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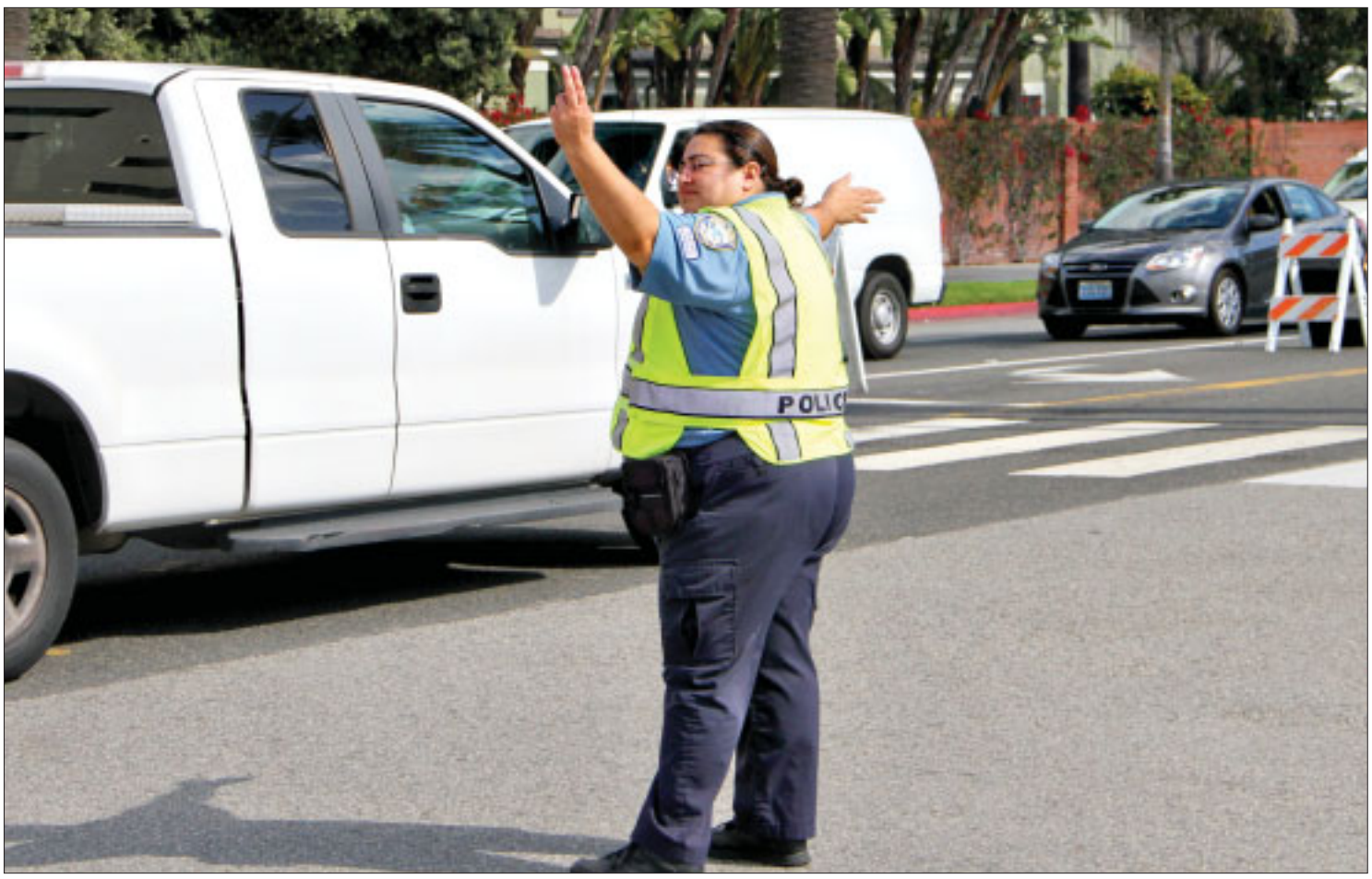
BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Average per-pupil spending in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District ranges widely across its 18 schools and lags slightly behind state spending, according to a report released by public school officials.

Olympic High School sees the highest expenditures with $6,682 per student, followed by Point Dume Marine Sciences Academy in Malibu at $5,388.

At the bottom is Roosevelt Elementary School, with $4,150 per student, followed by Franklin and John Muir elementary schools.

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

WHICH WAY TO GO? **A Santa Monica traffic enforcement officer directs traffic at California and Ocean avenues on Thursday.**

Major car crash on PCH snarls area traffic

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PCH At least two people were rushed to a local trauma center for treatment following a major car crash on Pacific Coast Highway, forcing police to shut down a section of the heavily-traveled highway Thursday afternoon for roughly three hours.

Drivers experienced significant delays on PCH, Interstate 10 and in Downtown Santa Monica as investigators worked the scene of the crash, police said.

All I-10 traffic heading westbound was diverted to the exit at Fourth and Fifth streets in Santa Monica, all northbound lanes of PCH were closed, and one southbound lane was closed from roughly 12:20 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The accident took place around noon along the 200 block of PCH and involved several vehicles, police said. One vehicle was leaving a private beach club on PCH when it was struck by a car traveling south.

One person was listed in critical condition while another had moderate injuries. No drugs or alcohol are suspected at this time, police said.

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Possible backdoor to county water fees

Local groups could adopt incentives and rebates for property owners

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITYWIDE A proposed fee on property owners in Los Angeles County may be less of a burden than originally thought on those who have already put measures in place to minimize stormwater runoff on their properties, a county official said.

The measure — called Clean Water, Clean Beaches — would raise money by adding another fee to property tax bills for projects designed to reduce the amount of dirty water that drains off of properties and into streams, rivers and the ocean during

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Attempted murder suspect identified

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY An illegal immigrant has been identified by Santa Monica police as the person responsible for stabbing a teen as he and his girlfriend left a restaurant in Downtown.



LEON-URBALEXO

Francisco Leon-Urbalexo, 39, of Sonora, Mexico is currently in the custody of the United States Marshall's Office serving a 10-month sentence after he illegally entered the United States. Law enforcement apprehended Leon-Urbalexo in Yuma, Ariz. shortly after the attack in Santa Monica, police said.

Investigators used DNA evidence to link him to the stabbing, which took place Aug.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 22, 2013

Follow the yellow brick road
Lincoln Middle School
1501 California Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Multiple showings of a modern staging of "Wizard of Oz" will be performed in the auditorium on Feb. 22, 23 and 24. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lmsptsa.org.

