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Searcher asks for restitution for broken back

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A volunteer searcher who broke his back when he tumbled down a cliff while looking for two lost hikers last month filed court papers Wednesday seeking restitution for hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical expenses from one of the two rescued hikers. Nick Papageorge's, 20, contends that Mar-sy's Law, the victims bill of rights, entitles him to compensation for serious injuries caused by the conduct of Nicolas Cendoya, 19, who was charged with possession of methamphetamine after he was found April 4 in an extensive three-day search in Holy Jim Canyon.



Papageorge's



Cendoya

Kyndall Jack, 18, his hiking companion, was found alive the next day. She was not charged with a crime. **Local 1**

THE MORNING READ

The road of life

'Circle the Wagen' tracks three friends, a VW bus and a really long drive.

Dave Torstenson never felt more hopeless than he did on a cold January afternoon two years ago.

He was with two friends, Fullerton native Charles Pecoraro and Ryan Green. They were driving a 1972 Volkswagen Transporter, which Torstenson bought five years earlier for \$787.

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A TALE OF TWO GALAXIES

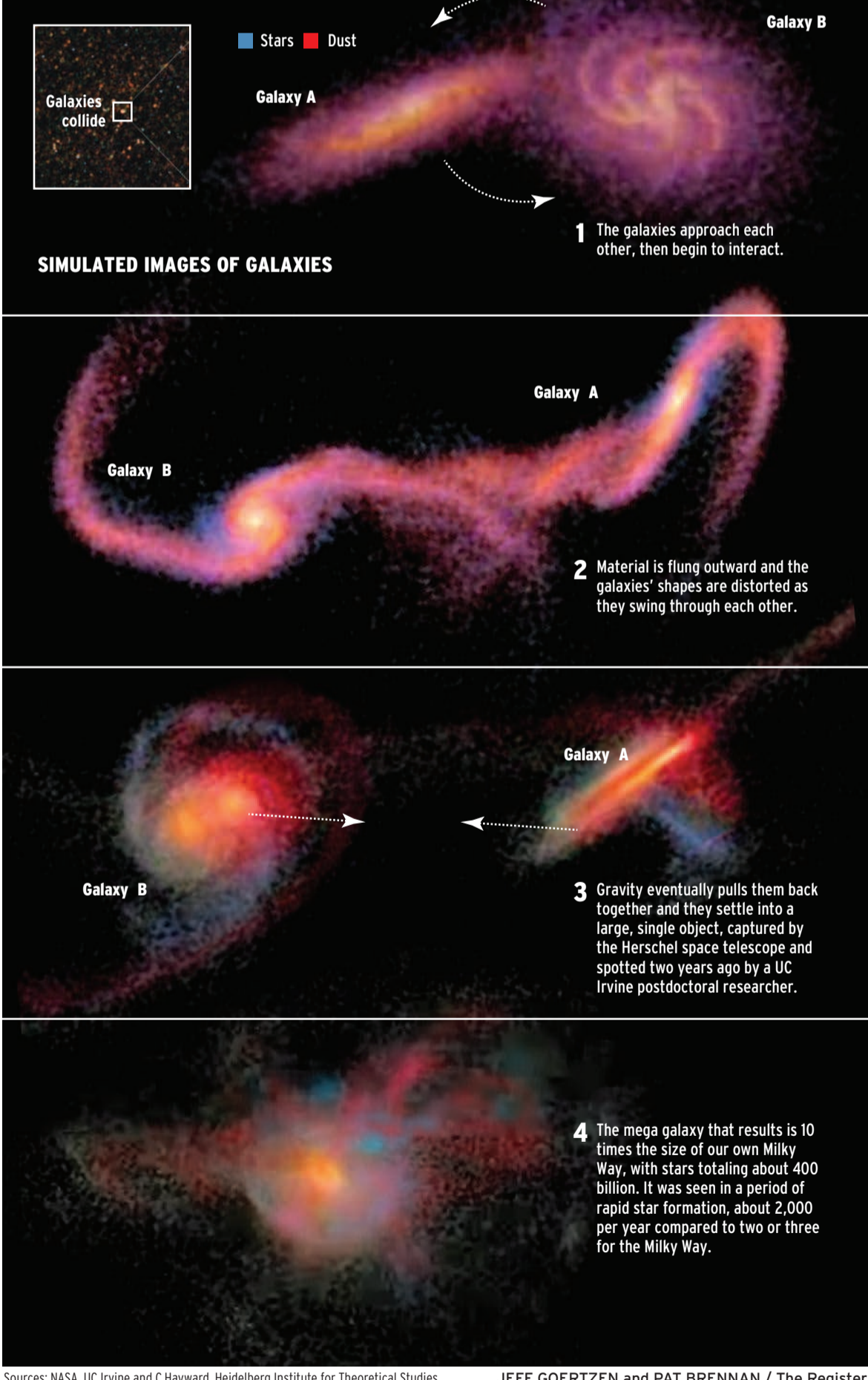
A cosmic merger when the universe was young.

A team led by UC Irvine scientists revealed a new "mega galaxy" in a study published this week. The object, really two galaxies merging, is 11 billion light years away; its light took that long to reach us, so we are viewing an event in the deep past, when the universe was young. As the galaxies became one, they began a period of intensive star forma-

tion, rapidly converting hydrogen gas into stars. Seeing it happen helped scientists solve some questions about how large galaxies formed in the early universe. These images are based on a simulation of the merger that condenses 1.5 billion years into about a minute. The mega galaxy is about 10 times the size of our own Milky Way. **News 14**



SIMULATED IMAGES OF GALAXIES



Sources: NASA, UC Irvine and C.Hayward, Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies JEFF GOERTZEN and PAT BRENNAN / The Register

Garcetti wins race to take reins in L.A.

After a nearly two-year race, City Councilman Eric Garcetti won his bid to become the mayor of Los Angeles, taking over a city that is facing large budget gaps, looming pension problems and complaints from voters over tattered sidewalks and gaping potholes. **News 14**



NATION

DIGGING OUT • The focus in devastated Moore, Okla., turned to the long and expensive path of recovering from one of the most catastrophic storms in the state's history. With 24 confirmed deaths, authorities believe they likely have recovered all the bodies to be found beneath the rubble left by the giant tornado. **News 4**

BUSINESS

POT FINANCING • Private equity firms have stepped up to fill the void marijuana-related businesses are facing when applying for financing from banks. **Business 1**

NATION

BOMBING CASE • A Chechen immigrant being questioned about his ties to one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects was shot to death by authorities after he turned violent during questioning, officials said. **News 7**

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