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THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE

Resident perception of Santa Monica slips

Homelessness, traffic and parking all key concerns for locals

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Residents said Santa Monica is an "excellent" place to live and gave city officials positive marks for providing quality services, but remained troubled by traffic, homelessness and a lack of parking, according to survey results released by City Hall last week.

Although City Hall walked away with a 92 percent satisfaction rating, the survey as a whole represented a slip from 2011 numbers, where 94 percent of those surveyed rated the city a "pretty good" or "excellent" place to live, and 74 percent of residents found that City Hall was doing a good job providing basic services compared to 62 percent this year.

The results, posted on City Hall's website, come from a telephone survey conducted every two years that is meant to assess attitudes about city services.

City officials use the information in the finished report to focus work plans to ensure City Hall is responding to residents' concerns, said Kate Vernez, deputy city manager of special projects.

"We use this as our report card and barometer to see where we can then refocus our efforts," Vernez said.

The City Council awarded Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates — also known as FM3 — a $30,495 contract to conduct the survey. The team touched base with 404 randomly selected adults, including 112

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STANDSTILL: **Traffic stacks up Monday on a portion of Colorado Avenue that was recently reduced to just one lane to make way for the upcoming Expo Light Rail line. Residents stated in a citywide survey that traffic remains one of the biggest issues confronting the city.**

Parking meter costs increase

$3.6 million investment required for system

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 is expected to approve two contract extensions worth a total of $3.6 million at its meeting Tuesday to cover unexpected credit card servicing charges and maintenance costs for the new "smart" parking meters.

The council approved new parking meters in October 2011 that would accept credit cards as a form of payment, but City Hall pays a transaction fee every time a parker uses their credit card, sometimes as much as 31 cents.

That means for every $1 a person pays for parking, City Hall receives 69 cents, depending on which credit card company is involved.

Officials estimated that 30 percent of parkers would use their credit cards, but an average of 60 percent of all meter transactions — or roughly 600,000 per month — are paid for with a card.

The number of transactions required a $450,000 per year increase to the contract for IPS Group Inc., the company that provided the meters and replacement pieces, and a $1 million per year increase to a contract with TransFirst Health and Government Services Inc., which processes the credit card transactions.

Officials also recommend another $100,000 for new batteries and an additional $50,000 for spare parts, bringing the total IPS Group contract extension to $600,000. The TransFirst contract increase was $3 million.

The parking meters constitute the majority of the $4,836,965 on the consent agenda.

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Monitoring your kids on Facebook is so 2009

ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON After Friendster came MySpace. By the time Facebook dominated social media, parents had joined the party, too. But the online scene has changed — dramatically, as it turns out — and these days even if you're friends with your own kids on Facebook, it doesn't mean you know what they're doing.

Thousands of software programs now offer cool new ways to chat and swap pictures. The most popular apps turn a humdrum snapshot into artistic photography or broadcast your location to friends in case

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Hanging out by the wall
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The library will be screening "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," the coming-of-age story of an introvert freshmen taken under the wings of two seniors who welcome him to the real world. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Live green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
In the Multipurpose Room, a Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop will be held. Attendees will learn information that will help save money and potentially positively impact family, community and the planet. The event is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

It's a mystery
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A new book group for lovers of the mystery genre will be starting. The group will meet on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Toddler Time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
9:30 a.m. — 9:50 a.m.
The library invites community members for toddler story time. Stories, and songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Pearly blues
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
There will be a discussion on Toni Morrison's first novel, "The Bluest Eye." It's the story of Pecola Brown, an 11-year-old black girl in 1940s Ohio who is taunted by the world for her skin color and dark hair. Join the library for a discussion of similar problems being faced in the modern era.

Improv musical
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m.
"Musical Madness" is a fully improvised long-form show complete with musical numbers. The catch: It's completely unscripted. Admission is $5 and the venue is for people ages 21 and over. For more information, visit westsidecomedy.com

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in a Friday, March 15 article titled "City Council passes environmental bill of rights." Cris Gutierrez is the community gardeners' liaison to the Task Force on the Environment.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BAY

Distressed marine mammals, birds rescued

In the past two and a half months, the Marine Mammal Rescue Team has rescued over 90 seals, sea lions and elephant seal pups, and over 80 birds covered in oil from local beaches.

Victoria Harris, interim executive director with the team, said the mammals that are being found are emaciated, or severely malnourished.

"They're clearly not getting enough food," she said.

The majority of birds being rescued are common murres, which is a species that lives entirely on water. Harris said the birds may have oil on them as a result of natural seepage somewhere off of Point Dume.

"If it's naturally occurring, I don't know if there's anything that we can do," Harris said.

If a marine mammal or bird is found, do not approach the animal, team members said. Watch the animal from a distance of at least 50 feet. Note physical characteristics and the animal's condition, then determine the exact location of the animal. Do not touch, pick up, feed, or pour water on the animal.

After taking these steps, call the California Wildlife Center emergency hotline at (310) 458-9453.

– ALEX VEJAR

SM PIER

Turn out the lights

On Saturday, the lights of the world-famous Ferris wheel at Pacific Park will be shut off for one hour at 8:30 p.m., with the exception of the wheel rim safety lighting, in observance of Earth Hour.

The Santa Monica Pier attraction is the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel, and will be joining other landmarks such as Big Ben in London, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, plus many others in this year's Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is a yearly initiative that involves turning off appliances, electronics and the like for a period of one hour in order to promote green living.

– AV



Photo courtesy California Wildlife Center

RESCUED SEA LION PUPS

SM MOUNTAINS

Study reveals water pollution, other problems

Santa Monica environmental group Heal the Bay published results of a 12-year study of the Malibu Creak Watershed on Monday, which revealed streams are suffering from pollution and could make those coming into contact with the compromised water sick.

The study – called "Malibu Creek Watershed: Ecosystem on the Brink" – also found that stream banks reinforced with concrete to prevent erosion actually cause more erosion downstream, and that native species are being threatened by invasive aquatic animals and plants.

The study came with recommendations from Heal the Bay, including urging the regional Water Quality Control Board to "implement and enforce Total Maximum Daily Loads to regulate the amount of pollutants that waterbodies can receive and still meet water quality standards set by the Clean Water Act."

The data for the study was collected from 1998-2010. The work was conducted by Heal the Bay's Stream Team, its citizen science program.

To view and download the entire report, visit healthebay.org/watershed.

– AV

Lohan accepts plea deal with 90 days in rehab

BY DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Lindsay Lohan accepted a plea deal on Monday in a misdemeanor car crash case that includes 90 days in a rehabilitation facility.

The actress, who has struggled for years with legal problems, pleaded no contest to reckless driving, lying to police and obstructing officers who were investigating the accident involving the actress in June.

A judge said Lohan will be sentenced to 90 days in rehab, 30 days of community labor and 18 months of psychological therapy.

Before the "Meal Girls" actress left the courtroom, Superior Judge Superior Court Judge James R. Dabney offered her a suggestion.

"Don't drive," he said.

Lohan was on probation when her sports car crashed on Pacific Coast Highway while on her way to a film shoot.

The 26-year-old actress has been repeatedly sentenced to jail since 2007 when she was twice arrested for driving under the influence.

A hearing had been set to begin at 8:30 a.m., and Lohan arrived after 9

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LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi hoops re-enters state top 20

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI After knocking off Loyola in the Southern California regional final of the CIF-State Boys Basketball Division I Championship, Santa Monica made a return to the CalHi Sports state top 20 on Monday.

Samohi is currently ranked No. 14 in the poll after being ranked as high as No. 10 during the regular season.

The team's current postseason run includes the title in CIF-Southern Section Division 1A and now the win in the regional championship against Loyola.

