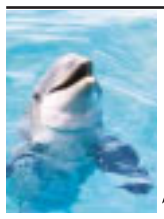
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THE CLASH OF IDEAS ISSUE

Samohi community rallies against anti-gay group

Hundreds of students express themselves, raise money for Gay Straight Alliance network



Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

THE MESSAGE: **(L to R) Aleksa Harris writes 'No H8' on the face of Carly Condon in front of Santa Monica High School on Monday morning.**

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Hundreds of students, community members and others surrounded Santa Monica High School in a "chain of unity" Monday morning to counter a handful of protesters from the Westboro Baptist Church.

The event remained peaceful, with students holding signs and wearing T-shirts with slogans like "2 4 6 8 We teach our children not to hate" and "Jesus had 2 dads" in response to the church members' signs declaring the end of America and their deity's hatred of homosexuals.

At least 500 students and members of the community lined up on the north side of Pico Boulevard, directly across the street from the handful of Westboro Baptist Church protesters who set up shop on the southern side of Pico where it intersects with Sixth Street.

At least 25 Santa Monica police officers attended on foot, on motorcycle and in squad cars to ensure that the protest went peacefully and that both sides followed the law.

Samohi Gay Straight Alliance leaders were pleased with the turnout, which stretched along the sidewalk at Pico

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Woman to face felony charge in Malibu hit-and-run death

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Santa Monica resident Jill Rose, the driver suspected of striking and killing a tow truck driver on Feb. 11, is expected to surrender to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department this week, said Sgt. Phil Brooks of the Malibu/Lost Hills Station.

Rose will be booked Thursday with one count of felony hit-and-run, "for now," Brooks said, pending the completion of an investigation.

He was unsure what, if any, additional

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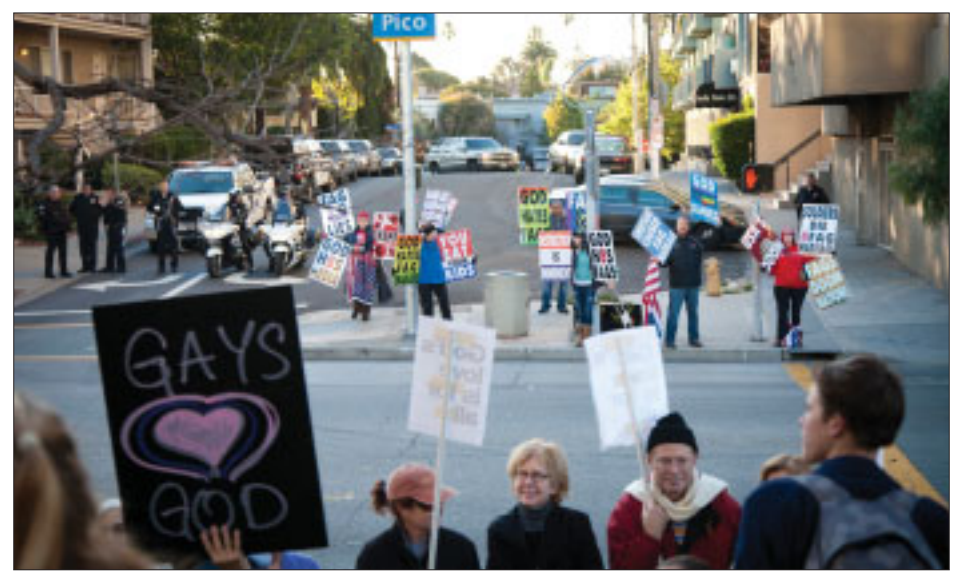
Report: More homeless living in cars, on streets

BY ALEX VEJAR
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL A recent citywide homeless count revealed that the overall amount of sheltered and unsheltered homeless has increased in Santa Monica by just 1 percent in the past year, but people living on the streets and vehicles have increased by 20 percent and 27 percent, respectively, according to a report released by City Hall.

The total number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless in the city reached 780, up from 769 in 2012. The report also

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MAKING A WALL: **Members of the Samohi community gather in front of campus on Monday.**

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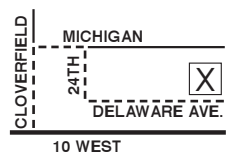
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013

Collaborative creativity
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 9:30 a.m.
The Artists' League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club meets every Tuesday. Work on your own independent project while enjoying the fellowship and creative energy of fellow artists. Members work on a variety of projects, including watercolor, collage, needlework and scrapbooking in the ballroom of the club. Oil paint is not allowed. The $3 recommended donation benefits free art programs for homeless youth at School on Wheels. Admission is free.

Baby time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

A heart full of laughter
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

Council meets
City Hall, Council Chamber
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
Signs on Main Street, transportation impact fees for developers and affordable housing are just a few of the subjects the City Council will tackle this week. For more information, call (310) 458-8211.

It's movie time
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
David Lynch's 1980 film "The Elephant Man" will be showing in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. The movie is about John Merrick, an intelligent and sensitive man in late-19th century Britain, who was marginalized by society due to physical deformities. The screening is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013

Crafty ladies
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Bring your arts and crafts projects and work on them amongst other craft enthusiasts. This event is free. For more information, visit smbwc.com or call (310) 641-4849.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013

Mad clothing
Banana Republic
1202 Third Street Promenade,
5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Banana Republic is releasing a collection of "Mad Men"-inspired clothing for spring 2013. Refreshments inspired by the time period depicted in the "Mad Men" television series will be available. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit bananarepublic.gap.com.

Telling the tale
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Bernard and Shirley Kinsey will be giving a narrated tour of "The Kinsey Collection," a grouping of art featuring rarely seen slave owners' documents to glimpses into private 18th- and 19th-century African-American lives. Tickets are from $15 to $35. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi's Walker repeats as state wrestling champ

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

LEMOORE, Calif. Santa Monica's Jessica Walker has repeated as the CIF state girls' wrestling champion in the 235-pound class at Lemoore High School over the weekend.

Walker pinned Northview's Maddy Tyrone to accomplish the feat.

This was Walker's third finals appearance. She placed second her first trip in 2011 before her recent titles.

Tyrone was the only wrestler who has defeated Walker since 2011.

"Jessica came out with tremendous focus and wrestled her best," said Marisa Silvestri, Samohi's athletic director. "It was a great night for her."

ST. MONICA HEADS TO SANTA ANA FOR FINAL

CIF-Southern Section officials announced Monday that St. Monica's girls' basketball team will face Camino Real League rival St. Paul on Saturday at Santa Ana's Mater Dei High School in the Division 4 final.

