In its letter, Google argues that the 17-month inquiry would have gone much more quickly if the FCC hadn't dawdled so much. In some instances, Google says the FCC took seven to 12 weeks to respond to information that the company had submitted to the agency.

The FCC's delays were so frequent and lengthy, according to Google, that the agency's legal window for completing the investigation would have closed if the company hadn't agreed to a seven-month extension.

"That is hardly the act of a party stonewalling an investigation," Google lawyer E. Ashton Johnston wrote in the letter to P. Michele Ellison, the chief of the FCC's enforcement bureau. "Rather, it is a demonstration of Google's interest in cooperating and allowing the FCC time to conduct a thorough investigation."

FCC spokeswoman Tammy Sun said the agency stands behind the work of its staff.

"In promising to pay the bureau's penalty, the company has rightly admitted wrongdoing," Sun said of Google.

As Google wrangled with the FCC, another regulator took a significant step in a broader investigation into allegations that the company has been abusing its

dominance of Internet search to stifle competition and drive up online advertising prices.

The Federal Trade Commission signaled that its year-old probe is deepening by hiring an outside lawyer, former U.S. Justice Department prosecutor Beth Wilkinson, to look into Google's business practices. A veteran trial lawyer, Wilkinson is best known for helping the federal government convict Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh in 1997. The FTC stressed that Wilkinson's hiring should not be interpreted as a sign that it intends to crack down on Google.

In its notice about the Street View case, the FCC said it still had significant questions about Google's data collection on Wi-Fi systems because it couldn't get all the answers it wanted from the company.

Google, which is based in Mountain View, Calif., also disputed the notion that it didn't fully cooperate with the FCC.

In its letter, Google reminded the FCC that it handed over more than 800 pages of information after reviewing more than 500,000 documents to satisfy various requests made during the inquiry.

Google also revealed for the first time that it had cooperated with a U.S. Justice Department inquiry into Street View's collection of Wi-Fi data. The Justice Department took no action against Google, the letter said. The Federal Trade Commission also investigated the Street View data-gathering and didn't penalize Google.

By accepting the FCC's fine, Google also closed that agency's investigation.

Google has consistently maintained that its collection of personal information on Wi-Fi networks wasn't illegal, although it wasn't something the company intended to do when it sent out camera-bearing cars to cruise neighborhoods. The company attributed the information-gathering to a program that an overzealous engineer installed to help plot the location of the pictures.

The FCC says it subpoenaed an unidentified Google engineer as part of its investigation, but the employee invoked his Fifth Amendment rights against incriminating himself.

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USC details new security measures after shooting

ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The University of Southern California and Los Angeles police announced new security measures Thursday following the unsolved killings of two Chinese graduate students near a campus that promotes itself as an international destination.

More video cameras, security escorts and dozens of additional police officers will strengthen security on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods that contain student housing, officials said at a news conference.

"We will make this the safest campus of any urban campus," Police Chief Charlie Beck said.

Ming Qu, 23, of Jilin, and Ying Wu, 23, of Hunan, were shot on April 11 while sitting in a BMW about a mile away from the campus. Their killer fled in the rain.

No motive for the attack has been released. Investigators have said the attack might have been a robbery or attempted car-jacking but other possibilities were being considered.

Beck said investigators were making progress in the case but he declined to provide details.

The shooting sent shockwaves through the school, which has the largest number of international students of any U.S. university. Roughly 19 percent of the school's 38,000 students are from overseas, including 2,500 from China.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa referred to the school's athletic teams during his visit to China: "There were large numbers of alumni there, reminding me — Go, Trojans!"

The campus is located in an urban center a few miles south of downtown. It is

across the street from county museums and not far from the Staples Center arena and a gentrifying area of Victorian homes. Yet it also was known as a crime- and gang-infested area.

Beck said violent crime in the area has declined 27 percent in the past two years and 20 percent so far this year compared to 2011.

"This was an awful singular incident but this is not the trend in the USC area," he said.

The additional security will include sending over 30 more officers to the department division that handles the USC area, and the university will pay for four additional officers to patrol the student residential neighborhoods, Beck said.