Lots of Knotts
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
The "Last of the Knotts" is a semi-autobiographical solo show from performer/poet Doug Knott. In it, Knott's character — a carefree L.A. hipster — agonizes over whether or not to become a father after putting up with a lifetime's worth of pain from his own dad, an abusive Florida judge. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013

Morning workout
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 8 a.m.
Need help getting back in shape for spring break? The new PierFit Active Lifestyle program is offering a free run and yoga class on Saturday mornings. You can join either class or both. Meet under the iconic pier sign at 8 a.m. for a brisk run around the beach and pier areas. All experience levels welcome.

Free brain workshop
OT 4 Kids & The Therapeutic Learning Center
1932 14th St., 11 a.m.
In recognition of National Brain Awareness Week and Autism Awareness Day, local occupational therapist Dr. Kari Thompson kicks off the celebration with free workshops on the latest brain research and its benefits to youth. Parents and teachers will not want to miss this free opportunity to learn ways to improve their child's brain functioning and overall success.

Pet and feed the dinosaurs
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 11 a.m.
"Jurassic Park," but with none of the danger. Ancient, life-like dinosaurs will be on display and come to life. Audiences will be able to feed, water and care for the prehistoric creatures. For tickets and more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Arena 1 Gallery presents ...
Santa Monica Art Studios
3026 Airport Ave., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Arena 1 Gallery is proud to present "Decade of Dissent: Democracy in Action, 1965-1975." The original art exhibition features protest posters that utilize the power of art to inspire ideals of democracy. The exhibit runs through March 23, with an opening reception show on Saturday.

More Knotts
Santa Monica Playhouse — The Other Space
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Karen Knotts, daughter of comedic actor Don Knotts, will be sharing her thoughts on life, love and growing up with a famous dad. She will blend humor with touching insight into the Hollywood way of life. Admission is $18. Proceeds will benefit the Save the Santa Monica Playhouse campaign. For tickets or more information, call (310) 394-9779 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013

Piano concert
Crossroads High School
1714 21st St., 2 p.m.
Richard Grayson's annual piano recital will take place in Roth Hall. Grayson has made classical improvisation his specialty, taking themes and creating stylized pieces ranging from the Baroque period to the 20th century. In recent years Grayson has invited people to bring their cell phones to submit ring tone themes. The concert is free and open to the public.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

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



CORRECTION

In the What's Up Westside calendar listing, it should have said that The Broad Stage is hosting the Erth [sic] Dinosaur Petting Zoo for one day only, Feb. 23. There are three showings, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. We're sorry for the mix-up.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COLORADO AVENUE
Education fundraiser

Bloomingdale's is hosting a shopping fundraiser to benefit the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation's Dollar a Day Campaign at its Santa Monica Place location on Saturday.

The foundation launched the Dollar A Day Campaign last December with the goal of raising $4 million by 2014 to support the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's new centralized fundraising model.

This year the foundation is asking district families to donate a dollar a day ($365 by the year's end) for every student in their household.

Those in attendance are invited to enjoy refreshments and shop Bloomingdale's personal shopping services and beauty treatments while raising funds for a worthy cause.

Bloomingdale's will donate 10 percent of store-wide purchases during the event and an additional $5,000 to the Dollar A Day Campaign.

A special presentation hosted by Superintendent Sandra Lyon will elaborate on how funds from the event will be spent. Musicians from the Santa Monica High School Chamber Orchestra will perform, led by Joni Swenson.

The fundraiser is scheduled for 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the celebration presentation beginning at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Hallie Freeman (310) 985-6403.

– HENRY CRUMBLISH

MAIN STREET
Food trucks meet retail

The California Heritage Museum is debuting a new weekly community event entitled Tuesday Night Food Truck Bazaar.

There will be 10 food trucks serving everything from fish tacos to lobster rolls, and even Korean barbecue.

The weekly event, which takes place in the parking lot of the museum, will rotate trucks each week in the hopes of equally representing every nationality possible.

Starting Feb. 26, the museum will add a bazaar on its lawn next to the food trucks where attendees can purchase children's clothes and toys, yoga and gym clothing, sculptures from Bali and surf and snow boards.

The Victorian restaurant is open so that guests who purchase from the food trucks can eat their dinner in the outdoor patio, the indoor first floor bar, or the downstairs basement bar free of charge.

Parking is available within the museum's lot. For additional information, visit www.californiaheritagemuseum.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP
St. Monica soccer kicked out of playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

AIRPORT PARK The playoffs came to an end Thursday for St. Monica's No. 1 seeded girls' soccer team.

University Prep and St. Monica tied 1-1 through regulation, ultimately letting penalty kicks decide the outcome of the quarterfinal game at Airport Park.

University Prep outlasted St. Monica, 5-4, in kicks to send the Mariners home.

Next for University Prep in the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 playoffs is a matchup with the winner of the Crossroads/Arroyo game, which was played on Thursday night. Results of the game were not available at presstime.

University Prep's next game will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. The site hasn't been specified by CIF-SS officials.

HARRIS POWERS ST. MONICA HOOPS

St. Monica advanced to the semifinals of the CIF-SS Division 4A playoffs Wednesday on the strength of senior Briana Harris' triple double.

Harris posted 28 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists en route to leading the No. 2 seeded Mariners over Fairmont Prep on the road sending St. Monica to the round of four on Saturday at rival Cantwell-Sacred Heart.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

No. 1 seed and Camino Real rival St. Paul advanced on the other side of the bracket after dispatching Santa Monica-based Crossroads, 50-34, also on Wednesday.

St. Paul will travel to St. Bonaventure on Saturday. The game begins at 7 p.m.

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CONTROL: **St. Monica's Daisy Gonzalez (left) fights for the ball while University Prep's Melanie Garcia gives chase Thursday at Airport Park. University Prep won the game 5-4 in penalty kicks.**

Judge dismisses Axl Rose case against Activision

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES A judge has ruled that Activision Blizzard Inc. did not violate an agreement with Axl Rose to prevent the inclusion of guitarist Slash in a "Guitar Hero" video game and has dismissed a lawsuit filed by the Guns N' Roses frontman.

Superior Court Judge Charles Palmer dismissed the case on Wednesday, court records show. He agreed with attorneys for Activision that the gaming company never agreed to keep Slash's likeness out of the game in exchange for the rights to use the Guns N' Roses hit "Welcome to the Jungle."

Rose sued Activision in November 2010 seeking $20 million in damages from the company. He claimed he allowed Activision to use "Welcome to the Jungle" in the game on the condition that Slash and his band, Velvet Revolver, not appear in the game.

Rose has been trying to distance Guns N' Roses from Slash since he left the band in 1996, his lawsuit stated.

"Guitar Hero III" featured a digital version of Slash, complete with distinctive top hat, dark glasses and curly black locks.

