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THE BIG NUMBERS ISSUE

Pier to get safety, structural overhaul

Demolition, rebuild to cost $8.5M

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL The City Council will consider an $8.5 million contract for the complete demolition and reconstruction of a portion of the iconic Santa Monica Pier at its meeting Tuesday.

The 360-foot section, which runs from the high tide line to the concrete westerly piece of the pier, is made of wood and has been weakened to the point that it has difficulty accommodating emergency and commercial delivery vehicles, according to a city staff report.

Moffatt & Nichol, a consultant that inspected the pier, recommended that the section be replaced with a new pier made of concrete piles and pile caps, timber stringers and timber decking.

The concrete substructure would make the new piece of the pier both durable and low maintenance, according to the report.

An engineer's estimate for the project came out to $6.5 million, but did not include construction time and costs associated with splitting the work into phases in order to decrease the impacts on businesses.

City Hall also had to add $300,000 to the base bid to pay for mitigations for construc-

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COMING SOON: **People walk along a portion of the Santa Monica Pier slated for major work.**

Report: City Hall must act now to staunch future budget bleeding

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica could face a $29 million budget deficit by 2018 if the City Council does not act decisively to rein in spending and increase revenues, finance officials say.

The bleak prognostication is the worst of three scenarios put to the City Council when it tackles the five-year budget forecast at its meeting on Tuesday, but the two other options — probably and best-case scenarios — still show a $26 million and $15 million gap respectively.

That comes out to a projected deficit ranging between 4.4 to 8.5 percent of the general fund by 2018, "a deficit level that can be managed and therefore eliminated using careful planning and budgeting," according to the city staff report.

To get the potential train wreck under control, city leadership will have to find a combination of cuts and revenue increases to the tune of 5 percent of the city budget and, for the long term, return to the negotiating table with the two largest unions in the spring, said Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, finance director with City Hall.

That could include limiting raises, targeted spending cuts and new or raised fees.

If that happens, the problem is entirely erased, and puts the city's long-term fiscal position up between $1 million and $15 million.

"In Santa Monica, we use the five-year forecast so we can really look at the worst case scenario and handle the worst case," Decavalles-Hughes said. "If we didn't do that, we would be reactive, and possibly have bigger issues or problems if we waited until

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Analysis: Obama agenda will confront GOP on debt

CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama appealed for "one nation and one people" in his second inaugural address. Any notion that the country's bitter partisanship might fade, however, seemed tempered by the president's newly assertive push of central Democratic tenets: safety-net programs for the poor, equal rights for gays and minorities and government spending on investments like schools and highways.

Deficit spending, the president's biggest conflict with Republicans, got only one passing mention. And he never uttered the word "debt."

Never fear, Republicans seemed to say in response. They will press the overspending issue time and again, starting this week in the GOP-controlled House. And the outcome of the two parties' long-running conflict will help shape the government's role in coming years, not to mention Obama's legacy.

All presidents want to drive the national agenda. Inauguration Day is their moment to lay out their visions. As Obama rudely learned in his first term, however, unfore-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013

Staying safe
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m.
Meet a real Santa Monica police officer and learn everyday safety tips and what to do in emergencies during this installment of the Crafty Kids Club. For grades K-5. For more information, visit smpl.org.

The power of Google
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Tips and strategies to find the best information from your Internet searches. Intermediate level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Cocktails for a cause
Busby's East
5364 Wilshire Blvd.,
6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Planned Parenthood Young Professionals are having an evening of cocktails and conversation to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court case that legalized abortion in the U.S. Admission is $10. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood Los Angeles. For more information, call (213) 284-3200.

Go green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Learn all about living a green lifestyle during this workshop. Tips for reducing water and energy usage, cutting landfill waste and exposure to toxic chemicals will all be discussed. For more information, visit smpl.org.

To the beat
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 7:20 p.m.
Hosted by professional poets and musicians, Downbeat 720 provides a safe, supportive environment for teens of all skill levels and interests. Musicians, actors, poets, filmmakers, dancers, and other teen artists work on their expression live. Ages 13-19 welcome. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Decision, decisions
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will meet to discuss possibly spending roughly $13 million on various construction projects and upgrades, what next steps should be taken regarding the "Chain Reaction" sculpture and how to deal with a projected budget deficit. For a copy of the agenda, visit smgov.net or call (310) 458-8211.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013

Ruby Max talks illness
The Edye Second Space
1310 11th St., 7 p.m.
Comedic actress Ruby Max explores the ups and downs of mental illness, its stigmas and the freedom that can be discovered when the darkest moments of life are shared in "Ruby Max: Out of Her Mind." For more information, visit thebroadstage.com

Comedians read their favorites
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St., 8 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Comedians will read their favorite works of fiction. Show features Anne Gregory, who appeared in "Parks and Recreation," Hanna LoPatin from "Partners," Maddox from "The Alphabet of Manliness" and many more. Admission is $5. For more information, visit westsidecomedy.com or call (310) 451-0850.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013

Be compassionate
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Rachel Fintzy, licensed psychotherapist and workshop facilitator, will discuss the key components of self-compassion, what self-compassion is often confused with and yet is not, how practicing self-compassion can lead to better self-care and a more fulfilling life and how this in turn can benefit those around us. The event is free and is located in the DeWind Room. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



Developer buys Wertz Bros. Antique Mart for $11M

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

LINCOLN BLVD A nice-sized chunk of real estate near the future Exposition Light Rail Line and Interstate 10 was recently purchased by a developer with at least two mix-used housing projects already under construction in Santa Monica and more in the pipeline, according to public documents and those familiar with the deal.

Los Angeles-based Century West Partners, which is building a 57-unit apartment complex and a 49-unit project near the Santa Monica Main Library, paid roughly $11 million for the Wertz Bros. Antique Mart and its parking lot, located at 1613 Lincoln Blvd., said Alex Kozakov, vice president of investments at Marcus & Millichap.

That property will be part of the Lincoln Boulevard Collection, which is comprised of four separate apartment buildings for a total of 421 units and 7,000 to 12,000 square feet of ground floor retail along Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica, according to Century West's website. Representatives from Century West did not return phone calls for comment Monday.

The Wertz Bros. property is located next to Norms and Denny's restaurants. The land where those two eateries rest has also been sold to two developers looking to capitalize on the need for housing in Santa Monica, where city officials have often complained about a jobs-housing imbalance and the traffic jams it creates.

NMS Properties, which is responsible for several mixed-use developments in Downtown, bought the Denny's property for $11 million in February. San Antonio-based FStar 1601 LLC purchased Norms in August.

Kozakov's firm brokered all three sales for roughly $36 million, he said. Those three combined equal 102,000 square feet.

"Santa Monica is one of the most highly sought after markets in the country right now, just based on demographics, the improving job market with all the tech businesses coming to the Westside," Kozakov said. "You kind of have the perfect storm of things for developers to look at."

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MELTING AWAY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

People take to the rink Monday during the last day of ICE at Santa Monica, the popular ice rink located at the corner of Arizona Avenue and Fifth Street in Downtown.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Get fit for free

Now through Jan. 28, start getting healthier for free at two local places of fitness during Active Santa Monica week. Venues include the Fitness Room at Memorial Park and the Santa Monica Swim Center, city officials said.

At Memorial Park, LIfeFitness strength training machines, hand weights and cardio machines will be available for use. The Fitness Room is located at 1401 Olympic Blvd. and is open Monday through Friday, noon to 9 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, it is open from noon to 7 p.m. No membership is required. For age requirements and additional information, call (310) 458-2201.