Those officers could cost the school about \$600,000 based on the usual salaries and benefits for patrol officers, police Cmdr. Andy Smith said.

In addition, Los Angeles police will add a detective to be a liaison with USC security and will use computer-aided models to help predict crime areas. Smith said police also will increase parole checks on known gang members in the area and a prosecutor from the city attorney's office will be assigned to handle the region.

USC President C.L. Max Nikias said the shooting so far has not affected overseas recruiting efforts.

"We don't want this singular tragic incident to mask or cast a shadow on the image of the university," he said.

The school has been reaching out to alumni, parents of prospective overseas students and USC offices abroad in China, Taiwan, Korea, Mexico and other areas to let them know about the school's security efforts, Nikias said.

Nikias said the shooting has rarely been mentioned at admissions events in China and the U.S., which draw hundreds of parents and prospective students.

Bill lets governor, local officials meet privately

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A bill that would allow the governor to attend closed-door meetings with city councils, boards of supervisors and other local elected bodies passed unanimously out of the state Assembly on Thursday.

The bill would apply to an exemption in the state's open meetings law that allows local officials to meet privately to discuss public threats.

It was introduced at the request of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, after the board was found to have violated the open meetings law last September. That's when the board met with Gov. Jerry Brown to discuss his plan to shift certain inmates from state to county oversight.

The discussion was held privately despite complaints that it should have been public.

On Thursday, lawmakers passed AB1736 by Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, R-Santa Clarita, on a 51-0 vote, sending it to the Senate.

Smyth told fellow lawmakers that the governor should be on a list of officials who can attend closed-door meetings because the governor makes decisions similar to those made by local officials regarding threats to government services and buildings.

"This bill would simply add the governor

to the officials that can meet in closed session," Smyth said in describing his bill on the Assembly floor.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees opposed the bill on the grounds that it discourages transparency. The union wrote that "any meetings between the governor and a local legislative body should be conducted freely and openly, without concealment from the public."

Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition, said the governor's meeting with the Los Angeles County board was cloaked in secrecy for the wrong reason.

Following the September meeting, the Los Angeles Times filed a complaint with the county district attorney saying the session violated the Ralph M. Brown Act. In a Jan. 24 letter to the board, Assistant Head Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Lentz Snyder found that the meeting should have been open because the information discussed was not sensitive enough to constitute a public threat.

"The governor's meeting with the LA County board should not have been held secretly because the issue they were discussing — moving prison inmates from state facilities to county facilities — was sensitive not for security reasons, but for political reasons," Scheer said Thursday.

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Report: Rebates from health care law will top \$1B

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON More than 3 million health insurance policyholders and thousands of employers will share \$1.3 billion in rebates this year, thanks to President Barack Obama's health care law, a nonpartisan research group said Thursday.

The rebates should average \$127 for the people who get them, and Democrats are hoping they'll send an election-year message that Obama's much-criticized health care overhaul is starting to pay dividends for consumers. Critics of the law call that wishful thinking.

The law requires insurance companies to spend at least 80 percent of the premiums they collect on medical care and quality improvement or return the difference to consumers and employers. Although many large employer plans already meet

that standard, it's the first time the government has imposed such a requirement on the entire health insurance industry.

"This is one of the most tangible benefits of the health reform law that consumers will have seen to date," said Larry Levitt, an expert on private insurance with the Kaiser Family Foundation, which analyzed industry filings with state health insurance commissioners to produce its report. Kaiser is a nonpartisan information clearinghouse on the nation's health care system.

Still, with employer coverage averaging about \$5,400 a year for an individual, \$15,100 for a family, \$127 isn't a whole lot of money. It amounts to 2 percent of an individual plan, and a little less than 1 percent of the family premium.

And the insurance industry says consumers should take little comfort from the rebates because premiums are likely to go up overall as a result of new benefits and other require-

ments of the law.

"The net of all the requirements will be an increase in costs for consumers," said Robert Zirkelbach, spokesman for America's Health Insurance Plans, the main industry trade group.

"Given that health care costs are inherently unpredictable, it's not surprising that some plans will be paying rebates to policyholders in certain markets," Zirkelbach added.