Email messages sent to lawyers for Rose and Activision were not immediately returned.

In October, Santa Monica-based Activision settled a lawsuit filed by the band No Doubt claiming their digital likenesses were misused in a similar game, "Band Hero."

In both cases, Activision denied wrongdoing.

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Lighten up

Editor:

Regarding the Malibu High School lights, it is simply amazing what the N.I.M.B.Y.s out there are doing ("Questioning cash spent on Malibu lights," Feb. 21).

The lawsuit was filed by a "group" organized by a woman who bought her house next to the school just two years ago, knowing that the lights were going in. She rounded up a few opponents of the school's reconstruction project, not a hard thing to do in Malibu. This includes the Malibu Township Council, a non-elected, self-selected group of people with long grudges against the City Council.

One of the loudest voices in there is the guy who tried to end the annual Lions Club fundraising fair, the only big Malibu event aimed at raising money for kids athletics.

This group lost its case at the school board, at the Malibu City Council and at the Coastal Commission. It then filed a lawsuit, and lost its request for an injunction when the judge ruled that they did not have a case.

The lights were installed, and these three-strike losers still press on with a lawsuit that the judge has already said they will lose. Then, they have the temerity to go to the school board and say "you are wasting money fighting our BS lawsuit."

Amazing. What huevos. Stephen Colbert should do a segment on this.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Hollywood's charming bastard



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COFFEE BREAK: **Actor Seymour Cassel and his canine companion Chanel relax at Starbucks.**

WITH THE OSCARS ONLY 48 HOURS away, I'm reminded that my neighbor of 25 years, Seymour Cassel, once received an Academy nomination. In 1969, in only his third movie, "Faces," Seymour was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for playing the hippie swinger, Chet (which some speculated was type casting).

At 78, Seymour's hippy swinger days are long gone. But he still works and is as irascible as ever. The first time I chatted with him about old Hollywood was a decade ago and took place in our building jacuzzi. His colorful stories were charming until he lit up a cigar, oblivious as he emptied the hot tub. If they ever invented a waterproof cigar I'm convinced Seymour would smoke in the shower.

A month later I ran into Seymour in our building's gym. He was on the treadmill and, as he perspired, the smell of cigar smoke literally oozed through his pores. Yikes!

He also had a bag of potato chips. Seymour would walk a distance and eat a single chip, over and over. It was as though he was burning up the exact number of calories to justify eating the chip. I've never seen that before or since.

In 1935, Seymour was born into "show business" as his single mother, Pancretia Ann, was a Minsky dancer, young women who pioneered the risqué art of burlesque. Sadly, Seymour never met his father. "When I got nominated for an Oscar I figured he'd show up but he didn't, so I forgot that," he said somberly.

As his mother took him from city to city, Seymour learned about life from a very unique perspective.

"I saw more naked breasts before the age of 4 than most men see in their lifetime!"

Actually, at 4, Seymour began onstage antics with baggy-pants comics and his showbiz life began.

As a teenager Seymour got into minor scrapes with the law, which led to a tour in the Navy where he became an accomplished boxer. When he was discharged he headed for New York to audition for the prestigious Actor's Studio. On that fateful trip he illegally wore his Navy uniform because travel for military personnel was heavily discounted. So, at every stop, he nervously dodged Shore Patrol.

Seymour studied briefly with Stella Adler, but his life was to change forever when he crossed paths with John Cassavetes, the father of American independent film. In Cassavetes, six years his senior, he found a lifelong collaborator and best friend. "John was the brother I never had."

In 50 years, Seymour has been in over 100 films. He's worked with such giants as Nicholson, Hopper, Redford, Beatty and Hackman. In 1964, Seymour also appeared in "The Killers," Ronald Reagan's last acting job. (Unless you count his two terms as president.)

Among the talented actresses Seymour has worked with are Gena Rowlands, Vera Miles and Alfre Woodard, to name but a few. Speaking of the Screen Actors Guild, in 2007 Seymour ran as an underdog for national president in "a bare knuckle brawl." Narrowly beaten, pugnacious Seymour loved the battle.

Under Cassavetes direction, Seymour appeared in: "Shadows," "Faces," "Minnie and Moskowitz," "The Killing of a Chinese Bookie" and "Love Streams." But he has worked with dozens of other filmmakers, including Wes Anderson in "Rushmore," "The Royal Tenenbaums" and "The Life Aquatic." Many TV viewers recognize Cassel from his four seasons on Tracey Ullman's hit series, "Tracey Takes On."

Seymour has worked or partied with so many cultural icons such as The Rolling Stones, Brando and DeNiro, etc., that he seems ubiquitous. An example is former Guns N' Roses guitarist Saul Hudson, and friend of Cassel's son, Matt, crediting Seymour with giving him the nickname "Slash." This was because he was always zipping from one place to another and never sitting still. (Seymour should talk.)

On Main Street, Seymour is a living legend. He starts each morning at Starbucks to read the newspaper, or a script, have a cup of coffee and smoke a cigar. Often at his feet is Chanel, a golden retriever, who belongs to a devoted friend. Congenitally outspoken, occasionally Seymour gets into arguments or voices an unsolicited opinion, but most view it as just part of his charm.

Seymour's life, while not as exciting as it once was, is still awfully good. His two children, Matt and Dilyn, with respective spouses, Cynde and Jordan, have given him five grandchildren who, beneath his crusty exterior, he absolutely adores. There's even talk of a ghost writer penning his memoir.

Seymour's memoir ("Hollywood's Charming Bastard," perhaps) could be a best-seller. From the precocious 4-year old on a Minsky's stage to the nervous Oscar nominee (though Seymour actually arrived late!), lays Seymour's compelling tale. His has been a life filled with peaks and valleys, including a short stint in prison, embracing sobriety and, ultimately, redemption. Let's just hope the ghost writer doesn't mind cigar smoke.

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Santa Monica up to the challenge

"THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE AND happiness, and not their destruction, is the only legitimate object of good government." — Thomas Jefferson, 1809

It's over 200 years later and that statement has never been more true. Through the Mayors Challenge by Bloomberg Philanthropies, cities were invited to propose their most innovative solutions to entrenched problems. The five solutions with the greatest potential for success will win funding to turn those ideas into reality.

My city, Santa Monica, answered this call to action with what I believe is the greatest, most challenging and pressing issue of all: protecting and promoting human well-being. Specifically, how can cities use limited resources more effectively to create conditions needed for people to thrive?

It's a big idea. We will use the science behind well-being to measure and intentionally improve it in our city. Why? Because well-being is the foundation for a stronger, more resilient community of people empowered to solve their own problems. By looking through the lens of well-being, the city will know whether or not we're making the most effective use of resources to meet people's needs. This will fundamentally change the relationship between citizen and government.