Three classes will be offered at the Santa Monica Swim Center. The classes are Shallow Wet Water Workout, occurring Sundays at 8:15 a.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Deep Wet Water Workout, which takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Adult Fitness Swim, which happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

The Wet Workouts are low-impact and integrate aerobic exercise with strength-training. All skill levels are welcome in either class. However, Deep Water Workout participants must be able to swim one pool length. The Adult Fitness Swim is for those who would like to improve their technique and form, as well as develop endurance and physical fitness with the help of an expert coach. For more information on these classes, visit smgov.net/swim.

To find out more about Active Santa Monica, visit their facebook page at facebook.com/ActiveSM.

– ALEX VEJAR

CITYWIDE

dineLA comes to Santa Monica

With about 40 restaurants being represented during dineLA's Restaurant Week, Santa Monica foodies will have lots of menus to choose from.

Local restaurants will offer specially priced lunch and dinner items costing no more than $25 and $45, respectively. So if you've ever wanted to eat at La Botte, or The Penthouse on top of the Huntley Hotel, Restaurant Week is the chance to do so.

Owner and Chef Stefano De Lorenzo of La Botte said that during dineLA's special week, he sees more people than usual in his restaurant and that it creates the opportunity for customers to get a good deal. It also gives the restaurant the chance to present new menu items, he said.

dineLA's Restaurant week is going on now through Feb. 1. For a complete list of restaurants that are participating, visit dinela.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Habit hurting others

Editor:

Stacy Westly's letter failed to indicate any comprehension that secondhand smoke can hold an entire apartment building hostage ("Prying eyes," Letters to the Editor, Jan. 19-20).

Studies suggest children living in apartment buildings have more tobacco contaminants in their blood than those who live in houses – even if smokers in their household don't light up indoors.

The items Ms. Westly listed – alcohol, wine, Dr. Pepper, pain killers, cough medicine, knives and knitting needles – will not blow carcinogens into a neighbor's windows, air vents, under doors, and into hallways and public areas.

Finally, in answer to Ms. Westly's question of registering a barbecue. Ironically, while you can enjoy sharing your known carcinogens with unwitting neighbors, we are not allowed to barbecue in our building out of consideration to our neighbors.

In any event, please try to stay healthy, Stacy!

M.S. Broussard
Santa Monica





Your column here

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Turning human waste into energy

A FEW WEEKS AGO I LOST THE USE OF my toilet and learned firsthand just how much I missed it when it wasn't there.

My plumbing went out of order when the pipe between my house and the city's sewer line in the street collapsed. It was about 60 years old and made out of compressed fiberboard of some sort; I'm surprised it lasted as long as it did. Pipes like that belong to the homeowner, so it was my responsibility to get it fixed. It took about a week for the workmen to come and replace it with a plastic pipe. During that week I had to go to the local fast-food place to use the facilities. It got old fast.

More than 2 billion people around the world today don't have a toilet or even an outhouse. They must relieve themselves beside the road, on the railroad tracks, or behind a bush. It's a shocking and degrading picture to contemplate. I've been reading about sanitation — and the lack of it — in a book called "The Big Necessity" by Rose George.

Toilets and the modern treatment of human waste make a difference not just to our comfort, but to basic human health. Our bodily waste can carry bacteria, viruses, and parasites. If the waste comes into contact with water that's later used for drinking, people can become violently ill.

In the early 1800s, some of the water companies in London took water from the Thames River for the use of their customers. Unfortunately, the water was contaminated with human excrement. A cholera epidemic in 1831 killed over 6,000 people and a bit later in 1848-1849 some 14,000 London residents died of cholera. In short, it really matters how human waste is cleaned up.

According to George's book, the most complex or advanced toilets in the world today are Japanese. Some of them apparently have bidets (systems to wash your backside), heated seats, light switches you can hit when you visit the toilet at night, and control panels to run various functions of the commode. Our toilets are quite humble by comparison. But even our most simple ones get the basic job done: they take our waste away and launch it toward city sewage treatment plants or a septic tank in the backyard.

Perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise that the Chinese work very hard to address their waste problem. With over a billion people, they have a monumental task in disposing of all that human waste on a daily basis. In the countryside one approach they sometimes use is a device called an anaerobic digester. It's a vessel in which natural processes that break down waste without much oxygen present can proceed. Human waste is one material added to the digesters, but things like pig excrement can also be inputs. As they breakdown they form gas and solids that are less hazardous to human health.

One of the products of digesters is methane, called "biogas" in this context. It's the same chemical that's the main ingredient in the "natural gas" we burn in our furnaces. Biogas in some parts of rural China is used in the home as fuel for cook stoves. Compared to burning wood to cook, it's convenient and of course it conserves trees.

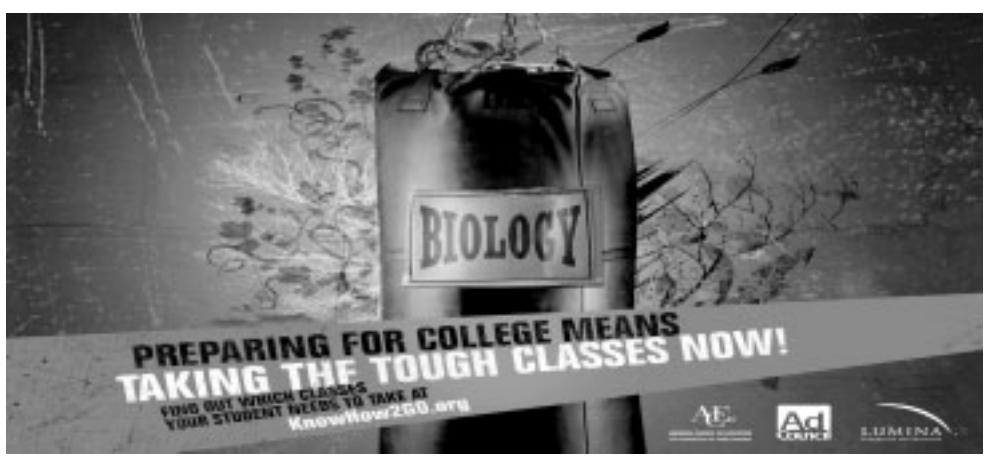
Digesters can break down things other than sewage. The same basic biological processes can help break down agricultural waste. But the sewage-to-fuel process surprises people the most, an example of making something valuable out of hazardous materials.

HERE'S HOPING WE CAN GET OVER OUR EMBARRASSMENT ABOUT OUR BODILY WASTE AND EDUCATE OURSELVES AT LEAST ABOUT THE BASICS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT.

On more than one occasion I've taken students to tour my local sewage treatment plant. (I realize I may be peculiar, but I think they should know what happens to their waste as part of being generally informed citizens and residents of the planet.) The anaerobic digesters at the plant produce methane. At least sometimes, that methane has been burned to provide heat to breakdown more waste. And sometimes it's burned off in a flame atop the digester.

Most Americans don't know much about where their waste goes or how it's treated and released into the general environment. Here's hoping we can get over our embarrassment about our bodily waste and educate ourselves at least about the basics of wastewater treatment.

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Files show how L.A. church leaders controlled damage

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Retired Cardinal Roger Mahony and other top Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles officials maneuvered behind the scenes to shield molester priests, provide damage control for the church and keep parishioners in the dark, according to church personnel files.

The confidential records filed in a lawsuit against the archdiocese disclose how the church handled abuse allegations for decades and also reveal dissent from a top Mahony aide who criticized his superiors for covering up allegations of abuse rather than protecting children.

Notes inked by Mahony demonstrate he was disturbed about abuse and sent problem priests for treatment, but there also were lengthy delays or oversights in some cases. Mahony received psychological reports on some priests that mentioned the possibility of many other victims, for example, but there is no indication that he or other church leaders investigated further.

