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THE WATCH YOUR LIGHT POLES ISSUE

Council extends free parking for some EVs

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) with state-issued decals will once again be allowed to park for free at city meters, according to an ordinance passed by City Council on Tuesday.

The NEV decals and the original yellow clean air vehicle decals, which were placed on early energy efficient cars, were discontinued by the state in July of 2011 and City Hall started requiring owners to pay for metered parking. The Tuesday ordinance upheld the status quo for the original yellow decals.

Neighborhood electric vehicles are prohibited on freeways and often look like high-end golf carts. NEVs purchased after the July 2011 expiration did not receive decals from the state and therefore cannot park for free in Santa Monica.

"Staff does not have the capacity to manage our own decal program," Don Patterson,

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Copper thieves cost taxpayers $25K

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY During times of uncertainty, investors will often look to commodities like gold and silver.

Apparently, so do crooks.

There have been at least 12 thefts in recent weeks involving copper wiring being pulled from street-light poles across the city, with the most recent occurring north of Wilshire Boulevard, said Sgt. Jay Moroso,

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

GETTING READY: Jose Perez hangs a work by artist Yossi Govrin at the Santa Monica Art Studios on Wednesday.

Hangar full of art

Studio celebrates anniversary with open house

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Santa Monica Art Studios is celebrating its ninth anniversary with an open house this weekend, but Director Yossi Govrin said the earliest seeds of the project go back more than a dozen years.

"There was basically nothing," he said. "There was just a beautiful hangar. We built it all but it was really exciting to do as an artist."

The first artists walked into a 22,000-square-foot empty hangar next to Santa Monica Airport.

"We said 'where do you want your space?'" Govrin said. "And they said, 'somewhere around here.' There were no walls, you know? And we said OK. We put the walls around them."

Today, white sheet rock walls separate studios for 36 artists showcasing pieces ranging from a giant, pointalistic pastel-colored horse painting to dozens of faceless, plaster humanoid statues.

Govrin said they competed with MTV and Santa Monica College for the space, but the City Council signed the building over to him.

His past creations include a hand sculpture commissioned by Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh and a set piece built for "Iron Man 3."

He's as interested in creating art as he is in creating a stimulating work environment.

"A lot of artists work in solitude," he said. "They don't mingle around. I studied sociology and international relations so community is very interesting for me. Why should artists work by themselves? Even if your work is amazingly diverse and different, you still get some kind of influence, consciously or unconsciously, you get something."

As Govrin spoke about the community, a loud plane engine cut him off.

"They are fine," he said gesturing up after the plane passed. "They are great.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Oct. 11, 2013

Cinema on the pier
Santa Monica Pier
6 p.m.
This week's installment of the pier's Front Porch Cinema features "Snoopy, Come Home." This Peanuts classic follows Snoopy and Woodstock as they hit the road. Cost: Free. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org.

Move that body
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles-based repertory dance company BODYTRAFFIC comes to The Broad with new works. Drawing from talent across the globe, the company is as diverse as they come. This production will also take place on Saturday. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com/bodytraffic.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013

Picture perfect
Peter Fetterman Gallery, Gallery A1
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Peter Fetterman Gallery presents the first U.S. exhibition of "Genesis," the new series from internationally acclaimed photographer Sebastião Salgado. For more information, call (310)453-6463 or visit peterfetterman.com.

Tales from the Westside
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
WaveFest, centered on the theme "Go West," will be comprised of three "waves" of short plays over six weekends. The festival will explore stories from the Westside and Southern California. Admission: $20. For more information, visit santamonicarep.org.

Santa Monica artifacts
John Muir Elementary School
2526 Sixth St., 8 a.m. (early bird entry)
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Clothes, furniture, books, kids' toys, household items, electronics, collectibles and more. Money raised will go to support Muir programs and the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. For more information, contact wd_theagent@yahoo.com.

Classic revival
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Thorton Wilder's play "Our Town" lets audiences follow the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually — in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre — die. Presented in the playwright's definitive version in this celebration of the show's 75th anniversary. Admission is $18-$20. For more information, call (310)828-7519 or visit morgan-wixson.org.

A musical Halloween comedy
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 2 p.m.
It's the classic Family Theatre Halloween musical for kids 2 to 102 — the heartwarming Rudie-DeCarlo tale of the aptly-named Candy, a sweet young girl who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter, and sugar, from a delightful array of characters who take her on a magical adventure. Come in costume and get two-for-one tickets for any future Family Theatre show. Admission: $10.50 kids 12 and under; others $12.50. For more information, call (310) 394-4977 ext. 2 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Dreams come true
Promenade Playhouse
1401 Third St., 4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Creating Arts Company presents one of the most beloved fairy tales of all time, "Cinderella." After being told by her mean stepmother and stepsisters that she won't be allowed to go to the ball, Cinderella discovers that with a little help from her mice friends and her fairy godmother, dreams really can come true. Admission: $12 for kids and $20 for adults. For more information, call (310)804-0223 or visit creatingarts.org.

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BREAK OUT YOUR SKATES

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

A work crew was busy Thursday setting up ICE at Santa Monica, a popular ice skating rink on Arizona Avenue. The rink opens on Nov. 1.

Court nixes ruling delaying Activision deal

RANDALL CHASE
AP Business Writer

DOVER, Del. The Delaware Supreme Court on Thursday overturned a judge's ruling that delayed the $8.2 billion sale of Vivendi's majority stake in Santa Monica-based Activision Blizzard Inc. back to the video game maker and an investor group led by CEO Bobby Kotick and co-chairman Brian Kelly.

The ruling clears the way for the deal to proceed before Tuesday's deadline.

Barely an hour after the court heard oral arguments, Chief Justice Myron Steele announced that the court had unanimously determined that the deal does not require the approval of Activision's minority shareholders, as a Court of Chancery judge had ruled last month.

"The stock purchase agreement here contested is not a merger, business combination or similar transaction," Steele said, using disputed language from Activision's corporate charter that was at the heart of the legal fight.

Activision shares closed up 77 cents, or 4.7 percent, at $17.05 Thursday. The stock price has risen by more than 50 percent over the past year, reaching a 52-week high of $18.43 in July shortly after the deal was announced.