Next for Samohi is an appearance in the state Division I title game against Northern California champion Pleasant Grove on Friday at Sacramento's Sleep Train Arena.

ST. MONICA BASEBALL IN WIN COLUMN

St. Monica baseball won its first game of the season on Friday over Bosco Tech.

The Mariners take a 1-6 record into a Camino Real League matchup at St. Bernard today, Tuesday, March 19.

St. Monica will host Animo Leadership on Wednesday at Marine Park. That game begins at 3 p.m.

SAMOHI V-BALL SLIDES DOWN RANKINGS

A loss to Ocean League rival Culver City last week dropped Samohi boys' volleyball from No. 1 to No. 5 in the latest CIF-SS Division 3 poll, it was announced on Monday.

Samohi will look to improve its 2-2 record today, Tuesday, against league foe Inglewood. The game begins at 3:15 p.m. at Samohi.

YMCA LOOK FOR COACHES, REFS

The Santa Monica YMCA is looking for volunteer coaches and assistant coaches for its upcoming spring 2013 season.

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Car culture lives on

Editor:

I find it distressing that the city still wants to proceed with the concept of reducing parking in an effort to control traffic congestion. The concept of getting rid of parking in Santa Monica is very parochial. It assumes that all residents work within the city and all workers live within the city (many of each group cannot afford to), along public transit corridors. This is true in San Francisco, New York, and Mackinac Island, Mich.

But Santa Monica is not an island, nor is it a narrow self-contained peninsula. It is part of the sprawling Los Angeles basin, including the San Fernando Valley, downtown Los Angeles, Long Beach and beyond. Some may be fortunate enough to commute along mass transit corridors; many will not.

I used to commute to Canoga Park and Thousand Oaks, and two to three hours each way on mass transit was out of the question. Even if everyone worked in our city or took public transit, people still need cars for various errands, vacations, traveling after dark, plus those with disabilities who cannot bike or walk very far, but can still drive. Even visitors need to get here, whether by private car or taxi during rush hour traffic, thereby adding to congestion, since hotel rooms usually become available after 3 p.m. Visitors are not going to arrive from LAX via downtown Los Angeles to ride the light rail into our city.

How many residents would have moved here if they couldn't park a car where they live? How many city officials could get by without a car? The concept of separating parking from apartment and condo leases will simply make owning a car even more expensive, and living in Santa Monica less affordable.

It seems to me the best solution is for day workers to park outside the city and ride frequent public transport into their places of work. Ideally this parking would be east of Interstate 405 to relieve the severe congestion on the limited through traffic lanes under the 405. That should appreciably reduce Santa Monica rush-hour traffic congestion. Providing all local community services (drugstores, banks, markets, etc.) in the different neighborhoods also reduces the need for residents to come Downtown.

But taking away commercial and residential parking will only benefit developers. How many residents and workers can honestly get by without at least one car in the family? Unfortunately the city isn't designed for separate vehicle streets and bike paths, because it would be beneficial to physically separate the two, thereby making the city more user friendly to all forms of transportation.

Jim Gerstley
Santa Monica

Erosion of liberty

Editor:

Thank you for publishing John Whitehead's column on Bradley Manning ("The war against Bradley Manning a war against us all," That Rutherford Guy, March 11). What he writes is absolutely true. As one of many who have been following this dreadful business of torturing and persecuting Bradley Manning since his arrest over 1,000 days ago — without ever having been formally charged with an offense — I fear for the affect on our nation's civil liberties.

Readers who may have been misled by the military's superficial and misleading distortion of the case would do well to inform themselves — starting perhaps with the article in this newspaper.

Your civil liberties are in danger if Bradley Manning can be railroaded by the travesty of justice to which he is currently being subjected. If they can do it to him, they can do it to anyone.

Whitehead, founder of the Rutherford Institute, is an interesting example of a conservative Christian who differs from his Bible belt brethren in being a dedicated fighter for the civil liberties supposedly guaranteed to us by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sara Meric
Santa Monica



After the Bell

Merv Hecht

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Partnerships offer juicy yields

MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS (MLP) are becoming more interesting to investors seeking higher returns than current bond yields, but without the changes in value that stocks can experience.

An MLP is a limited partnership that meets a number of legal tests, but for practical purposes it is like a real estate limited partnership with public stock, except that instead of owning real estate the majority are "energy MLPs" that own pipelines for gasoline, oil or natural gas. These companies lease the pipelines under long-term contracts and receive rental income, substantially all of which is distributed to the shareholders (after expenses).

The main risks in investing in MLPs has to do with the demand for oil and natural gas. Since the fees charged to transport the products are not based on the price of the commodity, the investor is somewhat sheltered from price fluctuation. But since the fees are based on the amount of product transported, if there is a slowdown in the amount of product to be transported, distributions could go down.

In addition to the higher yields provided by energy MLPs, in some cases there are tax advantages. Often the yields are classified as a return of capital, and thus are not taxable when received. As your cost basis is reduced from the return of capital it increases the tax when you sell your shares, but this tax might be at capital gain rates, thus in some sense you have transferred ordinary income into capital gains. On the other hand, those distributions not classified as a return of capital are ordinary income and do not receive the favorable dividend treatment.

Also, some MLPs require more extensive reporting of K-1s in each state in which the MLP operates, which can cost a bit more in tax preparer fees each year. This disadvantage has been cured by the rise in energy ETFs, which have different tax reporting requirements.

One advantage of most MLPs that investors don't often think about is the management fee structure. Yes, management fees are a drawback, but because of the legal rules of MLPs the typical MLP contract ties the management fees to distributions. That means that the managers are motivated to distribute as much as possible to earn more for themselves. That seems just the opposite of many large corporations, in which the officers are motivated not to pay out dividends so they can pay out more in salaries to themselves.

The hot new area of MLPs are funds and ETFs that combine a number of MLPs into one company for diversification, and for simplicity of tax reporting.

According to Wikipedia, in May 2010, the first ever MLP mutual fund was launched, with a stated goal of providing "a high level of inflation-protected income currently through a 7.8 percent distribution yield, which is higher than equity alternatives such as REITs and Utilities." The fund is a part of the SteelPath Mutual Fund Family (now OppenheimerFunds).

On Aug. 25, 2010, the first MLP exchange traded fund (ETF) was launched by Alerian, the company that manages the benchmark MLP index (NYSE: ^AMZ). This fund was similarly designed to the above mentioned mutual fund in that it avails a new level of diversification to investors and, according to Alerian President Kenny Feng, "provides a single Form 1099, no K-1s, and allows investors to potentially benefit from return of capital and qualified dividend tax treatment of distributions." The fund is known as the Alerian MLP ETF (NYSE: AMLP).

Since that time a number of IPOs have also come online that are not ETFs or funds. One such is USA Compression Partners (USAC), which priced 11 million shares at $18, projected to produce a yield of about 9 percent at opening. The company provides natural gas compression services, so it might not have the stability of some Energy MLPs. But since going public, the stock has risen from $18 to almost $20, and, according to the company, revenues have gone up about 20 percent during the past quarter.

A drawback in reviewing financial information about MLPs is that the information is hard to understand, partly because of the classification of the returns mainly as a return of capital. But one negative does stand out: the bid and ask prices have substantial disparity. That means that the price you can buy it at is $1 or more above the price you can sell it at. So it's a bit like the real estate brokers' commission you pay when you sell a house: when you buy the house you already know that you are going to lose about 5 percent of the value when you go to sell it.

A number of oil related ETFs have opened up, and the returns on them have been very good indeed. My experience has been that ETFs that "leverage" by going up or down two or three times the actual change in price are not a very good investment, so I would stay clear of those.

But for an investment to produce an above average yield during the rest of 2013, when it appears that interest rates will not move up very much, and oil will still be a valuable commodity, I think energy ETFs are a good way to go.