"This is all intolerable and unacceptable to me," Mahony wrote in 1991 on a file of the Rev. Lynn Caffoe, a priest suspected of locking boys in his room, videotaping their crotches and running up a $100 phone sex bill while with a boy. Caffoe was sent for therapy and removed from ministry, but Mahony didn't move to defrock him until 2004, a decade after the archdiocese lost track of him.

"He is a fugitive from justice," Mahony wrote to the Vatican's Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. "A check of the Social Security index discloses no report of his demise, so presumably he is alive somewhere."

Caffoe died in 2009, six years after a newspaper reporter found him working at a homeless mission two blocks from a Salinas elementary school.

Mahony was out of town but issued a statement Monday apologizing for his mistakes and saying he had been "naive" about the lasting impacts of abuse. He has since met with 90 abuse victims privately and keeps an index card with each victim's name in his private chapel, where he prays for them daily, he said. The card also includes the name of the molesting priest "lest I forget that real priests created this appalling harm."

"It remains my daily and fervent prayer that God's grace will flood the heart and soul of each victim, and that their life journey continues forward with ever greater healing," Mahony wrote. "I am sorry."

The apology stands in contrast to letters Mahony was writing to accused priests more than two decades ago.

In 1987, he wrote to the Rev. Michael Wempe — who would ultimately admit to abusing 13 boys — while the priest was undergoing in-patient therapy at a New Mexico treatment center.

"Each of you there at Jemez Springs is very much in my prayers and I call you to mind each day during my celebration of the Eucharist," Mahony wrote to the priest, adding that he supported him in the experience.

The church's sex abuse policy was evolving and Mahony inherited some of the worst cases from his predecessor when he took over in 1985, J. Michael Hennigan, an archdiocese attorney, said in a separate series of emails. Priests were sent out of state for psychological treatment because they revealed more when their therapists were not required to report child abuse to law enforcement, as they were in California, he said.

At the time, clergy were not mandated sex abuse reporters and the church let the victims' families decide whether to contact police, he added.

In at least one case, a priest victimized the children of illegal immigrants and threatened to have them deported if they told, the files show.

The files are attached to a motion seeking punitive damages in a case involving a Mexican priest sent to Los Angeles in 1987 after he was brutally beaten in his parish south of Mexico City.

When parents complained the Rev. Nicholas Aguilar Rivera molested in LA, church officials told the priest but waited two days to call police — allowing him to flee to Mexico, court papers allege. At least 26 children told police they were abused during his 10 months in Los Angeles. The now-defrocked priest is believed to be in Mexico and remains a fugitive.

The personnel files of 13 other clerics were attached to the motion to show a cover-up pattern, said attorney Anthony De Marco, who represents the 35-year-old plaintiff. In one instance, a memo to Mahony discusses sending a cleric to a therapist who also is an attorney so any incriminating evidence is protected from authorities by lawyer-client privilege. In another

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The Q Line

What's up with the weather?

Last week was bitterly cold, this weekend was typical Southern California beautiful. It could just be a trend, or it could be something more serious.

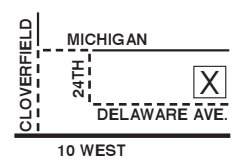
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Do you think global warming has something to do with our topsy-turvy weather or was the big shift just a coincidence?

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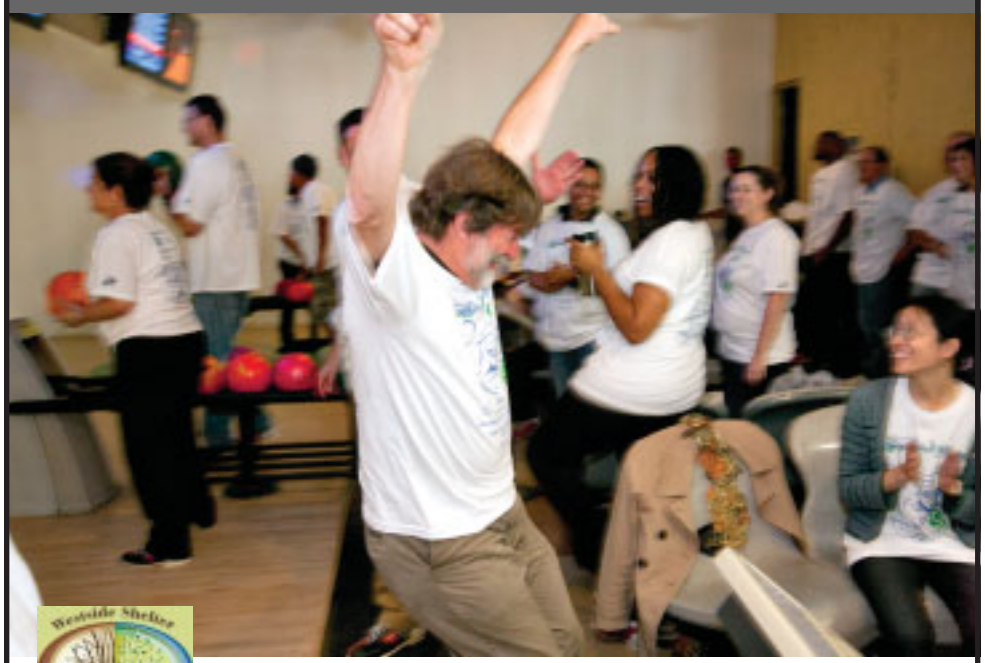
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instance, archdiocese officials paid a secret salary to a priest exiled to the Philippines after he and six other clerics were accused of having sex with a teen and impregnating her.

The exhibits offer a glimpse at some 30,000 pages to be made public as part of a record-setting $660 million settlement. The archdiocese agreed to give the files to more than 500 victims of priest abuse in 2007, but a lawyer for about 30 of the priests fought to keep records sealed. A judge recently ordered the church to release them without blacking out the names of church higher-ups after The Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times intervened.

They echo similar releases from other dioceses nationwide that have shown how church leaders for decades shuffled problem priests from parish to parish, covered up reports of abuse and didn't contact law enforcement. Top church officials in Missouri and Pennsylvania were criminally convicted last year for their roles in covering up abuse, more than a decade after the clergy sex abuse scandal began to unfold in Boston.

Mahony, who retired in 2011 after 26 years at the helm of the 4.3-million person archdiocese, has been particularly hounded by the case of the Rev. Michael Baker, who was sentenced to prison in 2007 for molestation — two decades after the priest confessed his abuse to Mahony.

Mahony noted the "extremely grave and serious situation" when he sent Baker for psychological treatment after the priest told him in 1986 that he had molested two brothers over seven years.

Baker returned to ministry the next year with a doctor's recommendation that he be defrocked immediately if he spent any time with minors. Despite several documented instances of being alone with boys, the priest wasn't removed from ministry until 2000. Around the same time, the church learned he was conducting baptisms without permission.

Church officials discussed announcing Baker's abuse in churches where he had worked, but Mahony rejected the idea.

"We could open up another firestorm — and it takes us years to recover from those," Mahony wrote in an Oct. 6, 2000, memo. "Is there no alternative to public announcements at all the Masses in 15 parishes??? Wow — that really scares the daylights out of me!!"

The aide, Msgr. Richard Loomis, noted his dismay over the matter when he retired in 2001 as vicar for clergy, the top church official who handled priestly discipline. In a memo to his successor, Loomis said Baker's attorney disclosed the priest had at least 10 other victims.

"We've stepped back 20 years and are being driven by the need to cover-up and to keep the presbyteriate & public happily ignorant rather than the need to protect children," Loomis wrote.

"The only other option is to sit and wait until another victim comes forward. Then someone else will end up owning the archdiocese of Los Angeles. The liability issues involved aside, I think that course of complete (in)action would be immoral and unethical."

Mahony preferred targeted warnings at schools and youth groups rather than a warning read at Masses, Hennigan said. Parish announcements were made two years later.