Vivendi SA, a French media conglomerate that owns 61 percent of Activision, announced in July that it would sell most of its stake in the video game company, the maker of "World of Warcraft" and "Call of Duty," in an effort to improve Vivendi's balance sheet.

Activision would buy $5.83 billion worth of its shares at $13.60 apiece, while the investor group led by Kotick and Kelly would purchase another $2.34 billion worth.

The deal would leave Vivendi with a 12 percent stake in Activision, while the investor group would control 24.9 percent. The rest of the shares would be traded on the stock market.

The proposed transaction, which carries an Oct. 15 termination date, was derailed after a lone Activision shareholder filed a last-minute, class-action complaint last month, asking for a temporary restraining order and arguing that minority shareholders should be allowed to vote on the deal because it amounted to a business combination or similar transaction involving Vivendi.

"This is a complicated transaction," shareholder attorney Michael Hanrahan argued Thursday. He noted that the stock purchase agreement involves a shell holding company and hundreds of millions of

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Brown vetoes 'imperfect' discipline bill for teachers

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday vetoed what he termed an "imperfect" union-backed bill intended to streamline the dismissal of teachers accused of misconduct, calling on lawmakers to try again next year.

The bill, AB375 by Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, D-Alamo, was approved by lawmakers a year after a more stringent measure died in the state Assembly after opposition by the state's main teachers union.

Both measures responded to last year's arrest of a Los Angeles elementary school teacher who was charged with nearly two-dozen counts of engaging in lewd conduct with students, including allegations that he blindfolded his students and fed them his semen in what he described as a tasting game.

Former Miramonte third-grade teacher Mark Berndt has pleaded not guilty. The Los Angeles Unified School District fired him but then paid him $40,000 to drop his appeal of the dismissal.

Parents of some of the children in his classes over the years have filed lawsuits against the Los Angeles Unified School District, claiming Miramonte and district administrators ignored complaints about improper behavior by Berndt dating back more than a decade. One such lawsuit, filed in July 2012, says the district had a continuing "culture of silence" regarding teacher misconduct.

The measure was among several education bills signed or vetoed by the governor as he works toward a Sunday deadline for acting on legislation sent to him by lawmakers last month.

He signed bills to discourage school violence and cyberbullying by students. Another responded to the Penn State child molestation scandal that adds private schools to the list of those requiring background checks for employees who work with minors.

Brown applauded some of the proposed changes in Buchanan's bill, including provi-

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Editor:

The Your Column Here column, "What pedestrians need to know," Oct. 10, was an infomercial by any other name. I hope the SMDP received a reasonable advertising fee for publishing it.

Joe Palazzolo
Santa Monica

Park nonsense

Editor:

I wish we would end this foolish talk about replacing the airport with a park and start focusing on important matters such as crime and taxes. Tongva Park and Ken Genser Square are about 7 acres in size with a cost of approximately $42 million. That works out to $6 million an acre.

The airport is 400 acres so that would be $2.5 billion, not to mention the cost of removing all of the airport buildings, etc. Then you have to pay for maintaining a 400-acre park. Not going to happen.

I wonder how many people calling for a park even know that the airport already has playing fields, a dog park and demonstration gardens. I bet all the people in Mar Vista who don't pay for it do.

Linda Fineman
Santa Monica

I'm a rider

Editor:

Re: "Old habits die hard," Your Column Here, Oct. 3.

In a few weeks I'll be 91. Four operations and a proud veteran of World War II, five D-Days landing the Marines in the Pacific.

I own a car and still drive.

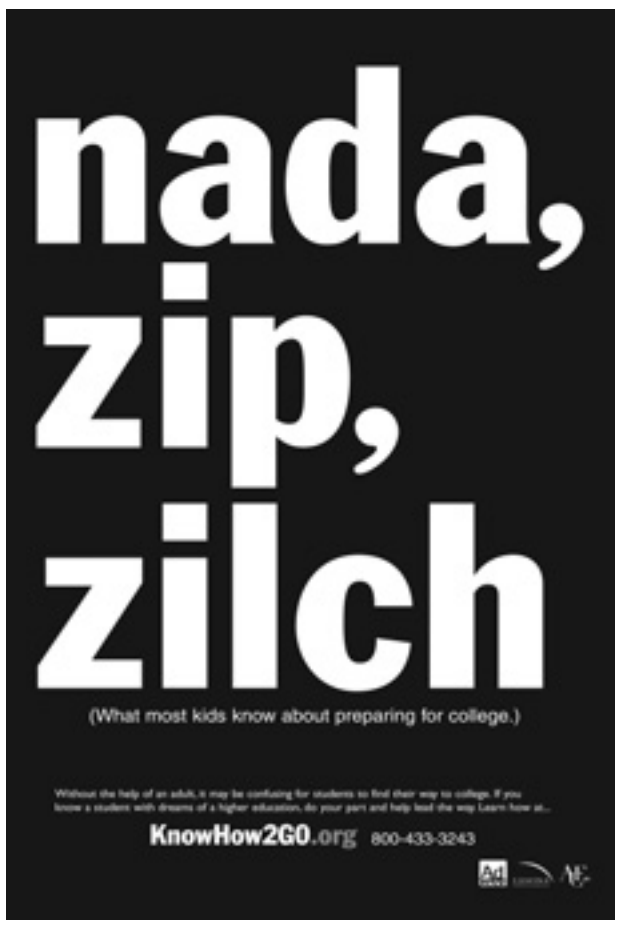
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To be approved, first they will send a car for you; the office is in Downtown L.A. The car will bring you home and there is no charge. For me, this is great. There's a 6 a.m. pickup and 9 p.m. pickup to come home.

This may not be the answer for that old man of 70; two sides to every story, positive and negative.

Tell that "old man" and his wife, Elaine, to call me if they wish.

Jack Hyam
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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What can we give the Tea Party?

GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, now in its second week, I find myself wishing Mark Twain was still alive. This particular Congress would be a never-ending supply of material for Twain, who once famously said, "Fleas can be taught nearly anything that a Congressman can."

And I'm also guessing Twain would have a few choice words for House Speaker John Boehner. Personally, whenever I see the lugubrious Boehner I'm reminded of the Smokey Robinson song, "Tears of a Clown." (Only in this case a tan clown.)

My solution is to shutdown Congress' pay. But it now appears that President Barack Obama and the Democrats are going to have to give the Tea Party something to make this insane "shutdown showdown" go away (before it ruins the world economy). But what to give them? Take the conundrum of Congressman Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.)