But the Kaiser report said the rebate requirement may be acting as a brake on the industry, discouraging insurers from seeking big premium increases to avoid having to issue refunds later and face possible criticism.

The new law has "provided an incentive for insurers to seek lower premium increases than they would have otherwise," the report said. "This 'sentinel' effect on premiums has likely produced more savings for consumers and employers than the rebates themselves."

The study found the largest rebates will go to consumers and employers in Texas (\$186 million) and Florida (\$149 million), where Govs. Rick Perry and Rick Scott have been among the staunchest opponents of the federal law. Both states applied for waivers from the 80 percent requirement and were turned down. Hawaii is the only state in which insurers are not expected to issue a rebate.

Here's how the rebates break down nationally:

More than 3 million individual policyholders will reap rebates of \$426 million, averaging \$127 apiece. These are consumers who are not covered through an employer and buy their policy directly. Consumers in Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Arizona are most likely to be eligible.

Insurance companies must notify policyholders, and the rebates are due by Aug. 1. Some companies have already begun to pay.

In the small-employer market, plans covering nearly 5 million people will receive rebates totaling \$377 million.

Employers do not have to pass their rebates on to workers, and can also take them as a discount on next year's premiums.

Insurers serving large employers face a stiffer requirement. Under the law, they must spend 85 percent of premiums on medical costs. The study found that 125 plans covering 7.5 million people at large employers will give back a total of \$541 million.

Most plans operated by major national employers are exempt from the requirement. The biggest companies usually set aside money to cover most of their workers' medical expenses. Typically they hire an insurer to administer their plan, but they do not buy full coverage from the insurer.

Separately, a Goldman Sachs report estimated insurers would pay rebates of \$1.2 billion. Among major insurers, UnitedHealth would pay \$307 million, Aetna \$177 million, WellPoint \$94 million and Coventry \$50 million.

Supporters of the requirement say it will keep insurers from padding their profits at the expense of unsuspecting consumers.

"Millions are benefiting because health insurance companies are spending less money on executive salaries and administrative costs and more on patient care," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., a leading advocate of the rebate provision.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the report shows how Obama's law is "already strengthening the health care system for millions of Americans."

Like everything else about the overhaul, the future of the rebates depends on whether the Supreme Court upholds the law in a decision expected by early summer.

Seventeen states applied for waivers from the 80 percent standard, producing evidence that it would destabilize their private health insurance markets. Federal regulators granted adjustments to seven states, usually meeting each state's request part way.

Data from the nation's most populous state, California, were not ready and thus were not included. Final statistics on the rebates will be issued by the federal government in early summer.



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Home sales bump, earnings send stock market higher

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NEW YORK On a day that brought both good and bad news about the economy, investors chose to see the glass as half-full.

U.S. stocks edged higher Thursday, pushed up by a batch of bright earnings reports and encouraging news about home sales. In the fight for investors' attention, those upbeat signs muscled out a disappointing report on unemployment claims, mixed results on European markets and weakness at big-name companies like Aetna, UPS and Dow Chemical.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 113.90 points to 13,204.62. The Standard & Poor's 500 climbed 9.29 points to 1,399.98. The index momentarily flitted above 1,400 in the late afternoon, its first foray past that psychological barrier in three weeks. The Nasdaq composite index rose 20.98 points to 3,050.61.

The National Association of Realtors reported that the number of contracts to buy homes is rising, which pushed up the stocks of home builders like PulteGroup and Lennar. Companies like Lockheed Martin, the aerospace and defense contractor, and Starwood Hotels, which runs chains including Westin and Sheraton, climbed after beating analysts' predictions for first-quarter earnings. Amazon.com rose 1.6 percent during the trading day, then reported much-higher-than-expected earnings after the close. Its stock blasted nearly 14 percent higher around 5 p.m.

Still, investors didn't need to look far to find problems, or at least confusion, looming on the horizon.

In the U.S., the government reported that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits was little changed last week, stoking more uncertainty about when and if companies will return to pre-recession levels of hiring.