One strategy that has been suggested to me, but I have not yet tried, is to "collar" a high yield ETF that has options to get a high yield with little or no risk. In this strategy you buy an ETF or just stock in an energy MLP, and buy a put at a price just below the price of the stock as insurance against a decline in the price. To pay the premium for the put (the "insurance") you sell a call just above the price of the stock, and in effect give away any upside in the investment since you are buying it for the yield, not for the upside.

On the surface this seems pretty foolproof, but before trying it I would want to look carefully at the decline in price as substantial distributions are paid out as return of capital. It might be that just as you start to really get a good return on the investment it gets called away by the lessor fool.

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The proper etiquette for eating an ice cream sundae

NOT EVERYBODY REALIZES HOW important it is to follow protocol. Many Philistines in our society do things so haphazardly that it is a real affront to those of us who know better. There should be a law forbidding such perfunctory behavior. We have a law for everything else, why not this? Plus, it would better serve our country and help maintain civilized behavior among our citizens.

I will be the first to admit that, throughout my lifetime, I have not always been committed to civilized behavior. It took me a long time to realize what civilized behavior really was. Before I got married, I had an idea of what I thought civilized behavior was. Unbeknownst to me I had wandered about in sheer ignorance.

Looking back, I think of those times and know why somebody said, "Ignorance is bliss." And to be sure, I was very blissful. In fact, I did not know how very blissful I was.

Then came the time when I was willing to throw away all that bliss for the, "I do," of a certain young lady I chanced to meet. It was then that my idea of bliss radically changed forever.

After getting married I realized just how uncivilized my behavior had been up to this point. Fortunately, for me, my bride was more than willing to take up the challenge of nurturing me to a more civilized behavior.

I would not say that she has been overwhelmingly successful in this attempt, however. I am a lot more civilized today than I was prior, which has to count for something.

One of the things that she attributes to civilized behavior has to do with cleanliness, in particular, clean clothes. For some reason she has a fetish that everything has to be cleaned. In my uncivilized days, I had more of a fetish about saving water. Through the years, her persistence has paid off and I have come to the place that I really appreciate clean clothes.

Of course, there is a discrepancy in what each of us deem as clean.

For me, clean is when it passes the sniff test. As long as I cannot smell anything on my shirt, I consider it clean. My wife, on the other hand, believes that if you wear a piece of clothing one time it ceases to be clean.

Then there are spots. If a spot is on my shirt where nobody else can see it, I consider the shirt clean. After all, appearance is what really counts. However, my wife believes any and every spot renders a shirt unclean.

This brings me to the subject at hand. That is, the proper etiquette for eating an ice cream sundae. It appears, so I am told, that the correct way to eat an ice cream sundae is not to get any on your shirt.

My favorite ice cream sundae is hot fudge, which is humanly impossible to eat without getting something on your shirt. No matter how careful, I always drip hot fudge on my shirt. The cleaner the shirt, the bigger the smudge.

It is for this reason that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has laid down some very strict rules when it comes to ice cream sundaes. No ice cream sundaes!

Period! For the most part, I do not let her catch me eating an ice cream sundae.

I have tried everything under the sun to master the etiquette of properly eating an ice cream sundae. No matter what I do or try, the result is always the same. Some little smidgen of fudge on my clothing somewhere.

I recently came to a milestone in my pursuit of ice cream sundaes. At first, I thought it was an ingenious plan. In the beginning, it looked promising. It went simply like this. Since a hot fudge sundae usually drips on my shirt evidencing the fact that I indulged in the forbidden delicacy, I switched to strawberry sundaes where there is absolutely no chance of smearing your shirt with fudge.

This plan of mine worked for several months but came crashing down this past week. I had indulged in a very delicious strawberry sundae and thought I had gotten away with it. When I got home my wife looked at me and then said, "What is that stain on your shirt?"

Knowing that if I confess I had an ice cream sundae I would be in deep trouble the thought occurred to me until I took my chance.

"I think it's lipstick," I said with a smile on my face.

"Oh, I thought it was strawberry syrup," she said.

I am not sure what that means but I did not want to pursue the subject at the time.

I am learning that some things are not worth the effort. The apostle Paul thought this too.

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (1 Corinthians 10:23 KJV).

There is a proper way of doing everything and some things are not worth doing at all.

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The Q Line

Running around town

The Los Angeles Marathon returned to Santa Monica this week. Tens of thousands of runners and even more friends, family and fans crammed streets for the big day.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think city officials handled the event properly, or do you have advice for managing the throngs of people for next year?

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


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SoCal nuke plant could breakdown at full power

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LOS ANGELES The troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant in California could be restarted safely and run at full power, but the risk of a breakdown would increase to vexing levels after 11 months, a report concluded Monday.

The seaside plant between San Diego and Los Angeles hasn't produced electricity since January 2012, when a tiny radiation leak led to the discovery of unusual damage to hundreds of steam generator tubes that carry radioactive water.

A consultant's study prepared for operator Southern California Edison represented an attempt to answer federal regulators who are considering Edison's proposal to restart one reactor, Unit 2.

The restart blueprint calls for a trial run at reduced power, but Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff wanted Edison to show generator tubes don't break during "the full range" of conditions, including at full power.

That appeared to raise an obstacle to the proposed restart. The NRC said it wanted the company to demonstrate that Unit 2 could meet that threshold, or explain how generator tubes would interact with each other if the plant is operating at maximum capacity.

The report found the plant could hit the full-power mark but it would be too risky to remain at that level for more than 11 months because of possible damage to tubing. Edison concluded last year that tube damage could be slowed or stopped by limiting the plant to 70 percent power.

"This evaluation confirms the structural integrity of the Unit 2 steam generators at 100 percent power, as requested by the NRC," SCE's chief nuclear officer, Peter Dietrich, said in a statement.

"While we have no intent to restart Unit 2 at full power, this demonstrates the amount of safety margin we have built into our analyses. We welcome this additional safety analysis but remain steadfast in our commitment to restart Unit 2 at only 70 percent power."

The report projected that even at 70 percent power, the risk of a tube break would increase to an unacceptable level after about a year-and-a-half. Those calculations were based on conditions in its sister, Unit 3, where tube damage was more extensive.

Edison spokeswoman Jennifer Manfre said the company used the Unit 3 benchmark to be as conservative as possible when determining safety margins.

The report comes several weeks after Edison argued, in a separate filing, that 70 percent is, in essence, full power for the five-month trial run.

Under its restart proposal, full power "is 70 percent for the proposed operating period" and meets the federal requirements, the company wrote at the time.

The bill for replacement power, tests and repairs tied to San Onofre topped $400 million last year.

Meanwhile, state regulators are determining if ratepayers should be hit with costs tied to the shutdown, the NRC's investigative arm is looking into information Edison provided to the agency on the generators and environmental activists are pressing to have the plant shut down permanently.

Opponents of the restart warned that the report highlighted looming trouble. They have long argued that Edison should have sought an amendment to its operating license because of design changes in the generators, a process that could take up to two years.

"For a year Edison has said the steam generators were defectively designed, couldn't operate at full power and power must be restricted to 70 percent," said Daniel Hirsch, a lecturer on nuclear policy at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a critic of the nuclear power industry.

"Edison has suddenly reversed course and now says it is safe to run at 100 percent," Hirsch said. "If it were safe, they wouldn't have to twist logic into a pretzel to try to claim they can run at 100 percent power after a year of claiming they can't."

John Large, a consultant for Friends of the Earth, an advocacy group challenging the restart, said the report amounted to a prediction "that the plant will progressively destroy itself."

"There remain enormous uncertainties with predicting tube wear and this report is not convincing that they know enough to allow restart," said Large, a nuclear engineer.