Our idea might seem a little out there to some, but well-being theory is well-established outside the public sector, backed by decades of research conducted around the world. Its use within government, especially at the local level, has tremendous potential. Bloomberg Philanthropies agreed. They gave us a chance to explore, expand, and refine our idea when they pulled our "well-being project" out from a pool of over 300 proposals, and named Santa Monica a Top 20 Finalist.

Well-being is not to be confused with wellness, although it's easy to do. Well-being is a state characterized by a person's level of fulfillment, engagement, satisfaction, positive outlook, and health (or wellness).

Things that contribute to people's well-being aren't a mystery. Jobs, relationships, health, education, and our physical surroundings all play a part — and they're all experienced at the local level. This means that cities are uniquely positioned to make decisions based on their potential to positively impact community well-being. So, why don't we?

What has been missing, so far, is a way to get a solid understanding of community well-being — the empirical what, why and how that will lead to long-term social change. We know that well-being can be measured, and what is measured can be managed. We will team up with top economists, behavioral scientists, and psychologists working in the field of well-being theory to develop the Local Well-being Index — the ruler that's been missing from the toolbox of good governance for far too long.

WELL-BEING IS A STATE CHARACTERIZED BY A PERSON'S LEVEL OF FULFILLMENT, ENGAGEMENT, SATISFACTION, POSITIVE OUTLOOK, AND HEALTH (OR WELLNESS).

Once we know what well-being looks like in our community — where it's strong, where it's weak — we will be able to make better-informed decisions that intentionally improve well-being in our community.

Cities are under constant pressure to do more with less, especially in today's economic climate. Budgets are shrinking and new funding is drying up. Cities must become smarter about making the most of what we have. Using index findings doesn't mean that we'll create new programs every time well-being dips in a particular area. Rather, analytics will help us set policies and direct scarce resources in ways that support exactly what people need to thrive.

Over the course of 20 years in public service, I've found that the best course of action is not always obvious. Were Thomas Jefferson here today, I believe he would say that well-being is the key to the care of human life and happiness. And I believe well-being is the next step in the natural evolution of local government.

O'CONNOR serves as the mayor of Santa Monica and was elected to the City Council in 1994. To vote in the Mayors Challenge and see a full list of finalists, visit mayorschallenge.bloomberg.org.

The Q Line

Road work

Beginning this week, the eastbound portion of Colorado Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets will close permanently to make way for the final stop of the coming Expo Light Rail line.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What sort of impact do you think closing that portion of Colorado Avenue will have on Downtown traffic?

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Somebody's been watching too much 'Twilight'

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, AT 4:45 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of an assault that recently took place. When officers arrived they made contact with a man who said he was in the alley behind his business working on his truck when a homeless man he knows came up behind him and bit him on the neck. He pushed the man away and didn't bother to call police right away. Two days later he had a change of heart and called police to report the alleged crime. Officers took the report and booked video into evidence. On Feb. 12, officers were in Downtown looking for the suspect and found him in a carport on the 700 block of Arizona Avenue. He was detained and placed under arrest for battery with serious bodily injury. He was identified as Bryan Dibucci, 44, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, AT 3:15 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Bloomingdale's — regarding a report of two suspected shoplifters leaving the store. Police spoke with store security who said that the suspects were believed to have stolen from Bloomingdale's in the past, so when they showed up at the store again security followed them closely. They said the suspects took three bottles of cologne, placed two in a bag and then paid for one. They then left the store without offering to pay for the other two bottles. Officers said the two met up with a third suspect, who was in a car. Officers tracked that car to a nearby parking structure and searched it. Inside they said they found other stolen merchandise totaling $1,168 and placed the two original suspects under arrest for burglary and possession of forged documents. Once at the Santa Monica Jail, officers learned the two were illegal immigrants who had been previously deported. They were placed on a federal immigration hold. The suspects were identified as Andy Anchondo, 34; and Mario Gonzalez, 25. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12, AT 6:06 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2700 block of Neilson Way regarding a report of a stolen bicycle. When officers arrived they saw a man matching the description of the suspect riding a bike similar to the one reported stolen. He was detained by police. He allegedly told officers that he found the bike between two parked cars in a parking garage down the street. He was identified by a witness and video evidence was found showing the suspect inside the garage stealing the bike. He was placed under arrest for burglary and during a search officers said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke rock cocaine and some marijuana. The suspect was ultimately booked for burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana, a local warrant and a probation violation. He was identified as Justin Bryant, 23, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14, AT 12:04 A.M.,
Officers were on the 1800 block of Euclid Street to conduct a probation compliance check at a home known for narcotics activity. Officers made contact with four men inside and said they could smell some type of chemical odor commonly associated with methamphetamine. Officers said two suspects were on probation and found to be in possession of meth and its associated paraphernalia. Both were arrested and booked for possession. They were identified as Michael Sammut, 41, of Santa Monica; and Scott Harper, 46, of Chatsworth, Calif. No bail was set for Sammut. Harper's bail was set at $10,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14, AT 11:27 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of two people fighting outside the Main Library. When officers arrived they spoke with both people involved and determined the two were fighting over the placement of their property outside the library. One of the suspects allegedly pulled out a large stick with a ball and chain attached and swung it at the other, striking him in the head. That man took the other to the ground. He said the other man bit his finger, causing a significant injury. Police placed the suspect with the ball and chain under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and mayhem. He was identified as Robert Gordon, 68, a transient. His bail was set at $100,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16, AT 11:40 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol along the 300 block of Colorado Avenue when they said they saw a security guard at Sears pushed to the ground by a suspected shoplifter. Officers chased the suspect down Fourth Street and detained him without incident. The security guard told cops that the suspect had stolen from the store before and on this day he was seen placing a pair of jeans in a backpack and then walked out without offering to pay for them. The jeans, underwear and two scarves were recovered, police said. The suspect was booked for robbery. He was identified as Gregory Lamar Paris, 25, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14, AT 8:49 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol near the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and 20th Street when they got a hit on their automated license plate reader identifying a vehicle with Colorado license plates that was reported stolen. Officers said the car was reported stolen out of Los Angeles. They conducted a traffic stop on Second Street north of Santa Monica Boulevard and the driver was taken into custody for grand theft auto. He was identified as Nathan Hayley, 34, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $3,500.

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GOING FOR A DIP: **A Los Angeles County proposal aims to keep the area's waterways clean.**

WATER
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storms.

That amounts to almost $17.5 million to improve water quality and help cities meet strict pollution regulations recently approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Municipalities and other major property owners, like school districts, have protested the fee, saying that it would put an extra burden on their already-strained budgets at a bad time.