St. Paul has knocked off St. Monica twice this season, the Mariners' only losses in league during the regular season. Saturday's game begins at 5:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Local heroes to be honored

The Santa Monica Fire Department will officially recognize the actions of four citizens, two of which directly resulted in the saving of a life, at its Annual Promotion and Recognition Ceremony on Feb. 26.

On Oct. 7, 2012, SMFD personnel found citizens Tom Burbank and Jorgen Person performing CPR on a participant of a 10k run while responding to a report that a runner was down. After emergency care was administered in the field, the patient regained a pulse and began breathing on his own. He has since made a full recovery and will be in attendance for the ceremony.

SMFD will also honor citizens Chelsea Cass and Lauren Lee, who were able to initiate CPR on a man in full arrest with the help of dispatchers until paramedics arrived.

In addition, SMFD will recognize four members within its organization that have been promoted to various ranks in 2012, along with awarding the 2012 SMFD Firefighter of the Year.

The ceremony will be held at 1685 Main St. in the City Hall Council chambers today, Tuesday, at 10 a.m. Coffee and cake will be served immediately after the ceremony next door at the Public Safety Facility's second floor atrium, located at 333 Olympic Dr.

For more information, contact Administrative Captain Jason Wells at (310) 633-1329.

– ALEX VEJAR

Alley improvements top consent

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 be asked to approve the purchase of almost $400,000 worth of a unique sealant that will be used to rehabilitate 86 alleyways in the next two years.

The material is made by Petrochem Manufacturing Inc., a California-based company that creates a slurry seal ready to use when it arrives to the worksite rather than requiring workers to mix the formula for each use. It's the only company that makes such a product, according to the staff report.

The company recycles tires to make the product, taking 162 tires out of landfills for every 70,000 square feet of asphalt paved.

The Public Works Department has already used the material on the asphalt walkway in Palisades Park and 11 alleyways throughout Santa Monica. The new purchase order would cover an additional 20 alleyways in the 2012-13 fiscal year and 66 in the following year.

The purchase order covers $338,333.76 for all of the proposed work, the largest-ticket item in an $802,923.76 consent agenda.

GOING UP?

If the City Council gives the OK, nine elevators in three of the Downtown parking structures will be replaced with newer models that both function reliably and meet modern code requirements.

Elevators in parking structures 2, 4 and 5 were originally installed when the structures were built in the 1960s and are plagued with performance problems despite maintenance, according to the staff report.

Officials selected IDS Group for the project. The company will have to design and provide construction documents for the new models, as well as coordinate the design components with City Hall, Downtown Santa Monica Inc. and the construction company hired for the actual installation of the elevators.

IDS Group has done work with the Los Angeles Housing Authority and their consultant did work on the Public Safety Facility.

The contract will cost $191,840, which includes a 10 percent contingency.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Santa Monica is in the market for a new bridge to connect its iconic pier to dry land, but with the start date on that project over three years away, City Hall will have to find another way to keep pedestrians and cars separate in the interim.

Enter Meek Shea, Joint Venture, the group entrusted with the $8.2 million bridge reconstruction project. For an additional $150,000, the company will construct temporary improvements to the bridge recommended by city officials that will provide separation between pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

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OLD LOOK: **People walk along the asphalt path at Palisades Park in 2012. This path was later sealed with a material that will be used in alleys across the city.**

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Model project

Editor:

I applaud the Miramar for reaching out to the community in a positive fashion ("New vision for Fairmont Miramar," Feb. 21). However, I would also strongly suggest that this becomes a "model project." That is to say that all development agreement developers provide scale models of their proposal along with massing of adjacent buildings. This should even apply to DA proposals of 50 units or less, which historically have negligible interior courtyards as open space.

This will also clearly show how high the central 21-story hotel/condo building is with its mechanical and decorative roof top structure relative to the adjacent 101 Wilshire office building and the Huntley Hotel.

I discussed this with planning director David Martin a year ago who also felt this would be beneficial, but for whatever reason is not yet required.

Here's hoping for a more transparent future in addition to a "model" for more livable environments.

Ron Goldman
Santa Monica







Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Japanese fisherman turns over new leaf for dolphins

OVER THE PAST COUPLE MONTHS, hundreds of conscious and concerned citizens have reached out to me since I began writing some of the gruesome details of the "War Against Nature."

I was particularly touched by the request of a young lady from Temecula, Calif., who asked me to write about a Taiji dolphin hunter named Izumi Ishii. One morning he woke-up, had an epiphany and renounced his vocation.

Ishii realized that dolphins are the creatures that humans would have been had we not left the water. Here's why:

Like humans, dolphins are exceptionally tactile creatures and their skin conveys different levels of information or signals to each animal. Excellent sight enables them to see in the dark, while their range of hearing is 10 times that of humans. They keep the kids in line: Adult dolphins discipline their misbehaved juveniles by driving them to the ocean floor and momentarily holding them there.

Dolphins are individualists. Each animal has its own signature whistle, which is used to keep in contact with its peers.

Dolphins constantly send out noises called "click trains," which sound, to the untrained ear, like old creaky doors. These complex series of sounds are the most sophisticated, advanced forms of sonar, called echolocation, and are unrivaled by anything on the planet — man-made or otherwise. As the sonar waves move through water they encounter objects, bouncing back shapes and contents to be deciphered by the dolphin's large brain (which is bigger than a human's). Sometimes the sonar is so potent it actually stuns its prey.

Dolphins, it turns out, are a well-rested bunch, sleeping as much as one third of each day. But how do they do this when their predators are always hunting them? The answer is teamwork. Dolphins usually rest in groups that bunch tightly together. One lazy eye per dolphin remains open and, although asleep, their slow methodical echolocatory clicks scan their environment for sharks and other predators. The group essentially forms a sensory integration system of relying on each others' sonar system to detect any trouble while they rest.

Ishii was born into a dolphin hunting family in Futo, Japan. Today he's a self-proclaimed advocate for stopping the dolphin hunt and live trade of dolphins and whales to dolphinariums.

Hardy Jones and Ted Danson co-founded the ocean conservation institute Blue Voice and Jones produced an emotive documentary called "When Dolphins Cry." It was based upon Ishii's experience recalling how when he slit the throats of dolphins their eyes widened and tears appeared as they screamed to death.

For turning over a new leaf, speaking out against the brutality and senseless slaughter of contaminated dolphins, he's been ostracized by his community and all Japanese fisherman.