Ex-state official to oversee L.A. County jail system

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LOS ANGELES A former California Department of Corrections official has been named assistant sheriff in charge of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Custody Division.

Sheriff Lee Baca announced Monday that Terri McDonald will oversee the nation's largest jail system, encompassing nine custody and correctional facilities, and more than 18,000 inmates.

McDonald takes over from 32-year veteran Paul Tanaka, the department's second-in-command who announced his resignation earlier this month. A sheriff's spokesman has said Tanaka's resignation is not related to a federal investigation into allegations of brutality toward jail inmates.

McDonald was with the Department of Corrections for 24 years and most recently held the position of undersecretary for operations.

Baca also introduced former Tuscaloosa County, Ala., Sheriff Ted Sexton as the new chief of the department's Homeland Security Division.

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ONLINE
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they want to meet you. Kids who use them don't need a credit card or even a cellphone, just an Internet connection and device such as an iPod Touch or Kindle Fire.

Parents who want to keep up with the curve should stop thinking in terms of imposing time limits or banning social media services, which are stopgap measures. Experts say it's time to talk frankly to kids about privacy controls and remind them — again — how nothing in cyberspace ever really goes away, even when software companies promise it does.

"What sex education used to be, it's now the 'technology talk' we have to have with our kids," said Rebecca Levey, a mother of 10-year-old twin daughters who runs a tween video review site called KidzVuz.com and blogs about technology and educations issues.

More than three-fourths of teenagers have a cellphone and use online social networking sites such as Facebook, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project. But Facebook for teens has become a bit like a school-sanctioned prom — a rite of passage with plenty of adult chaperones — while newer apps such as Snapchat and Kik Messenger are the much cooler after-party.

Even Facebook acknowledged in a recent regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was losing younger users: "We believe that some of our users, particularly our younger users, are aware of and actively engaging with other products and services similar to, or as a substitute for, Facebook," the company warned investors in February.

Educators say they have seen kids using their mobile devices to circulate videos of school drug searches to students sending nude images to girlfriends or boyfriends. Most parents, they say, have no idea.

A stay-at-home mom of eight kids in Burke, Va., Eileen Patterson said she used to consider herself fairly tech savvy and frequently spends time on Facebook. But she was shocked to learn her kids could message their friends with just an iPod Touch mp3 player. She counts nine wireless devices in her home and has taken to shutting off her home's Wi-Fi after 9 p.m., but she describes her attempt to keep tabs on her kids' online activity "a war I'm slowly losing every day."

"I find myself throwing up my hands every now and again," Patterson said. "Then I'll see something on TV or read an article in the paper about some horrible thing that happened to some poor child and their family, and then I try to be more vigilant."

Mobile apps refer to the software applications that can be downloaded to a mobile device through an online store such as Apple's iTunes. According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are some 800,000 apps available through Apple and 700,000 apps on Google Play.

Among the most popular mobile apps among kids is Instagram, free software that can digitally enhance photos and post them to your account online. Kids on Instagram whose parents closely monitor their text messages, Facebook posts or e-mails can also chat with their friends using the service. Their photos can also be shared on other social media sites such as Facebook, which bought Instagram last year.

Then there's Snapchat, among the top 10 free iPhone apps available. Snapchat lets a user send a text, photo or video that purportedly self-destructs within 10 seconds of being opened - or warns a user if the recipient takes steps to quickly capture it for posterity before it disappears.

Kik Messenger also allows unlimited texting for free and effectively offers anonymity to users.

As with anything online, each of these services comes with caveats.

Snapchat acknowledges on its website that messages aren't guaranteed to disappear: Anyone receiving a text or photo can within 10 seconds capture a "screenshot," taking a photo of their device's screen, and save that image. Video also can be downloaded, although Snapchat says it alerts senders when material is saved.

Instagram is considered tame as long as kids adjust their privacy settings to limit who can see their photos and don't post nudity, which could subject them to child pornography laws. But Levey said many parents don't know their kids are using Instagram until there's trouble - usually when kids post inappropriate photos at parties and these begin to circulate among their social circles.

Parents often hand their kids a mobile device without understanding exactly what it can do, said Dale Harkness, a technology director at Richmond-Burton Community High School in Richmond, Ill. He estimates that even without using social media services, the average high school student probably transmits some 150 texts a day.

"It's not anything that every parent and grandparent hasn't already seen," Harkness said. The problem, he adds, is that actions "get documented, replayed and sent around." He said that students "forget how fast it moves and how far it goes."

That was the case at Ridgewood High School in Ridgewood, N.J., where a male student allegedly took a screenshot of nude pictures sent to him by female classmates via Snapchat, then posted the pictures on Instagram. According to a letter to parents by the school district's superintendent that was later posted online, police warned students to delete any downloaded pictures or face criminal charges under child pornography laws.

In the Ohio rape case involving two football players, social media both added to the humiliation of the victim and helped prove her case. The defendants and their friends had recorded the attack and later joked about it on a video. The case didn't come to light until the girl read text messages among friends and saw a photo of herself naked.

There are general security concerns, too. F-Secure, a cybersecurity company, said some new social networking services have become targets for spreading malicious hacker software and propagating scams.

In January, the FBI arrested a man in Los Angeles, Karen "Gary" Kazaryan, 27, of Glendale, Calif., on charges that he hacked into hundreds of social media and email accounts, including Facebook and Skype, and found nude photos and personal passwords that women had stored online. He allegedly used the photos to try to coerce women into disrobing for him via Skype and threatened to post their private photos to their Facebook accounts if they refused to comply, according to the indictment.

Online services also routinely collect personal data, such as a person's birthdate or the location of their phone, and they commonly share the information with third parties for marketing. While a new rule by the Federal Trade Commission this year is aimed at keeping advertisers from tracking kids younger than 13, most social media services require that a user specify he is at least 13, exempting the account from the tougher privacy restrictions.

Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., co-chairman of a House caucus on privacy issues, said legislation should give kids under 15 the right to delete photos or texts that wind up elsewhere online. The prospect, however, is unlikely in a Congress dominated by debates on federal spending and gun control, and raises practical questions about how such a law could be implemented or enforced.

"Nobody should be penalized for something they posted when they were 9 years old," Markey said.





CLOSER LOOK

Photo courtesy D'Lynn Waldron

SMMUSD Superintendent Sandra Lyon checks out the district-wide art show at Samohi on Friday. The exhibit is currently showing at the Roberts Art Gallery at 601 Pico Blvd.

PLEA
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a.m. She looked slightly frazzled in a cream-colored ensemble.

Her lawyers and a prosecutor met with the judge in chambers for more than two hours before Lohan entered the plea.

Attorney Mark Jay Heller, who represents Lohan, left the chambers several times to confer with her in a courtroom hallway.

Lohan previously pleaded not guilty.

She could face up to 245 days in jail if a judge determines she violated her probation in a 2011 theft case.

Lohan reportedly missed her original Sunday night flight from New York to Los Angeles, instead traveling on a private plane provided by a Los Angeles-based energy drink company for which she has made promotional appearances.

"Thanks Mr. Pink for the private jet see you all in a few hours in LA," she tweeted early Monday.

Lohan has resolved her numerous court problems without ever going to trial. Instead she has faced judges who have sentenced her to rehab and counseling, which even her current attorney acknowledges have not completely helped the troubled actress.

Lohan entered Monday's hearing with a lawyer whose competence has been questioned by a judge, and another set of attorneys waiting in the wings to take over.

She did not, however, have her longtime advocate, Shawn Holley, present. Holley left the case this year after keeping the actress out of jail for significant periods of time on probation violations and allegations in 2011 that she took a $2,500 necklace without permission from an upscale jeweler.