That cost may be lessened under a new amendment that provides an out for property owners that have already worked to decrease stormwater runoff, said Kerjon Lee, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

The rebates or incentives would be dealt with by watershed area groups, administrative bodies created under the Clean Water, Clean Beaches measure, Lee said.

Those groups would have the ability to adopt incentive plans themselves. It would only lessen the amount of money that goes to the watershed area groups, as half of the revenue from the fee will stay in the groups' control.

Another 40 percent of the fee stays with the city in which the parcels are located, and the remaining 10 percent would go to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for administrative purposes.

Without the rebate, the fee is expected to cost City Hall roughly $200,000 in direct fees, although all Santa Monica parcels combined will contribute $2,374,365, said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at City Hall.

Most homeowners would pay $54 per year or less, according to the county. Santa Monica nonprofit Heal the Bay states that 75 percent of commercial properties would pay less than $420 per year.

Approximately 40 percent of that cash, or $949,746, will come back to the city for stormwater projects under the plan.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District may have to cough up almost the same amount, at $180,000. Schools across the county will pay as much as $14 million total in fees.

Even with new money coming to schools as a result of Proposition 30, a tax measure passed in November 2012 to help stem a tide of cuts to California's public schools, funds are still tight, said Sandra Lyon, superintendent of the SMMUSD.

"It's untenable to ask school districts to take another hit to already-strapped budgets," she told the Board of Education earlier this month.

Locally, the fee is a political liability.

The Board of Education signaled its opposition in early February, but the City Council has not taken a position on it.

That could be difficult in a town that has already levied two parcel taxes specifically for stormwater cleanup that raise roughly $4 million per year, although even Santa Monica will struggle to meet the new environmental standards imposed.

On the one hand, a region-wide fee is necessary to raise the money needed to pay for improvements to meet new pollution standards, Kubani said.

On the other, the cost of improvements needed is in the billions, and the fee "pales in comparison" to the amount of money that would accomplish the task of cleaning up Los Angeles County's runoff.

"It certainly is a necessary thing to raise money region-wide to address urban runoff pollution," Kubani said. "I personally hope that this, or something like it, goes through, because there's great need out there."

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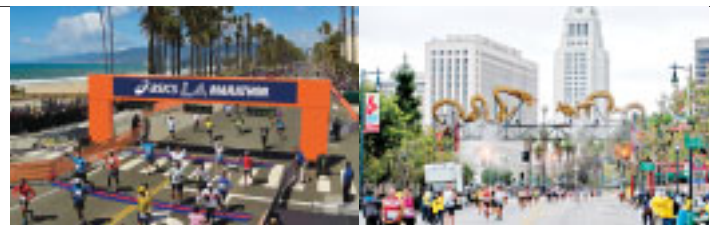
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WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT: **Santa Monica High School students leave campus.**

SCHOOLS

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Schools build upon that baseline with "supplemental" dollars, which can raise the overall amount by as much as $1,500 per student.

That shifts John Muir Elementary School up, with Santa Monica High School replacing it as one of the lowest "earners" with only $4,978 to spend.

On average, the district spends $5,303 per student compared to $5,455 in the state.

The numbers are a "good benchmark," but mask a lot of details about each of the schools that help explain the wide variation, said Jan Maez, the district's chief financial officer.

Supplies and materials cost the same across the board, and it's impossible to take advantage of economies of scale when the school in question has only a couple hundred students.

Schools with smaller student bodies will naturally have higher per-pupil expenditures because they have a similar amount of administrative overhead in terms of principals and other personnel, Maez said.

The cost of those personnel also counts.

"If the staff is very veteran and at the top end of the salary schedule, you could have schools of the same size and show higher cost per pupil," Maez said.

Exactly what goes into per pupil spending is something of a mystery, said Carrie Hahnel, director of Policy and Research with Education Trust West, a nonprofit focused on California education policy.

"It would be helpful if there were state guidelines that stated what should be included in the (school accountability report cards), but there aren't," Hahnel said.

Inquiries to the state for their accountability report card requirements resulted in directions to a document that defines what fields are necessary in the report card that relate to per-pupil spending, but doesn't dictate how to come up with the numbers.

School officials also struggled to come up with the list of numbers included in their accounting by deadline.

"The per-pupil figures that you're looking at don't make a lot of sense," Hahnel said. "It makes a lot of sense to wipe out the existing formula and rewrite it."

She hopes that is one of the many things that will come out of Gov. Jerry Brown's newest proposal to shift more control over school finances to the district level. If embraced by the legislature, Brown's concept would scrap a number of specialized funds that snarl accounting.

It might be time to put more thought into compensation structures for teachers as well, Hahnel said.

Schools with higher per-pupil costs may not be getting superior instruction just because their teachers have been in the business longer than others. Teaching remains one of the few professions where pay scale is primarily dictated by how long an employee has been with a district rather than performance.

More experience does not always mean better teaching, although research conducted by Education Trust West also suggests that schools with higher levels of low-income students tend to have younger, less experienced teachers and commensurately less money spent per child, Hahnel said.

"We need to have an honest conversation about what it means to be a good teacher," Hahnel said.

California lags behind many other states in per pupil spending, particularly those in the northeast. According to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 per pupil spending in California was $9,375 per student — using a very different accounting than the accountability report card — while New Jersey spent $16,841.

While extra dollars and resources help, you can't count California out, Hahnel said.

"When I look at schools out east, I do feel jealous because they have more opportunity and can offer students more," she said. "But that doesn't take the place of innovative thinking, great teaching and high expectations that can't be bought by dollars."

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New environmental chair named

Executive Director for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Shelley Luce, has been selected to serve a two-year term as chair of the Association of National Estuary Programs (ANEP).

"It's really hard to get people from different perspectives and agendas to work together on one key thing – protecting our precious estuaries – and ANEP is critical in supporting the National Estuary Programs in getting this job done. I'm excited to be chair of this committed group," Luce said.

In her new role with ANEP, Luce will be responsible for coordinating outreach to elected officials about the importance of estuaries to local communities and economies.

A major goal for her term as chair is to increase public understanding of and appreciation for their local estuaries and the programs that protect and enhance them.

"I am proud and excited to hand over the reigns to Shelley," said Dr. Holly Greening, executive director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and immediate past-chair of ANEP.

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13, 2012. Police said the victim, a 19-year-old man, had just left a local restaurant located in the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard with his girlfriend at around 6:20 p.m. when he was randomly attacked and stabbed multiple times.

The victim was hospitalized with moderate injuries and the suspect fled the crime scene.