Baker, who was paroled in 2011, is alleged to have molested 20 children in his 26-year career. He could not be reached for comment.

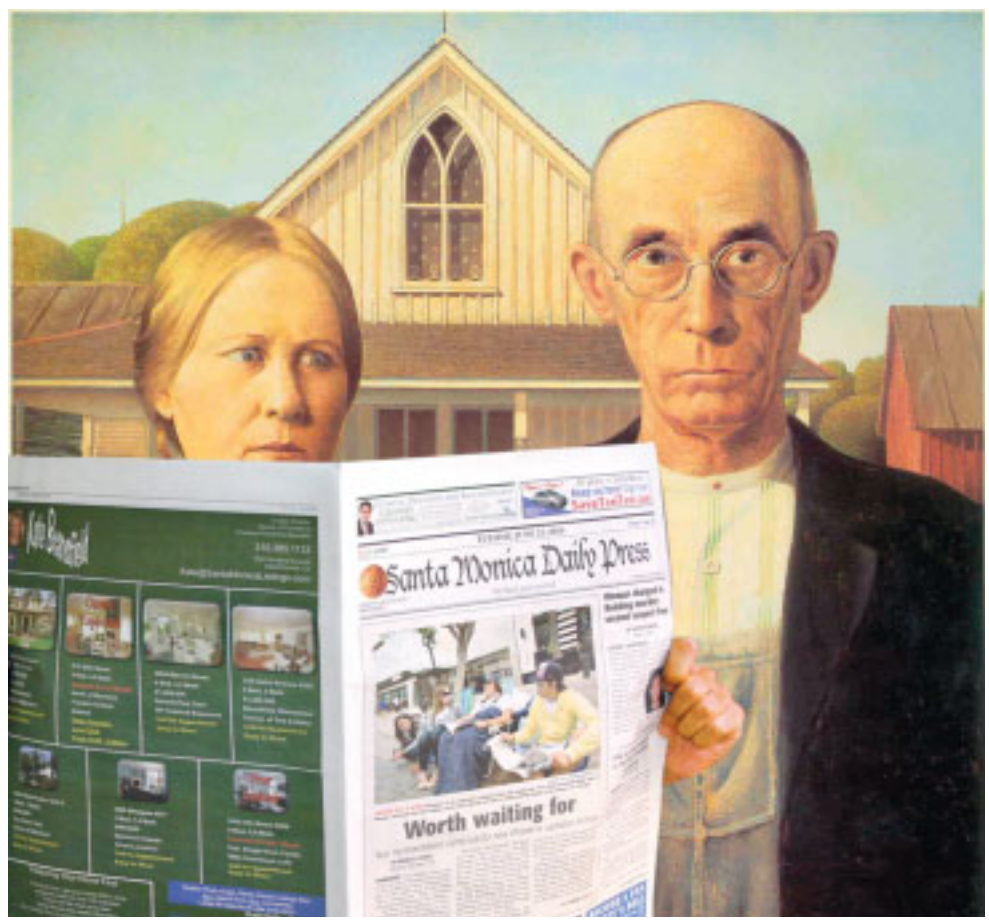
The files also show Mahony corresponded with abusive priests while they underwent treatment out of state and worked to keep them out of California to avoid criminal and civil trouble.

One case involved the Msgr. Peter Garcia, a molester whom Mahony's predecessor sent for treatment in New Mexico. Mahony kept Garcia there after a lawyer warned in 1986 that the archdiocese could face "severe civil liability" if he returned and reoffended. Garcia had admitted raping an 11-year-old boy and later told a psychologist he molested 15 to 17 young boys.

"If Monsignor Garcia were to reappear here within the archdiocese, we might very well have some type of legal action filed in both the criminal and civil sectors," Mahony wrote to the director of Garcia's New Mexico treatment program.

Mahony then sent Garcia to another treatment center, but Garcia returned to LA in 1988 after being removed from ministry. He then contacted a victim's mother and asked to spend time with her younger son, according to a letter in the file.

Mahony moved to defrock him in 1989, and Garcia died a decade later.



Case reveals risks with assisted reproduction

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. The case of a Kansas sperm donor being sued by the state for child support underscores a confusing patchwork of aging laws that govern assisted reproduction in the United States and often lead to litigation and frustration among would-be parents.

Complex questions about parental responsibility resurfaced late last year, as Kansas officials went after a Topeka man who answered a Craigslist ad from a lesbian couple seeking a sperm donor. Because no doctor was involved in the artificial insemination, the state sought to hold William Marotta financially responsible for the child when the women split up and one of them sought public assistance. A hearing is set for April.

Many states haven't updated their laws to address the evolution of family structures — such as same-sex families, single women conceiving with donated sperm or artificial inseminations performed without a doctor's involvement. At-home insemination kits are inexpensive, and obtaining sperm from a friend, or even a donor met over the Internet, allows women to avoid medical costs that generally aren't covered by insurance.

But experts say that as case law changes, families put themselves at risk by failing to seek legal advice.

The first wave of assisted reproduction laws were based on model legislation from 1973. These statutes typically call for, among other things, the involvement of a medical provider in order for a sperm donor to be freed of parental responsibility.

"They put a whole bunch of what they thought were reasonable restrictions on the process to encourage people to do it responsibly," said Steve Snyder, a Minnesota family law attorney and chairman of an assisted reproduction committee for the American Bar Association. But, he said, the problem is that if people "don't fall under the strict terms of the law, then the law doesn't protect you."

As a result, the doctor involvement requirement and other stipulations were dropped in 2000 when the model legislation, the Uniform Parentage Act, was updated. The new language has been enacted in nine states, including Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas. But Kansas' law, enacted in 1994, was based on the earlier model.

Kansas isn't alone in grappling with assisted reproduction issues. In Indiana, an appeals court ruled last week that a man who divorced his wife must pay child support for their son and daughter, even though the children were conceived by artificial insemination using sperm donated by another man. Still another case in Indiana involved a man who was ordered in 2010 to pay child support for only one of the two children resulting from his sperm donations.

"The only way to avoid these situations is to change the law to catch up with the technology and what people are actually doing in assisted reproduction," Snyder said.

Sperm donation and parental rights may sound like a relatively niche sector in the legal arena, but updating laws has been a challenge, and some like the rules just the way they are.

Kansas' state Senate Majority Leader Terry Bruce, a conservative Republican, said he doubts legislators will or should consider making changes.

"It tells everybody don't do stupid things on Craigslist. It's kind of common sense," he said." If you're going to create another life, even if it's a good intention, that's a heck of a responsibility, and it's one that precedes any sort of state action."

In the 2010 Indiana case, a woman who used a friend's sperm to conceive two children sought public assistance after she and her lesbian partner separated. County officials wanted to collect child support from the donor.

A state appeals court ultimately ruled that an agreement entered into before the first child's birth freed the donor from financial responsibility for that child. But the donor was found to be financially responsible for the second child, because the agreement didn't cover subsequent children.

"It is definitely evolving and these kinds of cases are really cutting edge," said Sean Lemieux, an Indianapolis attorney who also represented the sperm donor. "It is a risky thing and this is not the place to save your money upfront and get an office form off the Internet."

A high-profile California case, meanwhile, shows the consequences of going without a contract. Texas bodybuilder Ronnie Coleman, who donated sperm for his ex-girlfriend's artificial insemination, paid thousands of dollars in child support each month for nearly four years for two children until an appeals court ruled in March that he could stop.

Peter A. Lauzon, the Los Angeles attorney who represented the eight-time Mr. Olympia, said the legal issues surrounding artificial insemination create a "chilling effect."

"Who is going to want to donate sperm?" he asked. "No one."

Mikki Morrissette, a mother of two who didn't use a doctor for her artificial inseminations, once found herself asked to identify her sperm donor while seeking state-subsidized health insurance in Minnesota after moving there from New York City. She refused and was denied.