Today, instead of hunting dolphins he earns his modest and peaceful living by providing a splendid eco-tourist, dolphin-watching service on his boat "Bright Sea." Ishii writes and speaks on the atrocities taking place against dolphins still today in Japan even after the Academy-award winning documentary "The Cove" exposed the Taiji dolphin slaughter.

Ishii believes like all animal activists, including myself, that citizens from around the globe must continue to apply pressure. One way is by e-mailing the Japan Tourism Agency and telling then that you will not visit Japan because they are destroying dolphins and whales.

Japan will respond to pressure exerted from citizens and their respective countries — and they will be shamed into change or "gaiastu" because that's what works in their nation. We are all required to come together and continue in unison to call for a worldwide ban on dolphin and whale hunting, and live trade of these exquisite aquatic mammals. Refuse to purchase tickets to any dolphinariums or parks with captured marine mammals.

On Friday Feb. 22, in Los Angeles, hundreds of people protested outside the Consulate-General of Japan: The crowd chanted "Stop the whale hunt in the Great Southern Ocean Sanctuary; Stop the dolphin hunt in Taiji and stop the trade of live dolphins and whales for dolphinariums."

My friend, recording artist, actor, producer and tireless animal rights activist Dyan Kane posted her feelings on Facebook: "The demonstration was powerful and very moving!"

All of us in our respective communities and countries are required to stand up for nature, sign online petitions, send protest e-mails and organize and attend demonstrations. All critters, like the 100,000 mega-pod of bottlenose dolphins recently spotted off San Diego, are entitled to their habitat and the right to life on our blue planet.

Lastly, please support the conservation work of Blue Voice, Save Japan Dolphins, Ocean Preservation Society, Animals Australia and Operation Infinite Patience - Sea Shepherd.

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What's the Point?

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Promoting our heroes

THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROMOTER, AT least before Ryan Seacrest came along, was P.T. Barnum. The man's a hero of mine. You have to love a guy who figured out how to get people to move quicker by posting a sign that read, "This Way To The Great Egress."

He was a publisher, author, politician and visionary. He was an abolitionist, a capitalist and a philanthropist.

He is credited with saying, "Without promotion something terrible happens ... Nothing!"

So on top of all his other contributions to society, he was also a business coach. But his point is correct. No matter what you do, if no one knows about it, you can't be very effective.

I could be the greatest father's rights attorney in the western hemisphere, but if I just stay in my little office and don't share that gift with the world, what's the point? I've written four books and I have two more in development, but if no one knows about them, then my work has been for naught.

So while I both cringe and get jealous every time a self-promoter grabs a headline — I read the headline. It's crucial to the development of any business or project to have outreach.

The question is how to best conduct that outreach?

There are many ways to get people to hear your message. The use of inflammatory tactics like those used by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals when they feature naked people wrapped in plastic as if they were steaks in a grocery store, work. I remembered their event and though it didn't change my mind, it made an impression. The slow drip method of constant presence everywhere used by the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which has turned the world pink to promote their cause, is a more subtle campaign.

Sometimes it takes a grass roots effort through the ballot box to get initial exposure which leads to long term recognition.

That is what happened with the cause to protect California's coastline. In the late 1960s, there was rampant development, lack of regulatory control and a huge environmental disaster which boiled over into a tragedy to be the spark of a movement.

This is what happened in 1969 when a Santa Barbara oil spill led to Proposition 20, which created the California Coastal Commission in 1972. The CCC is both nemesis and protector. To developers who wish to grab land and build as big and expensive as possible, the CCC is a body that puts up roadblocks and delays so-called "progress." But to the general public, the public that barely even knows that the CCC exists, they are protector of that California Dreamin' lifestyle that we so enjoy.

The history of the CCC is rooted in conservationists and environmentalists who knew that "something" had to be done because "nothing" was going to lead to the destruction of public access to the beaches, or worse, the destruction of beaches by environmental disasters like that in Santa Barbara. It was the Deepwater Horizon of its day. It still ranks as the third largest spill in U.S. waters, after Deepwater and the Valdez.

But it was the spark that led to the modern environmentalist movement. Those environmental leaders are getting up there in age but luckily someone has recorded their experiences and history on videotape.

Janet Bridgers co-founded Earth Alert! With Patrick Wall to educate the public about environmental issues. Earth Alert! is a nonprofit that uses media to promote their cause. In producing the documentary "Heroes of the Coast" — a film which tells the story of 50 years of California coastline protection through interviews and archival footage, they are promoting the history and protecting the future of our coastline. The documentary is based on the "Heroes of the Coast" video archive of 59 interviews with California coastal activists, Coastal Commission staff and those who were there at the 1969 oil spill. This story of our coastline's heroes is an important time capsule.

The documentary is being previewed this Thursday at the Santa Monica Main Library (601 Santa Monica Blvd.) at 7 p.m. in a free public presentation.

Because heroes need to be recognized and nothing happens without promotion, I wanted to contribute to the public awareness of this documentary and the strong message it sends of the need for constant vigilance when it comes to our natural treasures.

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The Q Line

Housing woes

A recent Daily Press article revealed that City Hall put no money toward affordable housing in the last fiscal year. That fact calls into question City Hall's ability to keep up with its mandated responsibilities. The loss of redevelopment money has been blamed for the shortage of available funds.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
How should city officials approach the affordable housing issue and why?

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Cardinal: L.A.'s Mahony should help select pope

MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press

MENLO PARK, Calif. The former archbishop of San Francisco said Monday that Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony has a rightful place among Vatican officials who will choose the next pope, even though Mahony has been battered in recent days by disclosures about his role in covering up clergy sex abuse.

The comments by Cardinal William Levada, a high-ranking Vatican official until recently, came in the wake of a grass-roots campaign to shame Mahony into refraining from participating because of his role protecting sexually abusive priests.

Mahony left for Rome over the weekend after recently released church documents showed he had covered up for other priests who raped and molested children.

"There are some victims groups for whom enough is never enough, so we have to do our jobs as best we see it," said Levada, 76, who spoke with reporters from a Menlo Park seminary as he prepared for his trip to the Vatican for the papal conclave.

"He has apologized for errors in judgment that were made," Levada said. "I believe he should be at the conclave."

On Monday, Mahony took to social media and his own personal blog to write about persecution and forgiving one's enemies. He said he has a special prayer group for people who "cannot forgive me for my past hurts and offenses," including members of the media, attorneys, protesters and those who "hate and despise me."