The former Disney star has been under some form of probation since 2007, and her court troubles have stifled a once-promising career.

Lohan's return to acting last year in the Lifetime movie "Liz & Dick" was widely panned by critics and viewers. Her upcoming film by Bret Easton Ellis, "The Canyons," co-stars porn star James Deen.

Prosecutors decided last year that Lohan would not face criminal charges after being accused of clipping a man with her car outside a Manhattan nightclub.

Prosecutors wouldn't elaborate on their decision about the Sept. 21 episode involving Jose Rodriguez, 34, of Jersey City, N.J.

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ROUNDUP
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The league is also in need of paid game officials. No experience is needed. A love of kids and knowledge and interest in basketball is a must.

Registration for the league is underway now through April 10 for co-ed skill-based teams for ages 5-11. Forms can be found in the lobby of the Y at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, or online at ymcasm.org.

Games are on weekend afternoons from mid-April through early June and registration includes free uniforms, awards, and a post-season banquet.

Interested coaches and officials need to contact league director Peter Arbogast at (310) 393-2721 to set up a quick interview.

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PAYING TO PARK YOUR RIDE: **Santa Monica officials are proposing to spend $3.6 million on the city's smart parking meters in both service charges and upgrades.**

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NEW VEHICLES

Officials requested $554,651 to buy 10 new electric vehicles to replace older versions with hard-to-get replacement parts.

If approved, City Hall would buy 10 new Toyota RAV4 electric vehicles to replace leased RAV4s from 2003, the last year in which the cars were built before the company reissued them in 2012. According to the staff report, Toyota will not provide support for the old cars, which had limited production with parts that are increasingly difficult to find.

Each RAV4 costs $55,465, and a $10,000 per-vehicle discount is available until the end of March for new RAV4s financed through Toyota Financial Services.

City Hall can also get a $22,500 subsidy from two state programs, bringing the net price down to $22,965. The vehicle would be purchased through a contract between the National Auto Fleet Group and the National Joint Powers Alliance, a service cooperative based in Minnesota, which buys in bulk to get the best deal for multiple buyers.

TRASH BINS

The only thing worse than taking out the trash is if the bin falls apart before it gets to the curb. With that in mind, City Hall is requesting $450,000 for two, three and four-yard plastic refuse and recycling containers to replace old bins throughout the city.

Officials recommend Ball, Bounce and Sports Inc., an Ohio-based company that sources plastic containers. According to the report, plastic bins trump the metal kind because they cause less noise and result in fewer injuries to city employees.

City Hall found Ball, Bounce and Sports Inc., then called Superior Rotation Molding, LLC, in February 2011.

Since the first plastic containers were put in the field, over 550 bins have been replaced with plastic.

WORKING IT

The Santa Monica Police Department is requesting $89,814 to determine whether a 3-12 work schedule is still the best fit for the department.

If approved, Citygate Associates would be charged with the review of work schedules as well as ways to improve internal communications and increase efficiency within the department.

According to the staff report, Citygate would be looking at a variety of different work schedules that currently apply to different kinds of sworn and unsworn employees in the department.

Civilian staff assigned to the jail and police communications as well as all patrol officers work three, 12-hour days, whereas detectives and specialized units work four, 10-hour days each week.

The longer workday was adopted in 2009 as a six-month pilot program, and was found to reduce overtime pay and sick leave.

Officials chose to revisit the schedule after Jacqueline Seabrooks took over as the new police chief in May 2012.

BANKING SERVICES

Officials recommend a $75,000 contract extension with Santa Monica's existing bank through July 31 as City Hall works to transition to a different financial organization.

City Hall currently uses Bank of America for its primary banking services, a contract that lasts until the end of March. The City Council approved a new contract with Wells Fargo Bank in November 2012, but officials need to leave the accounts at both banks open simultaneously for four months, according to a city staff report.

RATE STUDY

The City Council is expected to approve a contract to delve into city recycling services as fund balances decline and officials come forward with a new proposal to cut the city's waste to zero.

Resource, recovery and recycling rates, called RRR, have not been formally increased since 2006, and in 2009 it became clear that City Hall needed to take a deeper look at the costs as the fund balance dropped.

That project was put on the backburner until officials came forward with the Zero Waste Strategic Operating Plan, an initiative that will also be discussed Tuesday, which proposes to put zero-waste programs in place.

HDR Engineering was hired to develop the plan, and the firm brought HF&H Consultants to do the financial and cost analysis of the programs.

Officials propose hiring HF&H Consultants to finish the first of three phases of the rate study, which will focus on keeping the RRR program in the black and provide for solid fund reserves.

That contract would cost $67,500.

Phases two and three will identify rate structures and redistribute the cost for collections and street sweeping services over a five-year schedule. Contract costs for those two phases will be requested at a later date.

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SURVEY
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on wireless numbers and 61 Latino residents.

Because FM3 used a small sample size and specifically sought out people with Latino surnames, the report says that the 5 percent margin of error "should be relied on with caution."

Although the perception of how well City Hall is performing may have gone down, problem areas remain more or less unchanged over the previous two years.

Santa Monica residents identified homelessness, traffic and a lack of parking as the top three areas of concern in 2013, with the number of people identifying those issues as important increasing from the 2011 report.

Homelessness stood out as a main area of concern with 32 percent of respondents naming it amongst the top two most important issues facing City Hall. That's up from 25 percent in 2011, and back in line with 2009 numbers.

The results match with those from the 2013 Homeless Count, which was conducted on Jan. 30 and found a 20 percent increase in street homelessness and 27 percent increase in those sleeping in cars.

City Hall plans to focus on "anchor" homeless, and deploy services to identify and house those who have been on the street the longest, Vernez said.

Roughly 62 percent of Santa Monicans believe the number of homeless is a problem, and 36 percent believe that the problem has gotten worse over the past few years, which resulted in a decline in the perception that City Hall's policies toward that population were adequate.

Traffic congestion also numbered amongst Santa Monicans' top issues, and, according to the survey, people believe it's getting worse.

Approximately 28 percent of residents put traffic congestion as one of their top two issues, an increase from 2011 numbers, and 66 percent of people think that it is worse now than it was just a few years ago.

At the same time, 81 percent of residents believe that City Hall should be doing something about the problem, second only to providing emergency 911 services.

Concern about the lack of parking rose in the ranks this year, with 13 percent volunteering it as the most important problem facing the city. That's nearly double the 7 percent seen in 2011, and exceeds 2009's figures as well.

City Hall has put a focus on parking and congestion issues by working to build new parking — like the 750-space Parking Structure 6 currently underway — and by freeing up spaces in the Downtown, Vernez said.

"We want to provide alternatives to give people a choice and encourage and incentivize people to use transportation other than cars," Vernez said. "(The Exposition Light Rail Line) is going to be a big game-changer in that regard, and so much success of the Expo will be tied to the success of the Big Blue Bus to serve the stations."

Santa Monicans also called out housing affordability as a main area of concern, rating it a 3.8 out of 5 on average in terms of importance.

When asked directly, 63 percent of respondents said the lack of affordable housing was a serious problem, putting it on par with traffic congestion and homelessness. Residents put City Hall's responsibility for ensuring affordable housing below things like traffic and emergency response in terms of importance, and they seem split on how well City Hall is accomplishing that goal.

While Santa Monicans stress about traffic flow and homelessness, other issues have dropped off their radar.

Only 15 percent of people name gangs and youth violence as a serious issue. Concern about crime has gone up since 2011; one-fifth of the population puts it at the top of the list.

One of the biggest drops, perhaps, has been anger over Santa Monica Airport.

The 2011 survey showed community distaste for noise coming out of SMO as one of the top five issues. This year, only 1 percent of Santa Monicans reported airport noise as a problem.