"I know a lot of other woman around the country who have used a known donor who have run into similar problems," said Morrissette, who was written five books, including "Choosing Single Motherhood: The Thinking Woman's Guide."

She said the same request isn't made of adoptive parents or when an anonymous donor is used: "It's not fair."



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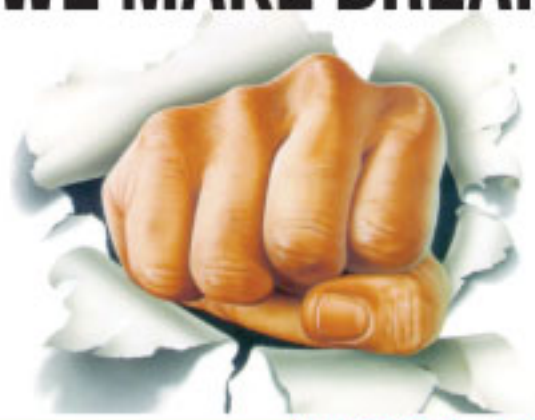
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The incoming rail line is also attractive, as well as the properties' proximity to the Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade.

"It's a great combination," Kozakov said.

But with all the proposed development comes critics. Several neighborhood groups have pushed back, complaining that the increased level of development is creating too much traffic and should be slowed pending the completion of new zoning laws that will dictate how land is used in the city for the next 20 years or longer.

Kozakov said developers are somewhat concerned about Santa Monica's reputation for dragging out developments and the perceived lack of transparency that comes with an ever-evolving land-use policy, but that has not stopped those with money from jumping into the market.

"At the end of the day, it's all about location," he said.

The Wertz Bros. Antique Mart will close Feb. 1 after 11 years in business. Shoppers can capitalize on discounts from 20 percent to 65 percent, according to the antique mart's website.

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tion impacts, but saved roughly the same amount by substituting less expensive features.

Ultimately, Meek Shea, Joint Venture was recommended for the $8.2 million contract. URS Corporation will provide engineer services and hazardous materials testing for $210,000 and an additional $100,000 will be set aside for utility relocation work and public outreach.

Overall, the contracts comprise $8,510,000 of the $13,284,453 consent agenda.

RAISING THE ROOF

The roof on one of Santa Monica's water reservoirs needs repair and, according to city officials, it will cost roughly $1.5 million to do it.

The Arcadia Reservoir holds up to 5 million gallons of potable water at the Santa Monica Water Treatment Facility. The roof is composed of wooden beams under an aluminum covering, and several of the beams are beginning to deteriorate.

The project would involve repairing the damaged framing, installing a steel access platform over the roof to protect workers during future maintenance and installation of waterproofing material over the existing roof.

City Hall received three sealed bids and selected Mallcraft, Inc. for the job.

The highest bidder, Orian Construction & Roofing, Inc., disputed the decision claiming that Mallcraft had not met the bidding requirements, but City Hall disagreed.

The total contract comes out to $1,513,000.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The next phase of an ongoing project to upgrade traffic signals in Santa Monica is expected to cost over $1.4 million, and will go to the council for approval Tuesday night.

The money would pay for signal upgrades and the installation of fiber optic communication lines along the Ocean Park Boulevard, Main Street and Neilson Way corridors. That includes 26 intersections.

Staff recommends Dynalectric for the task because it has worked on other phases of the traffic signal upgrade project and had costs that fell within City Hall's budget.

The total contract is worth $1,420,000, and an additional $47,000 is needed to match grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

According to the staff report, this is the penultimate phase in the five-part project. The last is currently in the design stage, and expected to be complete by June 2013, depending on funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

Staff recommends environmental consultant AMEC for a $601,000 contract to prepare environmental documents for the Downtown Specific Plan, an effort meant to guide the future of Santa Monica's lucrative Downtown.

The company would prepare a program environmental impact report, or PEIR, that will clear projects that comply with the Downtown Specific Plan. That could include transit-oriented development that city staff assumes will pop up around the Exposition Light Rail Line, set to end at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

The contract will be paid for through a $601,000 grant from the Metro Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant.

AIRPORT PARKING

Airport officials are recommending that the City Council approve $507,000 for a temporary parking lot that could be leased to local car dealers to raise revenues for Santa Monica Airport.

The paving would cover 1.7 acres of aviation land on the northeast end of the airport. Officials estimate that it could generate $100,000 in new revenue per year if leased to local auto dealers for storage.

Staff recommends PALP, Inc. for the job, the same company that recently completed the Ocean Park Boulevard Green Street project.

PROPERTY TAX AUDIT

The City Council is expected to approve a five year, $228,500 contract with HdL Coren and Cone for property tax audit services.

If selected, HdL Coren and Cone will prepare a preliminary and final property tax report for all tax districts and former redevelopment project areas. They would also forecast property tax revenues, figure out other payments and passthroughs and update bond information.

Audits are important — they can turn up mistakes that result in wrongly-distributed funds within the city as happened in 1997 when an audit found problems with property taxes in the Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project area.

The City Council's decision Tuesday would set aside $24,375 for this fiscal year. Future funding is dependent on later council approval.

CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Those who have attended public meetings at City Hall in the past several months may have noticed bumping and grinding not attributable to angry residents.

City Hall has been undergoing a series of upgrades, and the council will be asked to sign off on yet another one, this time to reconfigure office space for the Human Resources Department.

The improvements include demolition, construction of new partitions and offices and the installation of lighting, air conditioning and a ceiling system.

There will also be a public counter.

SIGMA Services, Inc. came in as the lowest bidder on the project and has completed similar services on pre-1950s buildings in the past, according to the staff report.

The total contract is $233,360. Construction is expected to take eight months.

FENCING

City divisions joined forces on a three year, $450,000 contract that will deal with all of Santa Monica's fencing needs.

The contract provides for temporary fencing services, like that blocking people from climbing on the landmarked "Chain Reaction" statue, as well as maintenance and repair of motorized fencing.

Only Santa Monica Fence bid on the project. Only $150,000 will be available after June 30. The contract also includes two one-year renewal options, each worth $150,000.

MORE ROOFING

Three public buildings are in need of roof repair, and staff recommends two companies split the award to get the lowest price possible.

Cabral Roofing & Waterproofing was recommended to fix the roofs at the Fairview

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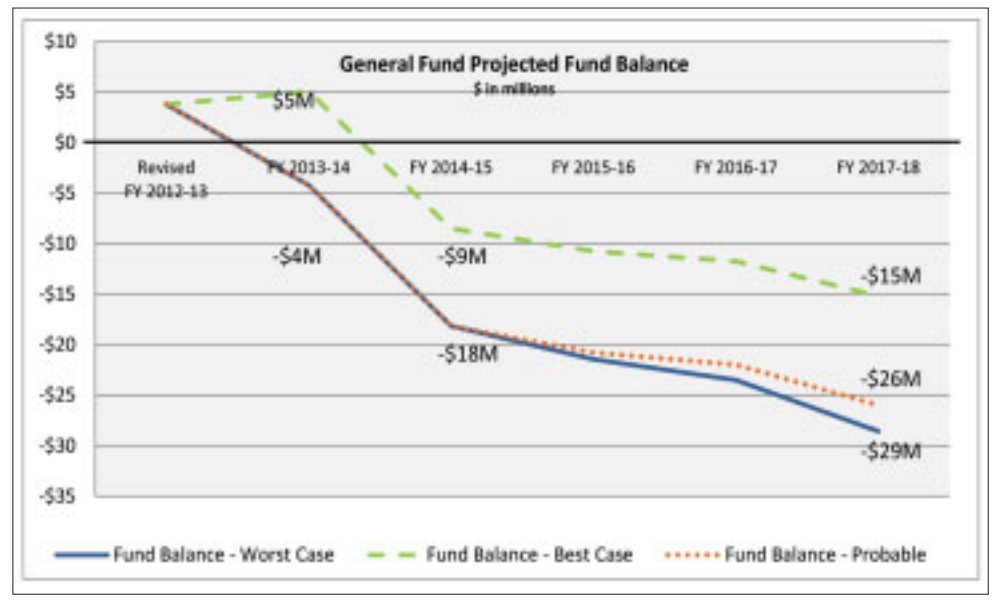


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BUDGET

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things happened to us."