John De Clue, global investment strategist at U.S. Bank's wealth management business in Minneapolis, was watching the yield on 10-year Italian bonds tick up. That means the Italian government is paying more to persuade investors to hold its bonds, a sign that investors are worried about Italy's ability to repay its debts.

De Clue described the situation in Europe as "two steps forward and one step back."

"Okay, the situation doesn't look as serious as it did back in October," De Clue said. "But it's very difficult to understand what the market looks like with the need for austerity but also the need to avoid a recession."

But Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING Investment Management in New York, thinks concerns about Europe are overblown. Though the debt crisis isn't solved, he said, the European Central Bank has set up enough safeguards to keep Europe's problems from spilling across the ocean for the near future.

"There's breathing room," Cote said. "I think they get it done no matter what happens with French elections, no matter if the Dutch government dissolves. This is way overplayed."

European markets were mixed. Stock indexes rose in Germany and Britain but fell in Greece, Spain and France. Spain's Banco Santander reported that it set aside more money to cover bad loans, heightening concerns that Spain could join Greece, Ireland and Portugal in asking for a bailout.

U.S. companies' earnings reports also underscored the European problem. Dow Chemical, the nation's largest chemical maker, and UPS, the package delivery company, both fell after citing a cooling down of business in Europe.

Despite those declines, first-quarter earnings reports have been mostly positive. Of the roughly 200 companies on the

S&P 500 that have reported earnings, about 80 percent have beat analysts' forecasts, according to calculations by John Butters, senior earnings analyst at the financial data provider FactSet. That's better than the past four quarters, which averaged about 72 percent, he said.

Earnings growth has also come in better than expected. Four weeks ago, analysts had expected year-over-year earnings growth of about 0.1 percent. So far, companies have turned in about 5.9 percent.

To be sure, much of the growth is being driven by a few giant companies. Strip Apple out of the S&P 500, and earnings growth would drop to 3.6 percent, Butters calculates. And banks, which have also turned in strong first-quarter earnings, were helped by one-time items like accounting adjustments.

The past four weeks have been helter-skelter for the mar-

ket, with indexes waffling between gains and losses. The three major indexes are up for the week so far but down for the second quarter, which started at the beginning of April.

It's a contrast to the relative gaiety of the first three months of the year, when the market charged higher as investors shrugged off the previous year's concerns about Europe and gridlock in Washington over fiscal policy. Now, some of those worries appear to be resurfacing.

Natalie Trunow, chief investment officer of stocks at Calvert Investments in Bethesda, Md., said investors will probably continue to be cautious until they have more clarity on those and other issues.

"We have an election coming up, we have the expiration of the Bush tax cuts and payroll breaks, we have the budget negotiations coming up soon," Trunow said. "All of this is going to give markets indigestion."