Investigators from Santa Monica presented the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, which filed charges of attempted murder, hate crime and assault with a deadly weapon.

Leon-Urbalexo will be extradited to Santa Monica to be arraigned on the above charges after he completes his sentence with the U.S. Marshall, police said.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Chad Goodwin at (310) 458-8942 or Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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Defense says mayor in Bell corruption case is uneducated

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LOS ANGELES The unschooled and illiterate former mayor of the scandal-ridden suburban city of Bell had no training that would have alerted him that his huge salary was illegal, his lawyer told a jury in closing arguments Thursday.

Former Mayor Oscar Hernandez didn't have a college or high school degree and didn't even finish elementary school, defense attorney Stanley Friedman said at the corruption trial.

Hernandez is among six former Bell city officials charged with misappropriating funds. He was earning just under $100,000 a year for the part-time job.

Friedman argued that financial advisers hired by the city could have informed Hernandez that salaries being paid to council members were illegal, but no one did that.

"They didn't say, 'Stop in the name of the law. These salaries are illegal,'" the lawyer said.

Hernandez was known around town for having a big heart and being willing to listen to everyone's problems, and like many other politicians of simple backgrounds, he wasn't required to be scholarly to be mayor, the lawyer said.

"We elect people who have a good heart. Someone who can listen to your problems and look you in the eye," Friedman said. "There are a lot of elected officials who may not be the most scholarly. We had a vice president of the United States who didn't know how to spell potato."

Friedman said former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's main qualification was "he portrayed a killer robot in the movies. And (former Minnesota Gov.) Jesse Ventura was a professional wrestler."

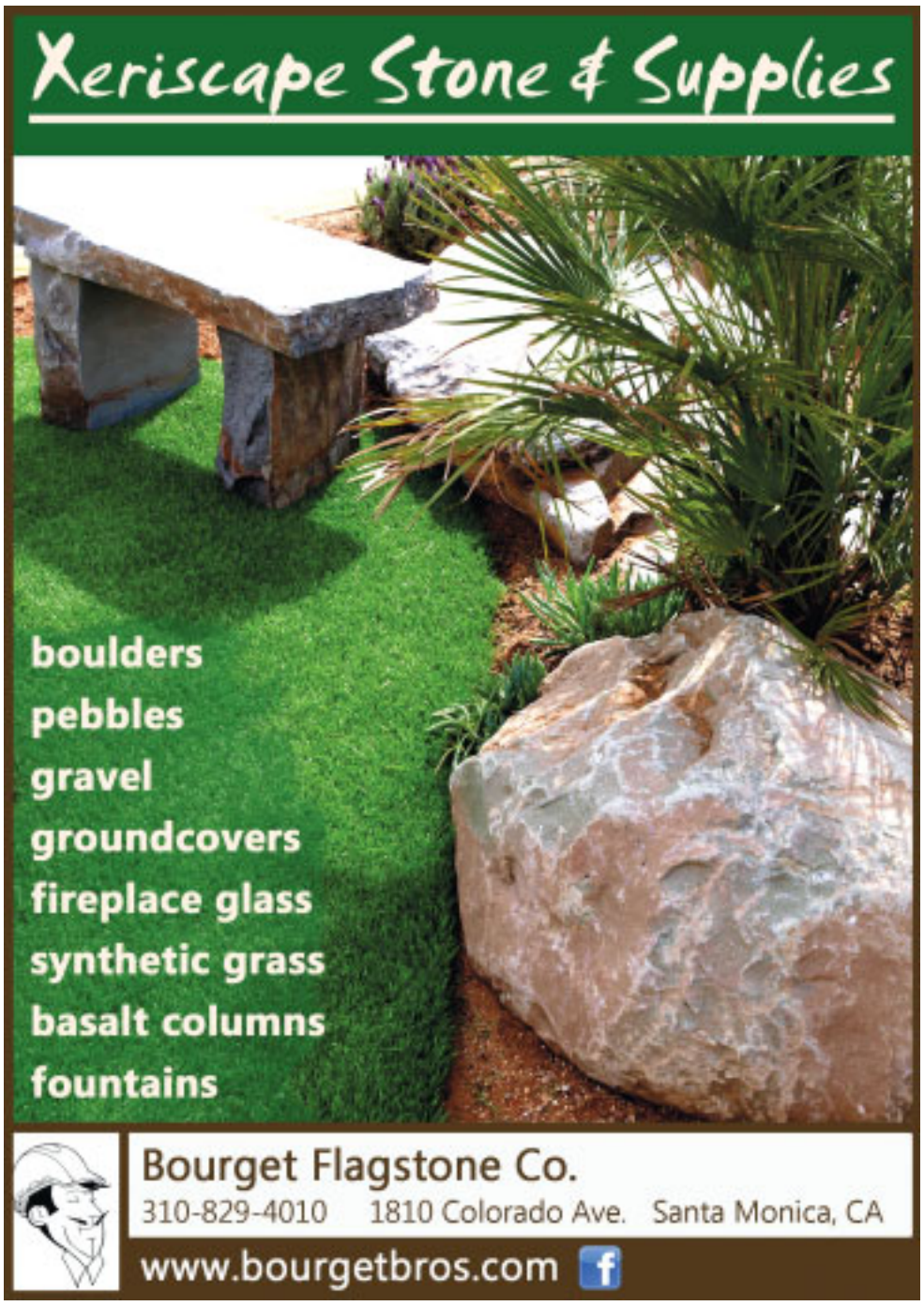
Attorneys for two more defendants continued to press the theme that their clients were hurt by advisers, including the city attorney, who failed to tell them their salaries were illegal.

Attorney Leo Moriarty, representing Victor Bello, compared himself and his client to Don Quixote, being persecuted while fighting for justice. But he said prosecutors too were tilting at windmills, "fighting an imaginary evil that does not exist."

He said that when Bello left his job on the council, he wasn't aware he had done anything wrong and went on to a job as an administrator of the city-funded food bank, earning $100,000 a year, the same salary he had on the council.

In prosecutors' closing arguments on Wednesday, they said the six officials facing charges of misappropriating funds felt they were above the law and collected paychecks for jobs that didn't exist.

Legally, the officials could have paid themselves $673 a month for what was a part-time job, since they didn't actually run the city, Deputy District Attorney Ed Miller said. But in addition to their inflated council salaries, the officials appointed each other to commissions that did nothing and often met yearly just to increase their pay, he said. Some made $100,000 a year.





The Program

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Keeping the pounds off

IN OUR MICROWAVE LOS ANGELES society of hurry up and wait, maintaining a healthy weight can be as challenging as managing your food cravings. If you've tried and failed to lose weight in the past, you might think diets don't work. You're right, they don't in the long run but are merely a short-term quick fix. Below I have given a few suggestions that have worked for my clients in the past to help them stay on track with their nutrition plan, weight loss and a healthier relationship to food.