He also tweeted from Rome, writing: "Anyone interested in loving your enemies, or doing good to those who persecute you? See my blog for today. Wow, Jesus is demanding."

Levada said Cardinal Keith O'Brien's decision Monday to step down as archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh and to opt out of the conclave will "provide the freedom to do a good independent investigation and decide on appropriate measures to take on this case."

Levada, who leaves for Rome on Tuesday, retired in 2012 after spending six years as the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, which also defrocked pedophile priests.

He played a key role in several church sex-abuse reforms. While serving previously as an archbishop in California and Oregon, he kept some accused molesters in the church and failed to share some allegations with police or parishioners.

On Monday, Levada drew a sharp divide between gay men and pedophile priests.

"By nature homosexuality is a not a predatory activity, it is a sexual activity that the Catholic church does not condone," he said. By contrast, he said pedophile priests are violating the sanctity and purity of young people.

Levada also said bureaucratic reforms at the Vatican will require a lot of attention from the next pope. He said he'll be looking for a candidate with deep faith, someone who has shown leadership and has language skills. He said youth is also a factor, and he extinguished any rumors that the next pope might be from the U.S.

"I don't know what the Las Vegas oddsmakers are saying today," he said, "but I don't think it's likely that we would see an American pope. It would be an additional complexity for an American pope to have to deal with the perception that some of his decisions might be perceived to be dictated by American governmental policy."

Levada also said he respects Pope Benedict's decision to withhold an investigation into Vatican leaks to cardinals voting on his successor.

"If his judgment is that there's nothing in that report that's necessary for the cardinals then I think we can rely on that," he said. "Pope Benedict is a man of very good judgment."

Levada and Mahony will join more than 100 cardinals on Thursday in Rome to begin the historical process that will choose a successor to Pope Benedict XVI, whose decision to retire took worldwide Catholics by surprise.

Levada, who took over Pope Benedict's job at the Vatican when he became pope, said in all his years of service, he never anticipated being called to a conclave.

"Never. Never," he said. "It's very challenging. It's pretty exciting."

Prior to the election, the cardinals meet and discuss the qualities of the candidates.

"We begin to make some judgments," he said.

Then, in silence, the cardinals vote, sometimes repeatedly, tucking ballots into a closely observed box which is then openly counted in front of them.

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charges Rose would face given that investigators are still working on the case.

"[The charges] may change on Thursday," Brooks said.

Rose's lawyer is expected to accompany her when she surrenders. She is expected to immediately post bail, Brooks said.

Rose, 44, is suspected of striking 45-year-old Ron Carver while he assisted a disabled car on the eastbound side of Pacific Coast Highway and John Tyler Drive near Pepperdine University in Malibu. She allegedly fled the scene and crashed into a parked car two miles east near the Malibu Pier.

Carver, who worked for Platinum Tow and Transport of Camarillo, had lowered the bed of the tow truck to pull the disabled car onto the bed when the accident occurred, Brooks said. Brooks added that the owner of the car that Carver was assisting told deputies that a gray Audi drove off the road, caught the edge of the lowered truck bed, and did a full barrel role in the air before landing on its tires and kept going. At some point it struck Carver, the bystander said.

Rose was hospitalized for head trauma she suffered the night of the accident. She is now in a rehab facility for her injuries.

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notes that the total number of unsheltered homeless reached 316, while the number of individuals sleeping in vehicles reached 57.

Without seeing the details of the report, John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, one of the primary homeless services providers in Santa Monica, believes that the economy may be one reason for the overall increase.

Senior administrative analyst for City Hall's Human Services Division, Natasha Guest, agrees with Maceri's assessment.

"Homelessness is a lagging indicator of a bad economy," Guest said.

Even though the number of homeless people has increased, Sgt. Richard Lewis of the Santa Monica Police Department said that the agency will go on about their business as usual.

"We won't be changing anything that we're doing," he said.

Lewis stressed that homelessness was not a crime, and that the SMPD would continue to work with the city's homeless services providers moving forward.

The increase in individuals living in their cars can potentially be attributed to Santa Monica being fairly safer than other areas in Los Angeles County, which leads to people parking and sleeping in their cars at night, Guest said.

"As shelters become maximized, that's when you see an increase on the street," she said.

Both Maceri and Guest are hoping to continue working with the SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program unit in an effort to decrease the number of homeless in Santa Monica. The unit is responsible for solving issues and concerns relating to the city's homeless population, working with local initiatives such as Step Up and OPCC.

Los Angeles County conducts a homeless count every two years, covering almost 4,000 square miles and making it one of the largest counts of homeless individuals and families in the country.

Santa Monica does its own homeless count annually.

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development requires communities receiving federal homelessness funds to conduct a count every two years. The Santa Monica Homeless Count took place on Jan. 30.

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Those includes demolishing the sidewalks on either side of the bridge and replacing them with a single, wider sidewalk on the northerly side as well as putting up a temporary concrete barrier between the pedestrian path and the cars.

The new sidewalk would be 9.3 feet wide, almost twice the width of the current walkways.

COTS

The Office of Emergency Management is recommending a Santa Monica company for a $50,000 contract to buy between 200 and 250 emergency cots appropriate for people with disabilities.

Santa Monica received a $50,000 Urban Area Security Initiative on top of over $3 million in grants from the Department of Homeland Security to buy emergency supplies to care for people in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

The cash will be used to buy cots to help house people left homeless by a disaster, and Joffe Emergency Services sells the lowest-cost product suitable for people with disabilities.

The purchase comes on top of a June 2012 order for 1,501 cots, also from Joffe.

FUNDS FOR CRADLE TO CAREER

The City Council is expected to approve a $107,500 increase in a consultant contract to further a local initiative meant to address youth violence in Santa Monica.

The money would go to Jonathan Mooney, a Santa Monica resident who has helped with the development of the Cradle to Career initiative since its inception and, if approved, would shepherd it through June 2014.

Mooney would be in charge of five key focus areas, including a model of sharing data between key agencies, evaluating what children do in the time away from school and how to make the entire effort sustainable in the long term.

The extension amount would bring Mooney's total contract to $177,500.

JUST KEEP SWIMMING

Officials in charge of the Annenberg Community Beach House have requested over $130,000 for chemicals to keep the pool at the facility up to snuff.

State and county laws require that public swimming pools maintain balanced water chemistry, and the beach house officials have selected Commercial Aquatic Services, Inc. to deliver the necessary materials to make that happen.