That puzzled Thane Roberts, a member of the Ocean Park Association board. The association did its own survey last year which showed the airport as one of the top priorities for the neighborhood, along with increased traffic and development.

John Fairweather, the founder of Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic, also questioned why the report focused its analysis of airport complaints on the 90404 zip code, when the 90405 area slightly to the south experienced more impacts.

"We have seen a dramatic and continuing increase in airport opposition since 2011," Fairweather said. "I cannot explain why the city results appear to show the opposite."

Although residents found certain issues distressing, they decided Santa Monica was doing a pretty good job overall.

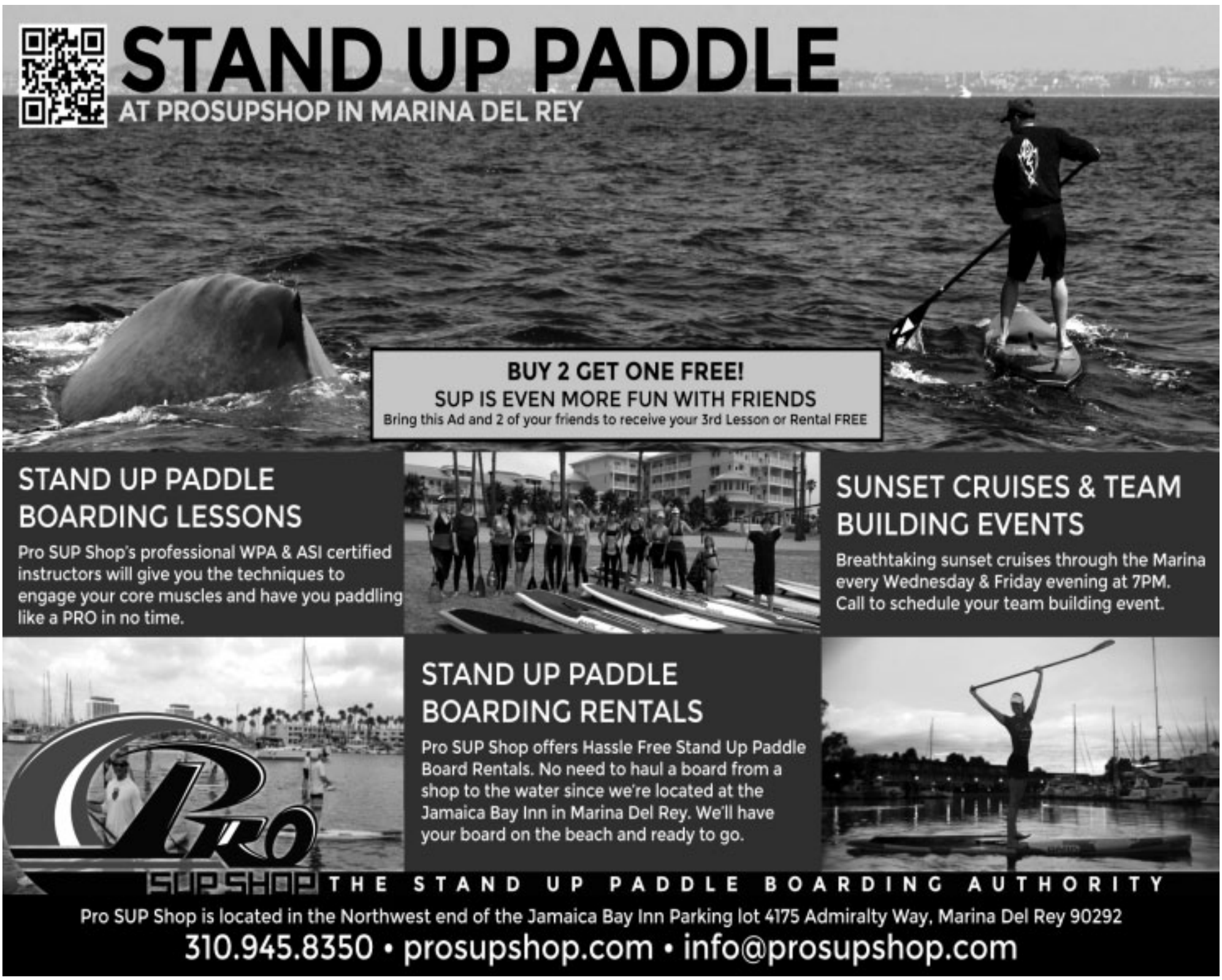
Emergency services, trash collection and the public libraries all received high marks, as did park and beach maintenance.

Although 55 percent of Santa Monicans reported never taking the Big Blue Bus, City Hall's efforts to offer public transportation alternatives was also at the top of the list.

Mayor Pam O'Connor took comfort that residents seem content with the most fundamental city services, calling the survey a benchmark.

"Overall, things are going fairly positive, and that's excellent news," O'Connor said. "We see where the bumps are and where improvements need to be."

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Ohio AG could target football coach and host of party in teen rape case

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COLUMBUS, Ohio The head football coach at Steubenville High School and the owners of a house where an infamous 12-minute video was filmed could be investigated as Ohio prosecutors look into how adults responded to allegations of rape last year.

One day after a judge convicted two high school football players of raping the 16-year-old girl in August, Steubenville's top official said she welcomed a new, wide-ranging probe into possible wrongdoing connected with the rape.

The announcement of the guilty verdict was barely an hour old Sunday when state Attorney General Mike DeWine said he was continuing his investigation and would consider charges against anyone who failed to speak up after the summertime attack. That group could include other teens, parents, school officials and coaches for the high school's beloved football team, which has won nine state championships.

Authorities also said they won't put up with people harassing the accuser and took action Monday to prove it, arresting two girls suspected of threatening her well-being in Facebook and Twitter comments Sunday. The Jefferson County girls, ages 15 and 16, were being held in juvenile detention on allegations of aggravated menacing, Steubenville police Capt. Joel Walker said.

"These arrests, I hope, will end the harassment of the victim," DeWine said. "We are simply not going to tolerate this. Enough is enough."

The case brought international attention to the small city of 18,000 and led to allegations of a cover-up to protect the Steubenville High School football team.

According to trial testimony, one of the two football players said the coach knew about what happened and "took care of it."

The video, passed around widely online, depicted a student joking about the attack. "She is so raped right now," the boy says.

Investigators interviewed the owners of a Steubenville house where the video was filmed, which was also the same place a photograph was taken of the girl being carried by her ankles and wrists, DeWine's office confirmed Monday. That picture, Exhibit No. 1 at the trial, generated international outrage. There is no phone listing for the home.

Numerous students, including defendant Trenton Mays, referred to the girl as "dead" in text messages the night of the attacks, apparently in reference to her unconscious state. The girl, who acknowledged drinking, testified she had no memory of the assaults.

A grand jury will meet in mid-April to consider evidence gathered by investigators from dozens of interviews, including with the football program's 27 coaches, which include junior high, freshman and volunteer coaches.

Text messages introduced at trial suggested the head coach was aware of the rape allegation early on. Reno Saccoccia "took care of it," Mays said in one text introduced by prosecutors.

DeWine said coaches are among officials required by state law to report suspected child abuse. Saccoccia has not commented.

Steubenville city manager Cathy Davison said residents want to see justice done, and the city will be better off going forward because of the wider investigation.

"Football is important in Steubenville, but I think overall if you looked at the community in and of itself, it's the education process, the moral fiber of our community, and the heritage of our community, that is even more important," Davison told The Associated Press.

Steubenville schools Superintendent Mike McVey released a statement Monday reiterating his position that the district was waiting until the trial ended to take action. He declined to address the grand jury investigation.