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Most of us make weight loss more difficult then it needs to be with extreme diets that leave us starving or irritable, which lead to emotional eating or, worst-case scenario, scrapping the plan altogether. Getting started with a healthy weight loss plan requires a lifestyle change, not a short-term diet. Focus on weight loss as a permanent lifestyle change. You must make a commitment to your health for the long run.

Support groups like Weight Watchers or Jenny Craig are a great way to find like-minded individuals who share in your quest. While losing weight can seem miserable, we know misery loves company so surround yourself with supportive family and friends. Healthy weight loss is a marathon and not a sprint. Aim to lose 1 to 2 pounds a week, anything more can take a toll on the mind and leave you sluggish and drained. Dropping anything more in such a short time is usually water or muscle. A few motivating factors might be those jeans you haven't worn in a few months or years or knowing spring will be here faster then expected, so have that bikini or swim trunks close by for a visual aid. Lastly, a great tool at your fingertips is an online web journal in MyPlate from Livestrong. It's free and even has an app for your smart phone. You can cross check calories in all your foods and log your meals and fitness to stay on track.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed ordinance to establish a Transportation Impact Fee

WHEN: Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 6:45 p.m.

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of an ordinance which would establish a Transportation Impact Fee charged for new development and intensified land uses that would fund transportation improvements such as new sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic signal upgrades, transit and bicycle facilities that are necessitated by the new trips associated with land use change. The fees would be charged based on residential units or commercial square footage. The fees would be effective 60 days after the second reading of the ordinance. The fee is proposed to be charged prior to issuance of building permits, unless state law requires the City to accept later fee payment.

The proposed Transportation Impact Fee reflects the costs associated with transportation improvements and the amount of new auto trips that can be attributed to land use changes. An explanation of the methodology to establish the fee is set forth in a study prepared for the City by Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc. and Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants. A copy of this study is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available online at www.smgov.net/transportation (Transportation Section).

HOW TO COMMENT:

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to: City Clerk
Re: Transportation Impact Fee
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MORE INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Strategic & Transportation Planning Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8341.

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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.

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SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minor NW swell mix

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small NW swell pulses up slightly

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minor NW swell

WIND / WEATHER

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Abas creeks.	ns	ns
Unocal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Flamingo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH storm.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
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+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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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MLB

Trumbo to tackle another challenge with Angels

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. For an imposing slugger with 61 homers in his first two major league seasons and fairly limitless potential, Mark Trumbo sure gets moved around a lot.

After Trumbo finished second in the Rookie of the Year voting in 2011, the Angels signed Albert Pujols and uprooted Trumbo from first base. An aborted experiment at third last year left Trumbo playing mostly in left field, where he had an All-Star season.

He expected to be in the outfield again this season until the Angels signed Josh Hamilton, likely forcing Trumbo to become their primary designated hitter.

Trumbo expresses only mild irritation at his moves around the diamond. He's focused on recapturing his swing, which returned to him for the final weeks of last season after a prolonged slump.

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Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:50am, 3:00pm, 6:35pm, 10:15pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:55am, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
1:30pm, 5:00pm, 8:30pm

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

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:35pm

Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
12:10pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Escape from Planet Earth 3D (PG) 1hr 29min
11:00am, 6:10pm, 8:40pm

Escape from Planet Earth (PG) 1hr 29min
1:20pm, 3:50pm, 11:00pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
11:55am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Snitch (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:20am, 3:00pm, 5:45pm, 8:20pm, 10:55pm

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

Bless Me, Ultima (PG-13) 1hr 46min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Amour (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Lore (NR) 1hr 49min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Stand Off (R) 1hr 10min
11:00am

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10:55am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

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11:05am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:55pm, 3:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:40pm, 7:20pm, 8:20pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Safe Haven (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Dark Skies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

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Happy Birthday

Drew Barrymore (Actress and Santa Monica Pilates practitioner)

You are the top dog, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You switch gears with ease. You also put a lot of emphasis on your priorities, and you tend to break down self-imposed barriers. By dusk, others clearly receive your message: It is time for a change of pace. Tonight: Life becomes fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are able to say what you want, but it might appear as if your message isn't well-received. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat this discussion at least two more times; there might be something that the other party isn't getting. Tonight: Head on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Return all of your phone calls and clear your desk in the morning. Come midafternoon, you will want some time for yourself. A meeting could go far longer than you thought. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Follow through on key matters as you wish, and keep an eye on the change of pace as the weekend draws near. You will need to clear up a miscommunication or a problem with someone at a distance. Tonight: Time to go off and treat yourself to that long-desired item.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could feel a little off in the morning, but later you'll feel as if nothing can stop you. The difference is not only remarkable to you, but also to others. If you have been postponing an important discussion, the time to have it is now. Tonight: You are the top dog.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Ask questions if you feel that you are missing some details. Realize that you need more information, and refrain from taking action for a while. You could develop a different opinion as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have taken on more responsibility than you would have liked to with a project. Complete it, if possible, and you will feel much better. Also, work on saying "no" more often. An afternoon meeting could develop into a get-together. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Finish some research and make some calls in order to get to the root of what is going on. You could feel as if no one is giving you all the facts. Details keep slipping, no matter who you speak to. Try a different approach, if need be. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone really needs your time and attention. Make it your pleasure to be his or her voice of reason and/or a source of advice. Imagine what it might be like to be this person, and know that you might need to repeat this conversation again. Tonight: Do something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others seek you out. Be receptive, but resist taking on someone else's responsibilities. You will be a lot happier in the long run. Many invitations head your way. Tonight: Make plans to be with a special friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus on accomplishing what you need to get done. Also, take time to schedule some personal appointments that you have let go for far too long. Your sense of humor helps dispel some tension. Make time later in the day for friends. Tonight: Accept an invitation

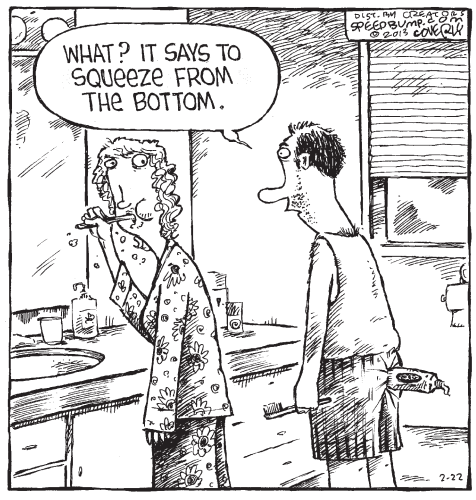
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination takes over and forces you to concentrate. This is effective, as it helps you get through important tasks and complete your to-do list. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies, but don't make it a late night.