Four bids were received on the contract, but Commercial Aquatic Services was both the lowest bidder and has done previous work at the Santa Monica Swim Center at Santa Monica College.

Only $30,250 will be spent this year, with future funding contingent on council approval of the 2013-15 biennial budget.

SHRUBBERY

City Hall plans to cash in on a private restaurant's desire to spruce up its facade by charging for an expansion into the public right of way.

King's Seafood Company LLC., owners of Ocean Avenue Seafood, plans to remodel the front of the restaurant at 1401 Ocean Ave. The improvements are expected to extend 490 square feet into the public right of way.

That will cost them $3,636 each year for the next decade with an option to renew for two five-year terms.

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STANCE: **Westboro Baptist Church members on Monday display signs with their anti-gay beliefs.**

PROTEST
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Boulevard and around the corner on Michigan Avenue.

"We're trying to turn something negative into something positive," said Ruhi Bhallu, a junior at Samohi and co-president of the GSA.

Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church spokesperson Stephen Drain remained undeterred.

"God doesn't rule by majority," Drain said, and quoted a passage from the Bible that condemns homosexuality.

The protest wrapped up by 7:45 a.m. without incident. Students cheered at the receding backs of the Westboro Baptist Church members.

The church members, in town primarily to protest the Academy Awards, declared their intention to picket outside of the high school two weeks ago.

The organization has made a name for itself by going to high-profile locations like military funerals and glitzy events like the Oscars to express their conservative point of view.

The announcement galvanized the high school's Gay Straight Alliance, which spent the intervening two weeks organizing the peaceful counter protest and discussions to be held each period in English classes.

Community members, school and district administrators and elected officials also attended the event to support the students.

"We're proud of our students and administration for organizing this, and to the community for coming out to support it," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

Judson Yaker, a Santa Monica resident, was concerned with the role that school officials and faculty played in the counter demonstration, and confronted two high school employees about signs that referenced hatred toward the Westboro Baptist Church.

He questioned whether or not teachers would have escorted a student protest which opposed homosexuality and gay marriage, or took a position that teachers disagreed with.

"I asked if they could imagine what it's like to be a student on the other side, and the angst of not being able to speak," Yaker said.

Roughly 175 students from New Roads, a small private school in Santa Monica, came to join the counter protest, and members of the faith community in Santa Monica, North Hollywood, Pasadena and elsewhere also gathered to lend their support to Samohi's students.

It was difficult for some local church leaders to watch the Westboro Baptist Church members express their intentionally-antagonistic views.

"It makes me feel a variety of things to have such a divide on something that seems so basic," said Rev. Robert English of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

Members of the faith community said that they were there not to be against Westboro, but to support students in their efforts to demonstrate support for members of the lesbian, gay and transgender community.

"We're not going to be able to change their minds," said Pastor Terry Allen of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pasadena.

As for Drain, he had another opinion of the clergy involved in the counterprotest.

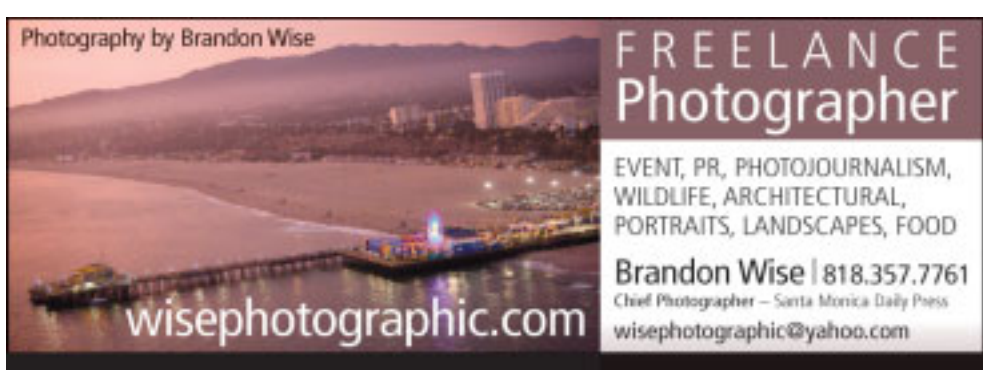
"They're Christians like I'm Aretha Franklin," he said.

Whatever Westboro Baptist Church's intentions, its presence on Monday was a boon to the high school GSA.

Organizers had raised $4,600 by 10 a.m. Monday through a fundraiser on the CrowdRise website entitled "Raise money for GSA Network in (Westboro Baptist Church's) name!"

The Gay Straight Alliance Network is an organization that helps schools bring support and awareness to gender issues and homophobia. Counterprotestors hope to raise $6,000, or $100 for every minute the Westboro Baptist Church members protested.

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Chinese hackers seen as increasingly professional

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BEIJING Beijing hotly denies accusations of official involvement in massive cyberattacks against foreign targets, insinuating such activity is the work of rogues. But at least one element cited by Internet experts points to professional cyberspies: China's hackers take the weekend off.

Accusations of state-sanctioned hacking took center stage this past week following a detailed report by a U.S.-based Internet security firm Mandiant. It added to growing suspicions that the Chinese military is not only stealing national defense secrets and harassing dissidents but also pilfering information from foreign companies that could be worth millions or even billions of dollars.

Experts say Chinese hacking attacks are characterized not only by their brazenness, but by their persistence.

"China conducts at least an order of magnitude more than the next country," said Martin Libicki, a specialist on cyber warfare at the Rand Corporation, based in Santa Monica, California. The fact that hackers take weekends off suggests they are paid, and that would belie "the notion that the hackers are private," he said.

Libicki and other cyber warfare experts have long noted a Monday-through-Friday pattern in the intensity of attacks believed to come from Chinese sources, though there has been little evidence released publicly directly linking the Chinese military to the attacks.

Mandiant went a step further in its report Tuesday saying that it had traced hacking activities against 141 foreign entities in the U.S. Canada, Britain and elsewhere to a group of operators known as the "Comment Crew" or "APT1," for "Advanced Persistent Threat 1," which it traced back to the People's Liberation Army Unit 61398. The unit is headquartered in a nondescript 12-story building inside a military compound in a crowded suburb of China's financial hub of Shanghai.

Attackers stole information about pricing, contract negotiations, manufacturing, product testing and corporate acquisitions, the company said.

Hacker teams regularly began work, for the most part, at 8 a.m. Beijing time. Usually they continued for a standard work day, but sometimes the hacking persisted until midnight. Occasionally, the attacks stopped for two-week periods, Mandiant said, though the reason was not clear.