At the offing, it seems that most of the report is fairly positive on Santa Monica's finances.

The national economy is improving, and even the state of California has its operational deficit more or less under control, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office.

In 2011-12, Santa Monica had one of its best years in terms of taxes raised on hotel stays and sales taxes, which got a 44 percent bump over the previous year as a result of the 2010 half-cent sales tax increase and the opening of Santa Monica Place, according to the report.

A FEELING OF LOSS

However, the loss of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency in February of last year, combined with inflation and an increase in labor costs, all weigh heavily on the city budget.

"The big story is really redevelopment," Decavalles-Hughes said.

Redevelopment was a tool used in California to use property tax money to pay for rehabilitation of dilapidated or blighted areas in cities. Santa Monica's was created after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, and was used to pay for things like the $47 million Palisades Garden Walk Park on the one hand and affordable housing production on the other.

It was also a major way that Santa Monica funded capital improvements, basically the upkeep on its infrastructure.

Actions by Gov. Jerry Brown, the legislature and the courts ended redevelopment in California, and the Department of Finance has been charged with recouping money held by the now-defunct agencies.

That comes out to $54.5 million in Santa Monica alone. City officials paid out $12.5 million of that last year, but are fighting with the Department of Finance over the remaining $43 million, according to the report.

Just paying for existing bills for programs and employees will put another $1.3 million a year of pressure on the general fund, but it doesn't stop there.

City Hall has sunk an average of $21 million into infrastructure and other capital projects each year, a number that hasn't changed although the source of those funds is gone.

According to the staff report, City Hall will need to find an additional $9 million a year beginning in 2014-15 to pay for those improvements, which include projects like the Lincoln Boulevard Streetscape and part of the Corporation Yards rehab.

"It is important to note that this additional funding will not fully-fund the capital improvement needs of the city," the report states.

Still, the report does not suggest cutting back on capital improvements, instead relying on cutting other costs and raising revenues.

Deferral of capital improvements or increased reliance on any one strategy would probably impact the high level of services that Santa Monicans have come to expect and in part accounts for the city's success in dodging the worst of the recession.

It's the little things that make Santa Monica feel like a world-class city, a product that Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, sells to the outside world.

The lack of graffiti, access to public transportation, upkeep of public space and even oversight of beach activities make Santa Monica a welcoming and orderly place, Kerns said.

"We need to keep our services and city team supported to continue to offer such an incredible quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors," Kerns said.

Rising pension and health care costs have also put a damper on Santa Monica's economic future.

Last year saw pension costs hop up by 16 percent to $38 million. At the same time, the California Public Employees Pension System, or CalPERS, announced that its investment growth would decrease by .25 percent, leading to further increases for cities.

Under best and probable-case scenarios, health care costs are expected to go up by 14 percent in 2014-15, and then 12 percent in the following year.

City Hall recently won concessions from the unions that represent its employees, causing them to, for the first time, contribute to their retirement plans and instituted a second-tier retirement program that gives fewer benefits to those hired after July 1, 2012.

It will take decades to see the results of those deals, however, and more may need to be done this spring, according to the report.

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Library and Woodlawn Cemetery Maintenance Building, and Eberhard was selected for Fire Station 3 on the 1900 block of 19th Street.

The two companies will be responsible for attaching a white reflective roof membrane with a 20-year warranty to each of the three roofs.

The repair will prevent future damage and hopefully expensive repairs in the future, according to the staff report. Hiring both companies will save roughly $15,000.

Under the terms of the contract, Cabral Roofing & Waterproofing would receive $96,658 and Eberhard would get $43,217.

TIRES

A flat or damaged tire is no one's idea of a good time, and City Hall is seeking to prevent that unexpected misfortune with two purchase orders to keep Santa Monica vehicles well-shod through June 30.

The first, for Tarulli Tire, is a $13,842 purchase to cover tires already needed between July 1, 2012 and Jan. 21, 2013, meant to tide the city over until it could conduct a formal bid.

That bid ended with Parkhouse Tire Inc. on top. The company will provide new, recapped and repaired tires to replace worn and damaged tires for $94,000 through June 30.

The contract includes two one-year renewal options, each worth $145,000.

AIRPORT NOISE

Many people take issue with the noise coming out of Santa Monica Airport, but Landrum & Brown consultant Vince Mestre has specialized in telling Santa Monicans just how noisy the airport is since 1982.

Staff recommends to keep that tradition going with a $60,000 contract with Landrum & Brown for acoustical and noise management consulting services. Landrum & Brown bought Mestre Greve Associates in 2009.

The firm, and specifically Mestre, continues to provide information including annual noise contours that show planes' noise impacts on neighbors. Mestre also gives an annual noise presentation.

Only $31,000 is available in the 2012-13 budget. Future funding will be contingent on council approval.

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OBAMA
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seen events quickly intervene, and a president's fate is to adjust, improvise and reorder priorities.

After winning his first election with a call for greater unity and cooperation in Washington, Obama appeared to be taken aback by the ferocity of Republican resistance. It gave birth to the tea party in 2009, forced him to pass "Obamacare" without a single GOP vote, and fueled huge Democratic setbacks in the 2010 congressional elections.

Last November's election chastened Republicans a bit. But they still adamantly oppose the president's tax-and-spend policies. That poses the central challenge to his hopes for an ambitious second-term agenda.

Obama's re-election as the nation's first black president deepens his place in history. But his handling of a hostile U.S. House, as one "fiscal cliff" gives way to the next, will help determine the luster of his legacy.

In Monday's comparatively short speech, Obama recited a litany of liberal ideals.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law," he said. He hailed equal pay for women, investments in infrastructure, regulation of markets and treatment of immigrants so they are "enlisted in our workforce rather than expelled from our country."

His speech could have been called "It Takes a Village." "Preserving our individual freedoms ultimately requires collective action," Obama said.

His sharpest warning to Republicans began with his single acknowledgement of the fierce deficit-spending debate.

"We must make the hard choices to reduce the cost of health care and the size of our deficit," the president said. "But we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future."

He specifically defended Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Although Obama has expressed a willingness to slow the growth of these costly programs, he seemed to caution Republicans to back off the deeper cuts they propose.

Obama starts his second term facing three immediate priorities: restoring the economy's health, overhauling immigration laws and reducing gun violence. He also vowed Monday to "respond to the threat of climate change." That issue, however, seems likely to wait its turn.

The president chose the timing and outlines of his immigration push, knowing that many Republicans desperately want to improve their own standing with Hispanic voters.

The other issues were thrust upon Obama, chiefly by the economic crisis he inherited four years ago and by last month's massacre of school children in Connecticut. He briefly mentioned the school tragedy Monday, but cited none of the gun-control ideas he embraced last week.

Restoring the economy has been Obama's biggest challenge. Any relapse into recession could put millions of Americans out of work and vastly complicate his hopes for second-term achievements.

From the start, two forces have pulled at him on the economy. Liberal economists implored the president to pour federal money into stimulus programs, saying the deficit's resulting spike could be addressed later. But anti-deficit activists gained ascendancy in the Republican Party, demanding deep spending cuts without detailing who would pay the price.