Outraged, Stutzman told the Washington Examiner, "We're not going to be disrespected and we have to get something out of this." And then he added sheepishly, "And I don't know what that even is." (To quote John McEnroe, "You can't be serious!")

Nearly a million people furloughed out of work with the potential to cripple our already fragile economy, and Marlin doesn't know why they're putting us through this? (But, whatever the reason, he's damn sure in favor of it.)

On the shutdown, Speaker Boehner has waffled enough to warrant maple syrup. (Knowing him, he'd think it was tanning lotion.) Boehner first said any shutdown was "not a very good idea." But, unfortunately, the speaker is terrified of the Teabaggers. Frankly, I don't understand why because whenever I see their ragtag "gatherings" they look like a bad "Jerry Springer Show." (As if there's any other kind.)

The shutdown could be ended in 20 minutes, but Boehner says defiantly, "The votes aren't there." In fact they are. Twenty-two Republicans are on record in favor of passing a continuing resolution which, with solid Democratic support, means this whole fiasco could finally be over. But Boehner insists the House must follow Hastert Rule. The only problem for Boehner is somebody's contradicting him, Dennis Hastert.

The so-called Hastert Rule states that a bill in Congress can't be introduced by the speaker unless it has "a majority of the majority in favor." But Hastert, the longest-serving GOP speaker ever, told the Daily Beast in an interview, "[I]f we had to work with Democrats, we did. The Hastert Rule never existed." (To quote Rick Perry, "Oops.")

Hastert went on to say "John doesn't talk to me … and he doesn't reach out. That's his nature." Terrific. The country's falling apart at the seams and one congressman behind it doesn't know what they want and the other is anti-social and cries crocodile tears. (To quote Charlie Brown, "Good grief!")

OK, it's obvious we have to "give" the Tea Party something to end this national nightmare. (Remember what Gerald Ford said after pardoning Richard Nixon? "Our national nightmare is over." This makes two for the GOP.)

Since the Teabaggers don't seem to know what they want, it's up to us to guess. So here's my "Top 10 Things We Could Give the Tea Party." (So they'll open government again, stop us from being the laughing stock of the world and avoid destroying the country and economies around the globe.)

10) Obama withdraws Janet Yellen as the first woman Federal Reserve chair, and gives the nomination to Tea Party pin-up Sarah Palin. (Of course the former governor of Alaska wouldn't accept because, besides not knowing a thing about finance, the job would actually involve work!)

9) Make U.S. Sen. Rand Paul president! (By "president" I mean of the Hair Club for Men. He might be disappointed it's not president of the country, but his squirrel's nest rug has to go.)

8) Speaker Boehner gets a free life-time supply of quality tanning lotion. (So he can actually look tan rather than orange.)

7) Replace the Tea Party poster "Keep Your Government Hands Off Our Medicare." (Sparing them the humiliation of realizing that Medicare is a government program.)

6) Begin fracking at national parks and under the White House.

5) Eliminate the Senate. (The Teabaggers want to shrink government and the Senate is just raining on their parade.)

4) Before the poor can get food stamps they have to shine the shoes of Tea Party members. (Assuming they're not barefoot at the time.)

3) Have Michelle Obama admit that sugar for kids is good and vegetables are bad.

2) Agree to teach "Global Cooling" in schools.

1) Have Obama finally confess that he's a Kenyan-born Muslim socialist.

As Congress brings us closer to doom, I end with another Twain quote. "Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But there I go repeating myself."

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Gardening Without Guesswork

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VIBRANT: Creating a festive fall bowl is a great way to introduce color into a balcony garden.

Gardening in small spaces

THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY LOVELY ABOUT a garden in Santa Monica that sits above things, those special rooftop or balcony gardens where you're comforted by the quiet of green, but can glance out and keep an eye on life's activities below.

Equally special, but in a different way, are tiny, enclosed "secret" gardens created in the small outdoor spaces of condominiums and townhouses. They may only provide space for a bistro table and chair, but can be lush, verdant enclosures of green where one can sip a quiet coffee.

Yes, you can garden on a balcony, on a rooftop, or in the leftover space of a townhouse. It can be rewarding and fulfilling. In some ways, it's easier than having a full-fledged garden. Many of the typical struggles are minimized, like weeding, pest control and covering those bare patches of ground.

Other things come to the fore, however, like the importance of regular watering and feeding and a greater expenditure on pottery. But think of the money and time you're saving as compared to a "real" garden.

What small-space and backyard gardening have in common is a need to curate. Regular gardens are rarely good examples of this important art and suffer because of it. But you have to curate a small garden. And that's a good thing.

Here are some simple, small garden tips to inspire and guide you. There's no better time to start a garden than during autumn. Warm, temperate air and gentle rains (we hope) create the perfect conditions for