China denies any official involvement, calling such accusations "groundless" and insisting that Beijing is itself a major victim of hacking attacks, the largest number of which originate in the U.S. While not denying hacking attacks originated in China, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Thursday that it was flat out wrong to accuse the Chinese government or military of being behind them.

Mandiant and other experts believe Unit 61398 to be a branch of the PLA General Staff's Third Department responsible for collection and analysis of electronic signals such as e-mails and phone calls. It and the Fourth Department, responsible for electronic warfare, are believed to be the PLA units mainly responsible for infiltrating and manipulating computer networks.

China acknowledges pursuing these strategies as a key to delivering an initial blow to an opponent's communications and other infrastructure during wartime — but the techniques are often the same as those used to steal information for commercial use.

China has consistently denied state-sponsored hacking, but experts say the office hours that the cyberspies keep point to a professional army rather than mere hobbyists or so-called "hacktivists" inspired by patriotic passions.

Mandiant noticed that pattern while monitoring attacks on the New York Times last year blamed on another Chinese hacking group it labeled APT12. Hacker activity began at around 8:00 a.m. Beijing time and usually lasted through a standard workday.

The Rand Corporation's Libicki said he wasn't aware of any comprehensive studies, but that in such cases, most activity between malware embedded in a compromised system and the malware's controllers takes place during business hours in Beijing's time zone.

Richard Forno, director of the University of Maryland Baltimore County's graduate cybersecurity program, and David Clemente, a cybersecurity expert with independent analysis center Chatham House in London, said that observation has been widely noted among cybersecurity specialists.

"It would reflect the idea that this is becoming a more routine activity and that they are quite methodical," Clemente said.

The PLA's Third Department is brimming with resources, according to studies commissioned by the U.S. government, with 12 operation bureaus, three research institutes, and an estimated 13,000 linguists, technicians and researchers on staff. It's further reinforced by technical teams from China's seven military regions spread across the country, and by the military's vast academic resources, especially the PLA University of Information Engineering and the Academy of Military Sciences.

The PLA is believed to have made cyber warfare a key priority in its war-fighting capabilities more than a decade ago. Among the few public announcements of its development came in a May 25, 2011 news conference by Defense Ministry spokesman Geng Yansheng, in which he spoke of developing China's "online" army.

"Currently, China's network protection is comparatively weak," Geng told reporters, adding that enhancing information technology and "strengthening network security protection are important components of military training for an army."

Unit 61398 is considered just one of many such units under the Third Department responsible for hacking, according to experts.

Greg Walton, a cyber-security researcher who has tracked Chinese hacking campaigns, said he's observed the "Comment Crew" at work, but cites as equally active another Third Department unit operating out of the southwestern city of Chengdu. It is tasked with stealing secrets from Indian government security agencies and think tanks, together with the India-based Tibetan Government in Exile, Walton said.

Another hacking outfit believed by some to have PLA links, the "Elderwood Group," has targeted defense contractors, human rights groups, non-governmental organizations, and service providers, according to computer security company Symantec.

It's believed to have compromised Amnesty International's Hong Kong website in May 2012, although other attacks have gone after targets as diverse as the Council on Foreign Relations and Capstone Turbine Corporation, which makes gas microturbines for power plants.

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

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high occ. 3ft
Small NW swell continues; new SW swell slowly builds

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Minimal NW swell and slightly better SW swells fills in some more.
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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 Lechuza and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Eco Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24872 Malibu Rd..	B	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	B
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
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 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drains).	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).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
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	B
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 CMW 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
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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Pistorius as mysterious as the shooting tragedy

GERALD IMRAY
AP Sports Writer

JOHANNESBURG His head shrouded by a sports hoodie, the young man walked unnoticed through a bustling crowd outside the gates of the Olympic village in London last year. When he got close, I saw a familiar face smiling at me.

It was Oscar Pistorius. "Gerald!" he called and then raised both hands for a double high-five greeting followed by a hug.

On Feb. 14, I saw Pistorius in a hood again, and this time he stared straight at the ground, hands thrust into the pockets of a gray sports jacket. He was flanked by officers as he left a police station. Hours earlier, he'd been charged with killing his girlfriend.

It is hard to reconcile the easygoing, charismatic man I interviewed on several occasions with the man accused of premeditated murder in the shooting of Reeva Steenkamp in his South African home. Prosecutors painted him as a man prone to anger and violence, though he had no prior criminal record. The Olympian says he shot Steenkamp by mistake, thinking she was a nighttime intruder, while prosecutors allege he intentionally shot her after the couple argued.

Who is Oscar Pistorius? I thought I had some idea, and in a sense, so did the millions around the world who cheered the double-amputee athlete as a symbol of determination over adversity.

Now he is as much of a mystery as whatever happened in his home in the early hours of Valentine's Day.

My meeting with Pistorius in London was one of several in the three years I have been covering his remarkable story for The Associated Press, from South Africa to Italy to London — and last week to Courtroom C on the first floor of the red-bricked and gray-walled Pretoria Magistrate's Court in the South African capital.

On reflection, Pistorius' narrative is partly an exploration of how hard it is to truly know someone who lives so much in the public eye. Journalists witnessed or heard reports of occasional flashes of anger — with hindsight, do they loom as potentially more meaningful? At the time the outbursts passed largely unnoticed.

What I do know is that the public Pistorius seemed to have a soft spot.

Weeks before his debut at the Olympics, he stopped an interview with me to talk to a little girl who walked up to give him a strawberry from the gardens of the rural hotel at his training base in Gemona, in northern Italy.

"Oscar, Oscar," the little girl said, holding out the berry. Behind her, a woman called the child away to stop her from bothering Pistorius.

"Ciao, baba. Grazie," Pistorius replied with a smile, unfazed by the interruption, showing off his Italian and pretending to eat the strawberry.

"She brings me something to eat every night," he told me delightedly, pointing up to the windows of his hotel room.

Now the world knows Pistorius owns a 9 mm Parabellum pistol, licensed for self-defense, and that he applied for licenses to own six more guns — listed for his private collection — weeks before the shooting death of Steenkamp.

His relationships with women have been spread over the gossip pages in South Africa.

We spoke about his running, his love of sneakers and nice clothes but also about his history with fast cars and motorbikes and the high-speed boat crash in 2009 that left him in a serious condition in the hospital with head wounds. He conceded that the crash caused him to rethink how he lived.

"I just realized that I need to make some changes and some of them need to be with my lifestyle," Pistorius told me last year in that interview in northern Italy. "I was messing around a lot with motorbikes and just playing around and taking unnecessary risks."