Deficit reduction remains the GOP battle cry. House Republicans recently agreed to postpone a showdown on the debt ceiling by three months but say they will use other coming budget deadlines to extract reductions in social programs from reluctant Democrats.

"Spending has raged out of control and America's debt has ballooned," House Republican Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers said in her response to Obama's speech Monday. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell promised Obama a "fresh start," but reminded him of "the transcendent challenge of unsustainable federal spending and debt."

The Republicans' highest-ranking official, House Speaker John Boehner, used a Lincoln quote to offer Obama an olive branch. The nation's leaders, Boehner said at a Capitol luncheon, were assembled to "renew the old appeal to better angels."

Obama on Monday seemed to signal a willingness to work with Republicans, couched in a reminder that he won the last election and thus can't be expected to yield very much.

Boehner and his fellow Republicans this week will craft the next legislation in the deficit-spending confrontations. It will be the first of many tests of whether the nation's "better angels" can break through a barrier of bitter standoffs.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **54.5°**

WEDNESDAY – **FLAT**
Minimal NW swell

THURSDAY – **VERY POOR** occ. 2 ft
Small new NW swell shows

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small NW swell continues

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
New, highly selective and long period NW swell builds, but largely misses North LA

Tides

Are very manageable to start the week, becoming more of an issue as the tide swings are a bit more extreme towards the end of this week. Deep morning high tides of 5'+ just before sunrise will slow the more tide sensitive breaks down Thursday and into the weekend. Keep it in mind when planning a surf.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **January 16, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 17
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Groubeck Family Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchusa and Las Alloe creeks.	ns	ns
Sninal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	D
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	D	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rock).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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

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Tennis stars Evert, Davenport take swing at a little acting

BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Chris Evert and Lindsay Davenport are taking a swing at acting as guest stars on "CSI." Some script revisions were in order, though, when the retired tennis champions shot their scenes.

Evert, Davenport and tennis commentator Justin Gimelstob all play themselves on Wednesday's episode of the CBS series starring Ted Danson and Elisabeth Shue, a friend of Evert's.

According to Evert, the original script called for Davenport to find the body of a female pro player that sets the episode in motion.

Evert recalled thinking: "Oh my God, Lindsay has a scene where she has to act."

"She never likes attention," Evert said.

Davenport read the script and said, "I had a panic attack. I was like, 'There's no way.'"

By the time Evert arrived at Calabasas Tennis Club for filming, Gimelstob was being fingered as the suspect.

"Most things that come to me that are outside my comfort zone are things that I don't want to do," Davenport said. "You either have that personality or you don't."

Gimelstob egged both Evert and Davenport on, although Evert didn't need too much persuasion. She hosted "Saturday Night Live" in 1989 and played a commentator in the movie "Wimbledon."

Shue is a big tennis fan and urged the "CSI" writers to pen an episode involving the sport. She's played in Evert's charity event in Florida and the Hall of Famer said the actress' game makes her "one of the best women celebrities I've ever seen."

So who flubbed their lines?

"Oh my Lord, that's not a nice question," Evert said. "We came prepared. I don't know if we were any good. Justin probably took it more seriously than we did."

Evert said acting is relaxed compared to playing pro tennis.

"If you flub up your lines, you can do it five times. In tennis, there's no dress rehearsal. You play your match and that's it," the 18-time major champion said.

Shue's character interrogates Evert, and the two trade shots on the court in a scene that took a good part of their 10-hour day to set up and shoot. Cameras filmed each woman's side of the court at least 10 times and then pulled back to film the entire court.

"It was just like commentating. Like we do at Wimbledon, it's hurry up and wait," Evert said. "The first year I did commentating it was like, 'Whoa, this is a lot of doing nothing.'"

Davenport felt more comfortable once Gimelstob was taking the heat on camera.

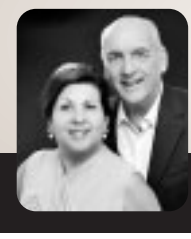
"It was great to be able to play a tennis commentator on a show that I've loved and watched for years," she said.

Both Davenport and Evert have three children. Davenport's son and two daughters are 5 and under, while Evert's three sons are 16, 18 and 21.

Evert's sons all played high school tennis, and Davenport's son plays a couple times a week. But don't look for any of them on the pro tours.

"They're all like their father," Evert said, referring to ex-husband and former Olympic skier Andy Mill. "They like the extreme sports."

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All smiles tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You move with ease through your day. Several associates might start linking you to the unexpected, as you always present a different point of view. Others like brainstorming with you for that reason. Tonight: Visit with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your impression of a superior could be changing rapidly, as a result of recent conversations. Explore this new information further. You treat others with a great deal of compassion. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You feel your Wheaties. You know you are on top of your game. Be smart, especially in a meeting. Be willing to listen and think through different ideas. You might not like these concepts at first, but know that there might be value in them. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Much is occurring behind the scenes. You could hear wild stories and wonder where one ends and another begins. Frustration builds because you can't seem to get the full story. Trust that the unknown will become the known. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important, and do not let an interesting person distract you. You might not be able to help yourself in a meeting, as this person could be there. Try to keep your wits about you rather than have to explain your odd behavior later. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, especially if you decide to take the lead in a project. You might not be dealing just with a vague person, but also an unpredictable financial situation. Use your imagination, especially if you want to make a good impression. Tonight: Expect to be in the lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you care a lot about. If you had your choice, what would you do to evoke this person's attention? Keep that idea on the back burner -- you might need it. Tonight: Relax to music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ One-on-one relating draws a strong result. You might want to rethink a personal matter in light of new information that comes up. Good will follows you if you're financially involved with others. It's a good day to buy a lottery ticket, too. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ By deferring to others, it implies that you have confidence in them. Allow someone the space to demonstrate what is possible. You might need to screen calls and messages, as so many people seek you out. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Play it easy when dealing with an unpredictable, easily provoked personality. You might want to ask yourself why you are trying to work through an issue with this person. Ask for feedback, and you actually might get excellent results. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.18)
★★★★★ Your creativity flows in an unprecedented manner. You might wonder what to do with a loved one who could be well-meaning but interrupts a lot. Tonight: Be that wild thing that we know lies within.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Stay within your usual parameters; otherwise, you would feel uncomfortable if you were to break past these boundaries. Let a problem sit. The situation will work itself out soon enough. Avoid taking any financial risks. You will be happier as a result. Tonight: Order in.

Happy birthday

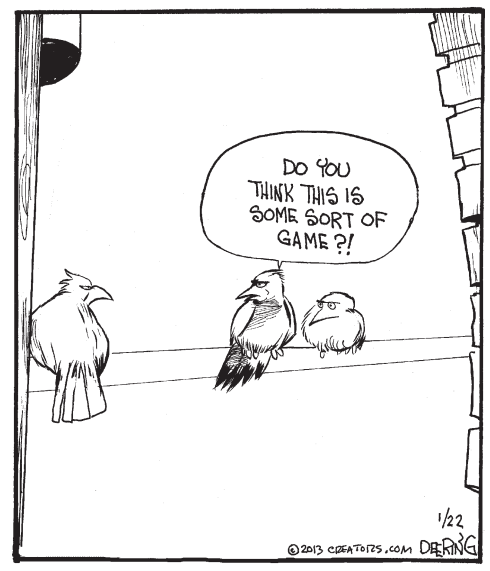
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year your self-expression attracts many people, and often inspires them. Your words carry power and energy with them. Your intuition serves you well, and it needs to be listened to. You could receive acknowledgment in your field of choice or achieve a long-term desire. You've got what it takes! If you are single, you will establish a meaningful bond, if that is what you desire. It could occur at any given moment. If you are attached, you'll romance your sweetie and reinvigorate your bond. GEMINI makes a difference where it counts.