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The Q Line

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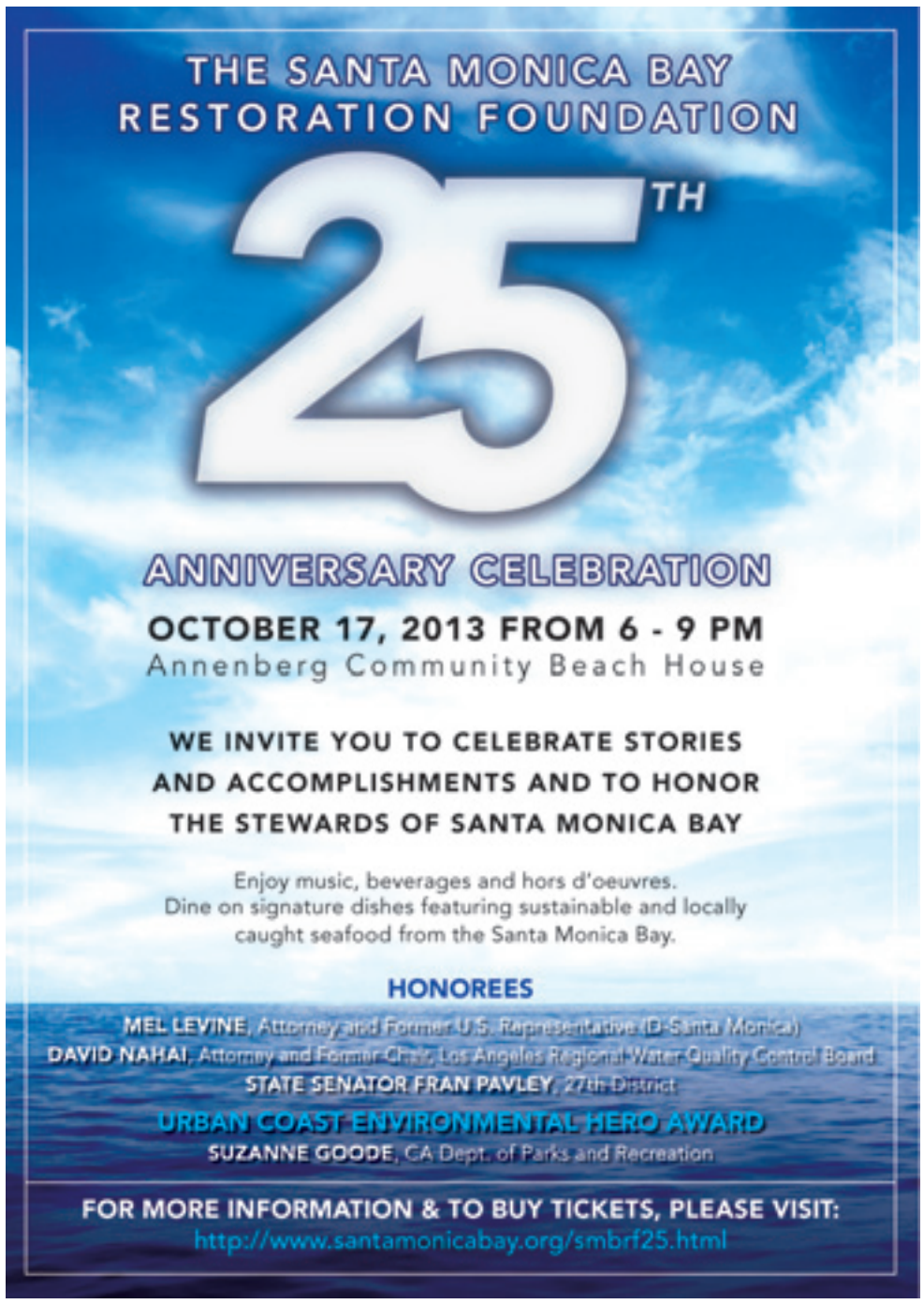
Last week's crash of a small jet at Santa Monica Airport has reignited the debate over whether or not the airport should be closed.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the crash highlights what's wrong with the airport or was it just a tragic accident?

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









Nest Labs tries to smarten up old smoke detectors

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Smoke detectors frequently produce more headaches than useful warnings. The devices have an irritating habit of shrieking when there's no cause for alarm, and always seem to wait until the middle of the night to chirp when their batteries run low.

Tony Fadell, a gadget guru who helped design the iPod and original iPhone while working at Apple, is counting on his latest innovation to prove that a smoke detector can be sleek, smart and appreciated.

The device, called "Nest Protect," is the second product hatched from Nest Labs Inc., a startup founded by Fadell in 2010 in an attempt to infuse homes with more of the high-tech wizardry that people take for granted in smartphones. The Palo Alto, Calif., company has 270 employees and has raised tens of millions of dollars from investors that include Google Inc.'s venture-capital arm and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, a venture capital firm with a long record of backing innovative ideas.

Besides sensing smoke, Nest Protect is designed to detect unsafe levels of carbon monoxide. That could broaden the square-shaped device's appeal, especially in the growing number of states that require homeowners to install carbon monoxide detectors.

Nest Protect's price will probably turn off many consumers. It will go on sale next month for $129 in more than 5,000 stores in the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom. Other less-sophisticated devices that detect both smoke and carbon monoxide typically sell for $50 to $80 apiece.

Fadell, who ended an eight-year stint at Apple Inc. in 2009, is aiming for an audience that appreciates sleekly designed products that provide peace of mind and simplicity.

"We want to take the unloved products in your own home and bring them to life in a way that makes them beautiful," Fadell said while proudly showing off the Nest Protect. "There has been very little innovation with smoke detectors in the past 35 years and now we think we have found a way to make them less annoying."

Nest Labs' first device was a digital thermostat designed to learn how to cool and heat homes to suit the needs and habits of the inhabitants. It went on sale two years ago for $249. Fadell won't say how many thermostats have been sold so far, but it's done well enough to reinforce his belief that there is increasing interest in furnishing homes with the latest trappings of technology, even if it costs slightly more to do it.

The Nest Protect is equipped with a variety of sensors for detecting heat, smoke, carbon monoxide, light and motion. It also is programmed to deliver early warnings in spoken words instead of a shrill alarm to give a home's occupants a chance to check on whether there's just too much smoke coming from the oven, steam from the shower or a real fire hazard.

If it's determined that there is nothing to worry about, all it takes is a wave of the arm to tell Nest Protect to be quiet. Multiple devices in the same home can also communicate with each other through wireless connections. They can be programmed to send warnings about possible hazards and low batteries to smartphones and tablet computers. The Nest Protect can even communicate with the company's thermostat product to inform it about unsafe levels of carbon monoxide so the furnace can be automatically turned off.

The Nest Protect also lights up in white when it senses someone in the house walking by it in the dark. The device emits a green glow when the lights are first turned out in the room as a signal that it's working fine and there is no fire danger.

For those who don't want the hassle of batteries, one of the Nest Protect models can be plugged into a power outlet. Only a white model will be sold in stores, although a black version will be sold through Nest Labs' website.

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plants to become established. So start now.

First, think lush. Nothing's more pitiful than a few lonely, struggling plants left out on a sunny ledge to fend for themselves. They'd jump if they could. Think big. Big pots or containers, large plants, trailing plants, mounding plants, and a few vertical ones, too. Don't feel limited because there's little (or no) ground. Buy more pots. More is better in a small garden.

Limit your plant palette, however. Fewer kinds of plants, but more of them. Keep them mainly green, with a few jolts of color.

Think good soil. Those roots have only a small space to wander. Use organic potting soil and add some organic starter fertilizer. (With organic, you don't have to worry about burning roots.) Spend some money on quality pots. They'll last a lifetime, and will create visual interest.