Again with hindsight, was he grappling with anything deeper than just the high spirits and penchant for thrills of many young men flushed with success and money to burn?

Covering Pistorius' track career, he became more comfortable with me, remembering my name and shouting it when he would see me among a pack of journalists.

During his Olympic preparations in Italy, Pistorius pulled out his cellphone to show me pictures of his bleeding leg stumps, rubbed raw from the friction of pounding around the track on his blades.

It was around the time when people were again questioning whether he should be allowed to run in the 400 meters against able-bodied athletes. The message in showing these graphic photos was: Do you still think I have an unfair advantage?

Until that moment, I hadn't fully realized what Pistorius went through every time he slipped on his prosthetic blades to compete or train. Not many people had, I guess.

It was rare for Pistorius to show images of his amputated limbs, but he grinned and shrugged. He said it was just part of the job.

It took a long time for him to get used to people filming and taking photographs of him putting on his carbon-fiber blades. He used to ask people not to film him without his prosthetics.

When he finished a race at the South African national championships last year, he quickly disappeared to a secluded part of the track to swap his blades for artificial legs, complete with sponsored sneakers that his agent was holding for him. It was his regular post-race routine. He then came bounding back to give me an interview.

He often apologized when he had to end an interview because he was running out of time. It always seemed people wanted more of his time than he could give. After we talked in London, Pistorius stayed a little longer to pose for photographs with Olympic security staff, even convincing one shy lady to get into one of the pictures.

Then he popped on his identity-concealing hood and, on his prosthetic legs, he walked off, anonymous in the crowd.

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1:00pm, 3:50pm, 6:40pm, 9:35pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
2:30pm, 6:10pm, 9:45pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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Happy Birthday

Winter Johnson (Former Daily Press intern, media relations expert)

Check your e-mail, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Express your thoughts clearly; otherwise, you could come off as being too sarcastic. Be careful. You can be sure that others have many different thoughts, and they might feel frustrated enough to wage war. Avoid that type of mess at all costs. Tonight: Take a brisk walk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges, which makes nearly anything possible. Your friends and/or associates could be defiant, as confusion marks a situation. You also might feel hurt that someone has turned down an invitation. Tonight: Do what feels right to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could head in a certain direction if you so choose, despite what is happening around you. Certain circumstances could trigger you, but you don't need to take action. It would be wiser to do nothing and come from a focused point of view. Tonight: Happy at home

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might try to clear up a situation, only to find that it has more complications than you originally thought. Unless you have strong conversational skills, the problem could worsen. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Recognize what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. Your fiery personality could factor into your decision-making. How would you like to change the course that you're presently on? Weigh the pros and cons first, then decide. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You feel more in tune with others than you have in a while. Try not to get upset by the inevitable disagreements that could pop up from out of nowhere. You know that sometimes, the less said, the better. Tonight: Whatever feels like the right thing to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take your time when making a decision. Someone's comments might surprise you. Whether you take what this person says personally is your call. Avoid sarcastic and angry people, if possible. Tonight: You need a time-out from certain people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You know what you want, and you know what feels right. After engaging in a conversation in which you had thought everyone was on the same page, you might find out otherwise. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will assume a greater role in a project, and you'll have your share of obstacles to jump. Don't get too tied up in a situation involving property or a domestic matter, as you could feel torn between two possibilities. Be aware of your limitations. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Excitement surrounds an idea, but you might not know how to proceed. Just when you think you've reached a mutual understanding, you could discover otherwise. Tonight: Hop on the computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Someone might make an extra effort to get to know you. Don't assume that this person's assertiveness will last forever. You could discover that his or her decision is changing quickly. Tonight: Share today with a dear friend.

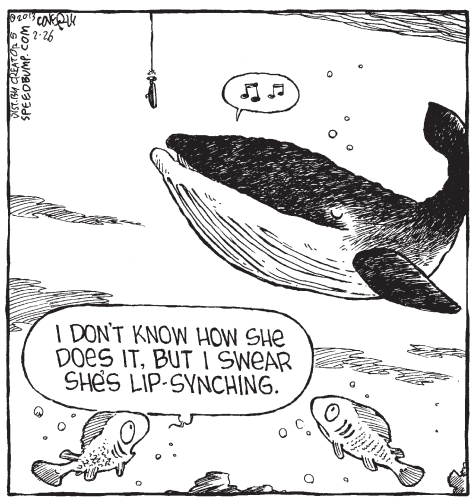
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Allow others to do their thing. You might want to try a different attitude or approach. Now is not the time to sit back and say little. A volatile tone could exist within your interactions, so don't be surprised if someone loses his or her cool. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

This year you often find yourself caught in the middle of arguments. You can see the pros and cons of each side, but you might not feel confident enough to offer your opinion. A relationship needs tending if you want it to work. A dear friend or partner plays a significant role. If you are single, you might be challenged to meet the right person. You are likely to meet this person sometime after spring, and he or she could become a part of your life history. Incorporate a stressbuster into your daily life. VIRGO understands much more than he or she lets on.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