Friday, February 22, 2013

This year others find you to be alluring and nearly magical. You have a flair for the dramatic. It is a given that you will be noticed. Romance ranks high in your life, as you are unusually passionate this year. If you are single, you could encounter one great person after another. Go with what feels 100 percent right. If you are attached, the two of you will spice up your relationship in many ways. Do something very special for your sweetie this year. LEO might not show it, but he or she often gets jealous.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



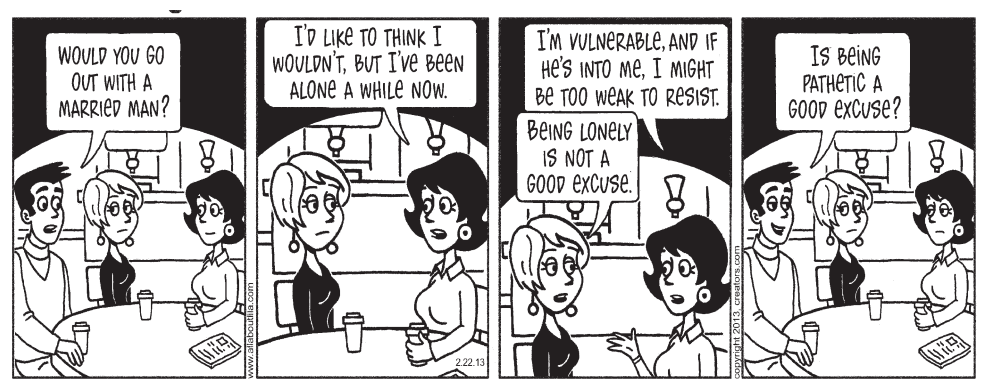
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Informal greeting
6 Cries like a baby
11 Earthy color
12 Pasty
13 Rough guesses
14 Colander's kin
15 Skin art, for short
16 Symbol of sturdiness
18 Break off
19 Compass dir.
20 Mess up
21 Writer Uris
23 Fancy buttons
25 Still
27 — -cone
28 Connery's successor
30 Software holder
33 Letter after sigma
34 Suffering
36 That lady
37 Annoying
39 Casual top
40 Longed
41 Even a little
43 Self-contained
44 Start a set
45 Small amphibians
46 Door sign

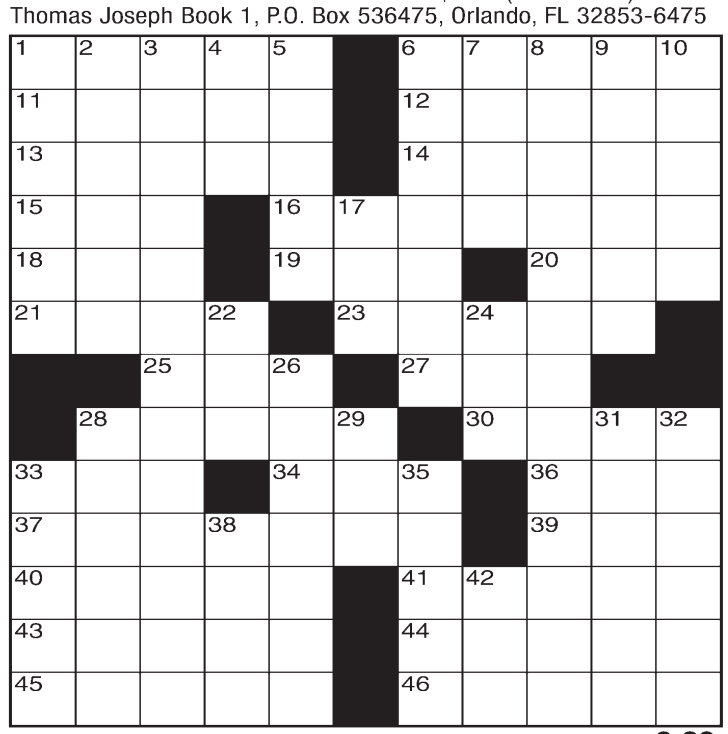
DOWN

1 Low-cost stopover
2 Pump rating
3 Surprised utterance
4 Cotillion girl
5 Welles of "Citizen Kane"
6 Jazz scores
7 "Be that — may ..."
8 "That's a complicated question"
9 Pries
10 Insolent look
17 Solution: Abbr.
22 Fresh: Prefix
24 German conjunction
26 Vacuum tubes
28 Leather-neck
29 Shade tree
31 Put away
32 Ruby of Broadway
33 Easy two-pointer
35 Flat form
38 Dispatched
42 Toe count

B	R	A	S			P	R	A	D	O
O	U	S	T		E	L	U	D	E	D
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Yesterday's answer

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1 15 19 30 56
Meganumber: 28
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Draw Date: 2/20
8 14 32 35 37
Meganumber: 4
Jackpot: $28M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/21
5 14 21 32 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/21
MIDDAY: 6 5 0
EVENING: 3 8 3

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 2/21
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:40.56

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a January submission to India's Supreme Court, an association of the country's caste councils begged for greater sympathy for men who commit "honor killings" of wayward females. The councils denied encouraging such killings, but emphasized that fathers or brothers who murder a daughter or sister are usually "law-abiding, educated and respectable people" who must protect their reputations after a female has had a "forbidden" relationship -- especially a female who intends to marry within her sub-caste, which the councils believe leads to deformed babies.

■ Dog trainer Mark Vette showed off his best work in Auckland, New Zealand, in December: dogs driving a Cooper Mini on a closed course. Using knobs fitted to the dogs' reach, Vette taught mixed-breed rescue dogs "Monty" and "Porter" 10 discrete actions, including handling the starter, steering wheel, gearshift, and brake and gas pedals, and then put them behind the wheel on live television. Monty handled the straightaway flawlessly, but Porter, assigned to steer around a bend, ran off the road.

■ Stress Relief for Students: (1) In November, students at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, ordered three therapy dogs and set up a room for "super stressed" final-exam studiers. The dogs typically are loaned to hospital patients and senior citizens. (2) In December, Cornell University staff installed a patch of grass inside the Olin Library (trucked in from the Adirondack mountains) because, said an employee, the sight of it has a "cognitive relaxing effect."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 - Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam survives a communist shooting assassination attempt in Ban Me Thuot.

1958 - Egypt and Syria join to form the United Arab Republic.

WORD UP!

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\ UHM-ber \ , noun;
1. North England Dialect. shade; shadow.

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