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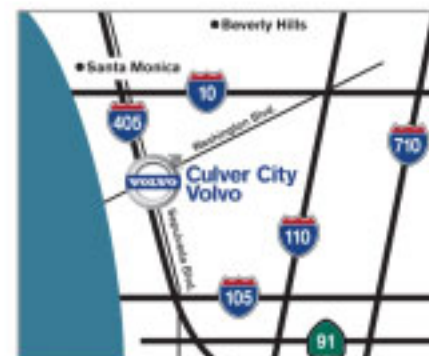
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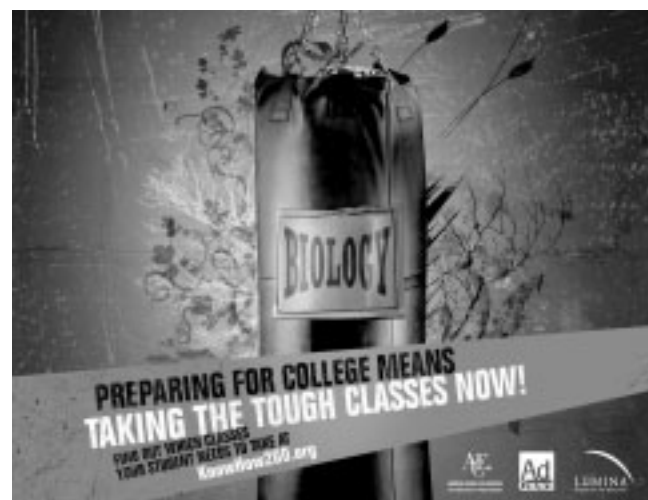
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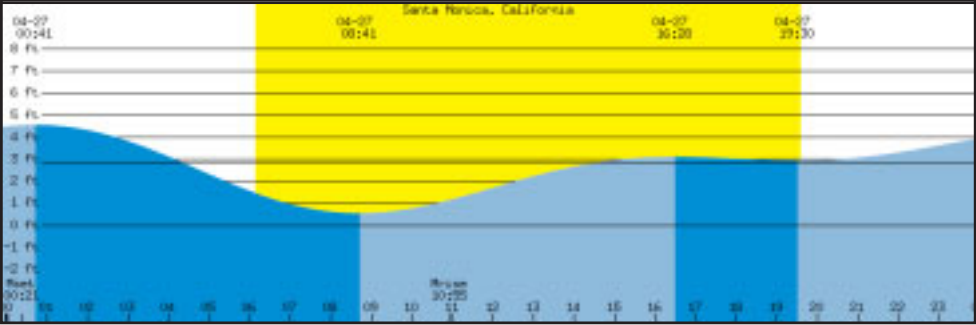
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.	m	m	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	A	F
Basal Beach at Trancoso Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Western Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	A
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A	Ocean Park Beach at Redwood Ave. drain.	A+	D
Selkirk Canyon at San Nicolas County Beach.	A+	C	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Winkhurst Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Sanfilippo Beach at Malibu Calvary fence.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Sanfilippo Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	A
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	A	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point road).	A+	D	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	A+	A	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DMV jets).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	B	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Candlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	C	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A			
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NHL Parity reigning in hockey playoffs

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

GLENDAL, Ariz. The Phoenix Coyotes roused a dormant fan base with an energetic season-ending burst that carried into the playoffs.

Lunch-pail likable and brilliantly resilient, they have made hockey cool in the desert again and given the NHL playoffs a distinctive new vibe by reaching the second round for the first time in a quarter century. And they're not alone.

After years of the same handful of teams competing for the Cup, Lord Stanley's sterling mug has some new pursuers.

Red Wings, Canucks, Blackhawks, Bruins — they're all gone. In their place, still in the chase, are Coyotes, Predators, Kings and Blues.

Parity has taken over in the NHL playoffs, raising the possibility that the Stanley Cup could end up in a place like Nashville or Glendale, Ariz.

"You look at who's out: Detroit, San Jose and on and on," Coyotes general manager Don Maloney said. "And look at Chicago. That's a team that could easily be playing in the finals. That's how tight things are."

Prior to the 2004-05 lockout, the NHL had what felt like an inevitable march toward the end.

From the '90s forward, teams like Pittsburgh, Detroit, New Jersey and Colorado took turns trading the Cup, combining for nine titles in a 13-year span. Before that was the Great One's reign in Edmonton, the New York Islanders' dominance and the Montreal monster that seemed to exist since the creation of the NHL.

Tampa Bay broke up the monopoly in 2004, the year before the lockout, and the change continued after the players returned and the salary cap was put in place, leveling the rink so small-market teams had a chance.

Since the lockout, there have been six different champions, though there still were plenty of intriguing matchups: a pair of Detroit-Pittsburgh finals, Chicago's drought-ending victory over the similarly long-suffering Flyers and last year's don't-change-the-channel matchup between Boston and Vancouver.

This year's Stanley Cup finals could be Florida against Nashville.

That's not a bad thing, just different.

"It's great for the game and great for different markets," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "For my standpoint, every year with the salary cap the way it is, it's going to be like this going forward that once you get in, it's going to be anyone's sort of ballgame, if you will."

It's already been that way this year, particularly in the wild Western Conference.

The Los Angeles Kings squeaked into the playoffs then squished the Canucks, beating the West's top seed and last year's Stanley Cup runner-up in a surprisingly easy five games.