Consider light. Small-space gardens tend to be at the extremes — lots of shade or frying. Match your plants with your light.

Last, water and feed regularly. Always water deeply and thoroughly, until water runs out the bottom, then let the soil surface go dry to the touch. A secret tip from the pros: double feed plants in containers. Feed with a time-release fertilizer like Osmocote. And fertilize monthly with an organic liquid or granular fertilizer.

Finally, ruthlessly get rid of plants that aren't happy. Plant's lives are shorter in confined spaces, and the extreme conditions and restrictions mean certain plants need to be replaced often. Don't feel guilty when tossing a plant. Put it in the green recycling bin where it can continue to "live."

CREATE A FESTIVE FALL BOWL

Use the "thriller, filler, spiller" formula: one upright plant (thriller), two mounding plants (fillers), and three trailing plants (spillers). For a festive autumnal bowl, choose an ornamental grass (burgundy tones would be nice), some orange gerbera daisies, and some terracotta calibrachoas to trail.

Place the ornamental grass in the center and group the others around, with the calibrachoas near the pot edges. For shade, use a red cordyline at the center, crotons to fill and variegated gold ivy to spill. Tuck some small pumpkins or gourds in and around. Instant fall.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Wine buyer gets grabby

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 AT 11:36 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway — Vons — regarding an alleged assault. Officers spoke with a female employee at the grocery store who said she was working a register when the suspect approached her with a bottle of wine. She took the bottle and began to scan it while the suspect stood about 3 to 4 inches from her, making her feel uncomfortable. After she completed the transaction, she turned to another customer. That's when she said she felt someone slap her rear end. She turned and saw the suspect. Responding officers were given a description of the suspect and found him across the street from Vons along the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard. He was detained and positively identified by the alleged victim. The suspect was placed under arrest for sexual battery. He was identified as Archie Nathaniel Johnson, 50, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1, AT 3:40 P.M.,
Officers working the Downtown bicycle patrol saw a man walking along the 1300 block of Court 3 in violation of a restraining order. He was ordered to not set foot in Downtown. When officers questioned the man, he allegedly became belligerent. He was placed under arrest for the restraining order and charged with contempt. He was identified as Daniel John Kuhn, 45, a transient. His bail was set at $5,000.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30, AT 6:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the restaurant Redwood Grille at Santa Monica Place regarding a patron who was refusing to pay her bill. The suspect entered the restaurant and ordered lobster tacos and a beer, valued at $18.34. The diner ate and then left. She was detained by restaurant staff until police arrived. She was placed under citizen's arrest for the theft and a probation violation. A stay-away order was requested, barring her from Santa Monica Place. She was identified by police as Rachel Lindsey Szpunar, 33, of Albuquerque, N.M. Her bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 10:03 P.M.,
Officers booked a suspect wanted for burglarizing his parents' home. The crime allegedly occurred sometime in September when the parents were on vacation while their home, located on the 700 block of 12th Street, was being remodeled. When they left they instructed the foreman to not let their adult son into the house because he had a drug addiction and was a thief. The foreman called the residents and informed them that the son had made his way into the home. A report was filed on Sept. 16 with the Santa Monica Police Department. The parents told officers that several items were missing, including a debit card. Approximately $7,000 had been charged on the card without their knowledge. No one saw who perpetrated the crime, however, the parents were sure it was their son. Detectives were able to generate some leads and identified the son as the suspect. When officers caught up with him they said they found items from the home in his possession, along with .26 grams of methamphetamine and several syringes. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, giving false information to a police officer, possession of burglary tools and a parole violation. He was identified as Kevin Fitzgerald O'Donnell, 34, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

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COPPER
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spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department.

The thefts have not only left streets dark. They have also cost taxpayers roughly $25,000, not including labor costs to re-install the wiring.

"The copper taken from these light poles is substantial in size and cost," Moroso said. "The crime is somewhat physically demanding due to the fact that several feet of wire have to be pulled from the fixture. When the wire is pulled, the street lights no longer function."

The thieves have struck in the early morning hours when most residents are asleep.

Copper thefts are not uncommon. A Google search will bring up dozens of news articles about thieves climbing into government buildings to tear out wires or hitting abandoned buildings to snag copper pipes. They then visit recycling yards and offload their bounty.

As of Thursday, high-grade copper was trading at $3.23 a pound. The Santa Monica Recycling Center accepts copper and pays out depending on whether or not the metal is clean or dirty, if it is encased or is merely tubing.

A Daily Press reader said copper wiring was ripped out of light posts along Yale Street last week and earlier this week copper was removed from street lights along 17th Street from Montana Avenue "all the way north."

Moroso encouraged the public to report any suspicious activity around street lights, particularly at night. The police should also be called if anyone notices street lights out that were working earlier.

"City employees working on lights will be in clearly marked city of Santa Monica utility uniforms and will be driving city of Santa Monica maintenance trucks that will be marked as such," Moroso said.

Anyone who believes they have seen something suspicious should call the SMPD Communications Center at (310) 458-8495. Anyone with information on the copper thefts mentioned in this article should contact Detective Vince Gamache at (310) 458-8979.

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COOL STUFF: Artist Susan Feldman discusses her work at the Santa Monica Art Studios on Wednesday.

ART
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There's a lot of noise from the neighborhood to close the airport and stuff. We hope they don't, actually. It's exciting."

In another studio space, Susan Feldman was hanging work for the open house: horizontal pieces of wood interspersed with knitted rectangles held together by two vertical wires forming a ladder.

"There's one thing about doing your art in your garage and working alone for a while and there's another thing about sharing," she said. "I really enjoy being around the other artists and seeing what they're doing. It's like a family, really. It's really tight knit. And as much alike as we are, we're very different."

Feldman has been working at the studio for three years.

Sometimes the artists teach each other how to use tools or share ideas.

"I think all the energy is up here, all of the ideas," Feldman said pointing toward the high metal ceiling, which is visible from every studio. "That's what this work is about. Ladders climbing up."

As she pointed, another plane engine cut the silence.

She laughed: "I don't even hear it anymore."

The event will be held Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will include workshops, lectures and exhibitions from 38 artists. Santa Monica Art Studios is located at 3026 Airport Ave.

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PARKING
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assistant director of finance, told council at the meeting.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who cast the lone dissenting vote, was visibly frustrated when he learned that NEVs purchased recently or in the future would not be eligible for parking incentives.