"What we've heard so far is deeply disturbing," McVey's statement said. "At this time, we believe it is important to allow the legal process to play out in court before we as a school district make any decisions or take action against any of the individuals involved with this case."

It's unclear what could happen to the school's sports programs if coaches were charged. Sanctions against teams or programs typically involve violations of rules related to playing, such as improper recruiting of student-athletes or playing ineligible athletes, said Tim Stried, spokesman for the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

"The incident that happened was not during a contest, was not even at school. No playing rules were violated, and it didn't have anything to do with eligibility or recruiting," Stried said.

Mays and Ma'Lik Richmond were charged with penetrating the West Virginia girl with their fingers, first in the back seat of a moving car after a mostly underage drinking party on Aug. 11, and then in the basement of a house.

Mays, 17, and Richmond, 16, were sentenced to at least a year in juvenile prison for the rapes. Mays was ordered to serve an additional year for photographing the underage girl naked.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.6°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell leftovers; possible long period NW swell forerunners late

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Long period WNW builds in; larger sets possible for standout spots

WIND / WEATHER

High pressure will migrate over the western US during the next couple days. This will set up favorable local wind, as well as a warming trend over the next few days. For Wednesday through the end of the work week we will see light and variable to light NE/offshore flow in the morning, shift light to moderate onshore WNW in the afternoon. Similar conditions look likely as we head into the weekend at this time.



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 13, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills — 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0
Number of wet days — 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 36 / 32
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 0

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Almas creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Strand Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rambla Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Sabrina Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint river).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
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.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
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.	D	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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NCAA BASKETBALL

Baylor, ND, UConn, Stanford earn top women's seeds

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

Brittney Griner and Baylor's path to a second straight national championship will have a familiar feel.

Then again, so will the whole NCAA women's basketball tournament. For the first time ever, the top four seeds are the same for consecutive seasons. Baylor, Connecticut, Notre Dame and Stanford all earned No. 1 spots when the field was announced Monday night.

Unlike the men's side, where it was a topsy-turvy season with major upsets seemingly every week, women's basketball hasn't had the same parity. The top six teams in the final Associated Press poll only had two losses outside of each other, the fewest by far since writers began voting for the AP's No. 1 in the 1994-95 season.

"To think that the rest of the field is going to catch up to Baylor or Notre Dame or the top four or five teams in the country this year is probably unrealistic," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "But I think all those teams between five and 12 are way better than they've ever been."

The women's basketball madness gets started Saturday — the first step en route to the Final Four, which begins April 7 in New Orleans.

Baylor coach Kim Mulkey hopes to make it there with her Lady Bears, who will be trying to become the fourth different school to win consecutive national championships, joining Southern California, UConn, and Tennessee. Mulkey grew up in Louisiana.

Last season, Baylor was trying to becoming the first team to win 40 games in a season. Now they are just focused on the title.

"Nothing's different this year," Griner said. "Our goal is to win the six games and win the national championship."

Standing in the way could be Tennessee. The Lady Vols, who have made every NCAA tournament since it began in 1982, are the No. 2 seed in Baylor's region. This will be the first time that coach Pat Summitt won't be on the sidelines. Summitt stepped down after last season because she had been afflicted with early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

"The whole season has been different, and at times, it's hard," said longtime assistant Holly Warlick, who took over this season and guided the Lady Vols to an SEC regular season title. "Other times, it's OK. But I still have her there. She's still around these young ladies. She's still there in spirit and everything else, and she's still a vital part of this team."

While Tennessee set the standard in women's basketball, Stanford has been one of the most dominant teams lately.

The Cardinal will try and reach the Final Four for a sixth straight season and end Hall of Fame coach Tara VanDerveer's 21-year drought without a national championship.

Led by junior star Chiney Ogwumike, Stanford may already have the most impressive win this season, ending Baylor's 42-game winning streak in November. That's the only loss that the defending national champion Lady Bears suffered this season.

The Cardinal, who will open up against Tulsa at home on Sunday, could face No. 2 seed California in the regional final. The Golden Bears shared the Pac-12 title with Stanford this season after ending the Cardinal's 81-game conference winning streak in January.

Notre Dame will be trying to make it back to a third straight national championship game. The Irish, led by senior guard Skylar Diggins, have already had an incredible season losing only to Baylor. Notre Dame won its first Big East tournament championship last Tuesday and also went undefeated in the conference in the regular season.

Unlike the other three No. 1 seeds, who are playing at home, the Irish will open up on the road against Tennessee-Martin. Potentially they could face host Iowa in the second round.

"Lower seeded team playing on higher seeded floors is part of our format," NCAA selection committee chair Carolayne Henry said. "We looked at putting Notre Dame in Columbus. But to make our bracket work we weren't able to put Notre Dame there."

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said the Irish will just have to live with it.

"It's disappointing that we didn't get a neutral site. I thought that the committee would take care of the No. 1 seed, but you've got to play good teams," she said. "If we're the No. 1 seed, we ought to be able to take care of business in the first round, at least."

The Irish swept all three meetings with Connecticut and have dominated the series recently, winning seven of the past eight meetings, including the past two in the Final Four.

To get to a third straight title game they'll likely have to beat UConn again. The Huskies will open on Saturday against Idaho, which will be making its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1985. It's been a somewhat disappointing season for the Huskies, who didn't win either the Big East conference regular season or tournament title for the first time in 19 years.

UConn lost four of its five games against the other top seeds, faltering down the stretch in each of the losses.

One intriguing story line for UConn before a potential rematch with Notre Dame could be if Elena Delle Donne and Delaware can advance to the regional finals in Bridgeport, Conn. Delle Donne was originally enrolled at UConn before transferring to Delaware before her freshman season. She's put her team on her back, leading the nation in scoring the past two seasons.

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Happy Birthday

Ben Franz-Knight: Former director of the Santa Monica Pier and Fishbone fan

Hang out with friends, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll go from being efficient to reflective in no time. Those around you might wonder what's going on. Your intentions will come through as you seek a resolution. The responsibility to take the lead will land on you. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You keep going back to the same point as before. Understand your limitations, and go forward with an idea. Your mind is heading in a new direction. Ask someone to pitch in, if need be. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Do what is most important in the morning. You will find a solution easily if you relax. What seems like an inspiring idea might be far from it. In fact, take your time checking it out. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for your wardrobe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Draw in more of what you want. Listen to feedback from someone close to you. You know what works, but weigh your options first. Your ability to read between the lines will help you decide who you can work with. Make your choice soon. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Get as much done as possible in the morning. By midafternoon, you might want to handle a personal matter in a craftier manner. Being nonresponsive might be OK for a while. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tension might be high in the morning, but once you see the possibility of success, you'll be able to relax. A partner will share some special moments with you. Understand how to handle a particular person or idea. Your creativity is enormously high. Tonight: Go for something fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ The more you detach, the more you understand. Your role in a personal dilemma needs to be assessed, as you are partially responsible for the outcome. Your imagination helps sort through ideas. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Share more of your ideas with someone you care a lot about. Together, you'll make a great team. Understand what is happening behind the scenes as well. You need to get more feedback. Add more inspiration to a special relationship. Tonight: On top of your game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might find that others don't understand where you are coming from, and they are too busy to listen. Stay patient. Discussions will become more possible later in the day. Be aware that a relationship could be changing right in front of your eyes. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to complete tasks, as the afternoon will take on a social tone. Schedule meetings for later today. You could be very busy and exhausted by your impending social life. Tonight: Choose what and when.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have a chance to do something very different, and you probably can't resist saying "yes" to this offer. You often dream of situations like this, so why not act on it? Tonight: Do something special just for you.