Nashville pulled off a similar did-that-just-happen job on Detroit, bogging down the speedy Red Wings to win in five games.

The Predators will face the Coyotes, who pulled off what many considered an upset despite being the higher-seeded team against Chicago in the first round.

Division champions for the first time in

the NHL, the Coyotes got in the flying Blackhawks' way and pulled out a tense and tight series in six games for their first trip into the second round since 1987, back when the team was still in Winnipeg.

St. Louis also made quick work of the San Jose Sharks to face Los Angeles in the second round, and Washington stretched the run of no repeat Stanley Cup champions to 14 straight years by beating Pittsburgh in a Game 7 overtime thriller.

Ottawa and the New York Rangers were set to play a Game 7 Thursday night, a game that will determine whether Canada gets shut out of the postseason or the U.S. loses its biggest hockey market. And if Florida were to beat New Jersey in the other Game 7 Thursday, the NHL would have four teams below the Sun Belt still in the hunt.

If Ottawa and Florida both win, every team that has won the Stanley Cup in the past 35 years will be gone.

"You know the Detroit's and the Vancouver's, they're gone now, and Pittsburgh, so everybody's going to think, 'man, we've got a chance of a lifetime here,'" Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said. "It gets amped up because of that, not because of nastiness or anything like that. That's just the desperation of hockey at this time."

Desperation seems to define everything the Coyotes do.

Playing without an owner for the third straight season, Phoenix used a big run in March and a five-game winning streak to end the regular season to claim its first division title in 33 years as an NHL franchise.

Supposedly overmatched by Chicago's cache of skaters, the Coyotes clogged up the neutral zone and rode the goaltending of Mike Smith to end a 12-series streak of losing in the first round.

They didn't make it easy on themselves, either, giving up goals in the closing seconds of regulation three times, playing five overtime games and winning three times at Chicago's United Center, including the 4-0 clincher Monday night.

"This is certainly a step forward," Maloney said. "It's exciting and it's really a reflection of the ineptitude of the franchise, if you think about it. For 33 years, this is only the third time that we advanced? You shake your head about it. But fortunately, we're where we need to be."

Yet for everything the Coyotes were able to accomplish, it still doesn't match what the Kings did.

Coach Terry Murray was fired in December and the team struggled to score all season, finishing second-worst in the league. The Kings did have Vezina Trophy finalist Jonathan Quick, though, and they started to score a little more toward the end of the season to sneak into the playoffs as the eighth seed.

Expected to be a walkover for top-seeded Vancouver, Los Angeles instead ran over the Canucks, scoring 12 goals in five games while Quick turned away almost everything that came his way.

That put the Kings in the second round of the playoffs for the first time in 11 years and gave the NHL its biggest jolt in what has been a surprise-at-every turn playoffs.

"It went from 16 teams to eight, so it's going to get a lot tougher, not easier," Kings coach Darryl Sutter said.

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MYSTERY REVEALED!

Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

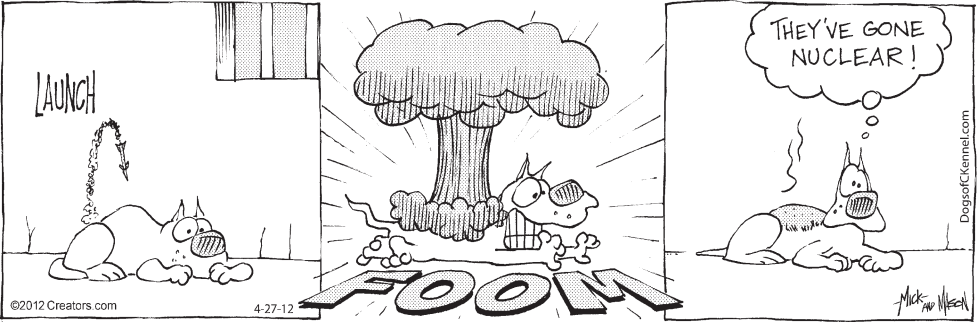
Reader Adolfo Bernal correctly identified this photo of a sign in front of the future Fossil store on the Third Street Promenade. He will receive a gift certificate courtesy of Roast Deli & Market. Check out the weekend edition for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to editor@smdp.com to be used in future issues.