"We're leaving no incentive for people to buy what is probably the most wonderful vehicle in terms of air quality, which is this very small, plug-in, no gas at all, local vehicle," he said.

City Hall still provides free metered parking incentives for drivers with the two most recent state-issued clean air vehicle decals, which are white and green respectively. They expire in 2019.

McKeown was also the only council member to support allowing drivers with the original yellow decals to receive the parking incentive. He agreed with the original staff proposal, which would have allowed drivers with expired state decals to utilize parking incentives in Santa Monica.

McKeown said that council had previously unknowingly voted to allow the yellow decals to expire.

"At the time, we didn't know the state was going to discontinue the stickers," he said. "That was something we had no way of knowing. What happened was, a couple years ago ... we passed an ordinance that changed all kinds of parking regulations. Without any discussion, staff had inserted this language about 'current and valid' for the stickers. None of us on the council who voted for that knew what kind of change that would make."

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Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day said that regardless of councils' original intent, the expiration dates are good for progress.

"One of the main factors of the state issuing these decals and having expiration dates is the evolution of vehicle technology and always kind of pushing to the next edge of clean air vehicles," he said. "I think aligning our policies with what the state is doing is a good idea."

McKeown said that council was breaking a promise made to early adopters who should be rewarded.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis also supported allowing the expiration.

"I find it hard to believe that we promised free parking in perpetuity," she said.

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DEAL
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dollars in tax breaks known as net operating loss carry forwards, making it far more complicated than a straight share repurchase by Activision.

But attorneys for Activision and Vivendi argued that the Chancery Court judge erred in ruling that the deal fell within the scope of language in Activision's charter calling for a minority shareholder vote on certain transactions involving the company and Vivendi. They also said the judge was wrong to convert the shareholder's motion for a temporary restraining order into a request for a preliminary injunction, which he then granted.

"The lower court order has stopped this deal in its tracks," said attorney William Savitt, arguing Thursday that the deal was little more than a share repurchase by Activision.

Attorneys for Activision and Vivendi had warned that the deal could fall apart after Tuesday's deadline, even though financing for the transaction remains in place through mid-December.

BILL
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sions that would let school districts file disciplinary complaints during summer recesses and eliminate some other hurdles that can delay discipline and dismissals. But he said in a veto message that other portions of the bill, which was supported by the California Teachers Association, "make the process too rigid and could create new problems."

Provisions that would limit testimony in disciplinary hearings and prevent school districts from amending complaints based on new evidence "may do more harm than good," he said. He called the latest attempt "an imperfect solution" that needs more work to produce a balanced but simplified disciplinary process.

Buchanan did not immediately comment on Brown's veto. But the bipartisan education reform organization StudentsFirst California issued a statement calling her legislation "a poor, rushed attempt" that would have made it more complicated to dismiss teachers accused of abusing children.

Among education bills signed into law by the governor:

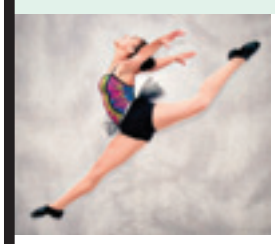
• AB256, by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, D-Bell Gardens, lets superintendents and school principals discipline students who engage in cyberbullying, using computers, smartphones and social media to intimidate or harass others on or off the school campus.

• AB389, by Assemblyman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, requires fingerprint background checks for private school employees who work with minors.

• AB514, by Assemblyman Rob Bonta, D-Alameda, requires the California Department of Education to include on its website a list of statewide resources for children affected by gangs, guns and psychological trauma caused by violence.

• AB955 by Assemblyman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, allows community colleges to offer additional courses at higher prices during short summer and winter sessions. Students would be charged the nonresident rate of $200 per unit, compared with $46 for state-subsidized credits during traditional semesters.



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SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
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MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	xx
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	xx
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	xx
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	xx
Tuna Canyon.	A+	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	xx
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	xx	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	xx

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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Magic Johnson won't return to ESPN, cites schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRISTOL, Conn. Magic Johnson won't return to ESPN as an NBA studio analyst.

The Hall of Famer says in a statement released by the network Thursday that because of his busy schedule, "I don't feel confident that I can continue to devote the time needed to thrive in my role."

Johnson is part of the ownership group that agreed to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers in March 2012. Since retiring from basketball, he has been successful in business, investing in movie theaters, a production company and restaurants. He has also been an activist in the fight against HIV after being diagnosed with the virus in 1991.

He expanded his role on ESPN to join "NBA Countdown" in 2011.

Johnson says: "I will always feel a strong connection to the ESPN family and I enjoyed working with them very much."

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PROPERTY OWNER: Hines/26th Street LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant is requesting Planning Commission consideration and recommendation to the City Council of a Development Agreement for a mixed-use project consisting of 471 rental housing units, 27 artist work/live units, up to 374,423 sf of creative office space, up to 15,500 sf of restaurant space, and up to 13,891 sf of neighborhood retail space. The project would include surface easements for an extension of Nebraska Avenue between Stewart Street to 26th Street, a new north-south street within the Creative Office Phase of the project, and a new north-south street within the Residential Phase of the project. The project would have a building height that ranges between 60 feet and 84 feet. The project is proposing 1,936 parking spaces in a three-level subterranean parking garage. The project site consists of 310,504 sf (approximately 7.1 acres) and has frontage on Olympic Boulevard, 26th Street, and Stewart Street. As part of the Development Agreement, the proposed project would provide certain community benefits.

Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and shall make its recommendation to the City Council for review.