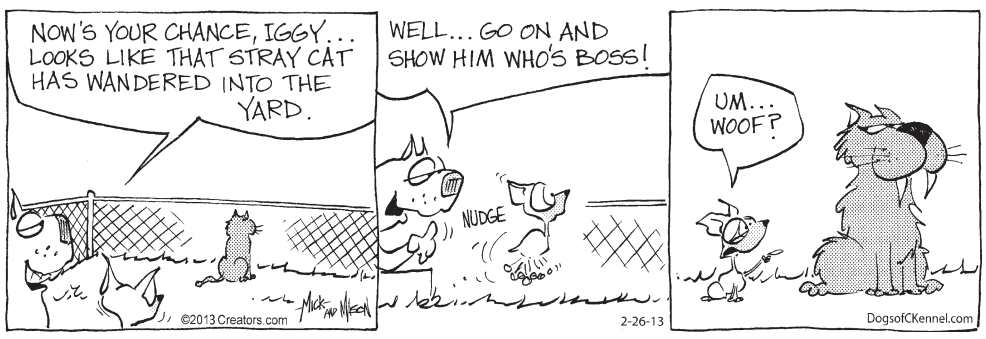
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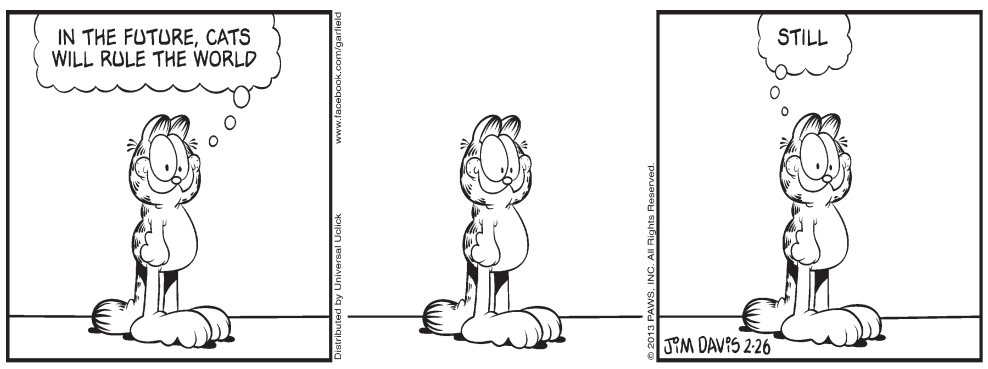
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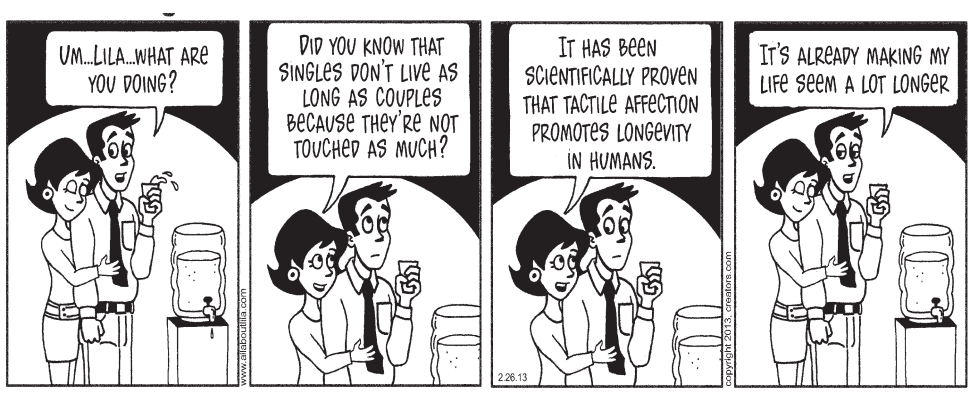
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Sudoku

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Nome home
13 Rep from Hollywood
15 Pupil's place
16 Faucet
17 Behold
18 Was bold
20 Peace Prize benefactor
23 Boca —
27 Saudi native
28 Tarzan transport
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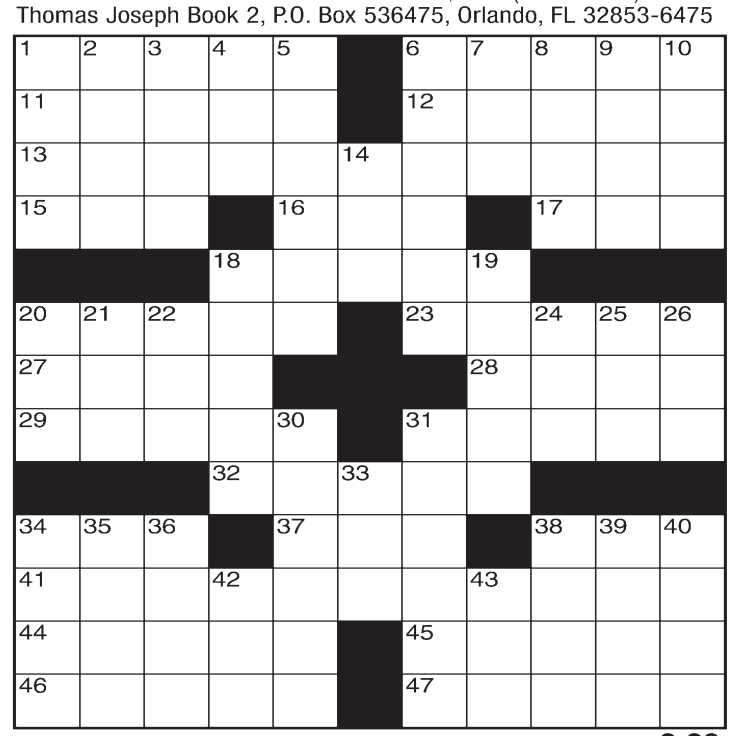
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18 Fix code
19 Michelangelo work
20 Arrest
21 Sphere
22 Groceries holder
24 Light metal
25 Wallet bill
26 Original
30 Apartment rule
31 Leafy lunches
33 Slugger's need
34 Invites
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43 Obtained

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Draw Date: 2/25
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EVENING: 5 2 1

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ France has seen its wolf population gradually increase from near-extinction in the 1930s, but still classifies the predator as a "protected" species. However, sheep farmers increasingly complain that wolves' attacks are reducing their herds. Therefore, in a recently proposed "National Wolf Plan," the government boldly gave headline-writers around the world material for rejoicing: a national program to "educate" the wolves. Individual wolves known to have attacked sheep would be caught, marked and briefly detained, with the hope that they would learn their lesson from that trauma and from then on, pass up sheep and turn instead to rabbits, boar and deer. (Said one critic, "You might as well try to educate a shark.")

■ Not Expected to Fly Off the Shelf: Iceland's menswear designer Sruli Recht's autumn/winter 2013 collection, debuting in Paris in January, included a ring made from a four-inch slice of his own skin (removed during recent abdomen surgery, then salted and tanned to give it sturdiness). The ring (called "Forget Me Knot") carries a price tag of $500,000 -- considering that the rest of the ring is 24k gold.

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* Captivating Ocean Views
* 3 Bedrooms
* 2 Baths
* Hampton Style
* Newer Construction



603 16th Street
For Lease
$5,750 per month

Newly Remodeled Kitchen w/ Stainless & Limestone
Open Sunday, March 3rd
1 pm to 4 pm

* 3 Bedrooms
* 1 Bath w Vintage Tiles
* Hardwood Floors
* Freshly Painted
* Stainless Steel Appliances



Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies Listed for Sale as of Late February 2013		
Santa Monica Canyon	=	$ 7,149,750
North of Montana	=	$ 4,886,750
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$ 2,491,333
South of Wilshire	=	$ 599,000
Sunset Park	=	$ 1,268,483
Ocean Park	=	$ 1,460,000
Statistics updated every Friday		

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