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly Strange Brew By John Deering



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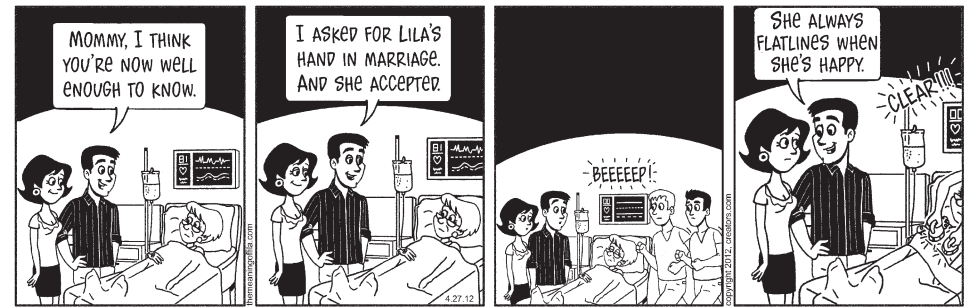
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By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Do what you must, Aquarius

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ Confusion earmarks a personal matter. You are able to sort fact from fiction with relative ease. An investment involving your home and/or your finances might be necessary. Check out your options carefully. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Keep asking, if you do not get your question answered. You'll need to choose different words or a different entry point. Your ability to solve problems emerges. Positive thinking emanates from you and will draw strong results. Tonight: Visit with friends over munchies.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★ Your instincts guide you with your finances. Your ability to move past issues earmarks your interactions. When someone is as confident as you are, flubbing up becomes less likely. Listen to an offer, but you might not want to commit just yet. Tonight: Count your change. Be careful.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ You can overcome nearly any obstacle. Your instincts will point you to the correct action or decision. Sort through mixed messages with a little skepticism, and you will know what to do. Tonight: You are the lead actor.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★ Observe everything you want. Make judgments if you like, but still be discreet at this point. Follow your instincts with regard to a respected figure in your life. This person will be more than pleased by your actions. Tonight: Not to be found.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Friends surround you. Even people you consider to be acquaintances will demonstrate unusual understanding and support. Seek out an expert or someone who knows more than you when trying to make a decision. Tonight: Only where people are.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ Everyone asks for your support or opinion. Opportunities emerge from out of the blue, but you might not want to jump on the bandwagon just yet. Discuss an important financial matter or someone's involvement in an important matter. Tonight: A force to behold.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Keep seeking out more information. You actually might have to visit a loved one to gain the perspective you seek. Someone close to you demonstrates a great deal of caring. You do not need to say or do anything. Tonight: An odd invitation or idea works.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Someone you associate with clearly knows what he or she wants. Figure out a way that you both can have what you want. Your ability to move past complications is enhanced. Use some of your excess energy or stress to start exercising more. Tonight: With someone special.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Defer to others, and recognize that everyone needs his or her time in the limelight. You can afford not to be on center stage all the time. Free up your schedule for an inspiring brainstorming session or other creative venture. Tonight: Let the weekend start in style.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ You might be hard-pressed to stick to routine, which is not your strong suit anyway. Others seem to tap into your knowledge or seek out your opinion. Screen your calls if you want to follow your schedule. Tonight: Do what you must.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★ You are able to move past a problem quickly, as long as you use your imagination as a resource. You are easily able to draw out others, especially one person who could be unusually tense. Tonight: Add some spice to your life.