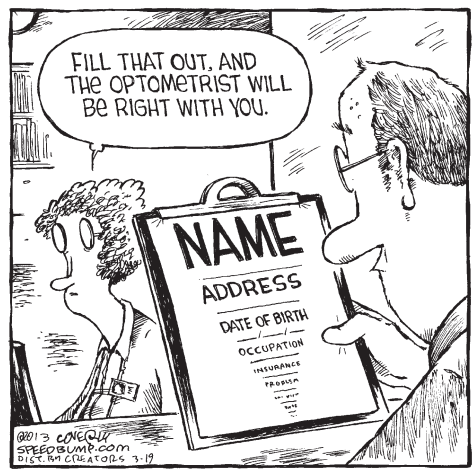
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Domestic matters take priority right now. You might want to straighten out a problem. Stay open to new possibilities. Your creativity abilities come forward when speaking to a child. A new friend also could evoke a similar response. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

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

This year you often swing from being a recluse to a wildly creative person. You spend a lot of time thinking about who you are and what you want. Evaluate your experiences. If you are single, you will express an unusual interest in romance this year. Others will respond in kind, and you will have many potential suitors to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you will enter a new phase in your relationship. Your bond will strengthen as a result. CANCER makes your imagination soar.

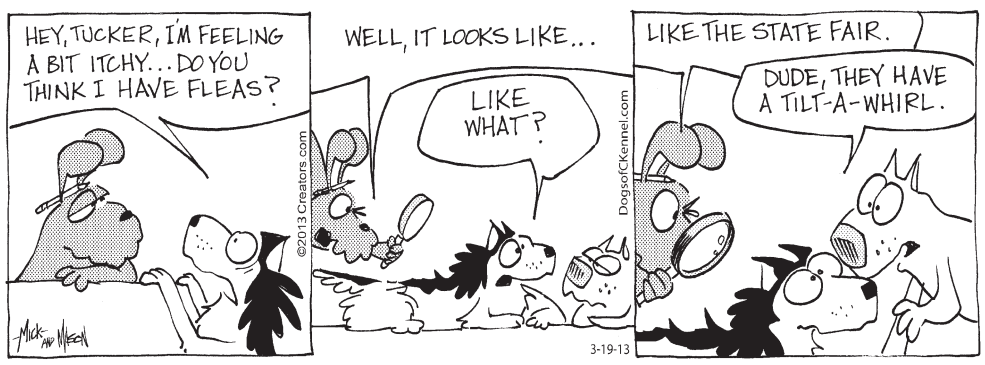
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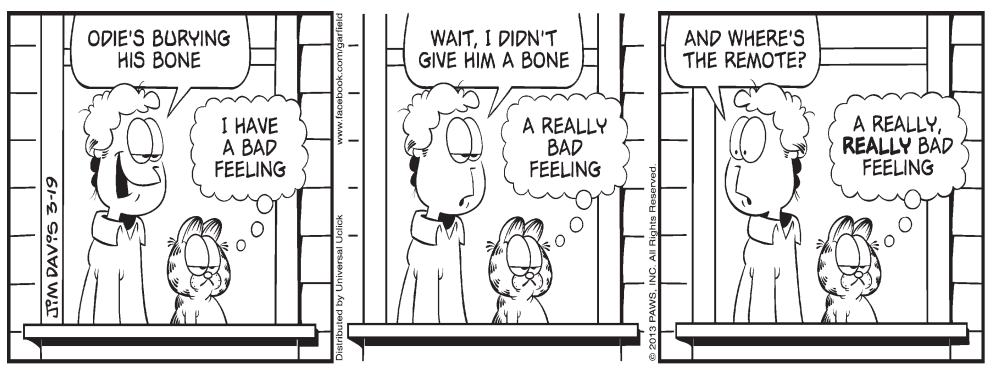
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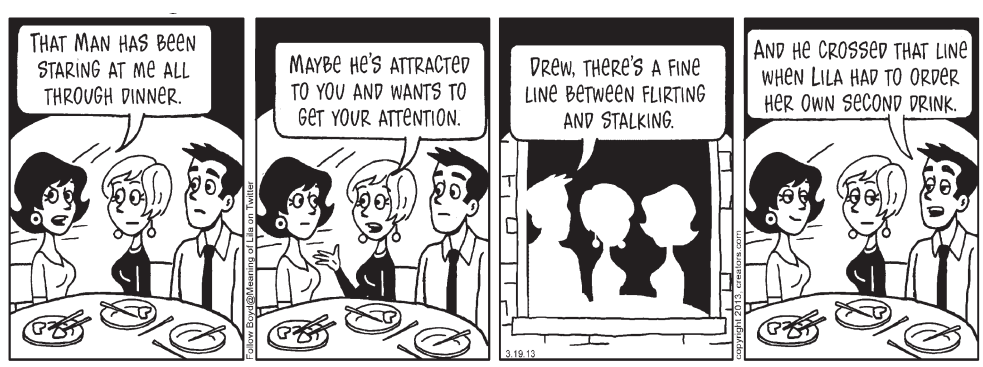
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Sudoku

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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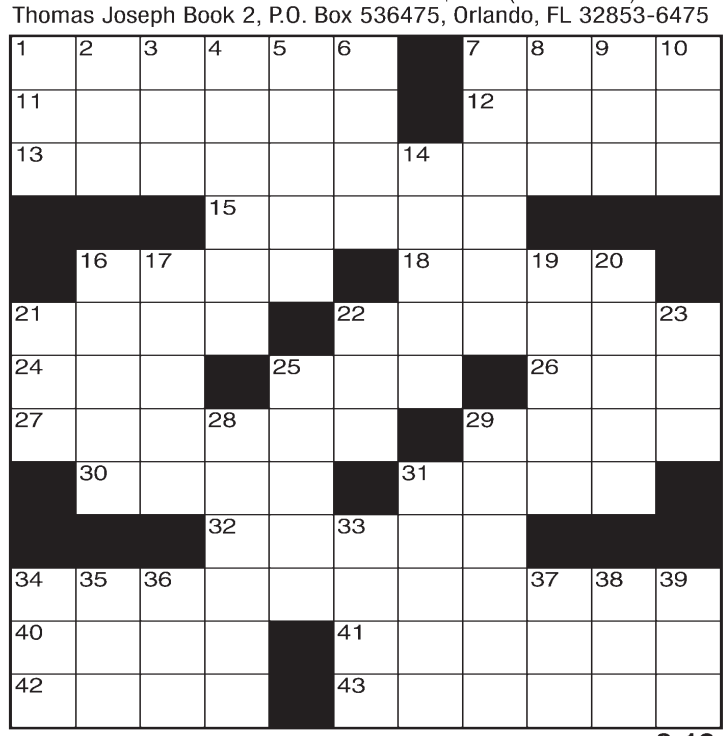
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Weird Japan: (1) A generous local businessman recently graced the city of Okuizumo with funding for replicas of two Renaissance statues ("Venus de Milo" and Michelangelo's "David") for a public park. Agence France-Presse reported in February that many residents, receiving little advance warning, expressed shock at the unveiling of "David" and demanded that he at least be given underpants. (2) Fax machines, almost obsolete in the U.S., are still central to many tech-savvy Japanese families and companies (who bought 1.7 million units last year alone), reported The New York Times in February. Families prefer faxes' superiority to e-mail for warmly expressing Japan's complex written language, and bureaucrats favor faxes' preserving the imperative of paper flow.

■ The 14 guests at a jewelry party in Lake City, Fla., were initially incredulous that home-invader Derek Lee, 24, meant to rob them, but when they saw that he was serious (by putting his gun to the head of one woman), the hostess went into action. "In the name of Jesus," she shouted, "get out of my house now!" Then the guests chanted in unison, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" over and over. Lee, frightened or bewildered, sprinted out the door empty-handed and was later arrested.

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