The public hearing for this item began on September 11, 2013, and was continued to September 18, and the date below.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2013, AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Jing Yeo, AICP, Special Projects Manager
Re: 10DEV-002
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, Rapid 3, 8, and 9, serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(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.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

CBGB (R) 1hr 41min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Rush (R) 2hrs 03min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:20pm

Prisoners (R) 2hrs 26min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Don Jon (R) 1hr 30min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Romeo and Juliet (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

Gravity (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:45am

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
11:30am, 12:45pm, 2:50pm, 4:05pm, 6:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:35pm, 10:45pm

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) 1hr 35min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Runner Runner (R) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

Machete Kills (R) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

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

Wadjda (PG) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Summit (R) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

A.C.O.D. (R) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Parkland (PG-13) 1hr 32min
4:20pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

TREAT YOURSELF WELL TONIGHT, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your preference might be to end the week on a positive note. When you finally achieve your goals, you could find out otherwise. Maintain a balanced perspective. Realize that disagreement has an important role in life. Tonight: Out on the town.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could decide to take most of the day off, as you might not be present in the moment. You seem to feel shut out by a close loved one. This situation could change quickly. Remember, you can only control yourself. Tonight: Off on a trip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You see a situation differently from how a partner sees it. You easily could create a difficult situation if you're not careful. The alternative would be to compromise and respect these different ideas. Tonight: Spend some time with a dear friend or loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Trying to convince your normal supporters or a special person in your life that you are right will not happen today. Release the need for control, and trust that others will come to the same conclusion that you have come to. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might need to spend some time cleaning your desk and putting the finishing touches on a project. You'll want to greet Monday with a sense of rejuvenation. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll. Still, make it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You can't seem to hide your enthusiasm about the coming weekend, nor should you. Attempt to carry out what has not yet been done this week. Tonight: Be as spontaneous and happy as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be aware if what is dragging you down. You could be upset at the expense of proceeding in a certain direction. You might want to come to a new understanding with a family member. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have many creative ideas, yet you refuse to share them. Be honest with yourself about why you might be holding back. Are you trying to withhold some important information? Tonight: Hang out with friends and loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be too concerned with a money matter. Seek advice from a friend so that you can see how a problem developed and your role in it. Do not be so hard on yourself. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You'll beam, and someone else will respond in kind. It is clear that there is an innate mutuality between you. A friend seems a bit off and unwilling to share. Don't take his or her behavior personally; instead, loosen up. Tonight: Avoid crowds, but be with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to pull back and say less. You might not agree with a boss or higher-up, but hold off on expressing how you feel right now; otherwise, it could cause you even more trouble. In the meantime, you'll hear some other views and information. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have a keen sense of direction, and it will be confirmed in a meeting. Just the same, you still might not be able to see the bigger picture. Before launching into action, you will want to detach a little more. You'll need to hear others' perspectives. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

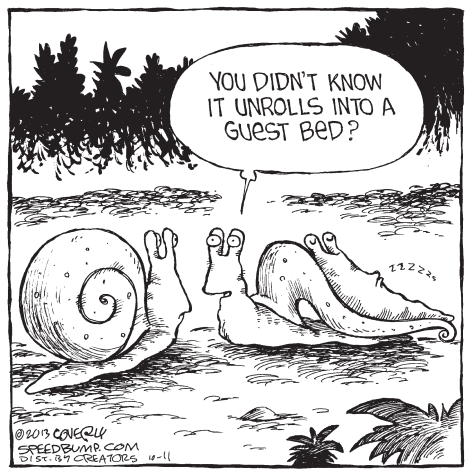
Friday, October 11, 2013

This year you'll want to make changes on a deep and profound level. You might question what is too much and what serves a purpose. Others could become reactive if you always seem to go your own way. If you are single, you draw many people toward you. Be honest with yourself about who really knocks your socks off. If you are attached, you often feel as if you don't have enough to offer. You need to get past this insecurity. You are creative, and you have a lot of great qualities. Besides, your sweetie values you. CAPRICORN can be too serious for your taste.

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

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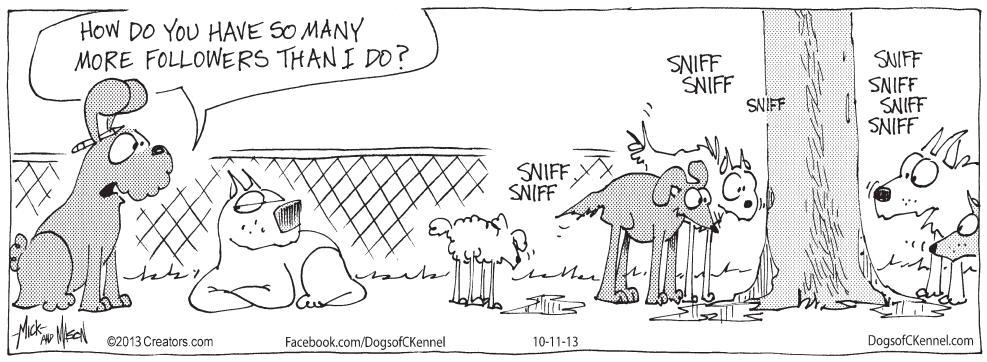
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By Dave Coverly



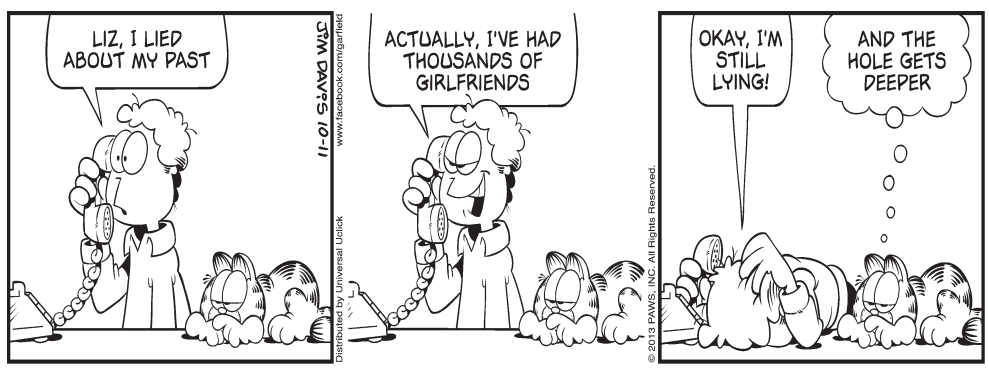
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By John Deering