Happy birthday

This year you'll skip over confusion through a desire to really see the facts. Misunderstandings will become less common if you are willing to confirm the conversation, interaction or plans. You'll empower yourself through this clarification, and others will respond in a most enthusiastic manner. If you are single, you could meet someone significant at any given moment. In fact, you might have two opportunities to encounter a potential sweetie. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from your clarity and optimism. Let the warmth evolve between you. CANCER accepts you as you are.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic	★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
★★★ Average	

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 ★★★★★

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Power unit
- 5 Peach centers
- 9 Phoenix source
- 11 Take — (guess)
- 13 Perfume
- 14 Green of “The Voice”
- 15 Lobster trap
- 16 Slightly
- 18 Cox-swain’s count
- 20 Pindar poem
- 21 Made hems
- 22 Fling
- 23 Break off
- 24 Car-toonist Browne
- 25 Derisive calls
- 27 Home style
- 29 TV alien
- 30 Like some veal
- 32 Hawaiian volcano
- 34 Summer sign
- 35 Virtues’ counter-parts
- 36 Artless
- 38 Friday’s creator

39

- Hold out piece
- 41 Hardy heroine

DOWN

- 1 Nest builders
- 2 Fancy ties
- 3 2011 Brad Pitt film
- 4 Kayo count
- 5 Duel count
- 6 Under-standing words
- 7 1921 Upton Sinclair novel

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Yesterday’s answer

- 8 Cone and cube
- 10 Supplied with chips
- 12 Carries
- 17 Unite
- 19 Holds title to
- 22 Clock sound
- 24 Presiden-tial middle name
- 25 Potato choice
- 26 Twist of fiction
- 27 Conk out
- 28 “Speed” star
- 30 Pondered
- 31 Active folks
- 33 Balm ingredient
- 37 Toward the wake

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2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11

Solution for Task 793

24

17

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12

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– Arithmo Crossmath – Reclaim Your Brain

- Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.
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Fantasy 5

Draw Date: 4/26

4 8 9 11 23

DAILY 3

Draw Date: 4/26

MIDDAY: 7 8 4

EVENING: 4 8 6

DAILY DREAM

Draw Date: 4/26

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2nd: 03 Hot Shot

3rd: 05 California Classic

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) A 41-year-old man was treated with antivenom at the USA Medical Center in Mobile, Ala., in March after he was bitten by a cottonmouth. The man had seen the snake at an encampment, beaten it to death with a stick and decapitated it. At that point, according to the man's friend, he for some reason started to "play with" the head. (The dead snake's teeth still contained venom.) (2) James Davis of Stevenson, Ala., vowed in April that he would for-ever resist a judge's order that he dig up his late wife's body from his front yard and rebury it in a cemetery. "I'm in it for the long haul," he said, promising to wait out the authorities. "I don't have much to do but sit around (and) think about what's going on."

■ Thought of Almost Everything: Mishelle Salzgeber, 20, was arrested in March in New Port Richey, Fla., after failing a drug test, which was a condition of her probation for an undisclosed crime. Apparently, Salzgeber knew that she would probably fail on her own and had gone to the trouble of inserting a small tube of someone else's urine into her vagina. Unfortunately for her, a pre-test body-scan revealed the tube. (Besides, authorities tested the urine in the tube and found that it also failed.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

2002- The last successful telemetry from the NASA space probe Pioneer 10.

2005- The superjumbo jet aircraft Airbus A380 makes its first flight from Toulouse, France.

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. LS022092
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of TRACY ANN DOUCETTE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: TRACY ANN DOUCETTE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: TRACY ANN DOUCETTE to ERYN ASTRID MORRIGAN. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date May 16, 2012 Time: 8:30am, Dept. T
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave, Rm 107, Van Nuys, CA 91401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: 4/13/2012
RICHARD H. KIRSCHNER, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012047370 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEARNING TREE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SARAH MAEL 8635 FALMOUTH AVE. #214 PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293, ANDREEA SCHWIMMER 11677 GOSHEN AVE. #211 LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SARAH MAEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012046852 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JUICEBOX ORGANICS, JUICE BOX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Paige Slaughter 337 N. Genesee Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:Paige Slaughter. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049230 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NAS COLLISION CENTER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: R&R VENTURES INC 4709 WEST PICO BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/23/1999. /s/: RON FARZAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012053051 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/26/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LUCKIE PIERRE ENTERTAINMENT, LUCKIE PIERRE MANAGEMENT & RECORDINGS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DOUGLAS GRAHAM KURZNER 100 N SYCAMORE AVE STE 11 LOS ANGELES CA 90036. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:DOUGLAS GRAHAM KURZNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/26/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012, 05/18/2012.

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