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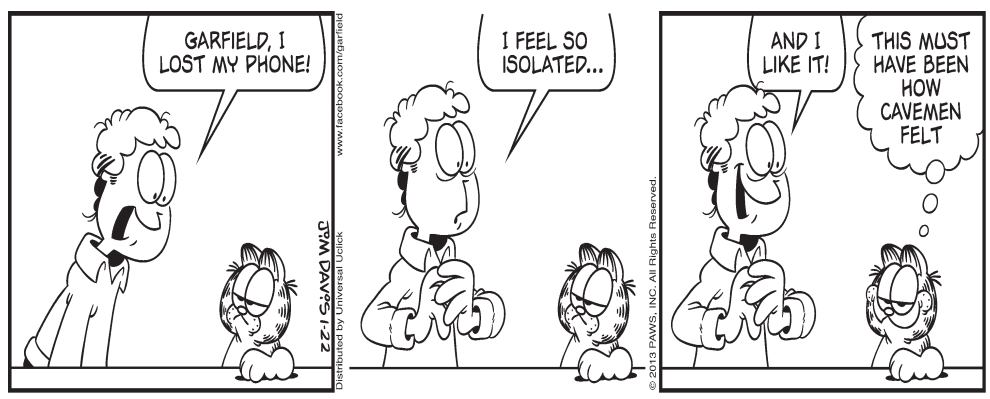
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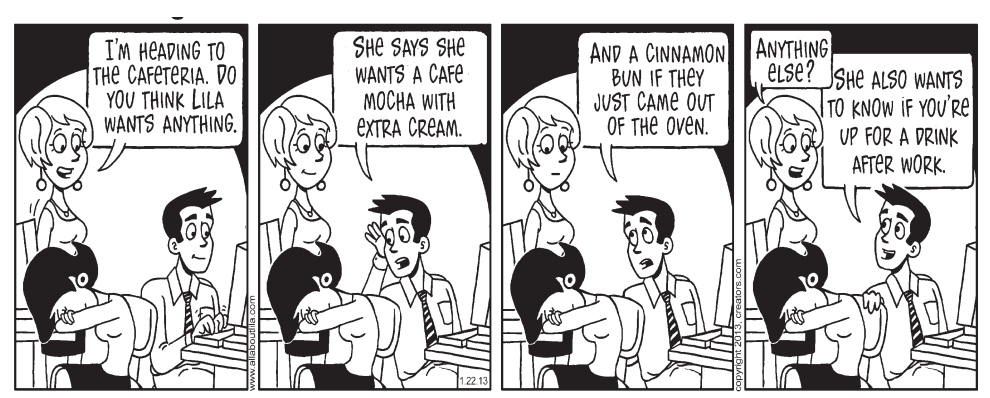
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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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.

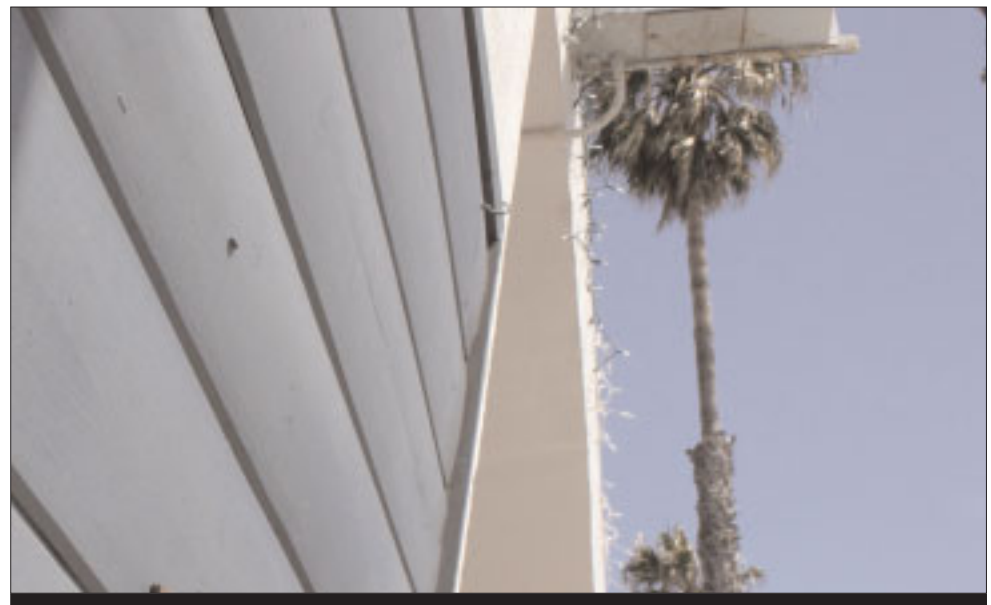
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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34 Native countries
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41 Reduced to shreds
42 Lively folk dance
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20 Uses a crowbar
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22 Opponent
23 Used a couch
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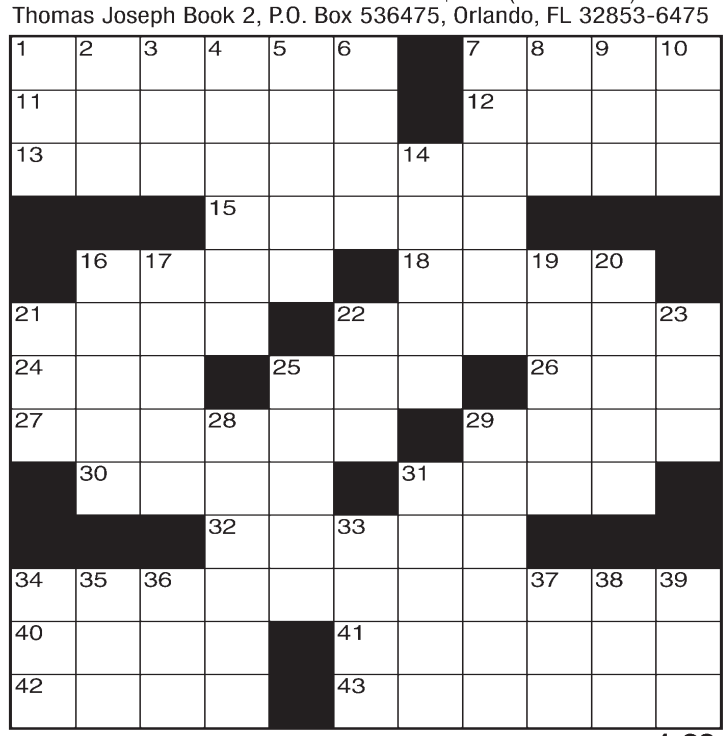
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Challenging Business Plans: (1)** British "medical illustrator" Emily Evans recently created eight pricy, bone china dinner plates emblazoned with the microscope images of tissue slides of the human liver, thyroid, esophagus and testicles ($60 per plate, $200 for a set of four). (2) In October, a shop in London's St. Bart's Pathology Museum ran a special sale of cupcakes as part of a sexually transmitted disease awareness campaign. Each pastry's icing was crafted to resemble the lesions, boils and warts of gonorrhea and other maladies.

■ Leading a "jerky renaissance" is Krave, a Sonoma, Calif., company creating nontraditional flavors such as turkey jerky and jerky flavored with basil citrus or lemon garlic. Actually, Krave points out, jerky is rich in protein, with low calories and fat (but with, admittedly, sky-high sodium) and could be reasonably pitched as a healthy snack. However, jerky's main obstacle (a Krave competitor's CEO told The Wall Street Journal in September) is "jerky shame," in which some male consumers remain mortified that their girlfriends might see them enjoying the snack.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1971 – The Singapore Declaration, one of the two most important documents to the uncodified constitution of the Commonwealth of Nations, is issued.

1973 – The Supreme Court of the United States delivers its decision in Roe v. Wade, legalizing elective abortion in all fifty states.

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