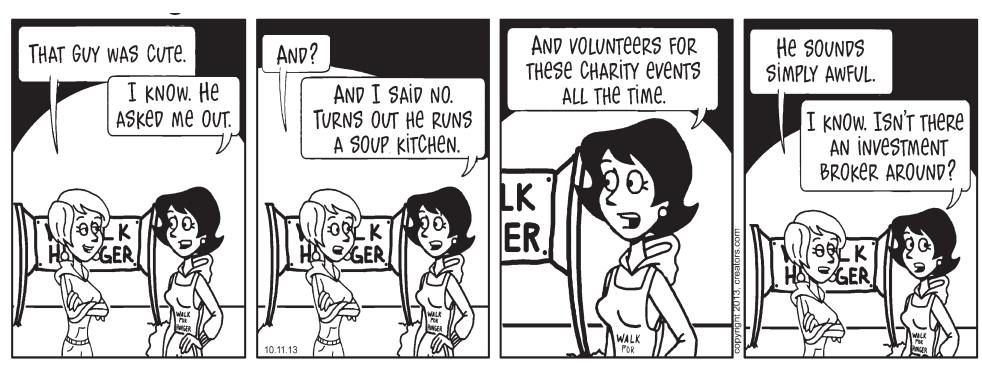
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Frenzied
5 Diplomacy
9 Heming-way's "— Time"
11 Find charming
13 Dwight's wife
14 Arrives
15 Spreading tree
16 Marks of shame
18 Tag line
20 Salt Lake City player
21 Pesky swarm
22 Cameo stone
23 Auditor's org.
24 — Lanka
25 Clip
27 Town square
29 — glance
30 Break
32 Squat
34 Pot brew
35 Early computer
36 Rap sheet item
38 Crumpet's cousin
39 Gallows sight
40 Cuts off
41 Scott Turow book

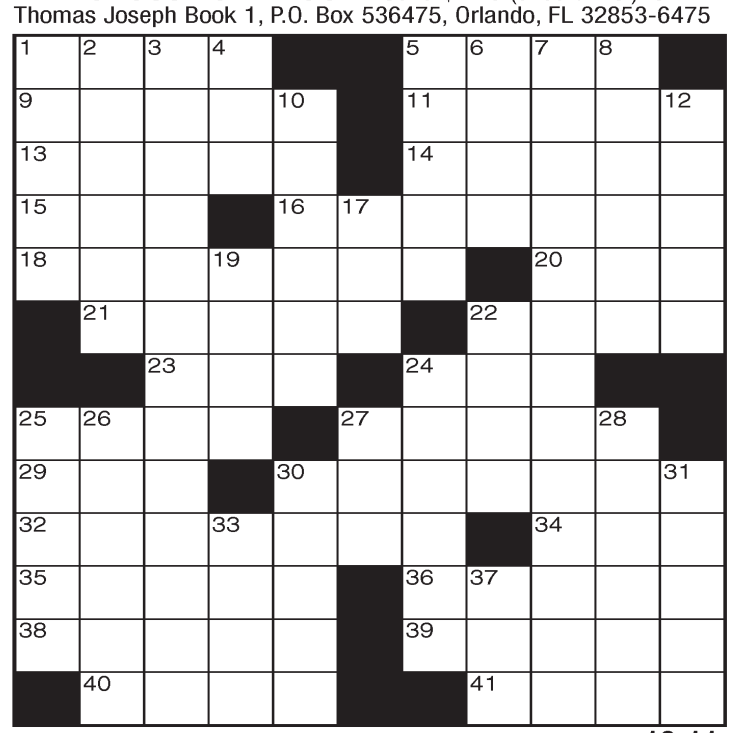
DOWN

1 British sailor, in slang
2 Place for a bump
3 Inter-change of thoughts
4 Gallic assent
5 Unspoken
6 Sick as —
7 Conver-sion to a red state?
8 War ender
10 Fixes, as a clock
12 English county
17 Frank McCourt book
19 Steak choice
22 Test type
24 Ad motto
25 Window sections
26 Without delay
27 Sewing aid
28 Comfor-table
30 Bad habits
31 Studio stand
33 Set of cards
37 Old card game

D	E	A	L	■	■	A	P	A	R	T
E	D	G	A	R	■	L	O	V	E	R
C	U	R	S	E	■	E	L	E	N	A
A	C	E	■	S	T	E	E	R	E	D
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■	■	■	E	A	S	T	■	G	A	S
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Yesterday's answer

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10-11

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 10/9
3 9 19 33 38
Power#: 18
Jackpot: $133M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/8
6 15 19 23 40
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $22M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/9
1 32 33 38 43
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: $18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/10
1 7 22 26 28

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/10
MIDDAY: 4 9 5
EVENING: 5 2 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/10
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:47.09

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Klaus Eder, a 25-year veteran team trainer for Germany, working its World Cup soccer qualifier match with Austria on Sept. 8, had a rough time despite the players' 3-0 win. Rushing onto the pitch during the game to treat player Marcel Schmelzer, Eder first tore a muscle in his left leg and then, as he fell to the ground, broke a finger. (Schmelzer's injury was comparatively minor.) (2) Dallas police officer Antonio Quintanilla was the victim in an August incident, but handled it by the book -- even though what the perp had done was urinate off a balcony at 3 a.m., onto Quintanilla's head. (Because the bladder-reliever did not know that Quintanilla was a cop, he was given a nonarrest citation.) Quintanilla also calmly helped a colleague investigate the crime scene -- locating the "wet and humid areas where the urine had fallen," according to the police report.

■ A 35-year-old man was charged with sexual assault in Solvesborg, Sweden, in July, for allegedly following a 50-year-old woman home, apparently intending to flash her. After she made it safely inside before he could expose himself, she noticed some noise at the front door and found that the man had stuck his penis through the door's mail slot.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1890 - In Washington, DC, the Daughters of the American Revolution is founded.

1899 - Second Boer War begins: In South Africa, a war between the United Kingdom and the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State erupts.

1899 - The Western League is renamed the American League.

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A By following the City Council's direction and designing a thinner, taller building at the same location as the existing tower.



We received extensive stakeholder input and we are following the Santa Monica City Council's clear direction to design a thinner, taller central building in essentially the same location as the existing Ocean Tower that was originally constructed in 1957.

This protects ocean views throughout Santa Monica. The new Ocean Building is also in scale with the surrounding Huntley Hotel, residential and office buildings. Ocean views will remain unchanged for 99.9% of Santa Monica.

We are proud of our new plan. Now, more than 50% of our 4.5-acre site will be open space, with no structures whatsoever. We will create a public plaza, with public seating and a prominent art element. Existing walls and fences will disappear in favor of landscaped gardens. The Miramar Plan also returns the Moreton Bay Fig Tree to public view and dramatically improves accessibility to the public.

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